

Digital Attenuator 15.5 dB, 5-Bit, TTL Driver, DC-3.5 GHz

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Features

- Attenuation: 0.5 dB Steps to 15.5 dB
- Single Positive Supply
- Contains Internal DC to DC Converter
- Low DC Power Consumption
- Small Footprint, JEDEC Package
- Integral TTL Driver
- 50 ohm Impedance
- Lead-Free CSP-1 Package
- 100% Matte Tin Plating over Copper
- Halogen-Free “Green” Mold Compound
- 260°C Reflow Compatible
- RoHS* Compliant Version of AT90-1283

Description

M/A-COM's MAATCC0014 is a GaAs FET 5-bit digital attenuator with integral TTL driver. Step size is 0.5 dB providing a 15.5 dB total attenuation range. This device is in an PQFN plastic surface mount package. The MAATCC0014 is ideally suited for use where accuracy, fast speed, very low power consumption and low costs are required. For dual supply designs without switching noise, use MAAD-007081-000100.

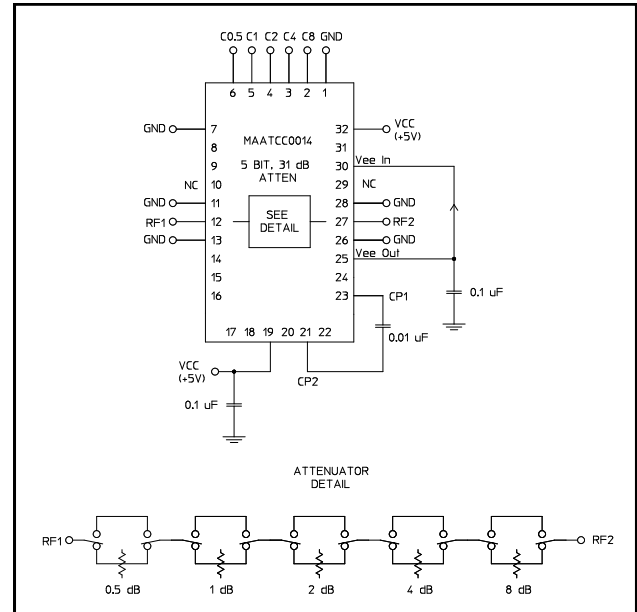
Ordering Information

| Part Number | Package |
|---------------|-------------------|
| MAATCC0014 | Bulk Packaging |
| MAATCC0014TR | 1000 piece reel |
| MAATCC0014-TB | Sample Test Board |

Note: Reference Application Note M513 for reel size information.

* Restrictions on Hazardous Substances, European Union Directive 2002/95/EC.

Schematic with Off-Chip Components



Pin Configuration³

| Pin No. | Function | Pin No. | Function |
|---------|-----------------|---------|------------------------------|
| 1 | GND | 17 | NC |
| 2 | C8 | 18 | NC |
| 3 | C4 | 19 | Vcc |
| 4 | C2 | 20 | NC |
| 5 | C1 | 21 | Cp |
| 6 | C0.5 | 22 | NC |
| 7 | GND | 23 | Cp |
| 8 | NC | 24 | NC |
| 9 | NC | 25 | V _{EE} ² |
| 10 | NC ¹ | 26 | GND |
| 11 | GND | 27 | RF2 |
| 12 | RF1 | 28 | GND |
| 13 | GND | 29 | NC ¹ |
| 14 | NC | 30 | V _{EE} ² |
| 15 | NC | 31 | NC |
| 16 | NC | 32 | Vcc |

1. Pins 10 and 29 must be isolated.

2. V_{EE} is produced internally and requires a .1 μF cap to GND. Generated noise is typical of switching DC-DC Converters.

