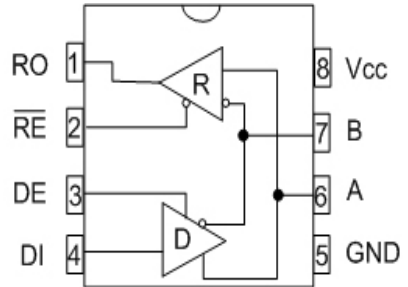




## Enhanced Low Power Half-Duplex RS-485 Transceivers

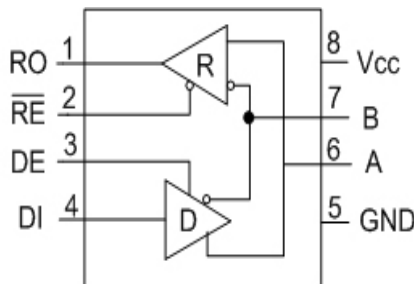
- +5V Only
- Low Power BiCMOS
- Driver / Receiver Enable for Multi-Drop configurations
- Low Power Shutdown mode (**SP481E**)
- Enhanced ESD Specifications:
  - +/-15kV Human Body Model
  - +/-15kV IEC1000-4-2 Air Discharge
  - +/-8kV IEC1000-4-2 Contact Discharge
- Available in RoHS Compliant, Lead Free Packaging.



SP481E and SP485E  
Pinout (Top View)

### DESCRIPTION

The **SP481E** and **SP485E** are a family of half-duplex transceivers that meet the specifications of RS-485 and RS-422 serial protocols with enhanced ESD performance. The ESD tolerance has been improved on these devices to over  $\pm 15\text{kV}$  for both Human Body Model and IEC1000-4-2 Air Discharge Method. These devices are pin-to-pin compatible with **Exar's** SP481 and SP485 devices as well as popular industry standards. As with the original versions, the **SP481E** and **SP485E** feature **Exar's** BiCMOS design allowing low power operation without sacrificing performance. The **SP481E** and **SP485E** meet the requirements of the RS-485 and RS-422 protocols up to 10Mbps under load. The **SP481E** is equipped with a low power shutdown mode.



SP481E and SP485E

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

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

V<sub>CC</sub>.....+7V

### Input Voltages

Logic.....-0.3V to (V<sub>CC</sub> + 0.5V)

Drivers.....-0.3V to (V<sub>CC</sub> + 0.5V)

Receivers.....+/-15V

### Output Voltages

Logic.....-0.3V to (V<sub>CC</sub> + 0.5V)

Drivers.....+/-15V

Receivers.....-0.3V to (V<sub>CC</sub> + 0.5V)

Storage Temperature.....-65°C to +150°C

### Power Dissipation

8-pin NSOIC.....550mW  
(derate 6.60mW/°C above +70°C)

8-pin PDIP.....1000mW  
(derate 11.8mW/°C above +70°C)

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

T<sub>MIN</sub> to T<sub>MAX</sub> and V<sub>CC</sub> = +5.0V +/-5% unless otherwise noted.

