# **Features**

- **Low-voltage Operation 3V to 6.5V**
- **Attenuator Gain Range Between Transmit and Receive: 52 dB**
- **Four-point Signal Sensing for Improved Sensitivity**
- **Monitoring System for Background Noise Level**
- **Adjustable Microphone Amplifier Gain**
- **Mute Function**
- **Chip Disable for Active/Standby Operation**
- **On-board Filter**
- **Dial Tone Detector**
- **Compatible with U4083B Speaker Amplifier**

# **Benefits**

- **Fast Channel Switching Allows Quasi-duplex Operation**
- **Proper Operation in Noisy Surroundings**

# **1. Description**

The low-voltage voice-switched speakerphone circuit, U4082B, incorporates a wide range of functions. The versatility of the device is further enhanced by giving access to internal circuit points. The block diagram (see [Figure 1-1\)](#page-0-0) shows amplifiers, level detectors, transmit and receive attenuators operating in complementary functions, background noise monitors, chip disable, dial tone detector and mute function. Due to low-voltage operation, the device can be operated either by a low supply or via a telephone line requiring 5.5 mA typically. Stand-alone operation is enabled by a coupling transformer (Tip and Ring) or in conjunction with a handset speech network, as shown in [Figure 1-2 on page 2.](#page-1-0)



<span id="page-0-0"></span>**Figure 1-1.** Block Diagram



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# **U4082B**

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<span id="page-1-0"></span>**Figure 1-2.** Block Diagram with External Circuit

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# **2. Pin Configuration**

**Figure 2-1.** Pinning SO28



### **Table 2-1.** Pin Description







#### **Table 2-1.** Pin Description (Continued)



# **3. Introduction**

### **3.1 General**

The fundamental difference between the operation of a speakerphone and a handset is that of half duplex versus full duplex. The handset is full duplex since conversation can occur in both directions (transmit and receive) simultaneously. A speakerphone has higher gain levels in both paths, and attempting to converse in full-duplex mode results in oscillatory problems due to the loop that exists within the system. The loop is formed by the receive and transmit paths, the hybrid and the acoustic coupling (speaker to microphone).

The only practical and economical solution used to date is to design the speakerphone to operate in half-duplex mode. That is, only one person speaks at a time, while the other listens. To achieve this, a circuit is required which can detect who is talking, switch on the appropriate path (transmit or receive), and switch off (attenuate) the other path. In this way, the loop gain is maintained less than unity. When the talkers exchange functions, the circuit must quickly detect this, and switch the circuit appropriately. By providing speech-level detectors, the circuit operates in a "hands-free" mode, eliminating the need for a "push-to-talk" switch.

The handset has the same loop as the speakerphone. Oscillations do not occur because the gains are considerably lower and the coupling from the earpiece to the mouthpiece is almost nonexistent (the receiver is normally held against a person's ear).

The U4082B provides the necessary level detectors, attenuators, and switching control for a properly operating speakerphone. The detection sensitivity and timing are externally controllable. Additionally, the U4082B provides background noise monitors (which make the circuit insensitive to room and line noise), hybrid amplifiers for interfacing to Tip and Ring, the microphone amplifier, and other associated functions.

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### **3.2 Transmit and Receive Attenuators TI, TO and RI, RECO**

The attenuators are functionally complementary; that is, when one is at maximum gain (+6.0 dB), the other is at maximum attenuation (–46 dB), and vice versa. Neither is ever fully on or off. The sum of their gains remains constant (within a nominal error band of  $\pm 0.1$  dB) at a typical value of –40 dB (see [Figure 7-1 on page 17\)](#page-16-0). Their purpose is to control the transmit and receive paths to provide the half-duplex operation required in a speakerphone.

The non-inverting attenuators have a –3.0 dB (from maximum gain) frequency of approximately 100 kHz. The input impedance of each attenuator (TI and RI) is nominally 10 kΩ (see [Figure](#page-4-0)  [3-1\)](#page-4-0). To prevent distortion, the input signal should be limited to 350 mVrms. The maximum recommended input signal is independent of the volume control setting. The diode clamp on the inputs limits the input swing, and thus the maximum negative output swing. This results in a specific  $V_{RECO}$  and  $V_{TOL}$  definition as given in the table ["Electrical Characteristics" on page 14.](#page-13-0) The output impedance is less than 10 $\Omega$  until the output current limit (typically 2.5 mA) is reached.

### <span id="page-4-0"></span>**Figure 3-1.** Attenuator Input Stage



The attenuators are controlled by the single output of the control block, which is measurable at pin C<sub>T</sub> (pin 14). When pin C<sub>T</sub> is at +240 mV with respect to V<sub>B</sub>, the circuit is in receive mode (receive attenuator is at +6.0 dB). When pin  $\textsf{C}_{\textsf{T}}$  is at -240 mV with respect to  $\textsf{V}_{\textsf{B}}$ , the circuit is in transmit mode (transmit attenuator is at +6.0 dB). The circuit is in an idle mode when the  $C_T$ voltage is equal to  $\rm V_B$  causing the attenuators' gain to be halfway between their fully on and fully off positions (–20 dB each). Monitoring the  $\textsf{C}_\textsf{T}$  voltage (with respect to  $\textsf{V}_\textsf{B}$ ) is the most direct method of monitoring the circuit's mode.

The attenuator control has seven inputs: two from the comparators operated by the level detectors, two from the background noise monitors, volume control, dial-tone detector, and AGC. They are described in the sections that follow.

