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850MHz, Low Distortion, Output Limiting, Programmable Gain, Buffer Amplifier *Data Sheet July 11, 2005*

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The HFA1113 is a high speed Buffer featuring user programmable gain and output limiting coupled with ultra high speed performance. This buffer is the ideal choice for high frequency applications requiring output limiting, especially those needing ultra fast overload recovery times. The output limiting function allows the designer to set the maximum positive and negative output levels, thereby protecting later stages from damage or input saturation. The sub-nanosecond overdrive recovery time quickly returns the amplifier to linear operation following an overdrive condition.

A unique feature of the pinout allows the user to select a voltage gain of +1, -1, or +2, without the use of any external components, as described in the "Application Information" section. Compatibility with existing op amp pinouts provides flexibility to upgrade low gain amplifiers, while decreasing component count. Unlike most buffers, the standard pinout provides an upgrade path should a higher closed loop gain be needed at a future date.

Component and composite video systems will also benefit from this buffer's performance, as indicated by the excellent gain flatness, and 0.02%/0.04 Degree Differential Gain/Phase specifications (R_L = 150 Ω).

For Military product, refer to the HFA1113/883 data sheet.

Ordering Information

NOTE: Intersil Pb-free plus anneal products employ special Pb-free material sets; molding compounds/die attach materials and 100% matte tin plate termination finish, which are RoHS compliant and compatible with both SnPb and Pb-free soldering operations. Intersil Pb-free products are MSL classified at Pb-free peak reflow temperatures that meet or exceed the Pb-free requirements of IPC/JEDEC J STD-020.

Pinout

Features

- User Programmable Output Voltage Limiting
- User Programmable For Closed-Loop Gains of +1, -1 or +2 Without Use of External Resistors
- Wide -3dB Bandwidth. 850MHz
- Excellent Gain Flatness (to 100MHz). $\dots \dots \dots \pm 0.07$ dB
- Low Differential Gain and Phase . . . 0.02%/0.04 Degrees
- Low Distortion (HD3, 30MHz) -73dBc
- Very Fast Slew Rate $\dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots 2400V/\mu s$
- Fast Settling Time (0.1%). 13ns
- High Output Current . 60mA
- Excellent Gain Accuracy 0.99V/V
- Overdrive Recovery . <1ns
- Standard Operational Amplifier Pinout
- Pb-Free Plus Anneal Available (RoHS Compliant)

Applications

- RF/IF Processors
- Driving Flash A/D Converters
- High-Speed Communications
- Impedance Transformation
- Line Driving
- Video Switching and Routing
- Radar Systems
- Medical Imaging Systems

Pin Descriptions

Absolute Maximum Ratings **National Information** Thermal Information

Operating Conditions

Temperature Range $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \cdot 40^0C$ to 85^oC

CAUTION: Stresses above those listed in "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress only rating and operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not implied.

NOTE:

1. θ_{JA} is measured with the component mounted on an evaluation PC board in free air.

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NOTES:

2. This parameter is not tested. The limits are guaranteed based on lab characterization, and reflect lot-to-lot variation.

3. See Typical Performance Curves for more information.

4. Overshoot decreases as input transition times increase, especially for A_V = +1. Please refer to Typical Performance Curves.

Application Information

Closed Loop Gain Selection

The HFA1113 features a novel design which allows the user to select from three closed loop gains, without any external components. The result is a more flexible product, fewer part types in inventory, and more efficient use of board space.

This "buffer" operates in closed loop gains of -1, +1, or +2, and gain selection is accomplished via connections to the \pm Inputs. Applying the input signal to $+$ IN and floating $-$ IN selects a gain of +1, while grounding -IN selects a gain of +2. A gain of -1 is obtained by applying the input signal to -IN with +IN grounded.

The table below summarizes these connections:

PC Board Layout

The frequency response of this amplifier depends greatly on the amount of care taken in designing the PC board. **The use of low inductance components such as chip resistors and chip capacitors is strongly recommended, while a solid ground plane is a must!**

Attention should be given to decoupling the power supplies. A large value (10μ F) tantalum in parallel with a small value chip $(0.1\mu$ F) capacitor works well in most cases.

Terminated microstrip signal lines are recommended at the input and output of the device. Capacitance directly on the output must be minimized, or isolated as discussed in the next section.