PARAMETERS	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNITS	CONDITIONS
<b>SP481E/SP485E DRIVER</b>					
<b>DC Characteristics</b>					
Differential Output Voltage	GND		V <sub>CC</sub>	Volts	Unloaded; R = ∞ ; see Figure 1
Differential Output Voltage	2		V <sub>CC</sub>	Volts	With Load; R = 50Ω (RS-422); see Figure 1
Differential Output Voltage	1.5		V <sub>CC</sub>	Volts	With Load; R = 27Ω (RS-485); see Figure 1
Change in Magnitude of Driver Differential Output Voltage for Complimentary states			0.2	Volts	R = 27Ω or R = 50Ω; see Figure 1
Driver Common Mode Output Voltage			3	Volts	R = 27Ω or R = 50Ω; see Figure 1
Input High Voltage	2.0			Volts	Applies to DE, DI, $\overline{RE}$
Input Low Voltage			0.8	Volts	Applies to DE, DI, $\overline{RE}$
Input Current			+/-10	μA	Applies to DE, DI, $\overline{RE}$
Driver Short Circuit Current					
V <sub>OUT</sub> = HIGH			+/-250	mA	-7V ≤ V <sub>O</sub> ≤ +12V
V <sub>OUT</sub> = LOW			+/-250	mA	-7V ≤ V <sub>O</sub> ≤ +12V
<b>SP481E/SP485E DRIVER</b>					
<b>AC Characteristics</b>					
Max. Transmission Rate	10			Mbps	$\overline{RE}$ = 5V, DE = 5V; R <sub>DIFF</sub> = 54Ω, C <sub>L1</sub> = C <sub>L2</sub> = 100pF
Driver Input to Output, t <sub>PLH</sub>		30	60	ns	See Figures 3 & 5, R <sub>DIFF</sub> = 54Ω, C <sub>L1</sub> = C <sub>L2</sub> = 100pF
Driver Input to Output, t <sub>PLH</sub> (SP485EMN ONLY)		30	80	ns	
Driver Input to Output, t <sub>PHL</sub>		30	60	ns	See Figures 3 & 5, R <sub>DIFF</sub> = 54Ω, C <sub>L1</sub> = C <sub>L2</sub> = 100pF
Driver Input to Output, t <sub>PHL</sub> (SP485EMN ONLY)		30	80	ns	
Driver Skew		5	10	ns	see Figures 3 and 5, t <sub>SKREW</sub> =  t <sub>DPHL</sub> - t <sub>DPLH</sub>
Driver Rise or Fall Time		15	40	ns	From 10%-90%; R <sub>DIFF</sub> = 54Ω, C <sub>L1</sub> = C <sub>L2</sub> = 100pF; see Figures 3 and 6

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

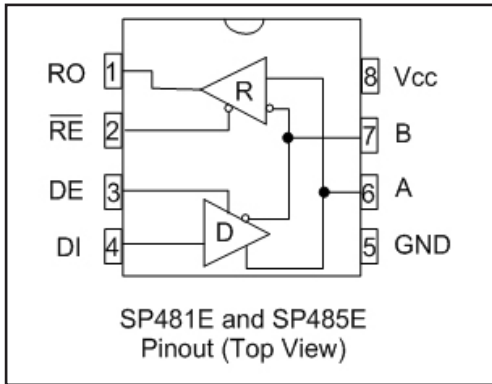
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PARAMETERS	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNITS	CONDITIONS
<b>SP481E/SP485E DRIVER (continued)</b>					
<b>AC Characteristics</b>					
Driver Enable to Output High		40	70	ns	$C_L = 100pF$ , see Figures 4 and 6, $S_2$ closed
Driver Enable to Output Low		40	70	ns	$C_L = 100pF$ , see Figures 4 and 6, $S_1$ closed
Driver Disable Time from High		40	70	ns	$C_L = 100pF$ , see Figures 4 and 6, $S_2$ closed
Driver Disable Time from Low		40	70	ns	$C_L = 100pF$ , see Figures 4 and 6, $S_1$ closed
<b>SP481E/SP485E RECEIVER</b>					
<b>DC Characteristics</b>					
Differential Input Threshold	-0.2		+0.2	Volts	$-7V \leq V_{CM} \leq +12V$
Differential Input Threshold (SP485EMN ONLY)	-0.4		+0.4	Volts	$-7V \leq V_{CM} \leq +12V$
Input Hysteresis		20		mV	$V_{CM} = 0V$
Output Voltage High	3.5			Volts	$I_O = -4mA$ , $V_{ID} = +200mV$
Output Voltage Low			0.4	Volts	$I_O = +4mA$ , $V_{ID} = +200mV$
Three-State ( High Impedance) Output Current			+/-1	$\mu A$	$0.4V \leq V_O \leq 2.4V$ ; $\overline{RE} = 5V$
Input Resistance	12	15		k $\Omega$	$-7V \leq V_{CM} \leq +12V$
Input Current (A, B); $V_{IN} = 12V$			+1.0	mA	$DE = 0V$ , $V_{CC} = 0V$ or $5.25V$ , $V_{IN} = 12V$
Input Current (A, B); $V_{IN} = -7V$			-0.8	mA	$DE = 0V$ , $V_{CC} = 0V$ or $5.25V$ , $V_{IN} = -7V$
Short Circuit Current	7		95	mA	$0V \leq V_O \leq V_{CC}$
<b>SP481E/SP485E RECEIVER</b>					
<b>AC Characteristics</b>					
Max. Transmission Rate	10			Mbps	$\overline{RE} = 0V$ , $DE = 0V$
Receiver Input to Output	20	45	100	ns	$t_{PLH}$ : See Figures 3 & 7, $R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$ , $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100pF$
Receiver Input to Output	20	45	100	ns	$t_{PHL}$ : See Figures 3 & 7, $R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$ , $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100pF$
Differential Receiver Skew $ t_{PHL} - t_{PLH} $		13		ns	$R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$ , $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100pF$ , see Figures 3 and 7
Receiver Enable to Output Low		45	70	ns	$C_{RL} = 15pF$ , Figures 2 & 8; $S_1$ Closed
Receiver Enable to Output High		45	70	ns	$C_{RL} = 15pF$ , Figures 2 & 8; $S_2$ Closed
Receiver Disable from LOW		45	70	ns	$C_{RL} = 15pF$ , Figures 2 & 8; $S_1$ Closed
Receiver Disable from High		45	70	ns	$C_{RL} = 15pF$ , Figures 2 & 8; $S_2$ Closed