### **3.3 Level Detectors**

There are four level detectors, two on the receive side and two on the transmit side. As shown in [Figure 3-2 on page 6,](#page-5-0) the terms in parentheses form one system, and the other terms form the second system. Each level detector is a high-gain amplifier with back-to-back diodes in the feedback path, resulting in nonlinear gain which permits operation over a wide dynamic range of speech levels. Refer to the graphs of Figures [7-2,](#page-17-0) [7-3](#page-17-1) and [7-4](#page-17-2) on page [18](#page-17-2) for their DC and AC transfer characteristics. The sensitivity of each level detector is determined by the external resistor and capacitor at each input (TLI1, TLI2, RLI1, and RLI2). Each output charges an external capacitor through a diode and limiting resistor, thus providing a DC representation of the input AC signal level. The outputs have a quick rise time (determined by the capacitor and an internal 350 $\Omega$  resistor) and a slow decay time set by an internal current source and the capacitor. The capacitors on the four outputs should have the same value  $(\pm 10\%)$  to prevent timing problems.

As can be seen in [Figure 1-2 on page 2,](#page-1-0) on the receive side, one level detector (RLI1) is located at the receive input, receiving the same signal as at Tip and Ring, and the other (RLI2) is at the





output of the speaker amplifier. On the transmit side, one level detector (TLI2) is at the output of the microphone amplifier, while the other (TLI1) is at the hybrid output. The outputs RLO1 and TLO1 feed a comparator, whose output is fed to the attenuator control block. Likewise, outputs RLO2 and TLO2 feed a second comparator which also goes to the attenuator control block. The truth table for the effects of the level detectors is given in the section ["Attenuator Control Block"](#page-7-0)  [on page 8.](#page-7-0)

### **3.4 Background Noise Monitors**

This circuit distinguishes speech (which consists of bursts) from background noise (a relatively constant signal level). There are two background noise monitors, one for the receive path and the other for the transmit path. The receive background noise monitor is operated by the RLI1-RLO1 level detector, while the transmit background noise monitor is operated by the TLI2-TLO2 level detector [\(Figure 3-2\)](#page-5-0).

They monitor the background noise by storing a DC voltage representative of the respective noise levels in capacitors at CPR and CPT. The voltages at these pins have slow rise times (determined by the external RC), but fast decay times. If the signal at RLI1 (or TLI2) changes slowly, the voltage at CPR (or CPT) will remain more positive than the voltage at the non-inverting input of the monitor's output comparator. When speech is present, the voltage on the non-inverting input of the comparator will rise more quickly than the voltage at the inverting input (due to the burst characteristic of speech), causing its output to change. This output is sensed by the attenuator control block.

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The 36 mV offset at the comparator's input keeps the comparator from changing state unless the speech level exceeds the background noise by approximately 4.0 dB. The time constant of the external RC (approximately 4.7s) determines the response time to background noise variations.

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### **3.5 Volume Control**

The volume control input at VCI (pin 13) is sensed as a voltage with respect to  $V_B$ . It affects the attenuators in receive mode only and has no effect during idle or transmit mode.

In receive mode, the attenuator receive gain,  $G_R$ , is +6.0 dB, and attenuator transmit gain  $G_T$  is –46 dB under the condition that VCI = V<sub>B</sub>. When VCI < V<sub>B</sub>, the attenuator receive gain is reduced [\(Figure 7-5 on page 19](#page-18-0)), whereas the attenuator transmit gain is increased; their sum, however, remains constant. Voltage deviation at VCI changes the voltage at  $\mathsf{C}_\mathsf{T},$  which in turn controls the attenuators (see section ["Attenuator Control Block" on page 8\)](#page-7-0).

The volume control setting does not affect the maximum attenuator input signal at which noticeable distortion occurs.

The bias current at VCI is typically –60 nA. It does not vary significantly with the VCI voltage or supply voltage V<sub>S</sub>.

### **3.6 Dial Tone Detector**

The dial tone detector is a comparator with one side connected to the receive input (RI) and the other to V<sub>B</sub> with a 15 mV offset (see [Figure 3-3\)](#page-6-0). If the circuit is in idle mode, and the incoming signal is greater than 15 mV (10 mVrms), the comparator's output will change, disabling the receive idle mode. The receive attenuator will then be at a setting determined mainly by the volume control.

This circuit prevents the dial tone (which would be considered as continuous noise) from fading away as the circuit would have the tendency to switch to idle mode. By disabling the receive idle mode, the dial tone remains at the normally-expected full level.



<span id="page-6-0"></span>**Figure 3-3.** Dial Tone Detector

### <span id="page-6-1"></span>**3.7 AGC**

The AGC circuit affects the circuit only in receive mode, and only when the supply voltage is less than 3.5V. As  $V_S < 3.5V$ , the gain of the receive attenuator is reduced as seen in Figure 7-6 on [page 19](#page-18-1). The transmit path attenuation changes such that the sum of the transmit and receive gains remains constant.

The purpose of this feature is to reduce the power (and current) used by the speaker when a line-powered speakerphone is connected to a long line where the available power is limited. By reducing the speaker power, the voltage sag at  $\mathsf{V}_\mathsf{S}$  is controlled, preventing possible erratic operation.





