

MITSUBISHI LINEAR ICs

M5222L, P, FP

VOLTAGE CONTROLLED AMPLIFIER(VCA)FOR USE IN A LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRONIC VOLUME CONTROL

DESCRIPTION

The M5222 is a semiconductor integrated circuit consisting of a dual voltage controlled amplifier (VCA) designed for use in an electronic volume control. Operable over a wide supply voltage range from 1.8V to 20V, the M5222 is available in a compact 8-pin SIP, DIP or FP. The two built-in channels and especially the attenuation characteristics that change logarithmically with respect to the external DC control voltage (a response equivalent to the A-curve volume) permit the M5222 to be applied widely in portable stereo radio/cassette recorders, car stereo system, and electronic musical instruments.

FEATURES

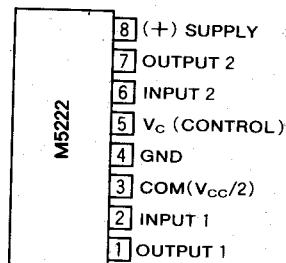
- Operable at low voltages $V_{CC}=1.8\sim 20V$
- Two built-in channels
 - Simultaneous control of both channels is possible with V_C (control) at Pin ⑤
- Logarithmic response VCA
 - Logarithmic response equivalent to A-curve volume
- Wide attenuation range
 - $0dB(V_C \div 0) \sim -90dB(V_C \div -270mV)$ (typ.)
- High maximum input voltage
 - $V_i=1.0V_{rms}$ (typ.) (@ $V_{CC}=3V$)
- Low distortion THD=0.05%
- Similar characteristics between the two channels

APPLICATION

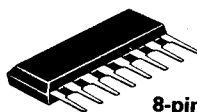
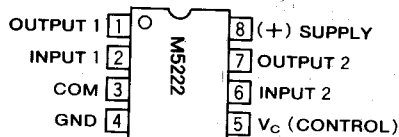
As an electronic volume control in portable stereo radio/cassette recorders, car stereos, electronic musical instruments, VCA's.

PIN CONFIGURATION (TOP VIEW)

SIP



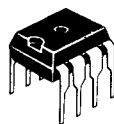
DIP, MINI FLAT



8-pin molded plastic SIP

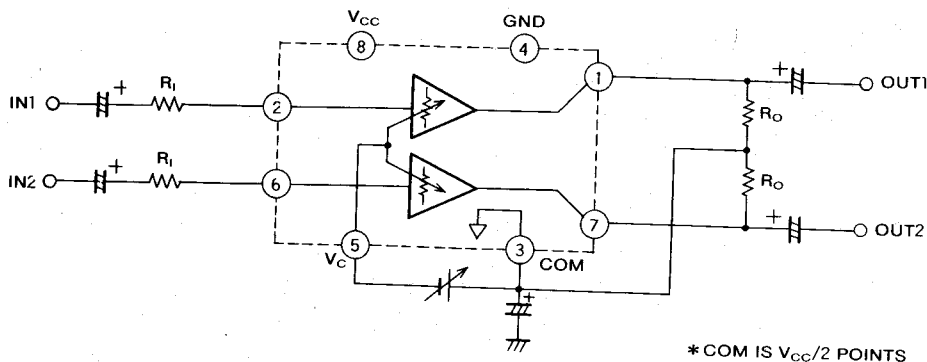


8-pin molded plastic FP (MINI FLAT)



8-pin molded plastic DIP

BLOCK DIAGRAM



1. R_i is used to convert input voltage to current.
2. R_o is an output resistor used to convert the current output signal to voltage. Connect this output with COM pin (3) to fix the DC output potential.
3. The COM pin is used for making a 1/2 pint supply voltage within the IC. It is used in connecting R_o and in V_C control.