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$  and  $V_{CC} = +5.0V \pm 5\%$  unless otherwise noted.

PARAMETERS	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNITS	CONDITIONS
<b>SP481E</b>					
<b>Shutdown Timing</b>					
Time to Shutdown	50	200	600	ns	$\overline{RE} = 5V, DE = 0V$
Driver Enable from Shutdown to Output High		40	100	ns	$C_L = 100pF$ ; See Figures 4 and 6; $S_2$ Closed
Driver Enable from Shutdown to Output Low		40	100	ns	$C_L = 100pF$ ; See Figures 4 and 6; $S_1$ Closed
Receiver Enable from Shutdown to Output High		300	1000	ns	$C_L = 15pF$ ; See Figures 2 and 8; $S_2$ Closed
Receiver Enable from Shutdown to Output Low		300	1000	ns	$C_L = 15pF$ ; See Figures 2 and 8; $S_1$ Closed
<b>POWER REQUIREMENTS</b>					
Supply Voltage $V_{CC}$	+4.75		+5.25	Volts	
Supply Current					
<b>SP481E/SP485E</b>					
No Load		900		$\mu A$	$\overline{RE}, DI = 0V$ or $V_{CC}$ ; $DE = V_{CC}$
		600		$\mu A$	$\overline{RE} = 0V, DI = 0V$ or $5V$ ; $DE = 0V$
<b>SP481E</b>					
Shutdown Mode			10	$\mu A$	$DE = 0V, \overline{RE} = V_{CC}$
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND MECHANICAL</b>					
Operating Temperature					
Commercial ( $\_C\_$ )	0		70	$^{\circ}C$	
Industrial ( $\_E\_$ )	-40		+85	$^{\circ}C$	
( $\_M\_$ )	-40		+125	$^{\circ}C$	
Storage Temperature	-65		+150	$^{\circ}C$	
Package					
Plastic DIP ( $\_P$ )					
NSOIC ( $\_N$ )					



- Pin 1 - RO - Receiver Output
- Pin 2 -  $\overline{RE}$  - Receiver Output Enable Active LOW
- Pin 3 - DE - Driver Output Enable Active HIGH
- Pin 4 DI - Driver Input
- Pin 5 - GND - Ground Connection
- Pin 6 - A - Driver Output / Receiver input  
Non-Inverting
- Pin 7 - B - Driver Output / Receiver Input Inverting
- Pin 8 - Vcc - Positive Supply  $4.75V \leq V_{CC} \leq 5.25V$

