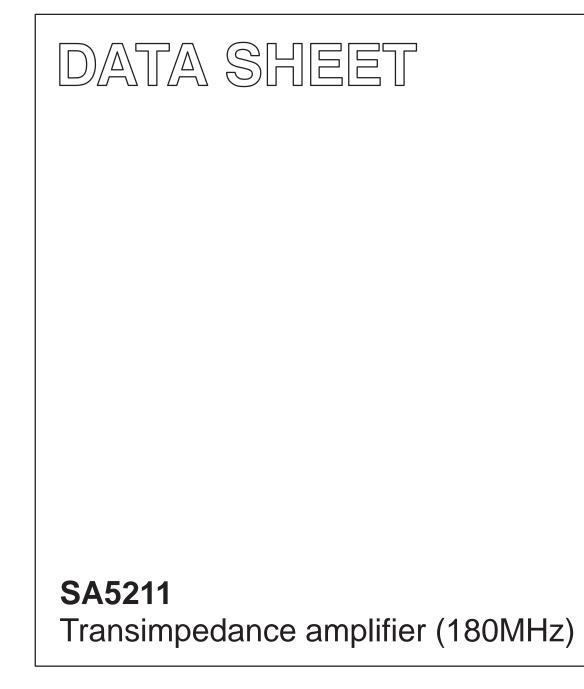
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DESCRIPTION

The SA5211 is a $28k\Omega$ transimpedance, wide-band, low noise amplifier with differential outputs, particularly suitable for signal recovery in fiber optic receivers. The part is ideally suited for many other RF applications as a general purpose gain block.

FEATURES

- Extremely low noise: 1.8pA / \sqrt{Hz}
- Single 5V supply
- Large bandwidth: 180MHz
- Differential outputs
- Low input/output impedances
- High power supply rejection ratio
- 28kΩ differential transresistance

APPLICATIONS

- Fiber optic receivers, analog and digital
- Current-to-voltage converters
- Wide-band gain block

PIN CONFIGURATION

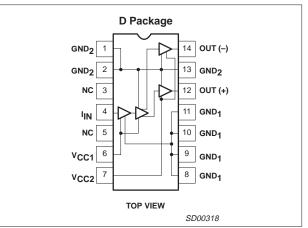


Figure 1. Pin Configuration

- Medical and scientific Instrumentation
- Sensor preamplifiers
- Single-ended to differential conversion
- Low noise RF amplifiers
- RF signal processing

ORDERING INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION	TEMPERATURE RANGE	ORDER CODE	DWG #
14-Pin Plastic Small Outline (SO) Package	-40 to +85°C	SA5211D	SOT108-1

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	RATING	UNIT	
V _{CC}	Power supply	6	V	
T _A	Operating ambient temperature range	-40 to +85	°C	
Τ _J	Operating junction temperature range	-55 to +150	°C	
T _{STG}	Storage temperature range	-65 to +150	°C	
P _{D MAX}	Power dissipation, T _A =25°C (still-air) ¹	1.0	W	
I _{IN MAX}	Maximum input current ²	5	mA	
θ _{JA}	Thermal resistance	125	°C/W	

NOTES:

1. Maximum dissipation is determined by the operating ambient temperature and the thermal resistance:

θ_{JA}=125°C/W

2. The use of a pull-up resistor to V_{CC} , for the PIN diode is recommended.

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RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	RATING	UNIT	
V _{CC}	Supply voltage	4.5 to 5.5	V	
T _A	Ambient temperature range	-40 to +85	°C	
Т _Ј	Junction temperature range	-40 to +105	°C	

DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Min and Max limits apply over operating temperature range at V_{CC}=5V, unless otherwise specified. Typical data apply at V_{CC}=5V and T_A=25°C.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	Min	Тур	Max	UNIT
V _{IN}	Input bias voltage		0.55	0.8	1.00	V
$V_{O\pm}$	Output bias voltage		2.7	3.4	3.7	V
V _{OS}	Output offset voltage			0	130	mV
I _{CC}	Supply current		20	26	31	mA
I _{OMAX}	Output sink/source current ¹		3	4		mA
I _{IN}	Input current (2% linearity)	Test Circuit 8, Procedure 2	±20	±40		μA
I _{IN MAX}	Maximum input current overload threshold	Test Circuit 8, Procedure 4	±30	±60		μA

NOTES:

1. Test condition: output quiescent voltage variation is less than 100mV for 3mA load current.

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AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Typical data and Min and Max limits apply at V_CC=5V and T_A=25^{\circ}C

