Triaxis[®] Position Sensor IC Datasheet

Features and Benefits

- Triaxis[®] Hall Technology
- On chip signal processing for robust absolute position sensing
- Programmable measurement range
- Programmable linear transfer characteristic (4 or 8 Multi-points or 16 or 32 Piece-Wise-Linear)
- Selectable output modes
	- (fast) SENT (SAE J2716 APR2016)
	- SPC (Short PWM Code)
	- PWM (Pulse Width Modulation)
	- Ratiometric analog
- AEC-Q100 qualified (Grade-0)
- **ISO 26262 SEOOC CISIL**
	- ASIL C for (fast) SENT, PWM or SPC output
	- ASIL B for analog output
- Robustness against stray magnetic field up to 5mT (4kA/m) as per ISO 11452-8. Stray-field immune angle sensing up to 360°
- 48 bit ID Number option
- Packages, RoHS compliant
	- SOIC-8 (DC), single die
	- TSSOP-16 (GO), dual die (redundancy)
	- SMP-4 (VD), dual die PCB-less solution

 SOIC-8 TSSOP-16 SMP-4

Application Examples

- **Throttle Position Sensor**
- **Ride Height Position Sensor**
- Float-Level Sensor
- **Steering Wheel Position Sensor**

Description

The MLX90376 is a monolithic magnetic position sensor IC. It consists of a Triaxis[®] Hall magnetic front end, an analog to digital signal conditioner, a DSP for advanced signal processing and an output stage driver.

The MLX90376 is sensitive to the three components of the magnetic flux density applied to the IC (i.e. Bx, By and Bz). This allows the MLX90376 with the correct magnetic circuit to decode the absolute position of any moving magnet (e.g. rotary position from 0 to 360 Degrees or linear displacement). It enables the design of noncontacting position sensors that are frequently required for both automotive and industrial applications.

The MLX90376 provides 4 output modes. Firstly, the IC supports (fast) SENT and SPC frames encoded according to a Secure Sensor format. The output delivers enhanced serial messages providing error codes, and user-defined values. Through programming, the MLX90376 can also be configured to output a PWM (Pulse Width Modulated) or an analog ratiometric output.

Rotary Stray-field immune

Legacy and Rotary Stray-field immune

Linear motion

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3.2.2. Pin Definition for TSSOP-16_EP Dual-Die package

Table 7 - TSSOP-16_EP Pin definitions and description

For optimal EMC behavior, it is recommended to connect the unused pins (NC and the pins for test) to the Ground.

Please refer to Section [17.1.](#page-89-1) for the soldering recommendation of the exposed pad.

4. Absolute Maximum Ratings

Table 8 - Absolute maximum ratings

Exceeding any of the absolute maximum ratings may cause permanent damage. Exposure to absolute maximum ratings conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability. Derating might occur in TSSOP-16_EP Dual-Die package, if both dies are exposed to the absolute maximum ratings conditions simultaneously.

5. Isolation Specification

Only valid for the TSSOP-16_EP package (code GO, i.e. dual die version).

Table 9 - Isolation specification

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6. General Electrical Specifications

General electrical specifications are valid for temperature range [-40; 160] °C and supply voltage range [4.5;5.5] V unless otherwise noted.

2 The battery mode is exclusively for the PWM protocol in SMD packages

3 Both dies on.

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4 IDD refers to the supply current for a single die. In the TSSOP based configurations, the total IDD is doubled because of the presence of two dies.

6 Output resistance should be selected together with the output capacitive load to correspondingly match the application, i.e. tick time, SPC ID, to allow appropriate time window for the trigger pulse reception. More details see sections [11.2.5](#page-38-0) and [11.4.3.](#page-47-1)

⁵ Programming through Connector (PTC) requires rising supply voltage above Vprov0 or Vprov1. This is customer configurable by setting a bit in the NVRAM

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⁷The digital output level is thereby defined by the external voltage and pull-up or pull-down resistor.

8 at 35°C and 5V supply voltage with typical process parameters

⁹ at 160°C and ≥4.5V supply voltage

¹⁰ Valid for dual-die configuration as well, where the two dies have the same supply and ground level, while the output of one die is connected with PU and the output of the other one is connected with PD.

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Table 10 - Electrical Specifications

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¹¹ In the case of open-drain mode, see the parameters IleakpuOd/IleakpdOd.

¹² As the leakage current significantly increases at high temperature, the typical value is at 35Deg.C, and the maxi mum value is at 160Deg.C.

¹³ The worst-case scenario for the leakage occurs when the output is pulled up. The leakage current will be ~30 times smaller if the output is pulled down.

7. Timing Specification

Timing specifications are valid for temperature range [-40; 160] °C and supply voltage range [4.5; 5.5] V unless otherwise noted.

7.1. General Timing Specifications

Table 11 - General Timing Specifications

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7.2. Timing Definitions

7.2.1. Startup Time

In analog mode, the startup time is the time between the power on cycle and the time the first valid angle transmitted on the output. During startup, the sensor output is in High-Z state, and the driver is only enabled when the sensor is able to transmit a valid output.

In SPC mode, the startup time is the time when the device is able to receive the $1st$ trigger pulse with valid angle information. Prior to it, there is a programmable SPC-SCN_INIT parameter (see section [12\)](#page-55-0) to report an error in the status and communication nibble (SCN, see section [11.4.5.3\)](#page-50-0).

In SENT mode, the startup time consists of two values. The first one, Tinit, is the time needed for the circuit to be ready to start acquiring an angle. In SENT mode, at that time, the IC starts transmitting initialisation frames. The second value, T_{stop} , is the time when the first valid angle is transmitted.

In PWM mode, startup is defined by three values, $T_{\text{stop[1..3]}}$. The first value is reached when the output is ready and starts to drive a voltage. The second value T_2 is the start of the first value angle transmission and the third one T_3 the moment the first angle has been transmitted.

Figure 5 - Startup Time Definition

7.2.2. Latency (average)

Latency is the average lag between the movement of the detected object (magnet) and the response of the sensor output, as shown in [Figure 6,](#page-16-0) where theta_ECU(t) is sampled as the beginning of the synchronization pulse. This value is representative of the time constant of the system for regulation calculations.

Figure 6 - Definition of Latency

7.2.3. Step Response (worst case)

The step response is a suitable metric for the "delay" of the sensor in case of an abrupt step in the magnetic change, considering 100% settling time without any DSP filter. Full settling is typically achieved in just two steps. The sensor is asynchronous with the magnetic step change: the 100% settling time will fall in a time window; worst case is illustrated in the figure below.

Figure 7 - Step Response Definition

7.3. Analog output timing specifications (-x0x and -x1x code)

For the analog output configurations, specifications are valid for the operational temperature range, and the supply voltage defined in section [6.](#page-11-0)

7.3.1. High Speed Mode (-11x, -31x, -51x, -61x code)

For the High Speed Mode, the timing specifications are listed in [Table 12.](#page-17-1)

Table 12 - Analog General Timing Specifications for High Speed Mode

7.3.2. Low Power Mode (-30x, 60x code)

For the Low Power Mode, the timing specifications are listed in [Table 13.](#page-17-2)

Table 13 - Analog General Timing Specifications for the Standard/Legacy Low Power Mode

¹⁵ Fully programmable depending on the power/magnetic/output mode.

¹⁶ Time between reset due to digital fault to first valid data transmission. Min. value defined by OUT_DIAG_HIZ_TIME (see sectio n [12\)](#page-55-0).

7.4. SENT output timing specifications (-x3x code)

The general SENT timing specifications are listed in [Table 14.](#page-18-1)

Table 14 - SENT General Timing Specifications

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7.4.1. Continuous Synchronous Acquisition Mode (-x3x code)

For the SENT output protocol, MLX90376 with the default factory calibration operates with constant SENT frame length (SENT with pause), where a constant latency and step response time is guaranteed. The length of the SENT frame is defined by the parameter T_FRAME in number of ticks (see section [12\)](#page-55-0). When configured in continuous synchronous timing mode, the sensor permanently provides one new angle/position value for each new transmitted frame, with a fixed frame period.

