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SP301/302

RS-232/RS-422 Line Drivers/Receivers

- RS-232 and RS-422 on One Chip
- Multiple Drivers and Receivers
- Software-selectable Modes
- Loopback for Self-Testing
- Short-circuit Protected
- 24-pin Single-width DIP or SOIC Package

DESCRIPTION…

The **SP301** and **SP302** are proprietary single-chip devices that contain both RS-232 and RS-422 protocol line drivers and receivers. Their configuration may be changed at any time by logic levels on two control lines. In any configuration, both the **SP301** and **SP302** fully meet the requirements of the EIA RS-232D and RS-422 data communication standards. A loopback test mode is provided.The **SP301** and **SP302** are available in 24-pin single width plastic, and 28-pin SOIC packages for commercial and industrial temperature range operation.

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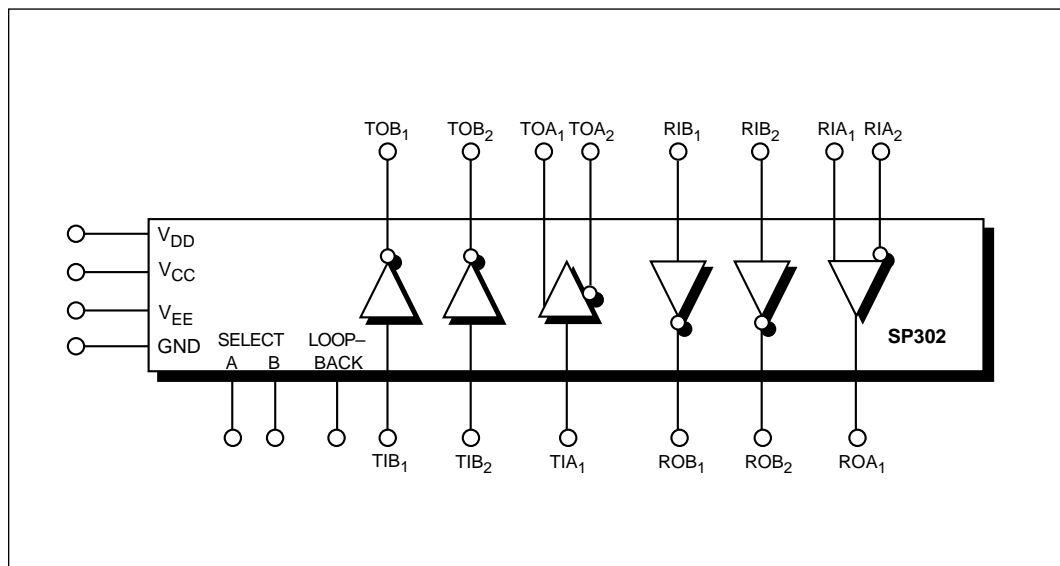
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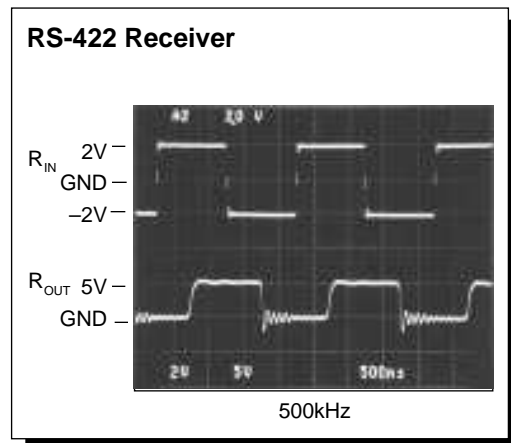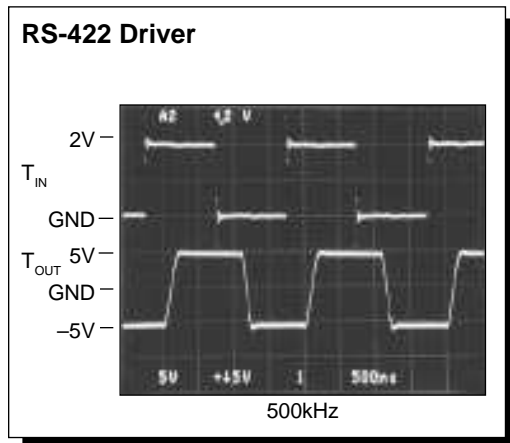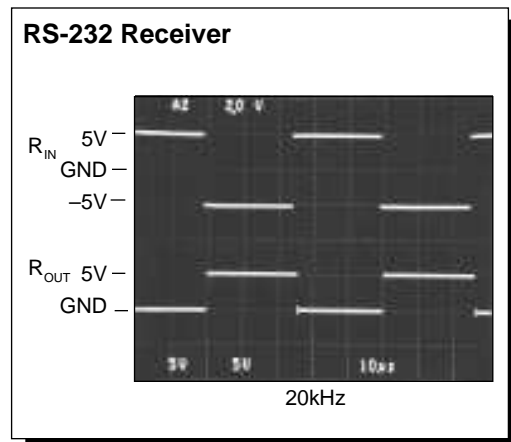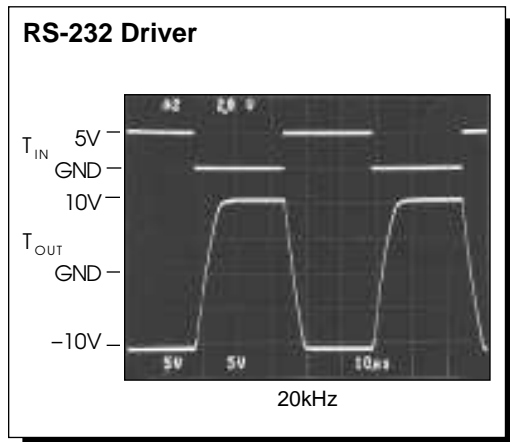
($T_{MIN} \le T_A \le T_{MAX}$ and nominal supply voltages unless otherwise noted)

