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TAS3251 175-W Stereo, 350-W Mono Ultra-HD Digital-Input Class-D Amplifier with Advanced DSP Processing

1 Features

- Flexible Audio Inputs
	- I²S, TDM, Left-Justified, Right-Justified
	- 32 kHz, 44.1 kHz, 48 kHz, 96 kHz
	- Supports 3-Wire Digital Input (No MCLK)
- Total Output Power at 10% THD+N
	- 175-W Stereo into 4 Ω in BTL Configuration
	- 220-W Stereo into 3 Ω in BTL Configuration
	- 350-W Mono into 2 Ω in PBTL Configuration
- • Total Output Power at 1% THD+N
	- 140-W Stereo into 4 Ω in BTL Configuration
	- 175-W Stereo into 3 Ω in BTL Configuration
	- $-$ 285-W Mono into 2 Ω in PBTL Configuration
- Advanced Integrated Closed-Loop Design
	- Ultra Low 0.01% THD+N at 1 W Into 4 Ω
	- <0.01% THD+N to Clipping
	- 60 dB PSRR (BTL, No Input Signal)
	- <95 µV Output Noise (A-Weighted)
	- >108 dB SNR (A-Weighted)
- Fixed-Function Processing Features
	- SmartEQ (Up To 15x BiQuads Per Channel)
	- Crossover EQ (2x 5 BiQuads)
	- 3-Band Advanced DRC + AGL
	- Dynamic EQ and SmartBass
- Sample Rate Conversion
- **Control Features**
	- $-$ I²C Software Mode Control
	- Address Select Pin
- 90% Efficient Class-D Operation (4 Ω)
- Wide 12-V to 36-V Supply Voltage Operation
- Integrated Protection with Error Reporting: Undervoltage, Cycle-by-cycle Current Limit, Short Circuit, Clipping detection, Overtemperature Warning and Shutdown and DC Speaker **Protection**

2 Applications

- Bluetooth and WiFi Speakers
- **Soundbars**
- **Subwoofers**
- Bookshelf Stereo Systems
- Professional and Public Address (PA) Speakers
- Active Crossover and Two-Way Speakers

3 Description

TAS3251 is a digital-input, high-performance Class-D audio amplifier that enables true premium sound quality with Class-D efficiency. The digital front-end features a high-performance Burr-Brown™ DAC with integrated DSP for advanced audio processing, including SmartAmp and SmartEQ. The first highpower single-chip solution reduces overall system solution size and cost. The DSP is supported by TI PurePath™ Console Graphical tuning software for quick and easy speaker tuning and control. The Class-D power stage features advanced integrated feedback and proprietary high-speed gate drive error correction for ultra-low distortion and noise across the audio band. The device operates in AD-mode and can drive up to 2 x 175 W into 4 $Ω$ load and 2 x 220 W into 3 Ω load.

Device Information

(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.

Simplified Schematic

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Pin Functions

(1) I=Input, O=Output, I/O= Input/Output, P=Power, G=Ground

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7 Specifications

7.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Free-air room temperature 25°C (unless otherwise noted)⁽¹⁾

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. Theseare stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditionsbeyond those indicated under *[Recommended Operating](#page-7-0) [Conditions](#page-7-0)* is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions forextended periods may affect device reliability.

(2) These voltages represents the DC voltage + peak AC waveformmeasured at the terminal of the device in all conditions..

7.2 ESD Ratings

(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 2000-V HBM allows safemanufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

(2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 500-V CDM allows safemanufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

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7.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

Free-air room temperature 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

(1) DAC_DVDD referenced digital pins include: ADR, LRCK, MCLK, DAC_MUTE, SCL, SCLK, SDA, SDIN, SDOUT and XPU.

(2) Front-end (DAC and DSP) pins should be referenced to DAC_DVDD. Power stage digital pins should be referenced to DVDD.

(3) All TAS3251 ground pins should be referenced to the system ground.

7.4 Thermal Information

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermalmetrics, see the *[Semiconductor and ICPackage Thermal Metrics](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SPRA953)* application report.

7.5 Amplifier Electrical Characteristics

(1) Specified by design.

Amplifier Electrical Characteristics (continued)

PVDD_X = 36 V, GVDD_X = 12 V, VDD = 12 V, T_C (Case temperature) = 75°C, f_s = 600 kHz, unless otherwise specified.

7.6 DAC Electrical Characteristics

Free-air room temperature 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

(1) DAC_DVDD referenced digital pins include: ADR, LRCK, MCLK, DAC_MUTE, SCL, SCLK, SDA, SDIN, SDOUT and XPU.

 (2) A unit of f_S indicates that the specification is the value listed in the table multiplied by the sample rate of the audio used in the TAS3251 device.

7.7 Audio Characteristics (BTL)

PCB and system configuration are in accordance with recommended guidelines. Audio frequency = 1 kHz, PVDD_X = 36 V, GVDD_X = 12 V, R_L = 4 Ω, f_S = 600 kHz, R_{OC} = 22 kΩ, T_C= 75°C, Output Filter: L_{DEM} = 10 μH, C_{DEM} = 1 μF, MODE = 0, AES17 + AUX-0025 measurement filters, unless otherwise noted.

(1) SNR is calculated relative to 1% THD+N outputlevel.

(2) Actual system idle losses also are affected by core losses of output inductors.

7.8 Audio Characteristics (PBTL)

PCB and system configuration are in accordance with recommended guidelines. Audio frequency = 1 kHz, PVDD_X = 36 V, GVDD_X = 12 V, R_L = 2 Ω, f_S = 600 kHz, R_{OC} = 22 kΩ, T_C= 75°C, Output Filter: L_{DEM} = 10 μH, C_{DEM} = 1 μF, MODE = 1, outputs paralleled after LC filter, AES17 + AUX-0025 measurement filters, unlessotherwise noted.

(1) SNR is calculated relative to 1% THD+N output level.

(2) Actual system idle losses are affected by core losses of output inductors.

7.10 Serial Audio Port Timing – Slave Mode

See [Figure 2.](#page-14-2)

7.11 Serial Audio Port Timing – Master Mode

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7.12 I²C Bus Timing –Standard

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Figure 1. Timing Requirements for MCLK Input

Figure 2. MCLK Timing Diagram in Slave Mode

Timing Diagrams (continued)

Figure 3. MCLK Timing Diagram in Master Mode

7.15 Typical Characteristics

7.15.1 BTL Configuration

All Measurements taken at audio frequency = 1 kHz, PVDD_X = 36 V, GVDD_X = 12 V, R_L = 4 Ω , f_S = 600 kHz, R_{OC} = 22 kΩ, T_C = 75°C, Output Filter: L_{DEM} = 10 μH, C_{DEM} = 1 μF, MODE = 0, AES17 + AUX-0025 measurement filters, unless otherwise noted.

BTL Configuration (continued)

7.15.2 PBTL Configuration

All Measurements taken at audio frequency = 1 kHz, PVDD_X = 36 V, GVDD_X = 12 V, R_L = 2 Ω , f_S = 600 kHz, R_{OC} = 22 kΩ, T_C = 75 °C, Output Filter: L_{DEM} = 10 µH, C_{DEM} = 1 µF, MODE = 1, outputs paralleled after LC filter, AES17 + AUX-0025 measurement filters, unless otherwise noted.

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PBTL Configuration (continued)

8 Detailed Description

8.1 Overview

The TAS3251 device integrates four main building blocks into a single cohesive device that maximizes sound quality, flexibility, and ease of use. These include:

- Burr-Brown™ stereo audio DAC with a highly flexible serial audio port
- µCDSP, TI's latest audio processing core with a pre-programmed DSP audio process flows
- High-Performance, Ultra-HD Closed-loop Class-D amplifier capable of operating in stereo or mono
- An I²C control port for communication and control of the device

The device requires three power supplies for proper operation. A 3.3 V rail for the low voltage circuitry and DAC, a 12 V rail for the amplifier gate-drive, and PVDD which is required to provide power to the output stage of the audio amplifier. The operating range for these supplies is shown in the *[Recommended Operating Conditions](#page-7-0)*.

The communication and control interface for the device uses I²C. A speaker amplifier fault output is also provided to notify a system controller of the occurrence of an overtemperature, overcurrent or undervoltage event.

The µCDSP audio processing core is pre-programmed with configurable DSP programs. The PurePath™ Console 3 software with the TAS3251 App available on TI.com provides the tools to control and tune the preprogrammed audio process flows.

8.2 Functional Block Diagram

8.3 Feature Description

8.3.1 Power-on-Reset (POR) Function

The TAS3251 device has a power-on reset function. The power-on reset feature resets all of the registers to their default configuration as the device is powering up. When the low-voltage power supply used to power DVDD, AVDD, and CPVDD exceeds the POR threshold, the device sets all of the internal registers to their default values and holds them there until the device receives valid MCLK, SCLK, and LRCK/FS toggling for a period of approximately 4 ms. After the toggling period has passed, the internal reset of the registers is removed and the registers can be programmed via the I²C Control Port.

8.3.2 Enable Device

To enable the device and play audio after power is applied write the following to the device over I2C. book 0x00, page 0x00, register 0x02 to 0x00. The following is a sample script for enabling the device:

w 90 00 00 # Go to page 0 w 90 7f 00 # Go to book 0 w 90 02 00 # Enable device

8.3.3 DAC and DSP Clocking

The TAS3251 front-end (DAC and DSP) has flexible systems for clocking. Internally, the device requires a number of clocks, mostly at related clock rates to function correctly. All of these clocks can be derived from the Serial Audio Interface in one form or another. See section [Oscillator for Output Power Stage](#page-39-0)for setting the output stage oscillator and switching frequency.

Figure 21. Audio Flow with Respective Clocks

[Figure 21](#page-21-1) shows the basic data flow at basic sample rate (f_S) . When the data is brought into the serial audio interface, the data is processed, interpolated and modulated to 128 \times f_S before arriving at the current segments for the final digital to analog conversion.

[Figure 22](#page-22-0) shows the clock tree.

Feature Description (continued)

Figure 22. TAS3251 Clock Distribution Tree

The Serial Audio Interface typically has 4 connection pins which are listed as follows:

- MCLK (System Master Clock)
- SCLK (Serial or Bit Clock)
- LRCK/FS (Left-Right Word Clock and Frame Sync)
- SDIN (Input Data)
- SDOUT can be used to output pre- or post-processed DSP data for use externally (See the *[SDOUT Port and](#page-36-0) [Hardware Control Pins](#page-36-0)* section)

The device has an internal PLL that is used to take either MCLK or SCLK and create the higher rate clocks required by the DSP and the DAC clock.

In situations where the highest audio performance is required, bringing MCLK to the device along with SCLK and LRCK/FS is recommended. The device should be configured so that the PLL is only providing a clock source to the DSP. All other clocks are then a division of the incoming MCLK. To enable the MCLK as the main source clock, with all others being created as divisions of the incoming MCLK, set the DAC CLK source mux (SDAC in [Figure 22](#page-22-0)) to use MCLK as a source, rather than the output of the MCLK/PLL mux.

8.3.3.1 Internal Clock Error Notification (CLKE)

When a clock error is detected on the incoming data clock, the TAS3251 device switches to an internal oscillator and continues to the drive the DAC, while attenuating the data from the last known value. Once this process is complete, the DAC outputs will be hard muted to the ground and the Class-D PWM output will stop switching. The clock error can be monitored at B0-P0-R94 and R95. The clock error status bits are non-latching, except for MCLK halted B0-P0-R95-D[4] which is cleared when read.

Feature Description (continued)

8.3.4 Serial Audio Port

8.3.4.1 Clock Master Mode from Audio Rate Master Clock

In Master Mode, the device generates bit clock and left-right and frame sync clock and outputs them on the appropriate pins. To configure the device in master mode, first put the device into reset, then use registers SCLKO and LRKO (P0-R9). Then reset the LRCK/FS and SCLK divider counters using bits RSCLK and RLRK (P0-R12). Finally, exit reset.

[Figure 23](#page-23-1) shows a simplified serial port clock tree for the device in master mode.