### <span id="page-7-0"></span>**3.8 Attenuator Control Block**

The attenuator control block has seven inputs:

- The output of the comparator operated by RLO2 and TLO2 (microphone/speaker side) designated C1
- The output of the comparator operated by RLO1 and TLO1 (Tip/Ring side) designated C2
- The output of the transmit background noise monitor designated C3
- The output of the receive background noise monitor designated C4
- The volume control
- The dial tone detector
- The AGC circuit

The single output of the control block controls the two attenuators. The effect of C1 to C4 is as follows:

	<b>Inputs</b>			
C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>4</sub>	<b>Output Mode</b>
᠇			X	Transmit
᠇	$\mathsf{R}$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Fast Idle
R	᠇	$\check{ }$	$\checkmark$	Fast Idle
R	$\mathsf{R}$	X		Receive
$\mathbf \tau$		$\Omega$	X	Slow Idle
᠇	R	0	0	Slow Idle
R		0	0	Slow Idle
R	R	X	ŋ	Slow Idle

**Table 3-1.** Mode Selection Table

Note:  $X = Do$  not care;  $Y = C3$  and  $C4$  are not both 0.

### **3.9 Term Definitions**

- "Transmit" means the transmit attenuator is fully on (+6.0 dB), and the receive attenuator is at maximum attenuation (–46 dB).
- "Receive" means both attenuators are controlled by the volume control. At maximum volume, the receive attenuator is fully on (+6.0 dB), and the transmit attenuator is at maximum attenuation (–46 dB).
- "Fast Idle" means both transmit and receive speech are present in approximately equal levels. The attenuators are quickly switched (30 ms) to idle mode until one speech level dominates the other.
- "Slow Idle" means speech has ceased in both transmit and receive paths. The attenuators are then slowly switched (1s) to idle mode.
- Switching to full transmit or receive mode from any other mode is at the fast rate ( $\approx$  30 ms).

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### **3.10 Summary of the Truth Table**

- The circuit will switch to transmit if
	- both transmit level detectors sense higher signal levels relative to the respective receive level detectors (TLI1 versus RLI1, TLI2 versus RLI2), and
	- the transmit background noise monitor indicates the presence of speech.
- The circuit will switch to receive if
	- both receive level detectors sense higher signal levels relative to the respective transmit level detectors, and
	- the receive background noise monitor indicates the presence of speech.
- The circuit will switch to fast idle mode if the level detectors disagree on the relative strengths of the signal levels, and at least one of the background noise monitors indicates speech. For example, referring to the block diagram [\(Figure 1-2 on page 2](#page-1-0)), if there is a sufficient signal at the microphone amp output (TLI2) to override the speaker signal (RLI2) and there is sufficient signal at the receive input (RLI1) to override the signal at the hybrid output (TLI1), and either or both background monitors indicate speech, then the circuit will be in fast idle mode.

Two conditions that can cause fast idle mode:

- when both talkers are attempting to gain control of the system by talking at the same time, and
- when one talker is in a very noisy environment, forcing the other talker to continually override that noise level. In general, fast idle mode will occur infrequently.
- The circuit will switch to slow idle mode when
	- both talkers are quiet (no speech present), or
	- when one talker's speech level is continuously overridden by noise at the other speaker's location. The time required to switch the circuit between transmit, receive, fast idle and slow idle is determined in part by the components at pin 14 (see the section on switching times for a more complete explanation of the switching time components). A diagram of the  $\textsf{C}_{\textsf{T}}$  circuitry is shown in [Figure 3-4](#page-8-0), and operates as follows:

<span id="page-8-0"></span>**Figure 3-4.** Attenuator Control Block Circuit







- R<sub>T</sub> is typically 120 kΩ, and C<sub>T</sub> is typically 5.0 µF.
- To switch to receive mode,  $I_1$  is turned on ( $I_2$  is off), charging the external capacitor to +240 mV above V<sub>B</sub>. (An internal clamp prevents further charging of the capacitor.)
- To switch to transmit mode,  $I_2$  is turned on ( $I_1$  is off), bringing down the voltage on the capacitor to –240 mV with respect to V<sub>B</sub>.
- To switch to idle mode quickly (fast idle), the current sources are turned off, and the internal 2 kΩ resistor is switched on, discharging the capacitor to V<sub>B</sub> with a time constant of 2 kΩ $\times$  C<sub>T</sub>.
- To switch to idle mode slowly (slow idle), the current sources are turned off, the switch at the 2 kΩ resistor is open, and the capacitor discharges to V<sub>B</sub> through the external resistor,  $R_T$ , with a time constant of =  $R_T \times C_T$ .

### **3.11 Microphone Amplifier**

The microphone amplifier (pins 10, 11) has the non-inverting input internally connected to  $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{B}}$ , while the inverting input and the output are pinned out.

Unlike most operational amplifiers, this amplifier has an all-NPN output stage which maximizes phase margin and gain bandwidth. This feature ensures stability at gains less than unity, as well as with a wide range of reactive loads.

The open loop gain is typically 80 dB ( $f < 100$  Hz), and the gain-bandwidth is typically 1.0 MHz (see [Figure 7-7 on page 19](#page-18-2)). The maximum peak-to-peak output swing is typically (V<sub>S</sub> – 1V) with an output impedance of < 10Ω until current limiting is reached (typically 1.5 mA). Input bias current at MIC is typically –40 nA.