The detailed default setting of the SENT protocol is as follows:

- Protocol: SENT with pause
- Tick time: 3μs/tick
- SENT format: A.3 (H.4)
- Number of conversions per SENT frame: 2
- ADC clock frequency: 3MHz
- DSP linearization: 16 points

The corresponding timing specifications are listed in [Table 15.](#page-19-0)

Table 15 - Synchronous SENT Mode Timing Specifications

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¹⁸ Defines the typical Output refresh period (SENT Frame Period).

¹⁹ If the sensor is configured from the default factory setting to have 1 conversion per SENT frame, the minimum tick cou nt is 282. ²⁰See sectio[n 14.4](#page-77-0) for details concerning Filter parameter. It is an option to improve the speed, but will degrade noise performance by a factor of 1.4.

7.4.2. Continuous Asynchronous Acquisition Mode (-x3x code)

Optionally to the default factory setting, the MLX90376 can be configured to operate with variable SENT frame length (SENT without pause), where latency and step response is dependent on the transmitted data. The length of the SENT frame is defined by the data content. The sensor is configured in the continuous asynchronous acquisition mode and periodically acquires a magnetic measurement asynchronously to the SENT transmission.

When configured in the continuous asynchronous acquisition mode, the detailed setting of the SENT protocol is as follows:

- **•** Protocol: SENT without pause
- Tick time: 3μs/tick
- SENT format: A.3 (H.4)
- ADC clock frequency: 3MHz
- DSP linearization: 16 points

The corresponding timing specifications are listed in [Table 16.](#page-20-0)

Table 16 - Asynchronous SENT Mode Timing Specifications

7.5. PWM output timing specifications (-x0x and -x1x code)

The factory calibrated parts with order code –x0x and –x1x default to ratiometric analog output, the end user must reprogram the part to use the PWM output. Details can be found in [Table 43.](#page-46-1) The [Table 17 b](#page-21-1)elow shows the timing specifications for PWM output.

Table 17 - PWM timing specifications with order code

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²¹ Typical value specified according to the typical PWM frequency. Max. value can be obtained by scaling with the PWM frequency drift accordingly.

²² First frame transmitted has no synchronization edge; therefore, the second frame transmitted is the first complete one.

²³ Calculated between 10%-90% voltage level.

²⁴The 10nF output capacitor included in the SMP-4 package needs to be considered in the 15nF limit.

²⁵ Rise time in PWM NMOS open-drain mode is not specified as it depends on external components and the pull -up voltage.

²⁶ Vpull-up stands for the external pull up voltage. The worst-case scenario for this parameter is in the NMOS open-drain mode, where there is the maximal voltage difference between Vpull-up and VDD. Furthermore, this parameter highly depends on the Vpullup, the capacitive and resistive load at the output. The rise/fall time should be adjusted accordingly, with a different Vpull-up value and RC time constant resulting from the output load.

7.6. SPC output timing specifications (-68x code)

In SPC mode, the MLX90376 starts data acquisition once the trigger pulse has been received, regardless of the configured mode. It will send the acquired data in the same SENT frame. This feature is available for any tick time greater than or equal to $1.5\mu s$. Please check the section [11.4](#page-47-0) for more details on the configuration options.

146 ticks (219 µs)

Figure 8 - SPC timing illustration in 1.5μs tick time mode and H.2 format

Table 18 - SPC Mode Timing Specifications

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²⁷ SPC_RX_FILT_TIME is the parameter for the SPC trigger pulse filtering. Its unit is tick time. I t must be aligned with the longest NIBBLE low time on the bus, in order to separate SENT pulses from SPC trigger pulses (NIBBLE_PULSE_FIXED[]).

²⁸ The worst-case step response time is specified, which is equal to twice a SPC trigger plus its SENT response time, when the field *change happens right after the trigger pulse, see [Figure 9.](#page-23-0) It is then 1 ms if the SPC trigger period is 0.5 ms.*

²⁹ The absolute time difference of the magnetic information acquisition between the two dice in bus transmission mode, see section [11.4,](#page-47-0) based on 1.5 µs tick time

³⁰ Diagnostics response time, detailed description see section [15.2,](#page-80-2) e.g. with 500µs ECU frame time, the max. value is 4.5ms

Figure 9 - Illustration of the best- and worst-case step response in SPC mode

8. Magnetic Field Specifications

Magnetic field specifications are valid for temperature range [-40; 160] °C unless otherwise noted.

8.1. Rotary Stray-field Immune Mode - Low Field variant (-1xx code)

Table 19 - Magnetic specification for rotary stray-field immune mode - 180 degrees

Nominal performances apply when the useful signal $\Delta B_{XY}/\Delta XY$ is above the typical specified limit. Under this value, limited performances apply. See [9.2](#page-30-1) for accuracy specifications. Stray-field immunity is tested according to ISO 11452-8:2015.

Figure 10 - Minimum useful signal definition for rotary stray-field immune application – 180 degrees

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³¹ Due to 4 poles magnet usage, maximum angle measurement range is limited to 180°

³² The condition must be fulfilled for all combinations of BX and BY.

³³ Above this limit, the IMC® starts to saturate, yielding to an increase of the linearity error.

³⁴ Only valid with default MAGNET_SREL_T[1..7] configuration

³⁵ Higher values of Field too Low threshold are not recommended by Melexis and shall only been set in accordance with the magnetic design and taking a sufficient safety margin to prevent false positive.

³⁶ Due to the saturation effect of the IMC®, the FieldTooHigh monitor detects only defects in the sensor

8.2. Standard/Legacy Mode (-3xx code)

Table 20 - Magnetic specifications for Standard application

Nominal performances apply when the useful signal B_{Norm} is above the typical specified limit. Under this value, limited performances apply. See [Table 25](#page-31-1) in section [9.3](#page-31-0) for accuracy specifications.

Figure 11 - Minimum useful signal definition for Standard/Legacy application

³⁷ Below this value, the performances are degraded due to a reduction of the signal-to-noise ratio, signal-to-offset ratio. ³⁸ IMC[®] has better performance for concentrating in-plane (x-y) field components, resulting in a better magnetic sensitivity. A *correction factor, called IMC gain has to be applied to the z field component to account for this difference.*

8.3. Rotary Stray-field Immune Mode - High Field Variant (-5xx code)

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition
Number of magnetic poles	N_{P}	$4^{(31)}$		\overline{a}		
Magnetic Flux Density in X-Y plane	B_X , B_Y ⁽³²⁾			$67^{(33)}$	mT	$\sqrt{B_{X}^{2}+B_{Y}^{2}}$ (this is not the useful signal)
Magnetic Flux Density in Z	B _z			100	mT	(this is not the useful signal)
Magnetic in-plane gradient of in-plane field component	ΔB_{XY} $\overline{\Delta XY}$	8.5	17		$\frac{mT}{2}$ mm	$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\left(\frac{dB_X}{dX}-\frac{dB_Y}{dY}\right)^2+\left(\frac{dB_X}{dY}+\frac{dB_Y}{dX}\right)^2}$ this is the useful signal.
Magnet Temperature Coefficient	TC _m	-2400		$\pmb{0}$	ppm \overline{C}	
Field Strength Resolution ⁽³⁴⁾	ΔB_{XY} $\triangle XY$	0.075	0.100	0.125	mT mm LSB	Magnetic field gradient norm (12bits data)
Field too Low Threshold	BTH LOW	1.2	$\overline{2}$	(35)	mT mm	Typ is recommended value to be set by user (see $14.5.4$)
Field too High Threshold (36)	BTH_HIGH	80	100		mT mm	

Table 21 - Magnetic specification for rotary stray-field immune

Nominal performances apply when the useful signal $\Delta B_{XY}/\Delta XY$ is above the minimum specified limit. See section [9.4](#page-32-0) for accuracy specifications. Stray-field immunity is tested according to ISO 11452-8:2015.

