



Ultra Small 3.3V 4.25Gbps CML Low-Power Limiting Post Amplifier with TTL LOS

General Description

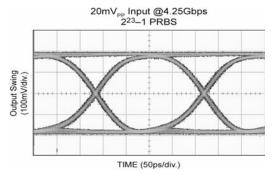
The SY84403BL is the industry's smallest limiting post amplifier ideal for compact copper and fiber optic module applications. The device connects to typical transimpedance amplifiers (TIAs). The linear signal output from TIAs can contain significant amounts of noise and may vary in amplitude over time. The SY84403BL quantizes these signals and outputs typically $800mV_{PP}$ voltage-limited waveforms.

The SY84403BL comes in a tiny 10-pin 2x2 MLF[®] package, which is unparalleled in the industry. It offers space savings of 55% or more over typical post amps. It operates from a single +3.3V ±10% power supply, over an industrial temperature range of -40° C to +85°C. With its wide bandwidth and high gain, signals with data rates up to 4.25Gbps and as small as 10mV_{PP} can be amplified to drive devices with CML inputs or AC-coupled PECL inputs.

The SY84403BL incorporates a loss-of-signal (LOS) open-collector TTL output with internal $4.75k\Omega$ pull-up resistor. A programmable loss-of-signal level set pin (LOSLVL) sets the sensitivity of the input amplitude detection. LOS asserts high if the input amplitude falls below the threshold set by LOSLVL and de-asserts low otherwise. LOS can be fed back to the enable bar (/EN) input to maintain output stability under a loss of signal condition. /EN de-asserts the true output signal without removing the input signal.

All support documentation can be found on Micrel's web site at: www.micrel.com.

Typical Performance



Features

- Available in an ultra small 10-pin (2mm x 2mm) MLF[®] package
- Multi-rate up to 4.25Gbps operation
- 10mV_{PP} input sensitivity
- Low noise 50Ω CML data outputs
 - 800mV_{PP} differential output swing
 - 60ps edge rates
 - 1ps_{RMS} typ. random jitter
 - 10ps_{PP} typ. deterministic jitter
- Chatter-free Loss-of-Signal (LOS) output
 - 3.5dB electrical hysteresis
 - OC-TTL output with internal 4.75kΩ pull-up resistor
- Programmable LOS sensitivity using single external resistor
- Internal 50Ω data input termination
- TTL /EN input allows feedback from LOS
- Wide operating range:
 - Single 3.3V ±10% power supply
 - Industrial temperature range: -40°C to +85°C
- Part of Micrel's new ultra small FOM IC family. For Laser Diode Drivers, see SY84202L or SY84402L

Applications

- 1.062Gbps, 2.125Gbps and 4.25Gbps Fibre Channel
- Cable driver
- SFF and SFP transceivers
- High-gain line driver and line receiver

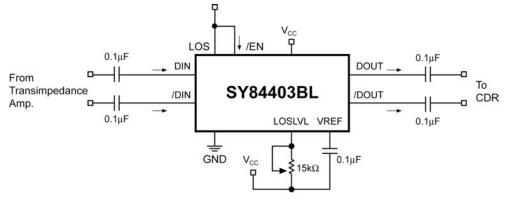
Markets

- Copper interconnect
- Datacom and telecom
- Storage area network (SAN)

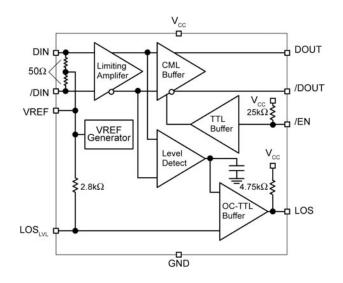
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Typical Application



Functional Block Diagram



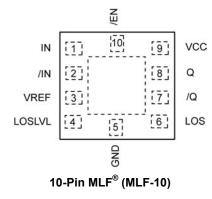
Ordering Information⁽¹⁾

Part Number	Package	Operating	Package	Lead
	Type	Range	Marking	Finish
SY84403BLMGTR	MLF-10	Industrial	403 with Pb-Free bar-line indicator	NiPdAu Pb-Free

Notes:

