

11 Mbps Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum Baseband Processor

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11 Mbps Direct Sequence Spread **Spectrum Baseband Processor**

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Features

- Complete DSSS Baseband Processor
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- Programmable Data Rate1, 2, 5.5, and 11 Mbps
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- · Single Supply Operation (44MHz Max) . . . 2.7V to 3.6V
- Modulation Methods DBPSK, DQPSK, and MBOK
- Supports Full or Half Duplex Operations
- On-Chip A/D Converters for I/Q Data (3-Bit, 22 MSPS) and RSSI (6-Bit)
- Similar Pinout to HFA3824

Applications

- Systems Targeting IEEE 802.11 WLAN Standard
- Point-to-Point Links
- **DSSS PCMCIA Wireless Transceiver**
- **Spread Spectrum WLAN RF Modems**
- TDMA Packet Protocol Radios
- Part 15 Compliant Radio Links
- Portable Bar Code Scanners/POS Terminal
- Portable PDA/Notebook Computer
- Wireless Digital Audio
- Wireless Digital Video
- PCN/Wireless PBX

Description

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tains all the functions necessary for a full or half duplex packet baseband transceiver for applications requiring 11 Mbps performance.

The HFA3860 has on-board A/Ds for analog I and Q inputs, for which the HFA3726 IF QMODEM is recommended. Differential phase shift keying modulation schemes DBPSK and DQPSK, with data scrambling capability are available, along with M-Ary Bi-Orthogonal Keving to provide a variety of data rates. Built-in flexibility allows the HFA3860 to be configured through a general purpose control bus, for a range of applications. A Receive Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI) monitoring function with onboard 6-bit A/D provides Clear Channel Assessment (CCA) to avoid data collisions and optimize network throughput. The HFA3860 is housed in a thin plastic quad flat package (TQFP) suitable for PCMCIA board applications.

Ordering Information

3-BIT

A/D

3-RIT

A/D

A/D

DE-SPREADER

CCA

SPREADER

DEMOD.

PRO-

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DATA TO NETWORK
PROCESSOR

CTRL

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TYPICAL TRANSCEIVER APPLICATION CIRCUIT USING THE HFA3860

NOTE: Required for systems targeting 802.11 specifications.

For additional information on the PRISM™ chip set, call (407) 724-7800 to access Harris' AnswerFAX system. When prompted, key in the four-digit document number (File #) of the data sheets you wish to receive.

The four-digit file numbers are shown in the Typical Application Diagram, and correspond to the appropriate circuit.

Pin Descriptions

NOTE: Total of 48 pins; ALL pins are used.

External Interfaces

There are three primary digital interface ports for the HFA3860 that are used for configuration and during normal operation of the device as shown in Figure 1. These ports are:

- · The Control Port, which is used to configure, write and/or read the status of the internal HFA3860 registers.
- The TX Port, which is used to accept the data that needs to be transmitted from the network processor.
- The RX Port, which is used to output the received demodulated data to the network processor.

In addition to these primary digital interfaces the device includes a byte wide parallel Test Port which can be configured to output various internal signals and/or data. The device can also be set into various power consumption modes by external control. The HFA3860 contains three Analog to Digital (A/D) converters. The analog interfaces to the HFA3860 include, the In phase (I) and quadrature (Q) data component inputs, and the RF signal strength indicator input. A reference voltage divider is also required external to the device.

Control Port (4 Wire)

The serial control port is used to serially write and read data to/from the device. This serial port can operate up to a 11MHz rate or 1/2 the maximum master clock rate of the device, MCLK (whichever is lower). MCLK must be running during programming. This port is used to program and to read all internal registers. The first 8 bits always represent the address followed immediately by the 8 data bits for that register. The two LSBs of address are don't care, but reserved for future expansion. The serial transfers are accomplished through the serial data pin (SD). SD is a bidirectional serial data bus. Chip Select $(\overline{\text{CS}})$, and Read/Write (R/\overline{W}) are also required as handshake signals for this port. The clock used in conjunction with the address and data on SD is SCLK. This clock is provided by the external source and it is an input to the HFA3860. The timing relationships of these signals are illustrated in Figures 2 and 3. R/\sqrt{W} is high when data is to be read, and low when it is to be written. $\overline{\text{CS}}$ is an asynchronous reset to the state machine. CS must be active (low) during the entire data transfer cycle. \overline{CS} selects the serial control port device only. The serial control port operates asynchronously from the TX and RX ports and it can accomplish data transfers independent of the activity at the other digital or analog ports.

The HFA3860 has 32 internal registers that can be accessed through the control port. These registers are listed in the Configuration and Control Internal Register table. Table 1 lists the configuration register number, a brief name describing the register, and the HEX address to access each of the registers. The type indicates whether the corresponding register is Read only (R) or Read/Write (R/W). Some registers are two bytes wide as indicated on the table (high and low bytes).

See Tech Brief #360 on timing issues between the serial clock (SCLK) and the chip master clock (MCLK).

CONFICURATION AND CONTROL INTERNAL REGISTER LIST (Continued)

TX Port

The transmit data port accepts the data that needs to be transmitted serially from an external data source. The data is modulated and transmitted as soon as it is received from the external data source. The serial data is input to the HFA3860 through TXD using the next rising edge of TXCLK to clock it in the HFA3860. TXCLK is an output from the HFA3860. A timing scenario of the transmit signal handshakes and sequence is shown on timing diagram Figure 4.

The external processor initiates the transmit sequence by asserting TX PE. TX PE envelopes the transmit data packet on TXD. The HFA3860 responds by generating a Preamble and Header. Before the last bit of the Header is sent, the HFA3860 begins generating TXCLK to input the serial data on TXD. TXCLK will run until TX_PE goes back to its inactive state indicating the end of the data packet. The user needs to hold TX PE high for as many clocks as there bits to transmit. For the higher data rates, this will be in multiples of the number of bits per symbol. The HFA3860 will continue to output modulated signal for 2us after the last data bit is output, to

supply bits to flush the modulation path. TX PE must be held until the last data bit is sampled. The minimum TX PE inactive pulse required to restart the preamble and header generation is 2.22us and to reset the modulator is 4.22us.

The HFA3860 internally generates the preamble and header information from information supplied via the control registers. The external source needs to provide only the data portion of the packet and set the control registers. The timing diagram of this process is illustrated on Figure 4. Assertion of TX_PE will initialize the generation of the preamble and header. TX RDY, which is an output from the HFA3860, is used to indicate to the external processor that the preamble has been generated and the device is ready to receive the data packet (MPDU) to be transmitted from the external processor. Signals TX RDY, TX PE and TXCLK can be set individually, by programming Configuration Register (CR) 1, as either active high or active low signals.

The transmit port is completely independent from the operation of the other interface ports including the RX port, therefore supporting a full duplex mode.