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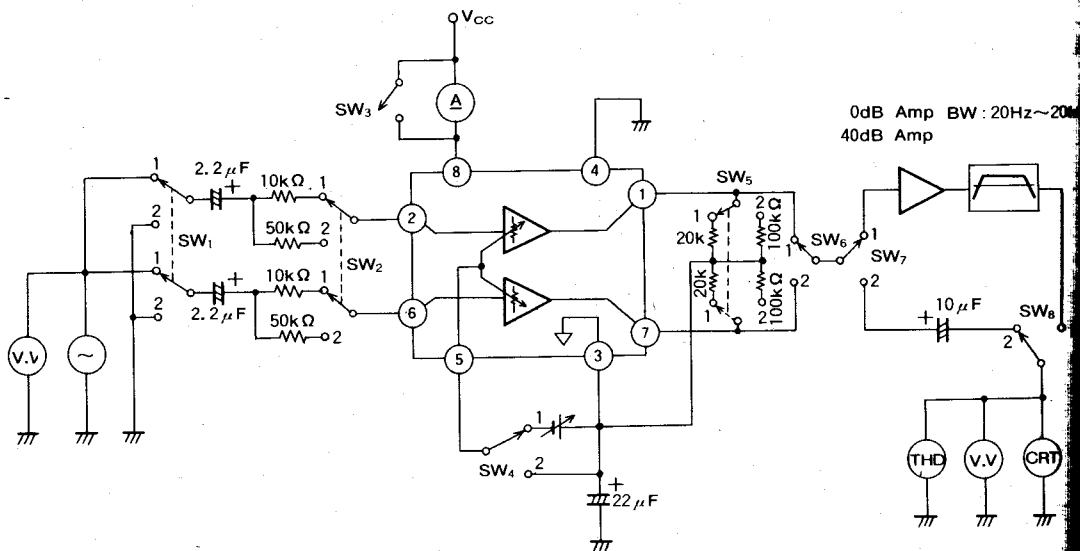
ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS ($T_a=25^{\circ}\text{C}$, unless otherwise noted)

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Ratings	Unit
V_{CC}	Supply voltage		20	V
P_d	Power dissipation		800(SIP)/625(DIP)/440(FP)	mW
K_{θ}	Thermal derating	$T_a \geq 25^{\circ}\text{C}$	8(SIP)/6.25(DIP)/4.4(FP)	mW/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$
T_{opr}	Operating temperature range		$-20 \sim +75$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
T_{stg}	Storage temperature range		$-55 \sim +125$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS ($T_a=25^{\circ}\text{C}$, unless otherwise noted)

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	V_{CC}	Limits			Unit
				Min	Typ	Max	
I_{CC}	Circuit current	$V_i=0, V_c=0$	3V	2.5	3.6	5.5	mA
V_{iM1}	Maximum input voltage	$f=1\text{kHz}$ $V_c=0$	3V	0.7	1.0		Vrms
V_{iM2}	Maximum input voltage	THD=1%	9V	2.3	3.4		Vrms
ATT_M	Maximum attenuation	$R_i=10\text{k}\Omega, R_o=20\text{k}\Omega$ $V_c=-270\text{mV}$	3V	80	90		dB
ATT_{01}	Attenuation error	$f=1\text{kHz}$ $V_c=0$	3V	-4.4	-1.4	+1.6	dB
ATT_{02}	Attenuation error	$V_i=0\text{dBm}$	9V	-5.0	-2.0	+1.0	dB
ΔATT	Attenuation deviation between channels	$f=1\text{kHz}, V_c=0, V_i=0\text{dBm}$ $R_i=10\text{k}\Omega, R_o=20\text{k}\Omega$	3V		0.1	3.0	dB
V_{NO1}	Noise output voltage	$V_c=0(ATT=-1.4\text{dB}), R_i=10\text{k}\Omega$ $R_o=20\text{k}\Omega, BW=20\text{Hz}\sim 20\text{kHz}$	3V		30	60	μVrms
V_{NO2}	Noise output voltage	$ATT=-40\text{dB}, R_i=10\text{k}\Omega$ $R_o=20\text{k}\Omega, BW=20\text{Hz}\sim 20\text{kHz}$	3V		5		μVrms

