

Micropower 3 V Linear Hall-Effect Sensor ICs with Tri-State Output and User-Selectable Sleep Mode

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- High-impedance output during sleep mode
- Compatible with 2.5 to 3.5 V power supplies
- 10 mW power consumption in the active mode
- Miniature MLP/DFN package
- Ratiometric output scales with the ratiometric supply reference voltage (VREF pin)
- Temperature-stable quiescent output voltage and sensitivity
- Wide ambient temperature range: -20° C to 85°C
- ESD protection greater than 3 kV
- Solid-state reliability
- Preset sensitivity and offset at final test

PACKAGE: 6-pin MLP/DFN (suffix EH)

DESCRIPTION

The A139x family of linear Hall-effect sensor integrated circuits (ICs) provide a voltage output that is directly proportional to an applied magnetic field. Before amplification, the sensitivity of typical Hall-effect ICs (measured in mV/G) is directly proportional to the current flowing through the Hall-effect transducer element inside the ICs. In many applications, it is difficult to achieve sufficient sensitivity levels with a Hall-effect sensor IC without consuming more than 3 mA of current. The A139x minimize current consumption to less than 25 µA through the addition of a user-selectable sleep mode. This makes these devices perfect for battery-operated applications such as: cellular phones, digital cameras, and portable tools. End users can control the current consumption of the A139x by applying a logic level signal to the SLEEP pin. The outputs of the devices are not valid (highimpedance mode) during sleep mode. The high-impedance output feature allows the connection of multiple A139x Hall-effect devices to a single A-to-D converter input.

The quiescent output voltage of these devices is 50% nominal of the ratiometric supply reference voltage applied to the VREF pin of the device. The output voltage of the device is not ratiometric with respect to the SUPPLY pin.

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Functional Block Diagram

Description (continued)

Despite the low power consumption of the circuitry in the A139x, the features required to produce a highly accurate linear Hall-effect IC have not been compromised. Each BiCMOS monolithic circuit integrates a Hall element, improved temperature-compensating circuitry to reduce the intrinsic sensitivity drift of the Hall element, a small-signal high-gain amplifier, and proprietary dynamic offset

cancellation circuits. End of line, post-packaging, factory programming allows precise control of device sensitivity and offset.

These devices are available in a small 2.0×3.0 mm, 0.75 mm nominal height micro-leaded package (MLP/DFN). It is Pb (lead) free, with 100% matte tin leadframe plating.

SELECTION GUIDE

[1] Contact Allegro™ for additional packing options.

[2] Allegro products sold in DFN package types are not intended for automotive applications.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS [3]

*All ratings with reference to ground

Pinout Diagram

Terminal List Table

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS: Valid through full operating ambient temperature range, unless otherwise noted

^[1] Typical data are for initial design estimations only, and assume optimum manufacturing and application conditions, such as T_A = 25°C. Performance may vary for individual units, within the specified maximum and minimum limits.

[2] Voltage applied to the VREF pin. Note that the V_{REF} voltage must be less than or equal to V_{CC}. Degradation in device accuracy will occur with applied voltages of less than 2.5 V.

^[3] If the VREF pin is tied to the VCC pin, the supply current would be $I_{CC} + V_{REF}/R_{REF}$

 $[4] f_{AC}$ is any AC component frequency that exists on the supply line.

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OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS: Valid through full operating ambient temperature range, unless otherwise noted

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^[2] For V_{REF} values other than V_{REF} = V_{CCN}, the sensitivity can be derived from the following equation: K × V_{REF}, where K = 0.416 for the A1391, K = 0.823 for the A1392, K = 1.664 for the A1393, and K = 3.328 for the A1395.

 $^{[3]}$ f_{OUT} is the output signal frequency.

[4] Noise specification includes digital and analog noise.

[5] Values for BW_{externalLPF} do not include any noise resulting from noise on the externally supplied VREF voltage.

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OUTPUT TIMING CHARACTERISTICS [1]: T_A = 25°C

[1] See figure 1 for explicit timing delays.

