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AS6501

2-Channel Time-to-Digital Converter

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1 General Description

The AS6501 is a high performance time-to-digital converter (TDC) frontend device. Highest measurement performance and highest data throughput is achieved on two channels, each on with LVDS stop inputs and LVDS serial outputs. High configuration flexibility and unlimited measurement range cover many applications. They range from portable handheld laser range equipment to ambitious time-of-flight measurements of highest performance, as e.g. done in medical imaging applications.

AS6501 calculates all stop measurements inside, proportional to the applied reference clock. Combinations of best single shot accuracy of 10 ps with lowest pulse-to-pulse spacing < 5ns and maximum data throughput rate of 70 MSPS per stop input are possible.

1.1 Key Benefits & Features

The benefits and features of AS6501, 2-Channel Time-to-Digital Converter, are listed below:

Figure 1: Added Value of Using AS6501

| Benefits | Features |
|--|--|
| Simple data post-processing thanks to calibrated results | 2 stop channels with serial 20 ns pulse-to-pulse spacing and maximum 35 MSPS 1 combined channel with 5 ns pulse-to-pulse spacing and maximum 70 MSPS Single shot accuracy 20 ps rms single shot resolution per channel or 10 ps rms with high resolution option Unlimited measuring range 0 s to 16 s |
| Event assignment thanks to reference clock index simplifies coincidence measurements Easy pulse width measurements High efficiency thanks high sample rate | Differential reference clock input 2 MHz to 12.5 MHz Inputs optional with LVDS (or CMOS level) LVDS serial output per channel 16-stage FIFO per channel Automatic calibration to reference clock (no PLL or DLL) SPI compatible 4-wire interface for configuration |
| Compact design thanks to small package and low number of external components Reduced cooling thanks to low power consumption | Supply voltage 3.3 V Power dissipation 60 mW to 260 mW Standby current 60 µA QFP48 package (7 mm x 7 mm) |



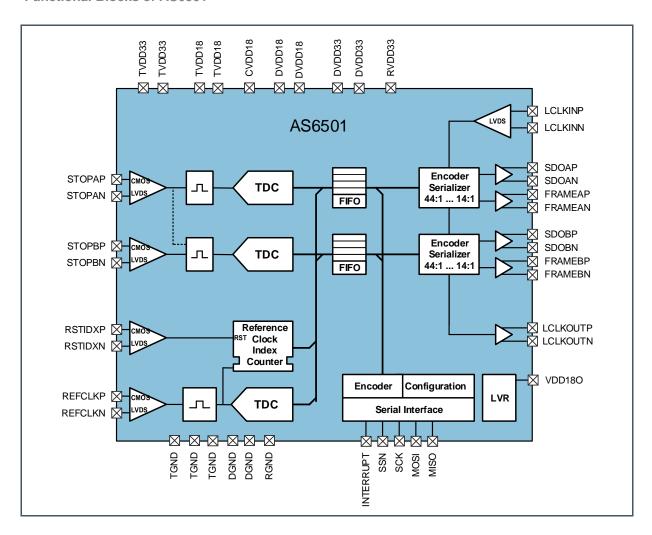
1.2 Applications

- Automated test equipment
- Laser range measurement
- Medical imaging
- Time-of-flight measurement
- Particle physics
- Lidar

1.3 Block Diagram

The functional blocks of this device are shown below:

Figure 2: Functional Blocks of AS6501





2 Ordering Information

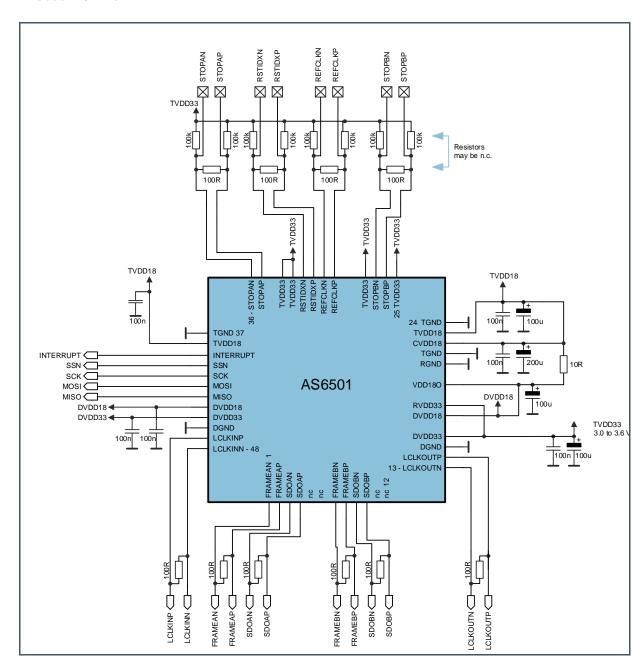
| Ordering Code | Package | Marking | Delivery Form | Delivery Quantity |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------------|-------------------|
| AS6501-FLQM | QFP48 | AS6501 | T&R | 500 pcs/reel |



3 Pin Assignment

3.1 Pin Diagram

Figure 3: AS6501 QFP48





3.2 Pin Description

Figure 4: Pin Description of AS6501 QFP48

| Pin Number | Pin Name | Pin Type ⁽¹⁾ | Description | Not Used |
|---------------|----------|-------------------------|--|-------------|
| 1 | FRAMEAN | LVDS Output | Negative frame signal of stop channel A | Open |
| 2 | FRAMEAP | LVDS Output | Positive frame signal of stop channel A | Open |
| 3 | SDOAN | LVDS Output | Negative serial data output of stop channel A | Open |
| 4 | SDOAP | LVDS Output | Positive serial data output of stop channel A | Open |
| 5, 6 | NC | | Not Connected | Open |
| 7 | FRAMEBN | LVDS Output | Negative frame signal of stop channel B | Open |
| 8 | FRAMEBP | LVDS Output | Positive frame signal of stop channel B | Open |
| 9 | SDOBN | LVDS Output | Negative serial data output of stop channel B | Open |
| 10 | SDOBP | LVDS Output | Positive serial data output of stop channel B | Open |
| 11, 12 | NC | | Not Connected | Open |
| 13 | LCLKOUTN | LVDS Output | Negative serial clock output | Open |
| 14 | LCLKOUTP | LVDS Output | Positive serial clock output | Open |
| 15 | DGND | Power Supply | Ground for digital and IO units | |
| 16 | DVDD33 | Power Supply | 3.3V supply for digital and IO units | |
| 17 | DVDD18 | Power Supply | 1.8V supply for digital and IO units | |
| 18 | RVDD33 | Power Supply | 3.3V supply for linear voltage regulator | |
| 19 | VDD18O | Regulator Output | 1.8V supply for digital and IO units, regulator output | |
| 20 | RGND | Power Supply | Ground for linear voltage regulator | |
| 21 | TGND | Power Supply | Ground for TDC | |
| 22 | CVDD18 | Power Supply | 1.8V positive supply for TDC | |
| 23 | TVDD18 | Power Supply | 1.8V positive supply for time front-end | |
| 24 | TGND | Power Supply | Ground for 1.8V time front-end supply | |
| 25 | TVDD33 | Power Supply | 3.3V positive supply for time front-end | |
| 26 | STOPBP | CMOS/LVDS Input | Positive stop input for channel B | TVDD33 |
| 27 | STOPBN | LVDS Input | Negative stop input for channel B | TVDD33 |
| 28 | TVDD33 | Power Supply | 3.3V positive supply for time front-end | |
| | | | | |



| Pin Number | Pin Name | Pin Type ⁽¹⁾ | Description | Not Used |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|--|-------------|
| 29 | REFCLKP | CMOS/LVDS Input | Positive clock signal of reference clock | TVDD33 |
| 30 | REFCLKN | LVDS Input | Negative clock signal of reference clock | TVDD33 |
| 31 | RSTIDXP | CMOS/LVDS Input | Positive reference index reset signal | TVDD33 |
| 32 | RSTIDXN | LVDS Input | Negative reference index reset signal | TVDD33 |
| 33, 34 | TVDD33 | Power Supply | 3.3V positive supply for time front-end | |
| 35 | STOPAP | CMOS/LVDS Input | Positive stop input for channel A | TVDD33 |
| 36 | STOPAN | LVDS Input | Negative stop input for channel A | TVDD33 |
| 37 | TGND | Power Supply | Ground for TDC | |
| 38 | TVDD18 | Power Supply | 1.8V positive supply for time front-end | |
| 39 | INTERRUPT | LVTTL output | SPI interrupt | |
| 40 | SSN | LVTTL Input | SPI slave select not + interface reset | |
| 41 | SCK | LVTTL Input | SPI serial clock | |
| 42 | MOSI | LVTTL Input | SPI serial data master out , slave In | |
| 43 | MISO | LVTTL Tristate | SPI serial data master in, slave Out | |
| 44 | DVDD18 | Power Supply | 1.8V supply for digital and IO units | |
| 45 | DVDD33 | Power Supply | 3.3V supply for digital and IO units | |
| 46 | DGND | Power Supply | Ground for digital and IO units | |
| 47 | LCLKINP | LVDS Input | Positive serial clock in | DVDD33 |
| 48 | LCLKINN | LVDS Input | Negative serial clock in | DVDD33 |



4 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only. Functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under "Operating Conditions" is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

Figure 5:
Absolute Maximum Ratings of AS6501

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Max | Unit | Comments |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|------|----------------|------|--|
| Electrical Para | meters | | | | |
| VDD33 | 3.3V Supply Voltage to Ground | -0.5 | 4.0 | V | Pin: DVDD33, TVDD33, RVDD33 |
| VDD18 | 1.8V Supply Voltage to Ground | -0.5 | 2.2 | V | Pin: DVDD18, TVDD18, CVDD18 |
| | Voltage between ground pins | -0.3 | +0.3 | V | Pin: DGND, TGND, RGND |
| V _{iLVDS} | Voltage at differential input pins | -0.3 | VDD33 + 0.3 | V | Pin: STOPA, STOPB, REFCLK, RSTIDX, LCLKIN |
| Electrostatic D | bischarge | | | | |
| ESD _{HBM} | Electrostatic Discharge HBM | ± ′ | 1000 | V | JS-001-2014 |
| Temperature R | langes and Storage Conditions | | | | |
| TJ | Operating Junction Temperature | -40 | 125 | °C | |
| T _{STRG} | Storage Temperature Range | - 65 | 150 | °C | |
| T _{BODY} | Package Body Temperature | | 260 | °C | IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020 (1) |
| RH _{NC} | Relative Humidity (non-condensing) | 5 | 85 | % | |
| MSL | Moisture Sensitivity Level | | 3 | | Maximum floor life time of 168h |

⁽¹⁾ The reflow peak soldering temperature (body temperature) is specified according to IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020 "Moisture/Reflow Sensitivity Classification for Nonhermetic Solid State Surface Mount Devices." The lead finish for Pb-free leaded packages is "Matte Tin" (100 % Sn)



5 Recommended Operation Conditions

Recommended operating ratings indicate conditions for which the device is functional, but do not guarantee specific performance limits. Test conditions for guaranteed specification are expressly denoted.

Figure 6: Recommended Operation Conditions of AS6501

| Symbol | Pin | Description | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|----------------------|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|------|--|------|
| Power-Sup | ply | | | | | |
| VDD33 | DVDD33, TVDD33, RVDD33 | Supply Voltage | 2.4 | 3.3 | 3.6 | V |
| VDD18 | DVDD18, TVDD18, CVDD18 | Core Supply Voltage powered by integrated regulator, pin VDD18O | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 | V |
| Temperatu | re | | | | | |
| TA | | Operating free air temperature ⁽¹⁾ | -40 | | 125 | °C |
| Reference | & Stop Inputs | | | | | |
| V _{ID,LVDS} | | LVDS Differential Input Voltage | 200 | | | mV |
| VIC,LVDS | STOPA, STOPB, REFCLK, | LVDS Common Mode Input Voltage | 0.5 × V _{ID,LVDS} | 1.25 | 2.2V to 0.5 × V _{ID,LVDS} | V |
| V _{IL,CMOS} | — RSTIDX | CMOS Input Low Voltage | | | 0.4 | V |
| V _{IH,CMOS} | | CMOS Input High Voltage | VDD33 - 0.4 | | | V |
| SPI-Interfac | ce | | | | | |
| VIL | | Digital Input LOW Voltage | | | 0.8 | V |
| ViH | SCK, MOSI, SSN | Digital Input HIGH Voltage | 0.7 x VDD33 | | | V |
| CLOAD | INTERRUPT, MISO | Load Capacitance to Ground | | | 20 | pF |
| LVDS-Inter | face | | | | | |
| V _{ID,LVDS} | LOLKINI | LVDS Differential Input Voltage | 200 | | | mV |
| VIC,LVDS | — LCLKIN | LVDS Common Mode Input Voltage | | 1.25 | | V |
| | | | | | | |



| Symbol | Pin | Description | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|-------------------|------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|------|
| R _{TERM} | SDOA, SDOB, FRAMEA, | Differential Termination Resistor for LVDS Outputs | | 100 | | Ohm |
| CLOAD | FRAMEB, LCLKOUT | Load Capacitance to Ground | | | 5 | pF |

⁽¹⁾ Recommended Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is functional, but do not guarantee specific performance limits. Test conditions for guaranteed specification are explicitly denoted.