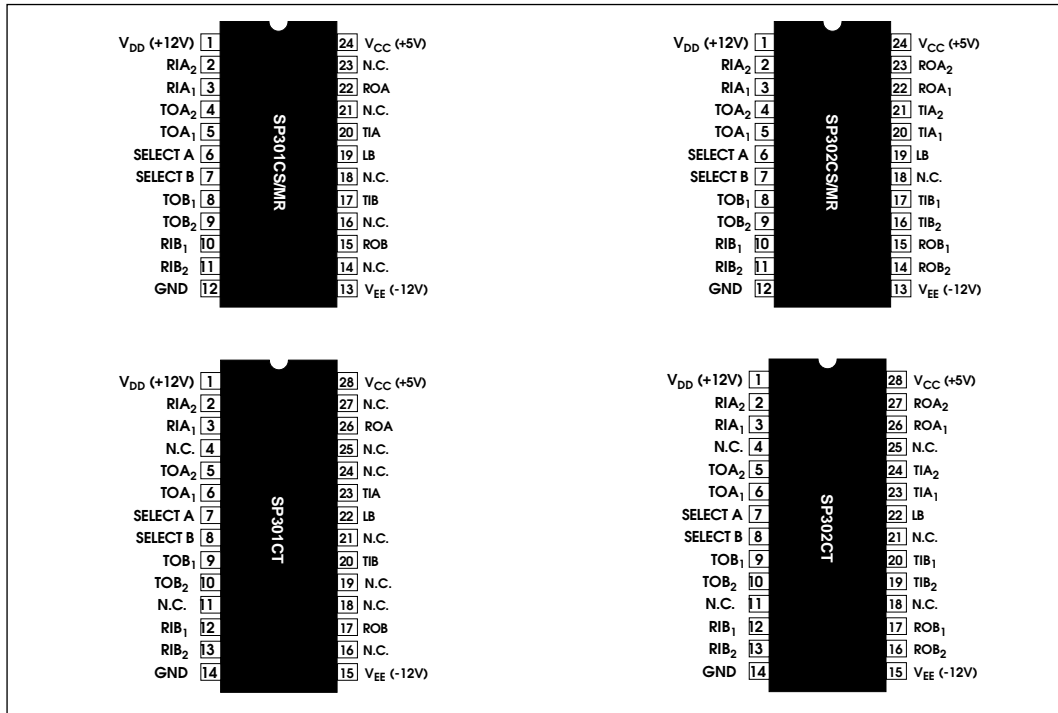| PARAMETER	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNITS	CONDITIONS
RS-232 DRIVER					
TTL Input Level					
V_{IL}	0		0.8	V	
V_{IH}	2.0			V	
High Level Output	+5.0			V	R_L = 3kΩ, V_{IN} = 0.8V
Low Level Output			-5.0	V	R_L = 3kΩ, V_{IN} = 2.0V
Short Circuit Current			±30	mA	V_{OUT} = 0V
Loopback Output Voltage		-1.5		V	R_L = 3kΩ, V_{EE} = -12.0V; Note 1
Slew rate			30	V/µs	C_L = 50pF, R_L = 3kΩ; T_A = 25°C
Transition Time		3		µs	V_{OUT} from +3V to -3V or -3V to +3V
Maximum Transmission Rate	200			kbps	
RS-232 RECEIVER					
Input Voltage Range	-15		+15	V	Note 6
Input High Threshold	+1.75		+2.5	V	Positive-going
Input Low Threshold	+0.75		+1.35	V	Negative-going
Input Impedance	3		7	kΩ	$V_{SS} \le V_{IN} \le V_{DD}$
TTL Output Level					
V_{OL}			0.4	V	V_{CC} = +4.75V, I_{OUT} = +1.6mA
V_{OH}	2.4			V	V_{CC} = +4.75V, I_{OUT} = -0.5mA
Maximum Receiving Rate	200			kbps	
RS-422 DRIVER					
TTL Input Level					
V_{IL}	0		0.8	V	
V_{IH}	2.0			V	
High Level Output	2.75		6.0	V	I_{OH} = -20mA
Low Level Output			1.0	V	I_{OL} = +20mA
Differential Output	±2			V	R_L = 100Ω
			±6	V	R_L = ∞
Short Circuit Current			±100	mA	Note 2
Output Current			±500	µA	-0.25V $\le V_o \le$ 6V; power off
Transition Time			400	ns	R_L = 100Ω, C_L = 15pF; Note 3
Maximum Transmission Rate	1,000			kbps	
RS-422 RECEIVER					
Common Mode Range			±7	V	Note 4
Differential Input			±15	V	Note 4 and 6
Differential Input Threshold	-0.2		+0.2	V	T_A = 25°C
Input Voltage Hysteresis	30			mV	V_{CM} = 0V; T_A = 25°C
Input Resistance	3			kΩ	-7V $\le V_{CM} \le$ +7V
TTL Output Level					
V_{OL}			0.4	V	V_{cc} = +4.75V, I_{OUT} = +1.6mA
V_{OH}	2.4			V	V_{cc} = +4.75V, I_{OUT} = -0.5mA
Maximum Receiving Rate	1,000			kbps	
Short Circuit Output Current			±120	mA	V_{OUT} = 0V
POWER REQUIREMENTS					
V_{DD} = +12V, ±10%		7	15	mA	Note 5
V_{cc} = +5V; ±10%		5	7	mA	Note 5
V_{EE} = -12V, ±10%		11	20	mA	Note 5
ENVIRONMENTAL					
Operating Temperature					
-CS, –CT	0		+70	°C	
-MR	-55		+125	°C	
Storage Temperature	-65		+150	°C	