#### **Figure 3-5.** Microphone Amplifier and Mute

### **3.12 Hybrid Amplifiers**

The two hybrid amplifiers (at HTO+, HTO–, and HTI), in conjunction with an external transformer, provide the two-to-four-wire converter for interfacing to the telephone line. The gain of the first amplifier (HTI to HTO–) is set by external resistors (gain  $= -R_{HF} / R_{HI}$  in Figure 1-2 on [page 2](#page-1-0)), and its output drives the second amplifier, the gain of which is internally set at –1.0. Unlike most operational amplifiers, these amplifiers have an all-NPN output stage, which maximizes phase margin and gain bandwidth. This feature ensures stability at gains less than unity, as well as with a wide range of reactive loads. The open-loop gain of the first amplifier is typically 80 dB, and the gain bandwidth of each amplifier is approximately 1.0 MHz (see [Figure 7-6 on](#page-18-1)  [page 19\)](#page-18-1). The maximum output swing (peak to peak) of each amplifier is typically 1.2V less than V<sub>S</sub> with an output impedance of < 10Ω until current limiting is reached (typically 8.0 mA). The output current capability is guaranteed to be a minimum of 5.0 mA. The bias current at HTI is typically –30 nA.

The connections to the coupling transformer are shown in [Figure 1-1 on page 1](#page-0-0). Balancing the network is necessary to match the line impedance.

### **3.13 Filter**

The operation of the filter circuit is determined by the external components. The circuit within the U4082B from pins FI to FO is a buffer with a high input impedance (> 1 MΩ) and a low output impedance ( $<$  50 $\Omega$ ). The configuration of the external components determines whether the circuit is a high-pass filter (as shown in [Figure 1-2 on page 2](#page-1-0)), a low-pass filter, or a band-pass filter.

As a high-pass filter, with the components shown in [Figure 3-6 on page 12,](#page-11-0) the filter will keep out the 60Hz (and 120Hz) hum which can be picked up by the external telephone lines.

As a low-pass filter [\(Figure 3-7 on page 12](#page-11-1)), it can be used to roll off the high-end frequencies in the receive circuit, which aids in protecting against acoustic feedback problems.

With an appropriate choice of an input coupling capacitor to the low-pass filter, a band-pass filter is formed.





### <span id="page-11-0"></span>**Figure 3-6.** High-pass Filter





<span id="page-11-1"></span>**Figure 3-7.** Low-pass Filter





### **3.14 Power Supply, VB, and Chip Disable**

The power supply voltage at pin 4 (V<sub>S</sub>) is between 3.5V and 6.5V for normal operation, but reduced operation is possible down to 2.8V (see [Figure 7-6 on page 19](#page-18-1) and section ["AGC" on](#page-6-1)  [page 7](#page-6-1)). The power supply current is shown in [Figure 7-9 on page 20](#page-19-0) for both power-up and power-down mode.

The output voltage at  $\mathrm{V_{B}}$  (pin 15) is approximately (V<sub>S</sub> – 0.7) / 2, and provides the AC ground for the system. The output impedance at V<sub>B</sub> is approximately 400Ω (see [Figure 7-10 on page 20](#page-19-1)), and in conjunction with the external capacitor at  $\mathtt{V}_\mathtt{B}$ , forms a low-pass filter for power supply rejection. [Figure 7-11 on page 21](#page-20-0) gives an indication of the amount of rejection with different capacitors. The capacitor value depends on whether the circuit is powered by the telephone line or a power supply.

Since  $\mathsf{V}_\mathsf{B}$  biases the microphone and hybrid amplifiers, the amount of supply rejection at their outputs is directly related to the rejection at VB, as well as their respective gains. Figure 8-1 on [page 22](#page-21-0) depicts this graphically.

The chip disable (CD, pin 3) permits powering down the IC to conserve power and/or for muting purposes. With CD < 0.8V, normal operation is in effect.

With 2.0V  $<$  CD  $<$  V<sub>S</sub>, the IC is in power-down mode. In power-down mode, the microphone and the hybrid amplifiers are disabled, and their outputs reach the high-impedance state. Additionally, the bias is removed from the level detectors.

The bias is not removed from the filter (pins 1 and 2), the attenuators (pins 8, 9, 21 and 22), or from pins 13, 14, and 15 (the attenuators are disabled, however, and will not pass a signal). The input impedance at CD is typically 90 kΩ, has a threshold of approximately 1.5V, and the voltage at this pin must be kept within the range of ground and  $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{S}}$  (see [Figure 7-8 on page 20](#page-19-2)). If CD is not used, the pin should be grounded.

# **4. Absolute Maximum Ratings**

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability. Reference point pin 28,  $T_{amb} = 25^{\circ}$  C, unless otherwise specified.







# **5. Recommended Operating Conditions**



# <span id="page-13-0"></span>**6. Electrical Characteristics**





# **6. Electrical Characteristics (Continued)**

 $T_{\text{amb}}$  = +25°C, V<sub>S</sub> = 5.0 V, CD ≤0.8 V, unless otherwise specified







# **6. Electrical Characteristics (Continued)**

 $T_{\text{amb}}$  = +25°C, V<sub>S</sub> = 5.0 V, CD ≤0.8 V, unless otherwise specified

