

AFE7444 Quad-channel, RF-sampling AFE with 14-bit, 9-GSPS DACs and 14-bit, 3-GSPS ADCs

1 Features

- Four, 14-bit, 9-GSPS DACs
 - Up to 800-MHz signal bandwidth
 - 1 DSA per channel tunes output power
- Four, 14-bit, 3-GSPS ADCs
 - Up to 800-MHz signal bandwidth
 - NSD: –151 dBFS/Hz
 - AC performance at $f_{IN} = 2.6$ GHz, –3 dBFS
 - SNR: 55 dBFS
 - SFDR: 73 dBc HD2 and HD3
 - SFDR: 91 dBc worst spur
 - 2 DSA per channel extends dynamic range
 - RF and digital power detectors
- RF frequency range: 10 MHz to 6 GHz
- Fast frequency hopping < 1 μ s
- Receive digital signal path:
 - dual DDC per ADC
 - 3-phase coherent 32-bit NCOs per DDC
 - Decimation ratio: 3x to 32x
- Transmit digital signal path:
 - Dual DUC per DAC with 32-bit NCOs
 - Interpolation ratio: 8x to 36x
 - Sin(x)/x correction and configurable delay
 - Power amplifier protection (PAP)
- JESD204B interface:
 - 8 transceivers at up to 15 Gbps
 - Subclass 1 multichip synchronization
- Clocks:
 - Internal PLL and VCO with bypass option
 - Clock output up to 3 GHz with clock divider
- DAC power dissipation: 1.7 W/ch at 9 GSPS
- ADC power dissipation: 1.8 W/ch at 3 GSPS
- Package: 17-mm x 17-mm FC BGA, 0.8-mm pitch

2 Applications

- Communications equipment and testers
- Wideband digitizers and waveform generators

3 Description

The AFE7444 is a quad-channel, wideband, RF-sampling analog front end (AFE) based on 14-bit, 9-GSPS DACs and 14-bit, 3-GSPS ADCs. With operation at an RF of up to 6 GHz, this device enables direct RF sampling into the C-band frequency range without the need for additional frequency conversions stages. This improvement in density and flexibility enables high-channel-count, multimission systems.

The DAC signal paths support interpolation and digital up conversion options that deliver up to 800 MHz of signal bandwidth. The differential output path includes a digital step attenuator (DSA), which enables tuning of output power.

Each ADC input path includes a dual DSA and RF and Digital power detectors. Flexible decimation options provide optimization of data bandwidth.

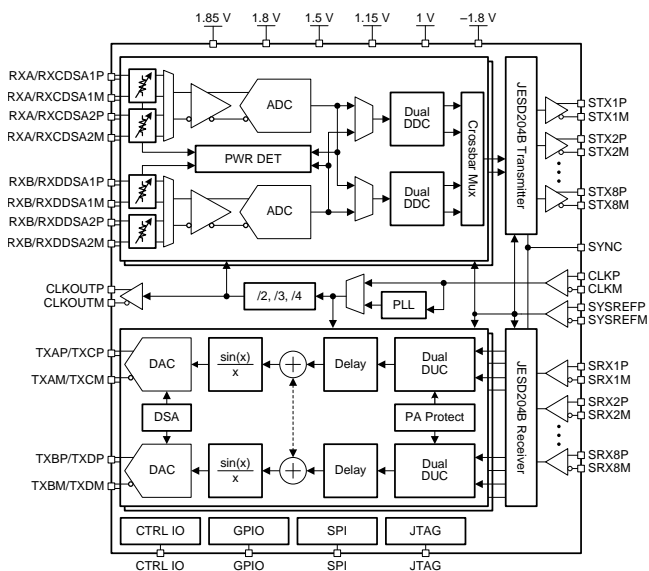
An 8-lane (8 TX + 8 RX) subclass-1 compliant JESD204B interface operates at up to 15 Gbps. A bypassable on-chip PLL simplifies clock operation with an optional clock output.

