



General Description

The SP3243E products (SP3243E, SP3243EB, SP3243EH, and SP3243EU) are 3 driver/5 receiver RS-232 transceiver solutions intended for portable or hand-held applications such as notebook and palmtop computers. The SP3243E includes one complementary receiver that remains alert to monitor an external device's Ring Indicate signal while the device is shutdown. The SP3243E and EB devices feature slew-rate limited outputs for reduced crosstalk and EMI. The "EU" and "EH" series are optimized for high speed with data rates up to 1Mbps, easily meeting the demands of high speed RS-232 applications. The SP3243E series uses an internal high-efficiency charge-pump power supply that requires only 0.1 μ F capacitors for operation. This charge pump and MaxLinear's driver architecture allow the SP3243E series to deliver compliant RS-232 performance from a single power supply ranging from +3.0V to +5.5V. The AUTO-ONLINE[®] feature allows the device to automatically "wake-up" during a shutdown state when an RS-232 cable is connected and a connected peripheral is turned on. Otherwise, the device automatically shuts itself down, drawing less than 1 μ A.

Features

- Meets true EIA/TIA-232-F standards from a +3.0V to +5.5V power supply
- Interoperable with EIA/TIA-232 and adheres to EIA/TIA-562 down to a +2.7V power source
- AUTO-ONLINE[®] circuitry automatically wakes up from a 1 μ A shutdown
- Regulated Charge Pump yields stable RS-232 outputs regardless of V_{CC} variations
- Enhanced ESD specifications:
 - \pm 15kV Human Body Model
 - \pm 15kV IEC61000-4-2 Air Discharge
 - \pm 8kV IEC61000-4-2 Contact Discharge
- 250kbps minimum transmission rate (EB)
- 1000kbps minimum transmission rate (EU)
- Ideal for high speed RS-232 applications

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Selection Table

Table 1: SP3243E Selection Table

Device	Power Supplies	RS-232 Drivers	RS-232 Receivers	External Components	AUTO-ONLINE [®] Circuitry	TTL 3-State	# of Pins	Data Rate (kbps)	ESD Rating
SP3243E	+3.0V to +5.5V	3	5	4 capacitors	Yes	Yes	28	120	15kV
SP3243EB	+3.0V to +5.5V	3	5	4 capacitors	Yes	Yes	28	250	15kV
SP3243EH	+3.0V to +5.5V	3	5	4 capacitors	Yes	Yes	28	460	15kV
SP3243EU	+3.0V to +5.5V	3	5	4 capacitors	Yes	Yes	28/32	1000	15kV

Revision History

Revision	Release Date	Change Description
--	02/05/06	Legacy Sipex Datasheet
1.0.0	7/23/09	Convert to Exar Format, Update ordering information and change revision to 1.0.0.
1.0.1	11/10/09	Add missing (EH) model identification for Driver output Skew and Transition-Region Slew Rate specification and change revision to 1.0.1.
1.0.2	06/06/11	Remove obsolete devices per PDN 110510-01 and change ESD rating to IEC61000-4-2.
1.0.3	05/24/19	Convert to MaxLinear format. Update Ordering Information and remove obsolete devices. Move pinouts to Pin Information section. Add ESD rating table to Absolute Maximum section. Remove obsolete WSOIC28 package information.
1.0.4	December 1, 2021	Updated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ In "Absolute Maximum Ratings" table, replaced "$V_{CC} + 6.0$" maximum value for the "TxIN, ONLINE, SHUTDOWN" parameter with "6.0".
1.0.5	May 25, 2022	Updated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ General document revision. ■ "General Description" section. ■ In "SP3243E Selection Table" table, number of pins for the SP3243EU device. ■ In "Absolute Maximum Ratings" table, maximum value of RxIN parameter. ■ In "Electrical Characteristics" table, values of DC Characteristics parameters. ■ "Transmitter Skew vs. Load Capacitance" figure. ■ "Transmitter Output Voltage vs. Supply Voltage for the SP3243EU" figure frame. ■ "Supply Current vs. Load Capacitance for the SP3243EU" figure frame. ■ "Typical Slew Rate vs. Load Capacitance for the SP3243E and SP3243EB" figure. ■ "SP3243E Typical Operating Circuit" figure. ■ "Interface Circuitry Controlled by Microprocessor Supervisory Circuit" figure. ■ "Loopback Test Circuit for RS-232 Driver Data Transmission Rates" figure. ■ "Loopback Test Results at 1Mbps" figure. ■ "Loopback Test Results at 250kbps" figure. ■ "Charge Pump — Phase 1" figure. ■ "Charge Pump — Phase 2" figure. ■ "Charge Pump — Phase 3" figure. ■ "Charge Pump — Phase 4" figure. ■ "Phase 4: V_{DD} Transfer" section. ■ "Attaching SP3243E to a DB-9 Connector" figure. Added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ "Typical Slew Rate vs. Load Capacitance for the SP3243EH and SP3243EU" figure. ■ In "Device Pin Descriptions" table, PAD row.

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Specifications

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 ratings conditions for extended periods of time may affect reliability and cause permanent damage to the device.

Table 2: Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Units
V_{CC}	-0.3	6.0	V
$V_{+}^{(1)}$	-0.3	7.0	V
$V_{-}^{(1)}$	+0.3	-7.0	V
$V_{+} + V_{-} ^{(1)}$		+13	V
I_{CC} (DC V_{CC} or GND current)		± 100	mA
Input Voltages			
TxIN, <u>ONLINE</u> , <u>SHUTDOWN</u>	-0.3	6.0	V
RxIN		± 25	V
Output Voltages			
TxOUT		± 13.2	V
RxOUT, <u>STATUS</u>	-0.3	$V_{CC} + 0.3$	V
Short-Circuit Duration			
TxOUT		Continuous	
Temperature			
Storage temperature	-65	150	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Power Dissipation per Package			
28-pin SSOP (derate 11.2mW/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ above +70 $^{\circ}\text{C}$)		900	mW
28-pin TSSOP (derate 13.2mW/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ above +70 $^{\circ}\text{C}$)		1059	mW
32-pin QFN (derate 29.4mW/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ above +70 $^{\circ}\text{C}$)		2352	mW

1. V_{+} and V_{-} can have maximum magnitudes of 7V, but their absolute difference cannot exceed 13V.

ESD Ratings

Table 3: ESD Ratings

Parameter	Level	Value	Units
HBM — Human Body Model (driver outputs and receiver inputs)		± 15	kV
IEC61000-4-2 Air Discharge (driver outputs and receiver inputs)	4	± 15	kV
IEC61000-4-2 Contact Discharge (driver outputs and receiver inputs)	4	± 8	kV

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} , $C1 - C4 = 0.1\mu F$. Typical values apply at $V_{CC} = +3.3V$ or $+5.0V$ and $T_{AMB} = 25^{\circ}C$.

Table 4: Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Test Condition	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
DC Characteristics					
Supply current, AUTO-ONLINE®	All RxIN open, $\overline{ONLINE} = GND$, $\overline{SHUTDOWN} = V_{CC}$, $V_{CC} = 3.3V$, $T_{AMB} = 25^{\circ}C$, $TxIN = GND$ or V_{CC}		0.5	2.0	μA
Supply current, shutdown	$\overline{SHUTDOWN} = GND$, $V_{CC} = 3.3V$, $T_{AMB} = 25^{\circ}C$, $TxIN = V_{CC}$ or GND		0.5	2.0	μA
Supply current, AUTO-ONLINE® disabled	$\overline{ONLINE} = \overline{SHUTDOWN} = V_{CC}$, no load, $V_{CC} = 3.3V$, $T_{AMB} = +25^{\circ}C$, $TxIN = GND$ or V_{CC}		0.6	1.0	mA
Logic Inputs and Receiver Outputs					
Input logic threshold	Low	$V_{CC} = 3.3V$ or $5.0V$, $TxIN$, \overline{ONLINE} , $\overline{SHUTDOWN}$		0.8	V
	High		2.4		V
Input leakage current	$TxIN$, \overline{ONLINE} , $\overline{SHUTDOWN}$, $T_{AMB} = +25^{\circ}C$, $V_{IN} = 0V$ to V_{CC}		± 0.01	± 1.0	μA
Output leakage current	Receivers disabled, $V_{OUT} = 0V$ to V_{CC}		± 0.05	± 10	μA
Output voltage Low	$I_{OUT} = 1.6mA$			0.4	V
Output voltage High	$I_{OUT} = -1.0mA$	$V_{CC} - 0.6$	$V_{CC} - 0.1$		V
Driver Outputs					
Output voltage swing	All driver outputs loaded with $3k\Omega$ to GND, $T_{AMB} = +25^{\circ}C$	± 5.0	± 5.4		V
Output resistance	$V_{CC} = V+ = V- = 0V$, $V_{OUT} = \pm 2V$	300			Ω
Output short-circuit current	$V_{OUT} = 0V$		± 35	± 60	mA
Output leakage current	$V_{CC} = 0V$ or $3.0V$ to $5.5V$, $V_{OUT} = \pm 12V$, drivers disabled			± 25	μA
Receiver Inputs					
Input voltage range		-15		15	V
Input threshold Low	$V_{CC} = 3.3V$	0.6	1.2		V
	$V_{CC} = 5.0V$	0.8	1.5		V
Input threshold High	$V_{CC} = 3.3V$		1.5	2.4	V
	$V_{CC} = 5.0V$		1.8	2.4	V
Input hysteresis			0.3		V
Input resistance		3	5	7	k Ω

Table 4: Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Test Condition	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units	
AUTO-ONLINE [®] Circuitry Characteristics ($\overline{\text{ONLINE}} = \text{GND}$, $\overline{\text{SHUTDOWN}} = V_{\text{CC}}$) 25°C						
$\overline{\text{STATUS}}$ output voltage Low	$I_{\text{OUT}} = 1.6\text{mA}$			0.4	V	
$\overline{\text{STATUS}}$ output voltage High	$I_{\text{OUT}} = -1.0\text{mA}$	$V_{\text{CC}} - 0.6$			V	
Receiver threshold to drivers enabled (t_{ONLINE})	Figure 20		350		μs	
Receiver positive or negative threshold to $\overline{\text{STATUS}}$ High (t_{STSH})	Figure 20		0.2		μs	
Receiver positive or negative threshold to $\overline{\text{STATUS}}$ Low (t_{STSL})	Figure 20		30		μs	
Timing Characteristics						
Maximum data rate	U	$R_L = 3\text{k}\Omega$, $C_L = 250\text{pF}$, one driver active	1000			kbps
	H	$R_L = 3\text{k}\Omega$, $C_L = 1000\text{pF}$, one driver active	460			kbps
	B	$R_L = 3\text{k}\Omega$, $C_L = 1000\text{pF}$, one driver active	250			kbps
	-	$R_L = 3\text{k}\Omega$, $C_L = 1000\text{pF}$, one driver active	120			kbps
Receiver propagation delay	t_{PHL}	Receiver input to receiver output, $C_L = 150\text{pF}$		0.15		μs
	t_{PLH}			0.15		μs
Receiver output enable time		Normal operation		200		ns
Receiver output disable time		Normal operation		200		ns
Driver skew	E, EB	$ t_{\text{PHL}} - t_{\text{PLH}} $		100	500	ns
	EH, EU			50	100	ns
Receiver skew		$ t_{\text{PHL}} - t_{\text{PLH}} $		50		ns
Transition-region slew rate	EH, EU	$V_{\text{CC}} = 3.3\text{V}$, $R_L = 3\text{k}\Omega$, $T_{\text{AMB}} = 25^\circ\text{C}$, measurements taken from -3.0V to $+3.0\text{V}$ or $+3.0\text{V}$ to -3.0V		90		$\text{V}/\mu\text{s}$
	E, EB		6		30	$\text{V}/\mu\text{s}$

Typical Performance Characteristics

Unless otherwise noted, the following performance characteristics apply for $V_{CC} = +3.3V$, 1000kbps data rate, all transmitters loaded with 3k Ω , 0.1 μF charge pump capacitors, and $T_{AMB} = +25^{\circ}C$.