1. Contact factory for die availability. Dice are guaranteed at T_A = 25°C, DC Electricals only.

Pin Configuration



Pin Description

Pin Number	Pin Name	Туре	Pin Function
1, 2	DIN, /DIN	Differential Data Input	Differential data input. Each pin internally terminates to REF through 50Ω .
3	VREF		Reference Voltage. Bypass with 0.01 μF low ESR capacitor from V_{REF} to V_{CC} to stabilize LOS_LVL and $V_{REF}.$
4	LOSLVL	Input: Default is Maximum Sensitivity	Loss-of-Signal level set: A resistor from this pin to VCC sets the threshold for the data input amplitude at which the LOS output will be asserted.
5	GND Exposed Pad	Ground	Device ground. Exposed pad must be soldered (or equivalent) to the same potential as the ground pin.
6	LOS	TTL Output	Loss-of-Signal: Asserts high when the data input amplitude falls below the threshold set by LOSLVL. Contains Internal $4.75k\Omega$ pull-up resistor
8, 7	DOUT, /DOUT	Differential CML Output	Differential data output.
9	VCC	Power Supply	Positive power supply. Bypass with 0.1μ F 0.01μ F low ESR capacitors. 0.01μ F capacitors should be as close as possible to VCC pin.
10	/EN	TTL Input: Default is high	Enable bar: De-asserts true data output when high. Incorporates 25k Ω pull-up to $V_{\text{CC}}.$

Absolute Maximum Ratings⁽¹⁾

Supply Voltage (V _{CC})	0V to 4.0V
/EN, LOSLVL Voltage	0 to V _{CC}
REF Current	±1mA
LOS Current	±5mA
DOUT, /DOUT Current	±25mA
DIN, /DIN Current	±10mA
Lead Temperature (soldering, 20sec.)	
Storage Temperature (T _s)68	5°C to +150°C

Operating Ratings⁽²⁾

Supply Voltage (V _{CC})	+3.0V to +3.6V
Ambient Temperature (T _A)	–40°C to +85°C
Junction Temperature (T _A)	–40°C to +125°C
Package Thermal Resistance ⁽³⁾	
MLF [®]	
θ_{JA} (Still-Air)	93°C/W
$\psi_{JB}\ldots\ldots$	56°C/W

DC Electrical Characteristics

 V_{CC} = +3.0V to +3.6V; T_A = -40°C to +85°C; typical values at V_{CC} = +3.3V, T_A = 25°C.

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min	Тур	Max	Units
Icc	Power Supply Current	Note 4		25	42	mA
		Note 5		41	62	mA
V _{REF}	REF Voltage			V _{CC} -1.3		V
VLOSLVL	LOSLVL Voltage Range		V _{REF}		Vcc	V
V _{OH}	DOUT, /DOUT HIGH Voltage	Note 6	V _{CC} -0.020	V _{CC} -0.005	V _{CC}	V
V _{OL}	DOUT, /DOUT LOW Voltage	V _{CC} = 3.3V, Note 6	V _{CC} -0.475	V _{CC} -0.400	V _{CC} -0.350	V
VOFFSET	Differential Output Offset				±80	mV
Zo	Single-Ended Output Impedance		40	50	60	Ω
ZI	Single-Ended Input Impedance		40	50	60	Ω

TTL DC Electrical Characteristics

 V_{CC} = +3.0V to +3.6V; T_A = -40°C to +85°C.

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min	Тур	Мах	Units
V _{OH}	LOS Output HIGH Level	Sourcing 100µA	2.4		V _{CC}	V
V _{OL}	LOS Output LOW Level	Sinking 2mA			0.5	V
VIH	/EN Input HIGH Voltage		2.0			V
VIL	/EN Input LOW Voltage				0.8	V
I _{IH}	/EN Input HIGH Current	$V_{IN} = 2.7V$ $V_{IN} = V_{CC}$			20 100	μΑ μΑ
IIL	/EN Input LOW Current	V _{IN} = 0.5V	-0.3			mA

Notes:

1. Permanent device damage may occur if ratings in the absolute maximum ratings section are exceeded. This is a stress rating only and functional operation is not implied for conditions other than those detailed in the operational sections of this data sheet. Exposure to absolute maximum ratings conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

2. The data sheet limits are not guaranteed if the device is operated beyond the operating ratings.

3. Thermal performance assumes are of 4-layer PCB. Exposed pad must be soldered (or equivalent) to the device's most negative potential on the PCB.