Device Information⁽¹⁾

| PART NUMBER | PACKAGE | BODY SIZE (NOM) |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| AFE7444 | FCBGA (400) | 17.00 mm x 17.00 mm |

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

Functional Block Diagram



4 Revision History

NOTE: Page numbers for previous revisions may differ from page numbers in the current version.

| Changes from Original (October 2018) to Revision A | Page |
|--|-------------------|
| • Changed status from advance information to production data | 1 |

5 Device and Documentation Support

5.1 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

5.5 Glossary

[SLYZ022](#) — *TI Glossary*.

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

6 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.

PACKAGING INFORMATION

| Orderable Device | Status (1) | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | Package Qty | Eco Plan (2) | Lead finish/ Ball material (6) | MSL Peak Temp (3) | Op Temp (°C) | Device Marking (4/5) | Samples |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| AFE7444IABJ | ACTIVE | FCBGA | ABJ | 400 | 90 | RoHS & Green | SNAGCU | Level-3-260C-168 HR | -40 to 85 | AFE7444I | Samples |
| AFE7444IALK | ACTIVE | FCBGA | ALK | 400 | 90 | Non-RoHS & Green | Call TI | Level-3-220C-168 HR | -40 to 85 | AFE7444IZ | Samples |

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ACTIVE: Product device recommended for new designs.

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(3) MSL, Peak Temp. - The Moisture Sensitivity Level rating according to the JEDEC industry standard classifications, and peak solder temperature.

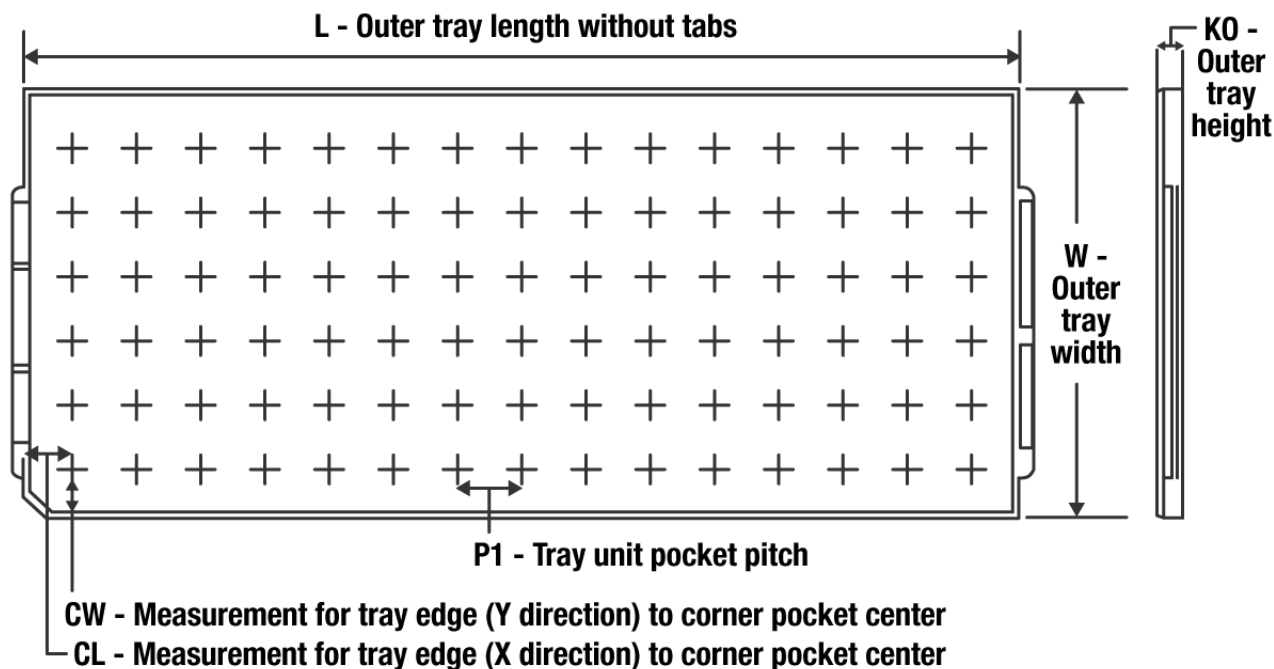
(4) There may be additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category on the device.