Figure 12 - Minimum useful signal definition for rotary stray-field immune application - 180 degrees

8.4. Rotary Stray-field Immune Mode - 360 degrees (-6xx code) for PCB-less package

Table 22 - Magnetic specification for rotary stray-field immune -360degrees

Nominal performances apply when the useful signal $\Delta B_Z/\Delta XY$ is above the minimum specified limit. See section [9.5](#page-33-0) for accuracy specifications. Stray-field immunity is tested according to ISO 11452-8:2015.

Figure 13 - Minimum useful signal definition for rotary stray-field immune application - 360 degrees

8.5. Rotary Stray-field Immune Mode - 360 degrees (-6xx code) for SMD packages

Table 23 - Magnetic specification for rotary stray-field immune mode - 360 degrees

Nominal performances apply when the useful signal $\Delta B_Z/\Delta XY$ is above the typical specified limit. Under this value, limited performances apply. See section [9.6](#page-34-0) for accuracy specifications. Stray-field immunity is tested according to ISO 11452-8:2015.

Figure 14 - Minimum useful signal definition for rotary stray-field immune application – 360 degrees

9. Accuracy Specifications

Accuracy specifications are valid for temperature range [-40;160] °C and supply voltage range [4.5; 5.5] V unless otherwise noted.

9.1. Definitions

This section defines several parameters, which will be used for the magnetic specifications.

9.1.1. Intrinsic Linearity Error

Figure 15 - Sensor accuracy definition

[Figure 15](#page-29-2) depicts the intrinsic linearity error in new parts. The Intrinsic Linearity Error refers to the IC itself (offset, sensitivity mismatch, orthogonality) considering an ideal magnetic field. Once associated to a practical magnetic construction and the associated mechanical and magnetic tolerances, the output linearity error increases. However, it can be significantly reduced with the multi-point end-user calibration (see [14.2\)](#page-66-0).

9.1.2. Total Angle Drift

After calibration, the output angle of the sensor might still change due to temperature change, aging, etc. This is defined as the total drift $\partial \theta_{TT}$:

$$
\partial \theta_{TT} = |\max{\{\theta(\theta_{IN}, T, t) - \theta(\theta_{IN}, T_{RT}, t_0)\}}|
$$

where θ_{IN} is the input angle, T is the temperature, T_{RT} is the room temperature, and t is the elapsed lifetime after calibration. t_0 represents the status at the start of the operating life. Note the total drift $\partial\theta_{TT}$ is always defined with respect to the angle at room temperature. In this datasheet, T_{RT} is typically defined at 35°C, unless stated otherwise. The total drift is valid for all angles along the full mechanical range. The total drift is expressed as an unsigned value, to indicate the ideal minimum drift should be 0. In reality, the drift can happen in both positive and negative directions.

9.2. Rotary Stray-field Immune Mode - Low Field Variant (-1xx Code)

Valid before EoL calibration and for all applications under limited performances conditions described in section [8.1.](#page-24-1)

Table 24 - Rotary stray-field immune magnetic performances

³⁹ ±3σ

REVISION 002 - November 8, 2022 **Page 31 o[f 100](#page-98-0)** *40 Stray field induced error is linearly proportional to the stray field strength.*

9.3. Standard/Legacy Mode (-3xx Code)

Valid before EoL calibration and for all applications under nominal performance conditions described in section [8.2.](#page-25-0)

Table 25 - Standard Mode Nominal Magnetic Performances

9.4. Rotary Stray-field Immune Mode - High Field Variant (-5xx Code)

Valid before EoL calibration and for all applications under nominal performance conditions described in section [8.3.](#page-26-0)

Table 26 - Rotary stray-field immune magnetic performance – High Field Variant

9.5. Rotary Stray-field Immune Mode - 360 degrees (-6xx Code) for PCB-less package

Valid before EoL calibration and for all applications under nominal performances conditions described in section [8.4.](#page-27-0)

Table 27 - Rotary stray-field immune magnetic performances for PCB-less package

9.6. Rotary Stray-field Immune Mode - 360 degrees (-6xx Code) for SMD packages

Valid before EoL calibration and for all applications under nominal performances conditions described in section [8.5.](#page-28-0)

Table 28 - Rotary stray-field immune magnetic performances for SMD packages

10. Memory Specifications

Table 29 - Memory Specifications

11. Output Accuracy and Protocol

11.1. Analog Output

Table 30 - Analog output accuracy

11.2. SENT (Single Edge Nibble Transmission) Output

The MLX90376 provides a digital output signal compliant with SAE J2716 Revised APR2016.

11.2.1. Sensor message definition

The MLX90376 repeatedly transmits a sequence of pulses, corresponding to a sequence of nibbles (4 bits), with the following sequence:

- Calibration/Synchronization pulse period 56 clock ticks to determine the time base of the SENT frame
- One 4-bit Status and Serial Communication nibble pulse
- A sequence of one up to six 4-bit data nibbles pulses representing the values of the signal(s) to be transmitted. The number of nibbles will be fixed for each application of the encoding scheme (i.e. Single Secure sensor format A.3, Throttle position sensor A.1)
- One 4-bit Checksum nibble pulse- One optional pause pulse

See also SAE J2716 APR2016 for general SENT specification.

Nibble encoded period = 36 µsec + $x*(3$ µsec) (where x=0,1,..,15)

Figure 16 - SENT message encoding example for two 12bits signals

11.2.2. Sensor message frame contents

The SENT output transmits a sequence of data nibbles, according to the following configurations:

Table 31 - SENT Protocol Frame Definition

11.2.3. SENT Format Option

The default SENT format option of MLX90376 is Single Secure Sensor A.3 (H.4). The MLX90376 SENT transmits a sequence of data nibbles; according to single secure sensor format defined in SAE J2716 appendix H.4⁽⁴¹⁾. The frame contains 12-bit angular value, an 8 bit rolling counter and an inverted copy of the most significant nibble of angular value.

Figure 17 - H.4 Single Secure Sensor Frame Format

Table 32 - H.4 Single Secure Sensor Shorthand examples

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11.2.4. Start-up behaviour

The circuit will send initialisation frames once start-up is done but angle measurement initialisation sequence is not yet complete. These initialisation frames content can be chosen by user with the following option:

Table 33 - Initialization Frame Content Definition

11.2.5. Output configuration

In SENT mode, the MLX90376 can be configured in open drain mode, normal push-pull mode, as well as an enhanced emission mode, which is the default configuration, see also section [14.1.1.](#page-64-0)

The tick time is the unit reference for SENT. The default tick time value is 3μs.

The output resistive load, e.g. the external pull-up or pull-down resistor should be carefully selected, because the MLX90376 has a built-in high order low pass filter. A large resistive load will deteriorate the generated SENT signal, and could make the output signal not comply with the SENT specifications, such as the fall times and the minimum output voltages, e.g. parameters VsatD_lopp/VsatD_hipp in [Table 10](#page-13-0) in chapter [6.](#page-11-0) In principle, the values in [Table 10](#page-13-0) in chapter [6](#page-11-0) should be considered, which means it is not recommended to have a resistive load value smaller than 10kΩ, and a resistive load value smaller than 3kΩ should be avoided. The maximum output resistive load value should be less than 55kΩ to avoid unexpected impact from leakage current.

11.2.6. SENT Output Timing configuration

Different SENT output timing configurations are listed in the following tables

Table 34 - SENT Tick Time Configuration (-x30 code)

Table 35 - SENT Nibble configuration (high/low times)

11.2.7. Serial message channel (slow channel)

Serial data is transmitted sequentially in bit number 3 and 2 of the status and communication nibble. A serial message frame stretches over 18 consecutive SENT data messages from the transmitter. All 18 frames must be successfully received (no errors, calibration pulse variation, data nibble CRC error, etc.) for the serial value to be received.