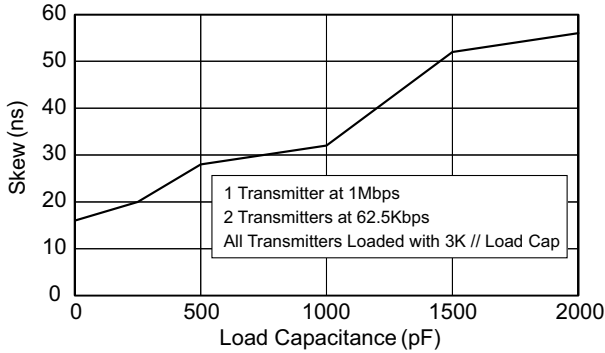


Figure 1: Transmitter Skew vs. Load Capacitance

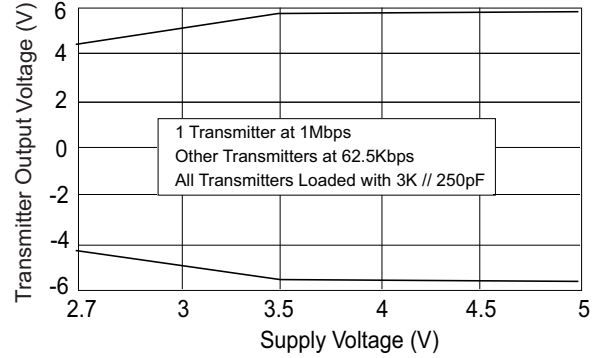


Figure 2: Transmitter Output Voltage vs. Supply Voltage for the SP3243EU

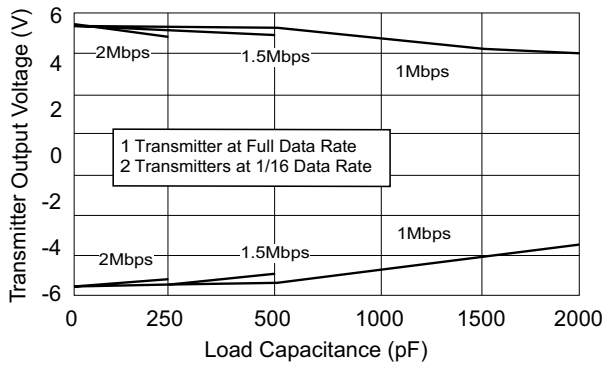


Figure 3: Transmitter Output Voltage vs. Load Capacitance for the SP3243EU

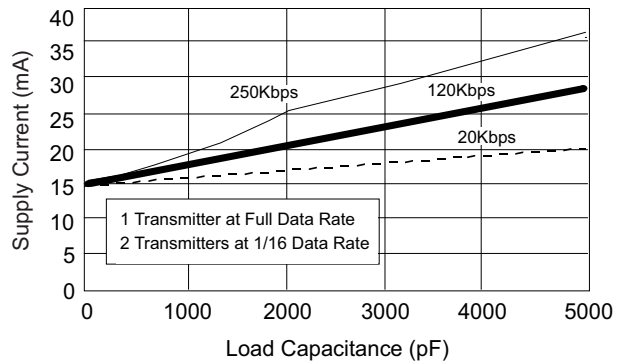


Figure 4: Supply Current vs. Load Capacitance for the SP3243EU

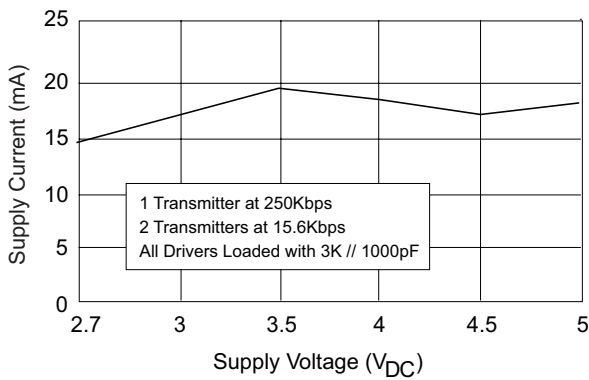


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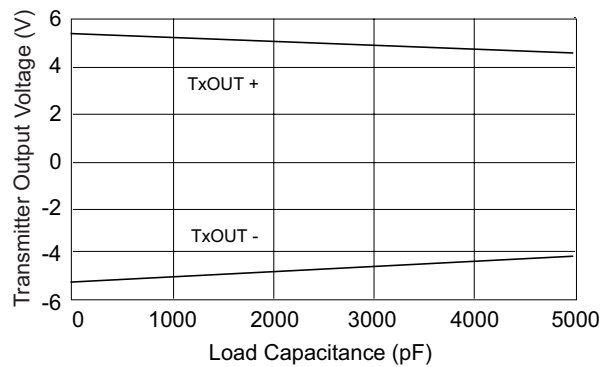


