

HIP9022

PRELIMINARY

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• Dual High Speed Laser Driver with Data Rates up to

• 0.5A to 2A Range of Constant Current Source Controlled

• Low Signal Transients with Controlled Constant Current

• Laser Optical Power Controlled to Better than 0.5% • Thermoelectric Cooler (TEC) Circuit to Control

• Multiplexed Sample/Hold (S/H) Bus Interface • Serial Diagnostic Bus with Multiplexed Output • High Current ESD Diodes for Laser Diode Protection

Features

2.5MHz

Switching

Applications

• Dual Laser Printer Driver

to 0.1% Full Scale

Temperature to within 0.25^oC

Dual High Speed Laser Driver

The HIP9022 Dual High Speed Laser Driver is designed to operate with a constant current drain from the power supply. This current defines the laser operating power. The current is accurately controlled in the range of 0.5A to 2A to deliver constant optical power from the laser when used with an external Power FET and Power Sense resistor. The operating circuit allows flexibility in choosing driver current levels.

Eight S/H circuits are multiplex bus controlled to provide analog data for the dual laser drivers. The bus is updated during the blanking period of the laser printer scan with a data rate up to 2.5MHz. A "thermo-electric-cooler" control circuit provides temperature control of the laser. Two on-chip ESD diodes protect each laser.

A principle advantage of the Dual High Speed Laser Driver is accomplished by managing the high currents externally with discrete Power FETs and thereby not forcing large switching currents to exist on the same IC substrate with the precision control circuitry.

Ordering Information

Pinout

HIP9022 (PLCC)

CAUTION: These devices are sensitive to electrostatic discharge; follow proper IC Handling Procedures.

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FIGURE 1. HIGH SPEED LASER DRIVER FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM SHOWN IN QUIESCENT P.S. CURRENT TEST MODE

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Pin Descriptions

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Pin Descriptions (Continued)

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Absolute Maximum Ratings Thermal Information

Operating Conditions

Die Characteristics

CAUTION: Stresses above those listed in "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is ^a stress only rating and operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not implied.

NOTE:

1. θ_{JA} is measured with the component mounted on an evaluation PC board in free air.

Electrical Specifications = 100 $\rm{^{\circ}C}$, V_{DD} = 12V, V_{CC} = 5V, V_{EE} = -5V, INVERT Low (Figure 1 Configuration) Unless Otherwise Specified

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NOTE:

2. The drive control sets the high and low voltages to the gate of the Power FET driver (shunt switch). Both the upper and lower levels are set by values held in two of the sample/hold amplifiers. External capacitors at VUP1, 2 and VLOW1, 2 are required for stabilization.

Address, Timing and Waveforms

TABLE 1. HIP9022 ADDRESS MAP

NOTES:

3. The Idle address is protective in that SB H input noise cannot disturb the chip if the Idle address is selected; also, the Address inputs are High (selecting Idle state) if the pins are open.

4. Address Numbers 9 - 11 are shaded to indicate test mode conditions and are shown for information only. These addresses are used in original production testing and not required for user applications. However, note that Address No. 15 will force a reset for Address Numbers 9 - 14.

5. Digital Programming: To set the digital addresses, only the proper digital address and a negative pulse >100ns on SB_H is needed. To reset the digital addresses to the default states, Address 15 and a SB_H pulse >100ns is needed. Normally the digital addresses will be set first, and the analog addresses programmed next. The test modes, Address Numbers 9 - 11, will normally only be used during factory testing. An address 15 Reset should normally precede most programming in order to assure that the digital address states begin in their default state. Otherwise, the digital address states will be undefined because there is no power-up-reset.

6. Analog Programming: To program the eight S/H circuits, addresses of 0-5V analog signal on V_{IN} and negative pulses on NullB (10µs) and SB_H (20µs) pins are needed. The NullB pulse is valid only during the SB_H pulse and should occur during the first half of the SB_H pulse. The S/H amplifier is auto-zeroed for zero offset when both NullB and SB_H are low. The input V_{IN} is captured on the S/H storage capacitor during SB_H low.

