

PIN Diode Limiter 2 - 4 GHz

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Features

- Surface Mount SP2T Switch in Compact Outline:
8 L x 5 W x 2.5 H mm Package
- Higher Peak Power Handling than Plastic
Packaged MMIC Switches: 1000 W CW
- Higher Average Power Handling than Plastic
Packaged MMIC Switches: 100 W CW
- Low Insertion Loss: 0.5 dB
- Low Flat Leakage Power:
20 dBm (A, B, C)
15 dBm (E & F)
- RoHS* Compliant

Description

The LM202402-Q-x-301 is a surface mount, 2-stage silicon PIN diode limiter which can operate over the frequency range of 2 to 4 GHz. It is manufactured using a proven hybrid manufacturing process incorporating PIN diodes, Schottky diodes and passive devices integrated onto a ceramic substrate. This low profile, compact surface mount component, offers outstanding small and large signal performance.

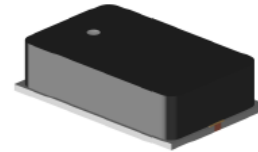
The very low thermal resistance (<40°C/W, from the input limiter PIN diode junctions to the package mounting surface) of the PIN diodes in this device enables it to reliably handle RF incident power levels up to 50 dBm CW and RF peak incident power levels up to 60 dBm (25 μ s pulse width, 1% duty cycle) at $T_C = 85^\circ\text{C}$. The I-layer thickness of the output stage is selected to produce flat leakage of 20 dBm (A, B & C) and 15 dBm (E & F) and spike leakage energy of 0.5 ergs, typical. No external control signals are required.

This diode is ideally suited for Active Receiver Protection applications.

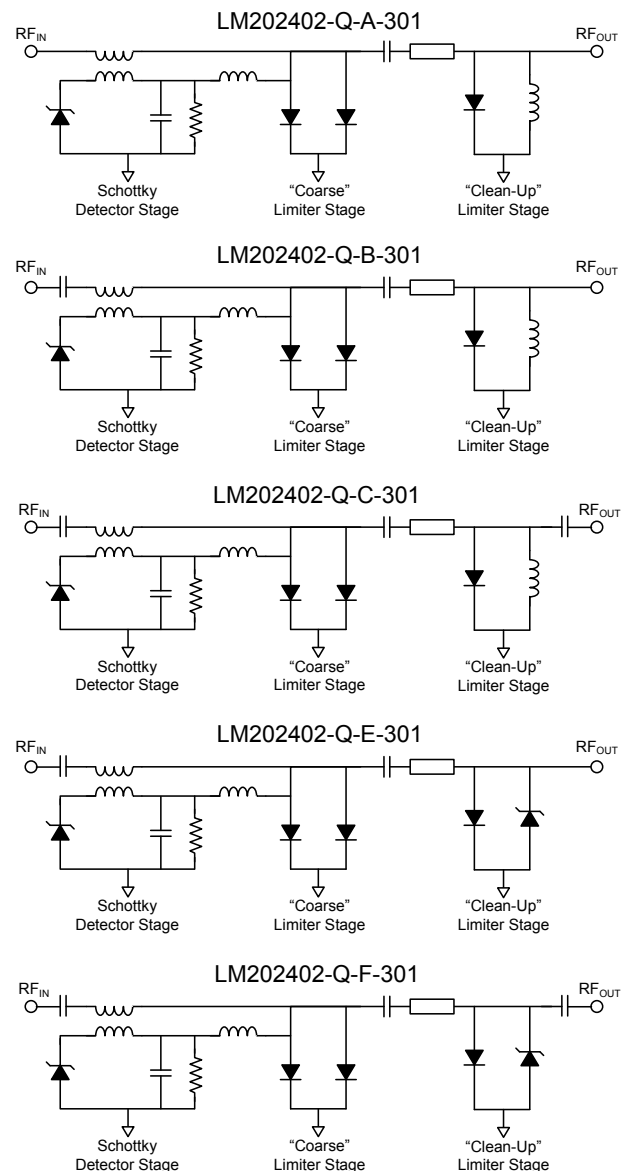
Ordering Information

Part Number ¹	Package
LM202402-Q-x-301-T	tube packaging
LM202402-Q-x-301-R	250 or 500 piece reel
LM202402-Q-x-301-W	waffle packaging
LM202402-Q-x-301-E	RF evaluation board w/ heat sink

1. Replace x with A, B, C, E or F.
A = No DC block capacitor
B, E = DC block capacitor at input end
C, F = DC block capacitor at input and output end



Schematic



* Restrictions on Hazardous Substances,
European Union Directive 2011/65/EU.