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Notes:
1. In Loop-back mode
2. Only one output drive pin per package will be shorted at any time
3. From 10% to 90% of steady-state
4. This is an absolute maximum rating; normal operating levels are $V_{in} < 5V$
5. Outputs unloaded; Inputs tied to GND; $T_A = +25°C$; $V_{IL} = 0V$; LB=0
   Typical SP302 current drains under full load are:
   18mA (+12V), 10mA (-12V) and 7mA (+5V) in RS-232 mode only;
   5mA (+12V), 7mA (-12V) and 56mA (+5V) in RS-422 mode only;
   12mA (+12V), 14mA (-12V) and 31mA (+5V) in RS-232 and RS-422 modes;
   RS-232 loads 3kΩ, 2500pF, 20kHz; RS-422 outputs across 100Ω, 500kHz.
6. In Loopback mode, the external voltage input to the receiver must not exceed ±10V, otherwise
   the loopback test may be adversely affected.

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES

RS-232 Driver

20kHz

RS-232 Receiver

20kHz

RS-422 Driver

500kHz

RS-422 Receiver

500kHz

PIN ASSIGNMENTS

SP301CS/MR

V_{DD} (+12V)	1	24	V_{CC} (+5V)
RIA_2	2	23	N.C.
RIA_1	3	22	ROA
TOA_2	4	21	N.C.
TOA_1	5	20	TIA
SELECT A	6	19	LB
SELECT B	7	18	N.C.
TOB_1	8	17	TIB
TOB_2	9	16	N.C.
RIB_1	10	15	ROB
RIB_2	11	14	N.C.
GND	12	13	V_{EE} (-12V)

SP302CS/MR

V_{DD} (+12V)	1	24	V_{CC} (+5V)
RIA_2	2	23	ROA_2
RIA_1	3	22	ROA_1
TOA_2	4	21	TIA_2
TOA_1	5	20	TIA_1
SELECT A	6	19	LB
SELECT B	7	18	N.C.
TOB_1	8	17	TIB_1
TOB_2	9	16	TIB_2
RIB_1	10	15	ROB_1
RIB_2	11	14	ROB_2
GND	12	13	V_{EE} (-12V)

SP301CT

V_{DD} (+12V)	1	28	V_{CC} (+5V)
RIA_2	2	27	N.C.
RIA_1	3	26	ROA
N.C.	4	25	N.C.
TOA_2	5	24	N.C.
TOA_1	6	23	TIA
SELECT A	7	22	LB
SELECT B	8	21	N.C.
TOB_1	9	20	TIB
TOB_2	10	19	N.C.
N.C.	11	18	N.C.
RIB_1	12	17	ROB
RIB_2	13	16	N.C.
GND	14	15	V_{EE} (-12V)

SP302CT

V_{DD} (+12V)	1	28	V_{CC} (+5V)
RIA_2	2	27	ROA_2
RIA_1	3	26	ROA_1
N.C.	4	25	N.C.
TOA_2	5	24	TIA_2
TOA_1	6	23	TIA_1
SELECT A	7	22	LB
SELECT B	8	21	N.C.
TOB_1	9	20	TIB_1
TOB_2	10	19	TIB_2
N.C.	11	18	N.C.
RIB_1	12	17	ROB_1
RIB_2	13	16	ROB_2
GND	14	15	V_{EE} (-12V)

FEATURES…

The **SP301** and **SP302** are proprietary single-chip devices that contain both RS-232 and RS-422 protocol line drivers and receivers. They differ only in the total number of line drivers and receivers of each protocol that may be active at any given time. Their configuration may be changed at any time by logic levels on two control lines. In any configuration, both the **SP301** and **SP302** fully meet the requirements of the EIA RS-232D and RS-422 data communication standards.

The RS-232 line driver circuits convert TTL logic level inputs into inverted RS-232 output signals. The RS-422 line drivers convert TTL logic levels into RS-422 differential output signals. The RS-422 line driver outputs feature high source and sink current capability. All line drivers are internally protected against short circuits on their outputs.

The RS-232 receivers convert the EIA RS-232 input signals to inverted TTL output logic levels.

The RS-422 receivers convert the EIA RS-422 differential input signals into non-inverted TTL output logic levels. Receiver input filtering provides excellent high frequency noise immunity. Input pulses with widths less than 1μs are completely ignored. The RS-232 receivers have the additional feature of voltage hysteresis, which helps eliminate spurious output transitions that might result from low amplitude noise voltages during slower-speed signal transitions.

A loopback test mode is provided that puts the driver outputs to a high impedance tri-state level, and routes the driver outputs to their associated receiver inputs. In this configuration, the signal path is non-inverting from the TTL driver input to the receiver TTL output. This operating mode allows the controlling system to perform diagnostic self-test of the RS-232/RS-422 driver/receiver circuitry at speeds up to 3,000 bits per second.