<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Test Conditions</b>	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	<b>Unit</b>	
Closed loop gain	$HTO-$ to $HTO+$	$G_{VCLH}$	$-0.35$	0.0	$+0.35$	dB	
Input bias current	at HTI	$I_{BH}$		$-30.0$		nA	
HTO high voltage	$I_{\Omega} = -5.0$ mA	$V_{HT}H$	3.7			$\vee$	
HTO low voltage	$I_{\Omega}$ = +5.0 mA	$V_{HT}$ L			250.0	mV	
HTO+ high voltage	$I_{\Omega} = -5.0$ mA	$V_{HT}$ H	3.7			$\vee$	
HTO+ low voltage	$I_{\Omega}$ = +5.0 mA	$V_{HT}$ L			450.0	mV	
<b>Distortion</b>	$300$ Hz < f < 10 kHz (see Figure 6-1)	d		0.3		$\%$	
<b>Level Detectors and Background Noise Monitors</b>							
Transmit receive switching threshold	Current ratio from T to R at RLI1 + RLI2 to 20 mA at TLI1 + TLI2 to switch	$I_{TH}$	0.8	1.0	1.2		
Source current	RLO1, RLO2, TLO1, TLO2	$I_{LSO}$		$-2.0$		mA	
Sink current	RLO1, RLO2, TLO1, TLO2	$I_{LSK}$		4.0		μA	
CPR, CPT output resistance	$I_{\Omega}$ = 1.2 mA	$R_{CP}$		35		$\Omega$	
CPR, CPT leakage current		<b>I</b> CPLK		$-0.2$		μA	
<b>Filter</b>							
Voltage offset at FO	$V_{FQ} - V_{B}$ , 220 k $\Omega$ from $V_{B}$ to FI	$\mathsf{FO}_\mathsf{VOS}$	$-200.0$	$-90$	0.0	mV	
FO sink current		$I_{FO}$	150.0	260	400.0	μA	
FI bias current		l <sub>EL</sub>		$-50.0$		nA	
<b>System Distortion</b>							
R Mode	From FI to RECO, FO connected to RI	$d_R$		0.5	3.0	$\%$	
T Mode	From MIC to HTO-/HTO+, includes T attenuator	$d_T$		0.8	3.0	$\%$	

<span id="page-15-0"></span>**Figure 6-1.** Hybrid Amplifier Distortion Test



# **7. Temperature Characteristics**

<b>Parameters</b>	Typical Value at 25°C	Typical Change $-20^\circ$ C to $+60^\circ$ C			
Supply current, $CD = 0.8$ Vl <sub>s</sub>	5.0 mA	$-0.3\%$ C			
Supply current, $CD = 2.0$ Vl <sub>s</sub>	400.0 $\mu$ A	$-0.4\%$ <sup>o</sup> C			
$V_B$ output voltage, $V_S = 5.0V V_O$	2.1V	+0.8%/°C			
Attenuator gain (maximum gain)	$+6.0$ dB	0.0008 dB/ $\degree$ C			
Attenuator gain (maximum attenuation)	$-46.0$ dB	0.004 dB/ $\degree$ C			
Attenuator input resistance (at TI, RI)	10.0 k $\Omega$	$+0.6\%$ C			
Dial tone detector threshold	$15.0$ mV	+20.0 mV/ $\degree$ C			
CT source, sink current	$\pm 60.0 \mu A$	$-0.15\%$ C			
Microphone, hybrid amplifier offset	0.0 <sub>m</sub>	$±4.0$ mV/ $\degree$ C			
Transmit receive switching threshold	1.0	$\pm 0.02\%$ C			
Sink current at RLO1, RLO2, TLO1, TLO2	$4.0 \mu A$	$-10.0$ nA/ $\degree$ C			
Closed loop gain (HTO- to HTO+)	0.0 dB	$0.001\%$ C			

<span id="page-16-0"></span>**Figure 7-1.** Attenuator Gain versus VCT (Pin 14)







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<span id="page-17-1"></span>**Figure 7-3.** Level Detector AC Transfer Characteristics



<span id="page-17-2"></span>**Figure 7-4.** Level Detector AC Transfer Characteristics versus Frequency



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<span id="page-18-1"></span>**Figure 7-6.** Receive Attenuation Gain versus V<sub>S</sub>



<span id="page-18-2"></span>Figure 7-7. Microphone and 1<sup>st</sup>-hybrid Amplifier Open-loop Gain and Phase versus Frequency





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**Figure 7-8.** Input Characteristics at CD, MUTE



<span id="page-19-0"></span>**Figure 7-9.** Supply Current versus Supply Voltage



<span id="page-19-1"></span>**Figure 7-10.** V<sub>B</sub> Output Characteristics



<span id="page-20-0"></span>**Figure 7-11.**  $V_B$  Power Supply Rejection versus Frequency Characteristics and  $V_B$  Capacitor



# **8. Design Guidelines**

### **8.1 Switching Time**

The switching time of the U4082B circuit is determined primarily by  $\textsf{C}_{\textsf{T}}$  (pin 14, refer to Figure [3-3 on page 7](#page-6-0)), and secondarily by the capacitors at the level detector outputs (RLO1, RLO2, TLO1, TLO2). For more information, please refer to [Figure 1-2 on page 2.](#page-1-0)

The time to switch from idle to receive or transmit mode is determined by the capacitor at  $C_T$ , together with the internal current sources. The switching time is:

$$
\Delta \text{MinimalT} = \frac{\Delta \text{MinimalV} \times \text{C}_{\text{T}}}{I} = \frac{240 \text{Minimal} \times 5}{60} = 20.0 \text{ ms}
$$
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$$
\Delta \text{W} = 240 \text{ mV}
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$$
\text{C}_{\text{T}} = 5 \text{ }\mu\text{F}
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$$
I = 60 \text{ }\mu\text{A}
$$

If the circuit switches directly from receive to transmit mode (or vice versa), the total switching time would be 40 ms.