TEST CIRCUIT



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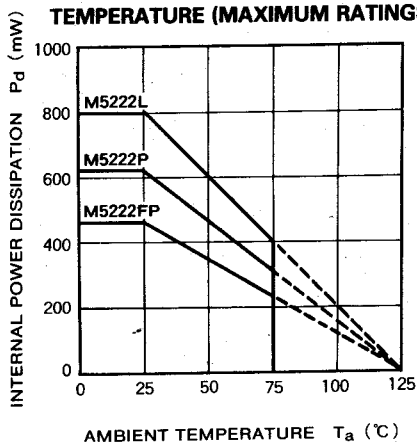
SWITCH MATRIX

Parameter	SW ₁	SW ₂	SW ₃	SW ₄	SW ₅	SW ₆	SW ₇	SW ₈
I_{CC}	2	1	OFF	2	1	1/2	2	2
V_{IM}	1	1	ON	2	1	1/2	1	1
	2	1	2	ON	2	2	1/2	1
ATTM	1	1	ON	1	1	1/2	2	2
ATT	01	1	1	ON	2	1	1/2	2
	02	1	2	ON	2	2	1/2	2
V_{NO}	1	2	1	ON	2	1	1/2	1
	2	2	1	ON	1	1	1/2	1

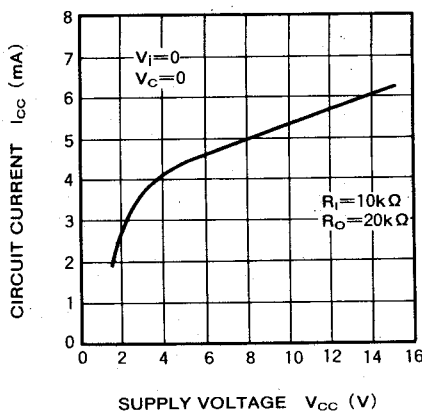
- (Note) 1. Use 0dB amplification when measuring V_{IM}
 2. Use 40dB amplification when measuring V_{NO}
 3. V_{NO} =measurement value/100(40dB) [μ Vrms]

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

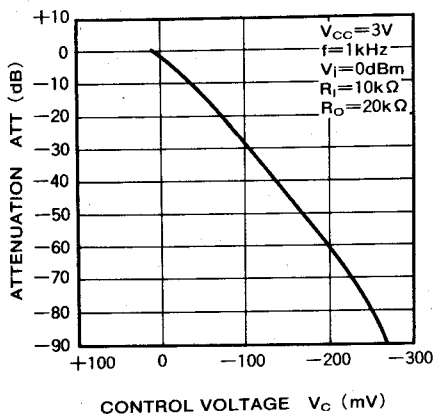
POWER DISSIPATION VS. AMBIENT TEMPERATURE (MAXIMUM RATINGS)