3. The exposed pad centered on the package bottom must be connected to RF and DC ground. (For PQFN Packages)

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Electrical Specifications: $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$

| Parameter | Test Conditions | Frequency | Units | Min | Typ | Max |
|--|--|---------------|-------|------|-------|----------------------------------|
| Insertion Loss | — | DC - 3.5 GHz | dB | — | 2.8 | 3.2 |
| Attenuation Accuracy | Individual Bits 0.5-1-4-8 dB Individual Bit 2 dB Any Combination of Bits 1 to 15.5 dB | DC - 3.5 GHz | dB | — | — | $\pm(.3 +5\%$ of atten setting) |
| | | DC - 3.5 GHz | dB | — | — | $\pm(.4 +10\%$ of atten setting) |
| | | DC - 3.5 GHz | dB | — | — | $\pm(.5 +7\%$ of atten setting) |
| VSWR | Full Range | DC - 3.5 GHz | Ratio | — | 1.6:1 | 1.8:1 |
| Switching Speed | 50% Cntl to 90%/10% RF 10% to 90% or 90% to 10% | — | ns | — | 75 | 150 |
| | | — | ns | — | 20 | 50 |
| 1 dB Compression | — — | 50 MHz | dBm | — | +21 | — |
| | | 0.5 - 3.5 GHz | dBm | — | +29 | — |
| Input IP ₃ | Two-tone inputs up to +5 dBm | 50 MHz | dB | — | +35 | — |
| | | 0.5-3.5 GHz | dB | — | +48 | — |
| V _{CC} | — | — | V | 4.75 | 5.0 | 5.25 |
| V _{IL} V _{IH} | LOW-level input voltage HIGH-level input voltage | — | V | 0.0 | — | 0.8 |
| | | — | V | 2.0 | — | 5.0 |
| I _{in} (Input Leakage Current) | V _{in} = V _{CC} or GND | — | uA | -1.0 | — | 1.0 |
| I _{CC} ⁴ | V _{CC} min to max, Logic "0" or "1" | — | mA | — | 6 | 10 |
| Turn-on Current ⁵ | For guaranteed start-up | — | mA | — | — | 125 |
| Δ I _{CC} (Additional Supply Current Per TTL Input Pin) | V _{CC} = Max, V _{cntrl} = V _{CC} - 2.1 V | — | mA | — | — | 1.0 |
| Switching Noise | Generated from DC-DC Converter with recommended capacitors | 3.5 MHz | dBm | — | -93 | — |
| Thermal Resistance θ_{jc} | — | — | °C/W | — | 15 | — |

- During turn-on, the device requires an initial start up current (I_{CC}) specified as "Turn-on Current". Once operational, I_{CC} will drop to the specified levels.
- The DC-DC converter is guaranteed to start in 100 μ s as long as the power supplies have the maximum turn-on current available for start-up.

Absolute Maximum Ratings ^{6,7}

| Parameter | Absolute Maximum |
|---|--|
| Max. Input Power 0.05 GHz 0.5 - 3.5 GHz | +27 dBm +34 dBm |
| V _{CC} | -0.5V \leq V _{CC} \leq +6.0V |
| V _{in} ⁸ | -0.5V \leq V _{in} \leq V _{CC} + 0.5V |
| Operating Temperature | -40°C to +85°C |
| Storage Temperature | -65°C to +125°C |

- Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.
- M/A-COM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.
- Standard CMOS TTL interface, latch-up will occur if logic signal is applied prior to power supply.

Handling Procedures

Please observe the following precautions to avoid damage:

Static Sensitivity

Gallium Arsenide Integrated Circuits are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these devices.