Figure 6: Transmitter Output Voltage vs. Load Capacitance for the SP3243EB

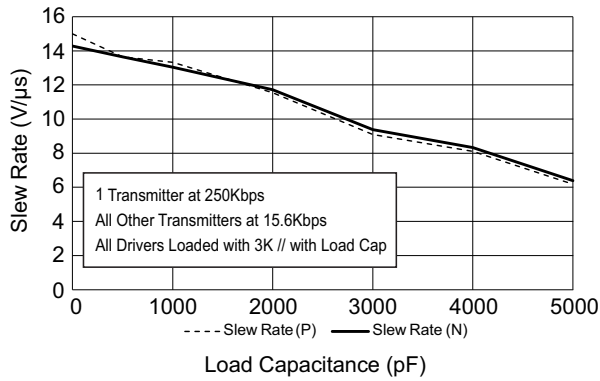


Figure 7: Typical Slew Rate vs. Load Capacitance for the SP3243E and SP3243EB

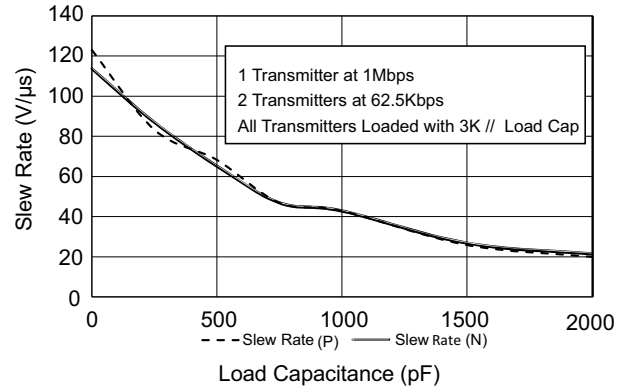


Figure 8: Typical Slew Rate vs. Load Capacitance for the SP3243EH and SP3243EU

Pin Information

Pin Configuration

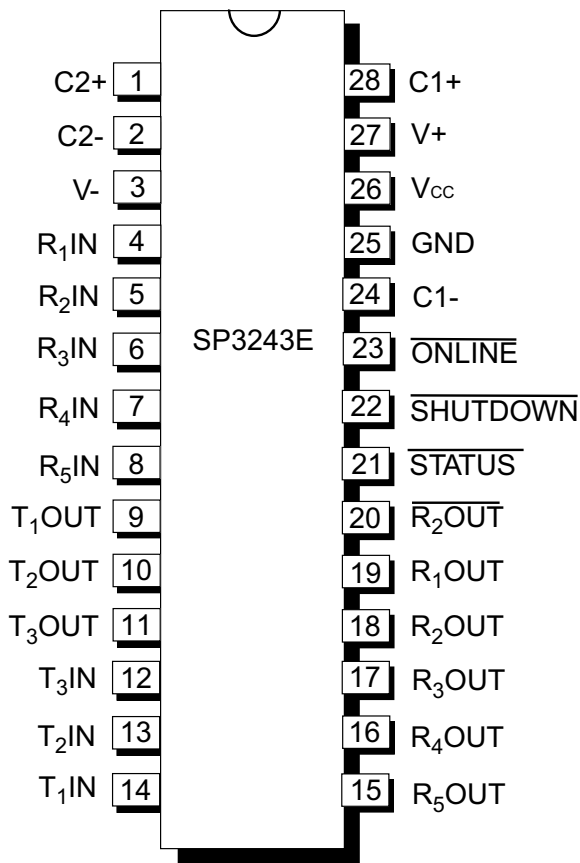


Figure 9: SP3243E Pinout (Top View) SSOP/TSSOP

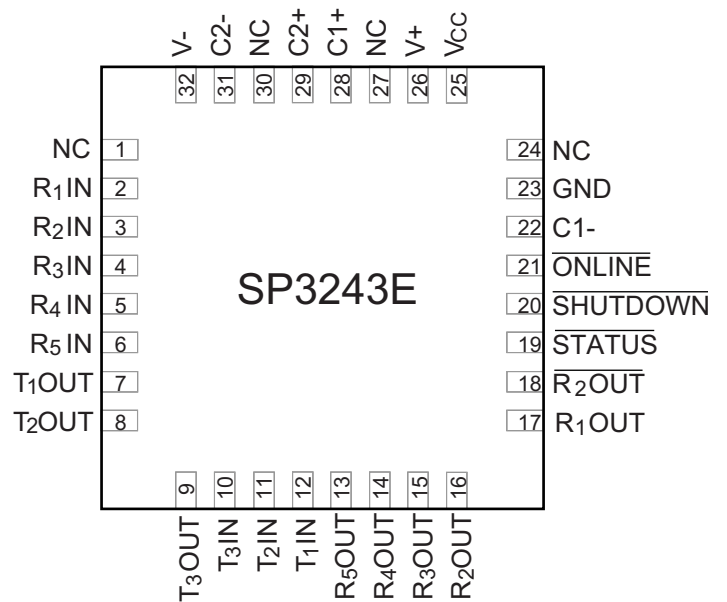


Figure 10: SP3243E Pinout (Top View) QFN32

Pin Descriptions

Table 5: Device Pin Descriptions

Name	Function	Pin Number	
		SP3243E SSOP and TSSOP	SP3243EUCR QFN
C1+	Positive terminal of the voltage doubler charge-pump capacitor	28	28
V+	Regulated +5.5V output generated by the charge pump	27	26
C1-	Negative terminal of the voltage doubler charge-pump capacitor	24	22
C2+	Positive terminal of the inverting charge-pump capacitor	1	29
C2-	Negative terminal of the inverting charge-pump capacitor	2	31
V-	Regulated -5.5V output generated by the charge pump	3	32
R ₁ IN	RS-232 receiver input	4	2
R ₂ IN	RS-232 receiver input	5	3
R ₃ IN	RS-232 receiver input	6	4
R ₄ IN	RS-232 receiver input	7	5
R ₅ IN	RS-232 receiver input	8	6
R ₁ OUT	TTL/CMOS receiver output	19	17
R ₂ OUT	TTL/CMOS receiver output	18	16
$\overline{R_2}$ OUT	Non-inverting receiver-2 output, active in shutdown	20	18
R ₃ OUT	TTL/CMOS receiver output	17	15
R ₄ OUT	TTL/CMOS receiver output	16	14
R ₅ OUT	TTL/CMOS receiver output	15	13
\overline{STATUS}	TTL/CMOS output indicating online and shutdown status	21	19
T ₁ IN	TTL/CMOS driver input	14	12
T ₂ IN	TTL/CMOS driver input	13	11
T ₃ IN	TTL/CMOS driver input	12	10
\overline{ONLINE}	Apply logic HIGH to override AUTO-ONLINE [®] circuitry keeping drivers active (SHUTDOWN must also be logic HIGH, refer to Table 6)	23	21
T ₁ OUT	RS-232 driver output	9	7
T ₂ OUT	RS-232 driver output	10	8
T ₃ OUT	RS-232 driver output	11	9
GND	Ground	25	23
V _{CC}	+3.0V to +5.5V supply voltage	26	25
$\overline{SHUTDOWN}$	Apply logic LOW to SHUTDOWN driver and charge pump. This overrides all AUTO-ONLINE [®] circuitry and \overline{ONLINE} (Refer to Table 6)	22	20
NC	No connection	-	1, 24, 27, 30
PAD	Exposed thermal PAD on QFN package. Recommended to connect to GND.	-	-

Typical Operating Circuit

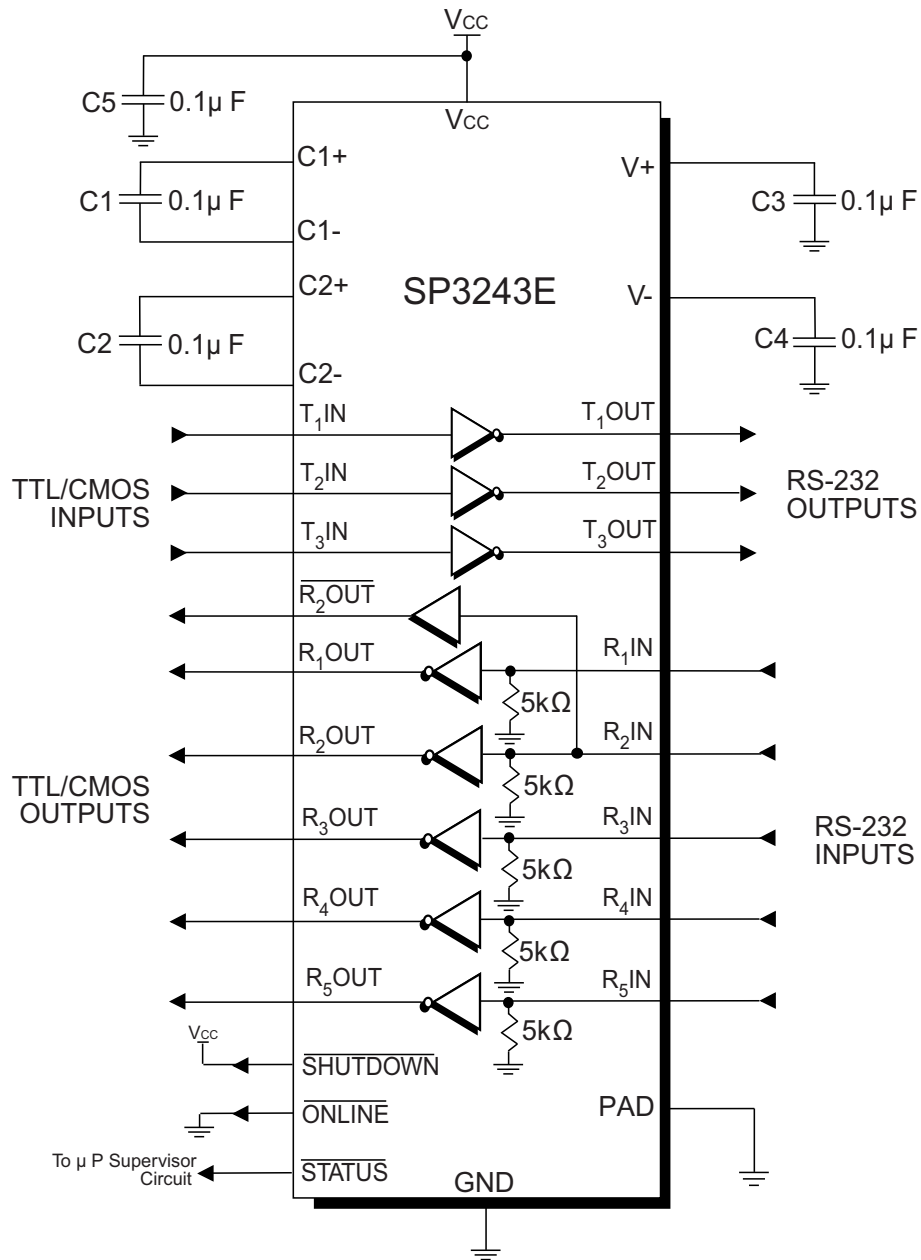


Figure 11: SP3243E Typical Operating Circuit

Description

The SP3243E 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 SP3243E devices feature MaxLinear's proprietary and patented (U.S. 5,306,954) on-board charge pump circuitry that generates $\pm 5.5V$ RS-232 voltage levels from a single +3.0V to +5.5V power supply. The SP3243EU device can operate at a data rate of 1000kbps fully loaded.

The SP3243E is a 3 driver/5 receiver device, ideal for portable or hand-held applications. The SP3243E includes one complementary always-active receiver that can monitor an external device (such as a modem) in shutdown. This aids in protecting the UART or serial

controller IC by preventing forward biasing of the protection diodes where V_{CC} may be disconnected.

The SP3243E series is an ideal choice for power sensitive designs. The SP3243E devices feature AUTO-ONLINE[®] circuitry which reduces the power supply drain to a 1 μA supply current.

In many portable or hand-held applications, an RS-232 cable can be disconnected or a connected peripheral can be turned off. Under these conditions, the internal charge pump and the drivers will be shut down. Otherwise, the system automatically comes online. This feature allows design engineers to address power saving concerns without major design changes.

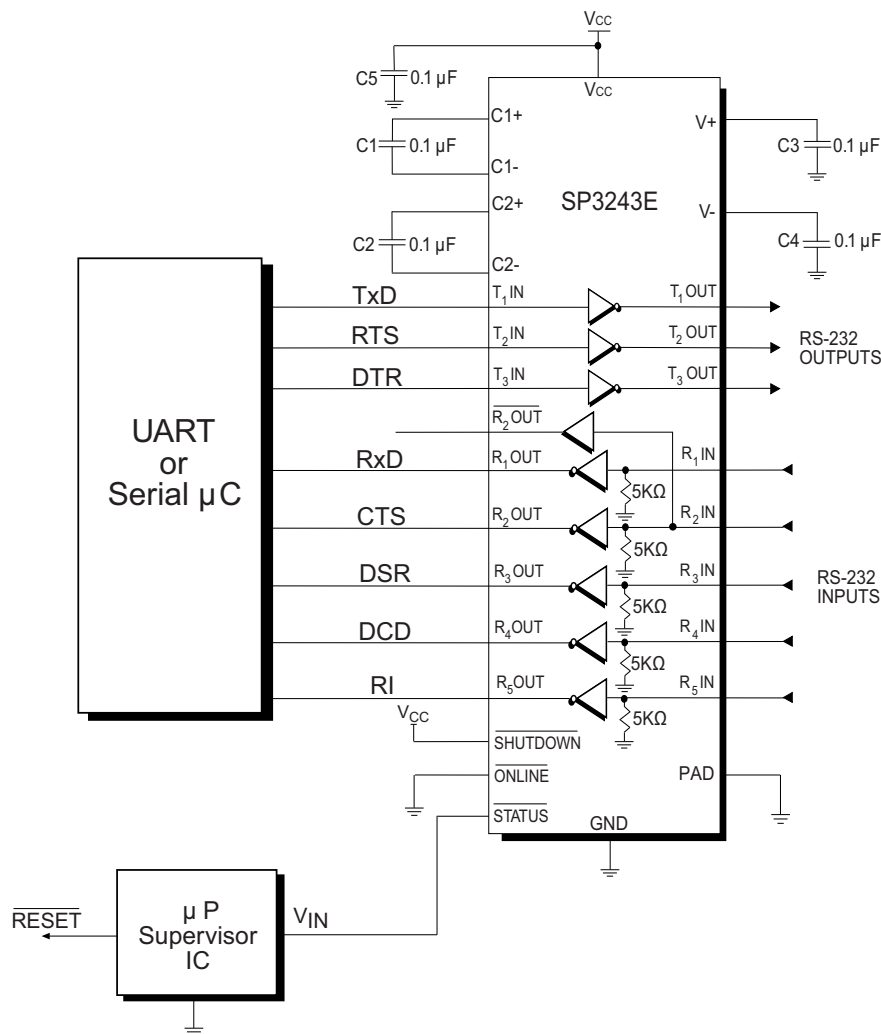


Figure 12: Interface Circuitry Controlled by Microprocessor Supervisory Circuit

Theory of Operation

The SP3243E series is made up of four basic circuit blocks:

1. Drivers
2. Receivers
3. The MaxLinear proprietary charge pump
4. AUTO-ONLINE[®] circuitry

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 $\pm 5.4V$ with no load and $\pm 5V$ minimum fully loaded. The driver outputs are protected against infinite short-circuits to ground without degradation in reliability. These drivers comply with the EIA-TIA-232-F and all previous RS-232 versions. Unused drivers inputs should be connected to GND or V_{CC} .