NOTE: MD RDY active after CRC16. See detailed timing diagrams on page 35.

FIGURE 5. RX PORT TIMING

RX Port

The timing diagram Figure 5 illustrates the relationships between the various signals of the RX port. The receive data port serially outputs the demodulated data from RXD. The data is output as soon as it is demodulated by the HFA3860. RX PE must be at its active state throughout the receive operation. When RX PE is inactive the device's receive functions, including acquisition, will be in a stand by mode.

RXCLK is an output from the HFA3860 and is the clock for the serial demodulated data on RXD. MD RDY is an output from the HFA3860 and it may be set to go active after SFD or CRC fields. Note that RXCLK becomes active after the Start Frame Delimiter (SFD) to clock out the Signal, Service, and Length fields, then goes inactive during the header CRC field. RXCLK becomes active again for the MPDU. MD RDY returns to its inactive state after RX PE is deactivated by the external controller, or if a header error is detected. A header error is either a failure of the CRC check, or the failure of the received signal field to match one of the 4 programmed signal fields. For either type of header error, the HFA3860 will reset itself after reception of the CRC field. If MD_RDY had been set to go active after CRC, it will remain low.

MD RDY and RXCLK can be configured through CR 1, bit 6-7 to be active low, or active high. The receive port is completely independent from the operation of the other interface ports including the TX port, supporting therefore a full duplex mode.

I/Q A/D Interface

The PRISM baseband processor chip (HFA3860) includes two 3-bit Analog to Digital converters (A/Ds) that sample the analog input from the IF down converter. The I/Q A/D clock, samples at twice the chip rate. The nominal sampling rate is 22MHz.

The interface specifications for the I and Q A/Ds are listed in Table 2.

The voltages applied to pin 16,V $_{\sf REFP}$ and pin 17, V $_{\sf REFN}$ set the references for the internal I and Q A/D converters. In addition, VREEP is also used to set the RSSI A/D converter reference. For a nominal I/Q input of 500mV_{P-P}, the suggested V_{REFP} voltage is 1.75V, and the suggested V_{REFN} is 0.93V. VREFN should never be less than 0.25V.

Figure 6 illustrates the suggested interface configuration for the A/Ds and the reference circuits

Since these A/Ds are intended to sample AC voltages, their inputs are biased internally and they should be capacitively coupled. The HPF corner frequency in the baseband receive path should be less than 1kHz.

The A/D section includes a compensation (calibration) circuit that automatically adjusts for temperature and component variations of the RF and IF strips. The variations in gain of limiters, AGC circuits, filters etc. can be compensated for up to ± 4 dB. Without the compensation circuit, the A/Ds could see a loss of up to 1.5 bits of the 3 bits of quantization. The A/D calibration circuit adjusts the A/D reference voltages to maintain optimum quantization of the IF input over this variation range. It works on the principle of setting the reference to insure that the signal is at full scale (saturation) a certain percentage of the time. Note that this is not an AGC and it will compensate only for slow variations in signal levels (several seconds).

The procedure for setting the A/D references to accommodate various input signal voltage levels is to set the reference voltages so that the A/D calibration circuit is operating at half scale with the nominal input. This leaves the maximum amount of adjustment room for circuit tolerances.

A/D Calibration Circuit and Registers

The A/D compensation or calibration circuit is designed to optimize A/D performance for the I and Q inputs by maintaining the full 3-bit resolution of the outputs. There are two registers (CR 3 AD CAL POS and CR 4 AD CAL NEG) that set the parameters for the internal I and Q A/D calibration circuit.

Both I and Q A/D outputs are monitored by the A/D calibration circuit as shown in Figure 7 and if either has a full scale value, a 24-bit accumulator is incremented as defined by parameter AD CAL POS. If neither has a full scale value, the accumulator is decremented as defined by parameter AD CAL NEG. The output of this accumulator is used to drive D/A converters that adjust the A/D's references. Loop gain reduction is accomplished by using only the 5 MSBs out of the 24 bits. The compensation adjustment is updated at a

1kHz rate. The A/D calibration circuit is only intended to remove slow component variations.

For best performance, the optimum probability that either the I or Q A/D converter is at the saturation level was determined to be 33%. The probability P is set by the formula:

 $P(AD CAL POS)+(1-P)(AD CAL NEG) = 0.$

One solution to this formula for $P = 1/3$ is:

AD_CAL_POS=2

AD CAL $NEG = -1$

This also sets the levels so that operation with either NOISE or SIGNAL is approximately the same. It is assumed that the RF and IF sections of the receiver have enough gain to cause limiting on thermal noise. This will keep the levels at the A/D approximately the same regardless of whether signal is present or not. The A/D calibration is normally set to work only while the receiver is tracking, but it can be set to operate all the time the receiver is on or it can be turned off and held at mid scale.

The A/D calibration circuit operation can be defined through CR 2, bits 3 and 4. Table 3 illustrates the possible configurations. The A/D Cal function should initially be programmed for mid scale operation to preset it, then programmed for either tracking mode. This initializes the part for most rapid settling on the appropriate values.

TABLE 3. A/D CALIBRATION

CR ₂ BIT ₄	CR ₂ BIT ₃	A/D CALIBRATION CIRCUIT CONFIGURATION
	Ω	OFF. Reference set at mid scale.
		OFF. Reference set at mid scale.
	o	A/D Cal while tracking only.
		A/D Cal while RX PE active.

RSSI A/D Interface

The Receive Signal Strength Indication (RSSI) analog signal is input to a 6-bit A/D, indicating 64 discrete levels of received signal strength. This A/D measures a DC voltage, so its input must be DC coupled. Pin 16 (V_{REFP}) sets the reference for the RSSI A/D converter. V_{REFP} is common for the I and Q and RSSI A/Ds. The RSSI signal is used as an input to the Clear Channel Assessment (CCA) algorithm of the HFA3860. The RSSI A/D output is stored in an 6-bit register available via the TEST Bus and the TEST Bus monitor register. CCA is further described on page 15.

The interface specifications for the RSSI A/D are listed in Table 4 below ($V_{\text{BEFP}} = 1.75V$).

TABLE 4. RSSI A/D SPECIFICATIONS

Test Port

The HFA3860 provides the capability to access a number of internal signals and/or data through the Test port, pins TEST 7:0. In addition pin 1 (TEST CK) is an output that can be used in conjunction with the data coming from the test port outputs. The test port is programmable through configuration register (CR28). Any signal on the test port can also be read from configuration register (CR29) via the serial control port.

There are 32 modes assigned to the PRISM test port. Some are only applicable to factory test (Table 5).

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TABLE 6. POWER DOWN MODES

Definitions

ED. Energy Detect, indicates that the RSSI value exceeds its programmed threshold.

CRS. Carrier Sense, indicates that a signal has been acquired (PN acquisition).