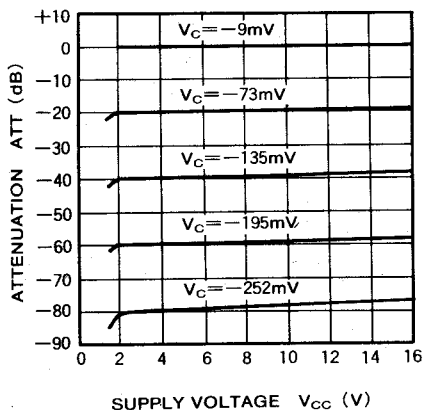
CIRCUIT CURRENT VS. SUPPLY VOLTAGE



ATTENUATION VS. CONTROL VOLTAGE

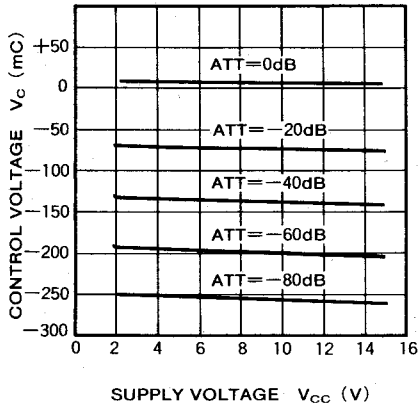


ATTENUATION VS. SUPPLY VOLTAGE

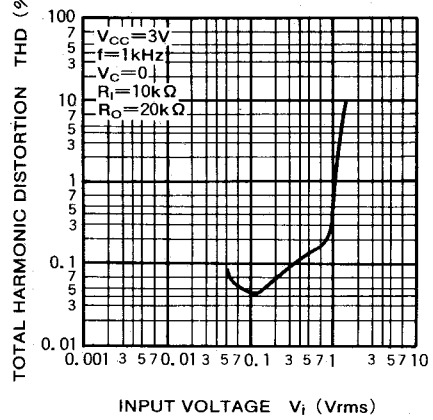


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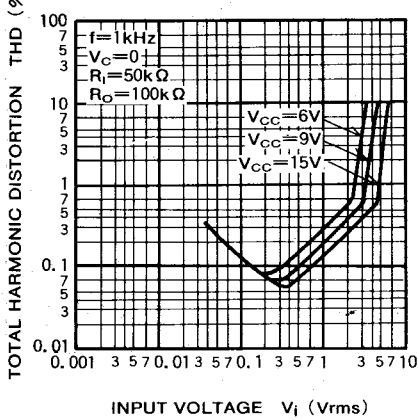
CONTROL VOLTAGE VS. SUPPLY VOLTAGE



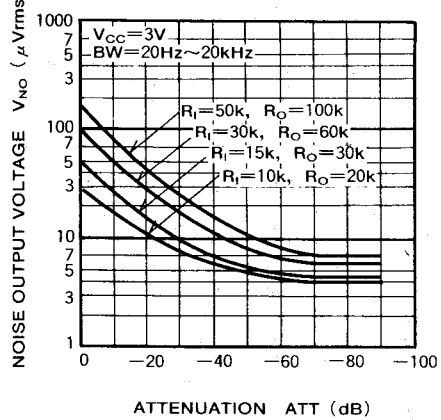
**TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION
 VS. INPUT VOLTAGE**



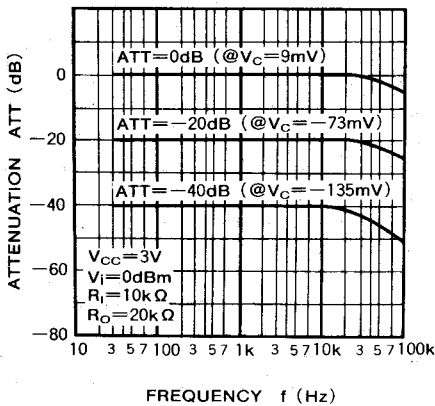
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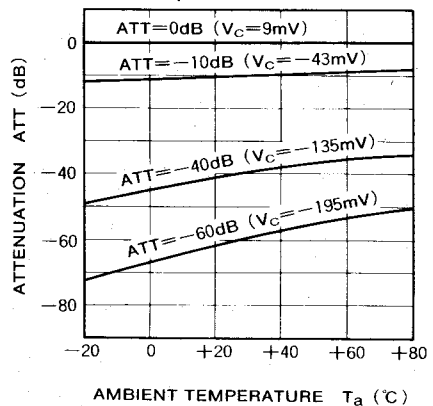
**NOISE OUTPUT VOLTAGE
 VS. ATTENUATION**



