

TSC103

High-voltage, high-side current sense amplifier

Features

- Independent supply and input common-mode voltages
- Wide common-mode operating range: 2.9 to 70 V in single-supply configuration -2.1 to 65 V in dual-supply configuration
- Wide common-mode surviving range: -16 to 75 V (reversed battery and load-dump conditions)
- Supply voltage range: 2.7 to 5.5 V in single-supply configuration
- **■** Low current consumption: I_{CC} max = 360 μ A
- Pin selectable gain: 20 V/V, 25 V/V, 50 V/V or 100 V/V
- Buffered output

Applications

- Automotive current monitoring
- DC motor control
- Photovoltaic systems
- **Battery chargers**
- **Precision current sources**
- Current monitoring of notebook computers
- Uninterruptible power supplies
- High-end power supplies

Description

The TSC103 measures a small differential voltage on a high-side shunt resistor and translates it into a ground-referenced output voltage. The gain is adjustable to four different values from 20 V/V up to 100 V/V by two selection pins.

Wide input common-mode voltage range, low quiescent current, and tiny TSSOP8 packaging enable use in a wide variety of applications.

The input common-mode and power-supply voltages are independent. The common-mode voltage can range from 2.9 to 70 V in the singlesupply configuration or be offset by an adjustable voltage supplied on the Vcc- pin in the dualsupply configuration.

With a current consumption lower than 360 μ A and a virtually null input leakage current in standby mode, the power consumption in the applications is minimized.

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1 Application schematic and pin description

The TSC103 high-side current sense amplifier can be used in either single- or dual-supply mode. In the single-supply configuration, the TSC103 features a wide 2.9 V to 70 V input common-mode range totally independent of the supply voltage. In the dual-supply range, the common-mode range is shifted by the value of the negative voltage applied on the Vccpin. For instance, with Vec + = 5 V and Vec = -5 V, then the input common-mode range is -2 V to 65 V.

Figure 1. Single-supply configuration schematic

Figure 2. Dual-supply configuration schematic

Figure 3. Common-mode versus supply voltage in dual-supply configuration

Symbol	Type	Function
Out	Analog output	The Out voltage is proportional to the magnitude of the sense voltage V _p -V _m .
Gnd	Power supply	Ground line.
$Vcc+$	Power supply	Positive power supply line.
Vcc-	Power supply	Negative power supply line.
Vp	Analog input	Connection for the external sense resistor. The measured current enters the shunt on the V_p side.
Vm	Analog input	Connection for the external sense resistor. The measured current exits the shunt on the V_m side.
SEL ₁	Digital input	Gain-select pin.
SEL ₂	Digital input	Gain-select pin.

Table 1. **Pin description**

2 Absolute maximum ratings and operating conditions

Table 2. **Absolute maximum ratings**

1. These voltage values are measured with respect to the V_{cc} - pin.

2. These voltage values are measured with respect to the Gnd pin.

- 3. Human body model: a 100 pF capacitor is charged to the specified voltage, then discharged through a
1.5 kΩ resistor between two pins of the device. This is done for all couples of connected pin combinations
while the
- 4. Machine model: a 200 pF capacitor is charged to the specified voltage, then discharged directly between two pins of the device with no external series resistor (internal resistor < 5 Ω). This is done for all couples of connected pin combinations while the other pins are floating.
- 5. Charged device model: all pins plus package are charged together to the specified voltage and then discharged directly to ground.

3 Electrical characteristics

The electrical characteristics given in the following tables are measured under the following test conditions unless otherwise specified.

- $T_{amb} = 25^{\circ}$ C, V_{cc+} = 5 V, V_{cc-} connected to Gnd (single-supply configuration).
- $V_{\text{sense}} = V_{\text{p}}V_{\text{m}} = 50 \text{ mV}, V_{\text{m}} = 12 \text{ V}, \text{no load on Out}, \text{ all gain configurations.}$

Input Table 5.