TEST CIRCUITS

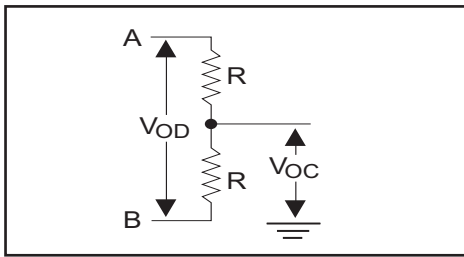


Figure 1. RS-485 Driver DC Test Load Circuit

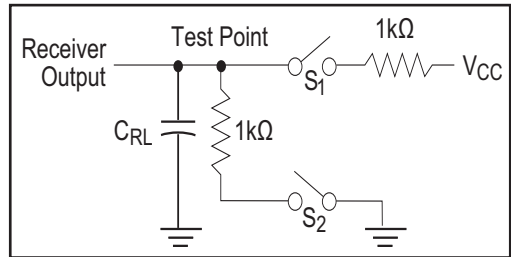


Figure 2. Receiver Timing Test Load Circuit

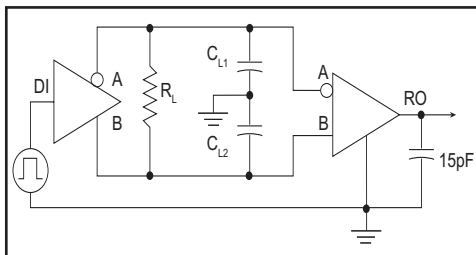


Figure 3. RS-485 Driver/Receiver Timing Test

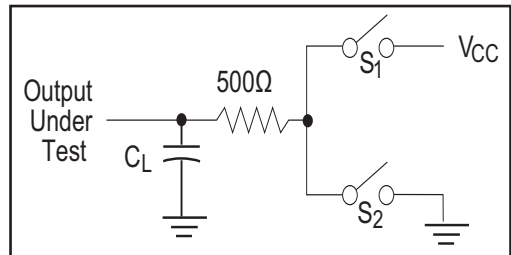


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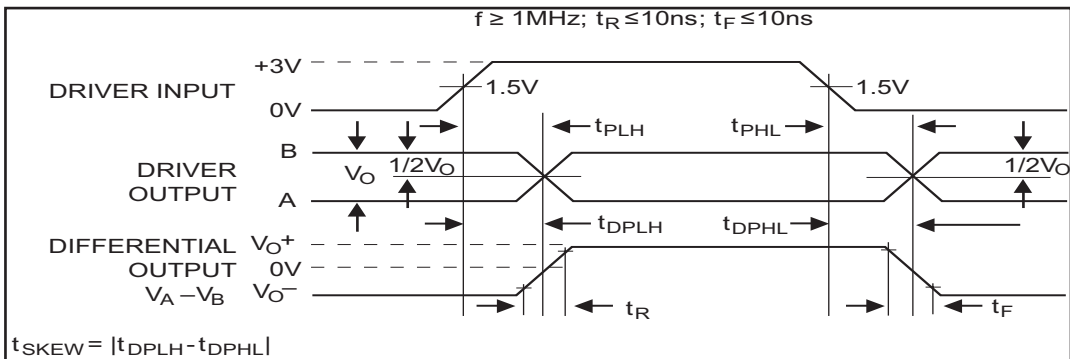


Figure 5. Driver Propagation Delays

## FUNCTION TRUTH TABLES

INPUTS			LINE CONDITION	OUTPUTS	
$\overline{RE}$	DE	DI		A	B
X	1	1	No Fault	1	0
X	1	0	No Fault	0	1
X	0	X	X	Z	Z
X	1	X	Fault	Z	Z

Table 1. Transmit Function Truth Table

INPUTS		A - B	OUTPUTS
$\overline{RE}$	DE		R
0	0	+0.2V	1
0	0	-0.2V	0
0	0	Inputs Open	1
1	0	X	Z