The drivers have a minimum data rate of 250kbps (EB) or 1000kbps (EU) fully loaded.

Figure 13 shows a loopback test circuit used to test the RS-232 Drivers. Figure 14 shows the test results where one driver was active at 1Mbps and all three drivers were loaded with an RS-232 receiver in parallel with a 250pF capacitor. Figure 15 shows the test results of the loopback circuit with all drivers active at 250kbps with typical RS-232 loads in parallel with 1000pF capacitors. A superior RS-232 data transmission rate of 1Mbps makes the SP3243EU an ideal match for high speed LAN and personal computer peripheral applications.

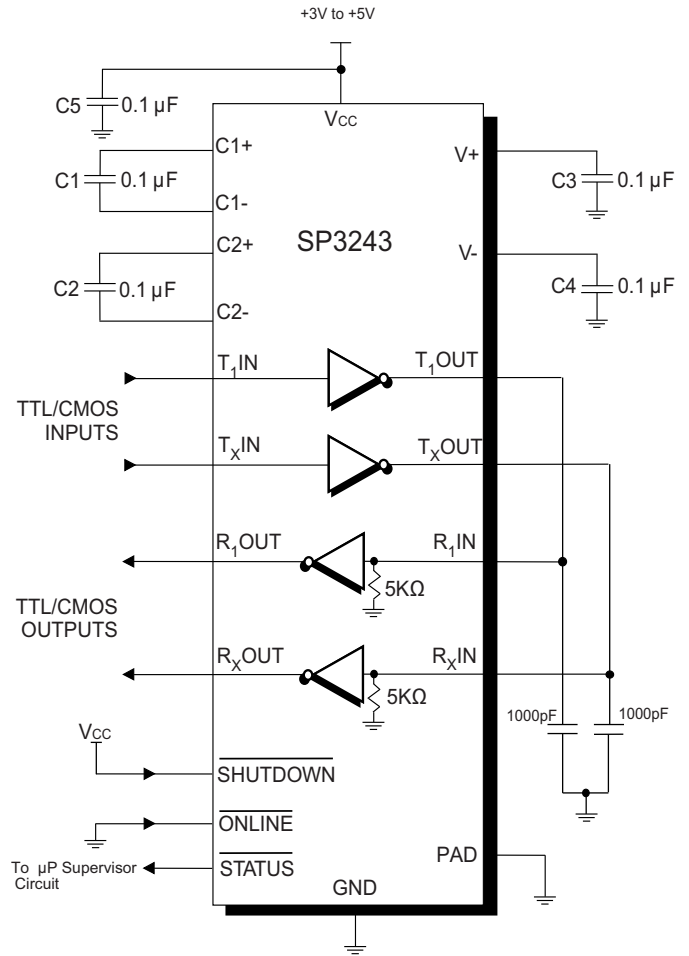


Figure 13: Loopback Test Circuit for RS-232 Driver Data Transmission Rates

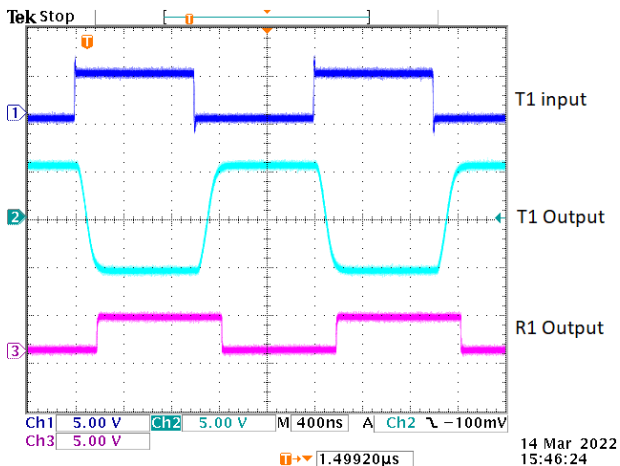


Figure 14: Loopback Test Results at 1Mbps

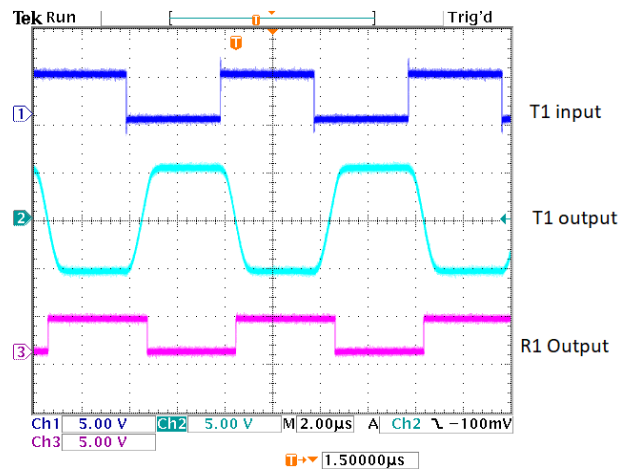


Figure 15: Loopback Test Results at 250kbps

Receivers

The receivers convert $\pm 5.0V$ EIA/TIA-232 levels to TTL or CMOS logic output levels. Receivers are High-Z when the AUTO-ONLINE[®] circuitry is enabled or when in shutdown. The truth table logic of the SP3243 driver and receiver outputs can be found in Table 6.

Table 6: SP3243E SHUTDOWN Truth Table

SHUTDOWN	TxOUT	RxOUT	R2OUT
0	High-Z	High-Z	Active
1	Active	Active	Active

1. In AUTO-ONLINE[®] Mode where $\overline{\text{ONLINE}} = \text{GND}$ and $\overline{\text{SHUTDOWN}} = V_{CC}$, the device will shut down if there is no activity present at the receiver inputs.

The SP3243E includes an additional non-inverting receiver with an output $\overline{\text{R}_2\text{OUT}}$. $\overline{\text{R}_2\text{OUT}}$ is an extra output that remains active and monitors activity while the other receiver outputs are forced into high impedance. This allows a Ring Indicator (RI) signal from a peripheral to be monitored without forward biasing the TTL/CMOS inputs of the other devices connected to the receiver outputs.

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 5k Ω pull-down resistor to ground will commit the output of the receiver to a HIGH state.

Charge Pump

The charge pump is a 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. This is important to maintain compliant RS-232 levels regardless of power supply fluctuations.

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 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} .

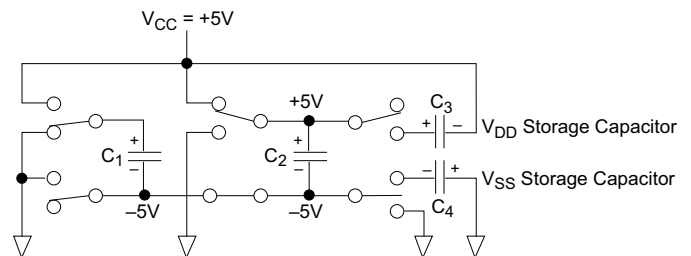


Figure 16: Charge Pump — Phase 1

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.

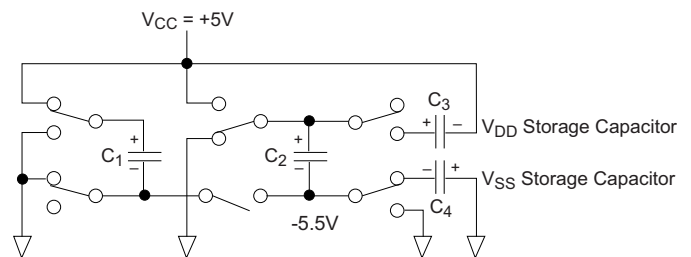


Figure 17: Charge Pump — Phase 2

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} .

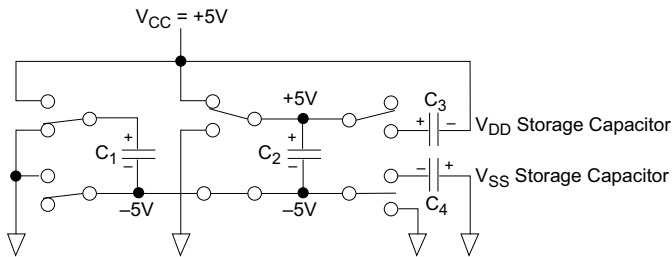


Figure 18: Charge Pump — Phase 3

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.

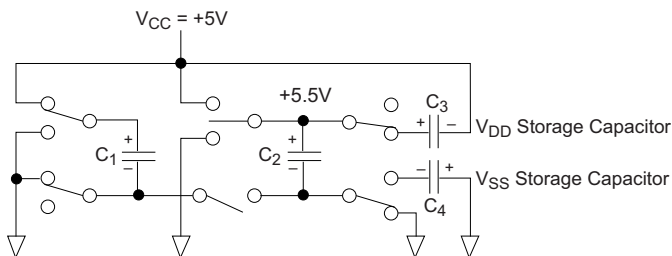


Figure 19: Charge Pump — Phase 4

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 0.1 μ F with a 16V breakdown voltage rating.

Table 7: Recommended Charge Pump Capacitor Value

Input Voltage V_{CC}	Charge Pump Capacitor Value
3.0V to 3.6V	$C_1 - C_4 = 0.1\mu\text{F}$
4.5V to 5.5V	$C_1 = 0.047\mu\text{F}$, $C_2 - C_4 = 0.33\mu\text{F}$
3.0V to 5.5V	$C_1 - C_4 = 0.22\mu\text{F}$

The MaxLinear-patented charge pumps are designed to operate reliably with a range of low cost capacitors. Either polarized or non polarized capacitors may be used. If polarized capacitors are used they should be oriented as shown in the Typical Operating Circuit. The V^+ capacitor may be connected to either ground or V_{CC} (polarity reversed.)