Moisture Sensitivity

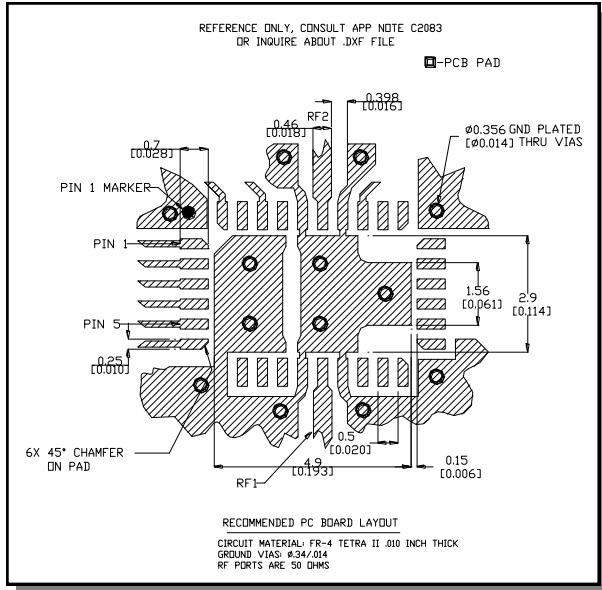
The MSL rating for this part is defined as Level 2 per IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020. Parts shall be stored and/or baked as required for MSL Level 2 parts.

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Recommended PCB Configuration⁹



9. Application Note C2083 is available on line at www.macom.com

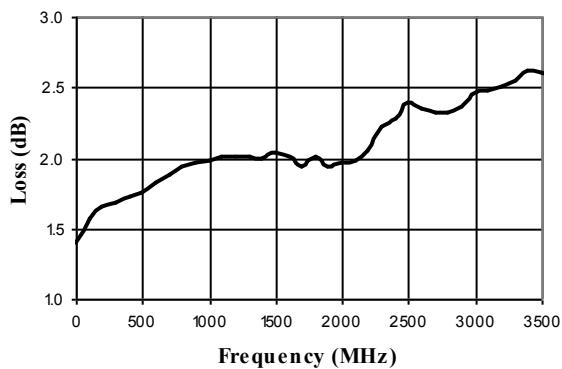
Truth Table (Digital Attenuator)

| C8 | C4 | C2 | C1 | C0.5 | Attenuation |
|----|----|----|----|------|-----------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Loss, Reference |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.5 dB |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.0 dB |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.0 dB |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.0 dB |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8.0 dB |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15.5 dB |

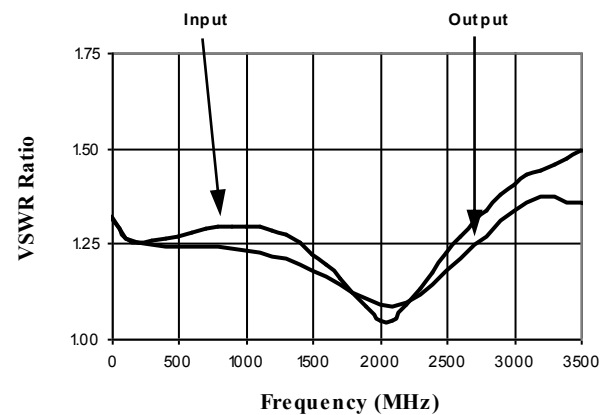
0 = TTL Low; 1 = TTL High

Typical Performance Curves

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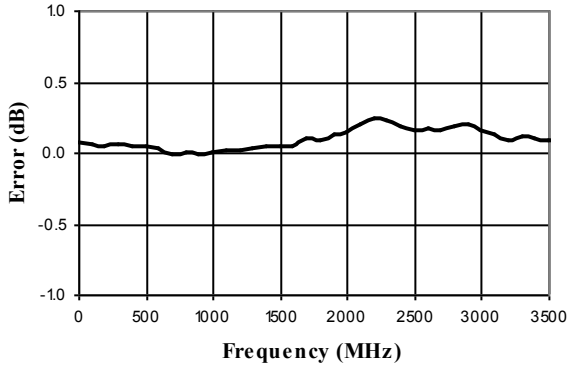