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Electrical Specifications: Freq. = 2 - 4 GHz, $P_{IN} = 0$ dBm, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, $Z_0 = 50\ \Omega$

Parameter	Test Conditions	Units	Min.	Typ.	Max.
Insertion Loss	$2\text{ GHz} \leq F \leq 4\text{ GHz}$, $P_{IN} \leq -10$ dBm	dB	—	0.5	0.7
Return Loss	$2\text{ GHz} \leq F \leq 4\text{ GHz}$, $P_{IN} = -10$ dBm	dB	12	14	—
P1dB	$2\text{ GHz} \leq F \leq 4\text{ GHz}$	dBm	0	8	11
2 ND Harmonic	3 GHz, $P_{IN} = -10$ dBm	dBc	—	-40	-30
Peak Incident Power	RF Pulse Width = 25 μs , duty cycle = 1%, $t_{RISE} \leq 3\ \mu\text{s}$, $t_{FALL} \leq 3\ \mu\text{s}$	dBm	—	—	60
CW Incident Power	$2\text{ GHz} \leq F \leq 4\text{ GHz}$	dBm	—	—	50
Flat Leakage Power	$P_{IN} = 60$ dBm, RF Pulse Width = 25 μs , duty cycle = 1%, $t_{RISE} \leq 2\ \mu\text{s}$, $t_{FALL} \leq 1\ \mu\text{s}$ Configuration A, B, C Configuration E, F	dBm	—	20 15	23 17
Spike Leakage Energy	$P_{IN} = 60$ dBm peak, RF pulse width = 25 μs , duty cycle = 1%	erg	—	0.5	0.7
Recovery Time	50% falling edge of RF pulse to 1 dB IL, $P_{IN} = 60$ dBm peak, RF pulse width = 25 μs , duty cycle = 5%, $t_{RISE} \leq 3\ \mu\text{s}$, $t_{FALL} \leq 3\ \mu\text{s}$	μs	—	0.75	1.50

Absolute Maximum Ratings^{2,3}

Parameter	Test Conditions	Absolute Maximum
RF CW Incident Power	@ $+85^\circ\text{C}$, source & load VSWR $<1.2:1$ derate linearly to 0 W @ $T_C = +150^\circ\text{C}^4$	50 dBm
RF Peak Incident Power	@ $+85^\circ\text{C}$, source & load VSWR $<1.2:1$ RF pulse width = 25 μs , duty cycle = 5%, derate linearly to 0 W @ $T_C = +150^\circ\text{C}^4$	60 dBm
Thermal Resistance	Junction to bottom surface of package	40°C/W
Junction Temperature	—	$+175^\circ\text{C}$
Operating / Storage Temperature	—	-65°C to $+150^\circ\text{C}$
Assembly Temperature	—	260°C for 10 seconds

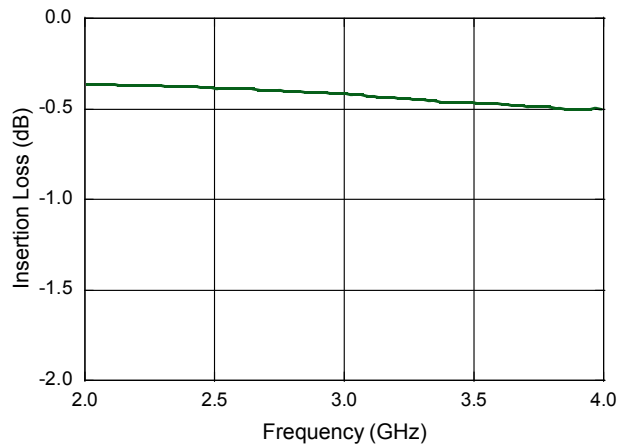
2. Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.