The charge pump operates with 0.1 μ F capacitors ($C_1 \sim C_4$). For other supply voltages, see the table for recommended capacitor values. Increasing the capacitor values (for example, by doubling in value) reduces ripple on the transmitter outputs and may slightly reduce power consumption. C_2 , C_3 , and C_4 can be increased without changing C_1 's value.

For best charge pump efficiency, locate the charge pump and bypass capacitors as close as possible to the IC. Surface mount capacitors are best for this purpose. Using capacitors with lower equivalent series resistance (ESR) and self-inductance, along with minimizing parasitic PCB trace inductance, will optimize charge pump operation. Designers are also advised to consider that capacitor values may shift over time and operating temperature.

AUTO-ONLINE[®] Circuitry

The SP3243E devices have a patent pending AUTO-ONLINE[®] circuitry on board that saves power in applications such as laptop computers, palmtop (PDA) computers and other portable systems.

The SP3243E devices incorporate an AUTO-ONLINE[®] circuit that automatically enables itself when the external transmitters are enabled and the cable is connected. Conversely, the AUTO-ONLINE[®] circuit also disables most of the internal circuitry when the device is not being used and goes into a standby mode where the device typically draws 1 μ A. This function is externally controlled by the

ONLINE pin. When this pin is tied to a logic LOW, the AUTO-ONLINE[®] function is active. Once active, the device is enabled until there is no activity on the receiver inputs. The receiver input typically sees at least $\pm 3V$, which is generated from the transmitters at the other end of the cable with a $\pm 5V$ minimum.

When the external transmitters are disabled or the cable is disconnected, the receiver inputs will be pulled down by their internal 5k Ω resistors to ground. When this occurs over a period of time, the internal transmitters will be disabled and the device goes into a shutdown or standby mode. When ONLINE is HIGH, the AUTO-ONLINE[®] mode is disabled.

The AUTO-ONLINE[®] circuit has two stages:

1. Inactive Detection
2. Accumulated Delay

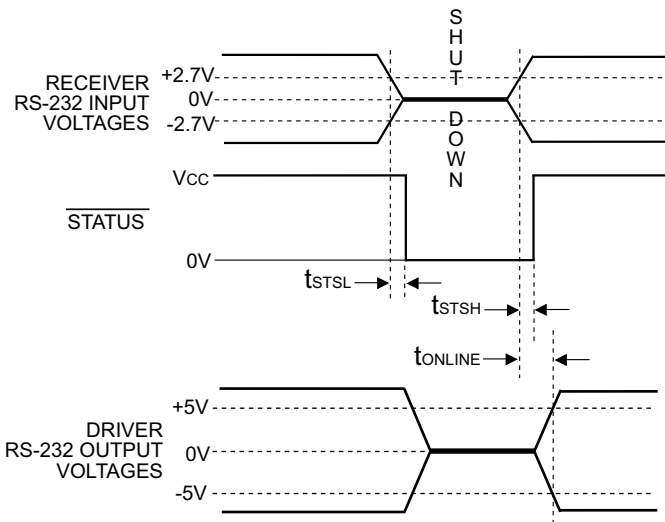


Figure 20: AUTO-ONLINE[®] Timing Waveforms

The first stage, shown in Figure 24, detects an inactive input. A logic HIGH is asserted on R_XINACT if the cable is disconnected or the external transmitters are disabled. Otherwise, R_XINACT will be at a logic LOW. This circuit is duplicated for each of the other receivers.

The second stage of the AUTO-ONLINE[®] circuitry, shown in Figure 25, processes all the receiver's R_XINACT signals with an accumulated delay that disables the device to a 1 μ A supply current.

The STATUS pin goes to a logic LOW when the cable is disconnected, the external transmitters are disabled, or the SHUTDOWN pin is invoked. The typical accumulated delay is around 20 μ s.

When the SP3243E drivers or internal charge pump are disabled, the supply current is reduced to 1 μ A. This can commonly occur in hand-held or portable applications where the RS-232 cable is disconnected or the RS-232 drivers of the connected peripheral are turned off.

The AUTO-ONLINE[®] mode can be disabled by the SHUTDOWN pin. If this pin is a logic LOW, the AUTO-ONLINE[®] function will not operate regardless of the logic state of the ONLINE pin. Table 8 summarizes the logic of the AUTO-ONLINE[®] operating modes. The truth table logic of the SP3243E driver and receiver outputs can be found in Table 6.

The STATUS pin outputs a logic LOW signal if the device is shutdown. This pin goes to a logic HIGH when the external transmitters are enabled and the cable is connected.

When the SP3243E devices are shut down, the charge pumps are turned off. V⁺ charge pump output decays to V_{CC}, the V⁻ output decays to GND. The decay time will depend on the size of capacitors used for the charge pump. Once in shutdown, the time required to exit the shut down state and have valid V⁺ and V⁻ levels is typically 200 μ s.

For easy programming, the STATUS can be used to indicate DSR or a Ring Indicator signal. Tying ONLINE and SHUTDOWN together will bypass the AUTO-ONLINE[®] circuitry so this connection acts like a shutdown input pin.

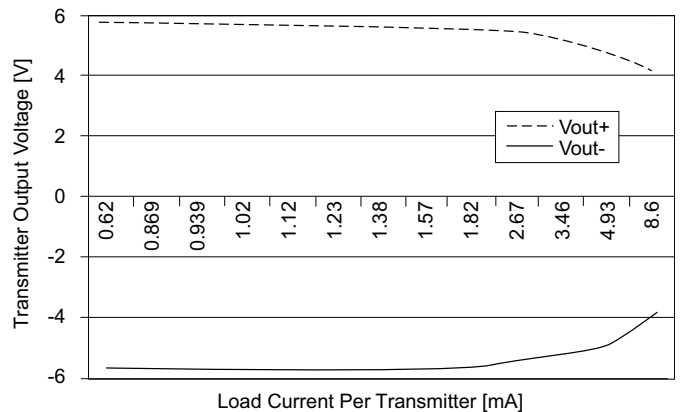


Figure 21: SP3243E Driver Output Voltages vs. Load Current per Transmitter

The SP3243E driver outputs are able to maintain voltage under loading of up to 2.5mA per driver, ensuring sufficient output for mouse-driving applications.

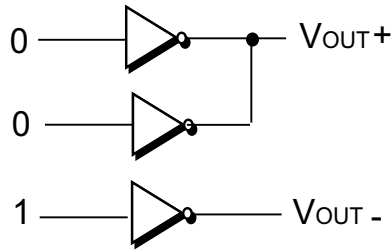


Figure 22: Mouse Drive Application

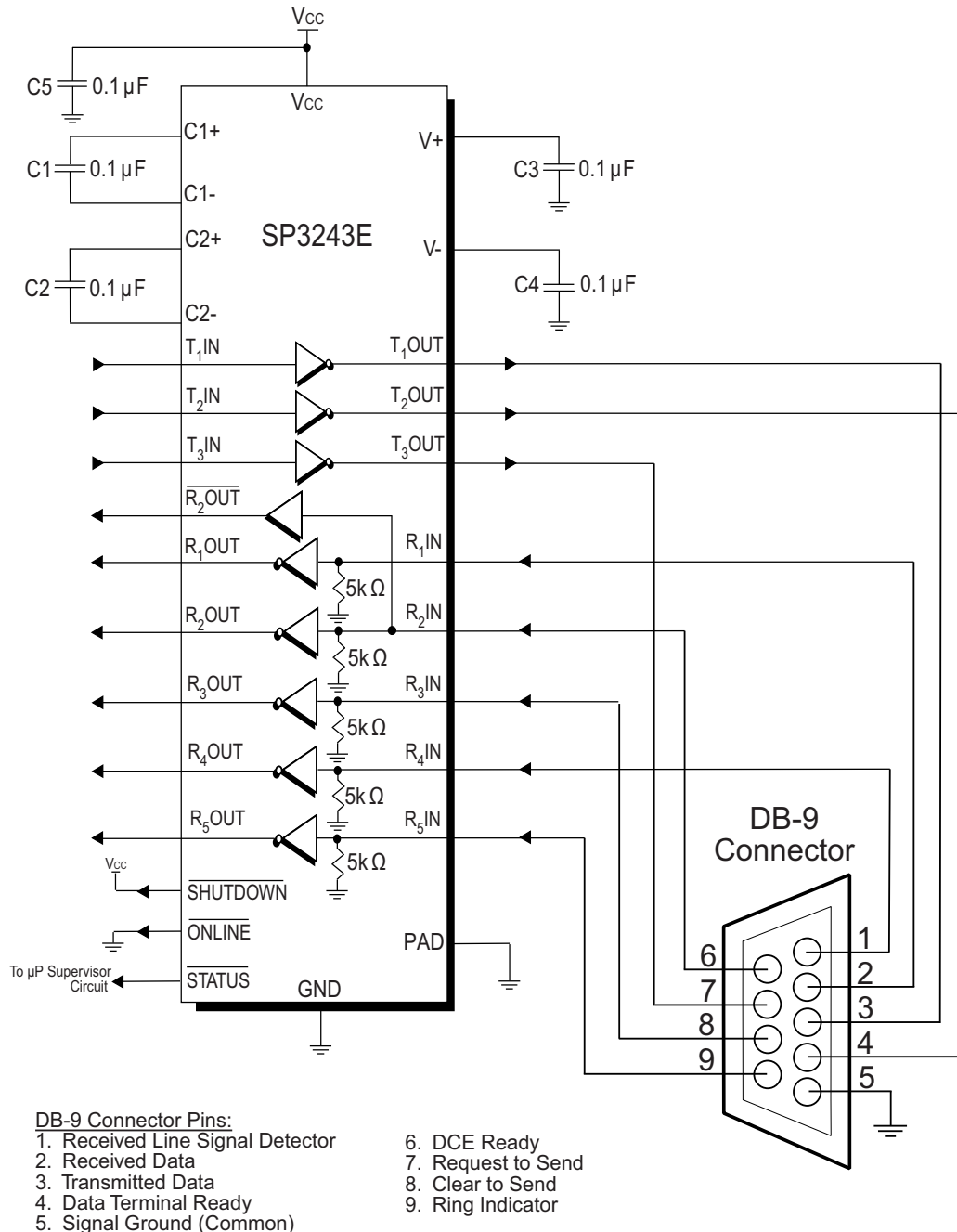


Figure 23: Attaching SP3243E to a DB-9 Connector

Table 8: AUTO-ONLINE® Logic

RS-232 Signal at Receiver Input	$\overline{\text{SHUTDOWN}}$ Input	$\overline{\text{ONLINE}}$ Input	$\overline{\text{STATUS}}$ Output	Transceiver Status
Yes	High	Low	High	Normal operation (AUTO-ONLINE®)
No	High	High	Low	Normal operation
No	High	Low	Low	Shutdown (AUTO-ONLINE®)
Yes	Low	High/Low	High	Shutdown
No	Low	High/Low	Low	Shutdown