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	Min	Тур	Max	UNIT
R _T	Transresistance (differential output)	DC tested $R_L = \infty$ Test Circuit 8, Procedure 1	21	28	36	kΩ
R _O	Output resistance (differential output)	DC tested		30		Ω
R _T	Transresistance (single-ended output)	DC tested $R_L = \infty$	10.5	14	18.0	kΩ
R _O	Output resistance (single-ended output)	DC tested		15		Ω
f _{3dB}	Bandwidth (-3dB)	T _A = 25°C Test circuit 1		180		MHz
R _{IN}	Input resistance			200		Ω
C _{IN}	Input capacitance			4		pF
$\Delta R/\Delta V$	Transresistance power supply sensitivity	$V_{CC} = 5 \pm 0.5 V$		3.7		%/V
$\Delta R/\Delta T$	Transresistance ambient temperature sensitivity	$\Delta T_A = T_A MAX - T_A MIN$		0.025		%/°C
I _N	RMS noise current spectral density (referred to input)	Test Circuit 2 f = 10MHz T _A = 25°C		1.8		pA/√Hz
Ι _Τ	Integrated RMS noise current over the bandwidth (referred to input)	T _A = 25°C Test Circuit 2				
	C _S =0 ¹	$\Delta f = 50MHz$ $\Delta f = 100MHz$ $\Delta f = 200MHz$		13 20 35		nA
	C _S =1pF	$\Delta f = 50MHz$ $\Delta f = 100MHz$ $\Delta f = 200MHz$		13 21 41		nA
PSRR	Power supply rejection ratio ² ($V_{CC1} = V_{CC2}$)	DC tested, $\Delta V_{CC} = 0.1V$ Equivalent AC Test Circuit 3	23	32		dB
PSRR	Power supply rejection ratio ² (V _{CC1})	DC tested, $\Delta V_{CC} = 0.1V$ Equivalent AC Test Circuit 4	23	32		dB
PSRR	Power supply rejection ratio ² (V _{CC2})	DC tested, $\Delta V_{CC} = 0.1V$ Equivalent AC Test Circuit 5	45	65		dB
PSRR	Power supply rejection ratio (ECL configuration) ²	f = 0.1MHz Test Circuit 6		23		dB
V _{OMAX}	Maximum differential output voltage swing	$R_L = \infty$ Test Circuit 8, Procedure 3	1.7	3.2		V _{P-P}
V _{IN MAX}	Maximum input amplitude for output duty cycle of $50\pm5\%^3$	Test Circuit 7	160			mV _{P-P}
R	Rise time for 50mV output signal ⁴	Test Circuit 7		0.8	1.8	ns

NOTES:

Package parasitic capacitance amounts to about 0.2pF
PSRR is output referenced and is circuit board layout dependent at higher frequencies. For best performance use RF filter in V_{CC} lines.
Guaranteed by linearity and overload tests.

4. t_R defined as 20-80% rise time. It is guaranteed by -3dB bandwidth test.