The **SP301** and **SP302** are available in 24-pin single–width (0.300") plastic DIP and 28-pin
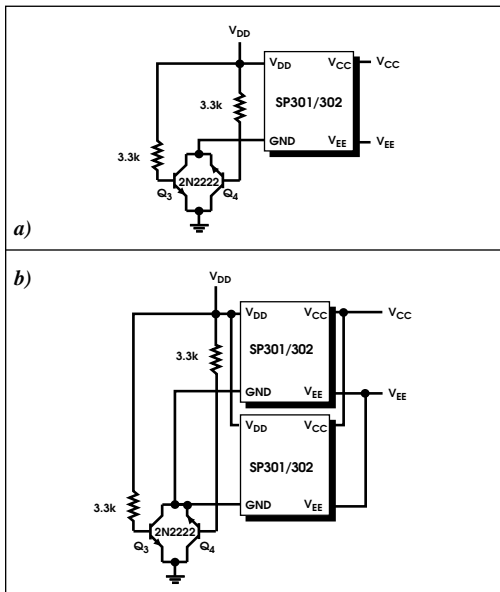
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Figure 1. Isolating SP301/302 From Ground;
a) Single SP301/302; b) Multiple SP301/302

SOIC packages for operation over the commercial temperature range.

USING THE SP301/302
POWER SUPPLIES

The **SP301/SP302** require ±12V and +5V for full RS-232 and RS-422 operation. The ±12V supplies set up the RS-232 ±9V voltage swings, and the +5V is used for the internal logic that formats the communications mode and controls the loopback function. The supply voltages can be decreased to as low as ±7V for V_{DD} and V_{EE}, and 4.0V for V_{CC}. Under these supply conditions, derated performance can be expected.

POWER SUPPLY SEQUENCING

There are two requirements for power supply sequencing for the **SP301/302**. The first is that V_{DD} is always greater than V_{CC}. The second is that when the part is powered up, V_{DD} must be applied 20ms before V_{CC}.

GENERAL USAGE
RS232 Operation

The **SP301** and **SP302** are fully compliant RS-232 devices. Their outputs are fully protected against shorts to ±20V with no external

circuitry. If the potential exists for momentary shorts to voltages greater than ±20V, it is recommended that a 220Ω resistor be wired in series with each driver output. This will limit any damage from the higher short-circuit current from these higher voltage potentials. Voltage clamps such as back-to-back Zener diodes can be used to clamp the driver outputs to "safe" levels. Short circuit current to ground is internally limited, and can therefore be sustained infinitely. Under normal operating conditions, the drivers can typically source 7mA at ±5V output, which exceeds the minimum RS-232 standards requirement.

If an **SP301/302** transmitter output occupies a data transmission line with other RS-232 devices which are not powered by the same power supplies, it is possible that a device that is not powered will have a low impedance path to ground at its driver output. The RS-232 standards require that with no power applied to the device, the impedance from a transmitter output to ground must be greater than 300Ω. This can be easily achieved as shown in *Figure 1a*, where an external transistor is used as a switch to
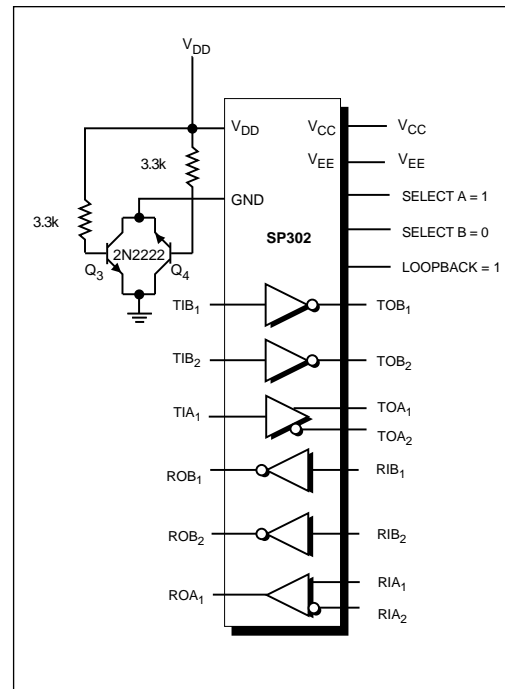

Figure 2. Typical Circuit

isolate an **SP301/302** from ground in the power-off condition. With V_{DD} turned on, the transistor switch is on, connecting ground (GND) for the device to the circuit ground. In a power-off condition, this transistor is switched off, thus isolating the unit from circuit ground, and thereby leaving the driver in a high impedance state. Multiple **SP301/302s** can be connected as shown in *Figure 1b*.

RS-422 OPERATION

The **SP301** and **SP302** are fully compliant RS-422 devices when operating in the RS-422 mode. Baud rate and drive capability have been balanced to provide as much versatility as possible. The **SP301** and **SP302** are both guaranteed for a 1Mbps data rate, supplying ±2V minimum into a 100Ω load. Short circuit protection for the RS-422 operating mode is the same as in the RS-232 mode. The driver outputs can be shorted to ground for an infinite duration, with a maximum current of ±100mA.

The RS-422 receivers accept differential signals at a 1Mbps rate, and translate them to a non-inverted TTL output. The receivers are specified with a ±15V differential input voltage, which means that to operate normally, the difference betweeen the voltages at the inputs cannot exceed ±15V. The common mode voltage is specified as ±7V. This identifies the midpoint of the range about which the differential input must lie so that the receiver can detect a change of state. Within this ±7V range, the receivers will recognize a change in state with a ±200mV differential threshold voltage. Since the RS-232 and RS-422 inputs are shared, all receiver inputs are protected to ±30V to guard against inadvertently applying an RS-232 signal to an input that is configured for RS-422. *Figure 2* shows a typical circuit for the **SP301/302**. In this case the **SP302** is shown configured for one (1) duplex RS-422 and two (2) duplex RS-232 communication paths.