6 Typical Characteristics

The following test levels apply to all following characteristics:

Figure 7: Test Levels

| Test Level | Description |
|------------|--|
| 1 | 100% production tested. |
| II | 100% production tested at 25°C and guaranteed by design and characterization testing |
| III | Parameter is guaranteed by design and characterization testing |
| IV | Sample tested |
| V | Parameter is a typical value only. |

6.1 Converter Characteristics

General Conditions: VDD33 = 3.3 V; VDD18 = 1.8 V; $T_A = 0$ °C to 80 °C.

Figure 8:

Converter Characteristics

| Symbol | Description | Condition | TL | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|----------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----|--------|-----|-----|------|
| Accuracy | of Time Measurement | | | | | | |
| RMS | Single-shot RMS | High_Resolution = 0 (off) | | | 20 | 30 | |
| | resolution | $High_Resolution = 1 (2x)$ | IV | | 15 | 20 | ps |
| | | High_Resolution = $2(4x)$ | | | 10 | 15 | |
| INL | Integral non-linearity | | IV | | | 20 | ps |
| DNL | Differential non- linearity | | V | | 5 | | ps |
| | No missing code | At time quantization level | Ш | Assure | ed | | |
| | Channel to channel isolation | At same times measured | IV | | 20 | 100 | ps |
| | Offset error | High_Resolution = 0 (off) | | | 100 | | |
| | | $High_Resolution = 1 (2x)$ | V | | 150 | | ps |
| | | High_Resolution = $2(4x)$ | | | 200 | | |



| Symbol | Description | Condition | TL | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|----------|---|---|-----|-----|-----------------|---------------------|------|
| | Offset error temperature drift | High_Resolution = 0 (off) High_Resolution = 1 (2x) High_Resolution = 2 (4x) | IV | | 0.5 1 1.5 | 3 | ps/K |
| Switchin | g Performance | | | | | | |
| tconv | Converter latency | High_Resolution = 0 (off) High_Resolution = 1 (2x) High_Resolution = 2 (4x) | III | | | 20 50 100 | ns |
| | Peak conversion rate | High_Resolution = 0 (off) High_Resolution = 1 (2x) High_Resolution = 2 (4x) | III | | | 50 20 10 | MSPS |
| | Maximal read-out rate SDR: LCLK=250MHz DDR: LCLK=250MHz SPI: SCK = 50MHz | Data bit width: 14-Bit 14-Bit Opcode + 16-Bit | III | | | 17.8 35.7 2.1 | MSPS |
| | Maximal read-out rate SDR: LCLK=250MHz DDR: LCLK=250MHz SPI: SCK = 50MHz | Data bit width: 44-Bit 44-Bit Opcode + 48-Bit | III | | | 5.6 11.3 0.9 | MSPS |

6.2 Power Supply Characteristics

General Conditions: VDD33 = 3.3 V; VDD18 = 1.8 V; T_A = 0 °C to 80 °C.

Figure 9:

Power Supply Characteristics

| Symbol | Description | Condition | TL Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|-------------|--|---|--------|-----|-----|------|
| Supply Volt | age | | | | | |
| tvDD180 | Delay from power- up of RVDD33 to TVDD18O, CVDD18O, DVDD18O stable | $C_{load} = 100 \ \mu F$ | V | | 100 | ms |
| Ртот,мім | Minimum total power dissipation | CMOS inputs and SPI read freeclk = 5 MHz conversion rate 1MSPS | V | 60 | | mW |
| Ртот,мах | Maximum total power | LVDS inputs and outputs freeclk = 10 MHz fstopa,b = 50 MHz flclk = 250 MHz | V | 260 | | mW |



| Symbol | Description | Condition | TL Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|-----|-----|------|
| Detailed Cur | rent Consumption | | | | | |
| IDVDD18,REFCLK | Core current into REFCLK | f _{REFCLK} = 5 MHz | V | 2 | | mA |
| DVDD18,STOP | Current per stop channel | Stop rate = 0.5 MHz | V | 0.5 | | mA |
| ICVDD18 | Current with activated TDC core | | V | 14 | | mA |
| IDVDD33,LVDS-IN ITVDD33,LVDS-IN | Current per LVDS input buffer | | III | 2 | 6 | mA |
| IDVDD33,LVDS- OUT | Current per LVDS output buffer | R _{TERM} = 100 Ω | III | 5 | 10 | mA |
| I _{DDQ} | Quiescent current mainly by IRVDD33 | LVDS inputs tied to VDD33 | II | 60 | 100 | μΑ |
| I _{LKG} | Input leakage current | LVDS, CMOS, Digital | II -5 | | 1 | μΑ |
| | | | | | | |

6.3 Reference Clock and Stop Input Requirements

General Conditions: VDD33 = 3.3 V; VDD18 = 1.8 V; T_A = 0 °C to 80 °C; VID = 200mV; VIC = 1.25 V; VIL = 0 V; VIH = 3.3 V

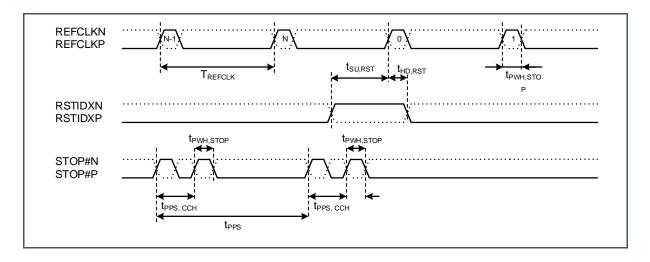
Figure 10: Clock and Input Characteristics

| Symbol | Description | Condition | TL | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-----|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|------|
| frefclk | Reference clock frequency | High_Resolution = 0 (off) High_Resolution = 1 (2x) High_Resolution = 2 (4x) | III | 2 2 2 | 5 5 5 | 12.5 12.5 10.0 | MHz |
| TREFCLK | Reference clock period | | III | 83 | 200 | 500 | ns |
| | Reference clock jitter | | V | | | 100 | ps |
| | Reference clock stability | No requirement | | | | | |
| t _{PWH} ,stop | Minimum pulse width | LVDS CMOS | III | 2 10 | | | ns |
| tpps | Minimum pulse-to- pulse spacing | High_Resolution = 0 (off) High_Resolution = 1 (2x) High_Resolution = 2 (4x) | III | 20 50 100 | | | ns |



| Symbol | Description | Condition | TL | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|-----------------|---|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| tpps,cch | Minimum pulse-to- pulse spacing for a single pair of pulses | CHANNEL_COMBINE = 1 | III | 5 | | | ns |
| t su,RST | Setup Time from RSTIDX to REFCLK | | Ш | 5 | | | ns |
| thd,RST | Hold Time from RSTIDX to REFCLK | | Ш | 5 | | | ns |
| tpin_ena | Pin Activation Time from configuration of PIN_ENA to valid data | Pins: RSTIDX, REFCLK, STOPA/B | III | 200 | | | μs |
| tpor | Delay between power-on or initialization reset and next communication | Delay between power-on or initialization reset and next communication | III | 100 | | | μs |

Figure 11: Timing Symbols and Parameters



6.4 LVDS Data Interface Characteristics

General Conditions: VDD33 = 3.3 V; VDD18 = 1.8 V; TA = 0 °C to 80 °C; VID = 200mV; VIC = 1.25 V

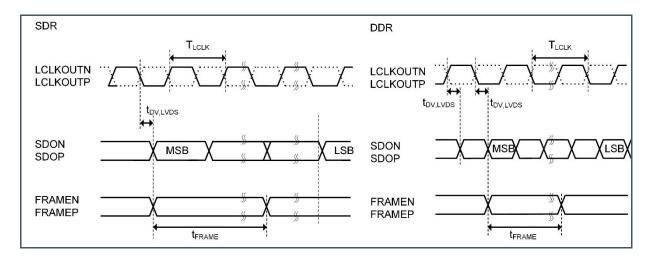


Figure 12: LVDS Interface Characteristics

| Symbol | Description | Condition | TL | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|----------------------|--|--|-----|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Electrical C | Characteristics | | | | | | |
| $V_{\text{OD,LVDS}}$ | LVDS differential output voltage | $R_L = 100 \Omega$, $C_L = 5 pF$ | Ш | 200 | | | mV |
| Voc,LVDS | LVDS common mode output voltage | $R_L = 100 \Omega$, $C_L = 5 pF$ | III | 1.125 | 1.25 | 1.375 | V |
| t _{PIN_ENA} | Pin activation time from configuration PIN_ENA_LVDS to valid data at pin | Pin: LCLKIN, LCLKOUT, SDOA/B, FRAMEA/B | III | | | 200 | μs |
| Timing Cha | aracteristics | | | | | | |
| tsync | Synchronization latency | SDR DDR | III | | 6 3 | | Clock |
| t _{FRAME} | Frame length | SDR DDR | III | | 8 4 | | Clock |
| flclk | LVDS clock frequency SDR/DDR | | III | 10 | | 250 | MHz |
| | LVDS clock duty cycle | | III | 45 | 50 | 55 | % |
| | Path delay LCLKIN to LCLKOUT, SDOA/B, FRAMEA/B | | III | | 5 | 10 | ns |
| t _{DV,LVDS} | Data valid after active clock edge | lvds_data_valid _adjust = 1 | III | | 0 | | ns |



Figure 13: LVDS Timing Symbols and Parameters



6.5 Serial Communication Interface

General Conditions: VDD33 = 3.3 V; VDD18 = 1.8 V; $T_A = 0$ °C to 80 °C; VIL = 0V; VIH = 3.3 V

Figure 14:
Serial Communication Interface Characteristics

| Symbol | Description | Condition | TL | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|------------------|--|-----------------------|-----|----------------|-----|-----|------|
| Electrical (| Characteristics | | | | | | |
| Vol | Digital Output LOW Voltage | I _O = 2 mA | III | | | 0.3 | mV |
| Vон | Digital Output HIGH Voltage | I _O = 2 mA | Ш | DVDD33 -0.3 | | | mV |
| Timing Cha | aracteristics | | | | | | |
| f _{SCK} | Serial clock frequency | C _L = 5 pF | III | | | 50 | MHz |
| tpwh,sck | Serial clock pulse width HI state | | III | 10 | | | ns |
| tpwl,sck | Serial clock pulse width LO state | | III | 10 | | | ns |
| tpwh,ssn | SSN pulse width between write cycles | | III | 10 | | | ns |
| tsu,ssn | SSN setup time after SCK falling | | III | 20 | | | ns |



| Symbol | Description | Condition | TL | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| thd,ssn | SSN hold time before SCK rising | | Ш | 20 | | | ns |
| t _{SU,MOSI} | Data setup time prior to clock edge | | Ш | 5 | | | ns |
| thd, mosi | Data hold time after clock edge | | Ш | 5 | | | ns |
| t _{DV,MISO} | Data valid after rising clock edge | | Ш | 8 | | | ns |
| tzx,miso | HighZ to output time | | Ш | 8 | | | ns |
| txz,miso | Output to HighZ time | | Ш | 8 | | | ns |

Figure 15: Write and Incremental Write

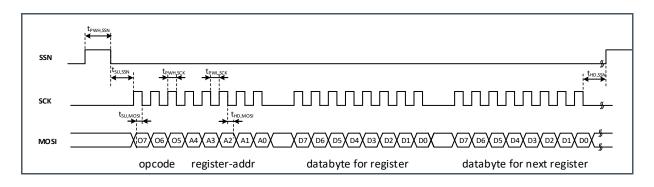
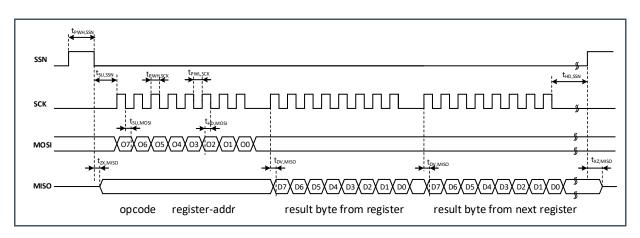


