

PCA9548A 8-channel I²C switch with reset Rev. 01 — 15 April 2005

Product data sheet

1. General description

The PCA9548A is an octal bi-directional translating switch controlled via the I²C-bus. The SCL/SDA upstream pair fans out to eight downstream pairs, or channels. Any individual SCx/SDx channel or combination of channels can be selected, determined by the contents of the programmable control register.

An active LOW reset input allows the PCA9548A to recover from a situation where one of the downstream I²C-buses is stuck in a LOW state. Pulling the RESET pin LOW resets the I²C-bus state machine and causes all the channels to be deselected as does the internal Power-on reset function.

The pass gates of the switches are constructed such that the V_{DD} pin can be used to limit the maximum high voltage which will be passed by the PCA9548A. This allows the use of different bus voltages on each pair, so that 1.8 V or 2.5 V or 3.3 V parts can communicate with 5 V parts without any additional protection. External pull-up resistors pull the bus up to the desired voltage level for each channel. All I/O pins are 5 V tolerant.

2. Features

- 1-of-8 bi-directional translating switches
- I²C-bus interface logic; compatible with SMBus standards
- Active LOW reset input
- 3 address pins allowing up to 8 devices on the I²C-bus
- Channel selection via I²C-bus, in any combination
- Power-up with all switch channels deselected
- Low R_{on} switches
- Allows voltage level translation between 1.8 V, 2.5 V, 3.3 V and 5 V buses
- No glitch on power-up
- Supports hot insertion
- Low stand-by current
- Operating power supply voltage range of 2.3 V to 5.5 V
- 5 V tolerant inputs
- 0 Hz to 400 kHz clock frequency
- ESD protection exceeds 2000 V HBM per JESD22-A114, 200 V MM per JESD22-A115, and 1000 V CDM per JESD22-C101
- Latch-up testing is done to JEDEC Standard JESD78 which exceeds 100 mA
- Three packages offered: SO24, TSSOP24, and HVQFN24

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3. Ordering information

Table 1: Order $T_{amb} = -40 \degree C$ to Type number	ering informa +85 °C Package	tion	
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PCA9548ABS	HVQFN24	plastic thermal enhanced very thin quad flat package; no leads; 24 terminals; body $4\times4\times0.85$ mm	SOT616-1
PCA9548AD	SO24	plastic small outline package; 24 leads; body width 7.5 mm	SOT137-1
PCA9548APW	TSSOP24	plastic thin shrink small outline package; 24 leads; body width 4.4 mm	SOT355-1

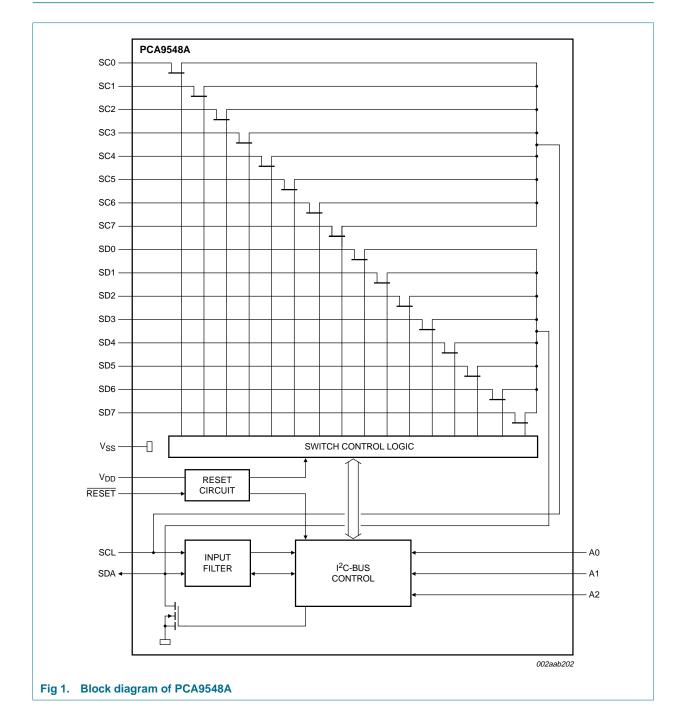
4. Marking

Table 2: Marki	ng codes
Type number	Topside mark
PCA9548ABS	548A
PCA9548AD	PCA9548AD
PCA9548APW	PCA9548A



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5. Block diagram



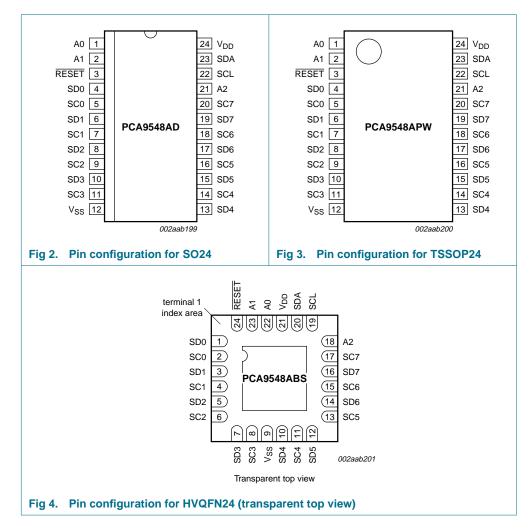
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6. Pinning information

6.1 Pinning



6.2 Pin description

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	V _{DD}	24	4	21	supply voltage

[1] HVQFN package die supply ground is connected to both the V_{SS} pin and the exposed center pad. The V_{SS} pin must be connected to supply ground for proper device operation. For enhanced thermal, electrical, and board-level performance, the exposed pad needs to be soldered to the board using a corresponding thermal pad on the board, and for proper heat conduction through the board thermal vias need to be incorporated in the PCB in the thermal pad region.