Figure 23. Simplified Clock Tree for MCLK Sourced Master Mode

In master mode, MCLK is an input and SCLK and LRCK/FS are outputs. SCLK and LRCK/FS are integer divisions of MCLK. Master mode with a non-audio rate master clock source requires external GPIO's to use the PLL in standalone mode. The PLL should be configured to ensure that the on-chip processor can be driven at the maximum clock rate. The master mode of operation is described in the section.

When used with audio rate master clocks, the register changes that should be done include switching the device into master mode, and setting the divider ratio. An example of the master mode of operations is using 24.576 MHz MCLK as a master clock source and driving the SCLK and LRCK/FS with integer dividers to create 48 kHz sample rate clock output. In master mode, the DAC section of the device is also running from the PLL output. The TAS3251 device is able to meet the specified audio performance while using the internal PLL. However, using the MCLK CMOS oscillator source will have less jitter than the PLL.

To switch the DAC clocks (SDAC in the [Figure 22](#page-22-0)) the following registers should be modified

- Clock Tree Flex Mode (P253-R63 and P253-R64)
- DAC and OSR Source Clock Register (P0-R14). Set to 0x30 (MCLK input, and OSR is set to whatever the DAC source is)
- The DAC clock divider should be 16 fs.
	- 16×48 kHz = 768 kHz
	- 24.576 MHz (MCLK in) / 768 kHz = 32
	- Therefore, the divide ratio for register DDAC (P0-R28) should be set to 32. The register mapping gives $0x00 = 1$, therefore 32 must be converter to $0x1F(31dec)$.

8.3.4.2 Clock Slave Mode with 4-Wire Operation (SCLK, MCLK, LRCK/FS, SDIN)

The TAS3251 device requires a system clock to operate the digital interpolation filters and advanced segment DAC modulators. The system clock is applied at the MCLK input and supports up to 50 MHz. The TAS3251 device system-clock detection circuit automatically senses the system-clock frequency. Common audio sampling frequencies in the bands of 32 kHz, $(44.1 - 48$ kHz), $(88.2 - 96$ kHz) are supported.

NOTE

Values in the parentheses are grouped when detected, for example, 88.2 kHz and 96 kHz are detected as *double rate*, 32 kHz, 44.1 kHz and 48 kHz are detected as *single rate* and so on.

Feature Description (continued)

In the presence of a valid bit MCLK, SCLK and LRCK/FS, the device automatically configures the clock tree and PLL to drive the miniDSP as required.

The sampling frequency detector sets the clock for the digital filter, Delta Sigma Modulator (DSM) and the Negative Charge Pump (NCP) automatically. [Table 3](#page-24-0) shows examples of system clock frequencies for common audio sampling rates.

MCLK rates that are not common to standard audio clocks, between 1 MHz and 50 MHz, are supported by configuring various PLL and clock-divider registers directly. In slave mode, auto clock mode should be disabled using P0-R37. Additionally, the user can be required to ignore clock error detection if external clocks are not available for some time during configuration, or if the clocks presented on the pins of the device are invalid. The extended programmability allows the device to operate in an advanced mode in which the device becomes a clock master and drive the host serial port with LRCK/FS and SCLK, from a non-audio related clock (for example, using a setting of 12 MHz to generate 44.1 kHz [LRCK/FS] and 2.8224 MHz [SCLK]).

[Table 3](#page-24-0) shows the timing requirements for the system clock input. For optimal performance, use a clock source with low phase jitter and noise. For MCLK timing requirements, refer to the *[Serial Audio Port Timing – Master](#page-12-2) [Mode](#page-12-2)* section.

Table 3. System Master Clock Inputs for Audio Related Clocks

8.3.4.3 Clock Slave Mode with SCLK PLL to Generate Internal Clocks (3-Wire PCM)

8.3.4.3.1 Clock Generation Using the PLL

The TAS3251 device supports a wide range of options to generate the required clocks as shown in [Figure 22](#page-22-0).

The clocks for the PLL require a source reference clock. This clock is sourced as the incoming SCLK or MCLK, a GPIO can also be used.

The source reference clock for the PLL reference clock is selected by programming the SRCREF value on P0- R13, D[6:4]. The TAS3251 device provides several programmable clock dividers to achieve a variety of sampling rates. See [Figure 22](#page-22-0).

If PLL functionality is not required, set the PLLEN value on P0-R4, D[0] to 0. In this situation, an external master clock is required.

Table 4. PLL Configuration Registers

8.3.4.3.2 PLL Calculation

The TAS3251 device has an on-chip PLL with fractional multiplication to generate the clock frequency required by the Digital Signal Processing blocks. The programmability of the PLL allows operation from a wide variety of clocks that may be available in the system. The PLL input (PLLCKIN) supports clock frequencies from 1 MHz to 50 MHz and is register programmable to enable generation of required sampling rates with fine precision.

The PLL is enabled by default. The PLL can be enabled by writing to P0-R4, D[0]. When the PLL is enabled, the PLL output clock PLLCK is given by [Equation 1:](#page-25-0)

$$
PLLCK = \frac{PLLCKIN \times R \times J.D}{P} \quad \text{or} \quad PLLCK = \frac{PLLCKIN \times R \times K}{P}
$$

where

• $R = 1, 2, 3, 4, \ldots, 15, 16$

- $J = 4,5,6, \ldots$ 63, and D = 0000, 0001, 0002, ... 9999
- $K = [J \text{ value}][D \text{ value}]$
- $P = 1, 2, 3, \ldots 15$ (1)

R, J, D, and P are programmable. J is the integer portion of K (the numbers to the left of the decimal point), while D is the fractional portion of K (the numbers to the right of the decimal point, assuming four digits of precision).

8.3.4.3.2.1 Examples:

- If K = 8.5, then $J = 8$, D = 5000
- If $K = 7.12$, then $J = 7$, $D = 1200$
- If K = 14.03, then $J = 14$, D = 0300
- If K = 6.0004 , then J = 6 , D = 0004

When the PLL is enabled and D = 0000, the following conditions must be satisfied:

- 1 MHz ≤ (PLLCKIN / P) ≤ 20 MHz
- 64 MHz \leq (PLLCKIN x K x R / P) \leq 100 MHz
- $1 \leq J \leq 63$

When the PLL is enabled and D ≠ 0000, **the following conditions must be satisfied:**

- 6.667 MHz \leq PLLCLKIN / P \leq 20 MHz
- 64 MHz \leq (PLLCKIN x K x R / P) \leq 100 MHz
- $4 \leq J \leq 11$
- $R = 1$

When the PLL is enabled,

 $f_S = (PLLCLKIN \times K \times R) / (2048 \times P)$

The value of N is selected so that $f_S \times N = \text{PLLCLKIN } \times K \times R / P$ is in the allowable range.

Example: MCLK = 12 MHz and f_S = 44.1 kHz, (N=2048)

Select P = 1, R = 1, K = 7.5264, which results in J = 7, D = 5264

Example: MCLK = 12 MHz and f_S = 48.0 kHz, (N=2048)

Select P = 1, R = 1, K = 8.192, which results in $J = 8$, D = 1920

Values are written to the registers in [Table 5](#page-25-1).

Table 5. PLL Registers

The previous equations explain how to calculate all necessary coefficients and controls to configure the PLL. [Table 7](#page-27-0) provides for easy reference to the recommended clock divider settings for the PLL as a Master Clock.

Table 7. Recommended Clock Divider Settings for PLL as Master Clock (continued)

Table 7. Recommended Clock Divider Settings for PLL as Master Clock (continued)

8.3.4.4 Serial Audio Port – Data Formats and Bit Depths

The serial audio interface port is a 3-wire serial port with the signals LRCK/FS (pin 25), SCLK (pin 23), and SDIN (pin 24). SCLK is the serial audio bit clock, used to clock the serial data present on SDIN into the serial shift register of the audio interface. Serial data is clocked into the TAS3251 device on the rising edge of SCLK.The LRCK/FS pin is the serial audio left/right word clock or frame sync when the device is operated in TDM Mode.

The TAS3251 device requires the synchronization of LRCK/FS and system clock, but does not require a specific phase relation between LRCK/FS and system clock.

If the relationship between LRCK/FS and system clock changes more than ±5 MCLK, internal operation is initialized within one sample period and analog outputs are forced to the bipolar zero level until resynchronization between LRCK/FS and system clock is completed.

If the relationship between LRCK/FS and SCLK are invalid more than 4 LRCK/FS periods, internal operation is initialized within one sample period and analog outputs are forced to the bipolar zero level until resynchronization between LRCK/FS and SCLK is completed.

8.3.4.4.1 Data Formats and Master/Slave Modes of Operation

The TAS3251 device supports industry-standard audio data formats, including standard I²S and left-iustified. Data formats are selected via Register (P0-R40). All formats require binary two's complement, MSB-first audio data; up to 32-bit audio data is accepted. The data formats are detailed in [Figure 24](#page-31-0) through [Figure 29](#page-33-0).

The TAS3251 device also supports right-justified and TDM/DSP data. I²S, LJ, RJ, and TDM/DSP are selected using Register (P0-R40). All formats require binary 2s complement, MSB-first audio data. Up to 32 bits are accepted. Default setting is $1^{2}S$ and 24 bit word length. The $1^{2}S$ slave timing is shown in [Figure 3](#page-15-0).

shows a detailed timing diagram for the serial audio interface.

In addition to acting as a I^2S slave, the TAS3251 device can act as an I^2S master, by generating SCLK and LRCK/FS as outputs from the MCLK input. [Table 9](#page-30-0) lists the registers used to place the device into Master or Slave mode. Please refer to the *[Serial Audio Port Timing – Master Mode](#page-12-2)* section for serial audio Interface timing requirements in Master Mode. For Slave Mode timing, please refer to to the *[Serial Audio Port Timing – Slave](#page-12-1) [Mode](#page-12-1)* section.

Figure 25. I²S Audio Data Format

In TDM Modes, Duty Cycle of LRCK/FS should be 1x SCLK at minimum. Rising edge is considered frame start.

Figure 27. TDM/DSP 1 Audio Data Format

TDM/DSP Data Format with OFFSET $= 1$

In TDM Modes, Duty Cycle of LRCK/FS should be 1x SCLK at minimum. Rising edge is considered frame start.

Figure 28. TDM/DSP 2 Audio Data Format

In TDM Modes, Duty Cycle of LRCK/FS should be 1x SCLK at minimum. Rising edge is considered frame start.

Figure 29. TDM/DSP 3 Audio Data Format

8.3.4.5 Input Signal Sensing (Power-Save Mode)

The TAS3251 device has a zero-detect function. The zero-detect function can be applied to both channels of data as an AND function or an OR function, via controls provided in the control port in P0-R65-D[2:1].Continuous Zero data cycles are counted by LRCK/FS, and the threshold of decision for analog mute can be set by P0-R59, D[6:4] for the data which is clocked in on the left frame of an I^2S signal or Slot 1 of a TDM signal and P0-R59, $D[2:0]$ for the data which is clocked in on the right frame of an I^2S signal or Slot 2 of a TDM signal as shown in [Table 11](#page-34-0). Default values are 0 for both channels.

Table 10. Zero Detection Mode

Table 11. Zero Data Detection Time

8.3.5 Volume Control

8.3.5.1 DAC Digital Gain Control

A basic DAC digital gain control with range between 24 dB and –103 dB and mute is available on each channels by P0-R61-D[7:0] for SPK_OUTB± and P0-R62-D[7:0] for SPK_OUTA±. These volume controls all have 0.5 dB step programmability over most gain and attenuation ranges. [Table 12](#page-34-1) lists the detailed gain versus programmed setting for the basic volume control. Volume can be changed for both SPK OUTB \pm and SPK OUTA \pm at the same time or independently by P0-R61-D[1:0] . When D[1:0] set 00 (default), independent control is selected. When D[1:0] set 01, SPK_OUTA± accords with SPK_OUTB± volume. When D[1:0] set 10, SPK_OUTA± volume controls the volume for both channels. To set D[1:0] to 11 is prohibited.

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Table 12. DAC Digital Gain Control Settings (continued)

Ramp-up frequency and ramp-down frequency can be controlled by P0-R63, D[7:6] and D[3:2] as shown in [Table 13.](#page-35-0) Also ramp-up step and ramp-down step can be controlled by P0-R63, D[5:4] and D[1:0] as shown in [Table 14](#page-35-1).