3. MACOM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.

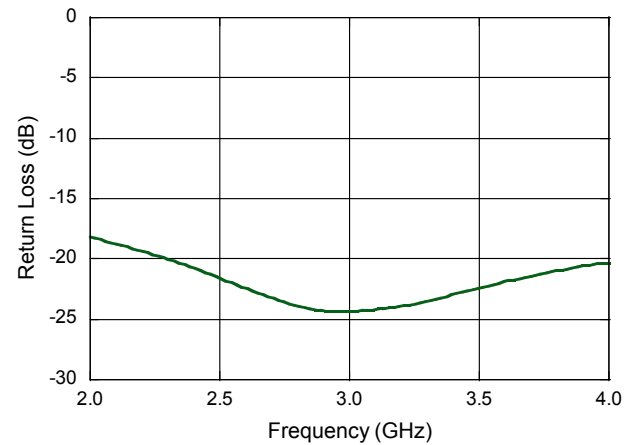
4. T_C is defined as the temperature of the bottom surface of the package.

Typical Performance Curves

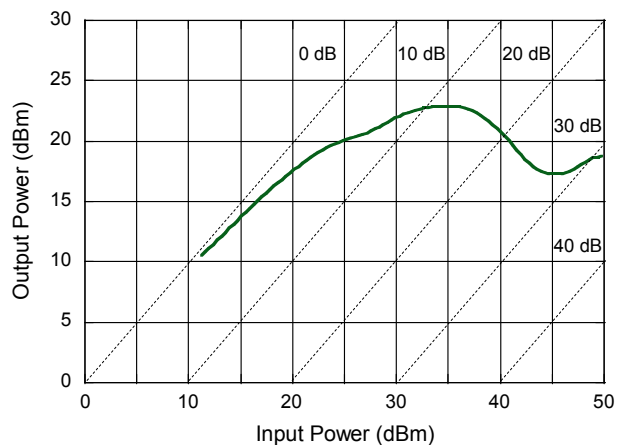
Insertion Loss vs. Frequency



Return Loss vs. Frequency

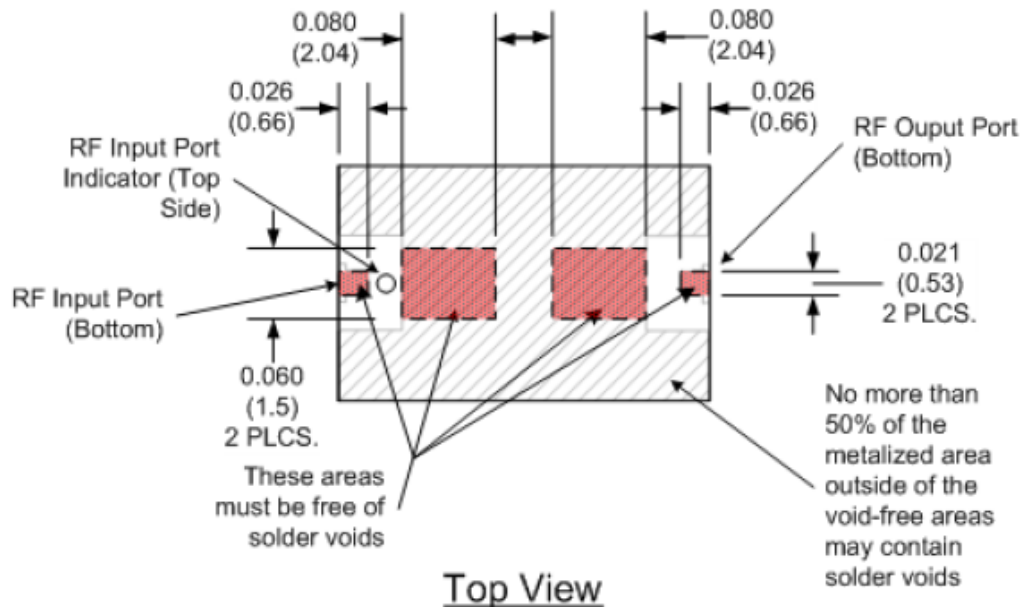


CW Output Power vs. CW Input Power



Criteria for Proper Mounting on PCB

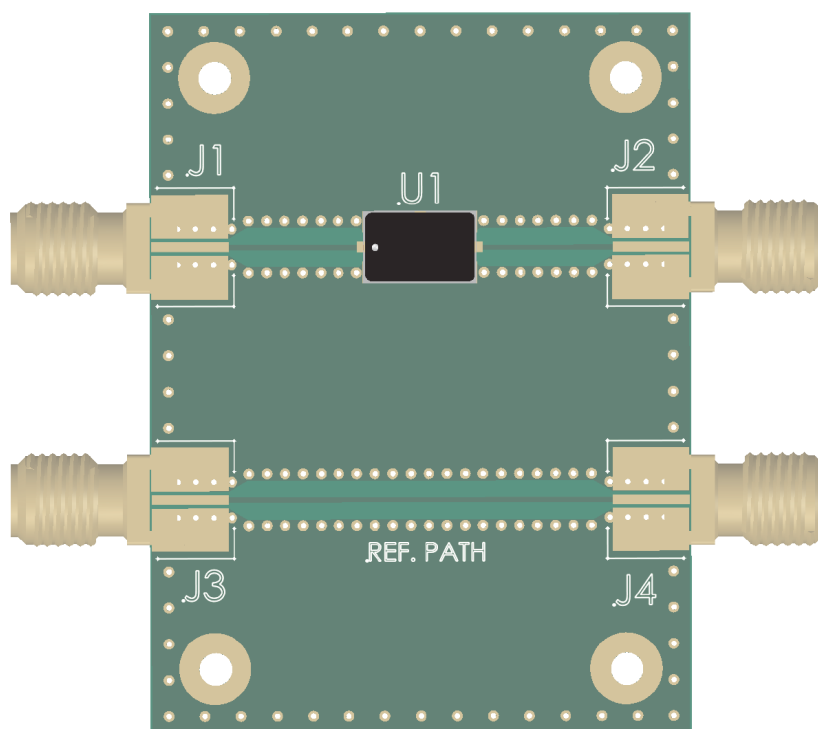
When a large signal is incident upon the input of the LM202402-Q-x-301, the impedance of the coarse limiter diodes is forced to a low value by the charge which is injected into these diodes by the combination of the current from the internal detector stage and the large RF voltage initially present across these diodes. As the impedance of these diodes decreases, an increasingly large impedance mismatch with the impedance of the transmission line to which the limiter is connected is created. Ultimately, the impedance of the coarse limiter diodes is reduced to a few ohms or less. This mismatch creates a standing wave, with a current maximum and voltage minimum located at the position of the coarse limiter diodes. While the large majority of the input signal power is reflected back to its source due to the impedance mismatch, the significant RF current that flows at the current maximum causes Joule heating to occur in the coarse limiter diodes. In order to maintain the junction temperature of these diodes below their maximum rated value, there must be a path with minimal thermal resistance from the coarse diodes to the external system heat sink. Also, there must be a minimal electrical resistance and inductance between the underside of the limiter module package and the system ground in order to achieve maximum RF isolation between the input and the output of the limiter module.