1. See *[Chapter 4: Parameter definitions on page 10](#page-9-0)* for the definition of CMR.

2. See *[Chapter 4](#page-9-0)* for the definition of SVR.

3. See *[Chapter 4](#page-9-0)* for the definition of V_{os} .

1. See *[Chapter 4: Parameter definitions on page 10](#page-9-0)* for the definition of output voltage drift versus temperature.

2. Output voltage accuracy is the difference with the expected theoretical output voltage V_{out-th}=Av*V_{sense}. See *[Chapter 4](#page-9-0)* for a more detailed definition.

3. Except for $Av = 100$ V/V.

Table 7. Frequency response

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4 Parameter definitions

4.1 Common mode rejection ratio (CMR)

The common-mode rejection ratio (CMR) measures the ability of the current-sensing amplifier to reject any DC voltage applied on both inputs V_p and V_m . The CMR is referred back to the input so that its effect can be compared with the applied differential signal. The CMR is defined by the formula:

$$
CMR = -20 \cdot \log \frac{\Delta V_{out}}{\Delta V_{icm} \cdot Av}
$$

4.2 Supply voltage rejection ratio (SVR)

The supply-voltage rejection ratio (SVR) measures the ability of the current-sensing amplifier to reject any variation of the supply voltage V_{CC} . The SVR is referred back to the input so that its effect can be compared with the applied differential signal. The SVR is defined by the formula:

$$
SVR = -20 \cdot \log \frac{\Delta V_{out}}{\Delta V_{CC} \cdot Av}
$$

4.3 Gain (Av) and input offset voltage (V_{os})

The input offset voltage is defined as the intersection between the linear regression of the V_{out} vs. V_{sense} curve with the X-axis (see *[Figure 4](#page-10-0)*). If V_{out1} is the output voltage with $V_{\text{sense}} = V_{\text{sense1}}$ and V_{out2} is the output voltage with $V_{\text{sense}} = V_{\text{sense2}}$, then V_{os} can be calculated with the following formula.

$$
V_{os} = V_{sense1} - \left(\frac{V_{sense1} - V_{sense2}}{V_{out1} - V_{out2}} \cdot V_{out1}\right)
$$

AM04520 Vos Vsense2 Vsense Vout Vsense1 Vout_1 Vout_2

Figure 4. V_{out} versus V_{sense} characteristics: detail for low V_{sense} values

The values of V_{sense1} and V_{sense2} used for the input offset calculations are detailed in *[Table 9](#page-10-1)*.

4.4 Output voltage drift versus temperature

The output voltage drift versus temperature is defined as the maximum variation of V_{out} with respect to its value at 25° C over the temperature range. It is calculated as follows:

$$
\frac{\Delta V_{out}}{\Delta T} = \max \frac{V_{out}(T_{amb}) - V_{out}(25^{\circ}C)}{T_{amb} - 25^{\circ}C}
$$

with $T_{min} < T_{amb} < T_{max}$.

[Figure 5](#page-11-1) provides a graphical definition of the output voltage drift versus temperature. On this chart V_{out} is always comprised in the area defined by the maximum and minimum variation of V_{out} versus T, and T = 25° C is considered to be the reference.

Figure 5. Output voltage drift versus temperature (Av = 50 V/V Vsense = 50 mV)

4.5 Input offset drift versus temperature

The input voltage drift versus temperature is defined as the maximum variation of V_{os} with respect to its value at 25° C over the temperature range. It is calculated as follows:

$$
\frac{\Delta V_{\text{OS}}}{\Delta T} = \max \frac{V_{\text{OS}}(T_{\text{amb}}) - V_{\text{OS}}(25^{\circ} \text{C})}{T_{\text{amb}} - 25^{\circ} \text{C}}
$$

with $T_{\text{min}} < T_{\text{amb}} < T_{\text{max}}$.

[Figure 6.](#page-12-2) provides a graphical definition of the input offset drift versus temperature. On this chart V_{os} is always comprised in the area defined by the maximum and minimum variation of V_{os} versus T, and T = 25° C is considered to be the reference.