4. Excludes current of CML output stage. See "Detailed Description."

5. Total device current with no output load.

6. If the load impedance is different, the output level will be changed. Amplifier is in limiting mode.

AC Electrical Characteristics

 V_{CC} = +3.0V to +3.6V; T_A = -40°C to +85°C; R_L = 50 Ω to V_{CC} ; typical values at V_{CC} = +3.3V, T_A = 25°C.

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min	Тур	Max	Units
t _{r,} t _f	Output Rise/Fall Time (20% to 80%)	Note 7		60	120	ps
t _{JITTER}	Deterministic Random	Note 8 Note 9		10 1		ps _{PP} ps _{RMS}
V _{ID}	Differential Input Voltage Swing	See Figure 1	10		1800	mV_{pp}
V _{OD_AC}	AC Differential Output Voltage	Note 10	600	800	950	mV_{pp}
t _{OFF}	LOS Release Time			2	10	μs
t _{ON}	LOS Assert Time			2	10	μs
LOS _{AL}	Low LOS Assert Level	R_{LOSLVL} = 15k Ω , Note 11		8		mV _{PP}
LOS _{DL}	Low LOS De-assert Level	R_{LOSLVL} = 15k Ω , Note 11		12		mV _{PP}
HSY_{L}	Low LOS Hysteresis	R_{LOSLVL} = 15k Ω , Note 12	2	3.5	4.5	dB
LOS _{AM}	Medium LOS Assert Level	R _{LOSLVL} = 5kΩ, Note 11	12	17		mV_{PP}
LOS _{DM}	Medium LOS De-assert Level	R_{LOSLVL} = 5k Ω , Note 11		25	33	mV_{PP}
HSY _M	Medium LOS Hysteresis	R_{LOSLVL} = 5k Ω , Note 12	2	3.5	4.5	dB
LOS _{AH}	High LOS Assert Level	R_{LOSLVL} = 100 Ω , Note 11	34	47		mV_{PP}
LOS _{DH}	High LOS De-assert Level	R_{LOSLVL} = 100 Ω , Note 11		70	83	mV_{PP}
HSY _H	High LOS Hysteresis	R_{LOSLVL} = 100 Ω , Note 12	2	3.5	4.5	dB
V _{SR}	LOS Sensitivity Range		10		35	mV _{PP}
$A_{V(Diff)}$	Differential Voltage Gain		32	38		dB
S ₂₁	Single-Ended Small-Signal Gain		26	32		dB

Notes:

7. Amplifier in limiting mode. Input is a 200MHz square wave.

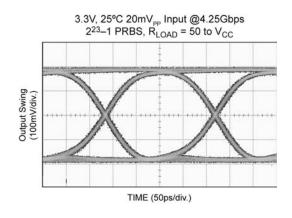
- 8. Deterministic jitter measured using 4.25Gbps K28.5 pattern, V_{ID} = 20m V_{PP} .
- 9. Random jitter measured using 4.25Gbps K28.7 pattern, V_{ID} = 20m V_{PP} .

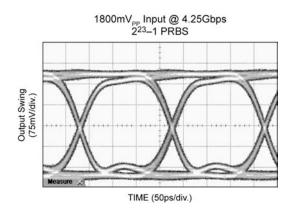
10. Differential output swing measured at 4.25Gbps with 20mVpp input and PRBS-23 data pattern and 50Ω load.

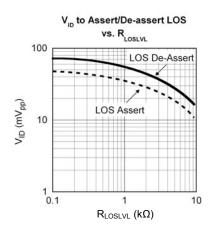
11. See "Typical Operating Characteristics" for a graph showing how to choose a particular R_{LOSLVL} for a particular LOS assert and its associated de-assert amplitude.

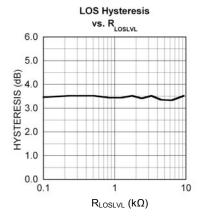
12. This specification defines electrical hysteresis as 20log(LOS De-assert/LOS Assert). The ratio between optical hysteresis and electrical hysteresis is found to vary between 1.5 and 2 depending on the level of received optical power and ROSA characteristics. Based on that ratio, the optical hysteresis corresponding to the electrical hysteresis range 2dB-4.5 dB shown in the AC characteristics table will be 0.5dB-3dB Optical Hysteresis.