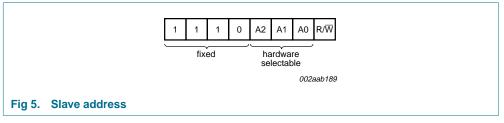


7. Functional description

Refer to Figure 1 "Block diagram of PCA9548A" on page 3.

7.1 Device address

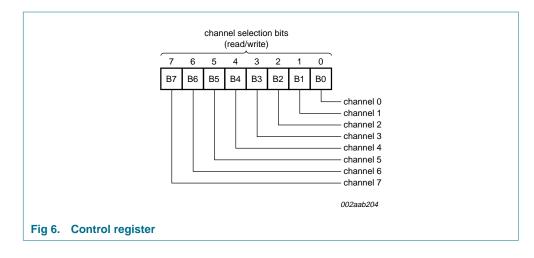
Following a START condition, the bus master must output the address of the slave it is accessing. The address of the PCA9548A is shown in <u>Figure 5</u>. To conserve power, no internal pull-up resistors are incorporated on the hardware selectable address pins and they must be pulled HIGH or LOW.



The last bit of the slave address defines the operation to be performed. When set to logic 1 a read is selected, while a logic 0 selects a write operation.

7.2 Control register

Following the successful acknowledgement of the slave address, the bus master will send a byte to the PCA9548A, which will be stored in the control register. If multiple bytes are received by the PCA9548A, it will save the last byte received. This register can be written and read via the I²C-bus.



7.2.1 Control register definition

One or several SCx/SDx downstream pair, or channel, is selected by the contents of the control register. This register is written after the PCA9548A has been addressed. The 2 LSBs of the control byte are used to determine which channel is to be selected. When a channel is selected, the channel will become active after a STOP condition has been placed on the I²C-bus. This ensures that all SCx/SDx lines will be in a HIGH state when the channel is made active, so that no false conditions are generated at the time of connection.

B7 **B6 B5 B**3 **B2** B4 **B1 B0** Command 0 channel 0 disabled Х Х Х Х Х Х Х 1 channel 0 enabled 0 channel 1 disabled Х Х Х Х Х Х Х 1 channel 1 enabled 0 channel 2 disabled Х Х Х Х Х Х Х 1 channel 2 enabled 0 channel 3 disabled Х Х Х Х Х Х Х 1 channel 3 enabled 0 channel 4 disabled Х Х Х Х Х Х Х 1 channel 4 enabled 0 channel 5 disabled Х Х Х Х Х Х Х 1 channel 5 enabled 0 channel 6 disabled Х Х Х Х Х Х Х 1 channel 6 enabled 0 channel 7 disabled Х Х Х Х Х Х Х 1 channel 7 enabled

 Table 4:
 Control register: Write—channel selection; Read—channel status

Remark: Multiple channels can be enabled at the same time. Example: B7 = 0, B6 = 1, B5 = 0, B4 = 0, B3 = 1, B2 = 1, B1 = 0, B0 = 0, means that channels 7, 5, 4, 1 and 0 are disabled and channels 6, 3, and 2 are enabled. Care should be taken not to exceed the maximum bus capacitance. Default condition is all zeroes.

7.3 **RESET** input

The RESET input is an active LOW signal which may be used to recover from a bus fault condition. By asserting this signal LOW for a minimum of t_{WL} , the PCA9548A will reset its register and I²C-bus state machine and will deselect all channels. The RESET input must be connected to V_{DD} through a pull-up resistor.

7.4 Power-on reset

When power is applied to V_{DD} , an internal Power-On Reset (POR) holds the PCA9548A in a reset condition until V_{DD} has reached V_{POR} . At this point, the reset condition is released and the PCA9548A register and I²C-bus state machine are initialized to their default states—all zeroes—causing all the channels to be deselected. Thereafter, V_{DD} must be lowered below 0.2 V to reset the device.

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7.5 Voltage translation

The pass gate transistors of the PCA9548A are constructed such that the V_{DD} voltage can be used to limit the maximum voltage that will be passed from one I²C-bus to another.