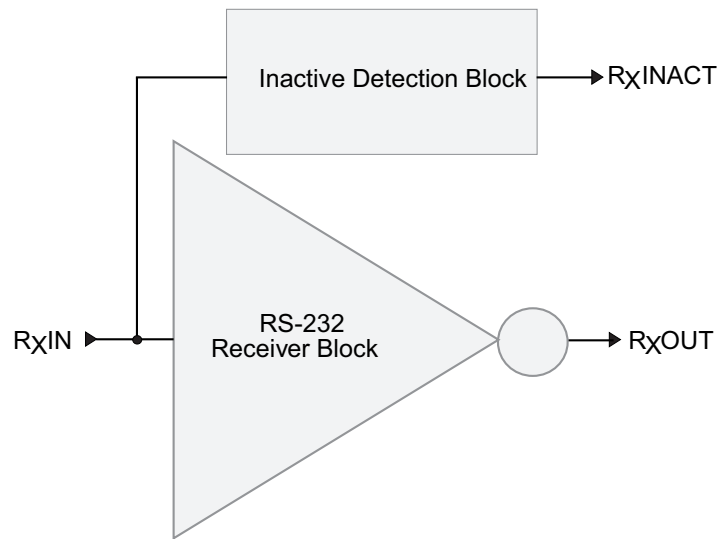


Figure 24: Stage I of AUTO-ONLINE® Circuitry

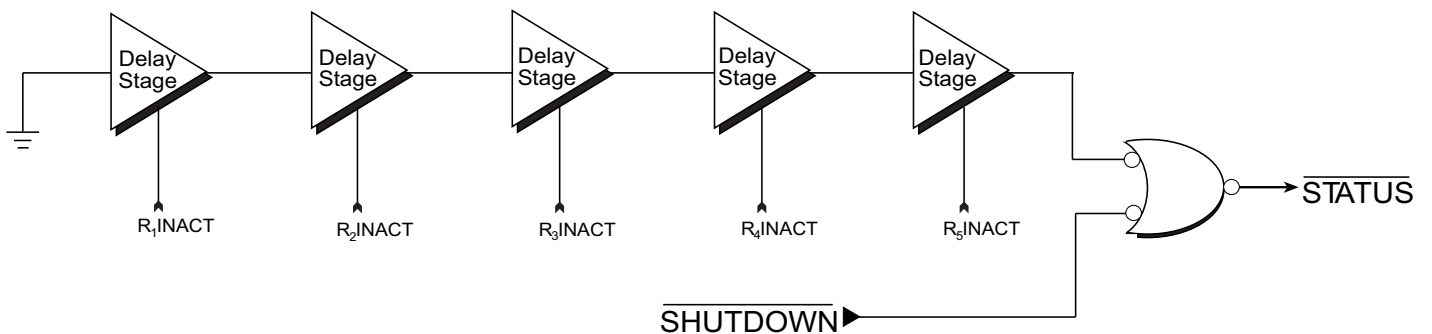


Figure 25: Stage II of AUTO-ONLINE® Circuitry

ESD Tolerance

The SP3243E 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 $\pm 15\text{kV}$ 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 26](#). This method will test the IC's capability to withstand an ESD transient during normal handling such as in manufacturing areas where the ICs tend to be handled frequently.

The IEC-61000-4-2, formerly IEC801-2, is generally used for testing ESD on equipment and systems. For system manufacturers, they 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 27](#). There are two methods within IEC61000-4-2, the Air Discharge method and the Contact Discharge method.

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 models in [Figure 26](#) and [Figure 27](#) 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 $1.5\text{k}\Omega$ and 100pF , respectively. For IEC-61000-4-2, the current limiting resistor (R_S) and the source capacitor (C_S) are 330Ω 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.

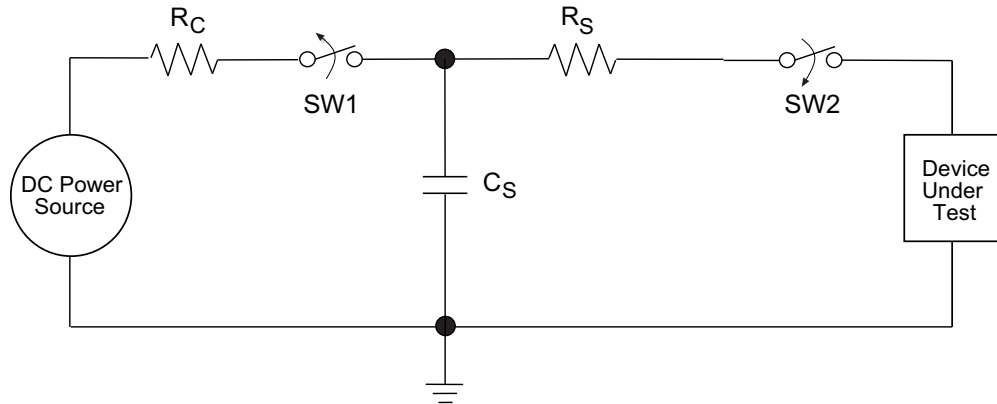


Figure 26: ESD Test Circuit for Human Body Model

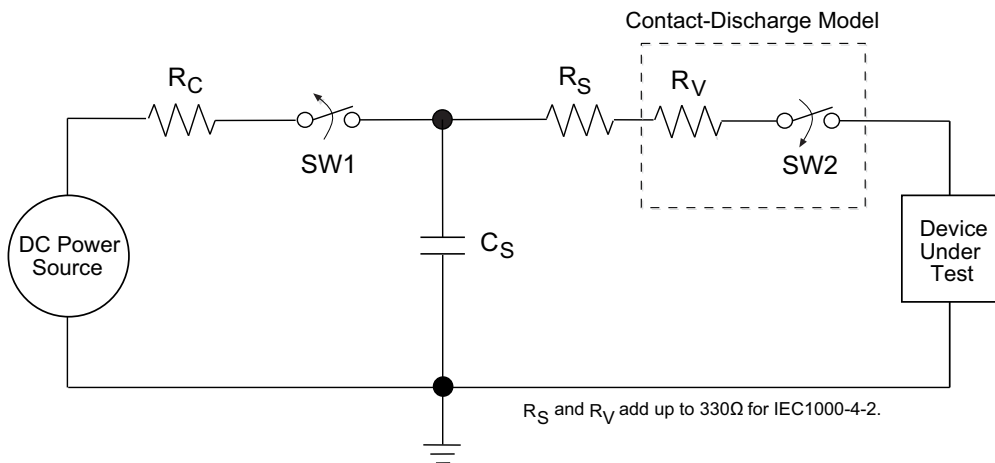


Figure 27: ESD Test Circuit for IEC61000-4-2

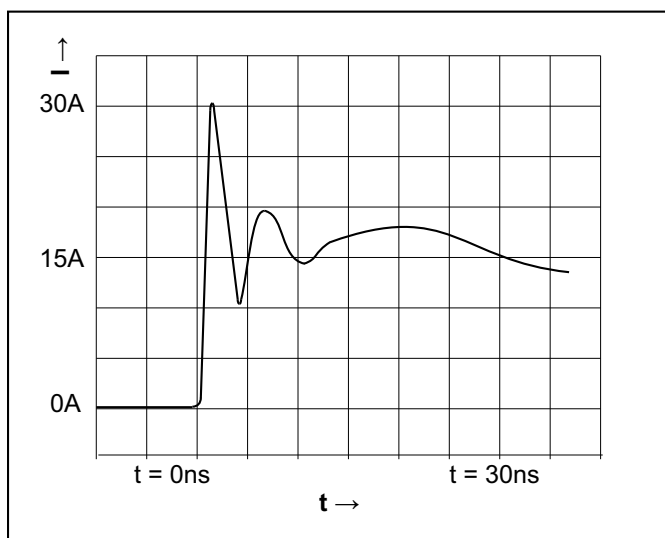


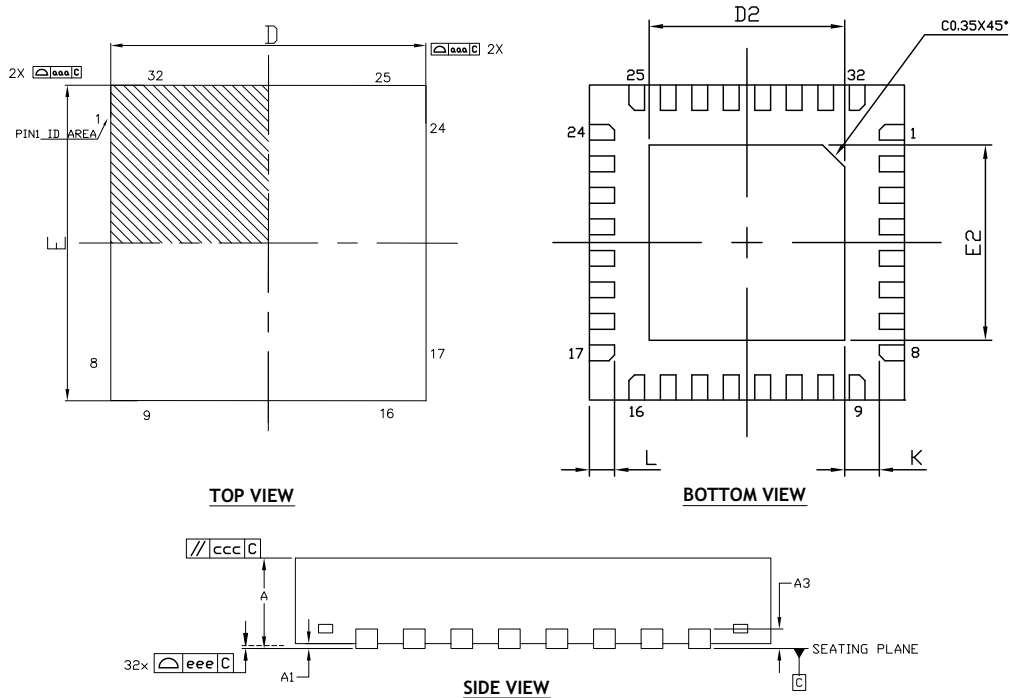
Figure 28: ESD Test Waveform for IEC61000-4-2

Table 9: Transceiver ESD Tolerance Levels

Device Pin Tested	Human Body Model	IEC 61000-4-2		
		Air Discharge	Direct Contact	Level
Driver outputs	±15kV	±15kV	±8kV	4
Receiver inputs	±15kV	±15kV	±8kV	4