Figure 16: Read and Incremental Read





6.6 Typical Operating Characteristics

Figure 17: STOP, HIGHRES 4x, Histogram 100000 Values

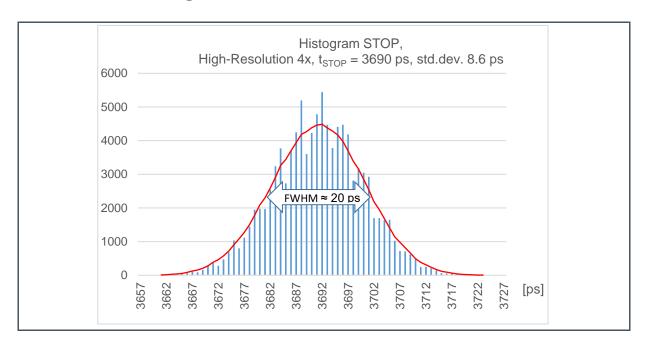


Figure 18: STOPB – STOPA, HIGHRES 4x, Histogram 100000 Values

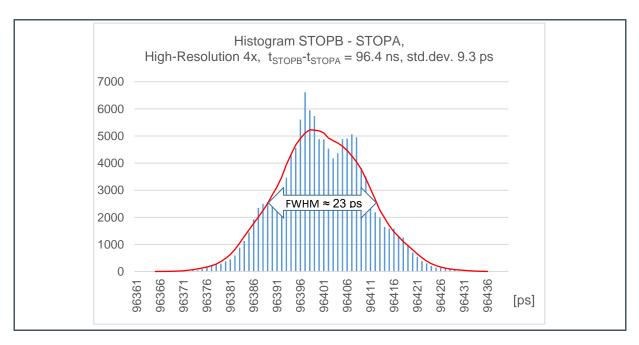




Figure 19: STOP – REFCLK, HIGHRES Off, Histogram 100000 Values

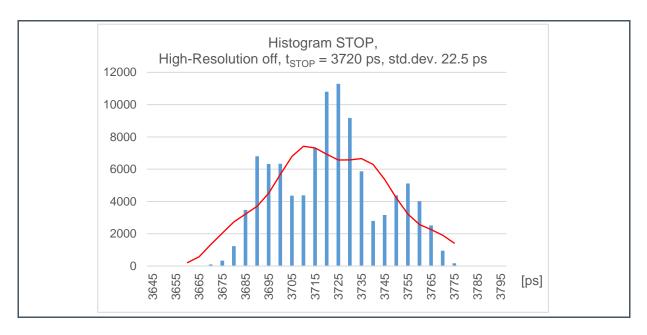


Figure 20: STOPB – STOPA, HIGHRES Off, Histogram 100000 Values

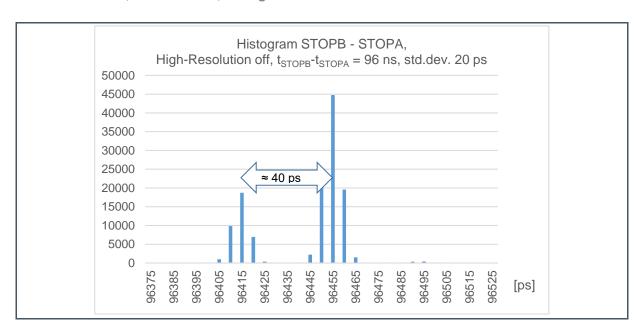
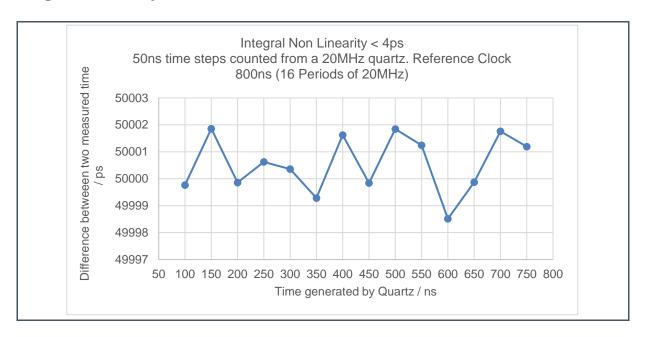




Figure 21: Integral Non-Linearity





7 Register Description

7.1 Register Overview

The configuration registers are organized in 17 addresses of one byte. All configuration registers are accessible via the SPI interface with the spiopc_write_config and spiopc_read_config. The result read registers are organized in 12 addresses of one byte. All result read registers are accessible via the SPI interface with spiopc_read_result. Users can read and write register individually or with an incremental access.

Figure 22: Configuration Register Overview

| Addr | Name | <d7></d7> | <d6></d6> | <d5></d5> | <d4></d4> | <d3></d3> | <d2></d2> | <d1></d1> | <d0></d0> |
|------|-------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 0 | CFG0 | PIN_ ENA_ RSTIDX | ENA_ (Ob) I. | | PIN_ ENA_ REFCLK | Fixed value: (0b) | PIN_ ENA_ STOPB | Fixed value: (0b) | PIN_ ENA_ STOPA |
| 1 | CFG1 | HIGH_ RESOLUT | HIGH_ C RESOLUTION C | | - | Fixed value: (0b) | HIT_ ENA_ STOPB | Fixed value: (0b) | HIT_ ENA_ STOPA |
| 2 | CFG2 | BLOCK WISE_ FIFO READ | WISE_ FIFO_ D | | STOP_DAT WIDTH | A_BIT | A_BIT REF_INDE | | DTH |
| 3 | CFG3 | REFCLK_ | DIVISIONS (Lo | wer byte) | | | | | |
| 4 | CFG4 | REFCLK_ | DIVISIONS (Mi | ddle byte) | | | | | |
| 5 | CFG5 | Fixed valu | e: (0000b) | | | REFCLK | _DIVISIONS | (Upper bit | s) |
| 6 | CFG6 | Fixed valu | e: (110b) | | LVDS_ TEST_ PATTERN | Fixed val | ue: (0000b) | | |
| 7 | CFG7 | Fixed valu | e: (01b) | LVDS_DATA ADJUST | A_VALID_ | Fixed Val | ue: (0011b) | | |
| 8 | CFG8 | Fixed valu | e: (10100001b) | | | | | | |
| 9 | CFG9 | Fixed valu | e: (00010011b) | | | | | | |
| 10 | CFG10 | Fixed valu | e: (0000000b) | | | | | | |
| 11 | CFG11 | Fixed valu | e: (00001010b) | | | | | | |
| 12 | CFG12 | Fixed valu | e: (11001100b) | | | | | | |
| 13 | CFG13 | Fixed valu | e: (11001100b) | | | | | | |
| 14 | CFG14 | Fixed valu | e: (11110001b) | | | | | | |
| 15 | CFG15 | Fixed valu | e: (01111101b) | | | | | | |
| 16 | CFG16 | Fixed valu | e: (00000b) | | | | CMOS_ INPUT | Fixed val | ue: (00b) |



All register are read/write with 0 as default value, besides registers 13 and 14 with 5 as default value. The fixed values are assigned by **ScioSense**: Unless otherwise suggested, they should be set as shown in this table.

Figure 23: Result Register Overview

| Addr | Name | <d7></d7> |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0 to 7 | | n.c. |
| 8 | | REFERENCE INDEX CHANNEL A BYTE #3 |
| 9 | | REFERENCE INDEX CHANNEL A BYTE #2 |
| 10 | — — CHANNELA | REFERENCE INDEX CHANNEL A BYTE #1 |
| 11 | — CHANNELA | STOP RESULT CHANNEL A BYTE #3 |
| 12 | | STOP RESULT CHANNEL A BYTE #2 |
| 13 | | STOP RESULT CHANNEL A BYTE #1 |
| 14 to 19 | | n.c. |
| 20 | | REFERENCE INDEX CHANNEL B BYTE #3 |
| 21 | _ | REFERENCE INDEX CHANNEL B BYTE #2 |
| 22 | CHANNELD | REFERENCE INDEX CHANNEL B BYTE #1 |
| 23 | — CHANNELB | STOP RESULT CHANNEL B BYTE #3 |
| 24 | | STOP RESULT CHANNEL B BYTE #2 |
| 25 | _ | STOP RESULT CHANNEL B BYTE #1 |

7.2 Detailed Register Description

7.2.1 CFG0 Register (Address 0)

The PIN_ENA registers activate the LVDS input or output drivers of the related pins. Main purpose of PIN_ENA is cutting of current consumption of differential LVDS buffers to nearly zero. But also with CMOS input levels the pins have to be activated accordingly. Unused inputs has to be tied to VDD33.

Figure 24: CFG0 Register

| Addr | Addr: 0 | | CFG0 | | | | |
|------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Bit | Bit Name | De- fault | Ac- cess | Bit Description | | | |
| 0 | PIN_ENA_ STOPA | 0 | RW | Activation on stop event input pin STOPA 0:= Stop input pins not active 1:= Stop input pins active | | | |
| 1 | Fixed value: | 0 | RW | (0b) | | | |



| Addr | r: 0 | CFG |) | |
|------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| Bit | Bit Name | De- fault | Ac- cess | Bit Description |
| 2 | PIN_ENA_ STOPB | 0 | RW | Activation on stop event input pin STOPB 0:= Stop input pins not active 1:= Stop input pins active |
| 3 | Fixed value: | 0 | RW | (0b) |
| 4 | PIN_ENA_ REFCLK | 0 | RW | 0:= REFCLK input pins not active 1:= REFCLK input pins active |
| 5 | PIN_ENA_ LVDS_OUT | 0 | RW | 0:= All LDVS output pins disabled 1:= Activation of LCLK and LCLKOUT pins. Activation of SDOA/B and FRAMEA/B, depends further on CHANNEL_COMBINE and PIN_ENA |
| 6 | Fixed value: | 0 | RW | (0b) |
| 7 | PIN_ENA_ RSTIDX | 0 | RW | 0:= Deactivation of reference clock index counter reset pin 1:= Activation of reference clock index counter reset pin |

7.2.2 CFG1 Register (Address 1)

Figure 25: CFG1 Register

| Addr | :1 | CFG1 | | |
|------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| Bit | Bit Name | De- fault | Ac- cess | Bit Description |
| 0 | HIT_ENA_ STOPA | 0 | RW | 0:= Stop events are internally rejected. The pin enabling of STOPA is not affected. 1:= Stop events are internally accepted and processed. Normal working condition |
| 1 | Fixed value: | 0 | RW | (0b) |
| 2 | HIT_ENA_ STOPB | 0 | RW | 0:= Stop events are internally rejected. The pin enabling of STOPB is not affected. 1:= Stop events are internally accepted and processed. Normal working condition |
| 3 | Fixed value: | 0 | RW | (0b) |
| 4, 5 | CHANNEL_ COMBINE | 0 | RW | The two stop channels may be combined for improved pulse pair resolution or higher conversion rate. 00b := Normal operation with two independent stop channels 01b := "Pulse distance" Stop events at STOPA are measured alternatingly by stop channels A & B 10b := "Pulse width" The rising edges at STOPA are measured by stop channel A, the falling edges at STOPA are measured by stop channel B |



| Addr: 1 | | CFG1 | | |
|---------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|---|
| Bit | Bit Name | De- fault | Ac- cess | Bit Description |
| 6, 7 | HIGH_ RESOLUTION | 0 | RW | A stop event is internally delayed, measured several times and summed up in order to one result to increase the time resolution. 00b := 0 (Off): standard resolution with minimal pulse-to-pulse spacing. 01b := 1 (2x): A stop event is measured twice 10b := 2 (4x): A stop event is measured four times |

7.2.3 CFG2 Register (Address 2)

Figure 26: CFG2 Register

| Addr: 2 | | CFG2 | | | |
|---------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|---|--|
| Bit | Bit Name | De- fault | Ac- cess | Bit Description | |
| [2:0] | REF_INDEX_ BITWIDTH | 0 | RW | Bit width of reference clock index in LVDS output (not applicable to SPI data readout). 000b := 0 bit, no data out 001b := 2 bits 010b := 4 bits 011b := 8 bits 100b := 16 bits 101b := 24 bits 110b := 6 bits 111b := 12 bits | |
| 3, 4 | STOP_DATA_ BITWIDTH | 0 | RW | Bit width of the stop result in LVDS output. Bit width should be sufficient to represent the REFCLK_DIVISIONS configuration value (not applicable to SPI data readout). 00b := 14 Bits → max of REFCLK_DIVISIONS = 2 ¹⁴ -1 01b := 16 Bits → max of REFCLK_DIVISIONS = 2 ¹⁶ -1 10b := 18 Bits → max of REFCLK_DIVISIONS = 2 ¹⁸ -1 11b := 20 Bits → max of REFCLK_DIVISIONS = 2 ²⁰ -1 | |
| 5 | LVDS_DOUBLE_ DATA_RATE | 0 | RW | 0:= Single Data Read (SDR): The LVDS data clocked out on rising edges of LCLK-OUT 1:= Double Data Read (DDR): The LVDS data are clocked on both edges of LCLK-OUT | |



| Addr: | Addr: 2 | | CFG2 | | |
|-------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|---|--|
| Bit | Bit Name | De- fault | Ac- cess | Bit Description | |
| 6 | COMMON_ FIFO_READ | 0 | RW | 0:= Off LVDS: Operation with two independent stop channels SPI: INTERUPT pin is set to zero, as soon as one FIFOs does have a value.OFF. 1:= On LVDS: All active frame pins are set simultaneous as soon as all related FIFOs have values. SPI: INTERUPT pin is set to zero, as soon as all active FIFOs have value. In combination with BLOCKWISE_READ this option guaranties successive measurements in parallel on all stop channels | |
| 7 | BLOCKWISE_ FIFO_READ | 0 | RW | 0:= OFF, Operation with standard FIFO function 1:= Data output (LVDS or SPI) is not started before a channel FIFO is full. Once FIFO is full, measurement is not restarted before FIFO is completely read-out. This option guaranties successive measurements at high stop event rate or slow read-out speeds (e.g. SPI) | |

7.2.4 CFG3, CFG4, CFG5 Registers (Addresses 3 to 5)

These registers combine for a 20-bit value.