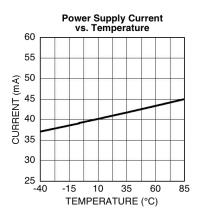
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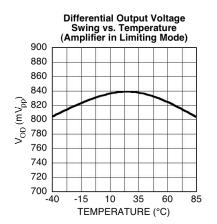


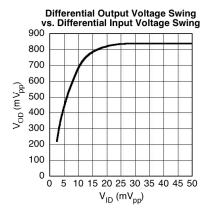












Detailed Description

The SY84403BL low-power limiting post amplifier operates from a single +3.3V power supply, over temperatures from -40° C to +85°C. Signals with data rates up to 4.25Gbps and as small as $10mV_{PP}$ can be amplified. Figure 1 shows the allowed input voltage swing. The SY84403BL generates an LOS output, allowing feedback to /EN for output stability. LOSLVL sets the sensitivity of the input amplitude detection. SY84403BL is available in the industry's smallest form factor, a tiny 10-pin (2mm x 2mm) MLF[®] package. It is part of Micrel's new family of ultra-small Fiber Optic ICs.

Input Amplifier/Buffer

The SY84403BL's inputs are internally terminated with 50Ω -to-REF. If not affected by this internal termination scheme, upstream devices need to be AC-coupled to the SY84403BL's inputs. Figure 2 shows a simplified schematic of the input stage.

The high-sensitivity of the input amplifier allows signals as small as $10mV_{PP}$ to be detected and amplified. The input amplifier allows input signals as large as $1800mV_{PP}$. Input signals are linearly amplified with a typically 38dB differential voltage gain. Since it is a limiting amplifier, the SY84403BL outputs typically $800mV_{PP}$ voltage-limited waveforms for input signals that are greater than $20mV_{PP}$. Applications requiring the SY84403BL to operate with high-gain should have the upstream TIA placed as close as possible to the SY84403BL's input pins to ensure the best performance of the device.

Output Buffer

The SY84403BL's CML output buffer is designed to drive 50Ω lines. The output buffer requires appropriate termination for proper operation. An external 50Ω resistor to V_{CC} or equivalent for each output pin provides this. Figure 3 shows a simplified schematic of the output stage and includes an appropriate termination method. Of course, driving a downstream device with a CML input that is internally terminated with 50Ω -to-V_{CC} eliminates the need for external termination. As noted in the previous section, the amplifier outputs typically $800mV_{PP}$ waveforms across 25Ω total loads. The output buffer thus switches typically 16mA tail-current. Figure 4 shows the power supply current measurement, which excludes the 16mA tail-current.

Loss-of-Signal

The SY84403BL incorporates a chatter-free loss-ofsignal (LOS) open-collector TTL output with internal 4.75k Ω pull-up resistor as shown in Figure 5. LOS is used to determine that the input amplitude is too small to be considered a valid input. LOS asserts high if the input amplitude falls below the threshold set by LOSLVL and de-asserts low otherwise. LOS can be fed back to the enable (/EN) input to maintain output stability under a loss of signal condition. /EN deasserts low the true output signal without removing the input signals. Typically, 3.5dB LOS hysteresis is provided to prevent chattering.

Loss-of-Signal Level Set

A programmable loss-of-signal level set pin (LOSLVL) sets the threshold of the input amplitude detection. Connecting an external resistor between V_{CC} and LOSLVL sets the voltage at LOSLVL. This voltage ranges from V_{CC} to V_{REF} . The external resistor creates a voltage divider between V_{CC} and VREF as shown in Figure 6. If desired, an appropriate external voltage may be applied rather than using a resistor. The relationship between V_{LOSLVL} and R_{LOSLVL} is given by:

$$V_{\text{LOSLVL}} = V_{\text{CC}} - \left(1.3 \frac{R_{\text{LOSLVL}}}{R_{\text{LOSLVL}} + 2.8}\right)$$

where voltages are in volts and resistances are in $k\Omega$.