Table 13. Ramp Up or Down Frequency

RAMP UP SPEED	EVERY N f_S	COMMENTS	RAMP DOWN FREQUENCY	EVERY N f_S	COMMENTS
00		Default	00		Default
01			01	⌒	
10			10		
	Direct change			Direct change	

Table 14. Ramp Up or Down Step

8.3.5.1.1 Emergency Volume Ramp Down

Emergency ramp down of the volume is provided for situations such as 1^2 S clock error and power supply failure. Ramp-down speed is controlled by P0-R64-D[7:6]. Ramp-down step can be controlled by P0-R64-D[5:4]. Default is ramp-down by every f_S cycle with $-4dB$ step.

8.3.6 SDOUT Port and Hardware Control Pin

The TAS3251 device contains a versatile GPIO port (SDOUT pin), allowing signals to be passed from the system to the device or sent from the device to the system. This pin can be used for advanced clocking features, to pass internal signals to the system or accept signals from the system for use inside the device by a given process flow. The SDOUT pin supports serial data out and the features described in [Figure 30](#page-36-0). The register map can be used to configure the function of the SDOUT pin.

Here are a few key registers to enable the SDOUT pin:

- Page 0, Register 7, Bit 0 (SDSL) select if SDOUT data is pre-DSP or post-DSP processing.
- Page 0, Register 9, Bit 5 (SDDIR) select the SDOUT pin as input or output.
- See register map for more details to configure the SDOUT pin function.

Figure 30. SDOUT GPIO Port

8.3.7 I²C Communication Port

The TAS3251 device supports the I^2C serial bus and the data transmission protocol for standard and fast mode as a slave device. Because the TAS3251 register map spans several books and pages, the user must select the correct book and page before writing individual register bits or bytes. Changing from book to book is accomplished by first changing to page 0x00 by writing 0x00 to register 0x00 and then writing the book number to register 0x7f of page 0. Changing from page to page is accomplished via register 0x00 on each page. The register value selects the register page, from 0 to 255.

8.3.7.1 Slave Address

Table 15. I²C Slave Address

The TAS3251 device has 7 bits for the slave address. The last bit of the address byte is the device select bit which can be selected by setting the ADR pin either high or low. A maximum of two devices can be connected on the same bus at one time, which gives two options: 0x94 and 0x96. See table [Table 16](#page-37-0) for more details. Each TAS3251 device responds when it receives the slave address.

Table 16. I²C Address Configuration using ADR Pin

8.3.7.2 Register Address Auto-Increment Mode

Auto-increment mode allows multiple sequential register locations to be written to or read back in a single operation, and is especially useful for block write and read operations. The TAS3251 device supports autoincrement mode automatically. Auto-increment stops at page boundries.

8.3.7.3 Packet Protocol

A master device must control packet protocol, which consists of start condition, slave address, read/write bit, data if write or acknowledge if read, and stop condition. The TAS3251 device supports only slave receivers and slave transmitters.

Figure 31. Packet Protocol

Table 17. Write Operation - Basic I²C Framework

Table 18. Read Operation - Basic I²C Framework

 $M =$ Master Device; $S =$ Slave Device; St = Start Condition Sp = Stop Condition

8.3.7.4 Write Register

A master can write to any TAS3251 device registers using single or multiple accesses. The master sends a TAS3251 device slave address with a write bit, a register address with auto-increment bit, and the data. If autoincrement is enabled, the address is that of the starting register, followed by the data to be transferred. When the data is received properly, the index register is incremented by 1 automatically. When the index register reaches 0x7F, the next value is 0x0. [Table 19](#page-38-0) shows the write operation.

Table 19. Write Operation

 $M =$ Master Device; S = Slave Device; St = Start Condition Sp = Stop Condition; W = Write; ACK = Acknowledge

8.3.7.5 Read Register

A master can read the TAS3251 device register. The value of the register address is stored in an indirect index register in advance. The master sends a TAS3251 device slave address with a read bit after storing the register address. Then the TAS3251 device transfers the data which the index register points to. When auto-increment is enabled, the index register is incremented by 1 automatically. When the index register reaches 0x7F, the next value is 0x0. [Table 20](#page-38-1) lists the read operation.

Table 20. Read Operation

 $M =$ Master Device; S = Slave Device; St = Start Condition; Sr = Repeated start condition; Sp = Stop Condition; $W = Write$; $R = Read$; $NACK = Not acknowledge$

8.3.7.6 DSP Book, Page, and Register Update

The DSP memory is arranged in books, pages, and registers. Each book has several pages and each page has several registers.

8.3.7.6.1 Book and Page Change

To change the book, the user must be on page 0x00. In register 0x7f on page 0x00 you can change the book. On page 0x00 of each book, register 0x7f is used to change the book. Register 0x00 of each page is used to change the page. To change a book first write 0x00 to register 0x00 to switch to page 0 then write the book number to register 0x7f on page 0. To change between pages in a book, simply write the page number to register 0x00.

8.3.7.6.2 Swap Flag

The swap flag is used to copy the audio coefficient from the host memory to the DSP memory. The swap flag feature is important to maintain the stability of the BQs. A BQ is a closed-loop system with 5 coefficients. To avoid instability in the BQ in an update transition between two different filters, update all five parameters within one audio sample. The interal swap flag insures all 5 coefficients for each filter are transferred from host memory to DSP memory occurs within an audio sample. The swap flag stays high until the full host buffer is transferred to DSP memory. Updates to the Host buffer should not be made while the swap flag is high.

All writes to book 0x8C at pages above page 0x1B and register 0x58 require the swap flag. The swap flag is located in book 0x8C, page 0x05page 0x01, and register 0x7C and must be set to 0x00 00 00 01 for a swap.

8.3.7.6.3 Example Use

The following is a sample script for using the DSP host memory to change the fine volume on the device on ${}^{12}C$ slave address 0x90 to the default value of 0 dB:

w 90 00 00 #Go to page 0 w 90 7f 8C #Change the book to 0x8C w 90 00 21 #Go to page 0x21 w 90 34 40 00 00 00 #Fine volume Left w 90 38 40 00 00 00 #Fine volume Rights #Run the swap flag for the DSP to work on the new coefficients w 90 00 00 #Go to page 0 w 90 7f 8C #Change the book to 0x8C w 90 00 05 #Go to page 0x05 w 90 7C 00 00 00 01 #Swap flag

8.3.8 Pop and Click Free Startup and Shutdown

The output power stage PWM generator minimizes pop and click with a unique turn on and turn off behavior. The sequence ramps up the PWM switching to the full PVDD voltage using the timing capacitor on the C_START pin. It is recommended to use a 10 nF capacitor from the C_START pin to GND for best pop and click performance. The startup time can be lengthened by increasing the capacitance up to 470 nF.

8.3.9 Integrated Oscillator for Output Power Stage

The amplifier power stage of the uses a built in oscillator that can be trimmed by an external resistor from the FREQ ADJ pin to GND. Changes in the oscillator frequency should be made with resistor values specified in *[Recommended Operating Conditions](#page-7-0)* while RESET is low. See section [DAC and DSP Clocking](#page-21-0) for configuring the clocks for the digital front-end (DAC and DSP).

To reduce interference problems while using a radio receiver tuned within the AM band, the switching frequency can be changed from nominal to lower or higher values. These values should be chosen such that the nominal and the alternate switching frequencies together result in the fewest cases of interference throughout the AM band. The oscillator frequency can be selected by the value of the FREQ_ADJ resistor connected to GND in master mode.

8.3.9.1 Oscillator Synchronization and Slave Mode

The TAS3251 supports synchronizing the internal oscillator and output switching frequency of multiple TAS3251 devices for managing the power supply, electro-magnetic interference and preventing audio beating. For slave mode operation, turn off the oscillator of the slave by pulling the FREQ_ADJ pin to DVDD. This configures the OSC IOM and OSC IOP pins as inputs to be slaved from an external differential clock. In a master/slave system inter-channel delay is automatically added to the PWM between audio channels, which can be seen with all channels switching at different times. This will not influence the audio output, but only the switch timing to minimize noise coupling between audio channels through the power supply. Inter-channel delay is needed to optimize audio performance and to get better operating conditions for the power supply. The inter-channel delay will be set up for a slave device depending on the polarity of the OSC_IOM and OSC_IOP connection as follows:

- **Slave 1 Mode** has positive polarity with the master device. Master OSC_IOP and the slave OSC_IOP are connected. Master OSC_IOM and the slave OSC_IOM are connected.
- **Slave 2 Mode** has reverse polarity with the master device. Master OSC_IOP and the slave OSC_IOM are connected. Master OSC_IOM and the slave OSC_IOP are connected.

Multiple slaves can be connected to one master TAS3251. If more than 2 slaves are used it is best to alternate the slave modes so that adjacent devices are configured in different slave modes. The inter-channel delay for interleaved channel idle switching is given in the table below for the master/slave and output configuration modes in degrees relative to the PWM frame.

Table 21. Master/Slave Inter Channel Delay Settings

8.3.10 Device Output Stage Protection System

The TAS3251 contains advanced protection circuitry carefully designed to facilitate system integration and ease of use, as well as to safeguard the device from permanent failure due to a wide range of fault conditions such as short circuits, overload, overtemperature, and undervoltage. The TAS3251 responds to a fault by immediately setting the power stage in a high-impedance (Hi-Z) state and asserting the FAULT pin low. In situations other than overload and overtemperature error (OTE), the device automatically recovers when the fault condition has been removed, that is, the supply voltage has increased.

The device will handle errors, as shown in [Table 22](#page-41-0).

BTL MODE		PBTL MODE	
LOCAL ERROR IN	TURNS OFF	LOCAL ERROR IN	TURNS OFF
SPK OUTA+	$A+$ and $A-$	SPK OUTA+	A_{+} , A_{-} , B_{+} , and B_{-}
SPK OUTA-		SPK OUTA-	
SPK OUTB+	$B+$ and $B-$	SPK OUTB+	
SPK OUTB-		SPK OUTB-	

Table 22. Device Protection

Bootstrap UVP does not shutdown according to the table, it shuts down the respective halfbridge (non-latching, does not assert FAULT).

8.3.10.1 Error Reporting

The FAULT, and CLIP OTW, pins are active-low, open-drain outputs. Each pin has a 26 kΩ pull-up resistor reference to DVDD and does not need an external pull-up resistor. The function is for protection-mode signaling to a system-control device.

Any fault resulting in device shutdown is signaled by the FAULT pin going low. Also, CLIP_OTW goes low when the device junction temperature exceeds 125°C (see [Table 23\)](#page-41-1).

Table 23. Error Reporting

Note that asserting RESET low forces the FAULT signal high, independent of faults being present. TI recommends monitoring the CLIP OTW signal using the system microcontroller and responding to an overtemperature warning signal by turning down the volume to prevent further heating of the device resulting in device shutdown (OTE).

To reduce external component count, an internal pullup resistor to 3.3 V is provided on both FAULT and CLIP_OTW outputs.

8.3.10.2 Overload and Short Circuit Current Protection

TAS3251 has fast reacting current sensors with a programmable trip threshold (OC threshold) on all high-side and low-side FETs. To prevent output current from increasing beyond the programmed threshold, TAS3251 has the option of either limiting the output current for each switching cycle (Cycle By Cycle Current Control, CB3C) or to perform an immediate shutdown of the output in case of excess output current (Latching Shutdown). CB3C prevents premature shutdown due to high output current transients caused by high level music transients and a drop of real speaker's load impedance, and allows the output current to be limited to a maximum programmed level. If the maximum output current persists, i.e. the power stage being overloaded with too low load impedance, the device will shut down the affected output channel and the affected output is put in a high-impedance (Hi- Z) state until a RESET cycle is initiated. CB3C works individually for each half bridge output. If an over current event is triggered, CB3C performs a state flip of the half bridge output that is cleared upon beginning of next PWM frame.

During CB3C an over load counter increments for each over current event and decrease for each non-over current PWM cycle. This allows full amplitude transients into a low speaker impedance without a shutdown protection action. In the event of a short circuit condition, the over current protection limits the output current by the CB3C operation and eventually shut down the affected output if the overload counter reaches its maximum value. If a latched OC operation is required such that the device shuts down the affected output immediately upon first detected over current event, this protection mode should be selected. The over current threshold and mode (CB3C or Latched OC) is programmed by the OC_ADJ resistor value. The OC_ADJ resistor needs to be within its intentional value range for either CB3C operation or Latched OC operation.

