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Features

- Beam-Lead Device
- No Wirebonds Required
- Rugged Silicon-Glass Construction
- Silicon Nitride Passivation
- Polymer Scratch and Impact Protection
- Low Parasitic Capacitance and Inductance
- Ultra Low Capacitance < 40 fF
- Excellent RC Product < 0.10 pS
- High Switching Cutoff Frequency > 110 GHz
- 110 Nanosecond Minority Carrier Lifetime
- Driven by Standard +5V TTL PIN Diode Driver

Description

This device is a Silicon-Glass Beam-Lead PIN diode fabricated with M/A-COM's patented HMICTM process. This device features one silicon pedestal embedded in a low loss, low dispersion glass which supports the beam-leads. The diode is formed on the top of the pedestal, and airbridges connect the diode to the beam-leads. The topside is fully encapsulated with silicon nitride and has an additional polymer layer for scratch and impact protection. These protective coatings prevent damage to the junction and the air-bridges during handling and assembly.

The diodes themselves exhibit low series resistance, low capacitance, and extremely fast switching speed.

Applications

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The ultra low capacitance of this device allows use through Wband (110 GHz) applications. The low RC product and low profile of the PIN diodes makes it ideal for use in microwave and millimeter wave switch designs, where lower insertion loss and higher isolation are required. The +10 mA (low loss state) and the 0v (isolation state) bias of the diodes allows the use a simple +5V TTL gate driver. These diodes are used as switching arrays on radar systems, high-speed ECM circuits, optical switching networks, instrumentation, and other wideband multi-throw switch assemblies.

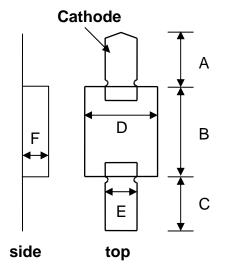
Absolute Maximum Ratings¹

@ $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ (Unless otherwise specified)

Parameter	Absolute Maximum		
Forward Current	100 mA		
Reverse Voltage	90 V		
Operating Temperature	-55 °C to +125 °C		
Storage Temperature	-55 °C to +150 °C		
Junction Temperature	+ 175 °C		
RF C.W. Incident Power	30 dBm C.W.		
RF & DC Dissipated Power	150 mW		
Mounting Temperature	+235°C for 10 seconds		

1. Exceeding these limits may cause permanent damage.

Case Style ODS-1302



Dimension	Mils	mm	
A	9.3 +/- 2.0	0.24 +/- 0.05	
В	15.3 +/- 2.0	0.39 +/- 0.05	
С	9.3 +/- 2.0	0.24 +/- 0.05	
D	12.6 +/- 2.0	0.32 +/- 0.05	
E	5.5 +/- 2.0	0.14 +/- 0.05	
F	5.0 +/- 1.0	0.13 +/- 0.03	

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Electrical Specifications at +25°C

Symbol	Conditions	Units	Тур	Max
CT	0V, 1MHz ²	pF	0.048	
Ст	-3V, 1MHz ²	pF	0.039	
Ст	-10V, 1MHz ²	pF	0.033	0.040
Ст	-40V, 1MHz ²	pF	0.030	0.040
CT	0V, 100MHz ^{2,4}	pF	0.043	
CT	-3V, 100MHz ^{2,4}	pF	0.033	
Ст	-10V, 100MHz ^{2,4}	pF	0.031	
Ст	-40V, 100MHz ^{2,4}	pF	0.027	
CT	0V, 1GHz ^{2,4}	pF	0.039	
Ст	-3V, 1GHz ^{2,4}	pF	0.032	
Ст	-10V, 1GHz ^{2,4}	pF	0.029	
CT	-40V, 1GHz ^{2,4}	pF	0.026	
Rs	10mA, 100 MHz ^{3,4}	Ω	3.8	
Rs	20mA, 100 MHz ^{3,4}	Ω	3.0	
Rs	10mA, 1GHz ^{3,4}	Ω	3.5	
Rs	20mA, 1GHz ^{3,4}	Ω	2.8	
VF	20mA	V	0.917	1.1
V _R	-10µA	V	110	
I _R	-40 V	nA	1.0	
I _R	-90 V	uA	-	10.0
TL	+10mA / -6mA	ns	110	

Notes:

- 2. Total capacitance, C_T , is equivalent to the sum of Junction Capacitance ,Cj, and Parasitic Capacitance, Cpar.
- 3. Series resistance R_s is equivalent to the total diode resistance : $R_s = R_j$ (Junction Resistance) + Rc (Ohmic Resistance)
- 4. Rs and C_T are measured on an HP4291A Impedance Analyzer with die mounted in an ODS-186 package with conductive silver epoxy.