VSWR @ Insertion Loss

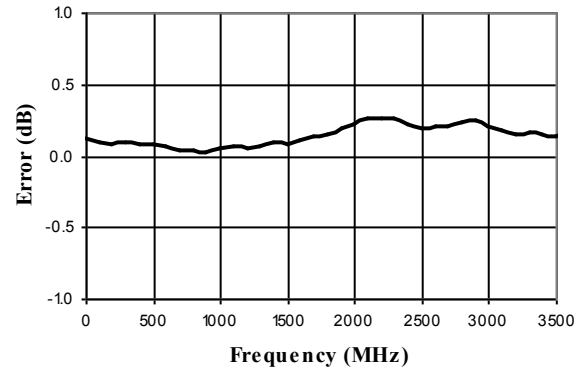


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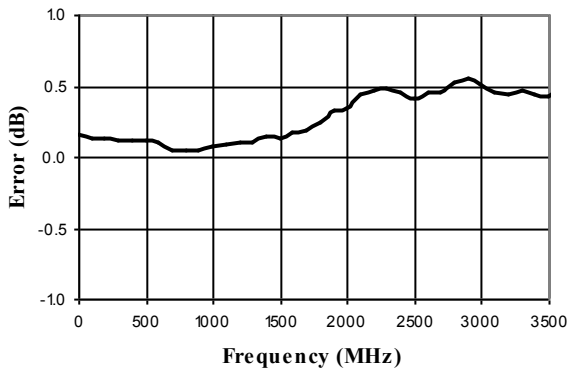
Attenuation Error, 0.5 dB Bit



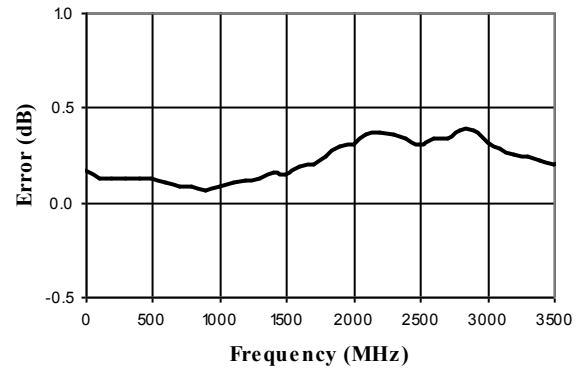
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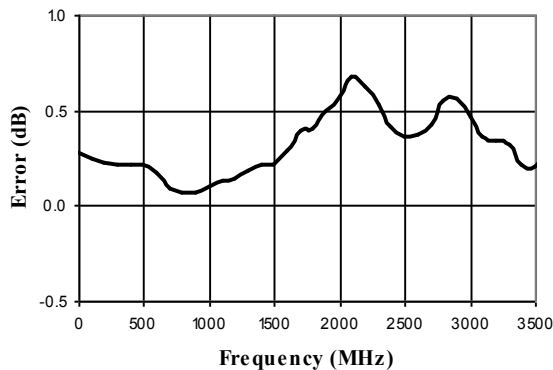
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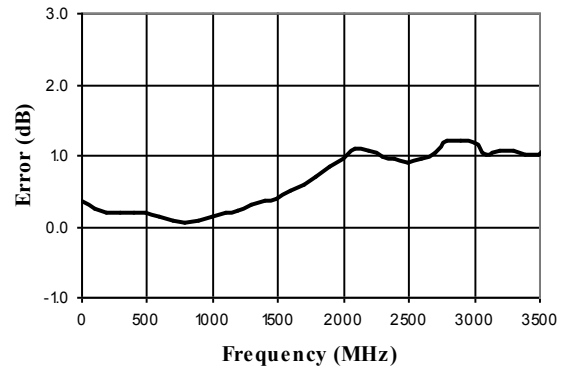
Attenuation Error, 4 dB Bit