Figure 33. OC Threshold versus OC ADJ Resistor Value Example

OC_ADJ values outside specified value range for either CB3C or latched OC operation will result in minimum OC threshold.

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8.3.10.3 Signal Clipping and Pulse Injector

A built in activity detector monitors the PWM activity of the SPK OUTx pins. TAS3251 is designed to drive unclipped output signals all the way to PVDD and GND rails. In case of audio signal clipping when applying excessive input signal voltage, or in case of CB3C current protection being active, the amplifier feedback loop of the audio channel will respond to this condition with a saturated state, and the output PWM signals will stop unless special circuitry is implemented to handle this situation. To prevent the output PWM signals from stopping in a clipping or CB3C situation, narrow pulses are injejcted to the gate drive to maintain output activity. The injected narrow pulses are injected at every 4th PWM frame, and thus the effective switching frequency during this state is reduced to 1/4 of the normal switching frequency.

Signal clipping is signalled on the CLIP_OTW pin and is self clearing when signal level reduces and the device reverts to normal operation. The CLIP_OTW pulses starts at the onset to output clipping, typically at a THD level around 0.01%, resulting in narrow CLIP_OTW pulses starting with a pulse width of $~500$ ns.

Figure 34. Signal Clipping PWM and Speaker Output Signals

8.3.10.4 DC Speaker Protection

The output DC protection scheme protects a speaker from excess DC current in case one terminal of the speaker is connected to the amplifier while the other is accidentally shorted to the chassis ground. Such a short circuit results in a DC voltage of PVDD/2 across the speaker, which potentially can result in destructive current levels. The output DC protection detects any unbalance of the output and input current of a BTL output, and in the event of the unbalance exceeding a programmed threshold, the overload counter increments until its maximum value and the affected output channel is shut down. DC Speaker Protection is disabled in PBTL and SE mode operation.

8.3.10.5 Pin-to-Pin Short Circuit Protection (PPSC)

The PPSC detection system protects the device from permanent damage in the case that a power output pin (SPK_OUTx) is shorted to GND_X or PVDD_X. For comparison, the OC protection system detects an overcurrent after the demodulation filter where PPSC detects shorts directly at the pin before the filter. PPSC detection is performed at startup i.e. when VDD is supplied, consequently a short to either GND_X or PVDD_X after system startup does not activate the PPSC detection system. When PPSC detection is activated by a short on the output, all half bridges are kept in a Hi-Z state until the short is removed; the device then continues the startup sequence and starts switching. The detection is controlled globally by a two step sequence. The first step

ensures that there are no shorts from SPK_OUTx to GND_X, the second step tests that there are no shorts from SPK_OUTx to PVDD_X. The total duration of this process is roughly proportional to the capacitance of the output LC filter. The typical duration is < 15 ms/ μ F. While the PPSC detection is in progress, FAULT is kept low, and the device will not react to changes applied to the RESET pin. If no shorts are present the PPSC detection passes, and FAULT is released. A device reset will not start a new PPSC detection. PPSC detection is enabled in BTL and PBTL output configurations, the detection is not performed in SE mode. To make sure not to trip the PPSC detection system it is recommended not to insert a resistive load to GND_X or PVDD_X.

8.3.10.6 Overtemperature Protection OTW and OTE

TAS3251 has a two-level temperature-protection system that asserts an active-low warning signal (CLIP_OTW) when the device junction temperature exceeds 125°C (typical) and, if the device junction temperature exceeds 155°C (typical), the device is put into thermal shutdown, resulting in all half-bridge outputs being set in the highimpedance (Hi-Z) state and FAULT being asserted low. OTE is latched in this case. To clear the OTE latch, RESET must be asserted. Thereafter, the device resumes normal operation.

8.3.10.7 Undervoltage Protection (UVP) and Power-on Reset (POR)

The UVP and POR circuits of the TAS3251 fully protect the device in any power-up/down and brownout situation. While powering up, the POR circuit ensures that all circuits are fully operational when the GVDD X and VDD supply voltages reach values stated in the *[Electrical Characteristics](#page-8-0)* table. Although GVDD_X and VDD are independently monitored, a supply voltage drop below the UVP threshold on any VDD or GVDD X pin results in all half-bridge outputs immediately being set in the high-impedance (Hi-Z) state and FAULT being asserted low. The device automatically resumes operation when all supply voltages have increased above the UVP threshold.

8.3.10.8 Fault Handling

If a fault situation occurs while in operation, the device acts accordingly to the fault being a global or a channel fault. A global fault is a chip-wide fault situation and causes all PWM activity of the device to be shut down, and will assert FAULT low. A global fault is a latching fault and clearing FAULT and restarting operation requires resetting the device by toggling RESET. Deasserting RESET should never be allowed with excessive system temperature, so it is advised to monitor RESET by a system microcontroller and only allow releasing RESET (RESET high) if the CLIP_OTW signal is cleared (high). A channel fault results in shutdown of the PWM activity of the affected channel(s). Note that asserting RESET low forces the FAULT signal high, independent of faults being present.

(1) Stuck at Fault occurs when input OSC_IO input signal frequency drops below minimum frequency given in the *[Electrical Characteristics](#page-8-0)* table of this data sheet.

8.3.10.9 Output Power Stage Reset

Asserting RESET low initiates the device ramp down. The output FETs go into a Hi-Z state after the ramp down is complete. Output pull downs are active both in SE mode and BTL mode with RESET low.

In BTL modes, to accommodate bootstrap charging prior to switching start, asserting the reset input low enables weak pulldown of the half-bridge outputs.

Asserting reset input low removes any fault information to be signaled on the FAULT output, that is, FAULT is forced high. A rising-edge transition on reset input allows the device to resume operation after a fault. To ensure thermal reliability, the rising edge of reset must occur no sooner than 4 ms after the falling edge of FAULT.

8.3.11 Initialization, Startup and Shutdown

This section provides common procedures for power up, operation and power down sequencing.

8.3.11.1 Power Up and Startup Sequence

The device analog front-end, including the DAC and DSP, are controlled independently of the output power stage. Follow the sequence below to power up the digital front-end and power stage to begin playing audio.

- 1. Apply power to DAC_DVDD, DAC_AVDD, GVDD_x, and PVDD_x. The power supplies do not have a power on sequence and can be powered on in any order.
- 2. Apply I2S or TDM clocks to the device to enable the internal system clocks.
- 3. Mute the left and right DAC channels, by setting Register 0x03, Bits 0 (right) and 4 (left) to '1'.
- 4. Set DSP coefficients and configuration settings through I²C (optional). The DSP will pass-through audio if no registers are changed.
- 5. Bring the DSP out of standby by setting Register 0x02, Bit 7 (DSPR) to '1'.
- 6. Unmute the left and right DAC channels, by setting Register 0x03, Bits 0 (right) and 4 (left) to '0'.
- 7. Enable the amplifier output stage by setting the RESET AMP pin high.
- 8. Play audio through I2S or TDM.

8.3.11.2 Power Down and Shutdown Sequence

Follow the sequence below to initiate standby and power down the digital front-end and power stage.

- 1. Stop audio playback.
- 2. Disable the amplifier output stage by setting the RESET_AMP pin low.
- 3. Mute the left and right DAC channels by setting Register 0x03, Bits 0 (right) and 4 (left) to '1'.
- 4. Optional: Put the DAC into a low-power mode register 0x02.
- 5. Optional: Remove voltage from all power supply rails.

8.3.11.3 Device Mute

- 1. Optional: Disable the amplifier output stage by setting the RESET AMP pin low.
- 2. Mute the left and right DAC channels by setting Register 0x03, Bits 0 (right) and 4 (left) to '1'.

8.3.11.4 Device Unmute

- 1. Unmute the left and right DAC channels, by setting Register 0x03, Bits 0 (right) and 4 (left) to '0'.
- 2. Optional: If the amplifier output stage is powered down, enable the amplifier output stage by setting the RESET_AMP pin high.

8.3.11.5 Device Reset

8.3.11.6 Mute with DAC_MUTE or Clock Error

Under certain conditions, the TAS3251 can exhibit some pop on power down if the device does not have enough time to detect power loss and initiate the muting process. The TAS3251has two auto-mute functions to mute the device upon power loss (intentional or unintentional).

- **DAC_MUTE** when the DAC_MUTE pin is pulled low, the incoming serial port data is attenuated to 0, closely followed by a hard analog mute. This process takes 150 samples $+0.2$ ms.
- **Clock Error Detect** when a clock error is detected on the incoming serial port data, the TAS3251 switches to an internal oscillator and continues to drive the DAC outputs while attenuating the data from the last known good value. Once this process completes, the TAS3251 DAC outputs are hard muted to ground.

8.3.11.6.1 Mute using DAC_MUTE

Deassert DAC_MUTE low 150 samples + 0.2 ms before power is removed.

8.3.11.7 Mute using Serial Audio Port Clock

Stop I²S clocks (SCLK, MCLK, LRCK) 3 ms before power-down as shown in the figure below.

8.3.11.8 Muting before an Unplanned Shutdown with DAC_MUTE

Many systems use a low-noise regulator to provide 3.3 V to the DAC_AVDD and DAC_DVDD. The DAC_MUTE pin can take advantage of such a feature to measure the pre-regulated output (3.3 V) from the system power supply to mute the output before the PVDD power supply discharges. [Figure 37](#page-48-0) shows how to configure the system to use the DAC_MUTE pin. The DAC_MUTE pin can also be used in parallel with a GPIO pin from the system microcontroller, DSP or power supply.

Figure 37. Application Diagram for DAC_MUTE

8.3.11.9 Output Power Stage Startup Timing

The TAS3251 output power stage does not require a specific power-up sequence, but it is recommended to hold RESET low for a minimum of 400 ms after PVDD supply voltage is powered on. The outputs of the half-bridges remain in a high-impedance state until the gate-drive supply voltage (GVDD_X) and VDD voltage are above the undervoltage protection (UVP) voltage threshold (see the Electrical Characteristics table of this data sheet). This allows an internal circuit to charge the external bootstrap capacitors by enabling a weak pull-down of the halfbridge output as well as initiating a controlled ramp up sequence of the output voltage.

Figure 38. Power Stage Startup Timing

When RESET is released to turn on TAS3251, FAULT signal will output low and AVDD voltage regulator will be enabled. FAULT will stay low until AVDD reaches the undervoltage protection (UVP) voltage threshold (see the Electrical Characteristics table of this data sheet). Next a pre-charge time begins to stabilize the DC voltage across the input AC coupling capacitors, followed by the ramp up output power stage sequence .

8.4 Device Functional Modes

Because the TAS3251 device is a highly configurable device, numerous modes of operation can exist for the device. For the sake of succinct documentation, these modes are divided into two modes:

- Fundamental operating modes
- Secondary usage modes

Fundamental operating modes are the primary modes of operation that affect the major operational characteristics of the device, which are the most basic configurations that are chosen to ensure compatibility with the intended application or the other components that interact with the device in the final system. Some examples of the operating modes are the communication protocol used by the control port, the output configuration of the amplifier, or the Master/Slave clocking configuration.

The fundamental operating modes are described starting in the *[Serial Audio Port Operating Modes](#page-50-0)* section.

Secondary usage modes are best described as modes of operation that are used after the fundamental operating modes are chosen to fine tune how the device operates within a given system. These secondary usage modes can include selecting between left justified and right justified Serial Audio Port data formats, or enabling some slight gain/attenuation within the DAC path. Secondary usage modes are accomplished through manipulation of the registers and controls in the I²C control port. Those modes of operation are described in their respective register/bit descriptions and, to avoid redundancy, are not included in this section.

8.4.1 Serial Audio Port Operating Modes

The serial audio port in the TAS3251 device supports industry-standard audio data formats, including I²S, Time Division Multiplexing (TDM), Left-Justified (LJ), and Right-Justified (RJ) formats. To select the data format that will be used with the device, controls are provided on P0-R40. The timing diagrams for the serial audio port are shown in the *[Serial Audio Port Timing – Slave Mode](#page-12-0)* section, and the data formats are shown in the *[Serial Audio](#page-30-0) [Port – Data Formats and Bit Depths](#page-30-0)* section.