Table 2. Receive Function Truth Table

## SWITCHING WAVEFORMS

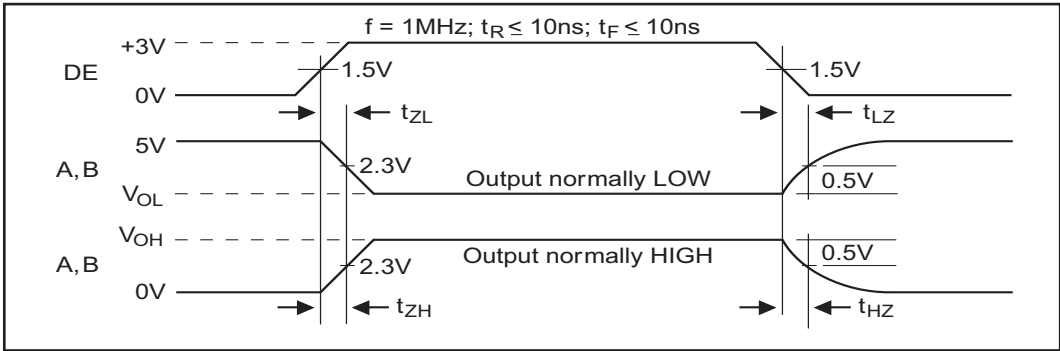


Figure 6. Driver Enable and Disable Times

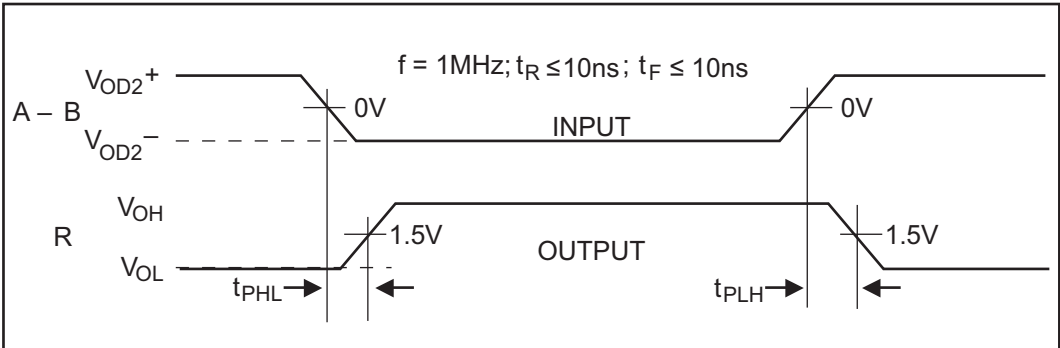


Figure 7. Receiver Propagation Delays

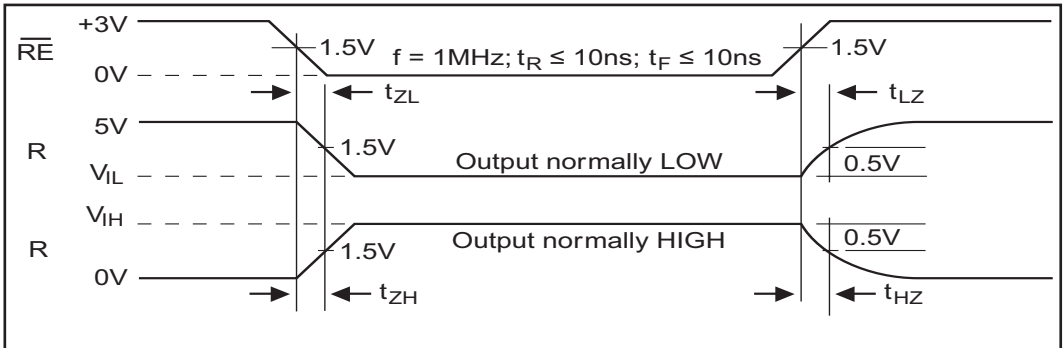


Figure 8. Receiver Enable and Disable Times

The **SP481E** and **SP485E** are half-duplex differential transceivers that meet the requirements of RS-485 and RS-422. Fabricated with an **Exar** proprietary BiCMOS process, this product requires a fraction of the power of older bipolar designs.

The RS-485 standard is ideal for multi-drop applications and for long-distance interfaces. RS-485 allows up to 32 drivers and 32 receivers to be connected to a data bus, making it an ideal choice for multi-drop applications. Since the cabling can be as long as 4,000 feet, RS-485 transceivers are equipped with a wide (-7V to +12V) common mode range to accommodate ground potential differences. Because RS-485 is a differential interface, data is virtually immune to noise in the transmission line.

### Drivers

The driver outputs of the **SP481E** and **SP485E** are differential outputs meeting the RS-485 and RS-422 standards. The typical voltage output swing with no load will be 0 Volts to +5 Volts. With worst case loading of 54Ω across the differential outputs, the drivers can maintain greater than 1.5V voltage levels. The drivers of the **SP481E** and **SP485E** have an enable control line which is active HIGH. A logic HIGH on DE (pin 3) will enable the differential driver outputs. A logic LOW on the DE (pin 3) will tri-state the driver outputs.

The transmitters of the **SP481E** and **SP485E** will operate up to at least 10Mbps.

### Receivers

The **SP481E** and **SP485E** receivers have differential inputs with an input sensitivity as low as ±200mV. Input impedance of the receivers is typically 15kΩ (12kΩ minimum). A wide common mode range of -7V to +12V allows for large ground potential differences between systems. The receivers of the **SP481E** and **SP485E** have a tri-state enable control pin. A logic LOW on  $\overline{RE}$  (pin 2) will enable the receiver, a logic HIGH on  $\overline{RE}$  (pin 2) will disable the receiver.