ATTENUATION VS. FREQUENCY



ATTENUATION VS. AMBIENT TEMPERATURE

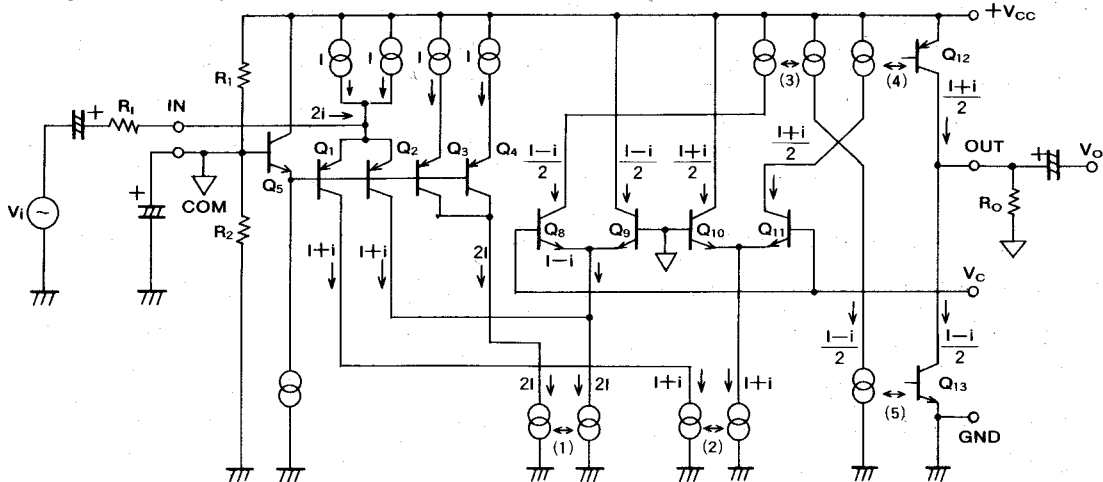


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BASIC PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The M5222 is a current input, current output type of VCA IC. This amplifier uses the principle by which changing the balance of the differential circuit with external control voltage V_C will change gm. The circuit is also called

a variable transconductance (variable gm) OP amp. The basic principle of operation will be simply explained below.



※(↓) is the $V_{CC}/2$ pin (COM pin) derived by voltage division by B_1, B_2 and so on. ALL coupling is internal.

Fig. 1 M5222 EQUIVALENT CIRCUIT

Basic voltage-current conversion mechanism for input and output

Applying the input signal V_i which flows through external input resistor R_1 results in a change to a current signal at input terminal IN. The V_{BE} level shift of R_1, R_2, Q_5, Q_1 , and Q_2 will cause input pin IN to become ground level by means of $V_{CC}/2$ in terms of direct current and to become ground level by means of the externally-connected capacitor in terms of alternating current. The signal input in this way will be sent to the output pin as a current signal by the current mirror and differential circuit. By taking this current signal through the externally-connected output resistor (load resistor), the signal can go through a current-to-voltage conversion and be obtained as output signal V_o .

The output transistors combine the currents by means of the joined PNP and NPN collector circuits. Basically, the DC potential floats and is not determined in this joining of currents. This is why one end of externally-connected resistor R_o is connected to the $V_{CC}/2$ pin and the DC level ($V_{CC}/2$) at the time of no signal is set.

Basic mechanism of attenuation

The output is controlled by means of changing the control voltage applied to the V_C pin with respect to the COM pin ($V_{CC}/2$ pin). By applying voltage from the COM pin to the base of one side of a differential circuit and applying voltage from the V_C pin to the other base, the current distribution of the differential circuit is changed and the gain of this circuit is changed.

Let us first consider when V_C equals zero (V_C -COM is shorted). Input signal V_i is converted to current by in-

put resistor R_1 and the i currents ($2i = V_i/R_1$) flow through the collectors of Q_1 and Q_2 . When the current flowing in Q_1 becomes $i+i$, the overall emitter current of the differential circuit consisting of Q_{10} and Q_{11} will also be determined as $i+i$ by means of current mirror (2). Since the base potential of Q_{10} and Q_{11} is the same, the current will be divided equally and current $(i+i)/2$ will flow in each of Q_{10} and Q_{11} . The current of current mirror (4) will also be determined as $(i+i)/2$ because of this.

Since the current of current mirror (1) is determined as $2i$ by the current flowing in Q_3 and Q_4 , the total of the current flowing in Q_2 and the current flowing in differential circuit Q_8, Q_9 will also be $2i$. The current from Q_2 which will become $i+i$ flows here and as a result, the overall emitter current of the differential circuit will be $2i - (i+i) = i-i$. This current is divided the same way as in the differential circuit consisting of Q_{10} and Q_{11} with current $(i-i)/2$ flowing in each of Q_8 and Q_9 . From this, the current of current mirror (3) is determined as $(i-i)/2$ and the current of current mirror (5) becomes $(i+i)/2$.