Attenuation Error, 8 dB Bit

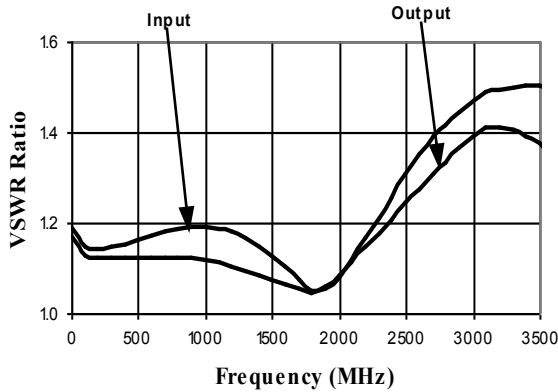


Attenuation Error, Max. Attenuation

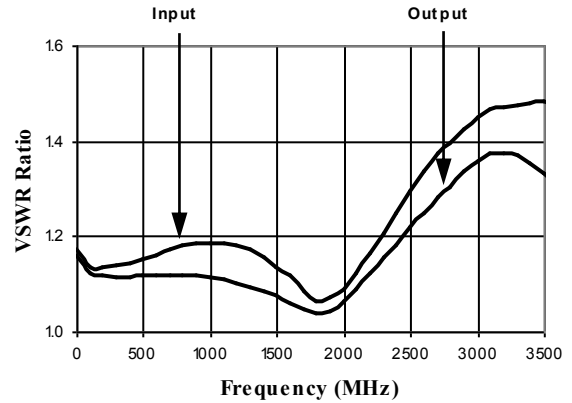


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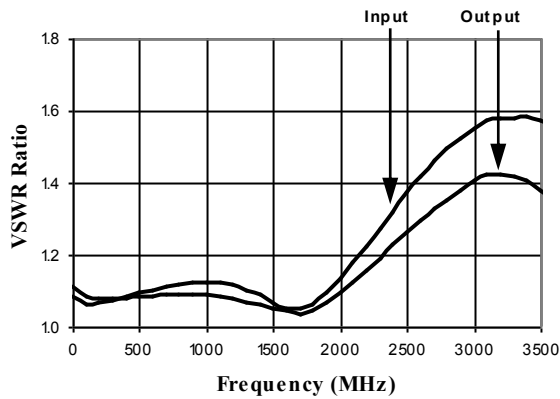
VSWR, 0.5 dB Bit



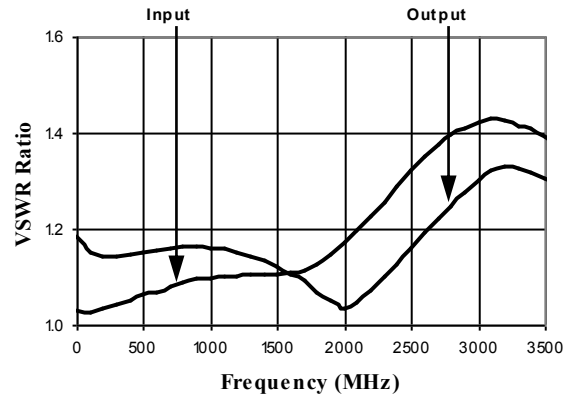
VSWR, 1 dB Bit



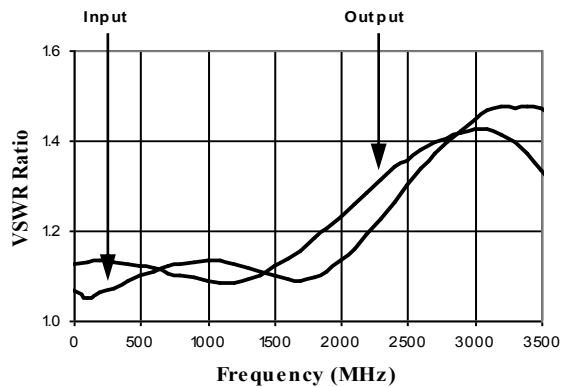
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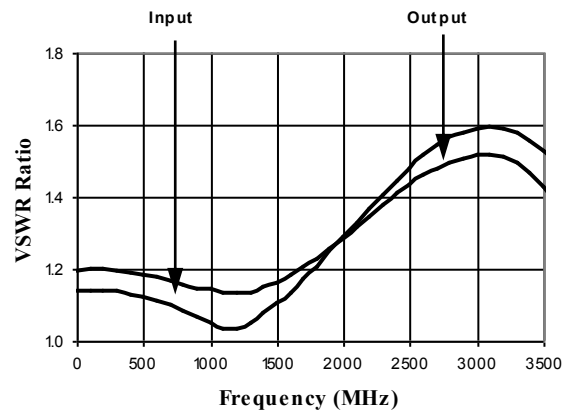
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VSWR, 8 dB Bit