Figure 6. Input offset drift versus temperature (Av = 50 V/V)

4.6 Output voltage accuracy

The output voltage accuracy is the difference between the actual output voltage and the theoretical output voltage. Ideally, the current sensing output voltage should be equal to the input differential voltage multiplied by the theoretical gain, as in the following formula.

 $V_{\text{out-th}} = Av$. V_{sense}

The actual value is very slightly different, mainly due to the effects of:

- the input offset voltage V_{os} ,
- the non-linearity.

Figure 7. V_{out} vs. V_{sense} theoretical and actual characteristics

The output voltage accuracy, expressed as a percentage, can be calculated with the following formula,

$$
\Delta V_{\text{out}} = \frac{\text{abs}(V_{\text{out}} - (Av \cdot V_{\text{sense}}))}{Av \cdot V_{\text{sense}}}
$$

with 20 V/V, 25 V/V, 50 V/V or 100 V/V depending on the configuration of the SEL1 and SEL2 pins.

5 Maximum permissible voltages on pins

The TSC103 can be used in either single- or dual-supply configuration. The dual-supply configuration is achieved by disconnecting Vcc- and Gnd, and connecting Vcc- to a negative supply. *[Figure 8](#page-14-1)* illustrates how the absolute maximum voltages on input pins Vp and Vm are referred to the Vcc- potential, while the maximum voltages on the positive supply pin, gain selection pins and output pins are referred to the Gnd pin. It should also be noted that the maximum voltage between Vcc- and Vcc+ is limited to 15 V.

Figure 8. Maximum voltages on pins

6 Application information

The TSC103 can be used to measure current and to feed back the information to a microcontroller.

Figure 9. Single-supply configuration schematic

The current from the supply flows to the load through the $R_{\rm sense}$ resistor causing a voltage drop equal to V_{sense} across R_{sense}. The amplifier's input currents are negligible, therefore its inverting input voltage is equal to $\bm{{\mathsf{V}}}_\mathsf{m}.$ The amplifier's open-loop gain forces its non-inverting input to the same voltage as the inverting input. As a consequence, the amplifier adjusts current flowing through Rg1 so that the voltage drop across Rg1 matches $V_{\rm sense}$ exactly.

Therefore, the drop across Rg1 is:

 $V_{\text{Rg1}} = V_{\text{sense}} = R_{\text{sense}} I_{\text{load}}$

If I_{Ra1} is the current flowing through Rg1, then I_{Rg1} is given by the formula:

 $I_{Rg1} = V_{sense}/Rg1$

The I_{Rg1} current flows entirely into resistor R_{g3} (the input bias current of the buffer is negligible). Therefore, the voltage drop on the R_{g3} resistor can be calculated as follows.

$$
V_{\text{Rg3}} = \text{R}_{g3} \cdot \text{I}_{\text{Rg1}} = (\text{R}_{g3}/\text{R}_{g1}) \cdot V_{\text{sense}}
$$

Since the voltage across the R_{q3} resistor is buffered to the Out pin, V_{out} can be expressed as:

$$
V_{out} = (R_{g3}/R_{g1}).V_{sense}
$$

or:

$$
V_{out} = (R_{g3}/R_{g1}).R_{sense}.I_{load}
$$

The resistor ratio R_{g3}/R_{g1} is internally set to 20 V/V for TSC103A, to 50 V/V for TSC103B and to 100 V/V for TSC103C.

Since they define the full-scale output range of the application, the R_{sense} resistor and the $\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{g3}}\!/\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{g1}}$ resistor ratio (equal to Av) are important parameters and must therefore be selected carefully.

7 Package information

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7.1 SO-8 package information

Figure 10. SO-8 package mechanical drawing

Table 10. SO-8 package mechanical data

7.2 TSSOP-8 package information

Table 11. TSSOP8 package mechanical data

8 Ordering information

1. Qualification and characterization according to AEC Q100 and Q003 or equivalent, advanced screening according to AEC Q001 & Q002 or equivalent are on-going.

9 Revision history

Table 13. **Document revision history**

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