Now, current $(i-i)/2$ from current mirror (4) flows in transistor Q_{12} of the output stage. Since the current flowing in transistor Q_{13} from current mirror (5) is held at $(i-i)/2$, connecting output resistor R_o between the output pin and the COM pin will result in current i flowing through R_o and providing a voltage signal $V_o = i \cdot R_o$.

Here, by selecting $R_o = 2R_1, V_o = i \cdot R_o = 2i \cdot R_1 = V_i$ and the amplifier will have a gain of 1.

Next, we will consider case of when control voltage V_C is applied with regard to the selection of this resistance.

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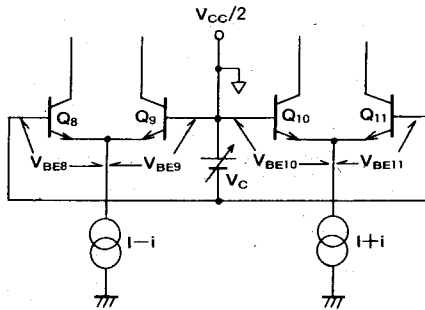


Fig. 2 DIFFERENTIAL CIRCUIT

The values of V_{BE} of the differential stage will be as follows:

$$V_{BE8} \doteq \frac{kT}{q} \ln \left(\frac{I_{C8}}{I_s} \right)$$

$$V_{BE9} \doteq \frac{kT}{q} \ln \left(\frac{I_{C9}}{I_s} \right)$$

$$V_{BE10} \doteq \frac{kT}{q} \ln \left(\frac{I_{C10}}{I_s} \right)$$

$$V_{BE11} \doteq \frac{kT}{q} \ln \left(\frac{I_{C11}}{I_s} \right)$$

where, I_s : the saturation current
 k : the Boltzmann constant
 q : the amount of electric charge on the electrons
 T : the absolute temperature

From this,

$$-V_C = V_{BE8} - V_{BE9} = \frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{I_{C8}}{I_{C9}}$$

$$-V_C = V_{BE11} - V_{BE10} = \frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{I_{C11}}{I_{C10}}$$

Here,

$$I_{C8} + I_{C9} \doteq I - i$$

$$I_{C10} + I_{C11} \doteq I + i$$

$$-V_C = \frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{I_{C8}}{I - i - I_{C8}}$$

$$-V_C = \frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{I_{C11}}{I + i - I_{C11}}$$

The current flowing through Q_8 and Q_{11} will be

$$I_{C8} = \frac{(I - i) \exp\left(-\frac{q}{kT} V_C\right)}{1 + \exp\left(-\frac{q}{kT} V_C\right)} = \frac{I - i}{1 + \exp\left(-\frac{q}{kT} V_C\right)}$$

$$I_{C11} = \frac{(I + i) \exp\left(-\frac{q}{kT} V_C\right)}{1 + \exp\left(-\frac{q}{kT} V_C\right)} = \frac{I + i}{1 + \exp\left(-\frac{q}{kT} V_C\right)}$$

Current I_{C11} is the current of current mirror (4), and I_{C8} will be the same as the current of current mirror (5).

At this time, the current that will flow through the output pin will be the same as that in the explanation when V_C was equal to zero, and is expressed as

$$i_o = \frac{2i}{1 + \exp\left(-\frac{q}{kT} V_C\right)}$$

The gain will be

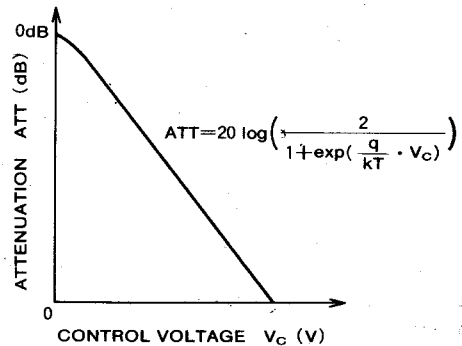
$$\frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{i_o \cdot R_o}{2i \cdot R_i} = \frac{2}{1 + \exp\left(-\frac{q}{kT} V_C\right)}$$

and when calculated in dB,

$$ATT = 20 \log \left(\frac{2}{1 + \exp\left(-\frac{q}{kT} V_C\right)} \right)$$

As in the graph below, the attenuation will change logarithmically with respect to the change of V_C .