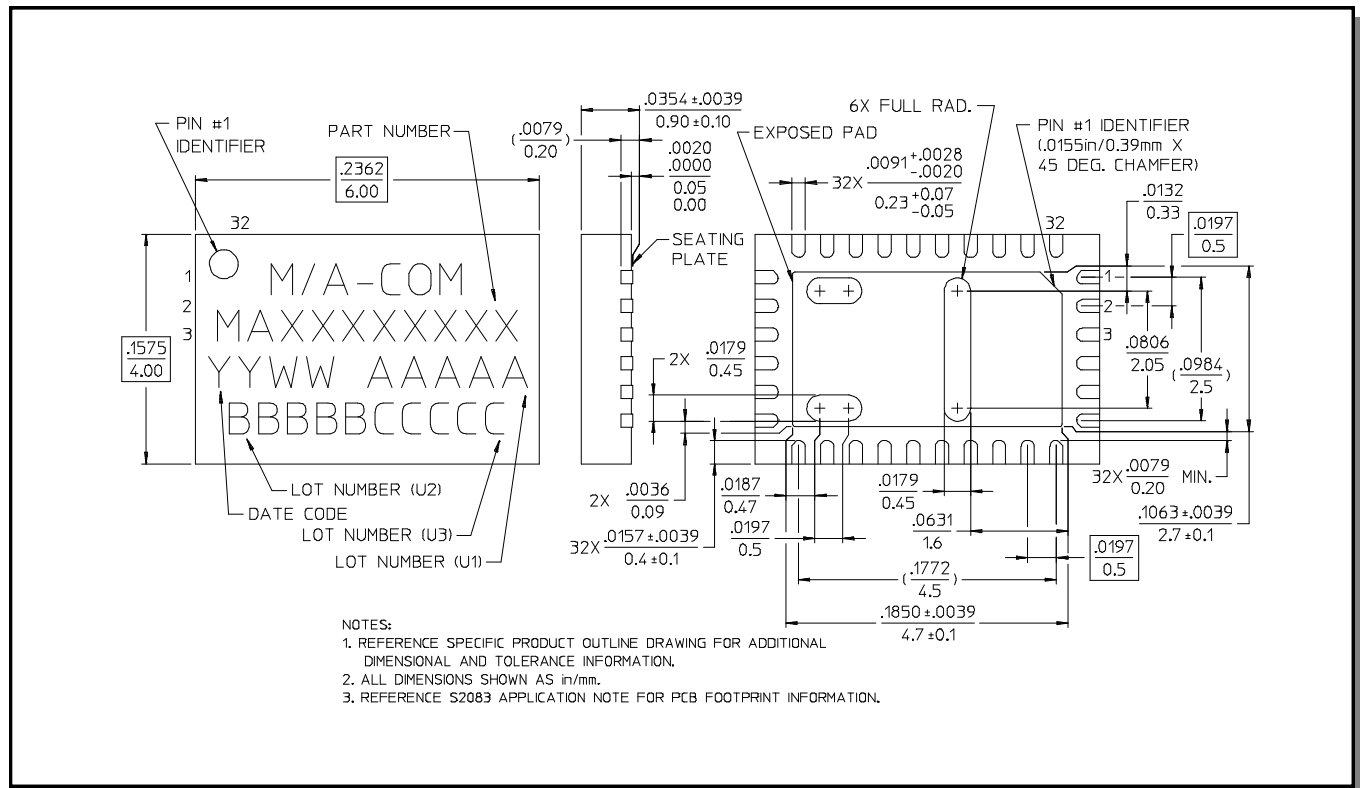
VSWR, Maximum Attenuation



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CSP-1, Lead-Free 4 x 6 mm, 32-lead
PQFN†



† Reference Application Note M538 for lead-free solder reflow recommendations.

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