SP3222EB / SP3232EB

Data Sheet True +3.0V to +5.5V RS-232 Transceivers

General Description

The SP3222EB and SP3232EB series are RS-232 transceiver solutions intended for portable or hand-held applications such as notebook or laptop computers. The SP3222EB / SP3232EB series has a high-efficiency, charge-pump power supply that requires only 0.1µF capacitors in 3.3V operation. This charge pump allows the SP3222EB / SP3232EB series to deliver true RS-232 performance from a single power supply ranging from 3.0V to 5.5V. The SP3222EB / SP3232EB are 2-driver / 2-receiver devices. The ESD tolerance of the SP3222EB / SP3232E devices is over ±15kV for both Human Body Model and IEC61000-4-2 Air discharge test methods. The SP3222EB device has a low-power shutdown mode where the devices' driver outputs and charge pumps are disabled. During shutdown, the supply current falls to less than 1µA.

Features

- Meets true EIA / TIA-232-F standards from a 3.0V to 5.5V power supply
- 250kbps transmission rate under load
- 1µA low power shutdown with receivers active (SP3222EB)
- Interoperable with RS-232 down to a 2.7V power source
- Enhanced ESD specifications:
	- ±15kV Human Body Model
	- ±15kV IEC61000-4-2 Air Discharge
	- ±8kV IEC61000-4-2 Contact Discharge

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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Important: These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these ratings or any other above those indicated in the operation sections of the specifications below is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods of time may affect reliability and cause permanent damage to the device.

Table 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings

1. **V**+ and V- can have maximum magnitudes of 7V, but their absolute difference cannot exceed 13V. 2. Driver input hysteresis is typically 250mV.

ESD Ratings

Table 2: ESD Ratings

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Electrical Characteristics

Unless otherwise noted, the following specifications apply for V_{CC} = 3.0V to 5.5V with T_{AMB} = T_{MIN} to T_{MAX}, $C1 - C4 = 0.1 \mu F$.

Table 4: Electrical Characteristics

Table 4: (Continued) Electrical Characteristics

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Figure 6: Transmitter Output Voltage vs. Supply Voltage

2.7 3 3.5 4 4.5 5 Supply Voltage (V)

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Figure 7: Pinout Configurations for the SP3222EB and SP3232EB

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Description

The SP3222EB / SP3232EB transceivers meet the EIA / TIA-232 and ITU-T V.28/V.24 communication protocols and can be implemented in battery-powered, portable, or hand-held applications such as notebook or palmtop computers. The SP3222EB / SP3232EB devices feature MaxLinear's proprietary on-board charge pump circuitry that generates ±5.5V for RS-232 voltage levels from a single 3.0V to 5.5V power supply. This series is ideal for 3.3V-only systems, mixed 3.3V to 5.5V systems, or 5.0V-only systems that require true RS-232 performance. The SP3222EB / SP3232EB devices can operate at a data rate of 250kbps when fully loaded.

The SP3222EB and SP3232EB are 2-driver / 2-receiver devices ideal for portable or hand-held applications. The SP3222EB features a 1µA shutdown mode that reduces power consumption and extends battery life in portable systems. Its receivers remain active in shutdown mode, allowing external devices such as modems to be monitored using only 1µA supply current.

Theory of Operation

The SP3222EB/SP3232EB series is made up of three basic circuit blocks:

- 1. Drivers
- 2. Receivers
- 3. The MaxLinear proprietary charge pump

Drivers

The drivers are inverting level transmitters that convert TTL or CMOS logic levels to 5.0V EIA / TIA-232 levels with an inverted sense relative to the input logic levels. Typically, the RS-232 output voltage swing is ±5.4V with no load and ±5V minimum fully loaded. The driver outputs are protected against infinite short-circuits to ground without degradation in reliability. Driver outputs will meet EIA / TIA-562 levels of ±3.7V with supply voltages as low as 2.7V.

The drivers can guarantee a data rate of 250kbps fully loaded with 3kΩ in parallel with 1000pF, ensuring compatibility with PC-to-PC communication software.

The slew rate of the driver is internally limited to a maximum of 30V/us in order to meet the EIA standards (EIA RS-232D 2.1.7, Paragraph 5). The transition of the loaded output from HIGH to LOW also meet the monotonicity requirements of the standard.

[Figure 10](#page-11-3) shows a loopback test circuit used to test the RS-232 Drivers. [Figure 11](#page-11-4) shows the test results of the loopback circuit with all drivers active at 120kbps with RS-232 loads in parallel with a 1000pF capacitor. [Figure 12](#page-12-2) shows the test results where one driver was active at 250kbps and all drivers loaded with an RS-232 receiver in parallel with 1000pF capacitors. A solid RS-232 data transmission rate of 250kbps provides compatibility with many designs in personal computer peripherals and LAN applications.