(5) Multiple Device Markings will be inside parentheses. Only one Device Marking contained in parentheses and separated by a "-" will appear on a device. If a line is indented then it is a continuation of the previous line and the two combined represent the entire Device Marking for that device.

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TRAY


Chamfer on Tray corner indicates Pin 1 orientation of packed units.

*All dimensions are nominal

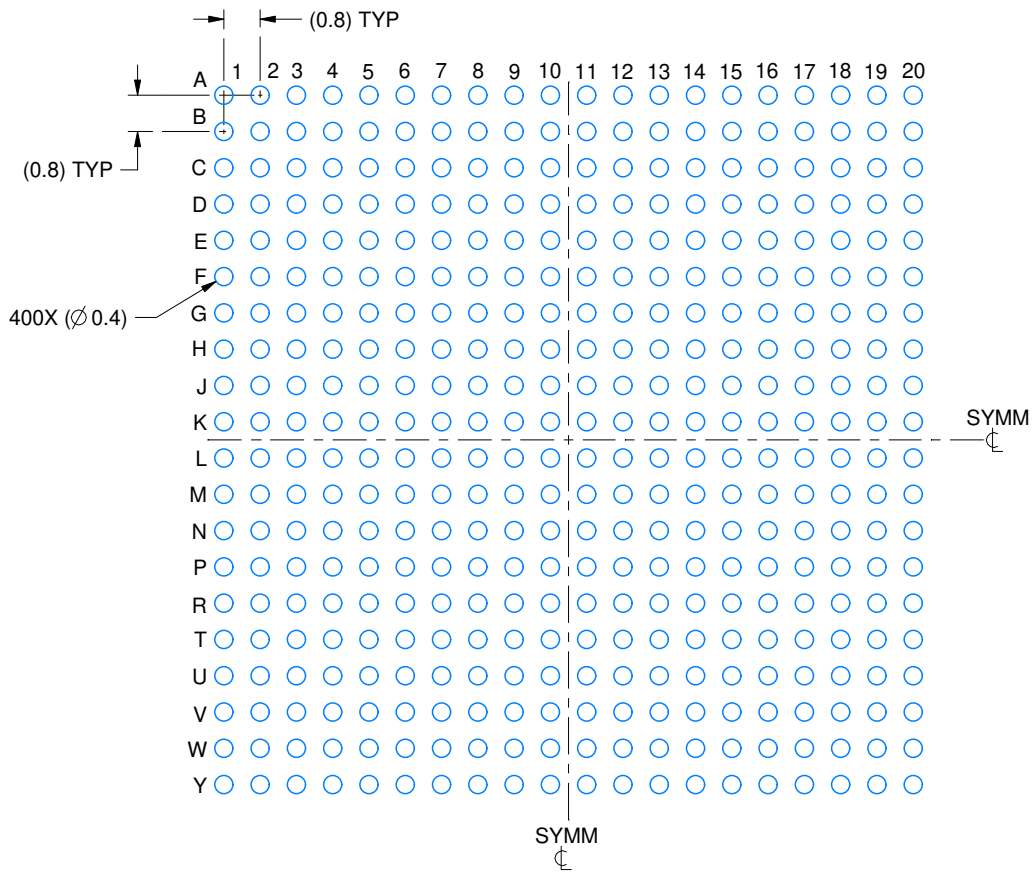
| Device | Package Name | Package Type | Pins | SPQ | Unit array matrix | Max temperature (°C) | L (mm) | W (mm) | K0 (µm) | P1 (mm) | CL (mm) | CW (mm) |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|------|-----|-------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| AFE7444IABJ | ABJ | FCBGA | 400 | 90 | 6 x 16 | 150 | 315 | 135.9 | 7620 | 19.5 | 21 | 19.2 |
| AFE7444IALK | ALK | FCBGA | 400 | 90 | 6 x 16 | 150 | 315 | 135.9 | 7620 | 19.5 | 21 | 19.2 |