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TEST CIRCUITS

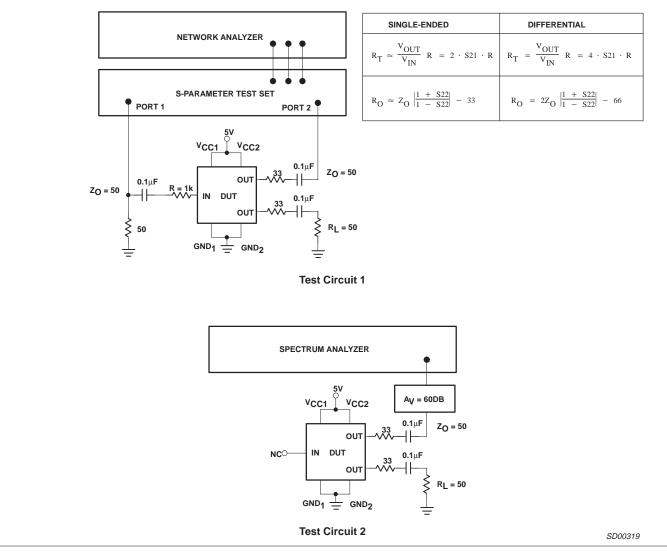


Figure 2. Test Circuits 1 and 2

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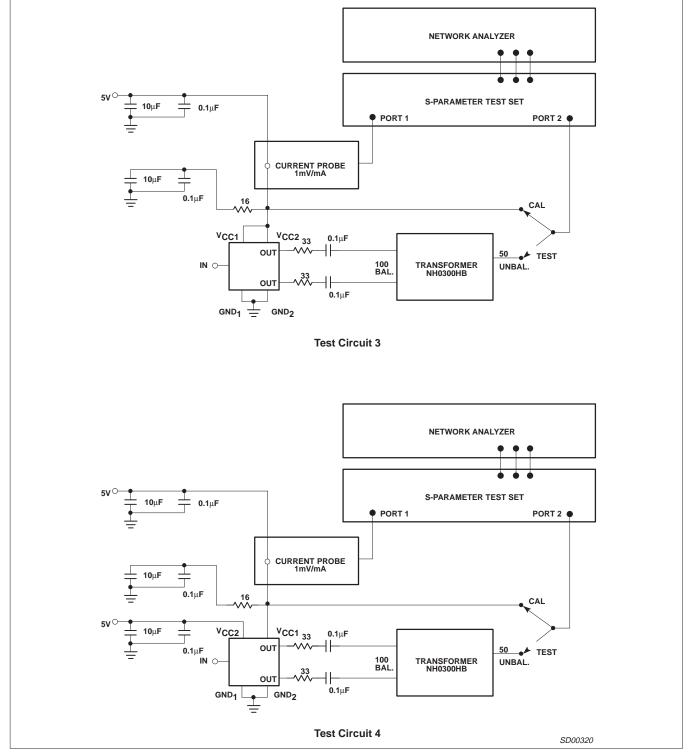


Figure 3. Test Circuits 3 and 4

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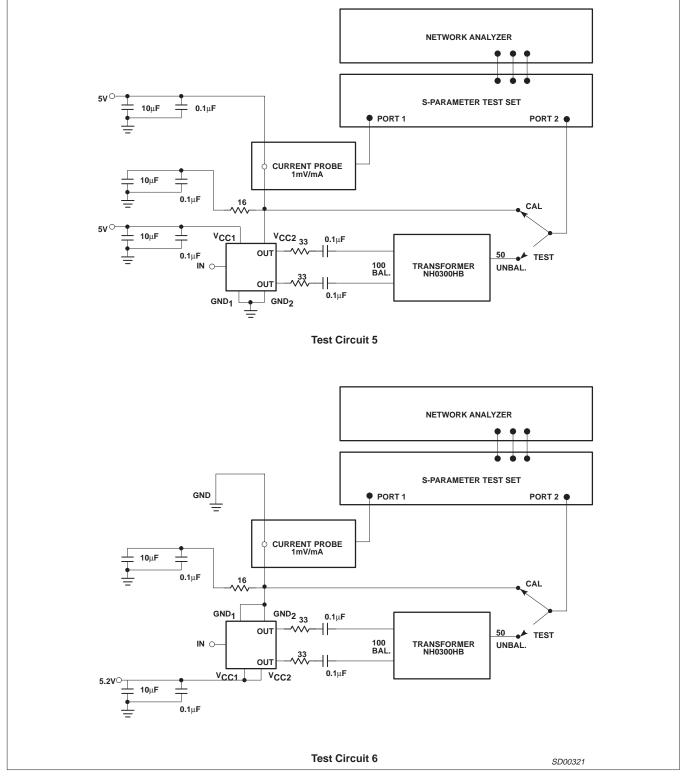