CONFIGURING THE SP301/302

Figures 3, 5 and *6* show the various combinations of simultaneous RS-232 and RS-422 operation that can be achieved with the **SP301**. Similarly, *Figures 4, 7* and *8* show the various combinations for the **SP302**. Each of these configurations are software selectable by logic level on the SELECT A and SELECT B control lines. Configuration can be changed "on-the-fly".

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FIGURE 3: SP301 CONTROL LOGIC CONFIGURATION

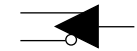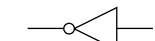| SELECTION	LOGIC VALUE	LOGIC VALUE	LOGIC VALUE	LOGIC VALUE
SELECT A: SELECT B:	0 0	0 1	1 0	1 1
NON– LOOPBACK (LB = 1)				
LOOPBACK (LB=0)				
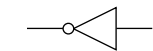
RS-232 DRIVER
* Tri–state Output
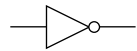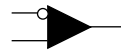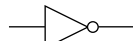
RS-232 RECEIVER

RS-422 RECEIVER

RS-422 DRIVER

FIGURE 4: SP302 CONTROL LOGIC CONFIGURATION

SELECTION	LOGIC VALUE	LOGIC VALUE	LOGIC VALUE	LOGIC VALUE
SELECT A: SELECT B:	0 0	0 1	1 0	1 1
NON–LOOPBACK (LB = 1)	RIA_2 → ROA_2 RIA_1 → ROA_1 TOA_1 — TIA_1 TOA_2 — TIA_2 RIB_2 → ROB_2 RIB_1 → ROB_1 TOB_1 — TIB_1 TOB_2 — TIB_2	RIA_2 → ROA_2 RIA_1 → ROA_1 TOA_1 — TIA_1 TOA_2 — TIA_2 RIB_2 RIB_1 → ROB_1 TOB_1 TOB_2 — TIB_1	RIA_2 RIA_1 → ROA_1 TOA_1 TOA_2 — TIA_1 RIB_2 → ROB_2 RIB_1 → ROB_1 TOB_1 — TIB_1 TOB_2 — TIB_2	RIA_2 RIA_1 → ROA_1 TOA_1 TOA_2 — TIA_1 RIB_2 RIB_1 → ROB_1 TOB_1 TOB_2 — TIB_1
LOOPBACK (LB=0)	RIA_2 → ROA_2 RIA_1 → ROA_1 $TOA*_1$ — TIA_1 $TOA*_2$ — TIA_2 RIB_2 → ROB_2 RIB_1 → ROB_1 TOB_1 — TIB_1 TOB_2 — TIB_2	RIA_2 → ROA_2 RIA_1 → ROA_1 $TOA*_1$ — TIA_1 $TOA*_2$ — TIA_2 RIB_2 RIB_1 → ROB_1 $TOB*_1$ $TOB*_2$ — TIB_1	RIA_2 RIA_1 → ROA_1 $TOA*_1$ $TOA*_2$ — TIA_1 RIB_2 → ROB_2 RIB_1 → ROB_1 TOB_1 — TIB_1 TOB_2 — TIB_2	RIA_2 RIA_1 → ROA_1 $TOA*_1$ $TOA*_2$ — TIA_1 RIB_2 RIB_1 → ROB_1 $TOB*_1$ $TOB*_2$ — TIB_1

RS-232 DRIVER
* Tri–state Output

RS-232 RECEIVER

RS-422 RECEIVER

RS-422 DRIVER

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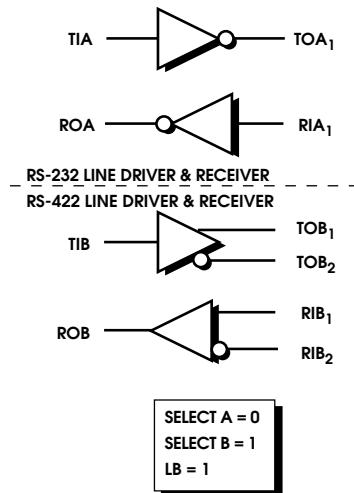SIGNAL PROCESSING EXCELLENCE

FIGURE 5: SP301 CONFIGURATIONS

Two-Channel Full Duplex RS-232

Two independent channels of RS-232 line driver and two channels of RS-232 receiver.
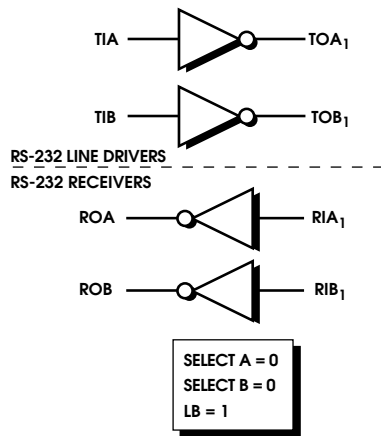
One-Channel Full Duplex RS-232 & One-Channel Full Duplex RS-422