Dimensions in inches (mm).

For these reasons, it is imperative that there are no voids in the electrical and thermal paths directly under the coarse limiter diodes. Care must be taken when mounting the LM202402-Q-x-301 to avoid voids in the solder joint in the area along the lengthwise axis of the package, under and between the filled vias in the AlN substrate of the module which are shown in the diagram (above). It is also important to ensure no solder voids exist between the limiter module RF ports and the PCB to which the limiter module is attached. No greater than 50% of the remaining metalized area on the bottom of the package may contain solder voids.

SP2T Switch Evaluation Board Layout



The evaluation board for the LM202402-Q-x-301 limiter is shown above. This evaluation board comprises two sections: the evaluation circuit for the limiter module; and, a reference transmission line.

The limiter module is mounted in position U1. Its RF input is connected to J1 and its output port is connected to J2, via two 50- Ω microstrip transmission lines.

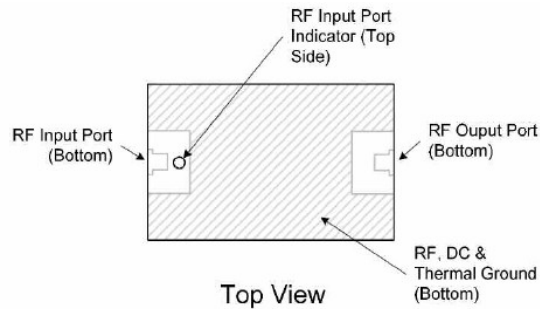
The reference path 50- Ω microstrip transmission line structure can be utilized to determine the insertion loss of the transmission line structures connected between J1 and the limiter module input, as well as between the limiter module output and J2, so that their respective insertion losses may be subtracted from the total insertion loss measured between J1 and J2. This enables the resolution of the insertion loss of the limiter module only.