Figure 4. Test Circuits 5 and 6

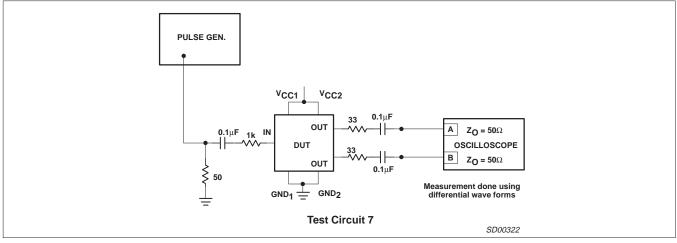


Figure 5. Test Circuit 7

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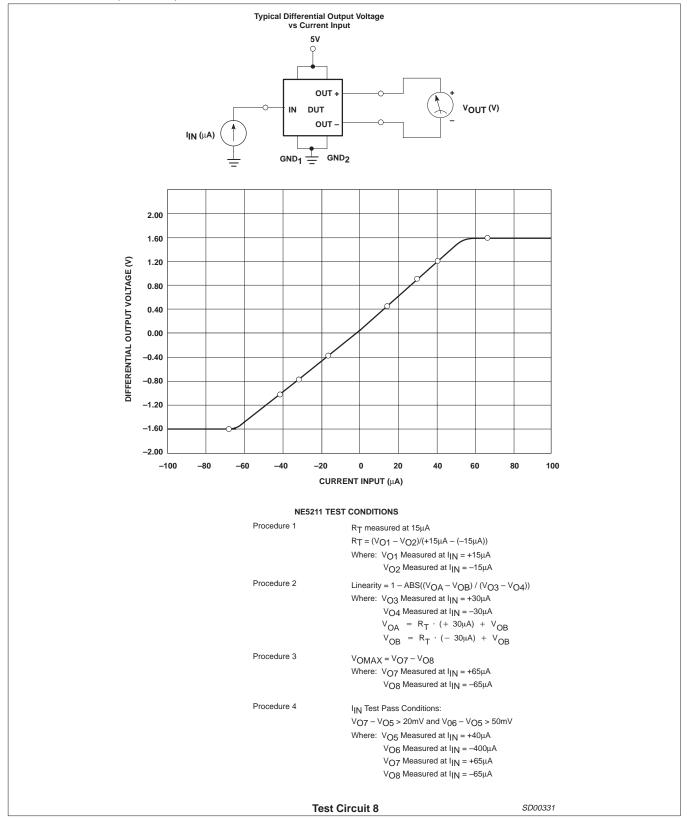
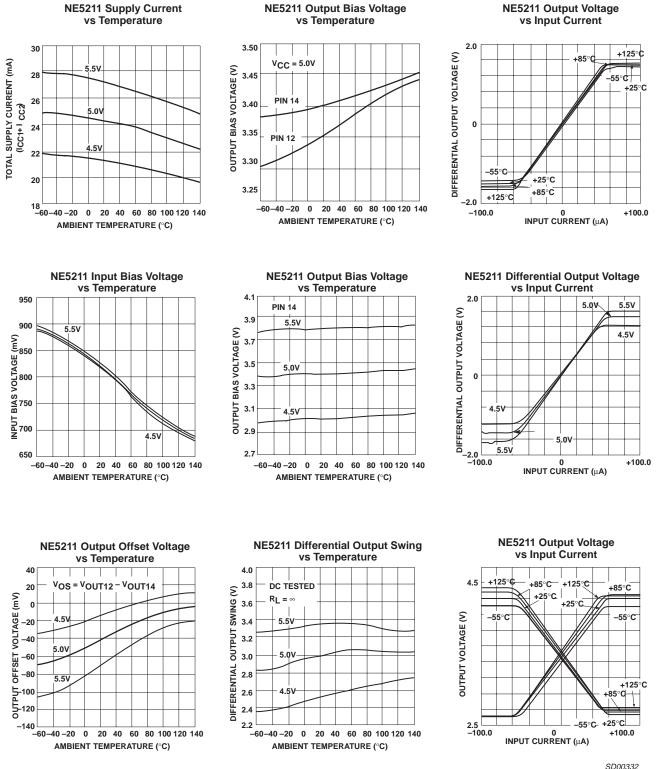


Figure 6. Test Circuit 8

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

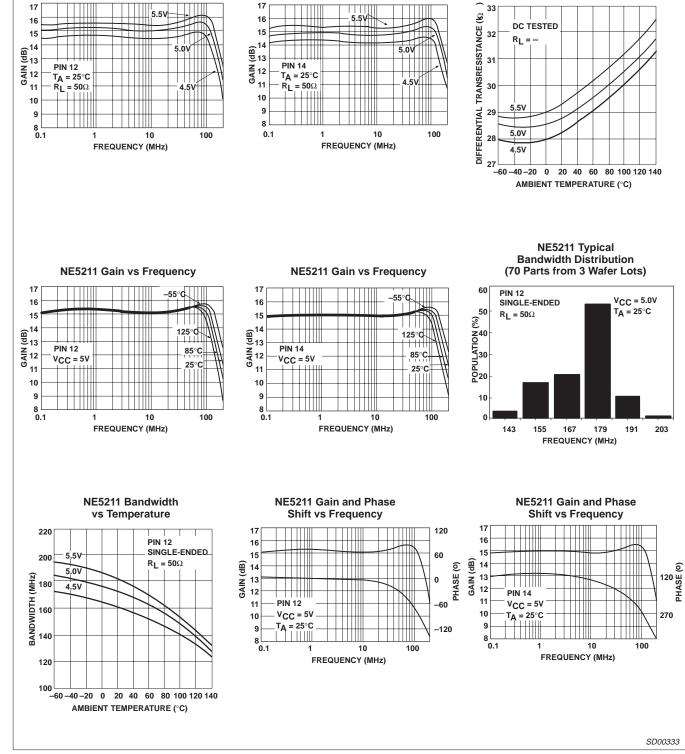




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Figure 8. Typical Performance Characteristics (cont.)