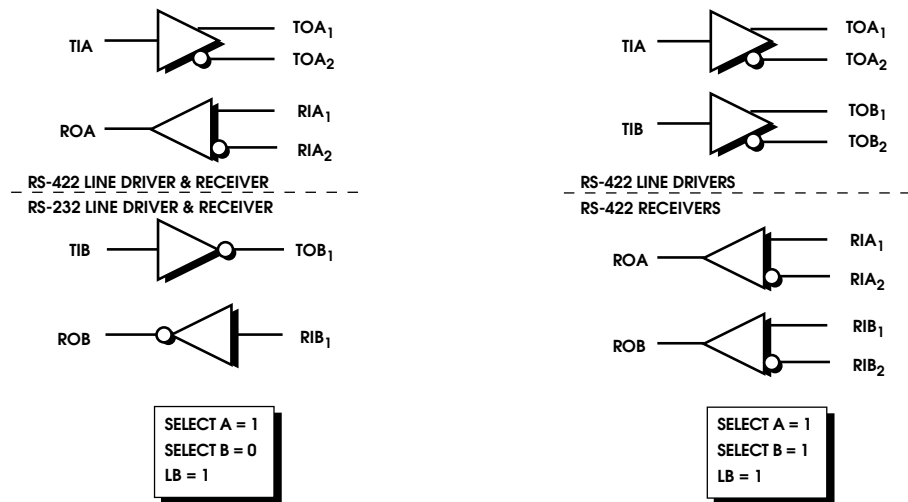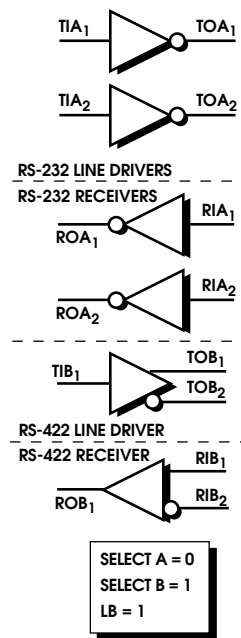A single RS-232 line driver and receiver, and a single RS-422 line driver and receiver.

TIA ———▷o——— TOA_1

TIB ———▷o——— TOB_1

RS-232 LINE DRIVERS
- - - - - - - - - - - - -
RS-232 RECEIVERS

ROA ——o◁——— RIA_1

ROB ——o◁——— RIB_1

SELECT A = 0
SELECT B = 0
LB = 1

TIA ———▷o——— TOA_1

ROA ——o◁——— RIA_1

RS-232 LINE DRIVER & RECEIVER
- - - - - - - - - - - - -
RS-422 LINE DRIVER & RECEIVER

TIB ———▷——— TOB_1
        ——o TOB_2

ROB ——◁——— RIB_1
        o RIB_2

SELECT A = 0
SELECT B = 1
LB = 1

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FIGURE 6: SP301 CONFIGURATIONS

One-Channel Full Duplex RS-232 & One-Channel Full Duplex RS-422 Opposite Drivers

A single RS-232 line driver and receiver, and a single RS-422 line driver and receiver. At first glance, this is the same configuration as that in *Figure 5*. Note however that functions are activated on the opposite channels as that of those in *Figure 1b*.

Two-Channel Full Duplex RS-422

Two RS-422 line drivers and two RS-422 receivers.

FIGURE 7: SP302 CONFIGURATIONS

Four-Channel Duplex RS-232

Four independent channels of RS-232 line driver and four channels of RS-232 receiver.
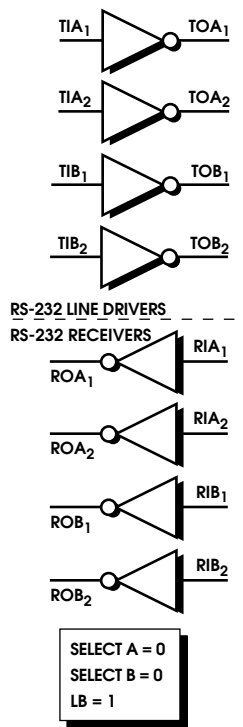
Two-Channel Duplex RS-232 & One-Channel Duplex RS-422

Two RS-232 line drivers and receivers, and a single RS-422 line driver and receiver.

Two-Channel Duplex RS-232 & One-Channel Duplex RS-422 Opposite Drivers

Two RS-232 line drivers and receivers, and a single RS-422 line driver and receiver. At first glance, this is the same configuration in *Figure 7*. Note however that functions are activated on the opposite channels.

Two-Channel Duplex RS-422

Two RS-422 line drivers and two RS-422 receivers.
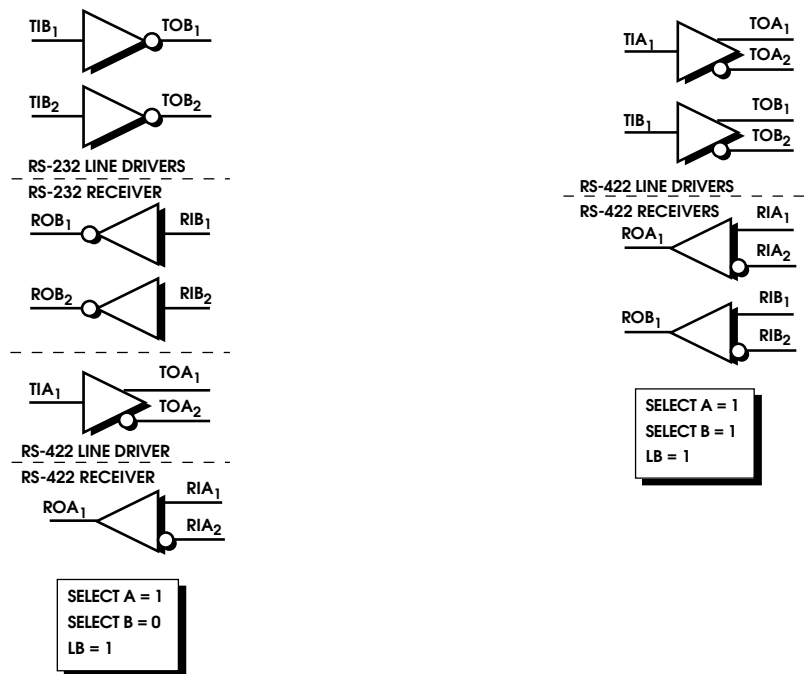
LOOPBACK