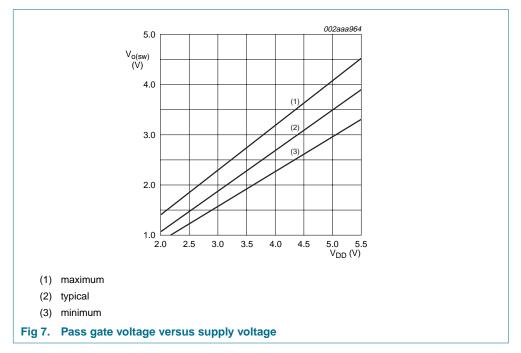


Figure 7 shows the voltage characteristics of the pass gate transistors (note that the PCA9548A is only tested at the points specified in <u>Section 11 "Static characteristics"</u> of this data sheet). In order for the PCA9548A to act as a voltage translator, the $V_{o(sw)}$ voltage should be equal to, or lower than the lowest bus voltage. For example, if the main bus was running at 5 V, and the downstream buses were 3.3 V and 2.7 V, then $V_{o(sw)}$ should be equal to or below 2.7 V to effectively clamp the downstream bus voltages. Looking at Figure 7, we see that $V_{o(sw)(max)}$ will be at 2.7 V when the PCA9548A supply voltage is 3.5 V or lower, so the PCA9548A supply voltage to their appropriate levels (see Figure 14).

More Information can be found in Application Note AN262: PCA954X family of I2C/SMBus multiplexers and switches.

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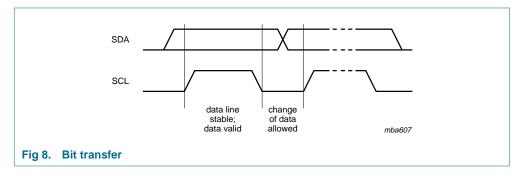


8. Characteristics of the I²C-bus

The I²C-bus is for 2-way, 2-line communication between different ICs or modules. The two lines are a serial data line (SDA) and a serial clock line (SCL). Both lines must be connected to a positive supply via a pull-up resistor when connected to the output stages of a device. Data transfer may be initiated only when the bus is not busy.

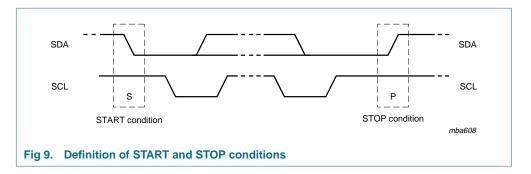
8.1 Bit transfer

One data bit is transferred during each clock pulse. The data on the SDA line must remain stable during the HIGH period of the clock pulse as changes in the data line at this time will be interpreted as control signals (see Figure 8).



8.2 START and STOP conditions

Both data and clock lines remain HIGH when the bus is not busy. A HIGH-to-LOW transition of the data line while the clock is HIGH is defined as the START condition (S). A LOW-to-HIGH transition of the data line while the clock is HIGH is defined as the STOP condition (P) (see Figure 9).



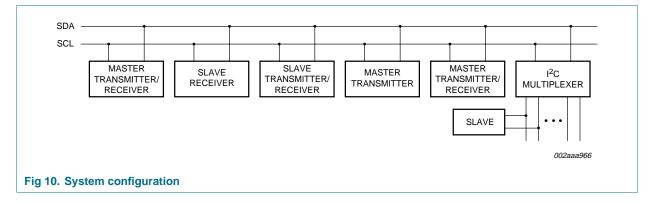
8.3 System configuration

A device generating a message is a 'transmitter', a device receiving is the 'receiver'. The device that controls the message is the 'master' and the devices which are controlled by the master are the 'slaves' (see Figure 10).

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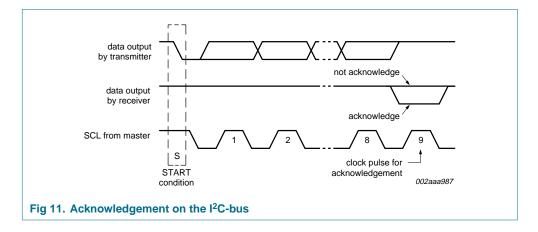


8.4 Acknowledge

The number of data bytes transferred between the START and the STOP conditions from transmitter to receiver is not limited. Each byte of eight bits is followed by one acknowledge bit. The acknowledge bit is a HIGH level put on the bus by the transmitter, whereas the master generates an extra acknowledge related clock pulse.

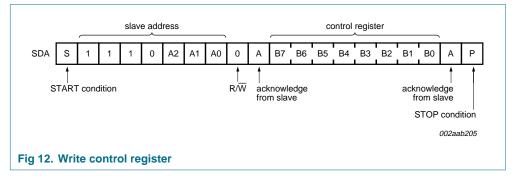
A slave receiver which is addressed must generate an acknowledge after the reception of each byte. Also, a master must generate an acknowledge after the reception of each byte that has been clocked out of the slave transmitter. The device that acknowledges has to pull down the SDA line during the acknowledge clock pulse so that the SDA line is stable LOW during the HIGH period of the acknowledge related clock pulse; setup and hold times must be taken into account.

A master receiver must signal an end of data to the transmitter by not generating an acknowledge on the last byte that has been clocked out of the slave. In this event, the transmitter must leave the data line HIGH to enable the master to generate a STOP condition.