Figure 10: SP3222EB / SP3232EB Driver Loopback Test Circuit

Figure 12: Loopback Test Results at 250kbps

The SP3222EB driver's output stages are turned off (tristate) when the device is in shutdown mode. When the power is off, the SP3222EB device permits the outputs to be driven up to ±12V. The driver's inputs do not have pullup resistors. Designers should connect unused inputs to V_{CC} or GND.

In the shutdown mode, the supply current falls to less than 1 μ A, where $\overline{\text{SHDN}}$ = LOW. When the SP3222EB device is shut down, the device's driver outputs are disabled (tristated) and the charge pumps are turned off with V+ pulled down to V_{CC} and V- pulled to GND. The time required to exit shutdown is typically 100µs. Connect $\overline{\text{SHDN}}$ to V_{CC} if the shutdown mode is not used.

Receivers

The receivers convert EIA / TIA-232 levels to TTL or CMOS logic output levels. The SP3222EB receivers have an inverting tri-state output. These receiver outputs (RxOUT) are tri-stated when the enable control EN = HIGH. In the shutdown mode, the receivers can be active or inactive. EN has no effect on TxOUT. The truth table logic of the SP3222EB driver and receiver outputs can be found in [Table 6](#page-12-3).

Table 6: SP3222EB Truth Table Logic for Shutdown and Enable Control

Since receiver input is usually from a transmission line where long cable lengths and system interference can degrade the signal, the inputs have a typical hysteresis margin of 300mV. This ensures that the receiver is virtually immune to noisy transmission lines. Should an input be left unconnected, an internal 5kΩ pulldown resistor to ground will commit the output of the receiver to a HIGH state.

Charge Pump

The charge pump is an MaxLinear-patented design (U.S. 5,306,954) and uses a unique approach compared to older less-efficient designs. The charge pump still requires four external capacitors, but uses a four-phase voltage shifting technique to attain symmetrical 5.5V power supplies. The internal power supply consists of a regulated dual charge pump that provides output voltages of ±5.5V regardless of the input voltage (V_{CC}) over the 3.0V to 5.5V range.

In most circumstances, decoupling the power supply can be achieved adequately using a 0.1µF bypass capacitor at C5 (refer to [Figure 8](#page-10-1) and [Figure 9\)](#page-10-2).

In applications that are sensitive to power-supply noise, decouple V_{CC} to ground with a capacitor of the same value as charge-pump capacitor C1. Physically connect bypass capacitors as close to the IC as possible.

The charge pump operates in a discontinuous mode using an internal oscillator. If the output voltages are less than a magnitude of 5.5V, the charge pump is enabled. If the output voltages exceed a magnitude of 5.5V, the charge pump is disabled. This oscillator controls the four phases of the voltage shifting. A description of each phase follows.

Phase 1: V_{SS} charge storage

During this phase of the clock cycle, the positive side of capacitors C_1 and C_2 are initially charged to V_{CC} . C_1^+ is then switched to GND and the charge in \mathtt{C}_1^- is transferred to C $_2^-$. Since C $_2^+$ is connected to V_{CC}, the voltage potential across capacitor C_2 is now 2 times V_{CC} .

Phase 2: V_{SS} transfer

Phase two of the clock connects the negative terminal of C_2 to the V_{SS} storage capacitor and the positive terminal of C_2 to GND. This transfers a negative generated voltage to C_3 . This generated voltage is regulated to a minimum voltage of –5.5V. Simultaneous with the transfer of the voltage to C_3 , the positive side of capacitor C_1 is switched to V_{CC} and the negative side is connected to GND.

Phase 3: V_{DD} charge storage

The third phase of the clock is identical to the first phase; the charge transferred in C_1 produces $-V_{CC}$ in the negative terminal of C_1 , which is applied to the negative side of capacitor C_2 . Since C_2^+ is at V_{CC} , the voltage potential across C_2 is 2 times V_{CC} .

Phase 4: V_{DD} transfer

The fourth phase of the clock connects the negative terminal of C_2 to GND, and transfers this positive generated voltage across C_2 to C_4 , the V_{DD} storage capacitor. This voltage is regulated to 5.5V. At this voltage, the internal oscillator is disabled. Simultaneous with the transfer of the voltage to C_4 , the positive side of capacitor C_1 is switched to V_{CC} and the negative side is connected to GND, allowing the charge pump cycle to begin again. The charge pump cycle will continue as long as the operational conditions for the internal oscillator are present.

Since both V+ and V- are separately generated from V_{CC} , in a no-load condition V+ and V- will be symmetrical. Older charge pump approaches that generate V- from V+ will show a decrease in the magnitude of V- compared to V+ due to the inherent inefficiencies in the design.

The clock rate for the charge pump typically operates at greater than 250kHz. The external capacitors can be as low as 0.1µF with a 16V breakdown voltage rating.