Both the **SP301** and **SP302** have a function called loopback, which is essentially a chip self-test. However, by connecting system test loops with the inputs and outputs of the **SP301/302**, a system-level diagnostic can be run on power-up or on command. The test loops can be enabled and disabled allowing both system test and operation with the same components. A maximum data rate for loopback of 3kbps is recommended. Loopback is a pin-programmable function, activated by a logic low on the **LB** pin (19). As

SP301 CONFIGURATIONS IN LOOPBACK MODE

Two-Channel Full Duplex RS-232
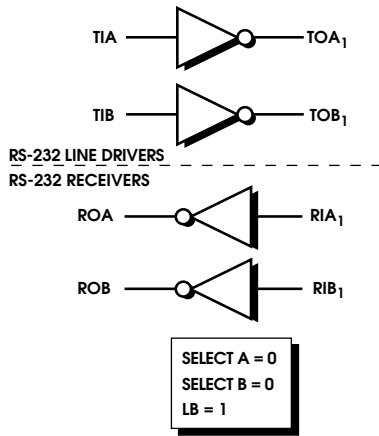
One-Channel Full Duplex RS-232 & One-Channel Full Duplex RS-422
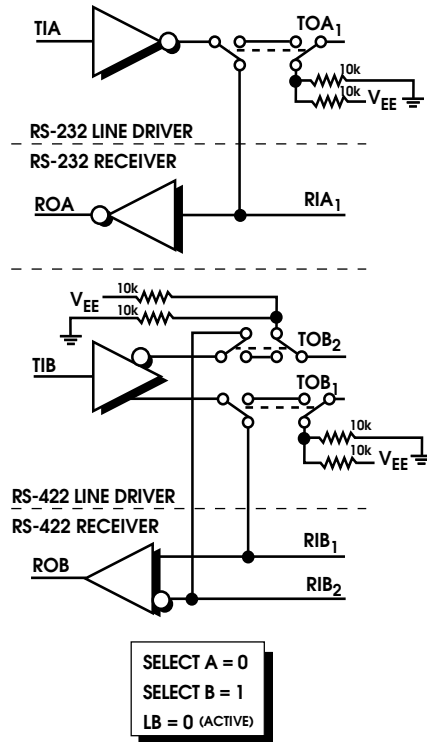
shown in these figures, the loopback function internally connects the driver outputs to the corresponding receiver inputs, and switches the output pin to a resistive divider of $10k\Omega$ nominal impedance from V_{EE} to ground. Receiver outputs are left active for signal verification. During lo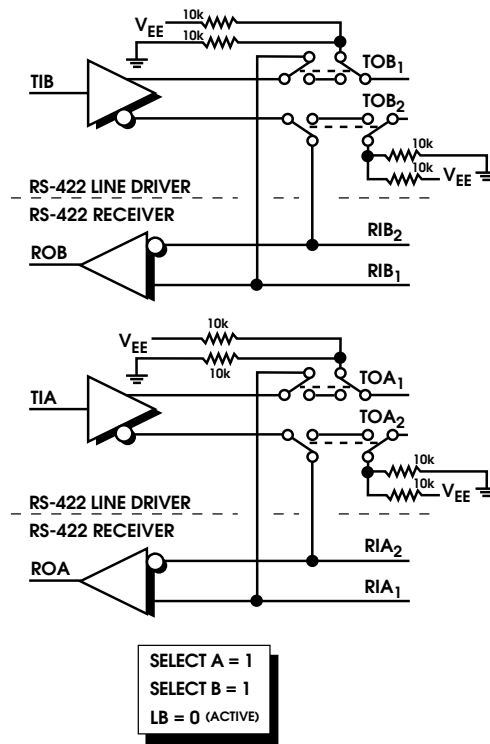opback, the receiver inputs are tied to ground via a $5k\Omega$ pulldown resistor. To minimize loopback errors, the receiver inputs must be limited to $\pm10V$ swings.

SP301 CONFIGURATIONS IN LOOPBACK MODE

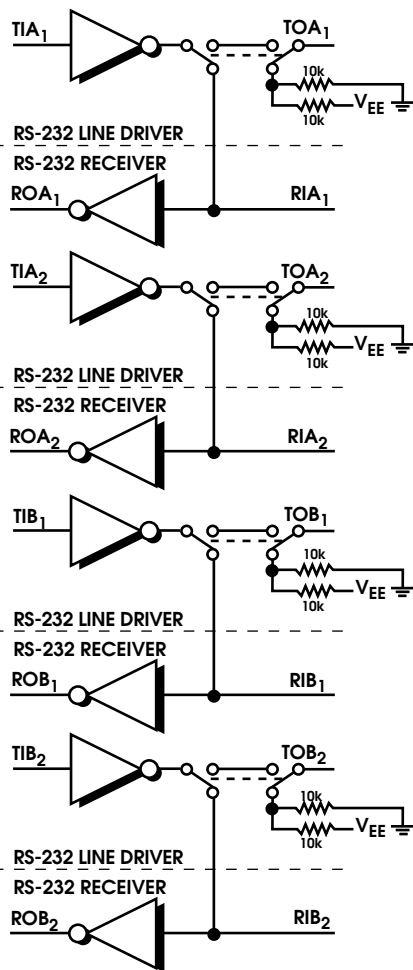### One-Channel Full Duplex RS-232 & One-Channel Full Duplex RS-422 Opposite Drivers
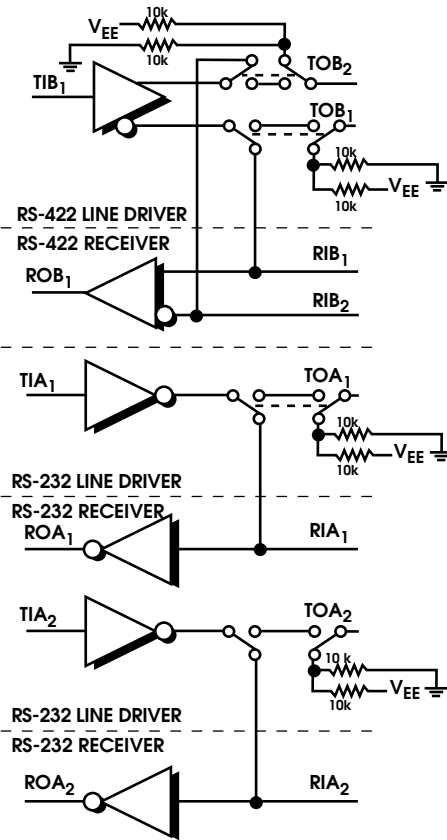
Two-Channel Full Duplex RS-422