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NE5211 Differential Transresistance

vs Temperature

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

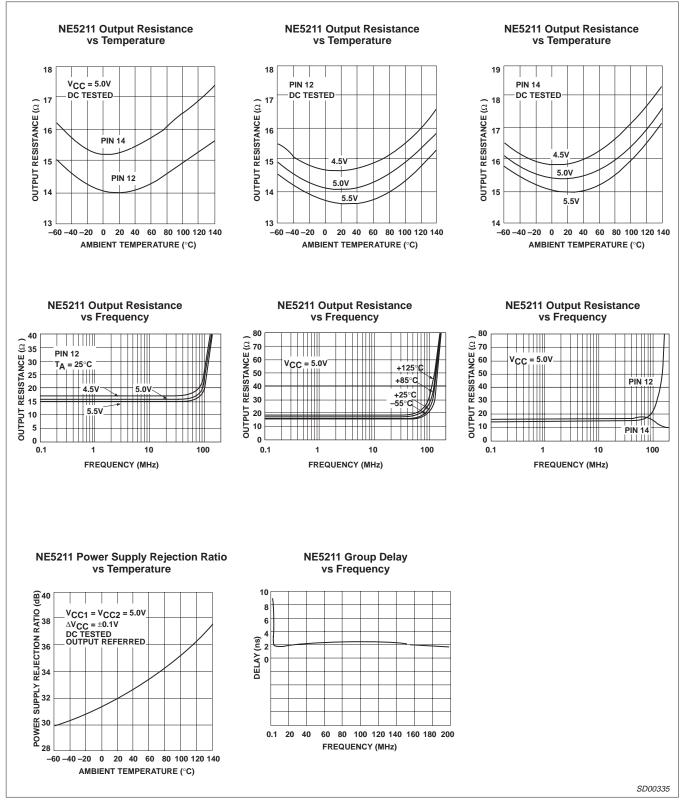


Figure 9. Typical Performance Characteristics (cont.)

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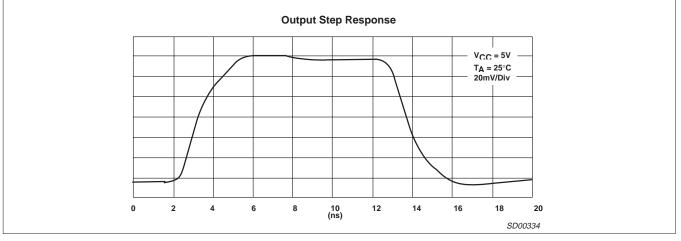


Figure 10. Typical Performance Characteristics (cont.)

THEORY OF OPERATION

Transimpedance amplifiers have been widely used as the preamplifier in fiber-optic receivers. The SA5211 is a wide bandwidth (typically 180MHz) transimpedance amplifier designed primarily for input currents requiring a large dynamic range, such as those produced by a laser diode. The maximum input current before output stage clipping occurs at typically 50µA. The SA5211 is a bipolar transimpedance amplifier which is current driven at the input and generates a differential voltage signal at the outputs. The forward transfer function is therefore a ratio of the differential output voltage to a given input current with the dimensions of ohms. The main feature of this amplifier is a wideband, low-noise input stage which is desensitized to photodiode capacitance variations. When connected to a photodiode of a few picoFarads, the frequency response will not be degraded significantly. Except for the input stage, the entire signal path is differential to provide improved power-supply rejection and ease of interface to ECL type circuitry. A block diagram of the circuit is shown in Figure 11. The input stage (A1) employs shunt-series feedback to stabilize the current gain of the amplifier. The transresistance of the amplifier from the current source to the emitter of Q₃ is approximately the value of the feedback resistor, $R_F=14.4k\Omega$. The gain from the second stage (A2) and emitter followers (A3 and A4) is about two. Therefore, the differential transresistance of the entire amplifier, RT is

$$R_T = \frac{V_{OUT}(diff)}{I_{IN}} = 2R_F = 2(14.4K) = 28.8k\Omega$$

The single-ended transresistance of the amplifier is typically 14.4kΩ.

The simplified schematic in Figure 12 shows how an input current is converted to a differential output voltage. The amplifier has a

single input for current which is referenced to Ground 1. An input current from a laser diode, for example, will be converted into a voltage by the feedback resistor R_F. The transistor Q1 provides most of the open loop gain of the circuit, A_{VOL}≈70. The emitter follower Q₂ minimizes loading on Q₁. The transistor Q₄, resistor R₇, and V_{B1} provide level shifting and interface with the Q₁₅ – Q₁₆ differential pair of the second stage which is biased with an internal reference, V_{B2}. The differential outputs are derived from emitter followers Q₁₁ – Q₁₂ which are biased by constant current sources. The collectors of

 $Q_{11} - Q_{12}$ are bonded to an external pin, V_{CC2} , in order to reduce the feedback to the input stage. The output impedance is about 17 Ω single-ended. For ease of performance evaluation, a 33 Ω resistor is used in series with each output to match to a 50 Ω test system.

BANDWIDTH CALCULATIONS

The input stage, shown in Figure 13, employs shunt-series feedback to stabilize the current gain of the amplifier. A simplified analysis can determine the performance of the amplifier. The equivalent input capacitance, C_{IN}, in parallel with the source, I_S, is approximately 7.5pF, assuming that C_S=0 where C_S is the external source capacitance.