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

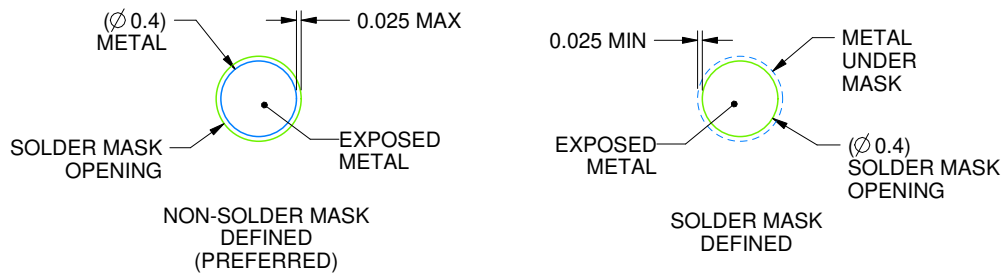
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FCBGA - 2.65 mm max height

BALL GRID ARRAY



LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN
SCALE:6X



SOLDER MASK DETAILS
NOT TO SCALE

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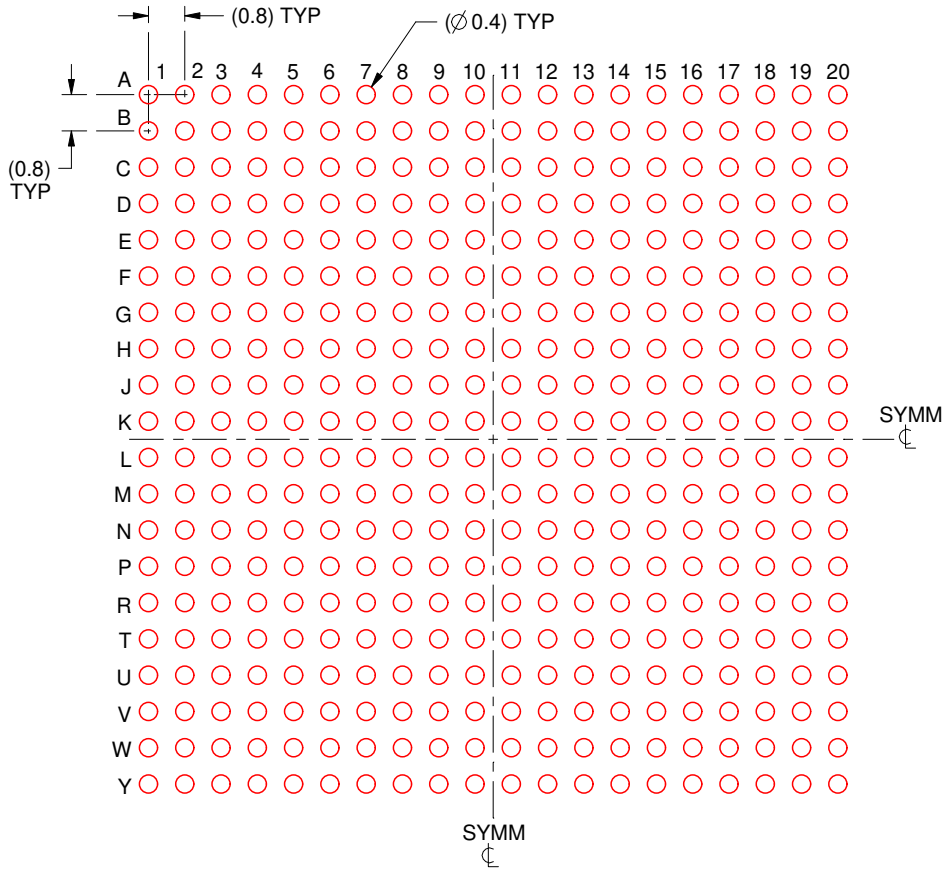
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EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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BALL GRID ARRAY



SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
BASED ON 0.15 mm THICK STENCIL
SCALE:6X

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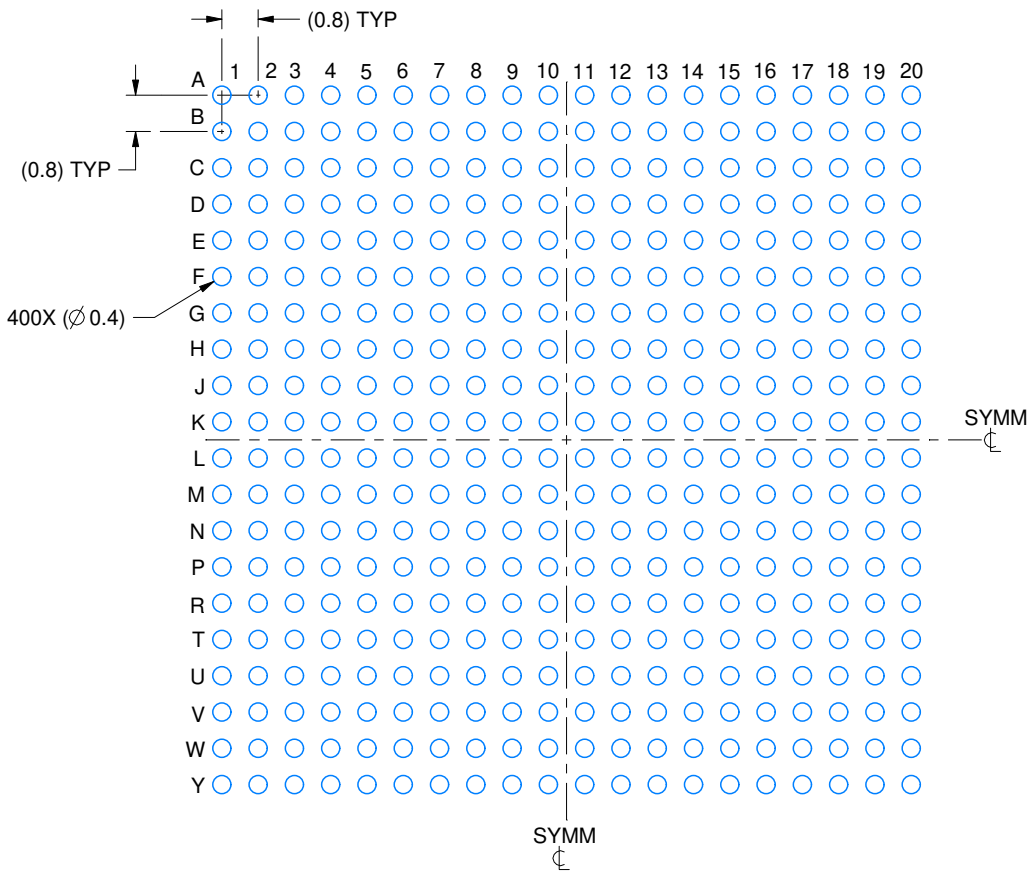
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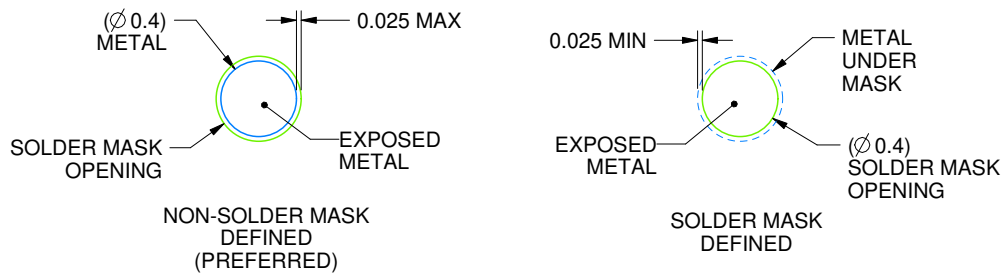