11.2.7.1. Enhanced Serial Message (ESM)

Enhanced serial message with 12-bit data and 8-bit message ID is used (SAE J2716 APR2016 5.2.4.2, Figure 5.2.4.2-2). According to the standard, SM[0] contains a 6bits CRC followed by a 12-bits data. Message content is defined by a 8-bit message ID transmitted in the SM[1] channel. Correspondence between ID and message content is defined in the tables below [\(Table 36,](#page-40-0) [Table 37](#page-40-1) and [Table 38\)](#page-41-0).

Figure 18 - SENT Status Nibble and Serial Message

By default, the short sequence consisting of a cycle of 24 data is transmitted [\(Table 36\)](#page-40-0). An extended sequence can be used through configuration of SENT_SLOW_EXTENDED [\(Table 37\)](#page-40-1). Additionally, the norm of the B field detected by the sensor can be returned at the end of the sequence by setting SENT_SLOW_BFIELD [\(Table 38\)](#page-41-0)

Table 36 - SENT Enhanced Slow Channel Standard Data Sequence

Table 37 - SENT Slow Channel Extended Data Sequence

Table 38 - SENT Slow Channel Magnetic Field Norm ID and position

For Field Strength encoding, see section [14.5.4.](#page-79-0)

11.2.7.2. Short Serial Message (SSM)

Short serial message with 8-bit data and 4-bit message ID is used (SAE J2716 APR2016 5.2.4.1, Figure 5.2.4.1-1). According to the standard, it contains a 8-bit data followed by a 4-bit CRC.

Table 39 - SENT Short Serial Slow Channel Standard Data Sequence

11.2.8. Serial Message Error Code

11.2.8.1. Enhanced Serial Message (ESM)

The list of error and status messages transmitted in the 12-bit Serial Message data field when Serial Message 8-bit ID is 0x01, is given in the [Table 40.](#page-43-0) The error is one-hot encoded and therefore each bit is linked to one or several diagnostics. Only the first error detected during a diagnostics cycle is reported, and serial message error code will be updated at every diagnostics cycle. The serial message error code will only be cleared out once all the errors disappear. This mechanism ensures only one error at a time takes control of the error debouncing counter (see [14.5.2\)](#page-78-0).

The MSB acts as an error Flag when SENT_DIAG_STRICT is set. This bit will be high only when an error is present. This bit can be kept high even if no error is present (SENT_DIAG_STRICT = 0).

Table 40 - SENT Serial Message Error Code for Enhanced Serial Message

11.2.8.2. Short Serial Message (SSM)

The list of error and status messages transmitted in the 8-bit Serial Message data field when Serial Message 8-bit ID is 0x01, is given in the [Table 41.](#page-44-0) The error is one-hot encoded and therefore each bit is linked to one or several diagnostics. Only the first error detected is reported and serial message error code will not be updated until all the errors have disappeared. This mechanism ensures only one error at a time takes control of the error debouncing counter (see [14.5.2\)](#page-78-0).

Table 41 - SENT Serial Message Error Code for Short Serial Message

11.2.9. SENT configuration shorthand definition

Table 42 - SENT Shorthand Description

11.3. PWM (pulse width modulation) Output

11.3.1. Definition

Figure 19 - PWM Signal definition

Table 43 - PWM Signal definition

11.3.2. PWM performances

Table 44 - PWM Signal Specifications

11.4. SPC (Short PWM Code) Output

11.4.1. General Definition

The MLX90376 configured in SPC output mode (see [Table 3\)](#page-2-0) provides an SPC frame according to the SPC2015 rev1.0. It is an extension of the SAE J2716 SENT protocol. It allows on-demand transmission of one data frame where the master triggers the transfer of data. The transmission of the SPC frame is always triggered by the master in every mode (synchronous and with ID selection).

The SPC output of the MLX90376 transmits a sequence of data nibbles, according to the following configurations:

Table 45 - SENT Protocol Frame Definition

11.4.2. Tick Time requirements

The basic SPC protocol unit time is defined as 1.5 µs. The protocol standard requires a tick time variation of no more than 20% for legacy applications and 10% for general applications.

11.4.3. Output Configuration

In SPC mode, the MLX90376 can be configured in open drain or push-pull mode with enhanced emission mode, see section [14.1.1.](#page-64-0)

The default output driver configuration is to send the SENT frame in push-pull mode.

Users can select three options (see parameter SPC_PP_Option, in section [12\)](#page-55-0):

- IC is always in open drain
- IC sends the SENT frame from a pre-defined timer (SPC_OUT_ON_TH) to CRC in push-pull. It then returns to high-Z
- IC sends the SENT frame from a pre-defined timer (SPC_OUT_ON_TH) until end of a pre-defined timer (SPC_OUT_OFF_TH). It then returns to high-Z.

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Figure 20 - SPC output driver state switching

Table 46 - Push-pull duration in SPC mode

The sensor output driver can also be configured as open-drain to enable the master to drive the line. Initially the line is at high level, the chip is waiting for the master to pull it low. This state is called 'Idle state', meaning the sensor is not transmitting any data. At a given time, the master will send a trigger low pulse along the line. The embedded CPU of the sensor will measure this master pulse length. If it is recognized as a valid trigger, the chip will answer by sending back an SPC frame containing the current data. Several configurations of the SPC frame are available. If the trigger pulse is not valid, the chip will not transmit any data, keeping the line free. In order to set up the permanent open-drain mode (NV_ABE_OUT_MODE=1), it is important to configure the parameters NV_SPC_OUT_ON_TH and NV_SPC_OUT_OFF_TH thresholds according to the FRAME settings.

Figure 21 - SPC standard master-slave configuration

Like in SENT, the tick time is the unit reference for SPC. It can be as low as 0.5μs enabling fast transmission rate and short frames. However, the default tick time value is 1.5μs in SPC mode, to benefit from the fast acquisition and magnetic processing of the device.

For the MLX90376, the output resistance, e.g. the external pull-up or pull-down resistor should be carefully selected, because the MLX90376 has a built-in high order low pass filter, too heavy resistive load will

deteriorate the generated SPC signal, and could make the output signal not comply to the SPC specifications, such as the fall times and the minimum output voltages, i.e. parameters VsatD lopp/VsatD hipp and $V_{satD_loie}/V_{satD_hile}$ in section [6.](#page-11-0) In principle, the values section [6](#page-11-0) should be considered, which means it is not recommended to have a resistive load value smaller than 10kΩ, and a resistive load value smaller than 3kΩ should be avoided. The maximum output resistive load value should be less than 55kΩ to avoid unexpected impact from leakage current.

Furthermore, the output capacitance should also be properly chosen together with the output resistive load to correspondingly match the application, e.g. tick time, SPC ID, etc. to allow appropriate time window for the trigger pulse reception. The worst case scenario occurs for SPC ID0, where the trigger pulse should be recognized within only 4 ticks (refer to [Table 50](#page-52-0) and [Figure 26](#page-53-0) in section [11.4.7\)](#page-52-1), resulting in 6 μ s time window for 1.5 µs tick time SPC protocol. Therefore, RC time constant should be less than 6 µs in such application. When the time window for the trigger pulse reception changes, the resistive and capacitive load on output can be scaled correspondingly. It is also important to note that the mentioned capacitive load refers to the total load on the bus, meaning the value should be equally divided if there are multiple sensors connected, also the load on the ECU side should be taken into account and scaled properly.

11.4.4. SPC Output Timing configuration

Different SPC output timing configurations are listed in the following table:

Table 47 - SPC Tick Time Configuration

11.4.5. Frame Content

11.4.5.1. Global Definition

A message frame consists of the following sequence:

- **■** Trigger pulse
- **E** Synchronization pulse
- Status and communication nibble
- Data nibbles
- Checksum nibble
- End Lone pulse

The overall scheme of the SPC frame transmission is described in the following figure.

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Figure 22 - SPC Frame description

11.4.5.2. Trigger Pulse

The trigger pulse is considered to be part of the SPC frame. The timing related to this trigger pulse is critical as it is initializing the data transfer. The sensor is monitoring the line and computes the duration the line is kept low by the master. This time is called "master low time".