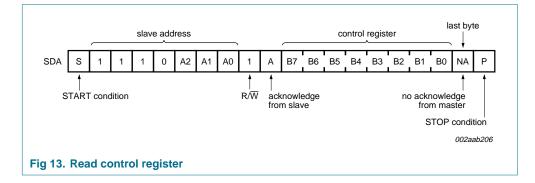


8.5 Bus transactions

Data is transmitted to the PCA9548A control register using the Write mode as shown in Figure 12.



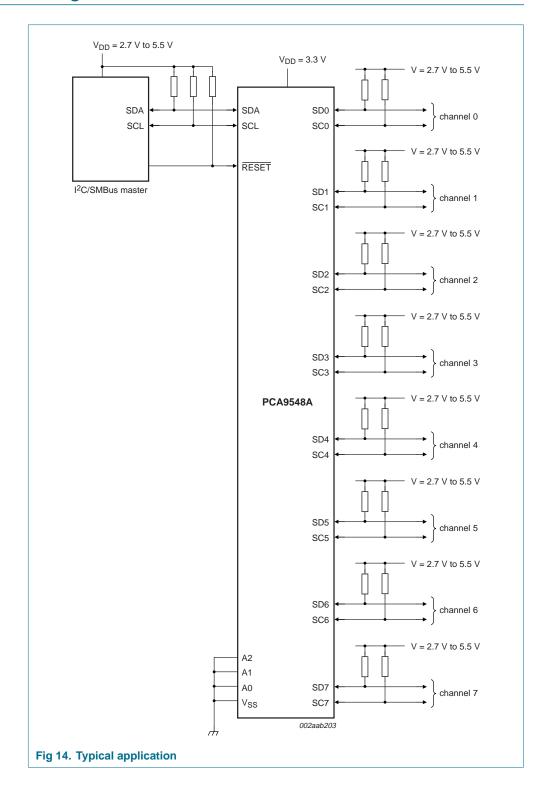
Data is read from PCA9548A using the Read mode as shown in Figure 13.



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9. Application design-in information



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10. Limiting values

Table 5: Limiting values

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134). Voltages are referenced to V_{SS} (ground = 0 V).[1]

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V _{DD}	supply voltage		-0.5	+7.0	V
VI	input voltage		-0.5	+7.0	V
I	input current		-	±20	mA
lo	output current		-	±25	mA
I _{DD}	supply current		-	±100	mA
I _{SS}	ground supply current		-	±100	mA
P _{tot}	total power dissipation		-	400	mW
T _{stg}	storage temperature		-60	+150	°C
T _{amb}	operating ambient temperature		-40	+85	°C

[1] The performance capability of a high-performance integrated circuit in conjunction with its thermal environment can create junction temperatures which are detrimental to reliability. The maximum junction temperature of this integrated circuit should not exceed 150 °C.

11. Static characteristics

Table 6: DC characteristics

 $V_{DD} = 2.3 \text{ V to } 3.6 \text{ V}; V_{SS} = 0 \text{ V}; T_{amb} = -40 \degree \text{C} \text{ to } +85 \degree \text{C}; \text{ unless otherwise specified.}$ See <u>Table 7 on page 15</u> for $V_{DD} = 4.5 \text{ V to } 5.5 \text{ V}.$ ^[1]

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Мах	Unit
Supply						
V _{DD}	supply voltage		2.3	-	3.6	V
I _{DD}	supply current	operating mode; V_{DD} = 3.6 V; no load; $V_I = V_{DD}$ or V_{SS} ; f_{SCL} = 100 kHz	-	30	50	μA
I _{stb}	standby current	standby mode; V_{DD} = 3.6 V; no load; V_{I} = V_{DD} or V_{SS}	-	0.1	1	μA
V _{POR}	power-on reset voltage	no load; $V_I = V_{DD}$ or V_{SS}	[2] _	1.6	2.1	V
Input SCL	.; input/output SDA					
V _{IL}	LOW-level input voltage		-0.5	-	$0.3V_{DD}$	V
V _{IH}	HIGH-level input voltage		$0.7V_{DD}$	-	6	V
I _{OL}	LOW-level output current	$V_{OL} = 0.4 V$	3	6	-	mA
		V _{OL} = 0.6 V	6	9	-	mA
IL	leakage current	$V_{I} = V_{DD} \text{ or } V_{SS}$	-1	-	+1	μΑ
Ci	input capacitance	$V_I = V_{SS}$	-	15	21	pF
Select inp	outs A0 to A2, RESET					
V _{IL}	LOW-level input voltage		-0.5	-	$0.3V_{DD}$	V
V _{IH}	HIGH-level input voltage		$0.7V_{DD}$	-	V _{DD} + 0.5	V
ILI	input leakage current	pin at V_{DD} or V_{SS}	-1	-	+1	μΑ
Ci	input capacitance	$V_I = V_{SS}$	-	2	5	pF
Pass gate	;					
R _{on}	on-state resistance	V_{DD} = 3.0 V to 3.6 V; V_{O} = 0.4 V; I_{O} = 15 mA	5	11	30	Ω
		V_{DD} = 2.3 V to 2.7 V; V_{O} = 0.4 V; I_{O} = 10 mA	7	16	55	Ω
V _{o(sw)}	switch output voltage	$V_{i(sw)} = V_{DD} = 3.3 \text{ V}; I_{o(sw)} = -100 \ \mu\text{A}$	-	1.9	-	V
		$V_{i(sw)} = V_{DD} = 3.0 \text{ V to } 3.6 \text{ V};$ $I_{o(sw)} = -100 \mu\text{A}$	1.6	-	2.8	V
		$V_{i(sw)} = V_{DD} = 2.5 \text{ V}; I_{o(sw)} = -100 \mu\text{A}$	-	1.5	-	V
		$V_{i(sw)} = V_{DD} = 2.3 \text{ V to } 2.7 \text{ V};$ $I_{o(sw)} = -100 \mu\text{A}$	1.1	-	2.0	V
IL	leakage current	$V_{I} = V_{DD} \text{ or } V_{SS}$	-1	-	+1	μΑ
Cio	input/output capacitance	$V_{I} = V_{SS}$	-	3	5	pF