8.4.1.1 Master and Slave Mode Clocking for Digital Serial Audio Port

The digital audio serial port in the TAS3251 device can be configured to receive clocks from another device as a serial audio slave device. The slave mode of operation is described in the *[Clock Slave Mode with SCLK PLL to](#page-24-0) [Generate Internal Clocks \(3-Wire PCM\)](#page-24-0)* section. If no system processor is available to provide the audio clocks, the TAS3251 device can be placed into Master Mode. In master mode, the TAS3251 device provides the clocks to the other audio devices in the system. For more details regarding the Master and Slave mode operation within the TAS3251 device, see the *[Serial Audio Port Operating Modes](#page-50-0)* section.

8.4.2 Communication Port Operating Modes

The TAS3251 device is configured via an I²C communication port. The device does not support a hardware only mode of operation, nor Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) communication. The I²C Communication Protocol is detailed in the *I ²[C Communication Port](#page-37-1)* section. The I²C timing requirements are described in the *I ²[C Bus Timing](#page-13-0) [–Standard](#page-13-0)* and *I ²[C Bus Timing –Fast](#page-13-1)* sections.

8.4.3 Speaker Amplifier Operating Modes

The TAS3251 device can be used in two different amplifier configurations:

- Stereo Mode
- Mono Mode

8.4.3.1 Stereo Mode

The familiar stereo mode of operation uses the TAS3251 device to amplify two independent signals, which represent the left and right portions of a stereo signal. These amplified left and right audio signals are presented on differential output pairs shown as SPK_OUTA± and SPK_OUTB±. The routing of the audio data which is presented on the SPK_OUTx outputs can be changed according to the Audio Process Flow which is used and the configuration of registers P0-R42-D[5:4] and P0-R42-D[1:0]. The familiar stereo mode of operation is shown in .

By default, the TAS3251 device is configured to output the Right frame of a I^2S input on the Channel A output and the left frame on the Channel B output.

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8.4.3.2 Mono Mode

The mono mode of operation is used to describe operation in which the two outputs of the device are placed in parallel with one another to increase the power sourcing capabilities of the audio output channel. This is also known as Parallel Bridge Tied Load (PBTL).

On the output side of the TAS3251 device, the summation of the devices can be done before the filter in a configuration called Pre-Filter PBTL. However, the two outputs may be required to merge together after the inductor portion of the output filter. Doing so does require two additional inductors, but allows smaller, less expensive inductors to be used because the current is divided between the two inductors. This process is called *Post-Filter PBTL*. Both variants of mono operation are shown in [Figure 39](#page-51-0) and [Figure 40.](#page-51-0)

Figure 39. Pre-Filter PBTL Figure 40. Post-Filter PBTL

On the input side of the TAS3251 device, the input signal to the mono amplifier can be selected from the any slot in a TDM stream or the left or right frame from an l^2S , LJ, or RJ signal. The TAS3251 device can also be configured to amplify some mixture of two signals, as in the case of a subwoofer channel which mixes the left and right channel together and sends the mixture through a low-pass filter to create a mono, low-frequency signal.

8.5 Programming

8.5.1 Audio Processing Features

The TAS3251 device includes audio processing to optimize the audio performance of the audio system into which they are integrated. The TAS3251 device has 12 Biquad Filters for speaker response tuning, One dual band DPEQ to dynamically adjust the equalization curve that is applied to low-level signal and the curve that is applied to high level signals. A 2-band advanced DRC + AGL structure limits the output power of the amplifier for two regions while controlling the peaking that can occur in the crossover region during compression. A fine volume control is provided to finely adjust the output level of the amplifier based upon the system level considerations faced by the product development engineer.

The TAS3251 device has two signal monitoring options available, the level meter and the serial data out signal. The level meter monitors the signal level through an alpha filter and presents the signal in an I²C register. The level meter signal is taken before the 4x interpolation which occurs before the digital-to-analog conversion.

The details of the audio processing flow, including the I²C control port registers associated with each block, are shown in .

Figure 41. Fixed-Function Process Flow found in the TAS3251

8.5.2 Processing Block Description

The processing block shown in the above is comprised of the following major blocks:

- Input scale and mixer
- Sample Rate Converter (SRC)
- Parametric Equalizers (PEQs)
- BQs Gain Scale
- Dynamic Parametric Equalizer (DPEQ)
- Two-Band Dynamic Ranger Control (DRC)
- Automatic Gain Limiter (AGL)
- **Fine Volume**
- Level Meter

8.5.2.1 Input Scale and Mixer

The input mixer can be used to mix the left and right channel input signals as shown in [Figure 42.](#page-53-0) The input mixer has four coefficients, which control the mixing and gains of the input signals. When mixing and scaling the input signals, ensure that at maximum input level the input mixer outputs don't exceed 0 dBFs, which will overdrive the SRC inputs.

Programming (continued)

Figure 42. Input Scale and Mixer

8.5.2.1.1 Example

The following is a sample script for setting up the both left and right channels for $(\frac{1}{2}L + \frac{1}{2}R)$ or $(L + R)$ / 2:

w 90 00 00 # Go to page 0 w 90 7f 8C #Change the book to 0x8C w 90 00 21 #Go to page 0x21 w 90 3C 00 40 26 E7 #Input mixer left in to left out gain w 90 40 00 40 26 E7 #Input mixer right in to left out gain w 90 44 00 40 26 E7 #Input mixer left in to right out gain w 90 48 00 40 26 E7 #Input mixer right in to right out gain #Run the swap flag for the DSP to work on the new coefficients w 90 00 00 #Go to page 0 w 90 7f 8C #Change the book to 0x8C w 90 00 05 #Go to page 0x05 w 90 7C 00 00 00 01 #Swap flag

8.5.2.2 Sample Rate Converter

The sample rate converter supports 32 kHz, 44.1 kHz, 48 kHz, 88.2 kHz and 96 kHz input sample rates. These input sample rates are converted to 88.2 or 96 kHz sample rate. The sample rate detection doesn't distinguish between sample rates from 32 to 48 kHz. These sample rates are treated as 48 kHz by the sample rate converter. The detected sample rate can be read at book 0x78 page 0x0C register 0x5C. The input sample rate is 88.2 or 96 kHz at register 0x5C which reads 0x00 00 00 01. The input sample rate is 32 to 48 kHz at register 0x5C which reads 0x00 00 00 02. Input sample rate 32 kHz requires changing the interpolation setting from 2x to 3x by writing B0-P0-R37-D7 to 1. The device must be placed in standby mode for this change to take effect.

Even though the sample rate converter supports 32 kHz, 44.1 kHz, 48 kHz, 88.2 kHz and 96 kHz input sample rates, the TAS3251 device supports all input sample rates shown in [Table 26](#page-53-1) in 1x interpolation mode, base rate processing.

The SRC input should not be overdriven. Making the maximum signal level into the SRC –0.5dBFs is recommended to prevent overdriving the SRC and causing audio artifacts. The input scale and mixer can be used to attenuate or boost the maximum input signal to –0.5dBFs. The processing block has several blocks after the SRC where the signal can be compensate for any gain attenuation done in the input mixer and scale block to prevent over driving the SRC.

8.5.2.3 Parametric Equalizers (PEQ)

The device supports up to 15 individual tuned PEQs for left channel and up to 15 individual tuned PEQs for the right channel. The PEQs are implemented using cascaded "direct form 1" BQs structures as shown in [Figure 43.](#page-54-0)

Figure 43. Cascaded BQ Structure

$$
H(z) = \frac{b_0 + b_1 Z^{-1} + b_2 Z^{-2}}{a_0 + a_1 Z^{-1} + a_2 Z^{-2}}
$$

(2)

All BQ coefficients are normalized with a0 to insure that a0 is equal to 1. The structure requires 5 BQ coefficients as shown in [Table 27](#page-54-1). Any BQ with coefficients greater than 1 undergoes gain scaling as described in *[BQ Gain](#page-54-2) [Scale](#page-54-2)*.

8.5.2.4 BQ Gain Scale

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The BQ coefficients format is as follows: The first BQ has $B0 = 5.x$, $B1 = 6.x$, $B2 = 5.x$, $A1 = 2.x$, and $A2 = 1.x$. The rest of the BQ have this format: $B0 = 1.x$, $B1 = 2.x$, $B2 = 1.x$, $A1 = 2.x$, and $A2 = 1.x$. This formatting maintains the highest possible resolution and noise performance. The 1.31 format restricts the ability to do high gains within the BQs and as a result requires gain compensation for the restriction. When generating BQ coefficients, ensure none of the BQ coefficients is greater than 1 by implementing gain compensation. The Gain compensation reduces the BQ coefficients gain to ensure all BQ coefficients are less than 1. The reduced gain is then reapplied in the subsequent gain scale block.

Gain compensation takes the maximum value of B0 DSP, B1 DSP, and B2 DSP after the BQ normalization shown in [Table 27](#page-54-1) is implemented. All the B coefficients are divided by maximum B coefficient value then multiplied by 0.999999999534339 (the nearest two's complement 32-bit number to 1). The following calculations are done for each BQ in the PEQ block:

$$
Max_{k} = max(B0_{k}DSP, B1_{k}DSP, B2_{k}DSP)
$$
\n
$$
k_{k}BQX = Max_{k}k
$$
\n
$$
B0_{k}DSP = \frac{BO_{k}DSP}{k_{k}BQX}
$$
\n
$$
B1_{k}DSP = \frac{BO_{k}DSP}{k_{k}BQX}
$$
\n
$$
(5)
$$
\n
$$
(6)
$$

$$
B2 \quad \text{DSP} = \frac{B2 \quad \text{DSP}}{k \quad \text{BQX}} \tag{7}
$$

The calculations above insure all DSP BQ coefficients are in a 1.31 format. The reduced gains in the BQ 1.31 format is compensation for in the gain scale block. The following calculation is done for each channel.

$$
k_BQ = k_BQ1 \times k_BQ2 \times k_BQ3 \times k_BQ4 \times k_BQ5 \times k_BQ6 \times k_BQ7 \times k_BQ8 \times k_BQ9 \times k_BQ10 \times k_BQ11 \times (8)
$$
\n
$$
k_BQ12
$$

The calculated k_BQ compensation value is then applied to the BQ gain scale in an 8.24 format. The BQ gain scale can also be used for volume control before the DRCs. The block can be considered as *BQ gain scale and volume gain block*. When the BQ gain scale block is used for volume control the coefficient value must be calculated as follows:

$$
Gain _BQ _V = 10^{\frac{Volume}{20}} \times k _BQ
$$

where

• Volume is in dB (9)

The BQ gain scale coefficients are located in book 0x8C, page 0x21 register 0x4C for left and register 0x50 for right.

The Bypass EQ Mux allows the user to bypass all processing. The Bypass EQ mux is at Page 0x21, Register 0x64. The Gang Left / Right mux forces the left processing to be the same as the right processing. The Gang Left / Right Mux is located at Page 0x21, Register 0x68.

8.5.2.5 Dynamic Parametric Equalizer (DPEQ)

The dynamic parametric equalizer mixes the audio signals routed through two paths containing one BQ each based upon the signal level detected by the sense path, as shown in [Figure 45.](#page-56-0) The sense path contains one BQ, which can be used to focus the DPEQ sensing on a specific frequency bandwidth. An alpha filter structure is used to sense the energy in the sense path and setting the dynamic mixing ratios.

Figure 45. DPEQ Signal Path

The dynamic mixing is controlled by offset, gain, and alpha coefficients in a 1.31 format. The alpha coefficient controls the average time constant in ms of the signal data in the sense path. The offset and gain coefficients control the dynamic mixing thresholds shown in [Figure 46](#page-56-1).

The offset, gain and alpha coefficients are calculated as follows:

where

- T1 and T2 are in dB
- Find time constant is in ms (15) The time constant is in ms

The DPEQ control coefficients are located in book 0x8C, page0x20. Register 0x44 is alpha coefficient, register 0x48 is gain coefficient and register 0x4C is offset coefficient.

The high level path BQ, low level path BQ, and sense path BQ coefficients use a 1.31 format as shown in [Table 29.](#page-61-0) The DPEQ BQs don't have a gain scale to compensate for any BQ gain reduction due to the requirements of the 1.31 format. During tuning, the reduced gain can be compensated by using the BQ gain scale or the DRC offset coefficient.