ATTENUATION VS. CONTROL VOLTAGE



Setting and connection of input/output resistance

As explained above, the input signal is converted to current, but since the transistor of the input stage is biased at a fixed current of $I = 76 \mu A$, the maximum value of input current is determined at the least upper bound (FIG.3). Accordingly, when a large signal is input it is necessary to select a large input/output resistance to decrease the input current. Note that increasing the resistance will also increase the noise distortion factor, the value of the setting should be made to suit the particular application.

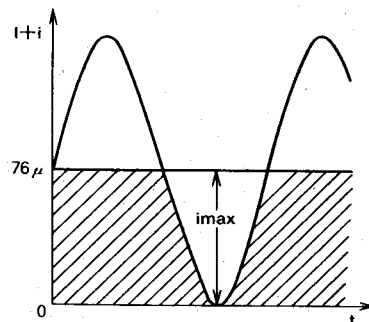


Fig. 3 MAXIMUM CURRENT SIGNAL

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The M5222 has a floating-type output stage with the collectors of Q_{12} and Q_{13} joined as shown in FIG. 4. Here, the difference of the combined currents will become the output current that will flow through the load. Note that it is necessary to set the DC potential of this output pin by externally-connected resistor R_O and that it is generally DC-connected to the $V_{CC}/2$ pin (or to pin (3)).

In terms of AC, it is necessary to set the output pin to ground level so that capacitor C is required. Since the voltage gain (amount of attenuation) is determined by R_O , the value of the input impedance connected to the next stage is sometimes affected. (Placing Z_i in parallel with R_O will lower the impedance.) Generally, a buffer amplifier composed of a transistor or OP amp connected.

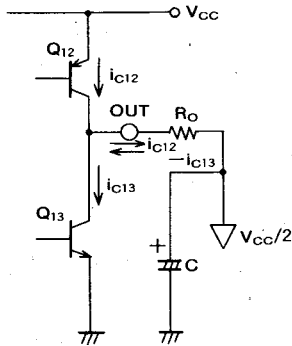


Fig. 4 EQUIVALENT CIRCUIT OF OUTPUT STAGE

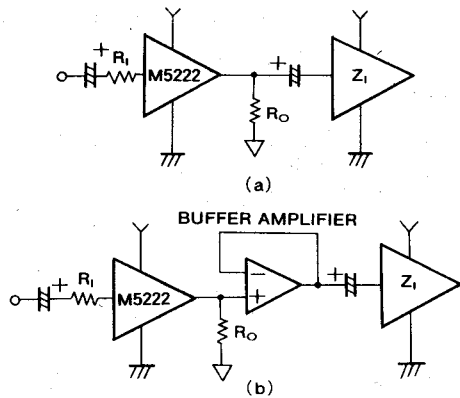
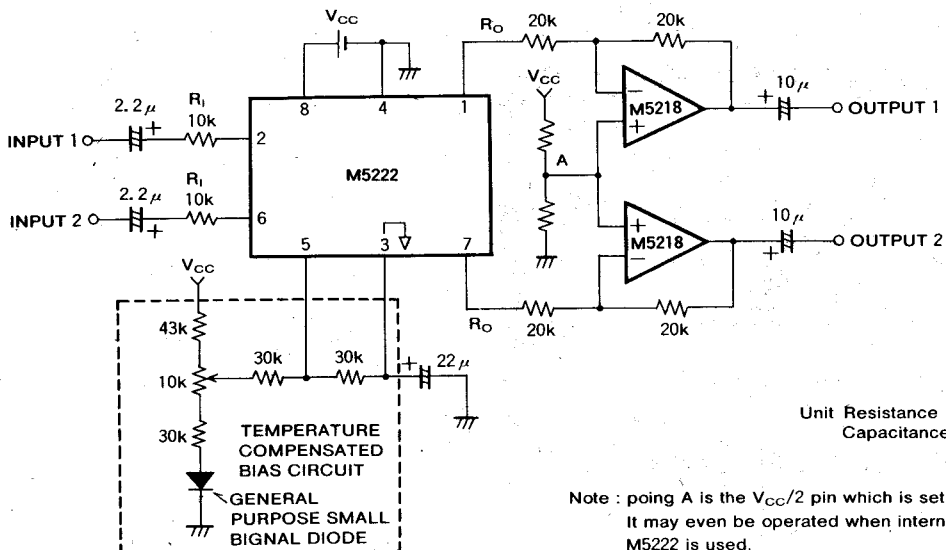