TXCLK. Transmit clock.

Track. Indicates start of tracking and start of SFD time-out.

SFD Detect. Variable time after track starts.

Signal Field Ready. ~ 8us after SFD detect.

Length Field Ready. ~ 32us after SFD detect.

Header CRC Valid. ~ 48us after SFD detect.

DCLK. Data bit clock.

FraReg. Contents of the NCO frequency register.

PhaseReg. phase of signal after carrier loop correction.

NCO PhaseAccumReg. Contents of the NCO phase accumulation register.

SQ1. Signal Quality measure #1. Contents of the bit sync accumulator. Eight MSBs of most recent 16-bit stored value.

SQ2. Signal Quality measure #2. Signal phase variance after removal of data, Eight MSBs of most recent 16-bit stored value.

Sample CLK. Receive clock (RX sample clock). Nominally 22MHz

Subsample CLK. LO rate symbol clock. Nominally 1MHz.

BitSyncAccum. Real time monitor of the bit synchronization accumulator contents, mantissa only.

A/D Cal ck. Clock for applying A/D calibration corrections.

A/DCal. 5-bit value that drives the D/A adjusting the A/D reference.

Power Down Modes

The power consumption modes of the HFA3860 are controlled by the following control signals.

Receiver Power Enable (RX PE, pin 33), which disables the receiver when inactive.

Transmitter Power Enable (TX_PE, pin 2), which disables the transmitter when inactive.

Reset (RESET, pin 28), which puts the receiver in a sleep mode. The power down mode where, both RESET and RX PE are used is the lowest possible power consumption mode for the receiver. Exiting this mode requires a maximum of 10us before the device is back at its operational mode. It also requires that RX PE be activated briefly to clock in the change of state.

The contents of the Configuration Registers are not effected by any of the power down modes. The external processor does have access and can modify any of the CRs during the power down modes. No reconfiguration is required when returning to operational modes.

Table 6 describes the power down modes available for the HFA3860 (V_{CC} = 3.3V). The table values assume that all other inputs to the part (MCLK, SCLK, etc.) continue to run except as noted.

Transmitter Description

The HFA3860 transmitter is designed as a Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum Phase Shift Keying (DSSS PSK) modulator. It can handle data rates of up to 11 Mbps (refer to AC and DC specifications). The various modes of the modulator are Differential Binary Phase Shift Keying (DBPSK), Differential Quaternary Phase Shift Keying (DQPSK), Binary Mary Bi-Orthogonal Keying (BMBOK), and Quaternary M-ary Bi-Orthogonal Keying (QMBOK). These implement data rates of 1, 2, 5.5 and 11 Mbps as shown in Figure 8. The major functional blocks of the transmitter include a network processor interface, DPSK modulator, high rate modulator, a data scrambler and a spreader, as shown on Figure 8. A description of (M-ARY) Bi-Orthogonal Keying can be found in Chapter 5 of: "Telecommunications System Engineering", by Lindsey and Simon, Prentis Hall publishing.

The preamble and header are always transmitted as DBPSK waveforms while the data packets can be configured to be either DBPSK, DQPSK, BMBOK, or QMBOK. The preamble is used by the receiver to achieve initial PN synchronization while the header includes the necessary data fields of the communications protocol to establish the physical layer link. The transmitter generates the synchronization preamble and header and knows when to make the DBPSK to DQPSK or B/QMBOK switchover, as required.

For the PSK modes, the transmitter accepts data from the external source, scrambles it, differentially encodes it as either DBPSK or DQPSK, and mixes it with the BPSK PN spreading. The baseband digital signals are then output to the external IF modulator.

For the MBOK modes, the transmitter inputs the data and forms it into nibbles (4 bits). At 5.5 Mbps, it selects one of 8 spread sequences from a table of sequences with 3 of those

bits and then picks the true or inverted version of that sequence with the remaining bit. Thus, there are 16 possible spread sequences to send, but only one is sent. This sequence is then modulated on both the I and Q outputs. The phase of the last bit of the header is used as an absolute phase reference for the data portion of the packet. At 11 Mbps, two nibbles are used, and each one is used as above independently. One of the resulting sequences is modulated on the I Channel and the other on the Q Channel output. with 16 possible sequences on I and another 16 independently on Q, the total possible number of combinations is 256. Of these only one is sent.

Table 7 shows examples of the bit rates and the symbol rates and Figure 8 shows the modulation schemes.

The modulator is completely independent from the demodulator, allowing the PRISM baseband processor to be used in full duplex operation.

Header/Packet Description

The HFA3860 is designed to handle continuous or packetized Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) data transmissions. The HFA3860 generates its own preamble and header information.

The device uses a synchronization preamble of up to 256 symbols, and a header that includes five fields. The preamble is all 1's (before entering the scrambler). The actual transmitted pattern of the preamble will be randomized by the scrambler. The preamble is always transmitted as a DBPSK waveform.

The five fields for the header shown in Figure 9 are:

Start Frame Delimiter (SFD) Field (16 Bits) - This field carries the synchronization to establish the link frame timing. The HFA3860 will not declare a valid data packet, even if it PN acquires, unless it detects the SFD. The HFA3860 receiver is programmed to time out searching for the SFD via CR15. The timer starts counting the moment that initial PN synchronization has been established from the preamble.

Signal Field (8 Bits) - This field indicates what data rate the data packet that follows the header will be. The HFA3860 receiver looks at the signal field to determine whether it needs to switch from DBPSK demodulation into DQPSK or B/QMBOK demodulation at the end of the always DBPSK preamble and header fields.

Service Field (8 Bits) - This field is currently unassigned and can be utilized as required by the user. Set to 00h for compliance with IEEE 802.11.

Length Field (16 Bits) - This field indicates the number of microseconds it will take to transmit the payload data (MPDU). The external controller will check the length field in determining when it needs to de-assert the RX PE.

CCITT - CRC 16 Field (16 Bits)- This field includes the 16bit CCITT - CRC 16 calculation of the five header fields. This value is compared with the CCITT - CRC 16 code calculated at the receiver. The HFA3860 receiver will indicate a CCITT -CRC 16 error via CR24 bit 2 and will lower MD RDY if there is an error.

The CRC or cyclic Redundancy Check is a CCITT CRC-16 FCS (frame check sequence). It is the ones compliment of the remainder generated by the modulo 2 division of the protected bits by the polynomial:

The protected bits are processed in transmit order. All CRC calculations are made prior to data scrambling. A shift register with two taps is used for the calculation. It is preset to all ones and then the protected fields are shifted through the register. The output is then complemented and the residual shifted out MSB first.

The following Configuration Registers (CR) are used to program the preamble/header functions, more programming details about these registers can be found in the Control Registers section of this document:

CR₆

Defines the preamble length in symbols. The 802.11 protocol requires a setting of 128d = 80h.