Figure 27: CFG3, CFG4, CFG5 Registers

| Addr: 3 | | CFGRG3 | | |
|---------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---|
| Bit | Bit Name | De- fault | Ac- cess | Bit Description |
| 0 to 7 | REFCLK_DIVISIONS Lower 8 bits | 0 | RW | Defines a LSB at the output interface as fraction of the reference clock period. The most convenient way is applying a LSB of 1ps by configuring REFCLK_DIVISIONS to the picosecond value of the reference clock period |
| Addr: 4 | CFGRG4 | | | |
| 0 to 7 | REFCLK_DIVISIONS Middle 8 bits | 0 | RW | See above |
| Addr: 5 | | CFGR | G5 | |
| 0 to 3 | REFCLK_DIVISIONS High 4 bits | 0 | RW | See above |
| 4 to 7 | Fixed value: | 0 | RW | (0000b) |



7.2.5 CFG6 Register (Address 6)

Figure 28: CFG6 Register

| Addr: 6 | Addr: 6 | | CFG6 | | |
|---------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|---|--|
| Bit | Bit Name | De- fault | Ac- cess | Bit Description | |
| 0 to 3 | Fixed value: | 0 | RW | (0000b) | |
| 4 | LVDS_TEST_ PATTERN | 0 | RW | 0:= Normal operation of LVDS outputs 1:= LVDS interface continuously outputs the following test patterns. All stop events are ignored. Reference index = 1111000011001100101010101011110000bin (=15781034dec) Stop result = 00001010101010111110000bin (=699632dec) Depending on the configuration of the output format width (REF_INDEX_BITWIDTH, STOP_DATA_BITWIDTH) only the corresponding lower bits are transmitted | |
| 5 to 7 | Fixed value: | 0 | RW | (000b) | |

7.2.6 CFG7 Register (Address 7)

Figure 29: CFG7 Register

| Addr: 7 | | CFG7 | CFG7 | | |
|---------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|---|--|
| Bit | Bit Name | De- fault | Ac- cess | Bit Description | |
| 0 to 3 | Fixed value: | 0 | RW | (0000b) | |
| 4, 5 | LVDS_DATA_VALID_ ADJUST | 0 | RW | Adjustment of the data valid time at the LVDS output interface. 00b := - 160 ps 01b := 0 ps 10b := +160 ps 11b := +320 ps | |
| 6, 7 | Fixed value: | 0 | RW | (00b) | |

7.2.7 CFG8 to CFG15 Register (Addresses 8 to 15)

For registers 8 to 15 use the default fixed values as shown in the Register Overview.



7.2.8 CFG16 Register (Address 16)

Figure 30: CFG16 Register

| Addr: 16 | | CFG1 | 6 | |
|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---|
| Bit | Bit Name | De- fault | Ac- cess | Bit Description |
| 0, 1 | Fixed value: | 0 | RW | (00b) |
| 2 | CMOS_INPUT | 0 | RW | Input voltage levels of STOPA and STOPB, REFCLK, RSTIDX are selected as CMOS or LVDS 0:= Differential LVDS input level. 1:= Single ended CMOS input level Also with CMOS input level the pins have to be activated with according PIN_ENA-configuration |
| 3 to 7 | Fixed value: | 0 | RW | (00000b) |

7.2.9 CHANNELA Result Register (Addresses 8 to 13)

ChannelA register is made of 6 bytes. Three bytes for the reference index REFID, three bytes for the time stamp:

Figure 31: CHANNELA Register

| Address | Name | Description | Format | | |
|---------|--------|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| 8 | | REFERENCE INDEX CH1 BYTE #3 | | | |
| 9 | REFID1 | REFERENCE INDEX CH1 BYTE #2 | $REFID = 2^{16}xBYTE#3 + 2^8xBYTE#2 + BYTE#1$ | | |
| 10 | | REFERENCE INDEX CH1 BYTE #1 | | | |
| 11 | | STOP RESULT CH1 BYTE #3 | | | |
| 12 | TSTOPA | STOP RESULT CH1 BYTE #2 | $TSTOP = 2^{16}xBYTE#3 + 2^8xBYTE#2 + BYTE#1$ | | |
| 13 | | STOP RESULT CH1 BYTE #1 | | | |

REFID is the reference index of the preceding reference clock edge.

TSTOP is the ratio of the internal measured times of t_{STOP} over t_{REF} scaled by the configured REFCLK_DIVISONS. For details see section Time Measurements and Results.

7.2.10 CHANNELB Result Register (Addresses 20 to 25)

ChannelA register is made of 6 bytes. Three bytes for the reference index REFID, three bytes for the time stamp:



Figure 32: CHANNELB Register

| Address | Name | Description | Header row left aligned |
|---------|--------|-----------------------------|---|
| 20 | | REFERENCE INDEX CH3 BYTE #3 | |
| 21 | REFID3 | REFERENCE INDEX CH3 BYTE #2 | $REFID = 2^{16} \times BYTE#3 + 2^{8} \times BYTE#2 + BYTE#1$ |
| 22 | | REFERENCE INDEX CH3 BYTE #1 | |
| 23 | | STOP RESULT CH3 BYTE #3 | |
| 24 | TSTOPB | STOP RESULT CH3 BYTE #2 | TSTOP = 2 ¹⁶ xBYTE#3 + 2 ⁸ xBYTE#2 + BYTE#1 |
| 25 | | STOP RESULT CH3 BYTE #1 | |

REFID is the reference index of the preceding reference clock edge.

TSTOP is the measured time as ratio of the internal measured times of t_{STOP} over t_{REF} scaled by the configured REFCLK_DIVISONS. For details see section Time Measurements and Results.



8 Detailed Description

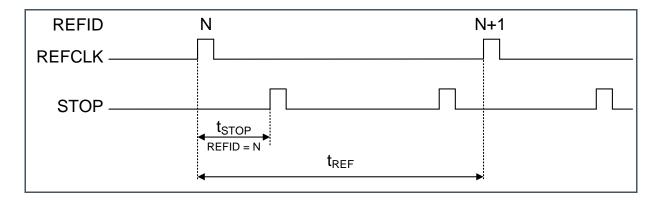
8.1 Time Measurements and Results

8.1.1 Measurements of AS6501

The reference clock is the framework for all time measurements. The clock pulses are measured continuously by the TDC as time reference point for stop pulses and as internal reference period. The measurement of the stop events always refers to the preceding reference clock. Additionally, the reference clock is counted continuously and the actual count is assigned as reference index to a stop pulse.

- tref is the internal TDC measurement of the reference clock period
- tstop is the internal TDC measurement of a stop to the preceding reference clock
- REFID is the index of reference period where the measured stop occurred

Figure 33: AS6501 Time Measurement



8.1.2 Output Results

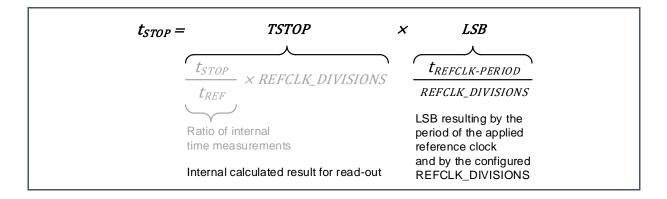
Each stop generates a dataset that consists of two values TSTOP and REFID:

REFID is the reference index of the preceding reference clock pulse to TSTOP. The reference index is necessary to indicate the relationship of stop pulses that belong to different reference clock periods. The maximum length of the reference index is 20 bits.

TSTOP is the ratio of the internal measured times of t_{STOP} over t_{REF} scaled by the configured REFCLK_DIVISONS. The readout result TSTOP is always less than configured REFCLK_DIVISONS. The resulting LSB at the output interface should be chosen much lower than the single shot resolution of AS6501. For details, see chapter Coding of Results. Suitable values are e.g. 1 ps, 5 ps or 10 ps.



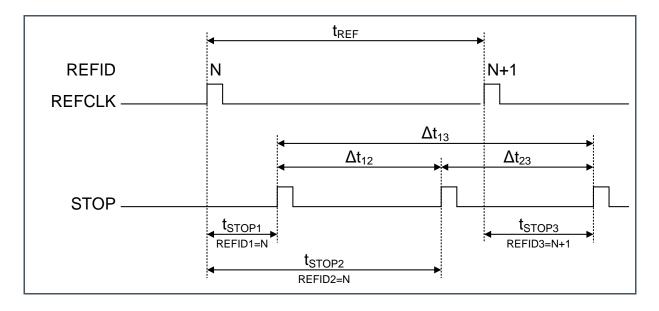
Figure 34: Time Calculation



8.1.3 Calculation of Time Differences

The results of the AS6501 are the time intervals from stop event pulses to the preceding reference clock pulses. In many applications, the time difference between stop event pulses is desired. This happens e.g. in case of a quartz as a reference clock. Depending on the application and the measurement setup, several approaches are possible to calculate the time between two stops in the connected microprocessor or FPGA.

Figure 35: Calculating Time Differences



GENERAL APPROACH

On the output interface, either SPI or LVDS, both data REFID and TSTOP are available. With these data, it is possible to calculate time differences between stops. The maximum time difference depends on the bit width of the reference index (see also chapter Maximum Time Differences).



 $\Delta t_{13} = (TSTOP3 - TSTOP1) + (REFID3 - REFID1) * REFCLK_DIVISIONS$

In two special cases it is not necessary to readout the REFID:

STOPS IN THE SAME REFERENCE CLOCK PERIOD

In applications where stops occur always in the same reference period, it is not necessary to read out the reference index. It is sufficient to read out just the stop results and to calculate the difference:

 $\Delta t_{12} = TSTOP2 - TSTOP1$

if REFID2 = REFID1

TIME DIFFERENCE SMALLER THAN REFERENCE CLOCK

In applications where the measured time difference Δt is always smaller than the reference clock period TREF but not necessarily in the same reference clock period, it is often sufficient to read out just the stop results without the reference index by distinguishing positive and negative time difference:

 $\Delta t_{23} = (TSTOP3 - TSTOP2)$

if TSTOP3 - TSTOP2 > 0

 $\Delta t_{23} = (TSTOP3 - TSTOP2) + REFCLK_DIVISIONS$

if TSTOP3 – TSTOP2 < 0

8.2 Resolution

8.2.1 RMS-Resolution versus Effective Resolution

The RMS resolution of a TDC is the root-mean-square-value of a set of single shot time measurements. TDC do not have an obvious full scale definition, as the time they are measuring is unlimited. Therefore, the definition of an effective resolution in number of bits likewise in ADC is not feasible.