The switching time depends upon the mode selection. If the circuit is going to "fast idle", the time constant is determined by the C<sub>T</sub> capacitor, and the internal 2 kΩ resistor. With C<sub>T</sub> = 5 µF, the time constant is approximately 10 ms, giving a switching time to idle of approximately 30 ms (for 95% change). Fast idle is an infrequent mode, however, occurring when both speakers are talking and competing for control of the circuit. The switching time from idle back to either transmit or receive mode is described above.

By switching to "slow idle" the time constant is determined by the  ${\sf C}_{\sf T}$  capacitor and  ${\sf R}_{\sf T}$ , the exter-nal resistor (see [Figure 3-4 on page 9](#page-8-0)). With C<sub>T</sub> = 5.0 μF and R<sub>T</sub> = 120 kΩ, the time constant is approximately 600 ms, giving a switching time of approximately 1.8 seconds (for 95% change). The switching period to slow idle begins when both speakers have stopped talking. The switching time back to the original mode will depend on how soon that speaker begins speaking again. The sooner the speaking starts during the 1.8s period, the quicker the switching time since a smaller voltage excursion is required. The switching time is determined by the internal current source as described above.





The above switching times occur, however, after the level detectors have detected the appropriate signal levels, since their outputs operate the attenuator control block. Referring to [Figure 3-2](#page-5-0)  [on page 6](#page-5-0), the rise time of the level detectors' outputs to new speech is quick by comparison (approximately 1 ms), determined by the internal 350Ω resistor and the external capacitor (typically 2  $\mu$ F). The output's decay time is determined by the external capacitor and an internal 4  $\mu$ A current source, giving a decay rate of 60 ms for a 120 mV excursion at RLO or TLO. Total response time of the circuit is not constant since it depends on the relative strength of the signals at the different level detectors and the timing of the signals with respect to each other. The capacitors at the four outputs (RLO1, RLO2, TLO1, TLO2) must be of equal value  $(\pm 10\%)$  to prevent problems in timing and level response.

The rise time of the level detector's outputs is not significant since it is so short. The decay time, however, provides a significant part of the "hold time" necessary to hold the circuit during the normal pauses in speech.

The components at the inputs of the level detectors (RLI1, RLI2, TLI1, TLI2) do not affect the switching time but rather affect the relative signal levels required to switch the circuit and the frequency response of the detectors.

### **8.2 Design Equations**

The following definitions are used at 1 kHz with reference to [Figure 1-2 on page 2](#page-1-0) and [Figure 8-3](#page-22-0)  [on page 23](#page-22-0) where coupling capacitors are omitted for the sake of simplicity:

- $\bullet$  G<sub>MA</sub> is the gain of the microphone amplifier measured from the microphone output to TI (typically 35V/V, or 31 dB)
- $\bullet$  G<sub>T</sub> is the gain of the transmit attenuator, measured from TI to TO
- $G_{HA}$  is the gain of hybrid amplifiers, measured from TO to the HTO–/HTO+ differential output (typically 10.2V/V, or 20.1 dB)
- $G_{HT}$  is the gain from HTO–/HTO+ to Tip/Ring for transmit signals, and includes the balance network (measured at 0.4V/V, or –8 dB)

<span id="page-21-0"></span>**Figure 8-1.** V<sub>B</sub> Power Supply Rejection of the Microphone and Hybrid Amplifiers







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- $G<sub>ST</sub>$  is the side tone gain, measured from HTO–/HTO+ to the filter input (measured at 0.18 V/V, or –15 dB)
- G<sub>HR</sub> is the gain from Tip/Ring to the filter input for receive signals (measured at 0.833V/V or  $-1.6$  dB)
- $G_{FO}$  is the gain of the filter stage, measured from the input of the filter to RI, typically 0 dB
- $\bullet$  G<sub>R</sub> is the gain of the receive attenuator measured from RI to RECO
- $\bullet$  G<sub>SA</sub> is the gain of the speaker amplifier, measured from RECO to the differential output of the U4083B (typically 22V/V or 26.8 dB)
- $\bullet$  G<sub>AC</sub> is the acoustic coupling, measured from the speaker differential voltage to the microphone output voltage



#### **8.2.1 Transmit Gain**

The transmit gain, from the microphone output (VM) to Tip and Ring, is determined by the output characteristics of the microphone, and the desired transmit level. For example, a typical electret microphone will produce approximately 0.35 mVrms under normal speech conditions. To achieve 100 mVrms at Tip/Ring, an overall gain of 285V/V is necessary. The gain of the transmit attenuator is fixed at 2.0 (+6.0 dB), and the gain through the hybrid of [Figure 1-2 on page 2](#page-1-0) (GHT) is nominally 0.4 (–8.0 dB). Therefore, a gain of 357V/V is required of the microphone and hybrid amplifiers. It is desirable to have the majority of that gain in the microphone amplifier for three reasons:

- 1. The low-level signals from the microphone should be amplified as soon as possible to minimize signal/noise problems;
- 2. to provide a reasonable signal level to the TLI2 level detector;
- 3. and to minimize any gain applied to broadband noise generated within the attenuator. However, to cover the normal voice band, the microphone amplifier's gain should not exceed 48 dB ([Figure 7-7 on page 19\)](#page-18-2). For the circuit in [Figure 8-3 on page 23](#page-22-0), the gain of the microphone amplifier was set at 35V/V (31 dB), and the differential gain of the hybrid amplifiers was set at 10.2V/V (20.1 dB).