For unity gain applications, care must also be taken to minimize the capacitance to ground seen by the amplifier's inverting input. At higher frequencies this capacitance will tend to short the -INPUT to GND, resulting in a closed loop gain which increases with frequency. This will cause excessive high frequency peaking and potentially other problems as well.

An example of a good high frequency layout is the Evaluation Board shown in Figure 3.

Driving Capacitive Loads

Capacitive loads, such as an A/D input, or an improperly terminated transmission line will degrade the amplifier's phase margin resulting in frequency response peaking and possible oscillations. In most cases, the oscillation can be avoided by placing a resistor (R_S) in series with the output prior to the capacitance.

Figure 1 details starting points for the selection of this resistor. The points on the curve indicate the R_S and C_L combinations for the optimum bandwidth, stability, and settling time, but experimental fine tuning is recommended. Picking a point above or to the right of the curve yields an overdamped response, while points below or left of the curve indicate areas of underdamped performance.

 R_S and C_L form a low pass network at the output, thus limiting system bandwidth well below the amplifier bandwidth of 850MHz. By decreasing R_S as C_I increases (as illustrated in the curves), the maximum bandwidth is obtained without sacrificing stability. Even so, bandwidth does decrease as you move to the right along the curve. For example, at $A_V = +1$, R_S = 50Ω , C_L = 30pF, the overall bandwidth is limited to 300MHz, and bandwidth drops to 100MHz at A_V = +1, R_S = 5 Ω , C_I = 340pF.

FIGURE 1. RECOMMENDED SERIES RESISTOR vs LOAD CAPACITANCE

Evaluation Board

The performance of the HFA1113 may be evaluated using the HFA11XX Evaluation Board, slightly modified as follows:

- 1. Remove the 500 Ω feedback resistor (R₂), and leave the connection open.
- 2. a. For A_V = +1 evaluation, remove the 500 Ω gain setting resistor (R_1) , and leave pin 2 floating.
	- b. For A_V = +2, replace the 500 Ω gain setting resistor with a 0Ω resistor to GND.

The modified schematic and layout of the board are shown in Figures 2 and 3.

To order evaluation boards (part number HFA11XXEVAL), please contact your local sales office.

NOTE: The SOIC version may be evaluated in the DIP board by using a SOIC-to-DIP adapter such as Aries Electronics Part Number 08- 350000-10.

FIGURE 2. MODIFIED EVALUATION BOARD SCHEMATIC

FIGURE 3. EVALUATION BOARD LAYOUT

Limiting Operation

General

The HFA1113 features user programmable output clamps to limit output voltage excursions. Clamping action is obtained by applying voltages to the V_H and V_L terminals (pins 8 and 5) of the amplifier. V_H sets the upper output limit, while V_L sets the lower clamp level. If the amplifier tries to drive the output above V_H , or below V_L , the clamp circuitry limits the output voltage at V_H or V_L (\pm the clamp accuracy), respectively. The low input bias currents of the clamp pins allow them to be driven by simple resistive divider circuits, or active elements such as amplifiers or DACs.

Clamp Circuitry

Figure 4 shows a simplified schematic of the HFA1113 input stage, and the high clamp (V_H) circuitry. As with all current feedback amplifiers, there is a unity gain buffer $(Q_{X1} - Q_{X2})$

$(V_{-IN} - V_{OUT})/R_F + V_{-IN}/R_G$

This current is mirrored onto the high impedance node (Z) by Q_{X3} - Q_{X4} , where it is converted to a voltage and fed to the output via another unity gain buffer. If no clamping is utilized, the high impedance node may swing within the limits defined by $\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{P}4}$ and $\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{N}4}$. Note that when the output reaches its quiescent value, the current flowing through -IN is reduced to only that small current $(-I_{BIAS})$ required to keep the output at the final voltage.

Tracing the path from V_H to Z illustrates the effect of the clamp voltage on the high impedance node. V_H decreases by $2V_{BE}$ (Q_{NG}) and Q_{PG}) to set up the base voltage on Q_{PS} .

FIGURE 4. HFA1113 SIMPLIFIED V_H CLAMP CIRCUITRY

Q_{P5} begins to conduct whenever the high impedance node reaches a voltage equal to Q_{PS} 's base voltage + $2V_{BE}$ (Q_{PS} and Q_{N5}). Thus, Q_{P5} clamps node Z whenever Z reaches V_{H} . R_1 provides a pull-up network to ensure functionality with the clamp inputs floating. A similar description applies to the symmetrical low clamp circuitry controlled by V_L .