8.2.2 High Resolution

For achieving best single-shot RMS resolution, AS6501 offers a complete integrated solution. During the initial sampling, the stop event is internally delayed and sampled again, after the first sample was stored in the FIFO. All samples of one stop event are averaged inside of the AS6501 and occur as one result with lower conversion noise at the output interface. With HIGH_RESOLUTION it is possible to configure internal 2 or 4 samples of one event. Due of the internal delay and the multiple samples the conversion latency t_{conv} and the pulse-to-pulse spacing t_{PPS} increase as well as the maximum FIFO_DEPTH decreases. In order to compensate these drawbacks, it is possible to use HIGH_RESOLUTION with both CHANNEL_COMBINATION modes and to achieve the excellent pulse-to-pulse spacing of channel combination mode, doubled FIFO depth per stop input and higher resolution.



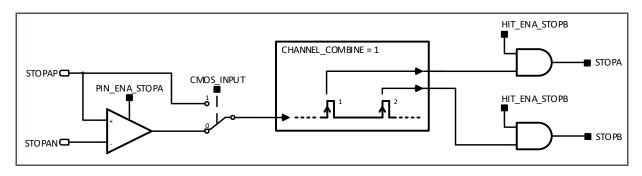
8.3 Combining Two Stop Channels

8.3.1 Channel Combination for Low Pulse-to-Pulse Spacing

With CHANNEL_COMBINE set to "PULSE_SPACING", the two stop channels A & B are connected to one input pin STOPA. The stop events at the input pin are distributed alternatingly between the combined channels. Readout is indicated via FRAME or INTERRUPT pins when both channels have results in their FIFO. The advantage of combining channels lies in improved pulse-to-pulse spacing

- Excellent pulse-to-pulse spacing
- Doubled FIFO depth per stop input pin
- Higher burst storage capability
- Doubled LVDS readout rate per stop input pin
- HIGH_RESOLUTION is applicable

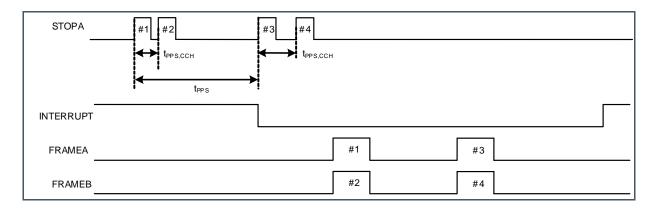
Figure 36:
Channel Combination Low Pulse-to-Pulse Spacing



The outstanding low pulse-to-pulse spacing tpps,CCH is achievable only for a single pulse pair. After a pulse pair, the regular pulse-to-pulse spacing tpps must be awaited, before capturing the next pulse becomes possible. Measurements with HIGH_RESOLUTION will increase the regular pulse-to-pulse spacing but the low pulse-to-pulse spacing tpps,CCH is not affected.



Figure 37:
Channel Combination Low Pulse-to-Pulse Spacing



Information

- With LVDS outputs the FRAME pins of combined channels are active together.
- SPI readout of combined channel pairs is permitted only pairwise like CHA-CHB-CHA-CHB-.

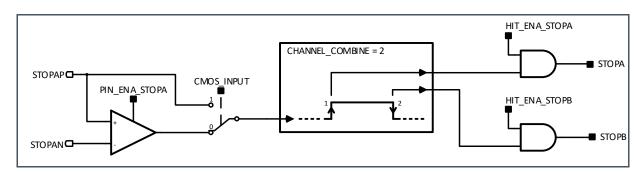
But it is not permitted to read one channel twice like CHA-CHA-CHB-CHB-.

8.3.2 Channel Combination for Pulse Width Measurement

With CHANNEL_COMBINE set to "PULSE_WIDTH" the two internal stop channels A & B are connected to one input pin STOPA. The rising edges are measured by channel A, falling edges are measured by channel B. Readout starts on both channels simultaneous when a rising and falling edge was measured.

HIGH_RESOLUTION or COMMON_FIFO_READ is fully applicable

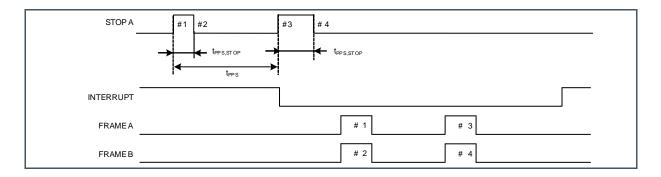
Figure 38: Channel Combination Pulse Width Measurement





Note: For internal processing reasons, after the conversion latency t_{PPS} the next pulses can be captured earliest. Measurements with HIGH_RESOLUTION will increase the conversion latency but minimum pulse width t_{PWH,STOP} is not affected.

Figure 39: Channel Combination Pulse Width Measurement

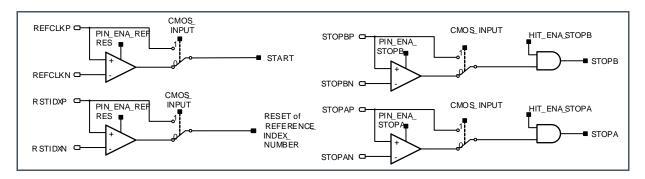


- With LVDS output the FRAME pins of combined channels are active together.
- SPI readout of combined channel pairs is permitted only pairwise like CHA-CHB-CHA-CHB-.
 But it is not permitted to read one channel twice like CHA-CHB-CHB-.

8.4 Input Pins for Time Measurement

The following diagram show the relevant input pins for the reference and the stops.

Figure 40: Input Circuitry



8.4.1 REFCLKP/N: Reference Clock Input

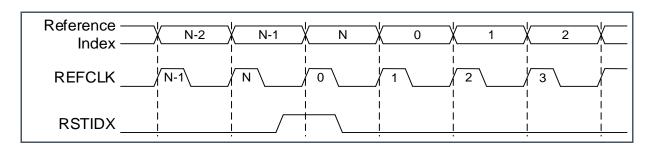
The reference clock serves as universal time base. Due to internal averaging, the phase jitter of the reference clock is non-critical. The accuracy and drift of the reference clock also does not affect the proper working of AS6501 itself. But it will directly affect the quality of the time measurement results.



8.4.2 RSTIDXP/N: Reference Index Counter Reset

With pin RSTIDX the internal counter for the reference index is set back to zero. This option may simply the overview on the reference index in the output data stream. RSTIDX is applied synchronously to the reference clock for at least a single period. After release of RSTIDX, one reference clock cycle passes before stop events are assigned with zero as reference index. The pin has to be activated with PIN_ENA_RSTIDX.

Figure 41:
Reference Index Counter Reset



8.4.3 STOPAP/N, STOPBP/N: Stop Channels

Inputs for the stop signals. The positive edges of the stop signals are measured versus the preceding reference clock edge.

The chip has two independent stop channels. With CHANNEL_COMBINE variations of this normal operation mode can be achieved.

8.4.4 Input Levels, CMOS or LVDS

All input pins, STOPA and STOPB, REFCLK and RSTIDX can be switched in common to CMOS input levels with CMOS_INPUT configuration. Tie the unused negative inputs to TVDD33.

LVDS (CMOS_INPUT=0):

Figure 43:

Figure 42: CMOS-LVDS General Circuit

PIN_ENA

STOPA

STOPAP

STOPAN

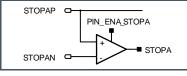
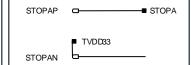


Figure 44: CMOS (CMOS_INPUT=1):



Termination of differential LVDS input pins

CMOS_IN

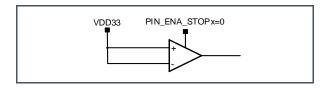


There is no integrated termination. It is necessary to place termination resistors on the PCB near to the input pins. The default termination for LVDS signals is to have single 100 Ω resistors between the differential lines.

Connecting unused LVDS inputs

Any kind of unused LVDS inputs (e.g. STOPA to STOPB, REFCLK, RSTIDX, LCLKIN) have to be pulled up to VDD33 and disabled by setting PIN_ENA to zero. Unused channels should also be switched off with HIT_ENA_STOPA or HIT_ENA_STOPB.

Figure 45: Unused LVDS



Software enable (HIT_ENA_STOPA/B)

Setting the configuration bits HIT_ENA_STOPA, HIT_ENA_STOPB applies a software enable for stop channels A and B.

Pin ENABLE (PIN_ENA_XXX)

The pin enable registers PIN_ENA_STOPA and PIN_ENA_STOPB, PIN_ENA_REFCLK and PIN_ENA_RSTIDX activate the LVDS input or output drivers of the related pins. Main purpose of PIN_ENA is cutting of current consumption of unused differential LVDS buffer to nearly zero. But also with CMOS_INPUTs the pin need to be activated. In case of the LVDS output interface, PIN_ENA_STOPA and PIN_ENA_STOPB enable also the according LVDS output drivers.

8.5 LVDS Output Interface

8.5.1 Digital Output Interface

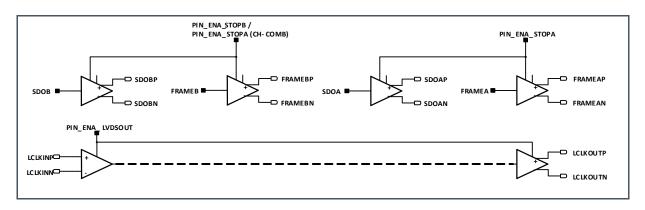
Each stop channel has its own serial interface with a data output SDO pin and a FRAME pin to indicate the MSB. Data output is supported on falling edges (SDR, single data read) or rising and falling edges (DDR, double data read). The operating clock is looped from LCLKIN through the chip to LCLKOUT pin. The data at SDO and FRAME pins have stable timing relation a t_{DV,LVDS} to LCLKOUT. The FRAME indicate the first 8 bits of an output sequence. On the SDO pin the reference index is output first, and the stop result follows that. The bit width of both results is configurable by STOP_DATA_BITWIDTH and REF_INDEX_BITWIDTH. With careful configuration data overhead can be avoided in favor of higher conversion rates.



8.5.2 Output Setup and Configuration:

LVDS output interface is activated configuring LVDS_ENA_LVDSOUT =1. The clock at the input LCLKIN is looped through the chip to pins LCLKOUT. The phase of SDO and FRAME pins are in stable relation to LCLKOUT. The SDO and FRAME pins needed for output are activated according to the configuration of PAD_ENA_STOPA to PAD_ENA_STOPB and CHANNEL_COMBINE.

Figure 46: LVDS Outputs



8.5.3 LVDS Output Buffers

The LVDS output buffers SDOA, SDOB, FRAMEA, FRAMEB, and LCLKOUT are designed for 200mV voltage swing with external 100 Ω termination.

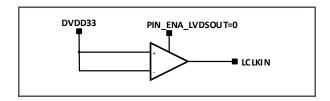
Unused LVDS output buffers can be left unconnected.

8.5.4 Differential LCLKIN Input

Termination: No integrated termination resistors are provided. A termination resistor of 100 Ohm should be placed near the input pin.

Connection of unused LCLKIN input: LCLKIN input has to be pulled up to VDD33 and disabled by configuring PIN_ENA_LVDS to zero.

Figure 47: LCLKIN Input

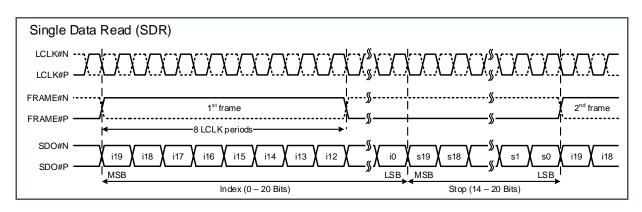




8.5.5 LVDS Single Data Read Output Interface (SDR)

In single data read mode (LVDS_DOUBLE_DATA_RATE = 0) the data and frame bits are clocked on the falling edge of LVDS output clock LCLKOUT. The data bits are stable during the following rising edge of LCLKOUT.

Figure 48: LVDS Outputs SDR



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Information

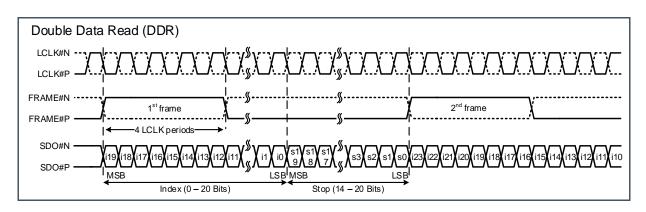
Bit width of the reference index and the stop result is configured by STOP_DATA_BITWIDTH and REF_INDEX_BITWIDTH

8.5.6 LVDS Double Data Read Output Interface (DDR)

With double data read mode the readout rate is doubled or alternatively the LVDS clock frequency can be halved with constant readout rate. The data and frame bits are clocked on rising and falling edges of LCLKOUT. Both bits, data and frame, are delayed by tdv,LVDS to LCLKOUT in order to grant sufficient hold time for the receiving device. With configuration parameter LVDS_DATA_VALID_ADJUST the delay can be adjusted for all LVDS outputs in common.