[1] For operation between published voltage ranges, refer to the worst-case parameter in both ranges.

[2] V_{DD} must be lowered to 0.2 V in order to reset part.

Table 7: DC characteristics

 $V_{DD} = 4.5 V \text{ to } 5.5 V; V_{SS} = 0 V; T_{amb} = -40 \degree C \text{ to } +85 \degree C; \text{ unless otherwise specified.}$ See <u>Table 6 on page 14</u> for $V_{DD} = 2.3 V \text{ to } 3.6 V.$ ^[1]

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Supply							
V _{DD}	supply voltage			4.5	-	5.5	V
I _{DD}	supply current	operating mode; $V_{DD} = 5.5 V$; no load; $V_I = V_{DD}$ or V_{SS} ; $f_{SCL} = 100 \text{ kHz}$		-	65	100	μA
I _{stb}	standby current	standby mode; $V_{DD} = 5.5 V$; no load; $V_I = V_{DD}$ or V_{SS}		-	0.2	1	μA
V _{POR}	power-on reset voltage	no load; $V_I = V_{DD}$ or V_{SS}	[2]	-	1.7	2.1	V
Input SCL	; input/output SDA						
VIL	LOW-level input voltage			-0.5	-	0.3V _{DD}	V
VIH	HIGH-level input voltage			0.7V _{DD}	-	6	V
I _{OL}	LOW-level output current	V _{OL} = 0.4 V		3	-	-	mA
		V _{OL} = 0.6 V		6	-	-	mA
I _{IL}	LOW-level input current	$V_{I} = V_{SS}$		-1	-	1	μΑ
I _{IH}	HIGH-level input current	$V_I = V_{DD}$		-1	-	1	μΑ
Ci	input capacitance	$V_{I} = V_{SS}$		-	15	21	pF
Select inp	outs A0 to A2, RESET						
VIL	LOW-level input voltage			-0.5	-	0.3V _{DD}	V
VIH	HIGH-level input voltage			$0.7V_{DD}$	-	V _{DD} + 0.5	V
I _{LI}	input leakage current	pin at V_{DD} or V_{SS}		-1	-	1	μΑ
Ci	input capacitance	$V_I = V_{SS}$		-	2	5	pF
Pass gate	1						
R _{on}	on-state resistance	V_{DD} = 4.5 V to 5.5 V; V_{O} = 0.4 V; I_{O} = 15 mA		4	9	24	Ω
V _{o(sw)}	switch output voltage	$V_{i(sw)} = V_{DD} = 5.0 \text{ V};$ $I_{o(sw)} = -100 \ \mu\text{A}$		-	3.6	-	V
		$V_{i(sw)} = V_{DD} = 4.5 \text{ V to } 5.5 \text{ V};$ $I_{o(sw)} = -100 \mu\text{A}$		2.6	-	4.5	V
IL	leakage current	$V_{I} = V_{DD} \text{ or } V_{SS}$		-1	-	+1	μΑ
Cio	input/output capacitance	$V_{I} = V_{SS}$		-	3	5	рF

[1] For operation between published voltage ranges, refer to the worst-case parameter in both ranges.

[2] V_{DD} must be lowered to 0.2 V in order to reset part.