SELECT A = 1
SELECT B = 0
LB = 0 (ACTIVE)

SELECT A = 1
SELECT B = 1
LB = 0 (ACTIVE)

SP302 CONFIGURATIONS IN LOOPBACK MODE

Four-Channel Duplex RS-232
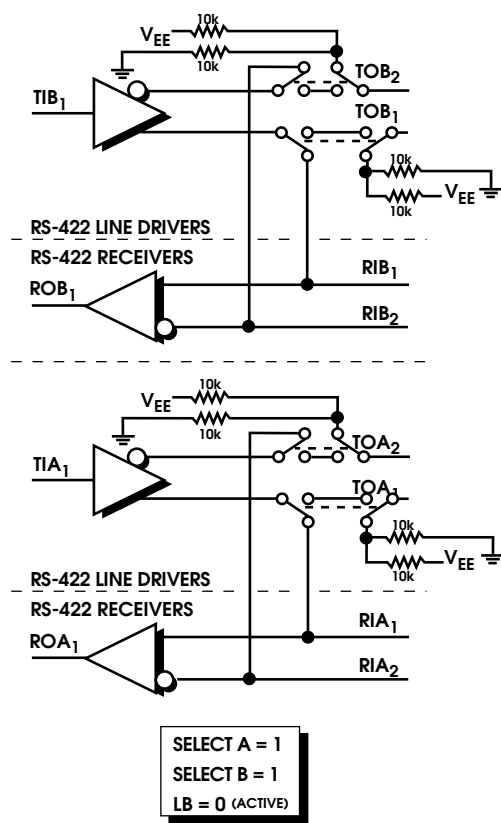
Two-Channel Duplex RS-232 & One-Channel Duplex RS-422

SP302 CONFIGURATIONS IN LOOPBACK MODE

Two-Channel Duplex RS-232 & One-Channel Duplex RS-422 Opposite Drivers

Two-Channel Duplex RS-422

SELECT A = 1
SELECT B = 0
LB = 0 (ACTIVE)

SELECT A = 1
SELECT B = 1
LB = 0 (ACTIVE)

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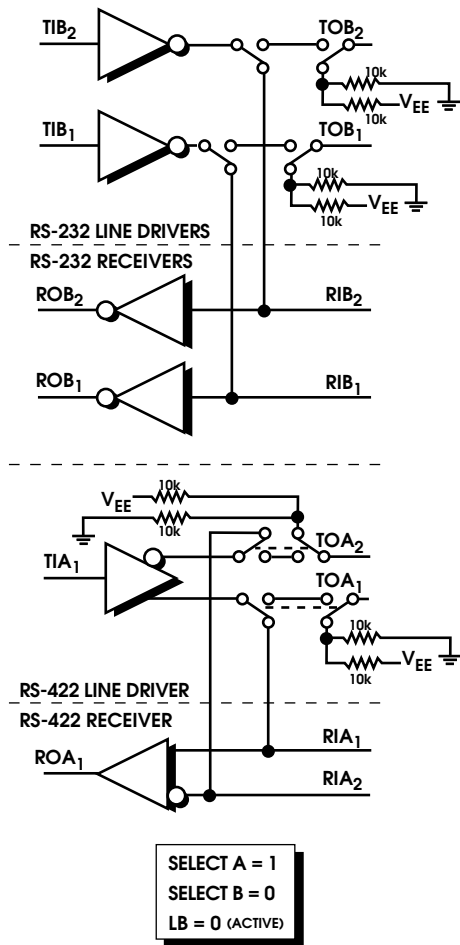
ORDERING INFORMATION

	Max # of Duplex Channels			
Model	RS232	RS422	Temperature	Package
SP301CS	2	2	0°C to +70°C	24-pin single–width plastic DIP
SP301CT	2	2	0°C to +70°C	28-pin SOIC
SP301ES	2	2	-40°C to +85°C	24-pin single–width plastic DIP
SP301ET	2	2	-40°C to +85°C	28-pin SOIC
SP302CS	4	2	0°C to +70°C	24-pin single–width plastic DIP
SP302CT	4	2	0°C to +70°C	28-pin SOIC
SP302ES	4	2	-40°C to +85°C	24-pin single–width plastic DIP
SP302ET	4	2	-40°C to +85°C	28-pin SOIC

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