CR 15 - Defines the length of time that the demodulator searches for the SFD before returning to acquisition.

CR 16 - The contents of this register define DBPSK modulation. If CR 20 bits 1 and 0 are set to indicate DBPSK modulation then the contents of this register are transmitted in the signal field of the header.

CR 17 - The contents of this register define DQPSK modulation. If CR 20 bits 1 and 0 are set to indicate DQPSK modulation then the contents of this register are transmitted in the signal field of the header.

CR 18 - The contents of this register define BMBOK modulation. If CR 20 bits 1 and 0 are set to indicate BMBOK modulation then the contents of this register are transmitted in the signal field of the header.

CR 19 - The contents of this register define QMBOK modulation. If CR 20 bits 1 and 0 are set to indicate QMBOK modulation then the contents of this register are transmitted in the signal field of the header.

CR 20 - The last two bits of the register indicate what modulation is to be used for the data portion of the packet.

CR 21 - The value to be used in the Service field.

CR 22, 23 - Defines the value of the transmit data length field. This value includes all symbols following the last header field symbol and is in microseconds required to transmit the data at the chosen data rate.

The packet consists of the preamble, header and MAC protocol data unit (MPDU). The data is transmitted exactly as received from the control processor. Some dummy bits will be appended to the end of the packet to insure an orderly shutdown of the transmitter. This prevents spectrum splatter. At the end of a packet, the external controller is expected to de-assert the TX PE line to shut the transmitter down.

FIGURE 9. 802.11 PREAMBLE/HEADER

 $x^{16} + x^{12} + x^5 + 1$

Scrambler and Data Encoder Description

The modulator has a data scrambler that implements the scrambling algorithm specified in the IEEE 802.11 standard. This scrambler is used for the preamble, header, and data in all modes. The data scrambler is a self synchronizing circuit. It consist of a 7-bit shift register with feedback from specified taps of the register, as programmed through configuration register CR 7. Both transmitter and receiver use the same scrambling algorithm. The scrambler can be disabled by setting the taps to 0.

Scrambling is done by a polynomial division using a prescribed polynomial as shown in Figure 10. A shift register holds the last quotient and the output is the exclusive-or of the data and the sum of taps in the shift register. The taps are programmable. The transmit scrambler seed is Hex 6C and the taps are set with CR 7.

FIGURE 10. SCRAMBLING PROCESS

For the 1 Mbps DBPSK data rates and for the header in all rates, the data coder implements the desired DBPSK coding by differential encoding the serial data from the scrambler and driving both the I and Q output channels together. For the 2 Mbps DQPSK data rate, the data coder implements the desired coding as shown in the DQPSK Data Encoder table (Table 8). This coding scheme results from differential coding of dibits (2) bits). Vector rotation is counterclockwise although bits 5 and 6 of configuration register CR2 can be used to reverse the rotation sense of the TX or RX signal if needed.

For data modulation in the MBOK modes, the data is formed into nibbles (4 bits). For Binary MBOK modulation (5.5 Mbps) one nibble is used per symbol and for Quaternary MBOK (11 Mbps), two are used. The data is not differentially encoded, just scrambled, in these modes.

Spread Spectrum Modulator Description

The modulator is designed to generate DBPSK, DQPSK, BMBOK, and QMBOK spread spectrum signals. The modulator is capable of automatically switching its rate where the preamble and header are DBPSK modulated, and the data is differentially modulated. The modulator can support data rates of 1, 2, 5.5 and 11 Mbps. The programming details to set up the modulator are given at the introductory paragraph of this section. The HFA3860 utilizes Quadraphase (I/Q) modulation at baseband for all modulation modes.

In the 1 Mbps DBPSK mode, the I and Q Channels are connected together and driven with the output of the scrambler and differential encoder. The I and Q Channels are then both multiplied with the 11-bit Barker word at the spread rate. The I and Q signals go to the Quadrature upconverter (HFA 3724) to be modulated onto a carrier. Thus, the spreading and data modulation are BPSK modulated onto the carrier.

For the 2 Mbps DQPSK mode, the serial data is formed into dibits or bit pairs in the differential encoder as detailed above. One of the bits in a dibit goes to the I Channel and the other to the Q Channel. The I and Q Channels are then both multiplied with the 11-bit Barker word at the spread rate. This forms QPSK modulation at the symbol rate with BPSK modulation at the spread rate.

For the 5.5 Mbps Binary M-Ary Bi-Orthogonal Keying (BMBOK) mode, the output of the scrambler is partitioned into nibbles of sign-magnitude (4 bits LSB first). The magnitude bits are used to select 1 of 8 eight bit modified Walsh functions. The Walsh functions are modified by adding hex 03 to all members of a Walsh function set to insure that there is no all 0 member as shown in Table 9. The selected function is then XOR'd with the sign bit and connected to both I and Q outputs. The modified Walsh functions are clocked out at the spread rate (nominally 11 MCPS). The symbol rate is 1/8th of this rate. The Differential Encoder output of the last bit of the header CRC is the phase reference for the high rate data. This reference is XOR'd with the I and Q data before the output. This allows the demodulator to compensate for phase ambiguity without differential encoding the high rate data.

MAG	mWAL	DATA PATTERN LSBMSB
$\overline{0}$	03	11000000
1	0C	00110000
\mathbf{Z}	30	00001100
3	ЗF	11111100
4	56	01101010
5	59	10011010
6	65	10100110
7	6A	01010110

TABLE 9. MODIFIED WALSH FUNCTIONS

For the 11 Mbps QMBOK mode, the output of the scrambler is partitioned into two nibbles. Each nibble is used as above to select a modified Walsh function and set its sign. The first of these modified Walsh spreading functions goes to the Q Channel and the second to the I Channel. They are then both XOR'd with the phase reference developed from the last bit of the header CRC from the differential encoder.

Clear Channel Assessment (CCA) and **Enerav Detect (ED) Description**

The clear channel assessment (CCA) circuit implements the carrier sense portion of a carrier sense multiple access (CSMA) networking scheme. The Clear Channel Assessment (CCA) monitors the environment to determine when it is feasible to transmit. The result of the CCA algorithm is available 16us after RX_PE goes high through output pin 32 of the device. The CCA circuit in the HFA3860 can be programmed to be a function of RSSI (energy detected on the channel), carrier detection, or both. The CCA output can be ignored, allowing transmissions independent of any channel conditions. The CCA in combination with the visibility of the various internal parameters (i.e., Energy Detection measurement results), can assist an external processor in executing algorithms that can adapt to the environment. These algorithms can increase network throughout by minimizing collisions and reducing transmissions liable to errors.