12. Dynamic characteristics

Table 8:	Dynamic characteristics							
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions			ard-mode C-bus	Fast-mode I	² C-bus	Unit
				Min	Max	Min	Max	
t _{PD}	propagation delay from SDA to SDn, or SCL to SCn			-	0.3 <mark>[1]</mark>	-	0.3 <mark>[1]</mark>	ns
f _{SCL}	SCL clock frequency			0	100	0	400	kHz
t _{BUF}	bus free time between a STOP and START condition			4.7	-	1.3	-	μs
t _{HD;STA}	Hold time (repeated) START condition. After this period, the first clock pulse is generated.			4.0	-	0.6	-	μs
t _{LOW}	LOW period of the SCL clock			4.7	-	1.3	-	μs
t _{HIGH}	HIGH period of the SCL clock			4.0	-	0.6	-	μs
t _{SU;STA}	setup time for a repeated START condition			4.7	-	0.6	-	μs
t _{SU;STO}	setup time for STOP condition			4.0	-	0.6	-	μs
t _{HD;DAT}	data hold time			0[2]	3.45	0 [2]	0.9	μs
t _{SU;DAT}	data setup time			250	-	100	-	ns
t _r	rise time of both SDA and SCL signals			-	1000	20 + 0.1C _b [3]	300	ns
t _f	fall time of both SDA and SCL signals			-	300	20 + 0.1C _b ^[3]	300	μs
C _b	capacitive load for each bus line			-	400	-	400	μs
t _{SP}	pulse width of spikes which must be suppressed by the input filter			-	50	-	50	ns
t _{VD;DAT}	data valid time	HIGH-to-LOW	[4]	-	1	-	1	μs
		LOW-to-HIGH	[4]	-	0.6	-	0.6	μs
t _{VD;ACK}	data valid acknowledge			-	1	-	1	μs
RESET								
t _{w(rst)L}	LOW-level reset time			4	-	4	-	ns
t _{rst}	reset time (SDA clear)			500	-	500	-	ns
t _{REC;STA}	recovery time to START condition			0	-	0	-	ns

[1] Pass gate propagation delay is calculated from the 20 Ω typical R_{on} and the 15 pF load capacitance.

[2] A device must internally provide a hold time of at least 300 ns for the SDA signal (referred to the V_{IH(min)} of the SCL signal) in order to bridge the undefined region of the falling edge of SCL.

[3] C_b = total capacitance of one bus line in pF.

[4] Measurements taken with 1 k Ω pull-up resistor and 50 pF load.

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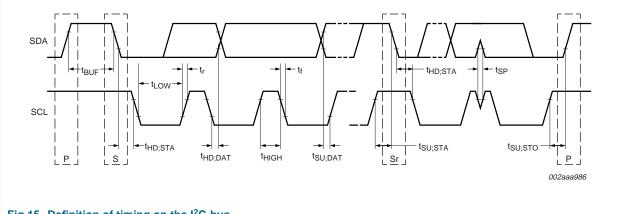
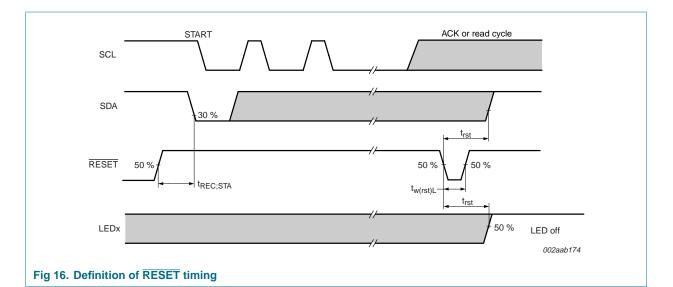
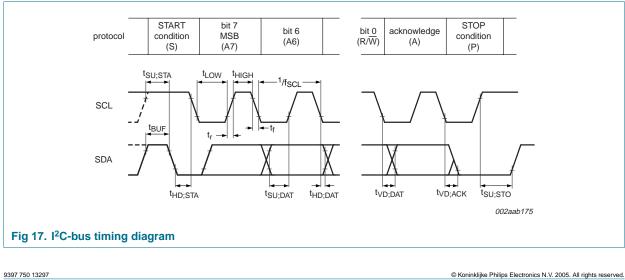


Fig 15. Definition of timing on the l²C-bus





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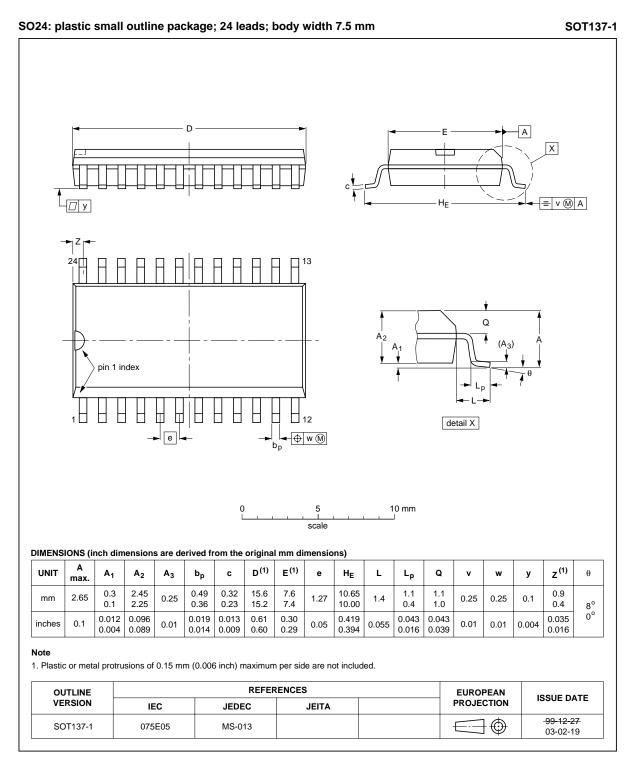