Figure 13: Charge Pump — Phase 1

Figure 14: Charge Pump — Phase 2

Figure 15: Charge Pump Waveforms

Figure 16: Charge Pump — Phase 3

Figure 17: Charge Pump — Phase 4

ESD Tolerance

The SP3222EB / SP3232EB Series incorporates ruggedized ESD cells on all driver output and receiver input pins. The ESD structure is improved over our previous family for more rugged applications and environments sensitive to electro-static discharges and associated transients. The improved ESD tolerance is at least ±15kV without damage nor latch-up.

There are different methods of ESD testing applied:

- **a.** MIL-STD-883, Method 3015.7
- **b.** IEC61000-4-2 Air-Discharge
- **c.** IEC61000-4-2 Direct Contact

The Human Body Model has been the generally accepted ESD testing method for semiconductors. This method is also specified in MIL-STD-883, Method 3015.7 for ESD testing. The premise of this ESD test is to simulate the human body's potential to store electro-static energy and discharge it to an integrated circuit. The simulation is performed by using a test model as shown in [Figure 18](#page-14-1). This method will test the IC's capability to withstand an ESD transient during normal handling such as in manufacturing areas where the IC's tend to be handled frequently.

Figure 18: ESD Test Circuit for Human Body Model

The IEC61000-4-2, formerly IEC801-2, is generally used for testing ESD on equipment and systems. System manufacturers must guarantee a certain amount of ESD protection since the system itself is exposed to the outside environment and human presence. The premise with IEC61000-4-2 is that the system is required to withstand an amount of static electricity when ESD is applied to points and surfaces of the equipment that are accessible to personnel during normal usage. The transceiver IC receives most of the ESD current when the ESD source is applied to the connector pins. The test circuit for IEC61000-4-2 is shown on [Figure 19.](#page-14-2) There are two methods within IEC61000-4-2, the Air Discharge method and the Contact Discharge method.

Figure 19: ESD Test Circuit for IEC61000-4-2

With the Air Discharge Method, an ESD voltage is applied to the equipment under test (EUT) through air. This simulates an electrically charged person ready to connect a cable onto the rear of the system only to find an unpleasant zap just before the person touches the back panel. The high energy potential on the person discharges through an arcing path to the rear panel of the system before he or she even touches the system. This energy, whether discharged directly or through air, is predominantly a function of the discharge current rather than the discharge voltage. Variables with an air discharge such as approach speed of the object carrying the ESD potential to the system and humidity will tend to change the discharge current. For example, the rise time of the discharge current varies with the approach speed.

The Contact Discharge Method applies the ESD current directly to the EUT. This method was devised to reduce the unpredictability of the ESD arc. The discharge current rise time is constant since the energy is directly transferred without the air-gap arc. In situations such as hand held systems, the ESD charge can be directly discharged to the equipment from a person already holding the equipment. The current is transferred on to the keypad or the serial port of the equipment directly and then travels through the PCB and finally to the IC.

The circuit model in [Figure 18](#page-14-1) and [Figure 19](#page-14-2) represent the typical ESD testing circuit used for all three methods. The C_S is initially charged with the DC power supply when the first switch (SW1) is on. Now that the capacitor is charged, the second switch (SW2) is on while SW1 switches off.The voltage stored in the capacitor is then applied through R_s , the current limiting resistor, onto the device under test (DUT). In ESD tests, the SW2 switch is pulsed so that the device under test receives a duration of voltage.

For the Human Body Model, the current limiting resistor (R_S) and the source capacitor (C_S) are 1.5k Ω and 100pF, respectively. For IEC-61000-4-2, the current limiting resistor (R_S) and the source capacitor (C_S) are 330 Ω and 150pF, respectively.

The higher C_S value and lower R_S value in the IEC61000-4-2 model are more stringent than the Human Body Model. The larger storage capacitor injects a higher voltage to the test point when SW2 is switched on. The lower current limiting resistor increases the current charge onto the test point.

Figure 20: ESD Test Waveform for IEC61000-4-2

Mechanical Dimensions

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Figure 21: Mechanical Dimensions, SSOP20

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 $L2$

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 0.09 \overline{O}^*

 7.40 7.80

 0.65 BSC

1.25 REF

 0.25 BSC

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8.20 0.291 0.307 0.323

 0.026 BSC

0.049 REF

0.010 BSC

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NSOIC16

Side View

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Figure 23: Mechanical Dimensions, NSOIC16

TSSOP16

Side View

Front View

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Figure 24: Mechanical Dimensions, TSSOP16

TSSOP20

Front View

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Figure 25: Mechanical Dimensions, TSSOP20

QFN16 5x5

TERMINAL DETAILS

- ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS.
- DIMENSIONS AND TOLERANCE PER JEDEC MO-220.

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Figure 26: Mechanical Dimensions, QFN16 5x5

Ordering Information

Table 7: Ordering Information(1)

1. Refer to www.maxlinear.com/SP3222EB and [www.maxlinear.com/SP3232EB f](http://www.maxlinear.com/SP3232EB)or most up-to-date Ordering Information.

2. Visitwww.maxlinear.com for additional information on Environmental Rating.