The receiver for the **SP481E** and **SP485E** will operate up to at least 10Mbps. The receiver for each of the two devices is equipped with the fail-safe feature. Fail-safe guarantees that the receiver output will be in a HIGH state when the input is left unconnected.

### Shutdown Mode SP481E

The **SP481E** is equipped with a Shutdown mode. TO enable the shutdown state, both driver and receiver must be disabled simultaneously. A logic LOW on DE (pin 3) and a Logic HIGH on  $\overline{RE}$  (pin 2) will put the **SP481E** into Shutdown mode. In Shutdown, supply current will drop to typically 1μA.

### ESD TOLERANCE

The **SP481E** and **SP485E** incorporates ruggedized ESD cells on all driver output and receiver input pins. The ESD structure is improved over our previous family for more rugged applications and environments sensitive to electro-static discharges and associated transients. The improved ESD tolerance is at least ±15kV without damage or 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 9. 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 10. There are two methods within IEC61000-4-2, the Air Discharge method and the Contact Discharge method.

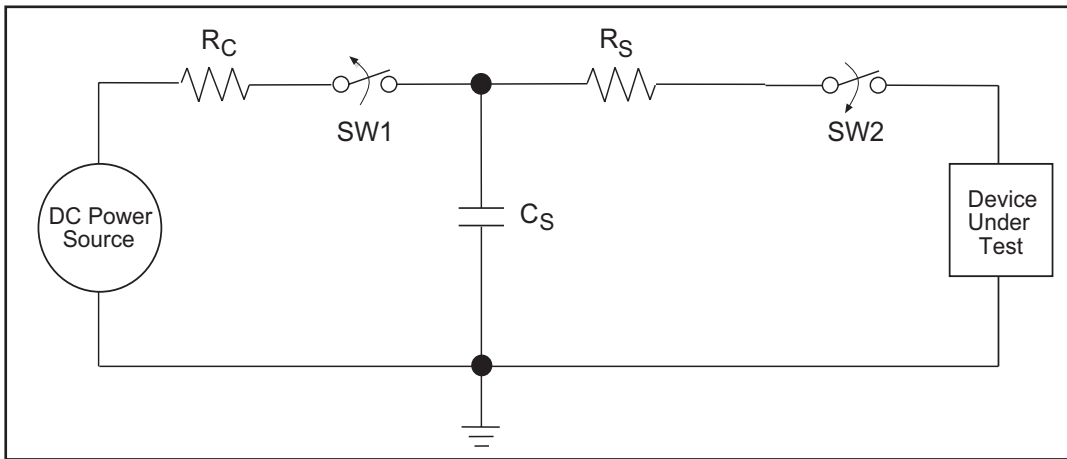


Figure 9. ESD Test Circuit for Human Body Model

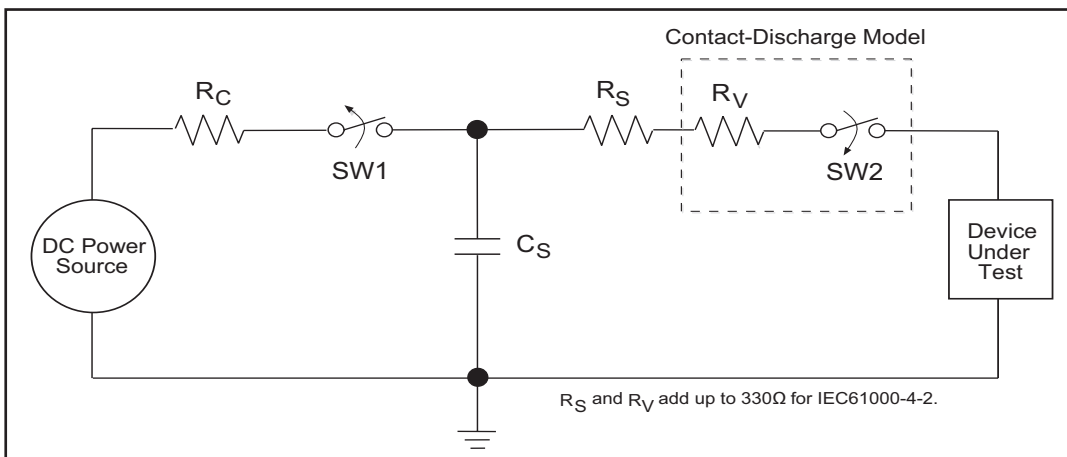


Figure 10. ESD Test Circuit for IEC61000-4-2



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

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

The circuit model in Figures 9 and 10 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.