There are two measures that are used in the CCA assessment. The receive signal strength (RSSI) which measures the energy at the antenna and carrier sense early (CSE). Both indicators are normally used since interference can trigger the signal strength indication, but it might not trigger the carrier sense. The carrier sense, however, becomes active only when a spread signal with the proper PN code has been detected, so it may not be adequate in itself. The CCA compares these measures to thresholds at the end of each antenna dwell following RX PE going active. The CCA, by design, indicates busy from the time RX PE goes high until the CCA assessment is made. CCA should be sampled 16us after raising RX PE.

The receive signal strength indication (RSSI) measurement is an analog input to the HFA3860 from the successive IF stage of the radio. The RSSI A/D converts it within the baseband processor and it compares it to a programmable threshold. This threshold is normally set to between -70 and -80dBm. A MAC controlled calibration procedure can be used to optimize this threshold. This measure is used in the clear channel assessment logic.

The CSE (Carrier Sense Early) is a signal that goes active when SQ1 (after an antenna dwell) has been satisfied. It is called early, since it is indicated before the carrier sense used for acquisition. It is calculated on the basis of the integrated energy in the correlator output over a block of 15 symbols. Thus, the CCA is valid after 16us has transpired from the time RX_PE was raised.

The Configuration registers effecting the CCA algorithm operation are summarized below (more programming details on these registers can be found under the Control Registers section of this document).

The CCA output from pin 32 of the device can be defined as active high or active low through CR 1 (bit 5). The RSSI threshold is set through CR14. If the actual RSSI value from the A/D exceeds this threshold then ED becomes active.

The instantaneous RSSI value can be monitored by the external network processor by reading the test bus in mode 3. It only measures the signal 16us after the receiver becomes active. The programmable threshold on the CSE measurement is set through CR12 and CR13. More details on SQ1 are included in the receiver section of this document.

In a typical single antenna system CCA will be monitored to determine when the channel is clear. Once the channel is detected busy. CCA should be checked periodically to determine if the channel becomes clear. CCA is stable to allow asynchronous sampling or even falling edge detection of CCA. Once MD RDY goes active. CCA is then ignored for the remainder of the message. Failure to monitor CCA until MD RDY goes active (or use of a time-out circuit) could result in a stalled system as it is possible for the channel to be busy and then become clear without an MD RDY occurring.

A Dual antenna system has the added complexity that CCA will potentially toggle between active and inactive as each antenna is checked. The user must avoid mistaking the inactive CCA signal as an indication the channel is clear. A timeout circuit that begins with the first busy channel indication could be used. Alternatively CCA could be monitored for a clear channel indication for 2 successive antenna dwells which would show the channel clear on both antennas. Time alignment of CCA monitoring with the receiver's 16us antenna dwells would required. Once the receiver has acquired, CCA should be monitored for loss of signal until MD RDY goes active.

CR5 selects the starting antenna used when RXPE is brought active.

CSE is updated at the end of each antenna dwell. After acquisition, CSE is updated every 64 symbols. In the event of signal loss after acquisition, CSE may go inactive.

Demodulator Description

The receiver portion of the baseband processor, performs A/D conversion and demodulation of the spread spectrum signal. It correlates the PN spread symbols, then demodulates the DBPSK, DQPSK, BMBOK, or QMBOK symbols. The demodulator includes a frequency tracking loop that tracks and removes the carrier frequency offset. In addition it tracks the symbol timing, and differentially decodes (where appropriate) and descrambles the data. The data is output through the RX Port to the external processor.

The PRISM baseband processor, HFA3860 uses differential demodulation for the initial acquisition portion of the message processing and then switches to coherent demodulation for the rest of the acquisition and data demodulation. The HFA3860 is designed to achieve rapid settling of the carrier tracking loop during acquisition. Rapid phase fluctuations are handled with a relatively wide loop bandwidth. Coherent processing improves the BER performance margin as opposed to differentially coherent processing and is necessary for processing the two higher data rates.

The baseband processor uses time invariant correlation to strip the PN spreading and phase processing to demodulate the resulting signals in the header and DBPSK/DQPSK demodulation modes. These operations are illustrated in Figure 14 which is an overall block diagram of the receiver processor.

In processing the DBPSK header, input samples from the I and Q A/D converters are correlated to remove the spreading sequence. The peak position of the correlation pulse is used to determine the symbol timing. The sample stream is decimated to the symbol rate and the phase is corrected for frequency offset prior to PSK demodulation. Phase errors from the demodu-

lator are fed to the NCO through a lead/lag filter to maintain phase lock. The variance of the phase error is used to determine signal quality for acquisition and lock detection. The demodulated data is differentially decoded and descrambled before being sent to the header detection section.

In the 1 Mbps DBPSK mode, data demodulation is performed the same as in header processing. In the 2 Mbps DQPSK mode, the demodulator demodulates two bits per symbol and differentially decodes these bit pairs. The bits are then serialized and descrambled prior to being sent to the output.

In the MBOK modes, the receiver uses a complex multiplier to remove carrier frequency offsets and a bank of serial correlators to detect the modulation. A biggest picker finds the largest correlation in the I and Q Channels and determines the sign of those correlations. For this to happen, the demodulator must know absolute phase which is determined by referencing the data to the last bit of the header. Each symbol demodulated determines 1 or 2 nibbles of data. This is then serialized and descrambled before passing on to the output.

Chip tracking in the MBOK modes is chip decision directed. Carrier tracking is via a lead/lag filter using a digital Costas phase detector.

Acquisition Description

The PRISM baseband processor uses a dual antenna mode of operation for compensation against multipath interference losses.

Two Antenna Acquisition (Recommended for Indoor Use)

During the 2 antenna (diversity) mode the two antennas are scanned in order to find the one with the best representation of the signal. This scanning is stopped once a suitable signal is found and the best antenna is selected.

A projected worst case time line for the acquisition of a signal in the two antenna case is shown in Figure 12. The synchronization part of the preamble is 128 symbols long followed by a 16-bit SFD. The receiver must scan the two antennas to determine if a signal is present on either one and, if so, which has the better signal. The timeline is broken into 16 symbol blocks (dwells) for the scanning process. This length of time is necessary to allow enough integration of the signal to make a good acquisition decision. This worst case time line example assumes that the signal is present on antenna A1 only (A2 is blocked). It further assumes that the signal arrives part way into the first A1 dwell such as to just barely miss detection. The signal and the scanning process are asynchronous and the signal could start anywhere. In this timeline, it is assumed that all 16 symbols are present, but they were missed due to power amplifier ramp up. Since A2 has insufficient signal, the first A2 dwell after the start of the preamble also fails detection. The second A1 dwell after signal start is successful and a symbol timing measurement is achieved.

Meanwhile signal quality and signal frequency measurements are made simultaneous with symbol timing measurements. When the bit sync level, SQ1, and Phase variance SQ2 are above their user programmable thresholds, the signal is declared present for the antenna with the best signal. More details on the Signal Quality estimates and their programmability are given in the Acquisition Signal Quality Parameters section of this document.