Table 48 - SPC Master Trigger Pulse Specifications

The falling edge of the trigger pulse is considered to be the reference of the protocol. The master low time is quantized using clock ticks.

After a non-valid trigger detected, a blanking time of five unit times (counted from the detected rising edge of the trigger pulse) is used by the sensor, before the next trigger measurement is performed. This concept improves EMC robustness and avoids unwanted answer from the chip if the line is subject to spikes.

After detection of a valid trigger and expiration of the trigger pulse time according to the selected transmission mode the sensor starts with the remaining protocol frame.

11.4.5.3. Status and communication nibble (SCN)

The status nibble contains information for error reporting and some optional information like the chip ID or slow channel data.

The position of the 2 status bits and 2 ID bits in SPC mode of MLX90376 complies with the one specified in the SPC standard, but can be reversed if the SENT-standard definition is preferred.

SCN 2 bit status [3:2]

Figure 23 - SPC Bus Transmission Mode Multiplex Example (SPC_SCN_BIT_ORDER=1)

Figure 24 - SENT Transmission Mode Multiplex Example (SPC_SCN_BIT_ORDER=0)

11.4.5.4. Data Nibble

The definition of the data nibbles in SPC matches with SENT. The number of data nibbles transmitted is determined by frame format configured. The data content is programmable. By default, 12 bits of data are transmitted in 3 nibbles.

11.4.5.5. Checksum Nibble

SPC protocol allows transmission of error/warning flags in the status and communication nibble. Then it is highly recommended to take this nibble into the checksum calculation. This option is programmable in the MLX90376. Nevertheless, to be SENT compatible, it is possible to limit the checksum input data to data nibbles only.

MLX90376 also supports the SPC improved nibble checksum algorithms (for the SENT nibbles), method -E and method-O.

11.4.5.6. Pause Pulse

The MLX90376 generates a pulse with a length of 12 clock ticks after transmission of checksum nibble. In that case the master cannot trigger the chip. During that period, MLX90376 is still holding the line. The blanking time is programmable, see parameters SPC_OUT_ON_TH, SPC_OUT_OFF_TH in section [12.](#page-55-0)

11.4.5.7. Temperature encoding

The temperature field in the SPC frames shall be encoded on 8bits (least significant nibble transmitted first), according to the SENT standard section A.5.3.2 and E.2.2.1.

11.4.6. Synchronous Transmission Mode

In the SPC synchronous mode, the sensor responds to a low pulse of duration between 1.5 and 4 tick times. When using this mode, the time between the end of the trigger pulse and the start of the SENT frame shall be set properly ⁽⁴³⁾, in order to ensure the synchronisation between the master and the chip, and the data gets acquired in the same frame, which is guaranteed with the condition of 3µs tick time.

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Table 49 - SPC Synchronous Timings

11.4.7. Bus Transmission Mode

In the on-demand timing modes, the sensor responds to SPC trigger pulses from the master when its low pulse time corresponds to its pre-programmed ID. The selection of the ID is done with the parameter SPC_ID.

Table 50 - Bus Transmission Mode Timings

The ECU is able to trigger only one chip on a bus. The maximum amount of chip on the bus line is 4. Each chip must have its output configured to open-drain with a different ID.

Figure 25 - SPC Bus Transmission Mode Multiplex Example

[Figure 26](#page-53-0) shows the timing diagram of the trigger pulse reception depending on the SPC ID.

Figure 26 - Time Window for the Trigger Pulse Reception

Notes:

- ID01 and ID03 are advised when only 2 sensors are on the bus
- For correct trigger pulse reception, the clock tolerance of the sensor, the time constant of the rising edge and the receiver threshold shall be considered
- The ECU may adjust the low trigger time to account for the time constant of the rising edge
- Example timings are calculated for the default 1.5µs tick time

Bus Transmission Mode allows two configurations for acquiring data and sending data:

- **The IC for which SPC ID matches acquires its data and sends in the same frame the data.**
- **EXTENDED All IC's on the bus acquire the data when a specific SPC ID is sent. Each IC buffers and transmits** when called upon, see [Figure 27.](#page-53-1)

Figure 27 - Acquire Data during one SPC ID on all ICs on the same bus. Buffer and send when SPC ID matches.

11.4.8. Programming in Bus Mode

The EoL programming can be executed even if 4 chips are connected to the same bus. The protocol is capable of selective communication with one chip connected in bus configuration together with other chips (up to 4 on the same line). It uses the MUPET_ADDRESS stored in NVRAM to select the chip to be programmed. When programming 4 chips in parallel, external serial resistors shall be avoided, and are in fact not needed, as the improved emission mode is addressing the additional filtering via a resistance implemented on chip. It enables EoL programming even if 4 chips are connected to the same bus. The SPC ID must be programmed up front. Discuss with your local sales representative for this option.

Figure 28 - Example of multiple units programming

12. End User Programmable Items

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Table 51 - MLX90376 End-User Programmable Items Table

Performances described in this document are only achieved by adequate programming of the device. To ensure desired functionality, Melexis recommends following its programming guide and to contact its technical or application service.

13. End User Identification Items

Table 52 - Melexis and Customer ID fields description

User identification numbers (48 bits) are freely usable by customers for traceability purpose. Other IDs are read only.

14. Description of End-User Programmable Items

14.1. Output Modes

14.1.1. OUT mode

Defines the Output Stage mode (outside fail-safe state) in application.

Table 53 - Output Mode Selection

14.1.2. Digital OUT protocol

Selection of the measurement timing mode and the corresponding output protocol

Table 54 - Protocol Selection

14.1.3. Serial Channel Configuration

Slow Channel configuration:

Table 55 - SENT Serial channel Configuration

14.1.4. PWM Output Mode

If PWM output mode is selected, the output signal is a digital signal with Pulse Width Modulation (PWM). The PWM polarity is selected by the PWMPOL parameter:

- PWM_POL = 0 for a low level at 100%
- PWM_POL = 1 for a high level at 100%

The PWM frequency is selected in the range [100, 2000] Hz by the T_FRAME parameter (12bits), defining the period time in the range [0.5; 10] ms. Minimum allowed value for T_FRAME is therefore 125 (0x7d).

$$
T_{PWM} = \frac{4}{10^6} \times T_FRAME
$$

The PWM period is subject to the same tolerances as the main clock (see ΔF_{ck}).

14.1.5. SPC Frame Formats

The SPC frame formats (see section [11.4.1](#page-47-0)) can be defined by the parameter "SPC_FORMATS", with the following overview:

Figure 29 - SPC Frame Format details

14.2. Output Transfer Characteristic

[Figure 30](#page-66-0) gives the simplified digital signal processing chain from the position after ADC to the output. This section explains the compensation capability of the IC. The remainder of this chapter explains every parameter in more detail.

Figure 30 - Digital Signal Process Chain from raw angle calculation to the Output data

There are 4 different possibilities to define the transfer function (LNR) as specified in the [Table 56.](#page-66-1)

- With 4 arbitrary points (defined by X and Y coordinates) and 5 slopes
- With 8 arbitrary points (defined by X and Y coordinates)
- **E** With 17 equidistant points for which only the Y coordinates are defined
- With 32 equidistant points for which only offset of Y compared to the average value is defined

Table 56 - Output Transfer Characteristic Selection Table

Table 57 - Output linearization and clamping parameters

14.2.1. Enable scaling Parameter

This parameter enables to double the scale of Y coordinates linearisation parameters from [0 .. 100]% to [- 50 .. 150]% according to the following table [\(Table 58\)](#page-68-1). This is valid for all linearisation schemes except the 32 points.

Table 58 - USEROPTION_SCALING parameter

14.2.2. CW (Clockwise) Parameter

14.2.2.1. CW (Clockwise) Parameter for PCB-less package

The CW parameter defines the magnet rotation direction.