Since the input is driven by a current source the input must have a low input resistance. The input resistance, R_{IN} , is the ratio of the incremental input voltage, V_{IN} , to the corresponding input current, I_{IN} and can be calculated as:

$$R_{IN} = \frac{V_{IN}}{I_{IN}} = \frac{R_F}{1 + A_{VOL}} = \frac{14.4K}{71} = 203\Omega$$

More exact calculations would yield a higher value of 200Ω .

Thus CIN and RIN will form the dominant pole of the entire amplifier;

$$f_{-3dB} = \frac{1}{2\pi R_{IN} C_{IN}}$$

Assuming typical values for R_F = 14.4k Ω , R_{IN} = 200 Ω , C_{IN} = 4pF

$$f_{-3dB} = \frac{1}{2\pi \ 4pF \ 200\Omega} = 200MHz$$

The operating point of Q1, Figure 12, has been optimized for the lowest current noise without introducing a second dominant pole in the pass-band. All poles associated with subsequent stages have been kept at sufficiently high enough frequencies to yield an overall single pole response. Although wider bandwidths have been achieved by using a cascade input stage configuration, the present solution has the advantage of a very uniform, highly desensitized frequency response because the Miller effect dominates over the external photodiode and stray capacitances. For example, assuming a source capacitance of 1pF, input stage voltage gain of 70, R_{IN} =

 60Ω then the total input capacitance, C_{IN} = 4 pF which will lead to only a 12% bandwidth reduction.

NOISE

Most of the currently installed fiber-optic systems use non-coherent transmission and detect incident optical power. Therefore, receiver noise performance becomes very important. The input stage achieves a low input referred noise current (spectral density) of 2.9pA/ \sqrt{Hz} . The transresistance configuration assures that the external high value bias resistors often required for photodiode biasing will not contribute to the total noise system noise. The equivalent input _{RMS} noise current is strongly determined by the quiescent current of Q₁, the feedback resistor R_F, and the bandwidth; however, it is not dependent upon the internal Miller-capacitance. The measured wideband noise was 41nA RMS in a 200MHz bandwidth.

DYNAMIC RANGE CALCULATIONS

The electrical dynamic range can be defined as the ratio of maximum input current to the peak noise current:

Electrical dynamic range, D_E, in a 200MHz bandwidth assuming $I_{INMAX} = 60\mu$ A and a wideband noise of I_{EQ} =41nA_{RMS} for an external source capacitance of C_S = 1pF.

$$D_E = \frac{(Max. input current)}{(Peak noise current)}$$

$$D_{E}(dB) = 20 \log \frac{(60 \cdot 10^{-6})}{(\sqrt{2} \ 41 \ 10^{-9})}$$
$$D_{E}(dB) = 20 \log \frac{(60 \mu A)}{(58 \mu A)} = 60 dB$$

In order to calculate the optical dynamic range the incident optical power must be considered.

For a given wavelength λ ;

Energy of one Photon = $\frac{hc}{\lambda}$ watt sec (Joule)

Where h=Planck's Constant = 6.6×10^{-34} Joule sec.

c = speed of light = 3×10^8 m/sec

c / λ = optical frequency

No. of incident photons/sec= $\frac{\frac{P}{hs}}{\lambda}$ where P=optical incident power No. of generated electrons/sec = $\eta \cdot \frac{\frac{P}{hs}}{\lambda}$

where η = quantum efficiency

$$= \frac{\text{no. of generated electron hole paris}}{\text{no. of incident photons}}$$
$$\therefore I = \eta \cdot \frac{\frac{P}{hs}}{\lambda} \cdot e \text{ Amps (Coulombs/sec.)}$$

where $e = electron charge = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ Coulombs

Responsivity R =
$$\frac{\eta \cdot e}{\frac{hs}{\lambda}}$$
Amp/watt
I = P \cdot R

Assuming a data rate of 400 Mbaud (Bandwidth, B=200MHz), the noise parameter Z may be calculated as:¹

$$Z = \frac{I_{EQ}}{qB} = \frac{41 \cdot 10^{-9}}{(1.6 \cdot 10^{-19})(200 \cdot 10^{6})} = 1281$$

where Z is the ratio of _{RMS} noise output to the peak response to a single hole-electron pair. Assuming 100% photodetector quantum efficiency, half mark/half space digital transmission, 850nm lightwave and using Gaussian approximation, the minimum required optical power to achieve 10^{-9} BER is:

$$P_{avMIN} = 12 \frac{nc}{\lambda} B Z = 12 \cdot 2.3 \cdot 10^{-19}$$

200 \cdot 10⁶ (1281) = 719nW = -31.5dBm
= 1139nW = -29.4dBm

where h is Planck's Constant, c is the speed of light, λ is the wavelength. The minimum input current to the SA5211, at this input power is:

$$I_{avMIN} = qP_{avMIN}\frac{\lambda}{hc} \quad \frac{1}{Joule} \cdot \frac{Joule}{sec} \cdot q = 1$$

$$= \frac{707 \cdot 10^{-9} \cdot 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19}}{2.3 \cdot 10^{-19}}$$