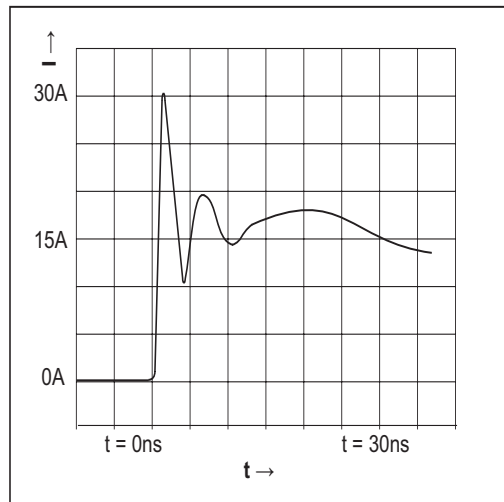


Figure 11. ESD Test Waveform for IEC61000-4-2

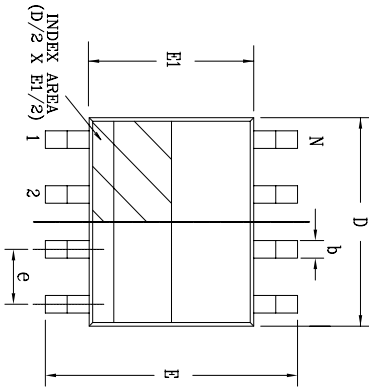
The voltage stored in the capacitor is then applied through  $R_s$ , the current limiting resistor, onto the device under test (DUT). In ESD tests, the SW2 switch is pulsed so that the device under test receives a duration of voltage.

For the Human Body Model, the current limiting resistor ( $R_s$ ) and the source capacitor ( $C_s$ ) are 1.5k $\Omega$  and 100pF, respectively. For IEC-61000-4-2, the current limiting resistor ( $R_s$ ) and the source capacitor ( $C_s$ ) are 330 $\Omega$  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.

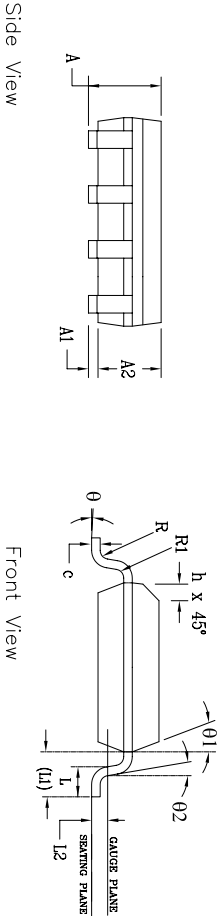
SP481E, SP485E FAMILY	HUMAN BODY MODEL	IEC61000-4-2		
		Air Discharge	Direct Contact	Level
Driver Outputs	+/-15kV	+/-15kV	+/-8kV	4
Receiver Inputs	+/-15kV	+/-15kV	+/-8kV	4

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Top View

SYMBOLS	8 Pin SOICN			JEDEC MS-012			Variation AA				
	DIMENSIONS IN MM (Control Unit)						DIMENSIONS IN INCH (Reference Unit)				
	MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX					
A	1.35	—	1.75	0.053	—	0.069					
A1	0.10	—	0.25	0.004	—	0.010					
A2	1.25	—	1.65	0.049	—	0.065					
b	0.31	—	0.51	0.012	—	0.020					
c	0.17	—	0.25	0.007	—	0.010					
E	6.00 BSC			0.236 BSC							
E1	3.90 BSC			0.154 BSC							
e	1.27 BSC			0.050 BSC							
h	0.25	—	0.50	0.010	—	0.020					
L	0.40	—	1.27	0.016	—	0.050					
L1	1.04 REF			0.041 REF							
L2	0.25 BSC			0.010 BSC							
R	0.07	—	—	0.003	—	—					
R1	0.07	—	—	0.003	—	—					
θ	0°	—	8°	0°	—	8°					
θ1	5°	—	15°	5°	—	15°					
θ2	0°	—	—	0°	—	—					
D	4.90 BSC			0.193 BSC							
N	8			8							