Fig 18. Package outline SOT137-1 (SO24)

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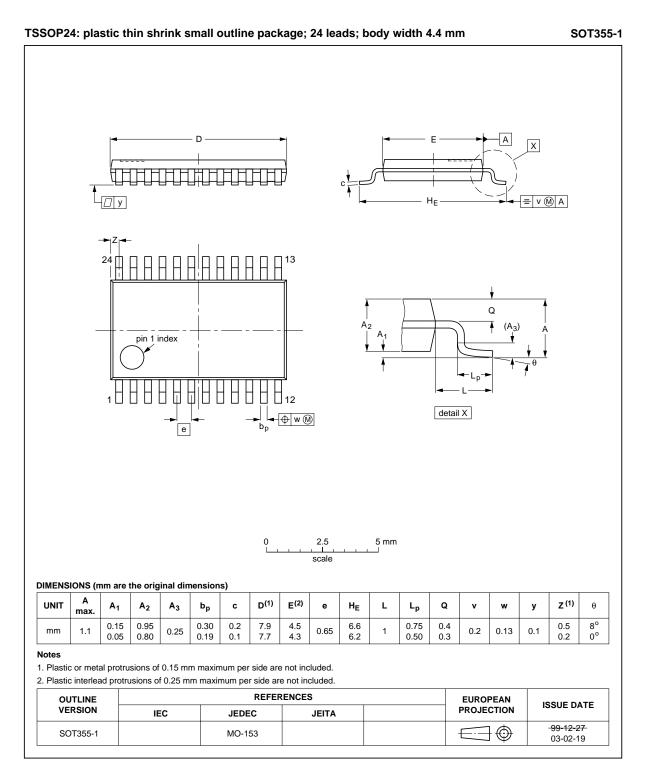
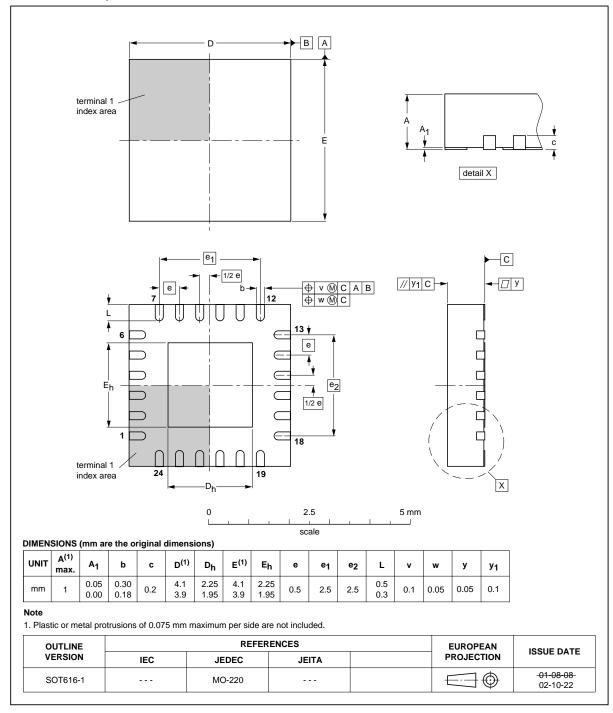


Fig 19. Package outline SOT355-1 (TSSOP24)

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HVQFN24: plastic thermal enhanced very thin quad flat package; no leads; 24 terminals; body 4 x 4 x 0.85 mm

SOT616-1

Fig 20. Package outline SOT616-1 (HVQFN24)

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14. Soldering

14.1 Introduction to soldering surface mount packages

This text gives a very brief insight to a complex technology. A more in-depth account of soldering ICs can be found in our *Data Handbook IC26; Integrated Circuit Packages* (document order number 9398 652 90011).

There is no soldering method that is ideal for all surface mount IC packages. Wave soldering can still be used for certain surface mount ICs, but it is not suitable for fine pitch SMDs. In these situations reflow soldering is recommended.

14.2 Reflow soldering

Reflow soldering requires solder paste (a suspension of fine solder particles, flux and binding agent) to be applied to the printed-circuit board by screen printing, stencilling or pressure-syringe dispensing before package placement. Driven by legislation and environmental forces the worldwide use of lead-free solder pastes is increasing.

Several methods exist for reflowing; for example, convection or convection/infrared heating in a conveyor type oven. Throughput times (preheating, soldering and cooling) vary between 100 seconds and 200 seconds depending on heating method.

Typical reflow peak temperatures range from 215 °C to 270 °C depending on solder paste material. The top-surface temperature of the packages should preferably be kept:

- below 225 °C (SnPb process) or below 245 °C (Pb-free process)
 - for all BGA, HTSSON..T and SSOP..T packages
 - for packages with a thickness \geq 2.5 mm
 - for packages with a thickness < 2.5 mm and a volume ≥ 350 mm³ so called thick/large packages.
- below 240 °C (SnPb process) or below 260 °C (Pb-free process) for packages with a thickness < 2.5 mm and a volume < 350 mm³ so called small/thin packages.

Moisture sensitivity precautions, as indicated on packing, must be respected at all times.