At the end of each dwell, a decision is made based on the relative values of the signal qualities of the signals on the two antennas. In the example, antenna A1 is the one selected, so the recorded symbol timing and carrier frequency for A1 are used thereafter for the symbol timing and the PLL of the NCO to begin carrier de-rotation and demodulation.

Prior to initial acquisition the NCO was inactive and DPSK demodulation processing was used. Carrier phase measurement are done on a symbol by symbol basis afterward and coherent DPSK demodulation is in effect. After a brief setup time as illustrated on the timeline of Figure 12, the signal begins to emerge from the demodulator.

It takes 7 more symbols to seed the descrambler before valid data is available. This occurs in time for the SFD to be received. At this time the demodulator is tracking and in the coherent PSK demodulation mode it will no longer scan antennas.

One Antenna Acquisition

When only one antenna is being used, the user can delete the antenna switch.

No register changes are required. Acquisition will follow the timeline of Figure 12.

Acquisition Signal Quality Parameters

Two measures of signal quality are used to determine acquisition. The first method of determining signal presence is to measure the correlator output (or bit sync) amplitude. This measure, however, flattens out in the range of high BER and is sensitive to signal amplitude. The second measure is phase noise and in most BER scenarios it is a better indication of good signals plus it is insensitive to signal amplitude. The bit sync amplitude and phase noise are integrated over each block of 16 symbols used in acquisition or over blocks of 64 symbols in the data demodulation mode. The bit sync amplitude measurement represents the peak of the correlation out of the PN correlator. Figure 13 shows the correlation process. The signal is sampled at twice the chip rate (i.e., 22 MSPS). The one sample that falls closest to the peak is used for a bit sync amplitude sample for each symbol. This sample is called the on-time sample. High bit sync amplitude means a good signal. The early and late samples are the two adjacent samples and are used for tracking.

The other signal quality measurement is based on phase noise and that is taken by sampling the correlator output at the correlator peaks. The phase changes due to scrambling are removed by differential demodulation during initial acquisition. Then the phase, the phase rate and the phase variance are measured and integrated for 16 symbols. The phase variance is used for the phase noise signal quality measure (SQ2). Low phase noise means a stronger received signal.

The antenna with the best phase noise is chosen when dual antennas are implemented.

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^{4.} Time line shown assumes that antenna 2 gets insufficient signal.

Procedure to Set Acq. Signal Quality Parameters **Example**

There are four registers that set the acquisition signal quality thresholds, they are: CR 8, 9, 10, and 11 (RX SQX IN ACQ). Each threshold consists of two bytes, high and low that hold a 16-bit number.

These two thresholds, bit sync amplitude CR (8 and 9) and phase error CR (10 and 11) are used to determine if the desired signal is present. If the thresholds are set too "low". that increases the probability of missing a high signal to noise detection due to being busy processing a false alarm. If they are set too "high", that increases the probability of missing a low signal to noise detection. For the bit sync amplitude, "high" actually means high amplitude while for phase noise "high" means low noise or high SNR.

A recommended procedure is to set these thresholds individually optimizing each one of them to the same false alarm rate with no desired signal present. Only the background environment should be present, usually additive gaussian white noise (AGWN). When programming each threshold, the other threshold is set so that it always indicates that the signal is present. Set register CR8 to 00h while trying to determine the value of the phase error signal quality threshold for registers CR 10 and 11. Set register CR10 to FFh while trying to determine the value of the Bit sync amplitude signal quality

threshold for registers 8 and 9. Monitor the Carrier Sense (CRS) output (TEST 6, pin 45) in test mode 1 and adjust the threshold to produce the desired rate of false detections. CRS indicates valid initial PN acquisition. After both thresholds are programmed in the device the CRS rate is a logic "and" of both signal qualities rate of occurrence over their respective thresholds and will therefore be much lower than either.

PN Correlators Description

There are two types of correlators in the HFA3860 baseband processor. The first is a parallel matched correlator that correlates for the Barker sequence used in preamble, header, and PSK data modes. This PN correlator is designed to handle BPSK spreading with carrier offsets up to \pm 50ppm and 11 chips per symbol. Since the spreading is BPSK, the correlator is implemented with two real correlators, one for the I and one for the Q Channel. The same Barker sequence is always used for both I and Q correlators.

These correlators are time invariant matched filters otherwise known as parallel correlators. They use one sample per chip for correlation although two samples per chip are processed. The correlator despreads the samples from the chip rate back to the original data rate giving 10.4dB processing gain for 11 chips per bit. While despreading the desired signal, the correlator spreads the energy of any non correlating interfering signal.

The second form of correlator is the serial correlator bank used for detection of the MBOK modulation. There is a bank of eight 8 chip correlators for the I Channel and another 8 for the Q Channel. These correlators integrate over the symbol and are sampled at the symbol rate of 1.375 MSPS. Each bank of correlators is connected to a biggest picker that finds the correlator output with the largest magnitude output. This finding of 1 out of 8 process determines 3 signal bits per correlator bank. The sign of the correlator output determines 1 more bit per bank. Thus, each bank of correlators can determine 4 bits at 1.375 MSPS. This is a rate of 5.5 Mbps. Only the I correlator bank is used for BMBOK. When both correlator banks are used, this becomes twice that rate or 11 Mbps.

Data Demodulation and Tracking Description (DBPSK and DQPSK Modes)

The signal is demodulated from the correlation peaks tracked by the symbol timing loop (bit sync) as shown in Figure 15. The frequency and phase of the signal is corrected from the NCO that is driven by the phase locked loop. Demodulation of the DPSK data in the early stages of acquisition is done by delay and subtraction of the phase samples. Once phase locked loop tracking of the carrier is established, coherent demodulation is enabled for better performance. Averaging the phase errors over 16 symbols gives the necessary frequency information for proper NCO operation. The signal quality known as SQ2 is the variance in this estimate.

Configuration Register 15 sets the search timer for the SFD. This register sets this time-out length in symbols for the receiver. If the time out is reached, and no SFD is found, the receiver resets to the acquisition mode. The suggested value is # preamble symbols $+$ 16. If several transmit preamble lengths are used by various transmitters in a network, the longest value should be used for the receiver settings.

Data Decoder and Descrambler Description

The data decoder that implements the desired DQPSK coding/decoding as shown in Table 10. The data is formed into pairs of bits called dibits. The left bit of the pair is the first in time. This coding scheme results from differential coding of the dibits. Vector rotation is counterclockwise for a positive phase shift, but can be reversed with bit 5 or 6 of CR2.

TABLE 10. DOPSK DATA DECODER

For DBPSK, the decoding is simple differential decoding.

The data scrambler and de-scrambler are self synchronizing circuits. They consist of a 7-bit shift register with feedback of some of the taps of the register. The scrambler is designed to insure smearing of the discrete spectrum lines produced by the PN code.

