

FEATURES AND BENEFITS DESCRIPTION

- Automotive grade, AEC-Q100 qualified
- Sinusoidal drive for low vibration and noise
- Configurable closed loop speed curves
- RD output
- Quiet startup
- Proprietary high-efficiency control algorithm
- Automatic phase advance
- Windmill detection
- Fault output
- FG speed output
- Lock detection
- Overcurrent limit (OCL)
- Short-circuit protection (OCP)
- Direction input
- Brake input
- Adjustable gate drive

PACKAGES: *Not to scale*

24-contact QFN with exposed thermal pad $4 \text{ mm} \times 4 \text{ mm} \times 0.75 \text{ mm}$ (ES package)

24-contact QFN wettable flank with exposed thermal pad $4 \text{ mm} \times 4 \text{ mm} \times 0.75 \text{ mm}$ (ES package, -J option)

The A5932 three-phase motor controller incorporates sinusoidal drive to minimize audible noise and vibration for high-power fans.

A sinusoidal voltage profile is applied to the windings of the motor at startup to quietly start up and gradually ramp up the motor to desired speed.

The motor speed is controlled by applying a duty cycle command to the speed (SPD) input. The SPD input is allowed to operate over a wide frequency range.

The A5932 is available in a 24-contact 4 mm \times 4 mm QFN with exposed thermal pad (suffix ES), a 24-contact 4 mm \times 4 mm QFN with exposed thermal pad and wettable flank (suffix ES, -J option), and a 24-lead TSSOP with exposed thermal pad (suffix LP). These packages are lead (Pb) free, with 100% matte-tin leadframe plating.

24-lead TSSOP with exposed thermal pad (LP package)

Figure 1: Typical Application

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[1] Specified limits are tested at a single temperature and assured over temperature range by design and characterization.

[2] Gate drive output characteristics valid up to V_{BBOV} .

[3] Refer to description for SPD pin.

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FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The A5932 targets high-speed server fan applications to meet the objectives of low audible noise, minimal vibration, and high efficiency. Allegro's proprietary control algorithm results in a sinusoidal current waveshape that adapts to a variety of motor characteristics to dynamically optimize efficiency across a wide range of speeds.

The speed of the fan is controlled by variable duty cycle PWM input. The PWM input duty is measured and converted to a 9-bit number. This 9-bit "demand" is applied to a PWM generator block to create the modulation profile. The modulation profile

is applied to the three motor outputs, with 120-degree phase relationship, to create the sinusoidal current waveform as shown in Figure 2.

Protection features include lock detection with restart, motor output short circuit, supply undervoltage monitor, and thermal shutdown.

Standby mode can be achieved by holding SPD pin low for longer than the programmed Lock off-time. In specific speed curve options, the motor will never turn off with 0% duty cycle applied. In this type of configuration, standby mode is not available.

VREF. Voltage reference (2.8 V) to power internal digital logic and analog circuitry. Stabilize with 0.1μ F or greater ceramic capacitor. VREF can be used to power external circuitry with up to 20 mA bias current if desired. For high temperature applications, consider any added extra power dissipation due to regulator load.

 $P_{DISSBIAS} = V_{BB} \times (I_{BB} + I_{REFLOAD})$

FG. Open drain output provides speed information to the system. The open drain output can be pulled up to V_{REF} or external 3.3 or 5 V supply.

The FG output signal typically represents two periods per mechanical revolution. f_{FGOUT} may not be same as electrical frequency:

fELEC = fFGOUT × *NumberOfPolePairs* / 2 *fFGOUT = fELEC* × 2 / *NumberOfPolePairs* $RPM = 30 \times f_{FGOUT}$ *RPM = fELEC* × 60 / *NumberOfPolePairs*

RD. Open drain output. Logic high indicates a rotor fault condition as defined by EEPROM variables. RD function can be disabled via EEPROM. When function is disabled, RD pin low to high transition indicates end of open-loop starting sequence.

BRAKE. Active-high signal turns on all low sides for braking function. Brake function will prevent IC from entering standby mode. Brake function overrides Speed control input. Care should be taken to avoid stress on the MOSFET when braking while motor is running. With braking, the current will be limited by V_{BEMF} / R_{MOTOR} .

BRAKE is pulled down internally with $100 \text{ k}\Omega$ resistor. To avoid any concern with PCB noise, it is recommended to connect pin to GND if brake function not used.