- 0 or counter clockwise is defined by the 1-2-3-4 pin order direction for the SMP-4 package.
- 1 or clockwise is defined by the reverse direction: 4-3-2-1 pin order direction for the SMP-4 package.

Refer to the drawing in the sensitive spot positioning section [\(19.1.3\)](#page-91-0).

14.2.2.2. CW (Clockwise) Parameter for SMD packages

The CW parameter defines the magnet rotation direction.

- 0 or counter clockwise is the defined by 1-4-5-8 pin order direction for the SOIC-8 package, 1-8-9-16 pin order direction for the TSSOP-16 package.
- 1 or clockwise is defined by the reverse direction: 8-5-4-1 pin order direction for the SOIC-8 package, 16-9-8-1 pin order direction for the TSSOP-16 package.

Refer to the drawing in the sensitive spot positioning sections [\(19.2.1.3](#page-94-0) and [19.2.2.3](#page-96-0)[19.1.3\)](#page-91-0).

14.2.3. Discontinuity Point (or Zero Degree Point)

The Discontinuity Point defines the 0° point on the circle. The discontinuity point places the origin at any location of the trigonometric circle. The DP is used as reference for all the angular measurements.

Figure 31 - Discontinuity Point Positioning

14.2.4. 4-pts LNR Parameters

The LNR parameters, together with the clamping values, fully define the relation (the transfer function) between the digital angle and the output signal.

The shape of the MLX90376 4-pts transfer function from the digital angle value to the digital output is described in [Figure 32.](#page-69-0) Seven segments can be programmed but the clamping levels are always flat.

Two to six calibration points are available, reducing the overall non-linearity of the IC by almost an order of magnitude each time. Three or more calibration points will be preferred by customers looking for excellent non-linearity figures. Two-point calibrations will be preferred by customers looking for a lower cost calibration set-up and shorter calibration time.

Figure 32 - 4-pts Linearization Parameters Description

14.2.5. 8-pts LNR Parameters

The LNR parameters, together with the clamping values, fully define the relation (the transfer function) between the digital angle and the output signal.

The shape of the MLX90376 8-pts transfer function from the digital angle value to the output voltage is described in [Figure 33.](#page-70-0) Eight calibration points [LNR_X0...7, LNR_Y0...7] together with 2 fixed points at the extremity of the range ([0°, 0%] ; [360°, 100%]) divides the transfer curve into 9 segments. Each segment is defined by 2 points and the values in between is calculated by linear interpolation.

Figure 33 - 8-pts Linearization Parameters Description

14.2.6. 17-pts LNR Parameters

The LNR parameters, together with the clamping values, fully define the relation (the transfer function) between the digital angle and the output signal.

The shape of the MLX90376 17-pts transfer function from the digital angle value to the output voltage is described in [Figure 34.](#page-71-0) In the 17-pts mode, the output transfer characteristic is Piece-Wise-Linear (PWL).

Figure 34 - 17-pts Linearization Parameters Description

All the Y-coordinates can be programmed from -50% up to +150% to allow clamping in the middle of one segment (like on the figure), but the output value is limited to CLAMPLOW and CLAMPHIGH values. Between two consecutive points, the output characteristic is interpolated.

14.2.7. 33-pts LNR parameters

The LNR parameters, together with the clamping values, fully define the relation (the transfer function) between the digital angle and the output signal.

The shape of the MLX90376 33-pts transfer function from the digital angle value to the output voltage is described in [Figure 35](#page-72-0) below. In the 33-pts mode, the output transfer characteristic is Piece-Wise-Linear (PWL).

The points are spread evenly across the working range (see. [14.2.8](#page-73-0) and [14.2.9](#page-73-1) for working range selection). The Y-coordinates can be offset from the ideal characteristic within an adjustable range defined by LNR_DELTA_Y_EXPAND_LOG2. The available values are summarized in [Table 59.](#page-72-1) All LNR_delta_Y## parameters are encoded in a fractional signed 8-bit value.

Figure 35 - 33-pts Linearization Parameters Description

Table 59 - LRN_DELTA_Y_EXPAND_LOG2 values and correction resolution

14.2.8. WORK RANGE Parameter for Angle Range Selection

The parameter WORK_RANGE determines the input range on which the 16 or 32 segments are uniformly spread. This parameter is provided for compatibility with former versions of Melexis Triaxis sensors. For full featured working range selection, see [14.2.9.](#page-73-1) For WORK_RANGE parameter, following table applies.

Table 60 - Work range for 180° periodicity (ordering code -1xx, -5xx)

Table 61 - Work range for 360° periodicity (ordering code -2xx, -3xx, -6xx)

Outside of the selected range, the output will remain at clamping levels.

14.2.9. WORK_RANGE_GAIN Parameter for Angle Range Selection

Alternatively, the range for the angle can be selected using the WORK RANGE GAIN parameter, which applies a fixed gain to the transfer characteristics. WORK_RANGE_GAIN is coded on 8 bits where the 4 MSB defines the integer part and the 4 LSB the fractional part (in power of twos). Therefore, the following equation applies to define the angle range *w*:

$$
w = \frac{16 * MaxRange}{WORK_RANGE_GAIN}
$$

MaxRange depends on the application. It is 360° for ordering code -2xx / -3xx / -6xx, and 180° for ordering code -1xx / -5xx (rotary stray-field immune). Both minimal and maximal angles are then defined by:

$$
\theta_{min} = \frac{MaxRange - w}{2} \; ; \; \theta_{max} = \frac{MaxRange + w}{2}
$$

where θ_{min} corresponds to the angle yielding 0% output and θ_{max} the angle giving a 100% output.

Using WORK_RANGE_GAIN parameter, the anchor point is kept at *MaxRange*/2 and the range is symmetrically set around this value. It creates a zoom-in of the angle around this point. Following tables give some values as example:

GAIN	Factor	Range (w)	θmin	θ max	Δx 17pts	Δx 32pts
0x10		180°	0°	180°	11.25°	5.63°
0x20	2	90°	45°	135°	5.63°	2.81°
0x40	$\overline{4}$	45°	67.5°	112.5°	2.81°	1.41°
0xFF	15.94	11.3°	78.7°	101.3°	0.71°	0.35°

Table 62 - Working range defined by WORK_RANGE_GAIN parameter (ordering code -1xx, -5xx)

GAIN	Factor	Range (w)	Omin	θ max	Δx 17pts	Δx 32pts
0x10		360°	0°	360°	22.5°	11.3°
0x20		180°	90°	270°	11.3°	5.6°
0x40	4	90°	135°	225°	5.6°	2.8°
0xFF	15.94	22.6°	168.7°	191.3°	1.41°	0.71°

Table 63 - Working range defined by WORK_RANGE_GAIN parameter (ordering code -2xx, -3xx, -6xx)

Outside of the working range, the output will remain at clamping levels.

14.2.10. Thermal OUTSLOPE offset correction

Two parameters, OUTSLOPEHOT and OUTSLOPECOLD, are used to add a temperature dependent offset. This feature is enabled by the parameter OUTSLOPE_SEL that apply this modification either directly to the angle or after the linearisation function. The MLX90376 uses its internal linearized temperature to compute the offset shift as depicted in the figure [below](#page-75-0) [\(Figure 36\)](#page-75-1).

Figure 36 - Temperature compensated offset

The thermal offset can be added or subtracted to the output, before the clamping. The span of this offset is ±6.25% of the full output scale for a temperature difference of 128°C. The added thermal offset varies with temperature following the equations below. The two thermal coefficients are encoded in signed two's complement 8bit format (-128..127) and defined separately below 35°C (OUTSLOPECOLD) and above 35°C (OUTSLOPEHOT).

Table 64 - Temperature compensated offset selection parameter

If IC internal temperature is higher than 35°C then:

 $\theta_{Tcomp} = \theta_{in} - \Delta T \cdot \text{OUTSLOPEHOT}$

If IC internal temperature is lower than 35°C then:

 $\theta_{Tcomp} = \theta_{in} - \Delta T \cdot \text{OUTSLOPECOLD}$

where θ_{in} is either θ_{r2p} or θ_{out} depending on OUSLOPE_SEL value.