When the output is clamped, the negative input continues to source a slewing current (I_{CLAMP}) in an attempt to force the output to the quiescent voltage defined by the input. Q_{PS} must sink this current while clamping, because the -IN current is always mirrored onto the high impedance node. The clamping current is calculated as:

 $I_{CLAMP} = (V_{-IN} - V_{OUT CLAMPED})/300\Omega + V_{-IN}/R_G.$

As an example, a unity gain circuit with $V_{IN} = 2V$, and $V_H = 1V$, would have $I_{CLAMP} = (2V - 1V)/300\Omega + 2V/\infty = 3.33mA$ $(R_G = \infty$ because -IN is floated for unity gain applications). Note that I_{CC} will increase by I_{CLAMP} when the output is clamp limited.

Clamp Accuracy

The clamped output voltage will not be exactly equal to the voltage applied to V_H or V_L . Offset errors, mostly due to V_{BE} mismatches, necessitate a clamp accuracy parameter which is found in the device specifications. Clamp accuracy is a function of the clamping conditions. Referring again to Figure 4, it can be seen that one component of clamp accuracy is the VBE mismatch between the Q_{X6} transistors, and the Q_{X5} transistors. If the transistors always ran at the same current level there would be no V_{BF} mismatch, and no contribution to the inaccuracy. The Q_{X6} transistors are biased at a constant current, but as described earlier, the current through Q_{X5} is equivalent to I_{CLAMP}. V_{BE} increases as I_{CLAMP} increases, causing the clamped output voltage to increase as well. $I_{\text{CI AMP}}$ is a function of the overdrive level (A_{VCL} x V_{IN} - V_{OUT} CI $AMPFD$), so clamp accuracy degrades as the overdrive increases. As an example, the specified accuracy of ± 100 mV (A_V = -1, V_H = 1V) for a 1.6X overdrive degrades to \pm 240mV for a 3X (200%) overdrive, as shown in Figure 43.

Consideration must also be given to the fact that the clamp voltages have an affect on amplifier linearity. The "Nonlinearity Near Clamp Voltage" curve, Figure 48, illustrates the impact of several clamp levels on linearity.

Clamp Range

Unlike some competitor devices, both V_H and V_I have usable ranges that cross 0V. While V_H must be more positive than V_L, both may be positive or negative, within the range restrictions

indicated in the specifications. For example, the HFA1113 could be limited to ECL output levels by setting V_H = -0.8V and V_1 = -1.8V. V_H and V_I may be connected to the same voltage (GND for instance) but the result won't be in a DC output voltage from an AC input signal. A 150mV - 200mV AC signal will still be present at the output.

Recovery from Overdrive

The output voltage remains at the clamp level as long as the overdrive condition remains. When the input voltage drops below the overdrive level (V_{CLAMP}/A_{VCL}) the amplifier will return to linear operation. A time delay, known as the Overdrive Recovery Time, is required for this resumption of linear operation. The plots of "Unclamped Performance" and "Clamped Performance" (Figures 41 and 42) highlight the HFA1113's subnanosecond recovery time. The difference between the unclamped and clamped propagation delays is the overdrive recovery time. The appropriate propagation delays are 8.0ns for the unclamped pulse, and 8.8ns for the clamped (2X overdrive) pulse yielding an overdrive recovery time of 800ps. The measurement uses the 90% point of the output transition to ensure that linear operation has resumed. Note: The propagation delay illustrated is dominated by the fixturing. The delta shown is accurate, but the true HFA1113 propagation delay is 500ps.

Overdrive recovery time is also a function of the overdrive level. Figure 47 details the overdrive recovery time for various clamp and overdrive levels.

Typical Performance Curves $V_{\text{SUPPLY}} = \pm 5V$, T_A = 25^oC, R_L = 100 Ω , Unless Otherwise Specified

FIGURE 5. SMALL SIGNAL PULSE RESPONSE FIGURE 6. LARGE SIGNAL PULSE RESPONSE

Typical Performance Curves $V_{\text{SUPPLY}} = \pm 5V$, T_A = 25^oC, R_L = 100 Ω , Unless Otherwise Specified (Continued)

FIGURE 7. SMALL SIGNAL PULSE RESPONSE FIGURE 8. LARGE SIGNAL PULSE RESPONSE

Typical Performance Curves $V_{\text{SUPPLY}} = \pm 5V$, T_A = 25^oC, R_L = 100 Ω , Unless Otherwise Specified (Continued)