14.3 Wave soldering

Conventional single wave soldering is not recommended for surface mount devices (SMDs) or printed-circuit boards with a high component density, as solder bridging and non-wetting can present major problems.

To overcome these problems the double-wave soldering method was specifically developed.

If wave soldering is used the following conditions must be observed for optimal results:

- Use a double-wave soldering method comprising a turbulent wave with high upward pressure followed by a smooth laminar wave.
- For packages with leads on two sides and a pitch (e):
 - larger than or equal to 1.27 mm, the footprint longitudinal axis is preferred to be parallel to the transport direction of the printed-circuit board;

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- smaller than 1.27 mm, the footprint longitudinal axis **must** be parallel to the transport direction of the printed-circuit board.

The footprint must incorporate solder thieves at the downstream end.

• For packages with leads on four sides, the footprint must be placed at a 45° angle to the transport direction of the printed-circuit board. The footprint must incorporate solder thieves downstream and at the side corners.

During placement and before soldering, the package must be fixed with a droplet of adhesive. The adhesive can be applied by screen printing, pin transfer or syringe dispensing. The package can be soldered after the adhesive is cured.

Typical dwell time of the leads in the wave ranges from 3 seconds to 4 seconds at 250 °C or 265 °C, depending on solder material applied, SnPb or Pb-free respectively.

A mildly-activated flux will eliminate the need for removal of corrosive residues in most applications.

14.4 Manual soldering

Fix the component by first soldering two diagonally-opposite end leads. Use a low voltage (24 V or less) soldering iron applied to the flat part of the lead. Contact time must be limited to 10 seconds at up to 300 $^{\circ}$ C.

When using a dedicated tool, all other leads can be soldered in one operation within 2 seconds to 5 seconds between 270 $^\circ C$ and 320 $^\circ C.$

14.5 Package related soldering information

Package [1]	Soldering method			
	Wave	Reflow ^[2]		
BGA, HTSSONT ^[3] , LBGA, LFBGA, SQFP, SSOPT ^[3] , TFBGA, VFBGA, XSON	not suitable	suitable		
DHVQFN, HBCC, HBGA, HLQFP, HSO, HSOP, HSQFP, HSSON, HTQFP, HTSSOP, HVQFN, HVSON, SMS	not suitable [4]	suitable		
PLCC ^[5] , SO, SOJ	suitable	suitable		
LQFP, QFP, TQFP	not recommended [5] [6]	suitable		
SSOP, TSSOP, VSO, VSSOP	not recommended [7]	suitable		
CWQCCNL ^[8] , PMFP ^[9] , WQCCNL ^[8]	not suitable	not suitable		

Table 9: Suitability of surface mount IC packages for wave and reflow soldering methods

[1] For more detailed information on the BGA packages refer to the (*LF*)BGA Application Note (AN01026); order a copy from your Philips Semiconductors sales office.

- [2] All surface mount (SMD) packages are moisture sensitive. Depending upon the moisture content, the maximum temperature (with respect to time) and body size of the package, there is a risk that internal or external package cracks may occur due to vaporization of the moisture in them (the so called popcorn effect). For details, refer to the Drypack information in the Data Handbook IC26; Integrated Circuit Packages; Section: Packing Methods.
- [3] These transparent plastic packages are extremely sensitive to reflow soldering conditions and must on no account be processed through more than one soldering cycle or subjected to infrared reflow soldering with peak temperature exceeding 217 °C ± 10 °C measured in the atmosphere of the reflow oven. The package body peak temperature must be kept as low as possible.

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- [4] These packages are not suitable for wave soldering. On versions with the heatsink on the bottom side, the solder cannot penetrate between the printed-circuit board and the heatsink. On versions with the heatsink on the top side, the solder might be deposited on the heatsink surface.
- [5] If wave soldering is considered, then the package must be placed at a 45° angle to the solder wave direction. The package footprint must incorporate solder thieves downstream and at the side corners.
- [6] Wave soldering is suitable for LQFP, QFP and TQFP packages with a pitch (e) larger than 0.8 mm; it is definitely not suitable for packages with a pitch (e) equal to or smaller than 0.65 mm.
- [7] Wave soldering is suitable for SSOP, TSSOP, VSO and VSSOP packages with a pitch (e) equal to or larger than 0.65 mm; it is definitely not suitable for packages with a pitch (e) equal to or smaller than 0.5 mm.
- [8] Image sensor packages in principle should not be soldered. They are mounted in sockets or delivered pre-mounted on flex foil. However, the image sensor package can be mounted by the client on a flex foil by using a hot bar soldering process. The appropriate soldering profile can be provided on request.
- [9] Hot bar soldering or manual soldering is suitable for PMFP packages.

15. Abbreviations

Table 10:	Abbreviations
Acronym	Description
CDM	Charged Device Model
ESD	Electro Static Discharge
HBM	Human Body Model
IC	Integrated Circuit
LSB	Least Significant Bit
MM	Machine Model
MSB	Most Significant Bit
PCB	Printed-Circuit Board
POR	Power-On Reset

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Table 11: Revision history					
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