Figure 49: LVDS Outputs DDR



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Information

Bit width of the reference index and the stop result is configured by STOP_DATA_BITWIDTH and REF_INDEX_BITWIDTH

8.5.7 LVDS Output Test Pattern

Setting LVDS_TEST_PATTERN = 1 the interface continuously outputs the following fixed test patterns. All stop events are ignored.

Reference index = 111100001100101010101010 (=15781034dec)

Stop result = 00001010101011110000bin (= 699632dec)

Depending on the configuration of the output format width (REF_INDEX_BITWIDTH, STOP_DATA_BITWIDTH) only the corresponding lower bits of the reference index and the stop result are transmitted.

8.6 SPI Communication Interface

8.6.1 General

The SPI interface is implemented to

- Reset the chip to power on state
- Write configuration registers
- Verify configuration or status registers
- Initialize and restart measurements



 Byte-wise readout of results from the read registers (see Figure 31) via SPI instead via serial LVDS outputs

The serial interface is compatible with the 4-wire SPI standard in Motorola specification:

Clock Phase Bit = 1 Clock Polarity Bit = 0

8.6.2 Detailed Pin Description

Pin SSN

The 'Slave Select Not' line is the HIGH-active reset for the serial interface. When set to LOW, the interface is ready for serial shift of data into or out of the device. Each access POR, INIT, READ or WRITE has to start with a positive pulse on SSN.

Pin SCK

The 'Serial Clock' line is the driving clock which starts at LOW level and expects HIGH active pulses.

Pin MOSI

The 'Master Out Slave In' line is the serial data input of the device. Data takeover is done with the falling edge of SCK. The MSB is sent first.

Pin MISO

At 'Master In Slave Out' line, the serial data are clocked out of the chip with the rising edge of SCK. When SSN is set to HIGH, then the data output pin MISO is in high-Z state. The MSB is sent first.

Pin INTERRUPT

A low level at the interrupt pin indicates to the receiving device that data are available.

8.6.3 Communication Commands (Opcodes)

Figure 50:
Opcodes Overview

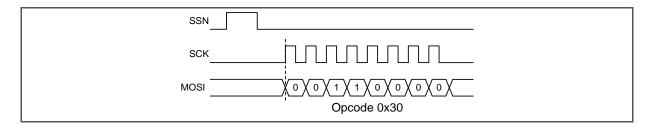
| Opcode | Hex / BIN | Description |
|---------------------|-------------------|--|
| spiopc_power | 0x30 = 0b00110000 | Power on reset and stop measurement |
| spiopc_init | 0x18 = 0b00011000 | Initializes Chip and starts measurement |
| spiopc_write_config | 0x80 = 0b100XXXXX | 0x60 = 0b011XXXXX |
| spiopc_read_results | 0x60 = 0b011XXXXX | Read opcode for result and status register X=831 |
| spiopc_read_config | 0x40 = 0b010XXXXX | Readout of configuration register X=017 |

Power-ON Reset



After stabilization of all VDD33 and VDD18 the device expects the opcode spiopc_power = 0x30 to be sent via the SPI interface for power on reset. After the last bit of the opcode the reset remains active during thousand before the device is ready for the next read or write access. After the reset, the measurement is stopped and the configuration registers are set to internal defaults of the chip.

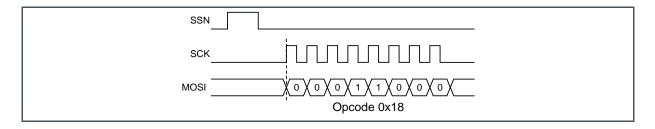
Figure 51: Power-On Reset Opcode



Initialization Reset

After the configuration, the initialization opcode spiopc_init = 0x18 resets again the chip to power on state, but preserves the configuration and starts the measurement. The initialization reset can be send while the reference clock or stops are applied. It takes 16 pulses of the reference clock before the stop channels are opened internally. After the initialization reset the delay tpor has to be waited before next communication. The initialization reset can be applied also during measurements to restart the chip, but preserves measured data in FIFOs.

Figure 52: Init Reset Opcode

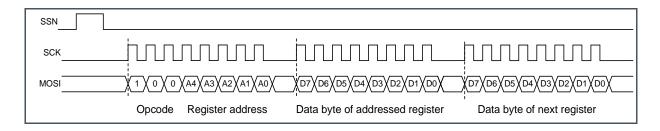


Write / Incremental Write

Write access is permitted to the configuration registers exclusively. The access starts by sending the opcode spiopc_write_config = 0x80 after a positive SSN pulse. The register address is just added to spiopc_write_config. The data are sent after the opcode. Incremental write access to the successive registers is possible by sending the next data bytes. A complete configuration starts normally at register 0, followed by all register data bytes.



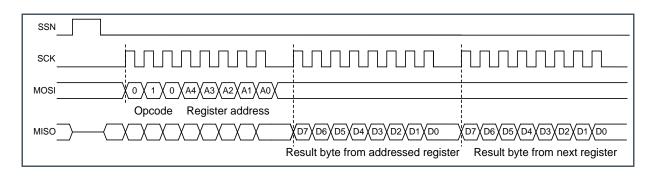
Figure 53: SPI Incremental Write



Read / Incremental Read

The read access to registers starts by sending the opcodes spiopc_read_results =0x60 or spiopc_read_config = 0x40 after a positive SSN pulse. The register address is just added to the opcode. After the opcode the data are clocked out at the MISO line. Incremental read access to following registers is possible by continuously reading bytes. Each register is suitable as start address for incremental access.

Figure 54: SPI Incremental Read



8.6.4 Data Readout via SPI Interface

Reading results byte-wise from AS6501 e.g. by an external microcontroller is fully supported. While using the SPI interface, data read by LVDS has to be suppressed by setting PIN_ENA_LVDS_OUT to zero or at least by not applying a clock at LCLKIN.

When reading an empty channel the results of REFINDEX and STOPRESULT are marked with 0xFFFFF. Typically, the measurement rate of AS6501 is much higher than the readout rate possible with SPI. In this case using COMMON_FIFO_READ and BLOCKWISE_FIFO_READ is helpful to get sequential results which were measured in parallel in AS6501.

REF_INDEX_BITWIDTH and STOP_DATA_BITWIDTH are not relevant for reading via SPI.



8.7 Coding of Results

8.7.1 Configuration of LSB by REFCLK_DIVISIONS

The reference clock period is divided into subdivisions by REFCLK_DIVISIONS for the definition of the LSB of the stop results at the output interface. One subdivision corresponds to the LSB and the stop results scale into multiples of this LSB. In order to avoid quantization artefacts of the output interface, the resulting LSB has to be much smaller than the single shot resolution of AS6501. The most convenient way is choosing an LSB of 1 ps by configuring REFCLK_DIVISIONS to the picosecond value of the reference clock period. Other LSB settings are possible as well, like LSB of 5 ps or 10 ps.

Figure 55: LSB Configuration

| Reference Clock Period | Reference Clock Frequency | REFCLK_ DIVISIONS LSB = 1 ps | REFCLK_ DIVISIONS LSB = 5 ps | REFCLK_ DIVISIONS LSB = 10 ps |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 500 ns | 2 MHz | 500000 | 100000 | 50000 |
| 250 ns | 4 MHz | 250000 | 50000 | 25000 |
| 200 ns | 5 MHz | 200000 | 40000 | 20000 |
| 100 ns | 10 MHz | 100000 | 20000 | 10000 |
| 80 ns | 12.5 MHz | 80000 | 16000 | 8000 |



Information

For LVDS output, REFCLK_DIVISIONS must not exceed the result bit width defined by STOP_DATA_BITWIDTH.

8.7.2 Examples for Codes of Time Measurements Results

Figure 56: LSB Configuration

| Readout of Stop Result | | Resulting Stop T | Note | | | |
|------------------------|---------|------------------|-----------|------------|------|--|
| Hexadecimal | Decimal | LSB = 1ps | LSB = 5ps | LSB = 10ps | Note | |
| 0x0 | 0 | 0 ps | 0 ps | 0 ps | | |
| 0x1 | 1 | 1 ps | 5 ps | 10 ps | | |
| 0x2 | 2 | 2 ps | 10 ps | 20 ps | | |
| 0xA | 10 | 10 ps | 50 ps | 100 ps | | |
| 0x64 | 100 | 100 ps | 500 ps | 1000 ps | | |



| Readout of St | out of Stop Result Resulting Stop Time with an Assumed LSB of | | | Note | Note | | |
|---------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--|---------------|--|
| Hexadecimal | Decimal | LSB = 1ps LSB = 5ps LS | | LSB = 10ps | Note | | |
| 0x3E8 | 1000 | 1000 ps | 5000 ps | 10000 ps | | | |
| 0x2710 | 10000 | 10000 ps | 50000 ps | 100000 ps | | | |
| 0x61A7 | 24999 | 24999 ps | 124995 ps | 249990 ps | | | |
| 0xC34F | 49999 | 49999 ps | 249995 ps ⁽²⁾ | (1) | refclk-pe | | |
| 0x3D08F | 249999 | 249999 ps ⁽²⁾ | (1) | (1) | t _{REFCLK} =250ns | | |
| | | 1 | | | | | |
| 0x1869F | 99999 | 99999 ps | 499995 ps | (1) | | refclk-period | |
| 0x30D3F | 199999 | 199999 ps | (1) | (1) | | | |
| 0xF423F | 999999 | (1) | (1) | (1) | t _{REFCLK} = | ιμs | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 0x3FFF | 16383 | 16383 ps | 81915 ps | 163830 ps | | 14 Bit | |
| 0xFFFF | 65335 | 65335 ps | 326675 ps | 653350 ps | refclk- period t _{REFCLK} | 16 Bit | |
| 0x3FFFF | 262143 | 262143 ps | (1) | (1) | | 18 Bit | |
| 0xFFFFF | 1048575 | 1048575 ps | (1) | (1) | =1µs | 20 Bit | |
| 0x0FFFFF | 1048575 | 1048575 ps | (1) | (1) | SPI: max with 20B | readout | |

- (1) Time difference exceed AS6501 specification for reference clock period
- (2) REFCLK_DIVISIONS decreased by one is the highest possible readout value
- (3) With SPI read-out the four upper bits are unused

8.7.3 Maximum Time Differences

The following table shows the maximum possible time differences between stops, depending on the reference index bit width.

Figure 57:
Maximum Time Differences

| REE INDEX | REF_INDEX_ Mode Maximum Maximum Readout Readout Hexadecimal Decimal | Maximum | Maximum | Max. Time Difference with | | |
|-----------|---|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| BITWIDTH | | Readout | f _{REFCLK} = 2 MHz | f _{REFCLK} = 5 MHz | f _{REFCLK} = 10 MHz | |
| 0 Bit | LVDS/SPI | No read-out | No read-out | 0.5 µs | 200 ns | 100 ns |
| 2 Bit | LVDS | 0x3 | 3 | 2 µs | 800 ns | 400 ns |
| 4 Bit | LVDS | 0xF | 15 | 8 µs | 3.2 µs | 1.6 µs |
| 8 Bit | LVDS/SPI | 0xFF | 255 | 128 µs | 51.2 µs | 25.6 µs |
| 16 Bit | LVDS/SPI | 0xFFFF | 65335 | 32 ms | 13.0 ms | 6.5 ms |
| 24 Bit | LVDS | 0xFFFFFF | 16777215 | 8 s | 3.2 s | 1.6 s |
| 6 Bit | LVDS | 0x3F | 63 | 31 µs | 12.6 µs | 6.3 µs |

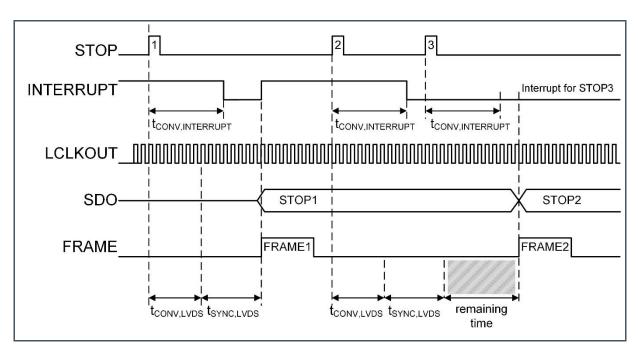


| REF INDEX | EF INDEX Mode Maximum Maximum | Max. Time Difference with | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| BITWIDTH | Mode | Readout Hexadecimal | t Readout | f _{REFCLK} = 2 MHz | f _{REFCLK} = 5 MHz | f _{REFCLK} = 10 MHz |
| 12 Bit | LVDS | 0xFFF | 4095 | 2 ms | 800 µs | 400 µs |

8.8 Conversion Latency and Conversion Rate

The conversion latency t_{CONV} is the time need when an event at a stop input pin occurs until it is processed and ready for output through the interface. With LVDS instead of SPI output an additional synchronization latency to the LCLK is applied.