Die Handling

All semiconductor chips should be handled with care to avoid damage or contamination from perspiration and skin oils. The use of plastic tipped tweezers or vacuum pickups is strongly recommended for individual components. Bulk handling should insure that abrasion and mechanical shock are minimized.

Die Bonding

These devices were designed to be inserted onto hard or soft substrates. Recommended methods of attachment include thermocompression bonding, parallel-gap welding, and electrically conductive silver epoxy.

See Application Note M541, "Bonding and Handling Procedures for Chip Diode Devices" for More Detailed Assembly Instructions.

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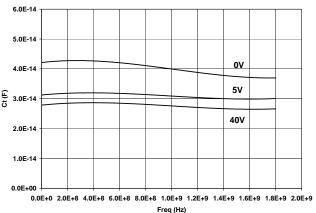
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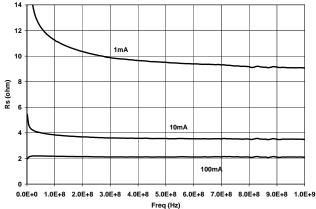


Typical Performance Curves @ +25°C **Total Capacitance Ct vs V** 6.0E-14 5.0E-14 4.0E-14 100MHz E 3.0E-14 Ct (F) 1GHz 2.0E-14 1.0E-14 0.0E+00 10 15 20 25 30 35 0 Bias (V) Parallel Resistance Rp vs V 1E+07 14 100MHz 12 1E+06 1E+05 10 1GHz 1E+04 (ohm) Rs (ohm) ₽ 1E+03 6 1E+02 1E+01 1E+00 0 0 10 15 20 25 30 35 Bias (V) Series Resistance Rs vs I 10 (mho) Ls (H) Rs (1GHz 1.00E-02 1.00E-01

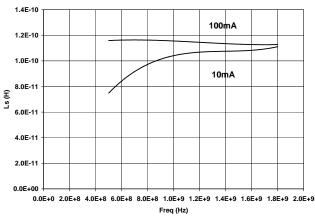
Total Capacitance Ct vs Freq



Series Resistance Rs vs F



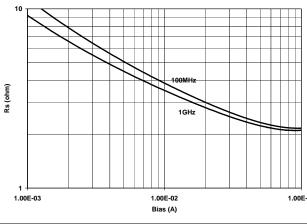
Series Inductance Ls vs Freq



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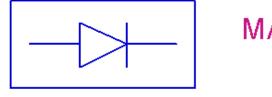


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PinDiodeModel NLPINM1 Is=1 0F-14 A Vi=0.0 V Un= 900 cm^2/V-sec Ffe = 1.0Wi= 14 um Rr= 100 K Ohms Cjmin= 0.03 pF Tau= 110 nsec Rs(I) = Rc + Ri(I) = 0.05 Ohm + Ri(I)Cj0= 0.04 pF Vj= 0.7 V M = 0.5Fc = 0.5Imax= 1.1E+5 A/m^2 Kf=0.0 Af=1.0

wBv = 90 VwPmax= 150 mW AllParams=

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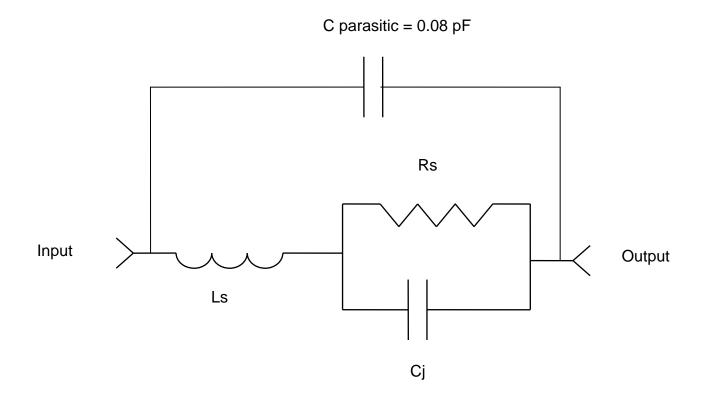
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MA4PBL027 Microwave Model



Notes :

 $C_T(V) = Cj(V) + Cparasitic (Reverse Bias State)$

Rs(I) = Rj(I) + Rc (Forward Bias State)

Rs(V) = Rj(V) = Rp(V) (Reverse Bias State)

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