[2] Typical data are for initial design estimations only, and assume optimum manufacturing and application conditions, such as $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C. Performance may vary for individual units, within the specified maximum and minimum limits.

[3] Power-On Time is the elapsed time after the voltage on the SLEEP pin exceeds the active mode threshold voltage, V_{INH}, until the time the device output reaches 90% of its value.

[4] Power-Off Time is the duration of time between when the signal on the SLEEP pin switches from HIGH to LOW and when I_{CC} drops to under 100 μA. During this time period, the output goes into the HIGH impedance state.

MAGNETIC CHARACTERISTICS: T_A = 25°C

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTIC DATA

MAGNETIC CHARACTERISTIC DATA

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THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS: May require derating at maximum conditions; see application information

Power Dissipation versus Ambient Temperature

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CHARACTERISTICS DEFINITIONS

Ratiometric. The A139x devices feature ratiometric output. The quiescent voltage output and sensitivity are proportional to the ratiometric supply reference voltage.

The percent ratiometric change in the quiescent voltage output is defined as:

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\Delta V_{\text{OUTQ(AV)}} = \frac{\Delta V_{\text{OUTQ(VREF})} \div \Delta V_{\text{OUTQ(3V)}}}{V_{\text{REF}} \div 3 \text{ V}} \times 100 \text{ %} \tag{1}
$$

and the percent ratiometric change in sensitivity is defined as:

$$
\Delta \text{Sens}_{(\Delta V)} = \frac{\Delta \text{Sens}_{(\text{VREF})^{\div}} \Delta \text{Sens}_{(3V)}}{\text{V}_{\text{REF}} \div 3 \text{ V}} \times 100\% \tag{2}
$$

Linearity and Symmetry. The on-chip output stage is designed to provide a linear output with maximum supply voltage of V_{CCN} . Although application of very high magnetic fields will not damage these devices, it will force the output into a non-linear region. Linearity in percent is measured and defined as

$$
L\text{in}^{+} = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}(+B)} - V_{\text{OUTQ}}}{2(V_{\text{OUT}(+B/2)} - V_{\text{OUTQ}})} \quad 100\,\% \tag{3}
$$

$$
Lin- = \frac{V_{OUT(-B)} - V_{OUTQ}}{2(V_{OUT(-B/2)} - V_{OUTQ})} \quad 100\,\%
$$
 (4)

and output symmetry as

$$
Sym = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}(+B)} - V_{\text{OUTQ}}}{V_{\text{OUT}(-V_{\text{OUT}(+B)})}} \quad 100\,\% \tag{5}
$$

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DEVICE LOW-POWER FUNCTIONALITY

A139x are low-power Hall-effect sensor ICs that are perfect for power sensitive customer applications. The current consumption of these devices is typically 3.2 mA, while the device is in the active mode, and less than $25 \mu A$ when the device is in the sleep mode. Toggling the logic level signal connected to the SLEEP pin drives the device into either the active mode or the sleep mode. A logic low sleep signal drives the device into the sleep mode, while a logic high sleep signal drives the device into the active mode.

In the case in which the VREF pin is powered before the VCC pin, the device will not operate within the specified limits until the supply voltage is equal to the reference voltage. When the device is switched from the sleep mode to the active mode, a time defined by t_{PON} must elapse before the output of the device is

valid. The device output transitions into the high impedance state approximately t_{POFF} seconds after a logic low signal is applied to the SLEEP pin (see figure 1).

If possible, it is recommended to power-up the device in the sleep mode. However, if the application requires that the device be powered on in the active mode, then a 10 k Ω resistor in series with the **SLEEP** pin is recommended. This resistor will limit the current that flows into the **SLEEP** pin if certain semiconductor junctions become forward biased before the ramp up of the voltage on the VCC pin. Note that this current limiting resistor is not required if the user connects the **SLEEP** pin directly to the VCC pin. The same precautions are advised if the device supply is powered-off while power is still applied to the SLEEP pin.