Figure 58: Conversion Latency



The conversion and synchronization latency is only applied to single events. During an output sequence of several events the conversion latency is processed in parallel during the remaining time.

Converter Latency

The conversion latency t_{CONV} is the time needed when an event at a stop input pin occurs until it is processed. Once a stop event is recognized, it has to be converted into the results of TSTOP and REFID. The basic conversion latency t_{CONV} is the same for SPI or LVDS readout. After the conversion latency has passed, the INTERRUPT pin is set to zero (if not already zero from a previous stop) and the stop result is ready for readout via the SPI interface. The conversion latency depends also on the HIGH_RESOLUTION configuration.



LVDS Synchronization Latency

For both LVDS output modes, DDR+SDR, an additional synchronization latency tsync has to be processed before the output sequence starts. With LVDS reading an additional latency tsync for synchronization to the LCLK is applied. tsync is counted in LVDS clock cycles and the output is indicated by setting the frame output pin.

8.9 Conversion Rate

Conversion rate is the rate where stop events can be measured. It is determined or limited by the peak input conversion rate or the read-out rate. The conversion rate of the stop events at the input can be higher or also lower than the read-out rate output interface. In any case, the FIFO will adapt a variable peak stop event rate and to the read-out rate.

8.9.1 Peak Conversion Rate

The peak input conversion rate is limited by the ability of AS6501 to sample, convert and store stop events in the FIFOs. The maximum peak conversion rate is limited minimal pulse-to-pulse-spacing tPPS of the chosen measuring mode. The number of conversions at peak conversion rate is given by the FIFO depth and to a certain extent by the read out rate of the interface.

8.9.2 Read-out Rate

The maximum read-out rate is reached when the output interface (either SPI or LVDS) is continuously in use for outputting the measurement results. The configured code length (LVDS: STOP_DATA_BITWIDTH and REF_INDEX_BITWIDTH, SPI: readout bytes) and the frequency define the readout capabilities.

8.9.3 Average Conversion Rate

The average conversion rate is determined either by the

- Peak input conversion rate: if the read-out rate is higher than peak input conversion rate no time
 event is getting lost because of a full FIFO. This is typically the case when reading out with
 LVDS.
- Read-out rate: if read-out rate is always slower than the input conversion rate then time measurements necessarily are getting lost because the FIFO may be full. This is typically the case when reading out via SPI. In this case the configuration of BLOCKWISE_FIFO_READ and COMMON_FIFO_READ is an option even to get measured a sequence of successive stops



8.9.4 Examples for Read-Out Rate with LVDS

The conversion rate of measured stop events can be calculated by dividing the bus frequency by the number of bits, which are readout reference index and stop result. The number of bits is configured by STOP_DATA_BITWIDTH and REF_INDEX_BITWIDTH.

Figure 59: Example Data Average Conversion Rate

| STOP_DATA_BITWIDTH | REF_INDEX_BITWIDTH | Sum of Bits | LCLK | SDR Throughput Rate | DDR Throughput Rate |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 00 (14Bit) | 000 (0Bit) | 14 | 300 MHz | 21 MSPS | 42 MSPS |
| 00 (14Bit) | 010 (4Bit) | 18 | 300 MHz | 16 MSPS | 32 MSPS |
| 01 (16Bit) | 000 (0Bit) | 16 | 300 MHz | 18 MSPS | 37 MSPS |
| 01 (16Bit) | 011 (8Bit) | 24 | 300 MHz | 12 MSPS | 25 MSPS |
| 10 (18Bit) | 000 (0Bit) | 18 | 200 MHz | 11 MSPS | 22 MSPS |
| 10 (18Bit) | 100 (16Bit) | 32 | 200 MHz | 6 MSPS | 12 MSPS |
| 11 (20Bit) | 000 (0Bit) | 20 | 100 MHz | 5 MSPS | 10 MSPS |
| 11 (20Bit) | 101 (24Bit) | 44 | 100 MHz | 2 MSPS | 4 MSPS |



Information

- Maximal throughput rate is only reached when the stop event rate at input is high enough.
- With CHANNEL_COMBINE = 1 ("Pulse Distance") the throughput rate per stop input pin is doubled, as the stop events of one input pin are alternatively measured and readout by two channels.

8.9.5 FIFOs for Adapting Peak and Average Conversion Rate

Each channel of AS6501 has a First-In-First-Out data buffer (FIFO). Generally, AS6501 is capable of measuring the incoming stops faster than the length of an output sequence. The FIFO is capable of storing up to data of 16 stop events until the data are read out. Up to a certain degree, the FIFO prevents rejection of stop events for a short time when the input stop event rate is higher than the read-out rate. But when the input data rate is constantly higher than the read-out rate, then the FIFO gets full and stop events are rejected. After a full FIFO was read out and empty space is available for stop measurement further two stops are needed to restart the FIFO (tripo_Restart).

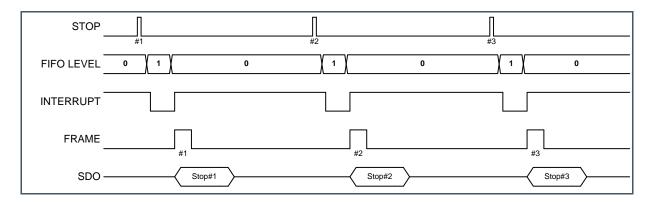
The maximum FIFO depth is 16, 8 or 4 stages, depending on the HIGH_RESOLUTION configuration (off, 2x, 4x).

The following figures illustrate the typical dependencies between stop event rate and the read out rate. They are applicable for both SPI and LVDS readout. The INTERRUPT pin indicates that the result is



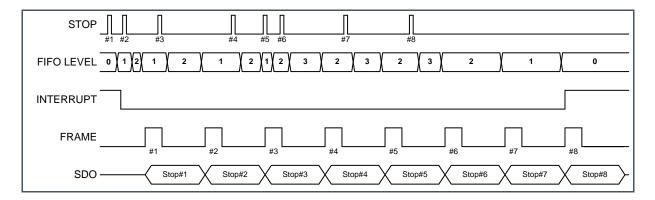
available for read-out through the SPI interface. For SPI a continuous readout is assumed as long as the interrupt is on low level. For LVDS output the FRAME indicates the beginning of data output at SDO line. The interrupt goes back to HIGH when all FIFOs are empty even if output is LVDS. In the figures FIFO_DEPTH = 4 is assumed. The FIFO LEVEL indicates the stop event buffered in the FIFO. A stop event will increase FIFO LEVEL by one, reading out will decrease the FIFO LEVEL.

Figure 60: Input Stop Event Rate Is Lower than the Readout Rate



- Enough time for complete readout of first stop before the next stop event arises
- Interrupt goes back to high because the FIFO is empty after read-out
- In this example, no stop events are rejected. All stops are measured and read out

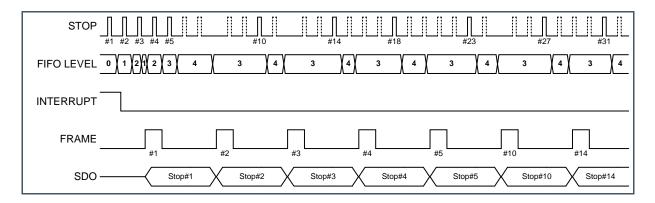
Figure 61:
Average Stop Event Rate Is Lower, but Peak Stop Event Rate Is Higher than the Readout Rate



- Stop events during read-out are stored in FIFO
- Stop events buffer up to FIFO LEVEL 3
- In this example, no stop events are rejected. All stops are measured and read out.
- Interrupt goes back to high when all data are readout and the FIFO is empty.
- Maximal FIFO_DEPTH and HIGH_RESOLUTION limits the peak event storage

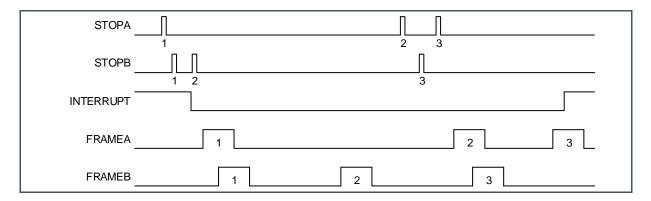


Figure 62: Stop Event Rate Is Higher than the Readout Rate



- During read-out stop events (dots) are ignored when FIFO full at FIFO LEVEL 4.
- After reading a result from a full FIFO the next two stops events (dashed) are still ignored but used to restart the FIFO
- Interrupt is always zero because the FIFO never gets empty.

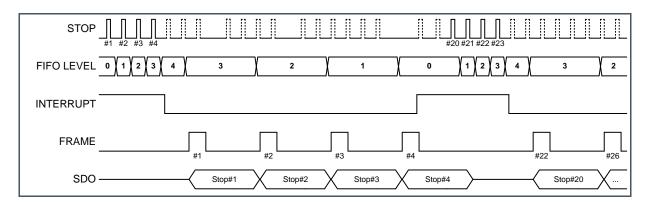
Figure 63: Stops On Both Channels



- Both channels are completely independent from each other (COMMON_FIFO_READ=0)
- In this example no stop events are rejected, because FIFOs never get full
- Interrupt remains zero as long as at least one FIFO has a valid data, interrupt gets high when all FIFO are empty

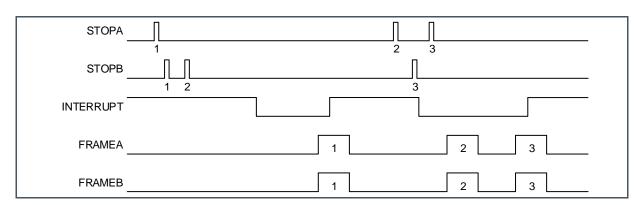


Figure 64: BLOCKWISE_FIFO_READ



- A block of successive stop events are measured in a block before readout
- Readout of FIFO starts not before the FIFO is full.
- During read-out stop events (dots) are ignored when FIFO full at FIFO level 4...1.
- After reading all result from the FIFO the next two stops events (dashed) are still ignored but used to restart the FIFO
- Measurement starts not before the FIFO is empty.
- COMMON_FIFO_READ is applicable.

Figure 65: COMMON_FIFO_READ



- All active FRAME pins are set simultaneously, as soon as all active FIFOs have value (COMMON_FIFO_READ = 1)
- As long as one FIFO has no valid data, no readout is done
- Interrupt doesn't fall to low before all active FIFOs have valid data
- In this example, no stop events are rejected, because FIFOs never get full.
- BLOCKWISE_FIFO_READ is fully applicable
- SPI readout only successively of both active FIFOs (A, B, A, B, ...). It is not permitted to read one channel twice (e.g A, A, B, B, ...)