The evaluation board is supplied mounted on a heat sink. The maximum RF input power specified in the Absolute Maximum Ratings table must not be exceeded.

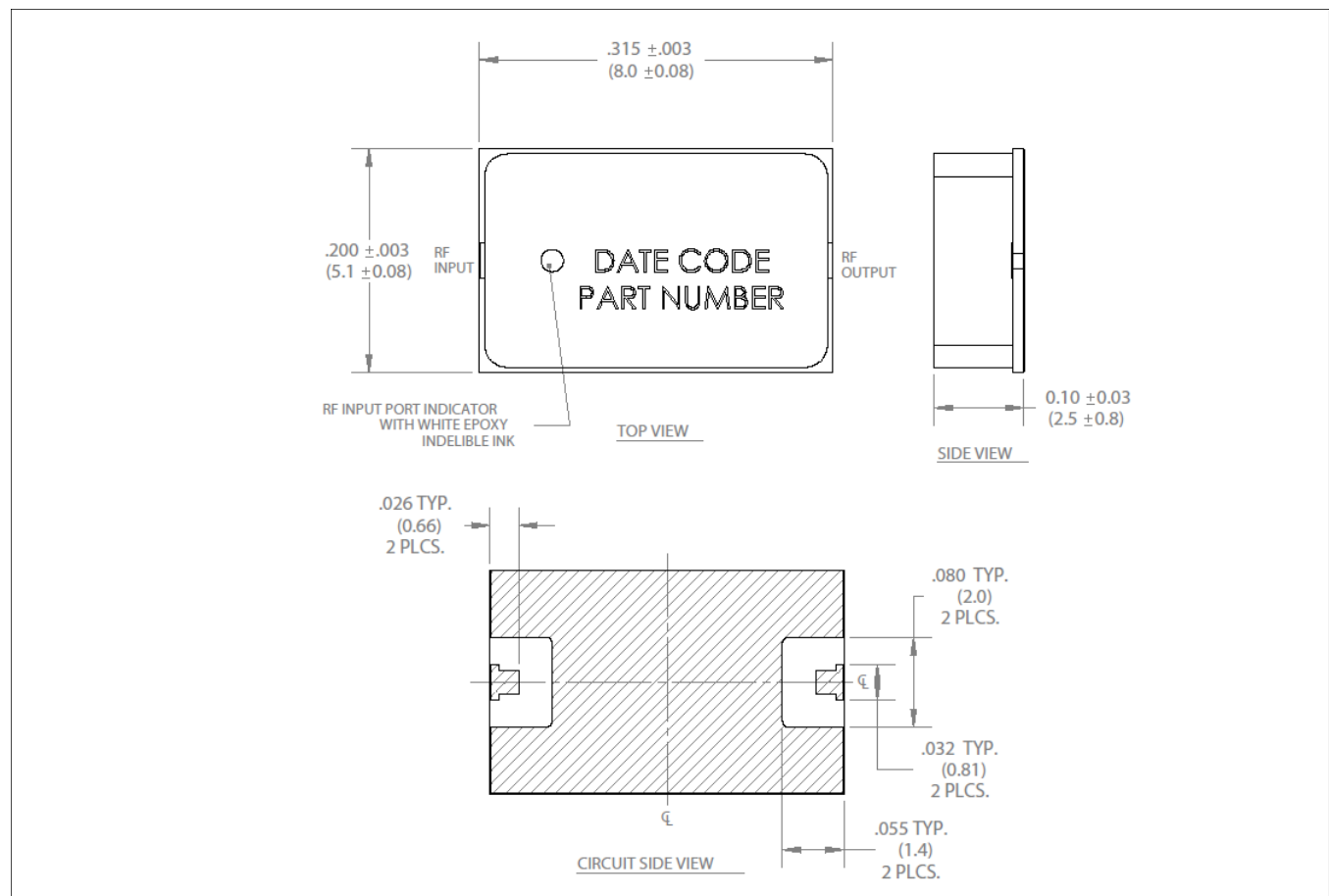
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Pin Out



Outline Drawing, Case Style 301 (CS301)



The hatched metal area on circuit side of device is RF and DC grounded.
 Dimensions are in inches (mm)
 Substrate Material: 20 mil thick Alumina Nitride (ALN)
 RF Cover: Black Ceramic
 Top Side and Backside Metallization: 100 μ IN. typical plated over Ti-Pd.

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