Figure 1. A139x Timing Diagram

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DEVICE SUPPLY RATIOMETRY APPLICATION CIRCUIT

Figures 2 and 3 present applications where the VCC pin is connected together with the VREF pin of the A139x. Both pins are connected to the battery, Vbat2. In this case, the device output will be ratiometric with respect to the battery voltage.

The only difference between these two applications is that the SLEEP pin in figure 2 is connected to the Vbat2 potential, so the device is always in the active mode. In figure 3, the SLEEP pin is toggled by the microprocessor; therefore, the device is selectively and periodically toggled between active mode and sleep mode.

In both figures, the device output is connected to the input of an A-to-D converter. In this configuration, the converter reference voltage is Vbat1.

It is *strongly recommended* that an external bypass capacitor be connected, in close proximity to the A139x device, between the VCC and GND pins of the device to reduce both external noise and noise generated by the chopper-stabilization circuits inside of the A139x.

Figure 2. Application circuit showing sleep mode disabled and output ratiometric to the A139x supply.

Figure 3. Application circuit showing microprocessor-controlled sleep mode and output ratiometric to the A139x supply.

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APPLICATION CIRCUIT WITH USER-CONFIGURABLE RATIOMETRY

In figures 4 and 5, the microprocessor supply voltage determines the ratiometric performance of the A139x output signal. As in the circuits shown in figures 2 and 3, the device is powered by the Vbat2 supply, but in this case, ratiometry is determined by the microprocessor supply, Vbat1.

The \overline{SLEEP} pin is triggered by the output logic signal from the microprocessor in figure 5, while in figure 4, the SLEEP pin is connected to the device power supply pin. Therefore, the device as configured in figure 4 is constantly in active mode, while the device as configured in figure 5 can be periodically toggled

between the active and sleep modes.

The capacitor C_{filter} is optional and can be used to prevent possible noise transients from the microprocessor supply reaching the device reference pin, VREF.

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Figure 4. Application circuit showing ratiometry of VREF . Sleep mode is disabled and the VREF pin is tied to the microprocessor supply.

Figure 5. Application circuit showing device reference pin, VREF, tied to microprocessor supply. The device sleep mode also is controlled by the microprocessor.

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SUMMARY OF SINGLE-DEVICE APPLICATION CIRCUITS

APPLICATION CIRCUIT WITH MULTIPLE HALL DEVICES AND SINGLE A-TO-D CONVERTER

Multiple A139x devices can be connected to a single microprocessor or A-to-D converter input. In this case, a single device is periodically triggered and put into active mode by the microprocessor. While one A139x device is in active mode, all of the other A139x devices must remain in sleep mode. While these devices are in sleep mode, their outputs are in a high-impedance state. In this circuit configuration, the microprocessor reads the output of one device at a time, according to microprocessor input to the SLEEP pins.

When multiple device outputs are connected to the same microprocessor input, pulse timing from the microprocessor (for example, lines A1 through A4 in figure 6) must be configured to prevent more than one device from being in the awake mode at any given time of the application. A device output structure can be damaged when its output voltage is forced above the device supply voltage by more than 0.1 V.

Figure 6. Application circuit showing multiple A139x devices, controlled by a single microprocessor.

PACKAGE EH, 6-PIN MLP/DFN

 $\overline{\mathbb{B}}$ Exposed thermal pad (reference only, terminal #1 identifier appearance at supplier discretion)

 $\sqrt{\hat{C}}$ Reference land pattern layout; All pads a minimum of 0.20 mm from all adjacent pads; adjust as necessary to meet application process requirements and PCB layout tolerances; when mounting on a multilayer PCB, thermal vias at the exposed thermal pad land can improve thermal dissipation (reference EIA/JEDEC Standard JESD51-5)

G Branding scale and appearance at supplier discretion

 A Active Area Depth, 0.32 mm NOM

 $E\$ Hall Element (not to scale); U.S. customary dimensions controlling

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Revision History

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