DIR. Logic Input to control motor direction. For logic high, motor phases are ordered $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$, and for logic low, $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow B$. If Direction input is changed while motor is running, motor will coast for a duration defined by t_{COAST} . After this delay, motor will then attempt to restart in desired direction.

DIR is pulled down internally with $100 \text{ k}\Omega$ resistor. To avoid any concern with PCB noise, it is recommended to connect pin to GND or VREF externally.

ISET. A resistor (R_{ISET}) to GND sets the magnitude of gate current. The sink and source current ratios are fixed at approximately 2:1. Resistor value R_{ISET} should be in the range 15 to 60 kΩ.

The formula for gate drive current is as follows:

 $I_{GATE, SRC}$ (mA) = 2.25 + 900 / R_{ISET} (kΩ)

*I*_{*GATE_SNK* (mA) = 6.1 + 1666 / *R*_{*ISET*} (kΩ)}

If pin ISET is connected to GND, the circuit will default to a level equivalent to approximately 30 kΩ. If ISET is open, the motor outputs will be disabled.

CTAP. This analog input is an optional connection for motor common (Wye motors). If not used, as in case of Delta wound motor, then pin must be left open circuit.

SPD. Speed Demand input pin. Choice of analog voltage control or PWM duty control is determined by EEPROM selection.

Duty cycle control. The input Duty cycle signal is measured with logic circuit. The calculated output number is translated to a speed Demand signal with a resolution of 0.2%.

The maximum input PWM frequency is 100 kHz. To avoid interaction with the I2C circuitry, which share the FG and SPD inputs, the minimum PWM frequency may be limited based on the maximum frequency of the speed output pin FG.

 $f_{\text{PWM(min)}}$ is the larger number of 2.5 \times $f_{\text{FGOUT(max)}}$ or 100 Hz.

 $f_{FGOUT(max)}$ is the maximum speed under all operating conditions.

Note: f_{FGOUT} (Hz) depends on selection of pole-pair in EEPROM, typically equals RPM / 30.

Analog control. Voltage applied will increase speed demand. An internal 9-bit A/D converter will translate the input to a speed demand.

 $Code = V_{IN(SPD)} / 4.89 \text{ mV} + 3 \text{ where code} = [0...511]$ *Applied Duty* (%) = *Code* / 511.

Standby Mode. A low-power mode is activated if SPD pin is held low. Standby Mode will turn off all circuitry including charge pump and VREF. Upon power up, the A5932 will immediately wake up. If SPD remains low for the programmed lock time, standby mode will be activated. Standby mode can be disabled via EEPROM bit.

Lock Detect. A logic circuit monitors the motor position to determine if motor is running as expected. If a fault is detected, the motor drive will be disabled for t_{LOCK} before an auto-restart is attempted.

OCP. Overcurrent protection is intended to protect the IC from application conditions of shorted load, motor short to ground, and motor short to battery. The OCP protection monitors the drain to source voltage (V_{DS}) across any source or sink driver when the output is turned on. The OCP level can be set to 1 V or 2 V via EEPROM bit VDSTH. If the OCP threshold is exceeded for

640 ns, all drivers are shut off. This fault mode can be reset by PWM ON/OFF or timeout of t_{LOCK}, depending on EEPROM bit OCPOPT.

Current Limit. Maximum load current can be set by choice of external sense resistor connected between LSS terminal and GND.

Current limit has an internal blanking filter of approximately 640 ns. Current limit function can be disabled by connecting LSS to power ground on the PCB.

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I_{LIM} = V_{OCL} / R_{SE NSE}
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Thermal Shutdown (TSD). The A5932 protects itself from overheating with an internal thermal monitoring circuit. If the junction temperature exceeds the upper threshold T_{TSD} , the outputs will be disabled. Device temperature must fall below the hysteresis level, T_{HYS} , to allow a normal restart sequence.

nFAULT. The following signals will bring output nFAULT low:

- 1. V_{BB} undervoltage
- 2. Thermal shutdown
- 3. Charge pump UVLO
- 4. V_{BB} overvoltage
- 5. Output V_{DS} fault (OCP)
- 6. Loss of synchronization (rotor lock detected)

Table 1: Fault Signals and Actions

SPEED CURVE PARAMETERS

Figure 3: Speed Curve Options

Figure 4: Speed Curve Options – 2

Figure 5: Speed Curve Options – 3

Speed Curve Parameters

Refer to Figure 3, Figure 4, and Figure 5 for items below.