14.2.11. CLAMPING Parameters

The clamping levels are two independent values to limit the output voltage range. The CLAMPLOW parameter adjusts the minimum output level. The CLAMPHIGH parameter sets the maximum output. Both parameters have 16 bits of adjustment and are available for all four LNR modes. As output data res olution is limited to 12 bits, both in SENT and in PWM, the 4 LSB of this parameter will have no significant effect on the output. The value is encoded in fractional code, from 0% to 100%

14.3. Sensor Front-End

Table 65 - Sensing Mode and Front-End Configuration

14.3.1. SENSING MODE

The SENSING_MODE parameter defines which sensing mode and fields are used to calculate the angle. The different possibilities are described in the tables below. This 3-bit value selects the first (B1) and second (B2) field components according to the [Table 66](#page-76-0) content.

Table 66 - Sensing Mode Description

14.3.2. GAINMIN and GAINMAX Parameters

GAINMIN and GAINMAX define the thresholds on the gain code outside which the fault "GAIN out of Spec." is reported. If GAINSATURATION is set, then the virtual gain code is clamped at GAINMIN and GAINMAX, and no diagnostic fault will be set since the clamping will prevent the gain from exceeding GAINMIN and GAINMAX.

14.4. Filtering

The MLX90376 includes 2 types of filters:

- **EXPONER FILTER IS A LIGG AT A THE AVALUTE FILTER** Exponential moving average (EMA) Filter: programmater **FILTER**
- Low Pass FIR Filters controlled with the FILTER parameter

Table 67 - Filtering configuration

14.4.1. Exponential Moving Average (IIR) Filter

The HYST parameter is a hysteresis threshold to activate / de-activate the exponential moving average filter. The output value of the IC is updated with the applied filter when the digital step is smaller than the programmed HYST parameter value. The output value is updated without applying the filter when the increment is bigger than the hysteresis. The filter reduces therefore the noise but still allows a fast step response for bigger angle changes. The hysteresis must be programmed to a value close to the internal magnetic angle noise level (1LSB = $8 \cdot 360/2^{16}$).

$$
y_n = a * x_n + (1 - a) * y_{n-i}
$$

$$
x_n = Angle
$$

$$
y_n = Output
$$

The filters characteristic is given in the following table [\(Table 68\)](#page-77-0):

Table 68 - IIR Filter characteristics

14.4.2. FIR Filters

The MLX90376 features 2 FIR filter modes controlled with Filter = 1…2. Filter = 0 corresponds to no filtering. The transfer function is described by:

$$
y_n = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=0}^{j} a_i} \sum_{i=0}^{j} a_i x_{n-i}
$$

This filter characteristic is given in the [Table 69.](#page-77-1)

Table 69 - FIR Filter Characteristics

14.5. Programmable Diagnostics Settings

14.5.1. Diagnostics Global Enable

DIAG_EN must be kept to its default value (1) to retain all functional safety abilities of the MLX90376. This feature shall not be disabled.

14.5.2. Diagnostic Debouncer

A debouncing algorithm is available for analog diagnostic reporting (see chapter [15\)](#page-80-0). Enabling this debouncer will increase the FHTI of the device. Therefore, Melexis recommends keeping the debouncing of analog faults off, by not modifying below described values. The factory default settings mentioned in chapter [12](#page-55-0) should be used.

Table 70 - Diagnostic debouncing parameters

Once an analog monitor detects an error, it takes control of the debouncing counter. This counter will be incremented by STEPUP value each time this specific monitor is evaluated and the error is still present. When the debouncing counter reaches the value defined by DEBOUNCE_THRESH, an error is reported on the error channel, and the debouncing counter stays clamped to this DEBOUNCE THRESH value (see section [11.2.8](#page-43-0) for SENT error message codes, and [14.5.5](#page-79-0) for PWM error reporting). Once the error disappears, each time its monitor is evaluated, the debouncing counter is decremented by STEPDOWN value. When the debouncing counter reaches zero, the error disappears from the reporting channel and the debouncing counter is released. To implement proper reporting times, one should refer to the FHTI, see chapter [15.3.](#page-84-0) The reporting and recovery time are defined in the table below (valid for THRESH≠0).

Table 71 - Diagnostic Reporting and Recovery times

14.5.3. Over/Under Temperature Diagnostic

DIAG TEMP THR HIGH defines the threshold for over temperature detection and is compared to the linearized value of the temperature sensor T_{LIN}. DIAG_TEMP_THR_LOW defines the threshold for under temperature detection and is compared to the linearized value of the temperature sensor T_{LIN}

T_{LIN} is encoded using the SENT standard for temperature sensor. One can get the physical temperature of the die using following formula:

$$
T_{PHY}[^{\circ}C] = \frac{T_{LIN}}{8} - 73.15
$$

DIAG_TEMP_THR_LOW/HIGH are encoded on 8-bit unsigned values with the following relationship towards T_{Lin}

$$
DIAG_TEMP_THR_{(LOW/HIGH)} = \frac{T_{LIN}}{16}
$$

The value of TLIN is clamped between the thresholds defined by DIAG_TEMP_THR_LOW and DIAG_TEMP_THR_HIGH.

Following table summarizes the characteristics of the linearized temperature sensor and the encoding of the temperature monitor thresholds.

Table 72 - Linearized Temperature Sensor characteristics

14.5.4. Field Strength and Field Monitoring Diagnostics

Field Strength is compensated over the circuit operating temperature range and represents a reliable image of the field intensity generated by the magnet. Field Strength value is optionally available in SENT secondary fast channel.

14.5.5. PWM Diagnostic

DC_FAULT - This parameter defines the duty-cycle that is present on the PWM output in case of diagnostic reporting.

DC_FIELDTOOLOW - This parameter defines the duty-cycle that is output in case of Field Too Low, from 0% till 100 % by steps of (100/256) %.

15. Functional Safety

15.1. Safety Manual

The safety manual, available upon request, contains the necessary information to integrate the MLX9037 6 component in a safety related item, as Safety Element Out-of-Context (SEooC). A safety manual addendum is also proposed for the dual-die products integration.

In particular, it includes:

- The description of the Product Development lifecycle tailored for the Safety Element.
- An extract of the Technical Safety concept.
- The description of Assumptions-of-Use (AoU) of the element with respect to its intended use, including:
	- assumption on the device safe state;
	- assumptions on fault tolerant time interval and multiple-point faults detection interval;
	- assumptions on the context, including its external interfaces;
- The description of safety analysis results (at the device level, to be used for the system integration), HW architectural metrics and description of dependent failures initiators.
- The description and the result of the functional safety assessment process; list of confirmation measures and description of the independency level.

15.2. Safety Mechanisms

The MLX90376 provides numerous self-diagnostic features (safety mechanisms). Those features increase the robustness of the IC functionality either by preventing the IC from providing an erroneous output signal or by reporting the failure according to the SENT protocol definition.

Legend

● High coverage

○ Medium coverage

ANA: Analog hardware failure reporting, described in the safety manual

High-Z: Special reporting, output is set in high impedance mode (no HW fail-safe mode/timeout, no SW safe startup)

DIG: Digital hardware failure reporting, described in the safety manual

At Startup: HW fault present at time zero is detected before a first frame is transmitted.

DIAG EN: This safety mechanism can be disabled by setting DIAG EN = 0 (see chapter 12 End User [Programmable Items\)](#page-55-0). This option should not be used in application mode!