9 Application Information

9.1 Configuration Examples

Typical configuration for LVDS:

9.2 Example C++ Code

The following C++ code is provided to give an overview about how to organize the initial steps of a microprocessor, to be able to conduct a typical time measurement task with AS6501.

```
#include <uProcessor.h>
     // This is an imaginary header file defined to support this example code
     // *** uProcessor.h ***
12
13
     // Almost every microprocessor has a specific C++ libraries (header files)
14
     // that introduce
     // specific commands for data readout. Therefore, this imaginary header data
15
     // is given to support this example code.
16
17
     // The intention of each virtual function on this header is clearly explained
18
     // as follows.
19
     // In real projects, instead of these functions, // the user should use the
     // similar functions of the micro-processor which is used with AS6501.
20
     // Virtual functions:
21
           send_byte_to_SPI( Var1 ); : send Var1 (8 Bits) through the SPI
22
     //
           read byte from SPI( Var1 ); : read 1 Byte data from SPI and write it
23
           to Var1
24
     // Virtual pin variables:
25
                          : Variable (1 Bit) to control the output pin which is
26
     //
     //
                             supposed to be connected the SSN pin of the AS6501
27
             GPIO_INTERRUPT: Variable (1 Bit) to monitor the input pin which is
28
     //
29
                             supposed to be connected INTERRUPT pin of the AS6501
30
     // *** Configuration Registers ***
```



```
32
   // -----
33
   const char config_register[16] =
   {35,85,1F,40,0D,03,C0,43,A1,13,00,0A,CC,CC,F1,7D,00};
34
   // A typical config settings = { config00, config01, ..., config16 }
   // -----
35
   // *** SPI Opcodes ***
36
   // -----
37
   const char spiopc power = 0x30; // opcode for "Power on Reset"
38
39
   const char spiopc_init = 0x18; // opcode for "Initialize Chip and Start
                           // Measurement"
40
   const char spiopc_write_config = 0x80; // opcode for "Write Configuration"
41
   const char spiopc_read_config = 0x40; // opcode for "Read Configuration"
42
43
   const char spiopc_read_results = 0x60; // opcode for "Read Measure Results"
   // -----
44
       *** SPI Addresses ***
45
   // -----
46
   const char reference_index_ch1_byte3 = 8;
47
   const char reference_index_ch1_byte2 = 9;
48
49
   const char reference index ch1 byte1 = 10;
   const char stopresult_ch1_byte3 = 11;
50
51
   const char stopresult_ch1_byte2 = 12;
52
   const char stopresult_ch1_byte1 = 13;
53
   // . . . .
   const char stopresult_ch4 byte3 = 29;
54
55
   const char stopresult ch4 byte2 = 30;
   const char stopresult_ch4_byte1 = 31;
56
   // -----
57
   // *** Other Variables ***
58
   // -----
59
                    = 0; // buffer variable used to copy the SPI data
   int Buffer
60
                   = 0; // counter for for-loops
61
   char i
   int reference index[4] = 0; // reference index data array {Ch1, Ch2, Ch3,
62
63
                         // Ch4}
   int stopresult[4] = 0; // stop result data array {Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4}
64
   bool config error
                   = false; // flag that indicates if the config
65
                          // registers are not written correctly
66
   // -----
67
   // *** Main body of the software ***
68
   // -----
69
70
   int main(void)
71
   // -----
72
   // *** Power on reset ***
73
   // -----
74
                     -----
      GPIO_SSN = 1; // Reset the SPI interface and select the slave device
75
76
      GPIO SSN = 0;
77
```



```
send_byte_to_SPI( spiopc_power ); // Opcode for "Power On Reset" is sent
78
79
                                   // over SPI
    // -----
80
81
    // *** Writing the configuration registers ***
    // -----
82
       GPIO_SSN = 1; // Reset the SPI interface and select the slave device
83
       GPIO SSN = 0;
84
85
86
       config error = false;
87
88
       send_byte_to_SPI( spiopc_write_config + 00 );
89
    // Opcode for "Write Configuration" and config address (00) are sent over SPI
90
       for (i = 0; i < 17; i++)
                             // Send all 17 config registers via SPI
91
92
            send_byte_to_SPI( config_register[i] );
    // -----
93
    // *** Verification of config registers ***
94
    // -----
95
       GPIO SSN = 1; // Reset the SPI interface and select the slave device
96
97
       GPIO SSN = 0;
98
       send_byte_to_SPI( spiopc_read_config + 00 );
99
   // Opcode for "Read Configuration" and config address (00) are sent over SPI
100
101
       for (i = 0; i < 17; i++)
102
103
         read_byte_from_SPI( Buffer ); // read byte from SPI to Buffer variable
104
105
106
          if ( config register[i] != Buffer ) config error = true;
   // if there was a failure in writing the config registers, then the
107
   // config_error flag is raised.
108
109
   // -----
110
   // *** Initialize and start the measurement ***
111
   // -----
112
      if (config error == false )
113
114
          GPIO_SSN = 1; // Reset SPI interface and select the slave device
115
          GPIO SSN = 0;
116
117
118
          send_byte_to_SPI( spiopc_init );
   // Opcode for "Initialize" is sent over SPI. This is required to start
119
120
   // measuring process
   // -----
121
122 // End of the configuration settings. After now the time measurement will
   // start. This code is designed to use SPI to read the measurement data from
124 // AS6501. Using LVDS as a output interface requires additional hardware
```



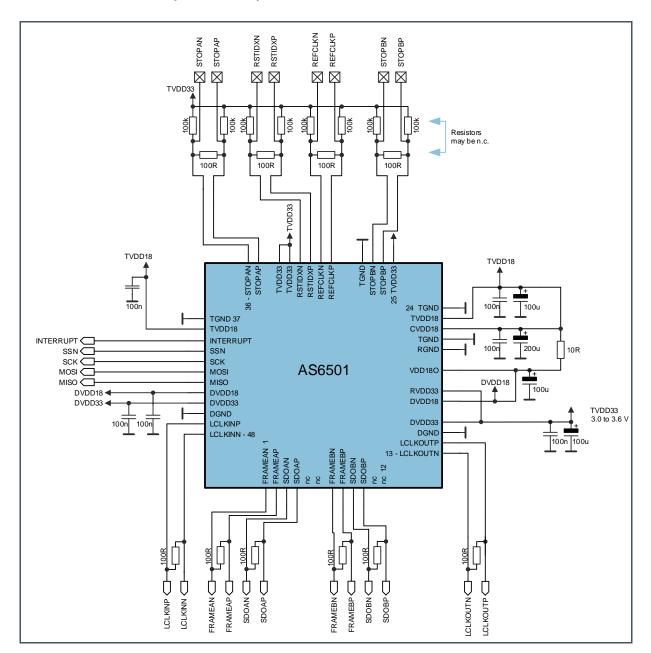
```
125
    // -----
    // *** Readout of measurement data via SPI ***
126
    // -----
127
            while( GPIO INTERRUPT != 0 ); // wait till the Interrupt pin is low
128
129
            GPIO_SSN = 1;
130
                            // Reset SPI interface and select the slave device
            GPIO SSN = 0;
131
132
            send_byte_to_SPI( spiopc_read_results + reference_index_ch1_byte3 );
133
                 // Opcode for "Read Result" and data address are sent
134
            for (i = 0; i < 4; i++)
135
136
                read_byte_from_SPI( Buffer ); // read one byte from SPI to Buffer
137
                reference_index[i] = reference_index[i] + ( Buffer << 16 );</pre>
138
    // Data is shifted 16 Bits to the left and added to the reference index
139
                read_byte_from_SPI( Buffer ); // read one byte from SPI to Buffer
140
                reference_index[i] = reference_index[i] + ( Buffer << 8 );</pre>
141
    // Data is shifted 8 Bits to the left and added to the reference index
142
                read_byte_from_SPI( Buffer ); // read one byte from SPI to Buffer
143
                reference_index[i] = reference_index[i] + Buffer;
144
    // Data is directly added to reference_index
145
    // The complete reference index (3 Bytes) has been received.
146
                read_byte_from_SPI( Buffer ); // Same process as reference_index
147
                stopresult[i] = stopresult[i] // is repeated for stop results
148
                               + ( Buffer << 16 );
149
150
                read_byte_from_SPI( Buffer );
151
                stopresult[i] = stopresult[i] + ( Buffer << 8 );</pre>
152
153
154
                read_byte_from_SPI( Buffer );
                stopresult[i] = stopresult[i] + Buffer;
155
    // The complete stop result (3 Bytes) has been received
156
157
            }
            // In this point the software has obtained
158
159
            // the reference index and stopresult data for all channels,
            // the rest of the codes should be designed depending on the user's
160
161
            // application.
162
            // . . .
        }
163
            // . . .
164
165
    }
```

9.3 Schematic

The following figure shows a typical circuit with power supply and line termination.



Figure 66: Schematics for LVDS Inputs and Outputs



9.4 External Components

Supply Decoupling: AS6501 provides 6 power supply domains. Carful buffering is recommended. Small decoupling capacitors (e.g. 100nF) with minimal ESL and ESR help to filter external power



supply noise when placed near to the power supply pins. The optimum number of decoupling capacitors depends on the actual application.

It is recommended to use separate supplies for time-analog (TVDD33) and digital (DVDD33, RVDD33) supply pins to isolate digital switching noise from sensitive circuitry. In case only a single (digital) supply is available, it should be routed to DVDD33 and RVDD33. It can then be tapped and isolated with a resistor (10 Ohm) to TVDD33.

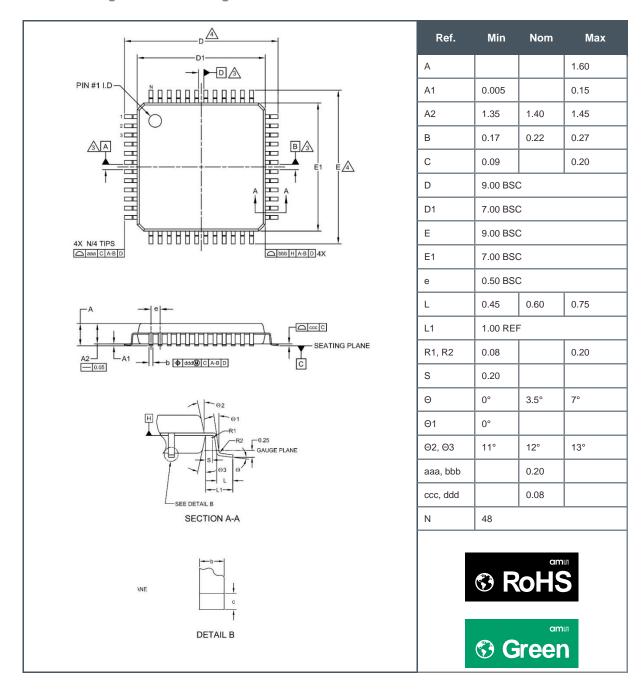
Grounding: A single ground plane is sufficient to give optimum performance, provided the analog, digital and clock sections of the board are cleanly partitioned.

Signal Lines: Even though LVDS signalizing on input and output reduces ground bounding during its transition, the positive and negative signal path has to be well matched and their trace should be kept as short as possible. Time-analog signal path like single ended (CMOS) stop inputs must be treated as a transmission line and should have a solid ground return path with a small loop. A serial resistor (10 Ohm) in single ended (CMOS) signal lines further help to damp reflections.



10 Package Drawings & Markings

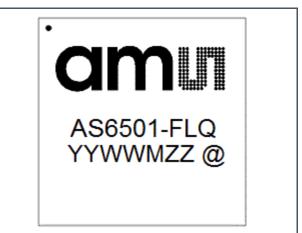
Figure 67: QFP48 Package Outline Drawing



- (1) All dimensions are in millimeters. Angles in degrees.
- (2) Dimensioning and tolerancing conform to ASME Y14.5M-1994.
- (3) N is the total number of terminals.
- (4) This package contains no lead (Pb).
- (5) This drawing is subject to change without notice.



Figure 68: QFP48 Package Marking/Code



YY WW M ZZ @ Manufacturing Year Manufacturing Week Assembly Plant Identifier Assembly Traceability Code Sublot Identifier



11 Reel Information

The device will be shipped in a JEDEC 7" tape.



12 Soldering & Storage Information

Figure 69: Solder Reflow Profile Graph

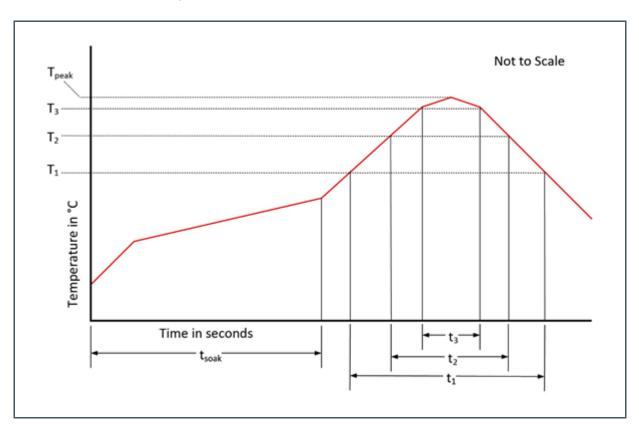


Figure 70: Solder Reflow Profile

| Parameter | Reference | Device |
|--|-------------------|----------------|
| Average temperature gradient in preheating | | 2.5 °C/s |
| Soak time | t _{soak} | 2 to 3 minutes |
| Time above 217 °C (T1) | t ₁ | Max 60 s |
| Time above 230 °C (T2) | t ₂ | Max 50 s |
| Time above T _{peak} – 10 °C (T3) | t ₃ | Max 10 s |
| Peak temperature in reflow | T _{peak} | 260 °C |
| Temperature gradient in cooling | | Max −5 °C/s |



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|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|
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Schematic drawing corrected, pin 28, pin 25 net name 56

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- Page and figure numbers for the previous version may differ from page and figure numbers in the current revision.
- Correction of typographical errors is not explicitly mentioned.



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