Minimum Speed Setpoint. The minimum speed is defined by the value stored in EEPROM variable MINSPD. The resolution is 1 rpm.

 $MINSPD (rpm) = 0.4095$

Maximum Speed Setpoint. The A5932 calculates the maximum speed based on line equation $y = mx + B$. The maximum speed is defined as the speed with input duty $= 100\%$.

The desired maximum speed is used to set the EEPROM variable SPDSLP.

 SPDSLP = 64 × (Maximum Speed (rpm) – MINSPD) / 511

Example: Max Speed = 25000 , Min Speed = 3000 .

 SPDSLP = 64 × 22000 / 511 = 2755

where $SPDSLP = 0.16383$

 Motor Speed (rpm) = Slope × DutyIN + MINSPD.

where $Slope = SPDSLP \times 511 / 64$ and DutyIN expressed in %.

Duty-In Enable Threshold. EEPROM variable DCON defines the input duty signal that enables the drive. DCON is an 8-bit number with resolution of 0.2%, which results in a maximum setting of 49.9%.

 Duty On (%) = 100 × DCON / 511

If DCON is set to "0", motor will turn on with 0% duty cycle input.

Duty In Disable Threshold. EEPROM variable DCOFF defines the input duty signal that disables the drive. DCOFF is an 8-bit number with resolution of 0.2%, which results in a maximum setting of 49.9%.

 $Duty$ $Off(%)=DCOFF/511$

DCOFF should always be set to a lower number than DCON.

ON/Off Control Option. If ONOFFCNTRL bit is set to "1", then the motor will run if duty is between the values set by DCON and DCOFF. A fixed value of 0.8% hysteresis is applied. In this option, if the duty is below DCOFF, then the motor will be enabled with a PWM level set by variable MAXDTYOFF (see Figure 4).

Additionally, if duty is below DCOFF, the motor direction can be made to be reverse if REVOPT is set to "1".

Duty Cycle Invert. To create mirror image of speed curve, set duty cycle invert bit to "1".

Minimum Duty Clamp. Minimum speed can be clamped to a value to allow motor to run at defined low-level speed. This is achieved by ignoring the duty cycle input if below the programmed MINDTY level.

Min Duty Clamp (%) = $100 \times MINDTY / 511$

Therefore the minimum speed will be defined by:

MinSpeedClamp(rpm) = Slope × MinDutyClamp + MINSPD

Setting MINDTY to 0 disables the function.

 $MINDTY = 0.255$.

Maximum Duty Clamp. EEPROM variable DTYMAX defines a duty level at which the motor will change operation from closed-loop curve. The change of operation would depend on $MAXDTYOPT$ setting. If $MAXDTYOP = 0$, open-loop operation will result. If $MAXDTYOPT = 1$, then operation will remain closed-loop; however, the speed will be clamped at the value calculated by DTYMAX level.

Four bits are used for this setting at resolution of 1.6% to cover the range 76.5% to 100%.

 Maximum Duty (%) = 100 × (511 – MAXDTY × 8) / 511

 $MAXDTY = 0.15$; if $MAXDTY = 0$, then function is disabled.

Hysteresis is needed to prevent motor from going back and forth between open- and closed-loop mode.

 $MAXDTYHYS = 0...15.$

 $Hys(\%) = (MAXDTYHYS + 1) \times 0.4$

50% Duty Option. If bit DIR50 is set to 1, the motor direction can be controlled by duty cycle level (see Figure 5).

For this setting, the motor enable and disable functions will be set by:

 $DCONnew = 50\% \pm DCON$

 $DCOFFnew = 50\% + DCOFF$

Since the duty cycle reference changes from 100% scale to 50% scale, the slope of the curve is now $2 \times$ compared to normal (DIR50) $= 0$) setting. When duty changes to switch direction, the motor will coast for time programmed via TCOAST variable before attempting to startup in opposite direction. Care should be taken to minimize stress on the MOSFETs when switching direction.

Dual Slope Option. Two different slopes can be selected by setting variable SLPSWDTY greater than 0.

Slope2 = (MAXSPEED – SLPSWRPM) / (100% – SLPSWDTY)

Slope1 = (SLPSWRPM – MINSPEED) / SLPSWDTY

Resonance Option (see Figure 5)**.** To avoid any issues with mechanical resonance at a particular speed band, variable RES-WID and RESDTY are provided to allow skipping over a defined RPM.