= 500nA

Choosing the maximum peak overload current of $I_{avMAX}\!=\!\!60\mu\text{A},$ the maximum mean optical power is:

$$P_{avMAX} = \frac{hcl_{avMAX}}{\lambda q} = \frac{2.3 \cdot 10^{-19}}{1.6 \cdot 10^{-19}} 60 \cdot 10\mu A$$

= 86\mu W or - 10.6dBm (optical)

Thus the optical dynamic range, D_O is:

1. S.D. Personick, *Optical Fiber Transmission Systems*, Plenum Press, NY, 1981, Chapter 3.

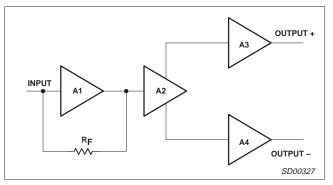


Figure 11. SA5211 – Block Diagram

This represents the maximum limit attainable with the SA5211 operating at 200MHz bandwidth, with a half mark/half space digital transmission at 850nm wavelength.

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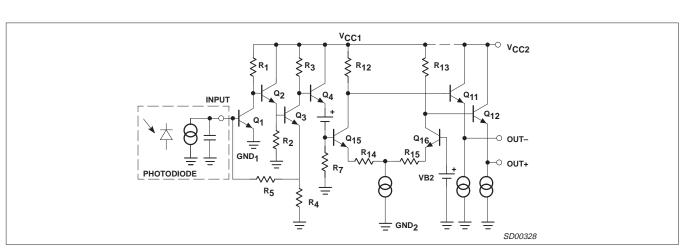


Figure 12. Transimpedance Amplifier

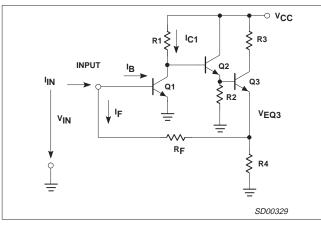


Figure 13. Shunt-Series Input Stage

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Package parasitics, particularly ground lead inductances and parasitic capacitances, can significantly degrade the frequency response. Since the SA5211 has differential outputs which can feed back signals to the input by parasitic package or board layout capacitances, both peaking and attenuating type frequency response shaping is possible. Constructing the board layout so that Ground 1 and Ground 2 have very low impedance paths has produced the best results. This was accomplished by adding a ground-plane stripe underneath the device connecting Ground 1, Pins 8–11, and Ground 2, Pins 1 and 2 on opposite ends of the SO14 package. This ground-plane stripe also provides isolation between the output return currents flowing to either V_{CC2} or Ground 2 and the input photodiode currents to flowing to Ground 1. Without this ground-plane stripe and with large lead inductances on the board, the part may be unstable and oscillate near 800MHz. The easiest way to realize that the part is not functioning normally is to measure the DC voltages at the outputs. If they are not close to their quiescent values of 3.3V (for a 5V supply), then the circuit may be oscillating. Input pin layout necessitates that the photodiode be physically very close to the input and Ground 1. Connecting Pins 3 and 5 to Ground 1 will tend to shield the input but it will also tend to increase the capacitance on the input and slightly reduce the bandwidth.

As with any high-frequency device, some precautions must be observed in order to enjoy reliable performance. The first of these is the use of a well-regulated power supply. The supply must be capable of providing varying amounts of current without significantly changing the voltage level. Proper supply bypassing requires that a good quality 0.1 μ F high-frequency capacitor be inserted between V_{CC1} and V_{CC2}, preferably a chip capacitor, as close to the package pins as possible. Also, the parallel combination of 0.1 μ F capacitors with 10 μ F tantalum capacitors from each supply, V_{CC1} and V_{CC2}, to the ground plane should provide adequate decoupling. Some applications may require an RF choke in series with the power supply line. Separate analog and digital ground leads must be maintained and printed circuit board ground plane should be employed whenever possible.

Figure 14 depicts a 50Mb/s TTL fiber-optic receiver using the BPF31, 850nm LED, the SA5211 and the SA5214 post amplifier.