#### **8.2.2 Receive Gain**

The overall receive gain depends on the incoming signal level and the desired output power at the speaker. Nominal receive levels (independent of the peaks) at Tip/Ring can be 35 mVrms (–27 dBm), although on long lines that level can be down to 8.0 mVrms (-40 dBm). The speaker power is:

$$
P_{SPK} = \frac{10^{dBm/10} \times 0.6}{R_S}
$$
 (1)

where  $\mathsf{R}_\mathsf{S}$  is the speaker impedance, and the dBm term is the incoming signal level increased by the gain of the receive path. Experience has shown that approximately 30 dB gain is a satisfactory amount for the majority of applications. Using the above numbers and equation 1, it would appear that the resulting power to the speaker is extremely low. However, equation 1 does not consider the peaks in normal speech which can be 10 to 15 times the rms value. Considering the peaks, the overall average power approaches 20 to 30 mW on long lines, and much more on short lines.

Referring to [Figure 1-2 on page 2,](#page-1-0) the gain from Tip/Ring to the filter input was measured at 0.833V/V (–1.6 dB), the filter's gain is unity, and the receive attenuator's gain is 2.0V/V (+6.0 dB) at maximum volume. The speaker amplifier's gain is set at 22V/V (26.8 dB) which puts the overall gain at approximately 31.2 dB.

#### **8.2.3 Loop Gain**

The total loop gain (of [Figure 8-3 on page 23\)](#page-22-0) must add up to less than 0 dB to obtain a stable circuit. This can be expressed as:

$$
G_{MA} + G_{T} + G_{HA} + G_{ST} + G_{FO} + G_{R} + G_{SA} + G_{AC} < 0 \quad (2)
$$

Using the typical numbers mentioned above, and knowing that  $G_T + G_R = -40$  dB, the required acoustic coupling can be determined:

$$
G_{AC} < -[31 + 20.1 + (-15) + 0 + (-40) + 26.8] = -22.9 \text{ dB} (3)
$$

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An acoustic loss of at least 23 dB is necessary to prevent instability and oscillations, commonly referred to as "singing". However, the following equations show that greater acoustic loss is necessary to obtain proper level detection and switching.

#### **8.2.4 Switching Thresholds**

To switch comparator C1, currents I<sub>1</sub> and I<sub>3</sub> need to be determined. Referring to Figure 8-3 on [page 23](#page-22-0), with a receive signal V<sub>L</sub> applied to Tip/Ring, a current I<sub>3</sub> will flow through R<sub>3</sub> into RLI2 according to the following equation:

$$
I_3 = \frac{V_L}{R_3} \times \left[ G_{HR} \times G_{FO} \times G_R \times \frac{G_{SA}}{2} \right]
$$
 (4)

where the terms in the brackets are the V/V gain terms. The speaker amplifier gain is divided by two since GSA is the differential gain of the amplifier, and  $\mathsf{V}_3$  is obtained from one side of that output. The current  $I_1$ , coming from the microphone circuit, is defined by:

$$
I_1 = \frac{V_M \times G_{MA}}{R_1}
$$
 (5)

where  $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{M}}$  is the microphone voltage. Since the switching threshold occurs when  $\mathsf{I}_{1} = \mathsf{I}_{3}$ , combining the above two equations yields:

$$
V_M = V_L \times \frac{R_1}{R_3} \times \frac{[G_{HR} \times G_{FO} \times G_R \times G_{SA}]}{G_{MA} \times 2}
$$
 (6)

This is the general equation defining the microphone voltage necessary to switch comparator C1 when a receive signal V<sub>L</sub> is present. The highest V<sub>M</sub> occurs when the receive attenuator is at maximum gain (+6.0 dB). Using the typical numbers for equation 6 yields:

$$
V_{\rm M} = 0.52 \times V_{\rm L}
$$

To switch comparator C2, currents  $I_2$  and  $I_4$  need to be determined. With sound applied to the microphone, a voltage  $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{M}}$  is created by the microphone, resulting in a current  $\mathsf{I}_2$  into TLI1:

(7)

$$
I_2 = \frac{V_M}{R_2} \times \left[ G_{MA} \times G_T \times \frac{G_{HA}}{2} \right]
$$
 (8)

Since  $G_{HA}$  is the differential gain of the hybrid amplifiers, it is divided by two to obtain the voltage  $\mathsf{V}_2$  applied to  $\mathsf{R}_2$ . Comparator C2 switches when  $\mathsf{I}_4 = \mathsf{I}_2$ .  $\mathsf{I}_4$  is defined by:

$$
I_4 = \frac{V_L}{R_4} [G_{HR} \times G_{FO}] \tag{9}
$$

Setting  $I_4 = I_2$ , and combining the above equations results in:

$$
V_{L} = V_{M} \times \frac{R_{4}}{R_{2}} \times \frac{[G_{MA} \times G_{T} \times G_{HA}]}{G_{HR} \times G_{FO} \times 2}
$$
 (10)



This equation defines the line voltage at Tip/Ring necessary to switch comparator C2 in the presence of a microphone voltage. The highest  $V<sub>L</sub>$  occurs when the circuit is in transmit mode ( $G_T$  = +6.0 dB). Using the typical numbers for equation 10 yields:

$$
V_{L} = 840 \times V_{M} \text{ (or } V_{M} = 0.0019 \times V_{L} \text{)} \quad (11)
$$

At idle, where the gain of the two attenuators is  $-20$  dB (0.1V/V), equations 6 and 10 yield the same result:

(12)

$$
V_{\rm M} = 0.024 \times V_{\rm L}
$$

Equations 7, 11, and 12 define the thresholds for switching, and are represented in [Figure 8-4](#page-25-0)

The "M" terms are the slopes of the lines (0.52, 0.024, and 0.0019) which are the coefficients of the three equations. The  $\mathsf{M}_{\mathsf{R}}$  line represents the receive to transmit threshold, in that it defines the microphone signal level necessary to switch to transmit in the presence of a given receive signal level. The M<sub>T</sub> line represents the transmit to receive threshold. The M<sub>I</sub> line represents the idle condition, and defines the threshold level on one side (transmit or receive) necessary to overcome noise on the other.