RESDTY: defines duty cycle that is center of band.

RESWID: defines width of band relative to center duty value.

Open Loop Maximum Limit. When the speed curve is set to open loop mode, it is possible to limit the speed to prevent fan speed overshoot. RPM is monitored and the demand will be clamped at level that results in max limit.

OPNLPMAX variable has no effect in closed loop mode.

EEPROM MAP

Table 2: EEPROM Map. Refer to application note and user interface for additional detail.

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EEPROM MAP (continued)

SERIAL PORT CONTROL OPTION

Normally, the IC is controlled by duty cycle input and uses the EEPROM data that is stored to create the speed curve profile. However, it is possible to use direct serial port control to avoid programming EEPROM.

When using direct control, the input duty cycle command is replaced by writing a 9-bit number to register 165.

Example:

- REGADDR[data]: (in decimal)
- $165[511] \rightarrow$ Duty = 100%
- $165[102] \rightarrow$ Duty = 102 / 511 = 20%

Upon power up, the IC defaults to duty cycle input mode. To use serial port mode, the internal registers should be programmed before turning the part on. The sequence to use serial port mode is:

- 1. Drive FG and SPD pins low. *
- 2. Power-up IC.
- 3. Program registers for parameter setting that correspond to each of the EEPROM memory locations.

A. $REGADDR = 64 + EEPROM ADDR$.

- B. Program register addresses 72 to 94 corresponding to EEPROM addresses 8 to 30.
- C. It may be helpful to use the GUI text file to help define the hex data for each of the EEPROM addresses.
- 4. Write to register 165 to start motor.

* Note: If SPD is not driven low before power up, motor will try to start immediately as the default high value will demand 100% on signal.

Serial Port

The A5932 uses standard fast mode I2C serial port format to program the EEPROM or to control the IC speed serially. The SPD pin functions as the clock (SCL) input, and the FG pin is the data line (SDA). No special sequence is needed to begin transferring data. If the motor is running, the FG pin may then pull the data line low while trying to initialize into serial port mode. Once an I2C command is sent, the SPD input is ignored and the motor will turn off as if a PWM duty command of 0% was sent.

The A5932 7-bit slave address is 0x55.

I 2C Timing Diagrams

Figure 6: Start and Stop Conditions **Figure 7: Clock and Data Bit Synchronization**

Figure 8: I2C-Compatible Timing Requirements

Write Command

- 1. Start Condition
- 2. 7-bit I²C Slave Address (Device ID) 1010101, R/W Bit = 0
- 3. Internal Register Address
- 4. 2 data bytes, MSB first
- 5. Stop Condition

Read Command

- 1. Start Condition
- 2. 7-bit I²C Slave Address (Device ID) 1010101, R/W Bit = 0
- 3. Internal Register Address to be read
- 4. Stop Condition
- 5. Start Condition
- 6. 7-bit I²C Slave Address (Device ID) 1010101, R/W Bit = 1
- 7. Read 2 data bytes
- 8. Stop Condition

Figure 10: Read Command

Programming EEPROM

The A5932 contains 32 words of 16-bit length. The EEPROM is controlled with the following I2C registers. Refer to application note for EEPROM definition.

Table 3: EEPROM Control – Register 161 (Used to control programming of EEPROM)

Table 4: EEPROM Address – Register 162 (Used to set the EEPROM address to be altered)

Table 5: EEPROM DataIn – Register 163 (Used to set the EEPROM new data to be programmed)

Table 6: DataOUT – Register 164 (Used for read operations)

There are 3 basic commands: Read, Erase, and Write. To change the contents of a memory location, the word must be first erased. The EEPROM programming process (writing or erasing) takes 10 ms per word.

Each word must be written individually.

Example #1: Write EEPROM address 5 to 261 (0x0105)

1) Erase the word

Example #2: Read EEPROM address 5 to confirm correct data properly programmed

1) Read the word

a. 5[I2C Read] ; read register 5; this will be the contents of EEPROM

PIN DIAGRAMS

Figure 11: Pin Diagrams

PACKAGE OUTLINE DRAWING

For Reference Only – Not for Tooling Use

(Reference Allegro DWG-0000222 Rev. 6 or JEDEC MO-220WGGD) Dimensions in millimeters - NOT TO SCALE. Exact case and lead configuration at supplier discretion within limits shown.

Figure 13: Package ES, -J option, 24-Contact QFN Wettable Flank with Exposed Pad

Revision History

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