7. The Diagnostic mode reads map addresses 1 - 8 via the DIAG output when DIAGINB is low.

Circuit Block Descriptions

Laser Drive Circuitry

In Figure 3, the gate of the external current source Power FET, Q2 is driven via the Operational Transconductance Amplifier (OTA), A2 on the IC. The voltage on the current sense resistor, R_S in the source of the Power FET is monitored by a X10 gain of the feedback amplifier, A1. The stability of the current loop is established with an external 0.1µF capacitor to ground at the gate of the Power FET. The sampled voltage range is 0 to 0.5V when the proper value of sense resistor, R_S is chosen (typically 0.25 Ω for 2A). The OTA, A2 compares the X10 gain signal to a 0 to 5V reference signal from an on-chip Sample and Hold (First S/H) circuit. The Q2 drain current (Laser Drive current), I_{DL} is:

 $I_{DL} = \frac{V_{IN(DL)}}{(R_0 \times 10)}$ $= \frac{W(E)}{(R_S \times 10)}$ (EQ. 1)

where $V_{\text{IN}(DL)}$ is the programmed V_{IN} for the First S/H voltage reference signal.

The S/H reference for the Laser Drive Current current is updated with other multiplexed S/H circuits from a serial bus and an off-chip D/A converter. Laser constant current is fully controllable by the multiplex analog S/H bus, allowing accurate calibration of the laser output and corrections as the laser ages.

In Figure 1, the laser drive current from Q2 is digitally switched to either flow through or is shunted around the laser diode by switching the external Shunt Power FET, Q3 on or off. The gate of the Shunt FET is switched between two voltages (Upper and Lower) which are provide by 2nd and 3rd S/H circuits. These Shunt FET gate drive levels are fully programmable via the multiplexed analog S/H bus. By adjusting these levels to account for the laser power supply, the Shunt FET threshold and channel resistance; minimum Shunt FET gate drive power levels can be established. The Upper and Lower gate voltage driver circuits are two high current OTA amplifiers with two filter capacitors. The upper voltage is programmable in the 0V to V_{CC} range at the input of amplifier A4. The lower voltage is programmable in the range of -4V to V_{CC} . The -4V extension is accomplished by an optional on-chip voltage inverter circuit. The input to amplifier A3 is either direct from the S/H input or inverted by amplifier A5.

The maximum laser on-off switching speeds are dependent on the selection of Shunt FETs. A Harris dual complementary MOSFET, RF3V49092 or RF3S49092 has been designed specifically for this application. With the constant current set at 0.8A, a typical laser switching speed of 20ns has been measured.

Thermal Compensation

A 4th S/H circuit is used to set the amplitude of an optional thermal compensation signal which can be used to modulate the constant laser current source as a two pole filtered effect of the laser on-off data. This feature may be disabled when it is not required. This circuit is designed to compensate for the temperature variations in the laser as the laser is turned on and off. The bypass capacitors at the Thermal Comparator (CTCx-10K, CTCx-27K) represent the respective poles for the filter.

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A laser cools after it has been off for a period of time and is more efficient when it is turned-on. Compensation for the increased efficiency is made by slightly reducing the current level of the constant current source FET. The level will be reduced by a programmable amount of 0 to 5% of full scale. The programmable amount is fixed by the level of compensation to S/H addresses 7 and 8 (see Table 1). The percent of modulation (change) in drive current is calculated as follows:

Modulation
$$
\% = \frac{V_{IN(TC)}}{V_{IN(DL)}} \times 5\%
$$

\n(EQ. 2)

For example, if we control the Laser Drive current with 2V programmed with address 1 and 2 for the First S/H's, given that $V_{\text{IN}(DL)} = 2V$ and R_S = 0.25 Ω . Then, from EQ. 1, $I_{DL} = V_{IN(DL)}/(R_S \times 10) = 2/(0.25 \times 10) = 0.8$ A.

If 2V is programmed to addresses 7 and 8 as Thermal Compensation, $V_{\text{IN} (TC)}$ for the 4th S/H's, then, Mod.% = $(2/2) \times 5\% = 5\%$.

In Figure 3, the correction is applied from the output of the Thermal Compensation circuit (where the current is $2V/20k\Omega = 0.1mA$) to the input of amplifier A2. The 0.1mA is forced into the 1k Ω resistor (and the low Z output of A1) to increase the voltage at the inverting input of A2 by 0.1V or 5% of the $+V_{\text{IN}(\text{DL})}$ input (2V) to A2. The modulation input is limited by the 0 to V_{CC} input range of S/H maximum V_{IN} .