The DPEQ sense gain scale is located in the sensing path. The DPEQ sense gain scale can be used to shift the dynamic mixing thresholds by changing the signal level in the sensing path. A positive dB gain shifts the dynamic mixing thresholds down by the gain amount and a negative dB gain shifts the dynamic mixing thresholds up by the gain amount.

8.5.2.6 Two-Band Dynamic Range Control

The Dynamic Range Control (DRC) is a feed-forward mechanism that can be used to automatically control the audio signal amplitude or the dynamic range within specified limits. The dynamic range control is done by sensing the audio signal level using an estimate of the alpha filter energy then adjusting the gain based on the region and slope parameters that are defined. The Dynamic Range Control is shown in [Figure 47.](#page-57-0)

Figure 47. Dynamic Range Control

The DRCs have seven programmable transfer function parameters each: k0, k1, k2, T1, T2, OFF1, and OFF2. The T1 and T2 parameters specify thresholds or boundaries of the three compression or expansion regions in terms of input level. The Parameters k0, k1, and k2 define the gains or slopes of curves for each of the three regions. The parameters OFF1 and OFF2 specify the offset shift relative 1:1 transfer function curve at the thresholds T1 and T2 respectively shown in [Figure 48](#page-58-0).

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Figure 48. DRC Transfer Function Example Plot

The two-band dynamic range control is comprised of two DRCs that can be spilt into two bands using the BQ at the input of each band. The frequency where the two bands are spilt is referred to as the crossover frequency. The crossover frequency is the cut off frequency for the low pass filter used to create the low band and the cut off frequency for the high pass filter used to create the high band. It is inherent of parallel two-band DRC to have a hump at the crossover region due to the overlap of energy going through both bands of the DRC being summed in the two-band DRC output mixer.

Figure 49. DRC Attack and Decay

The DRC in each band is equipped with individual energy, attack, and decay time constants. The DRC time constants control the transition time of changes and decisions in the DRC gain during compression or expansion. The energy, attack, and decay time constants affect the sensitivity level of the DRC. The shorter the time constant, the more aggressive the DRC response and vice versa.

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8.5.2.7 Automatic Gain Limiter

The Automatic Gain Limiter (AGL) is a feedback mechanism that can be used to automatically control the audio signal amplitude or dynamic range within specified limits. The automatic gain limiting is done by sensing the audio signal level using an alpha filter energy structure shown in [Figure 51](#page-59-0) at the output of the AGL then adjusting the gain based on the whether the signal level is above or below the defined threshold. Three decisions made by the AGL are engage, disengage, or do nothing. The rate at which the AGL engages or disengages depends on the attack and release settings, respectively.

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Figure 51. AGL Alpha Filter Structure

8.5.2.7.1 Softening Filter Alpha (AEA)

- $AEA = 1 e^{-1000 / (fs \times User_AE)}$
- e ≈ 2.718281828
- $Fs = sampling frequency$
- User $AE =$ user input step size

8.5.2.7.2 Softening Filter Omega (AEO)

 $AEO = 1 - AEA$

8.5.2.7.3 Attack Rate

- Attack rate = $2 (AA + Release rate)$
- $AA = 1000 \times User$ *Ad / Fs*
- $User_Ad = user$ input attack step size

8.5.2.7.4 Release Rate

- Release rate = $1000 \times$ User_Rd / Fs
- User $Rd =$ user input release step size

NOTE

The release duration (User_Rd) should be longer than the attack duration (User Ad).

8.5.2.7.5 Attack Threshold

Attack Threshold = user input level in dB

Figure 52. AGL Attack and Release

The Attack Threshold AGL coefficients are shown in .

8.5.2.8 Fine Volume

The fine volume block after the AGL can be used to provide additional fine volume steps from -192 dB to 6 dB in a 2.30 format. The Fine Coefficients are shown in .

8.5.2.9 THD Boost

A boost scaler and fine volume together can be used for clipping. The THD boost block allows the user to programmatically increase the THD by clipping at an operating point earlier than that defined by the supply rails.

8.5.2.10 Level Meter

The level meter uses an energy estimator with a programmable time constant to adjust the sensitivity level based on signal frequency and desired accuracy level. The level meter outputs of both left and right channels are written to a 32-bit sub address location in a 1.31 format as shown in *[Table 28](#page-61-1)*. The BypassTo Level Meter Bit in Book 8C, Page 0x21, Register 0x70 can be used to switch the input to the Level Meter from the audio before processing to audio post-processing.

8.5.3 Other Processing Block Features

8.5.3.1 Number Format

The data processing path is 32 bits with 32-bit coefficients. The coefficients use the two's complement digital number format.

8.5.3.1.1 Coefficient Format Conversion

The device uses 32 bit two's complement number formats. The calculated 4 byte register values are shown below in an 8 digit hex value.

Table 29. Sample Calculations for 1.31 Format

(1) Dec2Hex(D, 8), where 8 represents 8 nibbles or 38 bits.

Please note that for a 1.31 format the linear value cannot be greater than 1 or decimal value 232.

Table 30. Sample Calculations for B.A Format

8.5.4 Checksum

The TAS3251 device supports two different check sum schemes, a cyclic redundancy check (CRC) checksum and an Exclusive (XOR) checksum. Both checksums work on every register write, except for *book switch register* and *page switching register*, 0x7F and 0x00, respectively. Register reads do not change checksum, but writes to even nonexistent registers will change the checksum. Both checksums are 8-bit checksums and both are available together simultaneously. The checksums can be reset by writing a starting value (eg. 0x 00 00 00 00) to their respective 4-byte register locations.

8.5.4.1 Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) Checksum

The 8-bit CRC checksum used is the 0x7 polynomial (CRC-8-CCITT I.432.1; ATM HEC, ISDN HEC and cell delineation, $(1 + x¹ + x² + x⁸)$. A major advantage of the CRC checksum is that it is input order sensitive.

The CRC supports all 12 C transactions, excluding book and page switching. The CRC checksum is read from register 0x7E on any page of book 0x00 (B0_Page x_Reg 126). If the book isn't Book 0, the CRC checksum is only valid on page 0x00 register 0x7E (Page 0 Reg 126). The CRC checksum can be reset by writing 0x00 00 00 00 to the same register locations where the CRC checksum is valid.

8.5.4.2 Exclusive or (XOR) Checksum

The Xor checksum is a simpler checksum scheme. It performs sequential XOR of each register byte write with the previous 8-bit checksum register value. XOR supports only YMEM, which is located in Book 0x8C and excludes page switching and all registers in Page 0x00 of Book 0x8C. XOR checksum is read from location register 0x7D on page 0x00 of book 0x8C (B140_Page 0_Reg 125). The XOR Checksum can be reset by writing 0x00 00 00 00 to the same register location where it is read.

Table 31. XOR Truth Table

8.6 Register Maps

8.6.1 Registers - Page 0

8.6.1.1 Register 1 (0x01)

Figure 53. Register 1 (0x01)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 32. Register 1 (0x01) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.2 Register 2 (0x02)

Figure 54. Register 2 (0x02)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 33. Register 2 (0x02) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.3 Register 3 (0x03)

Figure 55. Register 3 (0x03)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 34. Register 3 (0x03) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.4 Register 4 (0x04)

Figure 56. Register 4 (0x04)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 35. Register 4 (0x04) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.5 Register 6 (0x06)

Figure 57. Register 6 (0x06)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 36. Register 6 (0x06) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.6 Register 7 (0x07)

Figure 58. Register 7 (0x07)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 37. Register 7 (0x07) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.7 Register 8 (0x08)

Figure 59. Register 8 (0x08)

Table 38. Register 8 (0x08) Field Descriptions

Table 38. Register 8 (0x08) Field Descriptions (continued)

8.6.1.8 Register 9 (0x09)

Figure 60. Register 9 (0x09)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 39. Register 9 (0x09) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.9 Register 12 (0x0C)

Figure 61. Register 12 (0x0C)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

8.6.1.10 Register 13 (0x0D)

Figure 62. Register 13 (0x0D)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 41. Register 13 (0x0D) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.11 Register 14 (0x0E)

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Figure 63. Register 14 (0x0E)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 42. Register 14 (0x0E) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.12 Register 15 (0x0F)

Figure 64. Register 15 (0x0F)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 43. Register 15 (0x0F) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.13 Register 16 (0x10)

Figure 65. Register 16 (0x10)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 44. Register 16 (0x10) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.14 Register 17 (0x11)

Figure 66. Register 17 (0x11)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 45. Register 17 (0x11) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.15 Register 18 (0x12)

Figure 67. Register 18 (0x12)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 46. Register 18 (0x12) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.16 Register 20 (0x14)

Figure 68. Register 20 (0x14)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 47. Register 20 (0x14) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.17 Register 21 (0x15)

Figure 69. Register 21 (0x15)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 48. Register 21 (0x15) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.18 Register 22 (0x16)

Figure 70. Register 22 (0x16)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 49. Register 22 (0x16) Field Descriptions

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8.6.1.19 Register 23 (0x17)

Figure 71. Register 23 (0x17)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 50. Register 23 (0x17) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.20 Register 24 (0x18)

Figure 72. Register 24 (0x18)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 51. Register 24 (0x18) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.21 Register 27 (0x1B)

Figure 73. Register 27 (0x1B)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

8.6.1.22 Register 28 (0x1C)

Figure 74. Register 28 (0x1C)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 53. Register 28 (0x1C) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.23 Register 29 (0x1D)

Figure 75. Register 29 (0x1D)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 54. Register 29 (0x1D) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.24 Register 30 (0x1E)

Figure 76. Register 30 (0x1E)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 55. Register 30 (0x1E) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.25 Register 32 (0x20)

Figure 77. Register 32 (0x20)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 56. Register 32 (0x20) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.26 Register 33 (0x21)

Figure 78. Register 33 (0x21)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 57. Register 33 (0x21) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.27 Register 34 (0x22)

Figure 79. Register 34 (0x22)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 58. Register 34 (0x22) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.28 Register 37 (0x25)

Figure 80. Register 37 (0x25)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 59. Register 37 (0x25) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.29 Register 40 (0x28)

Figure 81. Register 40 (0x28)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 60. Register 40 (0x28) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.30 Register 41 (0x29)

Figure 82. Register 41 (0x29)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 61. Register 41 (0x29) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.31 Register 42 (0x2A)

Figure 83. Register 42 (0x2A)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 62. Register 42 (0x2A) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.32 Register 43 (0x2B)

Figure 84. Register 43 (0x2B)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 63. Register 43 (0x2B) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.33 Register 44 (0x2C)

Figure 85. Register 44 (0x2C)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 64. Register 44 (0x2C) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.34 Register 59 (0x3B)

Figure 86. Register 59 (0x3B)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 65. Register 59 (0x3B) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.35 Register 60 (0x3C)

Figure 87. Register 60 (0x3C)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 66. Register 60 (0x3C) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.36 Register 61 (0x3D)

Figure 88. Register 61 (0x3D)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 67. Register 61 (0x3D) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.37 Register 62 (0x3E)

Figure 89. Register 62 (0x3E)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 68. Register 62 (0x3E) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.38 Register 63 (0x3F)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 69. Register 63 (0x3F) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.39 Register 64 (0x40)

Figure 91. Register 64 (0x40)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 70. Register 64 (0x40) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.40 Register 65 (0x41)

Figure 92. Register 65 (0x41)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 71. Register 65 (0x41) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.41 Register 67 (0x43)

Figure 93. Register 67 (0x43)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 72. Register 67 (0x43) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.42 Register 68 (0x44)

Figure 94. Register 68 (0x44)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 73. Register 68 (0x44) Field Descriptions

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8.6.1.43 Register 69 (0x45)

Figure 95. Register 69 (0x45)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 74. Register 69 (0x45) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.44 Register 70 (0x46)

Figure 96. Register 70 (0x46)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 75. Register 70 (0x46) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.45 Register 71 (0x47)

Figure 97. Register 71 (0x47)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

8.6.1.46 Register 72 (0x48)

Figure 98. Register 72 (0x48)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 77. Register 72 (0x48) Field Descriptions

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8.6.1.47 Register 73 (0x49)