Mechanical Dimensions

QFN32



DIM SYMBOL	MIN	NOM	MAX
A	0.80	0.90	1.00
A1	0.00	0.02	0.05
A3	---	0.20Ref	---
b	0.18	0.25	0.30
D	5.00 BSC		
E	5.00 BSC		
e	0.50 BSC		
D2	3.00	3.10	3.20
E2	3.00	3.10	3.20
L	0.35	0.40	0.45
K	0.20	-	-
aaa		0.15	
bbb		0.10	
ccc		0.10	
ddd		0.05	
eee		0.08	
fff		0.10	
N		32	

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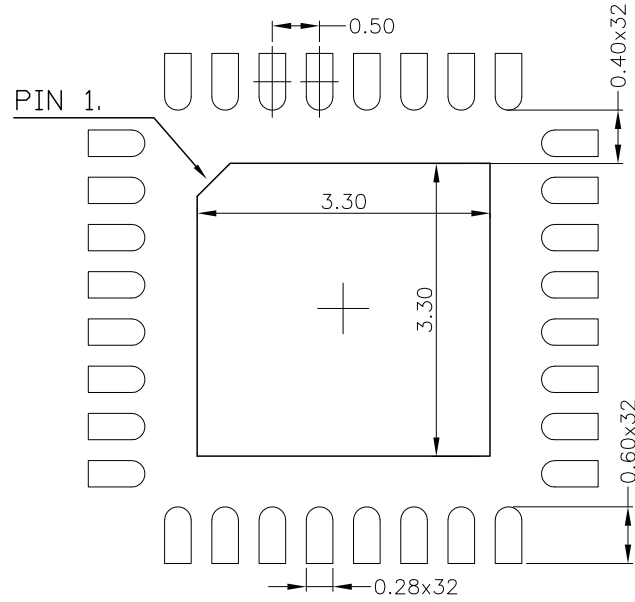
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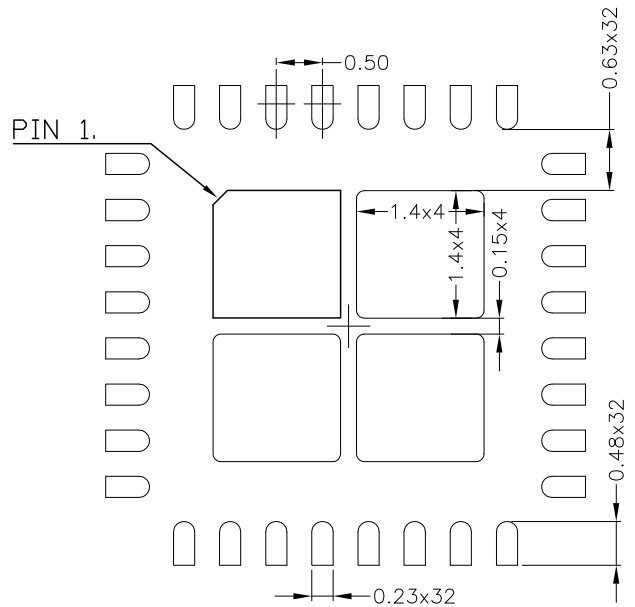
Figure 29: Mechanical Dimensions, QFN32

Recommended Land Pattern and Stencil

QFN32



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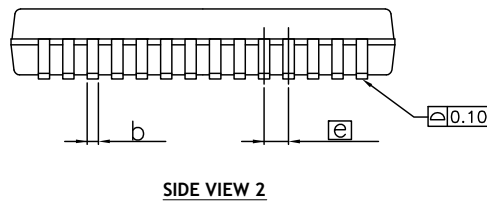
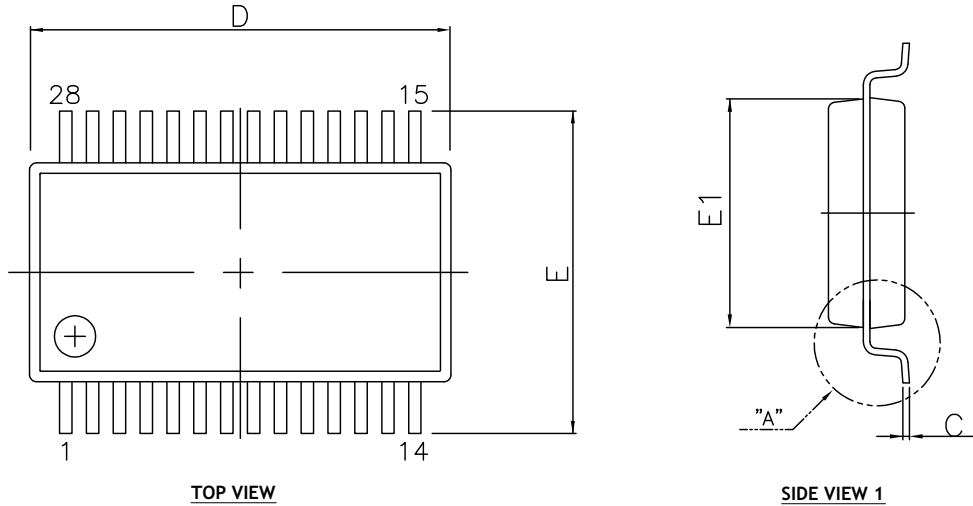
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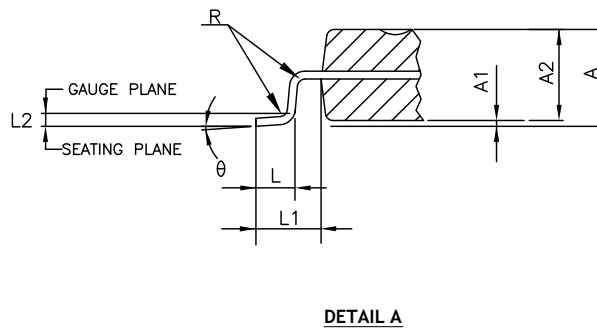
Mechanical Dimensions

SSOP28



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A	-	-	2.00
A1	0.05	-	-
A2	1.65	1.75	1.85
b	0.22	-	0.38
L1	1.25 REF		
L2	0.25 BSC		
e	0.65 BSC		
c	0.09	-	0.25
E	7.40	7.80	8.20
E1	5.00	5.30	5.60
L	0.55	0.75	0.95
R	0.09	-	-
θ	0	4	8
D	9.90	10.20	10.50
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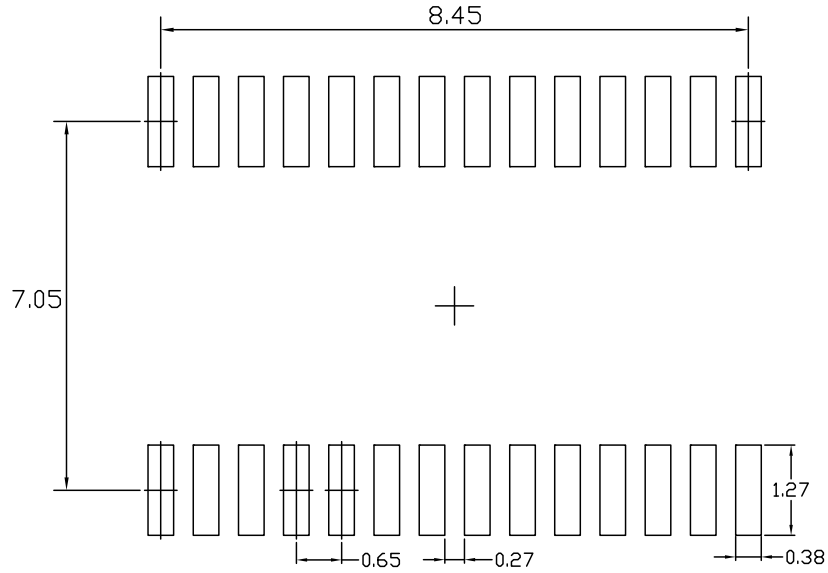
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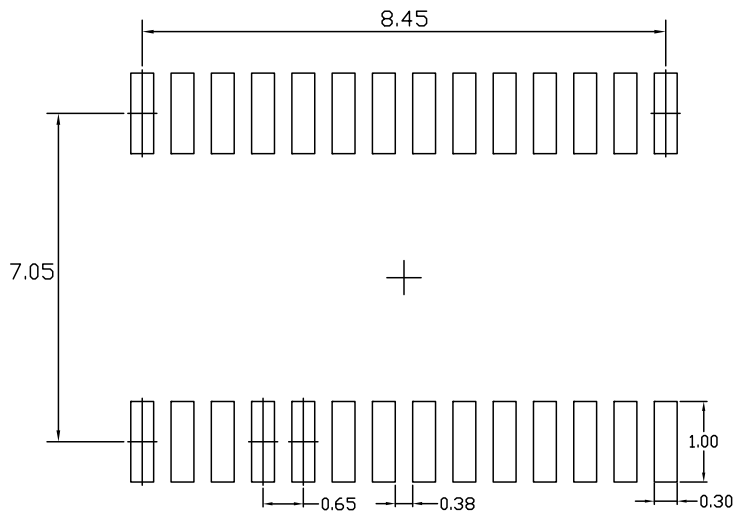
Figure 31: Mechanical Dimensions, SSOP28

Recommended Land Pattern and Stencil

SSOP28



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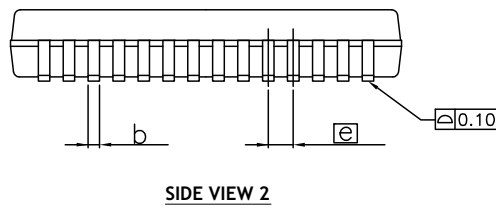
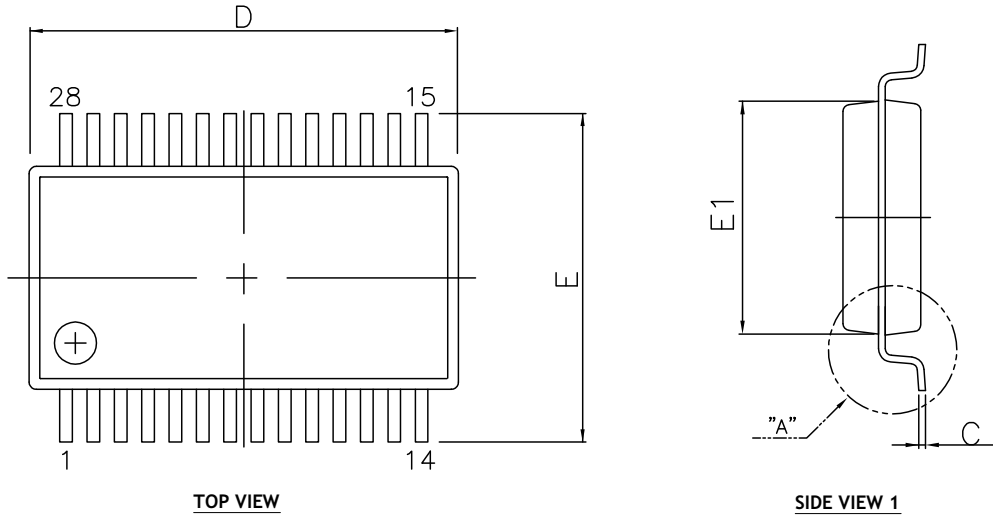
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Figure 32: Recommended Land Pattern and Stencil, SSOP28