<span id="page-25-0"></span>**Figure 8-4.** Switching Thresholds



Some comments on the graph (see [Figure 8-4\)](#page-25-0):

- Acoustic coupling and side tone coupling were not included in equations 7 and 12. Those couplings will affect the actual performance of the final speakerphone due to their interaction with speech at the microphone and the receive signal coming in at Tip/Ring. The effects of those couplings are difficult to predict due to their associated phase shifts and frequency response. In some cases the coupling signal will add, and other times subtract from the incoming signal. The physical design of the speakerphone enclosure, as well as the specific phone line to which it is connected, will affect the acoustic and side tone couplings, respectively.
- $\bullet$  The M<sub>R</sub> line helps define the maximum acoustic coupling allowed in a system, which can be found from the following equation:

$$
G_{AC(MAX)} = \frac{R_1}{2 \times R_3 \times G_{MA}}
$$
 (13)

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Equation 13 is independent of the volume control setting. Conversely, the acoustic coupling of a designed system helps determine the minimum slope of that line. Using the component values of [Figure 1-2 on page 2](#page-1-0) in equation 13 yields a  $G_{AC(MAX)}$  of -37 dB. Experience has shown, however, that an acoustic coupling loss of 40 dB is desirable.

 $\bullet$  The M<sub>T</sub> line helps define the maximum side tone coupling (G<sub>ST</sub>) allowed in the system.  $\rm G_{ST}$ can be found using the following equation:

$$
G_{ST} = \frac{R_4}{2 \times R_2 \times G_{FO}} \tag{14}
$$

Using the component values of [Figure 1-2 on page 2](#page-1-0) in equation 14 yields a maximum side tone of 0 dB. Experience has shown, however, that a minimum of 6.0 dB loss is preferable.

The above equations can be used to determine the resistor values for the level detector inputs. Equation 6 can be used to determine the  $R_1$ - $R_3$  ratio, and equation 10 can be used to determine the  $R_1$ - $R_2$  ratio. In [Figure 8-3 on page 23](#page-22-0),  $R_1$ - $R_4$  each represent the combined impedance of the resistor and coupling capacitor at each level detector input. The magnitude of each RC's impedance should be kept within the range of 2.0 kΩ to 15 kΩ in the voice band (due to the typical signal levels present) to obtain the best performance from the level detectors. The specific R and C at each location will determine the frequency response of that level detector.

# **9. Application Information**

### **9.1 Dial Tone Detector**

The threshold for the dial tone detector is internally set at 15 mV (10 mVrms) below V<sub>B</sub> (see [Fig](#page-6-0)[ure 3-3 on page 7](#page-6-0)). That threshold can be reduced by connecting a resistor from RI to ground. The resistor value is calculated from:

$$
R = 10 k \left[ \frac{V_B}{\Delta V} - 1 \right]
$$

where  $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{B}}$  is the voltage at pin 15, and ∆V is the amount of threshold reduction. By connecting a resistor from  $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{S}}$  to RI, the threshold can be increased. The resistor value is calculated from:

$$
R = 10 k \left[ \frac{V_S - V_B}{\Delta V} - 1 \right]
$$

where ∆V is the amount of the threshold increase.

### **9.2 Background Noise Monitors**

For testing or circuit analysis purposes, the transmit or receive attenuators can be set to the "on" position by disabling the background noise monitors and applying a signal so as to activate the level detectors. Grounding the CPR pin will disable the receive background noise monitor, thereby indicating the "presence of speech" to the attenuator control block. Grounding CPT does the same for the transmit path.

Additionally, the receive background noise monitor is automatically disabled by the dial tone detector whenever the receive signal exceeds the detector's threshold.





### **9.3 Transmit/Receive Detection Priority**

Although the U4082B was designed to have idle mode such that the attenuators are halfway between their full on and full off positions, idle mode can be biased towards the transmit or the receive side. With this done, gaining control of the circuit from idle will be easier for that side towards which it is biased since that path will have less attenuation at idle.

By connecting a resistor from  ${\sf C}_{\sf T}$  (pin 14) to ground, the circuit will be biased towards the transmit side. The resistor value is calculated from:

$$
R = R_T \left[ \frac{V_B}{\Delta V} - 1 \right]
$$

where

 $R_T$  = 120 k $\Omega$  (typ.) connected between pin 14 and 15.

 $\Delta$ V= V<sub>B</sub> – V14 (see [Figure 7-1 on page 17](#page-16-0)).

By connecting a resistor from  $\textsf{C}_{{\mathsf{T}}}$  (pin 14) to  $\textsf{V}_{\mathsf{S}}$ , the circuit will be biased towards the receive side. The resistor value is calculated from:

$$
R = R_T \left[ \frac{V_S - V_B}{\Delta V} - 1 \right]
$$

Switching time will be somewhat affected in each case due to the different voltage excursions required to get to transmit and receive from idle. For practical considerations, the ∆V shift should not exceed 100 mV.

# **10. Ordering Information**



# **11. Package Information**

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