Figure 99. Register 73 (0x49)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 78. Register 73 (0x49) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.48 Register 74 (0x4A)

Figure 100. Register 74 (0x4A)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 79. Register 74 (0x4A) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.49 Register 75 (0x4B)

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Figure 101. Register 75 (0x4B)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 80. Register 75 (0x4B) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.50 Register 76 (0x4C)

Figure 102. Register 76 (0x4C)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 81. Register 76 (0x4C) Field Descriptions

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8.6.1.51 Register 78 (0x4E)

Figure 103. Register 78 (0x4E)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 82. Register 78 (0x4E) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.52 Register 79 (0x4F)

Figure 104. Register 79 (0x4F)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 83. Register 79 (0x4F) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.53 Register 85 (0x55)

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Figure 105. Register 85 (0x55)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 84. Register 85 (0x55) Register Field Descriptions

8.6.1.54 Register 86 (0x56)

Figure 106. Register 86 (0x56)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 85. Register 86 (0x56) Register Field Descriptions

8.6.1.55 Register 87 (0x57)

Figure 107. Register 87 (0x57)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 86. Register 87 (0x57) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.56 Register 88 (0x58)

Figure 108. Register 88 (0x58)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 87. Register 88 (0x58) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.57 Register 91 (0x5B)

Figure 109. Register 91 (0x5B)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 88. Register 91 (0x5B) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.58 Register 92 (0x5C)

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LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 89. Register 92 (0x5C) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.59 Register 93 (0x5D)

Figure 111. Register 93 (0x5D)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 90. Register 93 (0x5D) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.60 Register 94 (0x5E)

Figure 112. Register 94 (0x5E)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 91. Register 94 (0x5E) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.61 Register 95 (0x5F)

Figure 113. Register 95 (0x5F)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 92. Register 95 (0x5F) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.62 Register 108 (0x6C)

Figure 114. Register 108 (0x6C)

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 93. Register 108 (0x6C) Field Descriptions

8.6.1.63 Register 119 (0x77)

Figure 115. Register 119 (0x77)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 94. Register 119 (0x77) Field Descriptions

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8.6.1.64 Register 120 (0x78)

Figure 116. Register 120 (0x78)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 95. Register 120 (0x78) Field Descriptions

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8.6.2.1 Register 1 (0x01)

Figure 117. Register 1 (0x01)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 96. Register 1 (0x01) Field Descriptions

8.6.2.2 Register 2 (0x02)

Figure 118. Register 2 (0x02)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 97. Register 2 (0x02) Field Descriptions

8.6.2.3 Register 6 (0x06)

Figure 119. Register 6 (0x06)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 98. Register 6 (0x06) Field Descriptions

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8.6.2.4 Register 7 (0x07)

Figure 120. Register 7 (0x07)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 99. Register 7 (0x07) Field Descriptions

8.6.2.5 Register 9 (0x09)

Figure 121. Register 9 (0x09)

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 100. Register 9 (0x09) Field Descriptions

9 Application and Implementation

NOTE

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes. Customers should validate and test their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

9.1 Typical Applications

The TAS3251 device supports both 2-channel, bridge-tied load (BTL) and mono, parallel bridge-tied load output configurations. This allows flexibility to configure and program the device for a number of different applications:

- 2.0, Stereo Systems this is a standard stereo configuration. Use either one TAS3251 device in stereo, BTL or two TTAS3251 devices in PBTL.
- 0.1, Mono Speaker the TAS3251 can be used as a 1-channel amplifier when configured in PBTL.
- Two-Way (1.1) Powered Speaker the TAS3251 processing and amplifier support two-way or active crossover systems with a tweeter and woofer driven by independent amplifiers. This allows for the removal of passive crossover components in the speaker. This can either be accomplished using one TAS3251 device in BTL or two TAS3251 devices in PBTL.
- Three-Way Powered Speaker the TAS3251 processing and amplifier support a three-way active speaker with a tweeter, mid-range and woofer each driven by independent amplifiers. This allows the removal of passive crossover components in the speaker. This can be accomplished by using two TAS3251 devices (2x BTL + 1x PBTL) or three TAS3251 devices each configured in PBTL.
- 2.1 Systems the TAS3251 can be configured to support a 2.1 to support stereo, 2-channels (2x BTL) and a subwoofer (1x PBTL).

Typical Applications (continued)

9.1.1 Stereo, Bridge Tied Load (BTL) Application

Bridge-tied load (BTL) is a 2-channel amplifier configuration that can be used for stereo systems or two-way powered speakers. See design details below.

Figure 122. Bridge-Tied Load (BTL) Application Diagram

Typical Applications (continued)

9.1.2 Mono, Parallel Bridge-Tied Load (PBTL) Application

Parallel bridge-tied load (PBTL) is a mono, one-channel amplifier configuration that provides twice the current of a single BTL channel. The TAS3251 supports both pre-filter PBTL and post-filter PBTL, which allows the Class-D output terminals to be paralleled before or after the LC filter. Paralleling the outputs after the LC filter requires four inductors and paralleling the outputs before the LC filter requires only two inductors.

9.1.2.1 Parallel Bridge-Tied Load (PBTL), Pre-Filter

The following diagram shows an application using pre-filter PBTL, which requires only two inductors. Note that the inductor should have a saturation current that is equal to the maximum current during an output short condition.

- SPK_OUTA+ and SPK_OUTB+ are connected before L_{FILTER} for the positive amplifier output.
- SPK_OUTA- and SPK_OUTB- are connected before L_{FII} T_{ER} for the negative amplifier output.

Figure 123. Pre-Filter Parallel Bridge-Tied Load (PBTL) Application Diagram

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Typical Applications (continued)

9.1.2.2 Parallel Bridge-Tied Load, Post-Filter

The following diagram shows an application using post-filter PBTL, which requires four inductors. The positive and negative output current are shared between two inductors.

- SPK_OUTA+, SPK_OUTA-, SPK_OUTB+ and SPK_OUTB- are each connected to L_{FII} TFR first.
- The speaker side of the inductors are connected A+ and B+ and A- and B-. See diagram below.

Figure 124. Post-Filter Parallel Bridge-Tied Load (PBTL) Application Diagram

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9.1.3 Design Requirements

The following are required for operating and controlling the TAS3251.

- Power Supplies
	- Analog and Digital: 3.3-V supply
	- Gate Drive: 12-V supply
	- PVDD: 12-V to 36-V supply
- Communication: Host processor serving as I²C compliant master
- Memory: The TAS3251 has a volatile register map that will reset when power is removed. The host processor should have adequate memory to initialize the device to the desired configuration.

9.1.4 Detailed Design Procedure

9.1.4.1 Step One: Schematic and Layout Design

Begin by designing the hardware for the TAS3251. Use the *Typical Application Schematic* and [Pin Function](#page-4-0) [Table](#page-4-0) as a guide for configuring the hardware pins. Follow the component placement and board layout from the TAS3251EVM. The most critical sections of the circuit are the power supply inputs, the amplifier output signals, and the high-frequency clock and data signals. Give precedence to these traces and connections when making design trade-offs.

- 1. First select the operating mode based on the application requirement: BTL, pre-filter PBTL (2-inductors) or post-filter PBTL (4-inductors).
- 2. Design the output stage including the LC filter based on the output configuration selected. Use the TAS3251EVM as reference. The [LC Filter Design Guide](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/slaa701) and [LC Filter Designer](http://www.ti.com/tool/LCFILTER-CALC-TOOL) tool should be used to calculate the cutoff frequency and component values.
- 3. Select the switching frequency by configuring the resistor on pin 18, FREQ_ADJ.
- 4. Select the over-current threshold by configuring the resistor on pin 17, OC_ADJ.
- 5. Apply bypass and decoupling capacitors to power pins according to the [Pin Function Table](#page-4-0) and the *Typical Application Schematic*.

9.1.4.1.1 Decoupling Capacitor Recommendations

To design an amplifier that has robust performance, passes regulatory requirements, and exhibits good audio performance, good quality decoupling capacitors should be used. Ceramic type X7R should be used in this application.

Temperature, ripple current, and voltage overshoot must be considered. This fact is particularly true in the selection of the 1 μ F that is placed on the PVDD power supply pins to each full-bridge. It must withstand the voltage overshoot of the PWM switching, the heat generated by the amplifier during high power output and the ripple current created by high power output. A minimum voltage rating of 50 V is required for use with a 36 V power supply.

9.1.4.1.2 PVDD Capacitor Recommendations

The large capacitors used in conjunction with each full-bridge, are referred to as the PVDD Capacitors. These capacitors should be selected for proper voltage margin and adequate capacitance to support the power requirements. In practice, with a well designed system power supply, 470 μF, 50 V supports most applications. The PVDD capacitors should be low ESR type because they are used in a circuit associated with high-speed switching.

9.1.4.1.3 BST Capacitors

To ensure large enough bootstrap energy storage for the high side gate drive to work correctly with all audio source signals, 33 nF / 25V X7R BST capacitors are recommended.

9.1.4.1.4 Heatsink

The heat sink should be attached to the device using a thermally conductive paste and have a good connection to board ground.

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9.1.4.2 Step Two: Configure the Fixed-Function Process Flow for Use with the Target System

Use the TAS3251EVM and PurePath™ Console 3 to characterize, tune and test the speaker system.

- 1. Use the TAS3251 Evaluation Module (TAS3251EVM) and PurePath™ Console 3 software to configure the device settings and audio processing. PurePath Console 3 can be requested and downloaded from TI.com.
- 2. Once the appropriate configuration has been finalized using the TAS3251EVM, use the In-System Programming mode in PurePath™ Console 3 to load the configuration to a TAS3251 in the final system (not on the TAS3251EVM). Connect the I2C traces from the TAS3251EVM to the final system for programming. Ensure the I2C lines have compatible voltages and resistor pull-ups.

9.1.4.3 Step Three: Software Integration

- 1. Use the export feature in PurePath™ Console 3 software to generate a register map configuration file to be used to initialize the TAS3251at system startup.
- 2. Include the configuration file in the main processor program to load during the TAS3251 initialization.
- 3. Integrate dynamic control commands (such as volume controls, mute commands, and mode-based EQ curves) into the main system program.

9.1.5 Two TAS3251 Device Configurations

This section describes hardware design requirements for systems using two TAS3251devices.

9.1.5.1 2 x PBTL Application

In this configuration both devices are configured in parallel bridge-tied load (PBTL) mode. Example use cases for a 2 x PBTL hardware configuration include:

- **Stereo Speaker Pair**, with left and right channel audio. This can be implemented in one of two ways:
	- Send left channel I^2S or TDM data to one device and send right channel I^2S or TDM data to the other device.
	- Or, send both left and right channel to one device and send the post-processed data through the SDOUT pin to the other device.
- **2-Way, Active Crossover Speaker**, with one amplifier driving a tweeter and the other driving a woofer.
	- Send the same audio channel to both devices and use the DSP in one device for the high-pass filter and the other device for the low-pass filter to form a 2-way, crossover.
	- Or, send the audio to one primary device, do the high-pass and low-pass processing in the primary device, and then send either the high-pass or low-pass data only to the other device using the SDOUT pin.

9.1.5.2 2 x BTL + 1 x PBTL Application

In this configuration one device is configured in two bridge-tied load (BTL) mode and the other device is configured in mono, parallel bridge-tied load (PBTL) mode. Example use cases for a 2 x BTL and 1 x PBTL hardware configuration include:

- **2.1 Speaker System**, with left, right and subwoofer audio channels. In this setup, process left, right and subwoofer audio in one device and then send the subwoofer data from SDOUT to another device.
- **3-Way, Active Crossover Speaker**, with one amplifier driving a tweeter and a mid-range speaker (BTL), and another (PBTL) driving a woofer or subwoofer. In this configuration, process everything in one device and send the subwoofer data from SDOUT to another device.

9.1.6 Three or More TAS3251 Device Configurations

This section describes hardware design requirements and considerations for systems using three or more TAS3251devices.

With three or more devices in a system, the processing power of a signle TAS3251 may be insufficient. To create a complex system, map out the audio path using multiple DSPs and use a combination of daisy-chained DSPs or paralleled DSPs to process the audio and create the speaker signal path.