Input Data

FIGURE 3. LASER CONSTANT CURRENT SOURCE DRIVER WITH OVER CURRENT DETECTION AND THERMAL COMPENSATION

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Both analog and digital data is input to control the action of the dual laser driver. Address codes and input data are described in the Table 1 Address Map. Digital data is normally entered first, followed by the analog data via the multiplexed analog bus which updates the S/H stored voltage levels. Four bit digital addresses to pins A3, A2, A1 and A0 are decoded to define the programming functions for data input. It is important to note that Address 15 is a reset for Addresses 9 - 14 and should be performed as the first step in programming because there is no power-onreset on-chip.

Diagnostic Output Data

For the purpose of monitoring on-chip signals, the multiplexed bus can be used to output signals (at the DIAG pin) via an analog diagnostic amplifier. This mode has the capability to monitor the multiplexed output of four (0-5V) analog signals for each laser channel. Note that the diagnostic information at the VLOW (Amplifier A3) output is 2:1 resistor divided to $+5V$ (V_{CC}) to return this signal to a 0 to 5V range. To minimize noise problems the monitoring function is normally performed during the laser scan for only one signal per scan. In addition, there are 3 test modes which allows the bus to present analog signals for testing the performance of the eight S/H circuits.

Thermo-Electric-Cooler (TEC) Circuitry

Figure 4 shows the Thermal Electric Cooler (TEC) drive circuit with an external reference resistance, a thermoresistor to sense temperature plus feedback components for stable drive. There is a thermo-resistor reference input on the chip for monitoring the laser's temperature via a 5-10kΩ thermo-resistor which must be mounted near the laser. A reference voltage on the external reference resistor is established by a current from a stable bias source. This current is mirrored to the thermo-resistor (one for each laser driver system). A comparator senses the voltage across the reference resistor versus the voltage across the thermoresistor and drives the gate of the TEC FET driver. As such, the TEC circuit senses the thermo-resistor input as a measure of the laser temperature and the TEC drive is adjusted to maintain a stable Laser temperature slightly below the ambient temperature. An external Power FET is needed to provide the high TEC driver currents. An out of range temperature output for each laser is also provided.

Laser Protection Diodes

Another feature included on the chip is two high current ESD diodes which, in the printer system, are used to protect the Laser Diodes from ESD damage. Another component of Laser protection in printer systems are relays to disconnect the Lasers when in a non-operating mode. For this purpose, a single relay driver is included.

Over Current Flag Output (OC1, OC2)

Over-current detection is also included on-chip. The circuit of Figure 3 shows the over current detection circuit. For each laser source current driver, the over current monitor compares the S/H input of amplifier A2 to the output of amplifier A1. If the output voltage of A1 exceeds the input of A2 by 40%, then an over current state exists and the OC output will go high.

Invert Option

An INVERT input reconfigures the device such that the constant current source can be high side instead of the normal low side. This provides functionality for driving laser diodes in a common cathode configuration as opposed to the normal common anode configuration. The INVERT must be low (or open with the internal pull down) for the Figure 1 circuit.

Reset Action

The RESETB (active low) controls three things:

- (1) The TEC driver is turned off.
- (2) The Shunt driver is turned on to turn off the laser.
- (3) The Constant current driver is turned off.

FIGURE 4. TEC (THERMAL ELECTRIC COOLER) CIRCUIT WITH REFERENCE RESISTOR AND THERMAL RESISTOR SENSOR OF LASER TEMPERATURE

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NOTES:

- 1. Controlling dimension: INCH. Converted millimeter dimensions are not necessarily exact.
- 2. Dimensions and tolerancing per ANSI Y14.5M-1982.
- 3. Dimensions D1 and E1 do not include mold protrusions. Allowable mold protrusion is 0.010 inch (0.25mm) per side. Dimensions D1 and E1 include mold mismatch and are measured at the extreme material condition at the body parting line.
- 4. To be measured at seating plane \vert -C- \vert contact point.
- 5. Centerline to be determined where center leads exit plastic body.
- 6. "N" is the number of terminal positions.

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