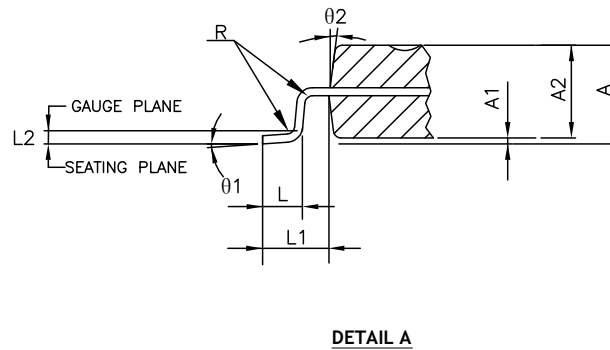
Mechanical Dimensions

TSSOP28



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A1	0.05	-	0.15
A2	0.80	1.00	1.05
b	0.19	-	0.30
L1	1.00 REF		
L2	0.25 BSC		
e	0.65 BSC		
c	0.09	-	0.20
E	6.40 BSC		
E1	4.30	4.40	4.50
L	0.45	0.60	0.75
R	0.09	-	-
D	9.60	9.70	9.80
θ1	0	4	8
θ2	12 REF		
N	28		

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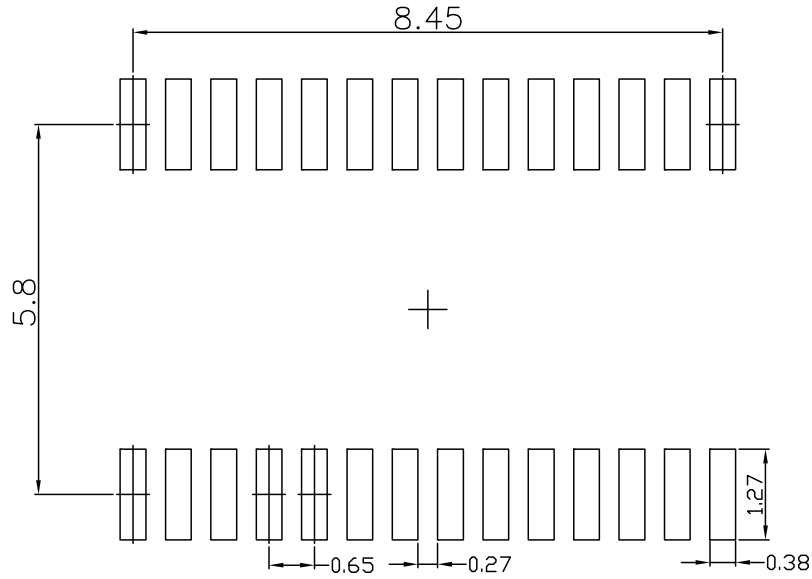
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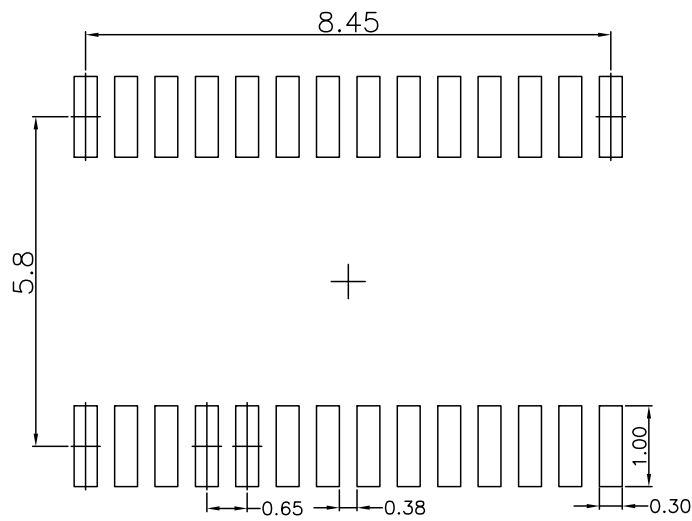
Figure 33: Mechanical Dimensions, TSSOP28

Recommended Land Pattern and Stencil

TSSOP28



TYPICAL RECOMMENDED LAND PATTERN



TYPICAL RECOMMENDED STENCIL

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Figure 34: Recommended Land Pattern and Stencil, TSSOP28

Ordering Information

Table 10: Ordering Information

Ordering Part Number	Operating Temperature Range	Package	Packaging Method	Lead-Free
120kbps Data Rate				
SP3243ECA-L	0°C to 70°C	28-pin SSOP	Tube	Yes
SP3243ECA-L/TR	0°C to 70°C	28-pin SSOP	Reel	Yes
SP3243ECY-L/TR	0°C to 70°C	28-pin TSSOP	Reel	Yes
SP3243EEA-L	-40°C to 85°C	28-pin SSOP	Tube	Yes
SP3243EEA-L/TR	-40°C to 85°C	28-pin SSOP	Reel	Yes
SP3243EEY-L	-40°C to 85°C	28-pin TSSOP	Tube	Yes
SP3243EEY-L/TR	-40°C to 85°C	28-pin TSSOP	Reel	Yes
250kbps Data Rate				
SP3243EBCA-L/TR	0°C to 70°C	28-pin SSOP	Reel	Yes
SP3243EBCY-L/TR	0°C to 70°C	28-pin TSSOP	Reel	Yes
SP3243EBEA-L/TR	-40°C to 85°C	28-pin SSOP	Reel	Yes
SP3243EBEY-L	-40°C to 85°C	28-pin TSSOP	Tube	Yes
SP3243EBEY-L/TR	-40°C to 85°C	28-pin TSSOP	Reel	Yes
460kbps Data Rate				
SP3243EHCA-L/TR	0°C to 70°C	28-pin SSOP	Reel	Yes
SP3243EHEA-L/TR	-40°C to 85°C	28-pin SSOP	Reel	Yes
1Mbps Data Rate				
SP3243EUCA-L/TR	0°C to 70°C	28-pin SSOP	Reel	Yes
SP3243EUCY-L/TR	0°C to 70°C	28-pin TSSOP	Reel	Yes
SP3243EUEA-L/TR	-40°C to 85°C	28-pin SSOP	Reel	Yes
SP3243EUEY-L/TR	-40°C to 85°C	28-pin TSSOP	Reel	Yes
SP3243EUER-L/TR	-40°C to 85°C	32-pin QFN	Reel	Yes

Note: For more information about part numbers, as well as the most up-to-date information and additional information on environmental rating, go to www.maxlinear.com/SP3243E, www.maxlinear.com/SP3243EB, www.maxlinear.com/SP3243EH, and www.maxlinear.com/SP3243EU.

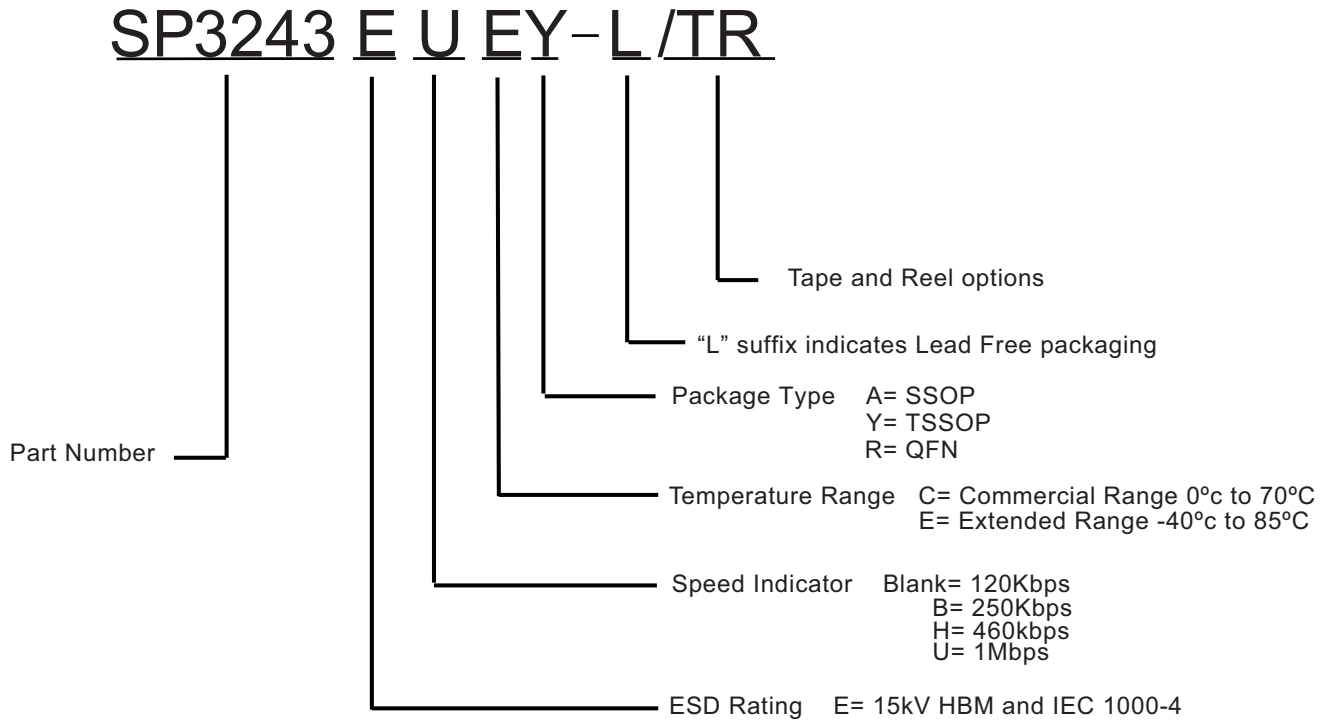


Figure 35: Part Nomenclature



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