The smaller the external resistor, implying a smaller voltage difference from LOSLVL to VCC, lowers the LOS sensitivity. Hence, larger input amplitude is required to de-assert LOS. "Typical Operating Characteristics" contains graphs showing the relationship between the input amplitude detection sensitivity and R_{LOSLVL} .

Hysteresis

The SY84403BL typically provides 3.5dB LOS electrical hysteresis. By definition, a power ratio measured in dB is 10log (power ratio). Power is calculated as V_{IN}^2/R for an electrical signal. Hence, the same ratio can be stated as 20log (voltage ratio). While in linear mode, the electrical voltage input changes linearly with the optical power and hence the ratios change linearly. Therefore, the optical hysteresis in dB is half the electrical hysteresis in dB given in the datasheet. The SY84403BL provides typically 1.75dB LOS optical hysteresis. As the SY84403BL is an electrical device, this datasheet refers to hysteresis in electrical terms. With 3.5dB LOS hysteresis, a voltage factor of 1.5 is required to de-assert LOS.

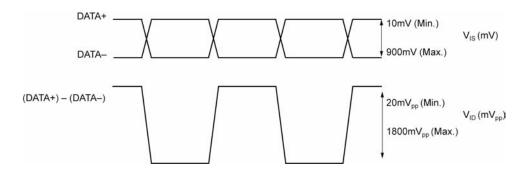


Figure 1. V_{IS} and V_{ID} Definition

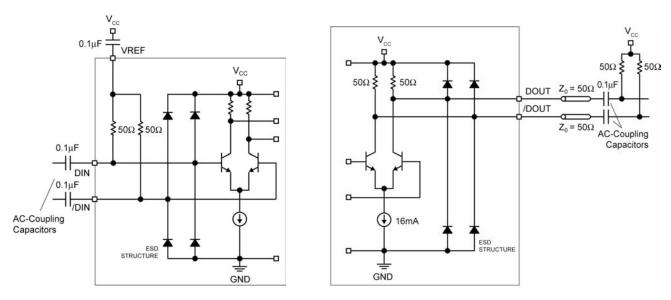


Figure 2. Input Structure



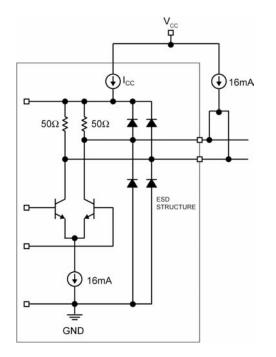


Figure 4. Power Supply Current Measurement

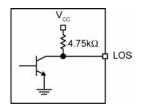


Figure 5. LOS Output Structure

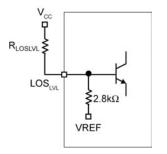
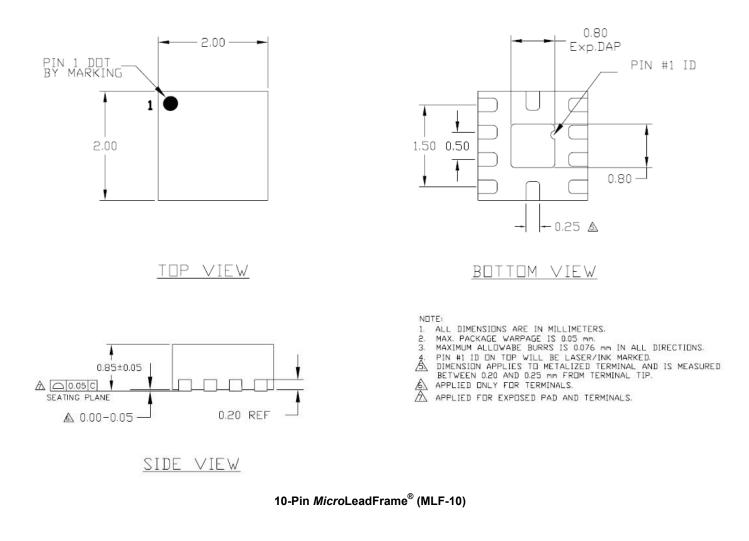


Figure 6. LOSLVL Setting Circuit

Related Product and Support Documentation

Part Number	Function	Datasheet Link
Application Notes	Notes on Sensitivity and Hysteresis in Micrel Post Amplifier	www.micrel.com/product-info/app_hints+notes.shtml

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