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9.1.7 Application Curves

Table 101. Application Curves

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10 Power Supply Recommendations

10.1 Power Supplies

The device requires three power supplies for proper operation. A 3.3 V rail for the low voltage circuitry and DAC, a 12 V rail for the amplifier gate-drive, and PVDD which is required to provide power to the output stage of the audio amplifier. The operating range for these supplies is shown in the Recommended Operating Conditions. TI recommends waiting 100 ms to 240 ms for the DVDD power supplies to stabilize before starting I²C communication and providing stable I^2S clock before enabling the device outputs.

Figure 125. Power Supply Functional Block Diagram

Power Supplies (continued)

10.1.1 DAC_DVDD and DAC_AVDD Supplies

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The DAC_DVDD supply is required from the system to power several portions of the device. As shown in *[Figure 125](#page-107-0)*, it provides power to the DVDD_REG pin and the CPVDD pin. Proper connection, routing, and decoupling techniques are highlighted in the *EVM User's Guide* (as well as the *[Application and Implementation](#page-100-0)* section and the *[Layout Examples](#page-111-0)* section) and must be followed as closely as possible for proper operation and performance. Deviation from the guidance offered in the TAS3251*EVM User's Guide*, which follows the same techniques as those shown in the *[Application and Implementation](#page-100-0)* section, can result in reduced performance, errant functionality, or even damage to the TAS3251 device.

Some portions of the device also require a separate power supply that is a lower voltage than the external DAC_DVDD supply. To simplify the power supply requirements for the system, the TAS3251 device includes an integrated low-dropout (LDO) linear regulator to create this supply. This linear regulator is internally connected to the DAC_DVDD supply and its output is presented on the DVDD_REG pin, providing a connection point for an external bypass capacitor. It is important to note that the linear regulator integrated in the device has only been designed to support the current requirements of the internal circuitry, and should not be used to power any additional external circuitry. Additional loading on this pin could cause the voltage to sag, negatively affecting the performance and operation of the device.

The outputs of the high-performance DACs used in the TAS3251 device are ground centered, requiring both a positive low-voltage supply and a negative low-voltage supply. The positive power supply for the DAC output stage is taken from the DAC_AVDD pin, which can be connected to the DAC_DVDD supply provided by the system. A charge pump is integrated in the TAS3251 device to generate the negative low-voltage supply. The power supply input for the charge pump is the CPVDD pin. The CPVSS pin is provided to allow the connection of a filter capacitor on the negative low-voltage supply. As is the case with the other supplies, the component selection, placement, and routing of the external components for these low voltage supplies are shown in the TAS3251 EVM User's Guide and should be followed as closely as possible to ensure proper operation of the device.

10.1.1.1 CPVSS, CN and CP Charge Pump

The TAS3251 has an integrated charge pump for generating the negative supply voltage for the DAC output stage. Connect a 1µF ceramic capacitor between CN and CP and connect a 1 µF ceramic capacitor from CPVSS to GND.

10.1.2 VDD Supply

The VDD supply required from the system is used to power several portions of the device. It provides power to internal regulators DVDD and AVDD that are used to power digital and analog sections of the device output power stage. Connect a 1 µF ceramic capacitor to GND and ensure capacitor voltage rating is sufficient for AVDD and DVDD. See DVDD and AVDD typical voltages in Amplifier Electrical Characteristics. Proper connection, routing, and decoupling techniques are highlighted in the Layout Section and the TAS3251EVM User's Guide, which must be followed as closely as possible for proper operation and performance. Deviation from the guidance offered in the section may result in reduced performance, errant functionality, or even damage to the TAS3251 device.

Some portions of the device also require a separate power supply which is a lower voltage than the VDD supply. To simplify the power supply requirements for the system, the TAS3251 device includes integrated low-dropout (LDO) linear regulators to create these supplies. These linear regulators are internally connected to the VDD supply and their outputs are presented on AVDD and DVDD pins, providing a connection point for an external bypass capacitors. It is important to note that the linear regulators integrated in the device have only been designed to support the current requirements of the internal circuitry, and should not be used to power any additional external circuitry. Additional loading on these pins could cause the voltage to sag and increase noise injection, which negatively affects the performance and operation of the device.

Power Supplies (continued)

10.1.3 GVDD_X Supply

The GVDD_X supply required from the system is used to power the gate-drives for the output H-bridges. Connect 0.1 µF ceramic capacitor from pin to GND and place as close to pin as possible. The ceramic capacitor should have a voltage rating of at least 25V. Proper connection, routing, and decoupling techniques are highlighted in the Layout Section and the TAS3251EVM User's Guide and must be followed as closely as possible for proper operation and performance. Deviation from the guidance offered in the these sections may result in reduced performance, errant functionality, or even damage to the TAS3251 device.

10.1.4 PVDD Supply

The output stage of the amplifier drives the load using the PVDD supply. This is the power supply which provides the drive current to the load during playback. Proper connection, routing, and decoupling techniques are highlighted in the section and section and must be followed as closely as possible for proper operation and performance. Due to the high-voltage switching of the output stage, it is particularly important to properly decouple the output power stages. The lack of proper decoupling can results in voltage spikes which can damage the device, or cause poor audio performance and device shutdown faults. See the TAS3251EVM for proper component selection, placement and layout for best performance.

10.1.5 BST Supply

TAS3251 has built-in bootstrap supply for each half bridge gate drive to supply the high side MOSFETs, only requiring a single capacitor per half bridge. The capacitors are connected to each half bridge output and charged by the GVDD supply via an internal diode while the PWM outputs are in low state. The high side gate drive is supplied by the voltage across the BST capacitor while the output PWM is high. It is recommended to place the BST capacitors close to the TAS3251 device and keep the length of PCB traces to a minimum. Connect a 0.033 µF ceramic capacitor with a rating of at least 25V between BST xx pin and the corresponding output stage SPK OUTxx pin.

11 Layout

11.1 Layout Guidelines

11.1.1 General Guidelines for TAS3251

Audio amplifiers which incorporate switching output stages require special attention to the device layout and supporting component layout. The system level performance, including electromagnetic compliance (EMC), device reliability and audio performance are all affected by the layout. See the section [Layout Examples](#page-111-0) for layout recommendations based on amplifier output configuration. The list below provides general guidelinese to follow when placing components and routing.

- Use an unbroken ground plan for low impedance and low inductance return path to the power supply for power and audio signals.
- Keep the routing between the DAC and the amplifier inputs as short as possible. Maintain good grounding around these traces to prevent noise.
- The small bypass capacitors on the PVDD lines should be placed as close to the PVDD pins as possible.
- Reference all bypass and decoupling components to the TAS3251 ground by connecting the ground of the component directly to the ground of the device.
- Maintain a contiguous ground plane from the ground pins to the PCB area surrounding the device for as many ground pins as possible. This will help conduct heat through the pins of the package.

11.1.2 Importance of PVDD Bypass Capacitor Placement

Placing the bypass and decoupling capacitors close to supply pins is required for stability and best performance. This applies to DVDD, AVDD, CPVDD, and PVDD.

The small bypass capacitors on the PVDD lines of the TAS3251 must be placed as close to the PVDD pins as possible. Not only does placing these devices far away from the pins increase the electromagnetic interference in the system, but doing so can also negatively affect the reliability of the device. Placement of these components too far from the TAS3251 device can cause ringing on the output pins that can cause the voltage on the output pin to exceed the maximum allowable ratings shown in the *[Absolute Maximum Ratings](#page-6-0)* table, damaging the device. For that reason, the capacitors on the PVDD net must be no further away from their associated PVDD pins than what is shown in the example layouts in the *[Layout Examples](#page-111-0)* section

11.2 Layout Examples

11.2.1 Bridge-Tied Load (BTL) Layout Example

This section shows an example layout when operating in bridge-tied load (BTL) mode.

Layout Examples (continued)

11.2.2 Parallel Bridge-Tied Load (PBTL), Pre-Filter

This section shows an example layout when operating in parallel bridge-tied load (PBTL) mode and connecting the output traces **before** the LC filter using two inductors. This layout requires fewer inductors compared with post-filter PBTL.

Layout Examples (continued)

11.2.3 Parallel Bridge-Tied Load (PBTL), Post-Filter

This section shows an example layout when operating in parallel bridge-tied load (PBTL) mode and connecting the output traces **after** the LC filter using four inductors. This layout requires fewer inductors compared with postfilter PBTL.

12 Device and Documentation Support

12.1 Device Support

12.1.1 Device Nomenclature

The glossary listed in the *[Glossary](#page-115-0)* section is a general glossary with commonly used acronyms and words which are defined in accordance with a broad TI initiative to comply with industry standards such as JEDEC, IPC, IEEE, and others. The glossary provided in this section defines words, phrases, and acronyms that are unique to this product and documentation, collateral, or support tools and software used with this product. For any additional questions regarding definitions and terminology, please see the [e2e Audio Amplfier Forum](http://e2e.ti.com/support/amplifiers/audio_amplifiers/default.aspx).

Bridge tied load (BTL) is an output configuration in which one terminal of the speaker is connected to one halfbridge and the other terminal is connected to another half-bridge.

DUT refers to a *device under test* to differentiate one device from another.

Closed-loop architecture describes a topology in which the amplifier monitors the output terminals, comparing the output signal to the input signal and attempts to correct for non-linearities in the output.

Dynamic controls are those which are changed during normal use by either the system or the end-user.

GPIO is a general purpose input/output pin. It is a highly configurable, bi-directional digital pin which can perform many functions as required by the system.

Host processor (also known as System Processor, Scalar, Host, or System Controller) refers to device which serves as a central system controller, providing control information to devices connected to it as well as gathering audio source data from devices upstream from it and distributing it to other devices. This device often configures the controls of the audio processing devices (like the TAS3251) in the audio path in order to optimize the audio output of a loudspeaker based on frequency response, time alignment, target sound pressure level, safe operating area of the system, and user preference.

HybridFlow uses components which are built in RAM and components which are built in ROM to make a configurable device that is easier to use than a fully-programmable device while remaining flexible enough to be used in several applications

Maximum continuous output power refers to the maximum output power that the amplifier can continuously deliver without shutting down when operated in a 25°C ambient temperature. Testing is performed for the period of time required that their temperatures reach thermal equilibrium and are no longer increasing

Parallel bridge tied load (PBTL) is an output configuration in which one terminal of the speaker is connected to two half-bridges which have been placed in parallel and the other terminal is connected to another pair of half bridges placed in parallel

r_{DS(on)} is a measure of the on-resistance of the MOSFETs used in the output stage of the amplifier.

Static controls/Static configurations are controls which do not change while the system is in normal use.

Vias are copper-plated through-hole in a PCB.

12.1.2 Development Support

- [TAS3251 Evaluation ModuleTAS3251EVM](http://www.ti.com/tool/TAS3251EVM) (TAS3251EVM)
- [PurePath™ Console 3 Software](http://www.ti.com/tool/purepathconsole) (PUREPATHCONSOLE)
- [Speaker Characterization Board for PurePath™ Audio SmartAmp](http://www.ti.com/tool/PP-SALB-EVM) (PP-SALB-EVM)
- [TAS3251 Process Flows](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLAA799) (SLAA799)

12.2 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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12.5 Electrostatic Discharge Caution

These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

12.6 Glossary

[SLYZ022](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLYZ022) — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

13 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.

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GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW

DKQ 56

PowerPAD[™] SSOP - 2.34 mm max height

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Refer to the product data sheet for package details.

PACKAGE OUTLINE

DKQ0056B PowerPAD[™] SSOP - 2.475 mm max height

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NOTES:

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- 2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
- 3. This dimension does not include mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs. Mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs shall not exceed 0.15 mm per side.
- 4. This dimension does not include interlead flash. Interlead flash shall not exceed 0.25 mm per side.
- 5. The exposed thermal pad is designed to be attached to an external heatsink.
- 6. For clamped heatsink design, refer to overall package height above the seating plane as 2.325 +/- 0.075 and molded body thickness dimension.

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

DKQ0056B PowerPAD[™] SSOP - 2.475 mm max height

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NOTES: (continued)

7. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.

8. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.

9. Size of metal pad may vary due to creepage requirement.

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

DKQ0056B PowerPAD[™] SSOP - 2.475 mm max height

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10. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.

11. Board assembly site may have different recommendations for stencil design.

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