One thing to keep in mind is that both the differential decoding and the descrambling cause error extension. This causes the errors to occur in groups of 4 and 6. This is due to two properties of the processing. First, the differential decoding process causes errors to occur in pairs. When a symbol error is made, it is usually a single bit error even in QPSK mode. When a symbol is in error, the next symbol will also be decoded wrong since the data is encoded in the change from one symbol to the next. Thus, two errors are made on two successive symbols. In QPSK mode, these may be next to one another or separated by up to 2 bits. Secondly, when the bits are processed by the descrambler, these errors are further extended. The descrambler is a 7-bit shift register with one or more taps exclusive or'ed with the bit stream. If for example the scrambler polynomial uses 2 taps that are summed with the data, then each error is extended by a factor of three. DQPSK errors can be spaced the same as the tap spacing, so they can be canceled in the descrambler. In this case, two wrongs do make a right, so the observed errors can be in groups of 4 instead of 6. If a single error is made the whole packet is discarded, so the error extension property has no effect on the packet error rate.

Descrambling is self synchronizing and is done by a polynomial division using a prescribed polynomial. A shift register holds the last quotient and the output is the exclusive-or of the data and the sum of taps in the shift register. The transmit scrambler taps are programmed by CR 7.

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Data Demodulation and Tracking Description (BMBOK and QMBOK Modes)

This demodulator handles the M-ary Bi-Orthogonal Keving (MBOK) modulation used for the two highest data rates. It is slaved to the low rate processor which it depends on for initial timing and phase tracking information. The high rate section coherently processes the signal, so it needs to have the I and Q Channels properly oriented and phased. The low rate section acquires the signal, locks up symbol and carrier tracking loops, and determines the data rate to be used for the MPDU data.

The demodulator for the MBOK modes takes over when the preamble and header have been acquired and processed. On the last bit of the header, the absolute phase of the signal is captured and used as a phase reference for the high rate demodulator as shown in Figure 14. The phase and frequency information from the carrier tracking loop in the low rate section is passed to the loop of the high rate section and control of the demodulator is passed to the high rate section.

The signal from the A/D converters is carrier frequency and phase corrected by a complex multiplier (mixer) that multiplies the received signal with the output of the Numerically Controlled Oscillator (NCO) and SIN/COS look up table. This removes the frequency offset and aligns the I and Q Channels properly for the correlators. The sample rate is decimated to 11 MSPS for the correlators after the complex multiplier since the data is now synchronous in time.

The Walsh correlation section consists of a bank of 8 serial correlators on I and 8 on Q. Each of these correlators is programmed to correlate for its assigned spread function or its inverse. The demodulator knows the symbol timing, so the correlation is integrated over each symbol and sampled and dumped at the end of the symbol. The sampled correlation outputs from each bank are compared to each other in a biggest picker and the chosen one determines 4 bits of the symbol. Three bits come from which of the 8 correlators had the largest output and the fourth is determined from the sign of that output. In the 5.5 Mbps or binary mode, only the I Channel is operated. This demodulates 4 bits per symbol. In the 11 Mbps mode, both I and Q Channels are used and this detects 8 bits per symbol. The outputs are corrected for absolute phase and then serialized for the descrambler.

Chip tracking is performed on the de-rotated signal samples from the complex multiplier. These are alternately routed into two streams. The END chip samples are the same as those used for the correlators. The MID chip samples should lie on the chip transitions when the tracking is perfect. A chip phase error is generated if the END sign bits bracketing the MID samples are different. The sign of the error is determined by the sign of the END sample after the MID sample.

Tracking is only measured when there is a chip transition. Note that this tracking is mainly effective since there is a positive SNR in the chip rate bandwidth.

The symbol clock is generated by selecting one 44MHz clock pulse out of every 32 pulses of the sample clock. Chip tracking adjusts the sampling in 1/8th chip increments by

selecting which edge of the 44MHz clock to use and which pulse. Timing adjustments can be made every 32 symbols as needed

Carrier tracking is performed in a four phase Costas loop. The initial conditions are copied into the loop from the carrier loop in the low rate section. The END samples from above are used for the phase detection. The phase error for the 11 Mbps case is derived from Isign*Q-Qsign*I whereas in binary mode, it is simply Isign*Q. This forms the error term that is integrated in the lead/lag filter for the NCO, closing the loop.

Demodulator Performance

This section indicates the typical performance measures for a radio design. The performance data below should be used as a guide. In general, the actual performance depends on the application, interference environment, RF/IF implementation and radio component selection.

Overall Eb/N0 Versus BER Performance

The PRISM chip set has been designed to be robust and energy efficient in packet mode communications. The demodulator uses coherent processing for data demodulation. The figures below show the performance of the baseband processor when used in conjunction with the HSP3726 IF limiter and the PRISM recommended IF filters. Off the shelf test equipment are used for the RF processing. The curves should be used as a guide to assess performance in a complete implementation.

Factors for carrier phase noise, multipath, and other degradations will need to be considered on an implementation by implementation basis in order to predict the overall performance of each individual system.

Figure 15 shows the curves for theoretical DBPSK/DQPSK demodulation with coherent demodulation as well as the PRISM performance measured for DBPSK and DQPSK. The theoretical performance for BPSK and QPSK is the same as shown on the diagram. Figure 16 shows the theoretical and actual performance of the MBOK modes. The losses in both figures include RF and IF radio losses; they do not reflect the HFA3860 losses alone. The HFA3860 baseband processing losses from theoretical are, by themselves, a small percentage of the overall loss.

The PRISM demodulator performs with an implementation loss of less than 3dB from theoretical in a AWGN environment with low phase noise local oscillators. For the 1 and 2 MBps modes, the observed errors occurred in groups of 4 and 6 errors. This is because of the error extension properties of differential decoding and descrambling. For the 5.5 and 11 MBps modes, the errors occur in symbols of 4 or 8 bits each and are further extended by the descrambling. Therefore the error patterns are less well defined.

FIGURE 15. BER vs EB/N0 PERFORMANCE FOR PSK MODES

FIGURE 16. BER vs EB/N0 PERFORMANCE FOR MBOK MODES

Clock Offset Tracking Performance

The PRISM baseband processor is designed to accept data clock offsets of up to ±25ppm for each end of the link (TX and RX). This effects both the acquisition and the tracking performance of the demodulator. The budget for clock offset error is 0.75dB at \pm 50ppm and the performance is shown in Figure 17. This figure shows that the baseband processor in the high rate modes is better than at low rates in tracking clock offsets. The data for Figure 17 and Figure 18 was taken with the SNR into the receiver set to achieve 1E⁻⁵ BER with no offset. Then the offset was varied to determine the change in performance.