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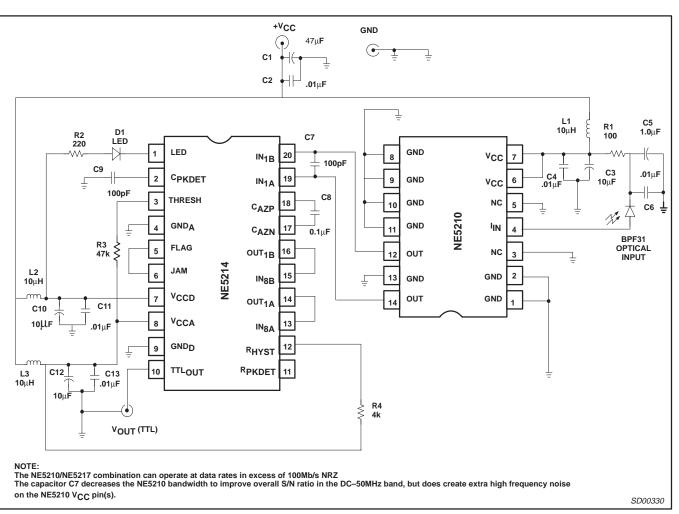


Figure 14. A 50Mb/s Fiber Optic Receiver

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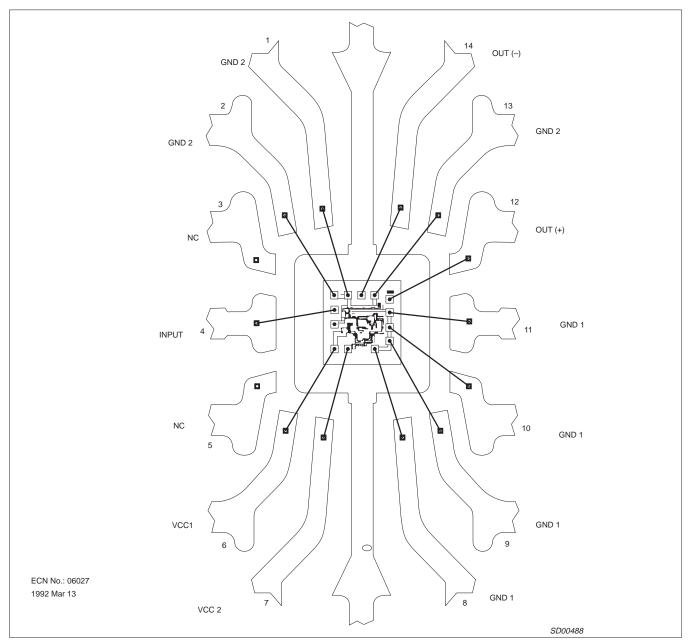


Figure 15. SA5211 Bonding Diagram

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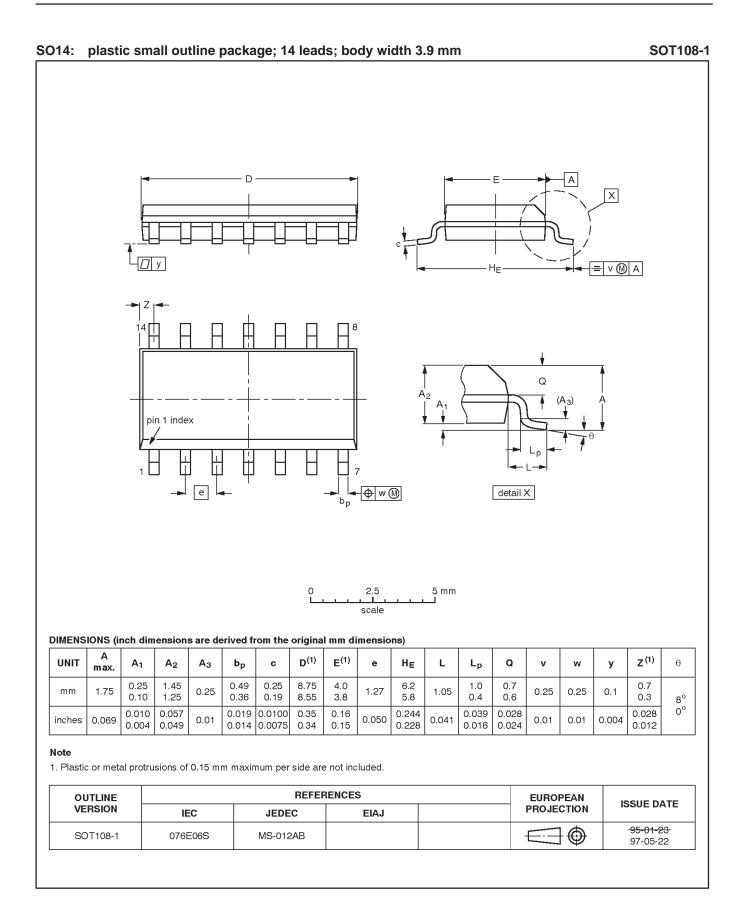
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