Table 73 - Self Diagnostic Legend

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Table 74 - MLX90376 List of Self Diagnostics with Characteristics

15.3. Fault Handling Time Interval

Table 75 – Glossary of Terms for the Definition Regarding Fault Handling Time Interval

The following table details the cycle time, execution time and reporting time for all monitors included in MLX90376. In all cases, the worst-case timing values are provided in the table below:

Note:

- **The orange colour coding** shows the worst-case FHTI for analog and digital diagnostics
- The ROM and RAM parity mechanism trigger a fail-safe state on the failing ROM or RAM word is accessed. (It is assumed that it will be accessed within one full diagnostic cycle in worst case)

Table 76 - Timings of the cyclic detection mechanism

▪ EXE/REP time = 0 means that the execution or reporting time is negligible compared to the FHTI value

16. Recommended Application Diagrams

16.1. Wiring with the MLX90376 in SMP-4 Package (built-in capacitors)

Figure 37 - Internal wiring of the MLX90376 in SMP-4 package

Table 77 - SMP-4 Capacitors configurations

16.2. Wiring with the MLX90376 in SMD packages

16.2.1. SOIC-8 Package

[Figure 37](#page-86-0) shows the typical recommended application circuit for the MLX90376 in SOIC-8 package, and [Table 77](#page-86-1) shows the corresponding value of the external components.

Figure 38 - Recommended wiring for the MLX90376 in SOIC-8 package

Table 78 - Recommended Values for the MLX90376 in SOIC-8 Package

 C_2 should consider the total capacitance on the bus. C_4 , C_5 , R_1 , R_2 are not needed under typical conditions. They are only needed, when extremely high electromagnetic immunity (EMI) compliance is required, but the value of the resistors and capacitors should not exceed 10Ω and 1nF.

In SENT protocol, an external pi-filter to improve radiated emission performance is not needed. The MLX90376 has a built-in high order low pass filter. Therefore, any additional external filter will deteriorate the generated SENT signal, and could make the output signal not comply to the SENT specifications, such as the fall times and the minimum output voltages.

16.2.2. Wiring with the MLX90376 in TSSOP-16_EP Package

[Figure 39](#page-88-0) shows the typical recommended application circuit for the MLX90376 in TSSOP-16 EP package, and [Table 79](#page-88-1) shows the corresponding value of the external components.

Figure 39 - Recommended wiring for the MLX90376 in TSSOP-16_EP dual-die package

Table 79 - Recommended Values for the MLX90376 in TSSOP-16_EP dual-die Package

 C_{x2} should consider the total capacitance on the bus. C_{x4} , C_{x5} , R_{x1} , R_{x2} are not needed under typical conditions. They are only needed, when extremely high electromagnetic immunity (EMI) compliance is required, but the value of the resistors and capacitors should not exceed 10 Ω and 1nF.

In SENT or SPC protocol, an external pi-filter to improve radiated emission performance is not needed. The MLX90376 has a built-in high order low pass filter. Therefore, any additional external filter will deteriorate the generated output signal, and could make the output signal not comply to the SENT or SPC specifications, such as the fall times and the minimum output voltages.

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17.1. Soldering recommendations for the Exposed Pad (EP) in TSSOP-16

The MLX90376ABA in a stacked die configuration come in a TSSOP package with an exposed pad. This package is used to enable sufficient space for the die stacking. The exposed pad is **not** used to improve the thermal dissipation of the IC. Consequently, the dice are isolated with regards to the exposed pad, both electrically and thermally. To guarantee product performance and electrical safety, the following guidelines shall be followed when designing the PCB.

A copper pad of adequate size shall be placed under the exposed pad on the PCB. For electrical safety and optimal EMC and noise performance, the copper pad on the PCB shall remain electrically inactive (FLOAT, not connected to any electrical net). It is not necessary to solder the package exposed pad to the PCB. When soldered, the following remarks shall be taken into consideration:

- a stencil of minimal thickness of 150um shall be used
- dispensing shall be limited to two dots of 1mm maximum diameter
- a limited force of 1N to 2 N should be applied to the TSSOP package to secure wetting contact of the exposed pad to solder paste

18. ESD Precautions

Electronic semiconductor products are sensitive to Electro Static Discharge (ESD).

Always observe Electro Static Discharge control procedures whenever handling semiconductor products.

19. Package Information

19.1. SMP-4 Package

19.1.1. SMP-4 - Package Outline Dimensions (POD)

 $H10$

 $H11$

 $H12$

 $H13$

5.085

3 4 0 0

5.900

8.400

 $5,200$

3 5 5 0

6.050

8.550

5.315

3700

6 200

8.700

NOTES:

DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETER UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

 \bigtriangleup package width does not include mold flash, protrusions or cate burrs. Mold flash, protrusions or cate burrs
SHALL NOT EXCED 0.15MM PER END. PACKAGE LENGTH DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERLEAD FLASH OR PROTRUSION. INTERLEAD F

A THE PACKAGE TOP MAY BE SMALLER THAN THE PACKAGE BOTTOM. PACKAGE WIDTH AND LENGTH ARE DETERMINED AT THE OUTERMOST
EXTREMES OF THE PLASTIC BODY EXCLUSIVE OF MOLD FLASH, TIE BAR BURRS, GATE BURRS AND INTERLEAD FLASH.

4. PLATING SPECS: MATTED TIN, ELECTROPLATED, 12 ± 5 MICROMETER (um) THICKNESS

5. ALL "EARS" ARE CONNECTED TO ELECTRIC GROUND.

Figure 40 - SMP-4 Package Outline Dimensions

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Figure 41 - SMP-4 Pinout and Marking

19.1.3. SMP-4 - Sensitive spot positioning

19.1.4. SMP-4 - Angle detection

Figure 43 - SMP-4 Angle Detection

The MLX90376 is an absolute angular position sensor but the linearity error (See section [9\)](#page-29-0) does not include the error linked to the absolute reference 0 Deg (which can be fixed in the application through the discontinuity point).

19.2. SMD packages

19.2.1. SOIC-8 Package

19.2.1.1. SOIC-8 - Package Outline Dimensions (POD)

Figure 44 - SOIC-8 Package Outline Dimensions

19.2.1.2. SOIC-8 - Pinout and Marking

19.2.1.3. SOIC-8 - Sensitive spot positioning

Figure 46 - SOIC-8 sensitive spot for rotary Stray-Field immune and standard/legacy modes

19.2.1.4. SOIC-8 - Angle detection

The MLX90376 is an absolute angular position sensor but the linearity error (See section [9\)](#page-29-0) does not include the error linked to the absolute reference 0 Deg (which can be fixed in the application through the discontinuity point).

Figure 47 - SOIC-8 Angle Detection for MLX90376ABA

19.2.2. TSSOP-16_EP Package

19.2.2.1. TSSOP-16_EP - Package Outline Dimensions (POD)

NOTE:

SIDE VIEW

- 1. ALL DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETERS (mm) UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
- 2. DIMENSION D DOES NOT INCLUDE MOLD FLASH, PROTRUSIONS OR GATE BURRS OF MAX 0.15 mm PER SIDE.
- 3. DIMENSION E DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERLEADS FLASH OR PROTRUSIONS OF MAX 0.25 mm PER SIDE.
- 4. DIMENSION b DOES NOT INCLUDE DAMBAR PROTRUSION OF MAX 0.08 mm.
- 5. LEAD COPLANARITY SHALL BE MAXIMUM 0.1 mm.

Figure 48 - TSSOP-16_EP Package Outline Dimensions

SIDE VIEW

19.2.2.3. TSSOP-16_EP - Sensitive spot positioning

19.2.2.4. TSSOP-16_EP - Angle detection

The MLX90376 is an absolute angular position sensor but the linearity error (See section [9\)](#page-29-0) does not include the error linked to the absolute reference 0 Deg (which can be fixed in the application through the discontinuity point).

Figure 51 - TSSOP-16_EP Angle Detection for MLX90376ABA

19.3. Package Thermal Performances

19.3.1. Package Thermal Performances for SMP-4 package

The table below describe the thermal behaviour of available packages following JEDEC EIA/JESD 51 .X standard.

Table 80 - SMP-4 Package Thermal Performances

19.3.2. Package Thermal Performances for SMD packages

The table below describe the thermal behaviour of available packages following JEDEC EIA/JESD 51.X standard

Table 81 - SOIC-8 and TSSOP-16_EP Package Thermal Performances

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