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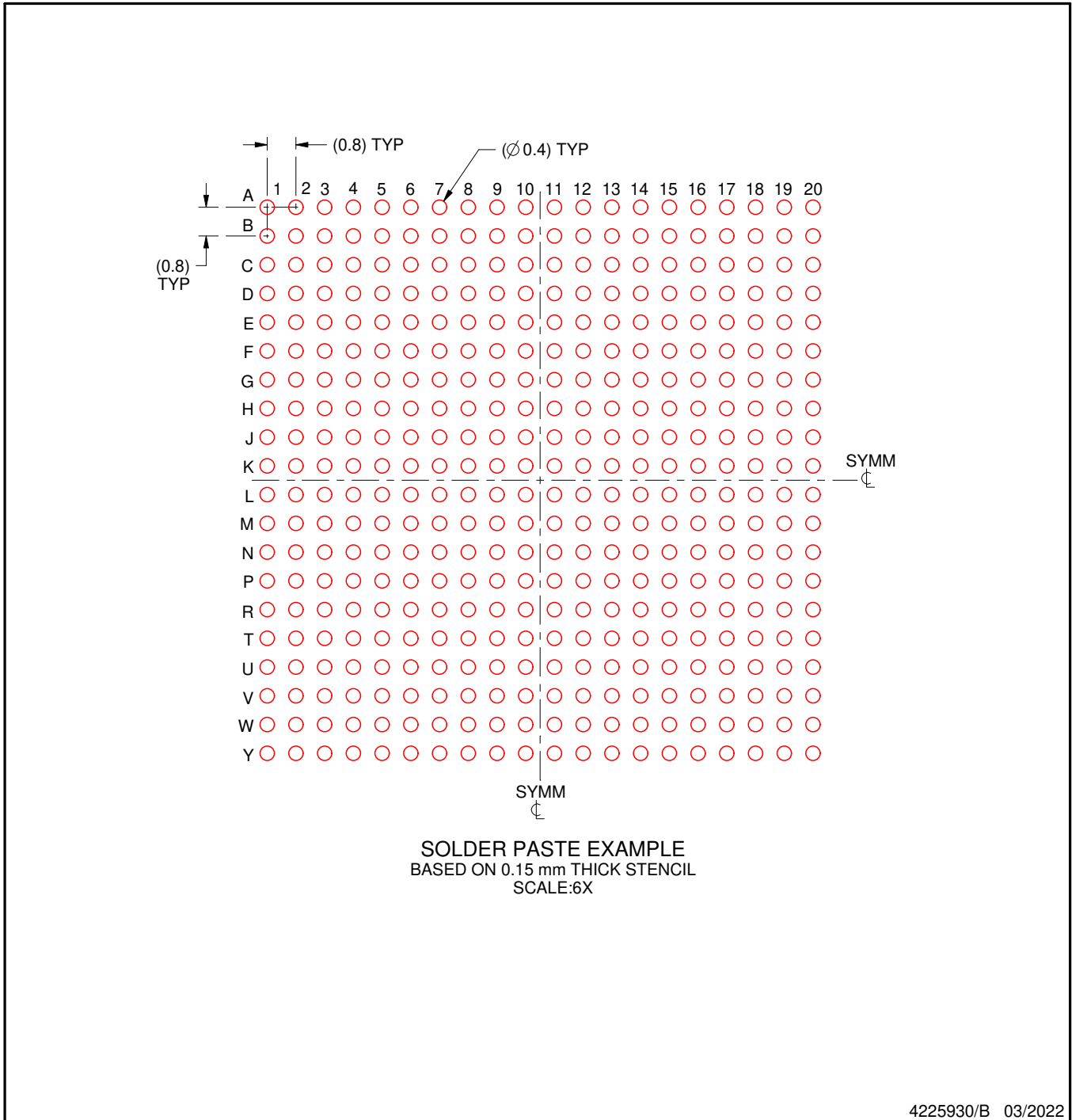
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BALL GRID ARRAY



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