Fig. 5

APPLICATION EXAMPLES

(1) TEMPERATURE COMPENSATED BIAS AND OUTPUT BUFFER CIRCUITS

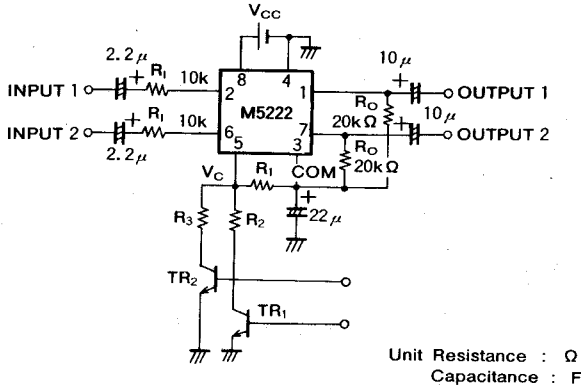


Unit Resistance : Ω
 Capacitance : F

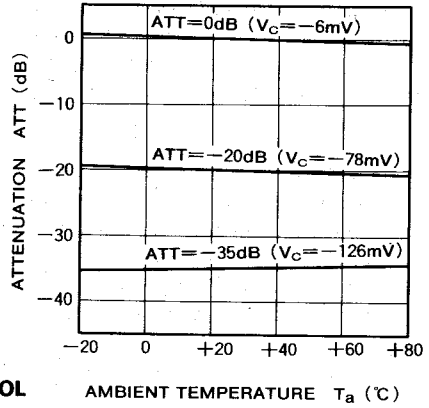
Note : poing A is the $V_{CC}/2$ pin which is set externally. It may even be operated when internal pin (3) of M5222 is used.

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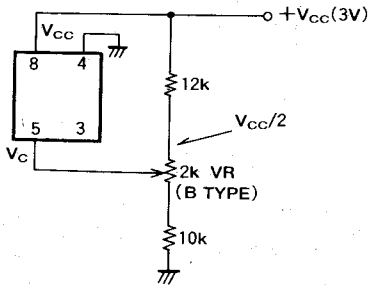
(2) PROGRAMMABLE ATTENUATION CIRCUIT



**ATTENUATION VS. AMBIENT TEMPERATURE
 (TEMPERATURE COMPENSATION)**

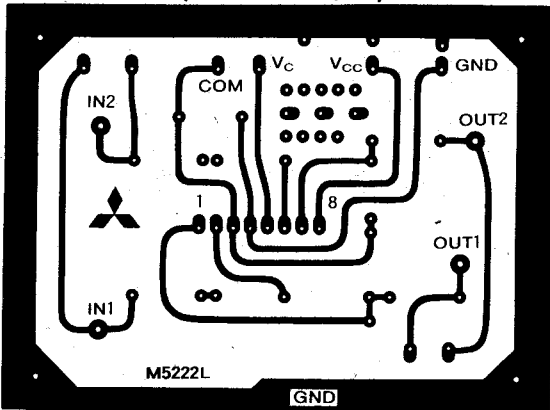


(3) CONTROL APPLICATION WITH EXISTING VOLTAGE CONTROL



PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD FOR CIRCUIT TESTING

**PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD WIRING DIAGRAM
 (COPPER FOIL SIDE)**



(PARTS SIDE)