FIGURE 17. BER vs CLOCK OFFSET

Carrier Offset Frequency Performance

The correlators used for acquisition for all modes and for demodulation in the 1 and 2 MBps modes are time invariant matched filter correlators otherwise known as parallel correlators. They use two samples per chip and are tapped at every other shift register stage. Their performance with carrier frequency offsets is determined by the phase roll rate due to the offset. For an offset of +50ppm (combined for both TX and RX) will cause the carrier to phase roll 22.5 degrees over the length of the correlator. This causes a loss of 0.22dB in correlation magnitude which translates directly to Eb/N0 performance loss. In the PRISM chip design, the correlator is not included in the carrier phase locked loop correction, so this loss occurs for both acquisition and data. In the high rate modes, the data demodulation is done with a set of correlators that are included in the carrier tracking loop, so the loss is less. Figure 18 shows the loss versus carrier offset taken out to +50ppm (120kHz is 50ppm at 2.4GHz).

A Default Register Configuration

The registers in the HFA3860 are addressed with 6-bit numbers where the lower 2 bits of an 8-bit hexadecimal address are left as unused. This results in the addresses being in increments of 4 as shown in the table below. Table 11 shows the register values for a default 802.11 configuration with various rate

configurations. The data is transmitted as either DBPSK, DQPSK, BMBOK, or QMBOK depending on the configuration chosen. It is recommended that you start with the simplest configuration (DBPSK) for initial test and verification of the device and/or the radio design. The user can later modify the CR contents to reflect the system and the required performance of each specific application.

TABLE 11. CONTROL REGISTER VALUES FOR SINGLE ANTENNA ACQUISITION

Control Registers

The following tables describe the function of each control register along with the associated bits in each control register.

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 0 ADDRESS (0h) PART/VERSION CODE

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 1 ADDRESS (04h) I/O POLARITY

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 2 ADDRESS (08h) TX AND RX CONTROL

Write to control, Read to verify control, setup while TX_PE and RX_PE are low

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 3 ADDRESS (OCh) A/D CAL POS

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 4 ADDRESS (10h) A/D CAL NEG

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 5 ADDRESS (14h) CCA ANTENNA CONTROL

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 6 ADDRESS (18h) PREAMBLE LENGTH

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 7 ADDRESS (1Ch) SCRAMBLER TAPS

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 13 ADDRESS (34h) SQ1 CCA THRESHOLD (LOW)

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 14 ADDRESS (38h) ED OR RSSI THRESHOLD

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 16 ADDRESS (40h) SIGNAL FIELD DBPSK

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 18 ADDRESS (48h) SIGNAL FIELD BMBOK

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 19 ADDRESS (4Ch) SIGNAL FIELD QMBOK

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 20 ADDRESS (50h) TX SIGNAL FIELD

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 21 ADDRESS (54h) TX SERVICE FIELD

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 22 ADDRESS (58h) TX LENGTH FIELD (HIGH)

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 23 ADDRESS (5Ch) TX LENGTH FIELD (LOW)

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 24 ADDRESS (60h) RX STATUS

This read only register is provided for MACs that can't process the header fields from the RXD port.

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 25 ADDRESS (64h) RX SERVICE FIELD STATUS

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 26 ADDRESS (68h) RX LENGTH FIELD STATUS (HIGH)

CONFIGURATION REGISTER ADDRESS 27 (6Ch) RX LENGTH FIELD STATUS (LOW)

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 28 ADDRESS (70h) TEST BUS ADDRESS

Supplies address for test pin outputs and Test Bus Monitor Register

CONFIGURATION REGISTER 31 ADDRESS (7Ch) TEST REGISTER 2

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Die Characteristics

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:

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

NOTES:

6. Output load 30pF.

7. Not tested, but characterized at initial design and at major process/design changes.

AC Electrical Specifications $V_{CC} = 3.0V$ to $3.3V \pm 10\%$, $T_A = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 85°C (Note 8)

NOTES:

8. AC tests performed with C_L = 40pF, I_{OL} = 2mA, and I_{OH} = -1mA. Input reference level all inputs 1.5V. Test V_{IH} = V_{CC},

 $V_{IL} = 0V$; $V_{OH} = V_{OL} = V_{CC}/2$.

9. Not tested, but characterized at initial design and at major process/design changes.

10. Measured from V_{IL} to V_{IH} .

11. lout/Qout are modulated before first valid chip of preamble is output to provide ramp up time for RF/IF circuits.

- 12. TX_PE must be inactive before going active to generate a new packet.
- 13. lout/Qout are modulated after last chip of valid data to provide ramp down time for RF/IF circuits.
- 14. RX_PE must be inactive at least 3 MCLKs before going active to start a new CCA or acquisition.
- 15. RX_PE active to inactive delay to prevent next RX_CLK.
- 16. Assumes RX_PE inactive after last RX_CLK.
- 17. MD_RDY programmed to go active after SFD detect. (measured from I_{IN} , Q_{IN}).

18. MD_RDY programmed to go active at MPDU start. Measured from first chip of first MPDU symbol at I_{IN}, Q_{IN} to MD_RDY active.

19. Minimum time to insure Reset. RESET must be followed by an RX_PE pulse to insure proper operation. This pulse should not be used for first receive or acquisition.

20. CCA and RSSI are measured once during the first 16 us interval following RX_PE going active. RX_PE must be pulsed to initiate a new measurement. RSSI may be read via serial port or from Test Bus.

- 21. ANTSEL is switched in diversity mode before acquisition cycle to compensate for delays in IF circuits. The correlators will be 100X(820ns - TdRFns)/990 ns% full of new data at the beginning of bit sync accumulation. TdRFns is the settling time of the RF circuits after ANTSEL switches.
- 22. Delay from TXCLK to inactive edge of TXPE to prevent next TXCLK. Because TXPE asynchronously stops TXCLK, TXPE going inactive within 40ns of TXCLK will cause TXCLK minimum hi time to be less than 40ns.

I and Q A/D AC Electrical Specifications (Note 9)

RSSI A/D Electrical Specifications (Note 9)

Test Circuit

NOTES:

23. Includes Stray and JIG Capacitance.

24. Switch S1 Open for I_{CCSB} and I_{CCOP}.

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NOTES:

- 1. Controlling dimension: MILLIMETER. Converted inch dimensions are not necessarily exact.
- 2. All dimensions and tolerances per ANSI Y14.5M-1982.
- 3. Dimensions D and E to be determined at seating plane [-C-]

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- 4. Dimensions D1 and E1 to be determined at datum plane \overline{H}
- 5. Dimensions D1 and E1 do not include mold protrusion. Allowable protrusion is 0.25mm (0.010 inch) per side.
- 6. Dimension B does not include dambar protrusion. Allowable dambar protrusion shall not cause the lead width to exceed the maximum B dimension by more than 0.08mm (0.003 inch).
- 7. "N" is the number of terminal positions.

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