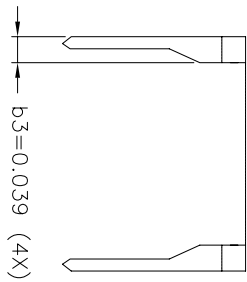
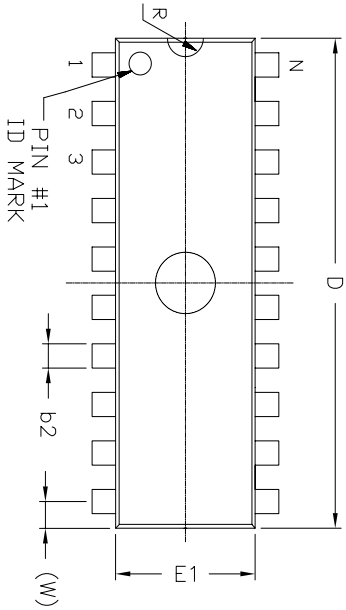
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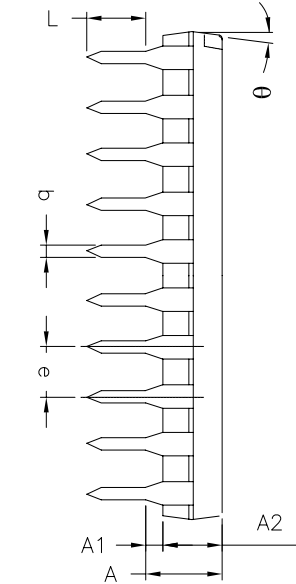
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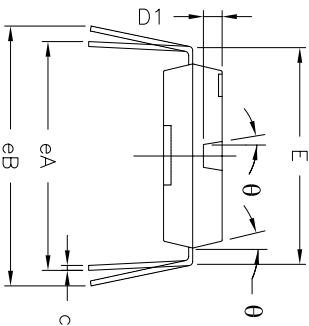
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Top View




Side View



Front View

SYMBOLS	DIMENSIONS IN INCH (Control Unit)			DIMENSIONS IN MM (Reference Unit)		
	MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX
A	—	0.210	—	—	—	5.33
A1	0.015	—	0.38	—	—	—
A2	0.115	0.130	0.195	2.92	3.30	4.95
b	0.014	0.018	0.022	0.36	0.46	0.56
b2	0.045	0.060	0.070	1.14	1.52	1.78
c	0.008	0.010	0.014	0.20	0.25	0.36
D1	0.030	—	0.060	0.76	—	1.52
E	0.300	0.310	0.325	7.62	7.87	8.26
E1	0.240	0.250	0.280	6.10	6.35	7.11
e	0.100 BSC			2.54 BSC		
eA	0.300 BSC			7.62 BSC		
eB	— 0.430			— 10.92		
L	0.115	0.130	0.150	2.92	3.30	3.81
W	0.075 REF			1.91 REF		
R	0.030 BSC			0.76 BSC		
theta	4°	7°	10°	4°	7°	10°
D	0.355	0.365	0.400	9.02	9.27	10.16
N	8			8		

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## ORDERING INFORMATION

Model	Temperature Range	Package Types
SP481ECN-L.....	0°C to +70°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP481ECN-L/TR.....	0°C to +70°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP481EEN-L.....	-40°C to +85°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP481EEN-L/TR.....	-40°C to +85°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP485ECN-L.....	0°C to +70°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP485ECN-L/TR.....	0°C to +70°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP485ECP-L.....	0°C to +70°C.....	8-pin PDIP
SP485EEN-L.....	-40°C to +85°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP485EEN-L/TR.....	-40°C to +85°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP485EEP-L.....	-40°C to +85°C.....	8-pin PDIP
SP485EMN-L.....	-40°C to +125°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP485EMN-L/TR.....	-40°C to +125°C.....	8-pin NSOIC

Note: /TR = Tape and Reel

## REVISION HISTORY

DATE	REVISION	DESCRIPTION
May 11/07	--	Legacy Sipex Datasheet
12/18/08	1.0.0	Convert to Exar Format. Update ordering information as a result of discontinued Lead type package options per PDN 081126-01. Remove "Top Mark" information from ordering page.
11/19/09	1.0.1	Correct table 1 error for driver output A and B outputs
08/08/10	1.0.2	Change SP485EMN-L and SP485EMN-L/TR temperature range error from +85C to +125C in ordering information section.
05/27/11	1.0.3	Remove driver minimum limits of propagation delay and Rise/Fall time. Remove SP481ECP-L and SP481EEP-L per PDN 110510-01

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