FIGURE 13. FREQUENCY RESPONSE FOR VARIOUS LOAD RESISTORS

FIGURE 15. FREQUENCY RESPONSE FOR VARIOUS OUTPUT VOLTAGES

FIGURE 17. FREQUENCY RESPONSE FOR VARIOUS OUTPUT VOLTAGES

FIGURE 14. FREQUENCY RESPONSE FOR VARIOUS LOAD RESISTORS

FIGURE 16. FREQUENCY RESPONSE FOR VARIOUS OUTPUT VOLTAGES

FIGURE 18. FULL POWER BANDWIDTH

Typical Performance Curves $V_{\text{SUPPLY}} = \pm 5V$, T_A = 25^oC, R_L = 100 Ω , Unless Otherwise Specified (Continued)

FIGURE 19. -3dB BANDWIDTH vs TEMPERATURE **FIGURE 20. GAIN FLATNESS**

FIGURE 21. DEVIATION FROM LINEAR PHASE **FIGURE 22. SETTLING RESPONSE**

FIGURE 23. LOW FREQUENCY REVERSE ISOLATION (S₁₂) FIGURE 24. HIGH FREQUENCY REVERSE ISOLATION (S₁₂)

FIGURE 27. SECOND HARMONIC DISTORTION vs P_{OUT} FIGURE 28. THIRD HARMONIC DISTORTION vs P_{OUT}

FIGURE 29. SECOND HARMONIC DISTORTION vs POUT FIGURE 30. THIRD HARMONIC DISTORTION vs POUT

FIGURE 25. 1dB GAIN COMPRESSION vs FREQUENCY FIGURE 26. THIRD ORDER INTERMODULATION INTERCEPT vs FREQUENCY

Typical Performance Curves $V_{\text{SUPPLY}} = \pm 5V$, T_A = 25^oC, R_L = 100 Ω , Unless Otherwise Specified (Continued)

FIGURE 31. SECOND HARMONIC DISTORTION vs P_{OUT} FIGURE 32. THIRD HARMONIC DISTORTION vs P_{OUT}

FIGURE 33. INTEGRAL LINEARITY ERROR FIGURE 34. OVERSHOOT vs INPUT RISE TIME

Typical Performance Curves $V_{\text{SUPPLY}} = \pm 5V$, $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$, $R_L = 100\Omega$, Unless Otherwise Specified (Continued)

FIGURE 37. SUPPLY CURRENT vs SUPPLY VOLTAGE FIGURE 38. SUPPLY CURRENT vs TEMPERATURE

FIGURE 39. OUTPUT VOLTAGE vs TEMPERATURE FIGURE 40. INPUT NOISE CHARACTERISTICS

Typical Performance Curves V_{SUPPLY} = ±5V, T_A = 25^oC, R_L = 100Ω, Unless Otherwise Specified (Continued)

FIGURE 45. V_H CLAMP ACCURACY vs OVERDRIVE **FIGURE 46. V_L CLAMP ACCURACY vs OVERDRIVE**

FIGURE 43. V_H CLAMP ACCURACY vs OVERDRIVE **FIGURE 44. V_L CLAMP ACCURACY vs OVERDRIVE**

Typical Performance Curves $V_{\text{SUPPLY}} = \pm 5V$, $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$, $R_L = 100\Omega$, Unless Otherwise Specified (Continued)

FIGURE 51. V_H CLAMP INPUT BANDWIDTH **FIGURE 52. V_L CLAMP INPUT BANDWIDTH**

FIGURE 49. CLAMP ACCURACY vs TEMPERATURE FIGURE 50. CLAMP BIAS CURRENT vs TEMPERATURE

Die Characteristics

DIE DIMENSIONS:

63 mils x 44 mils x 19 mils 1600μ m x 1130 μ m x 483 μ m

METALLIZATION:

Type: Metal 1: AICu(2%)/TiW Thickness: Metal 1: $8k\text{\AA}$ $\pm 0.4k\text{\AA}$ Type: Metal 2: AICu(2%) Thickness: Metal 2: $16k\AA$ \pm 0.8k \AA

Metallization Mask Layout

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Type: Nitride Thickness: $4k\text{\AA} + 0.5k\text{\AA}$

TRANSISTOR COUNT:

52

SUBSTRATE POTENTIAL (POWERED UP):

Floating (Recommend Connection to V-)

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