

TMC1103 Triple Video A/D Converter with Clamps 8-Bit, 50Msps

Features

- 8-bit resolution
- 50 Msps conversion rate
- Low power: 100mW per channel @ 20 Msps
- Integral track/hold
- Independent Input Clamps
- Independent clock inputs
- Integral and differential linearity error 0.5 LSB
- Differential phase 0.7 degree
- Differential gain 1.8%
- Single +5V power supply
- Three-state TTL/CMOS-compatible outputs
- Low cost

Description

Incorporated into the TMC1103 are three analog-to-digital (A/D) converters, each with an independent clock, reference voltage and input clamp. Analog signals are converted to Triple 8-bit digital words at sample rates up to 50 Msps (Megasamples per second) per channel.

Integral Track/Hold circuits deliver excellent performance on signals with full-scale spectral components up to 12 MHz. Innovative two-step conversion architecture and

Applications

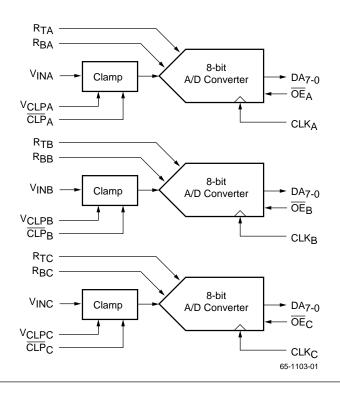
- Video digitizing (composite and Y-C)
- VGA and CCD digitizing
- LCD projection panels
- Image scanners
- Personal computer video boards
- Multimedia systems
- Low cost, high speed data conversion

submicron CMOS technology reduce typical power dissipation to 100 mW per converter.

Power is derived from a single +5 Volt power supply. Outputs are three-state outputs and TTL/CMOS-compatible.

TMC1103 package is a 80-lead Metric Quad Flat Pack (MQFP). Performance specifications are guaranteed from 0°C to 70°C.

Block Diagram



Circuit Function

Within the TMC1103 are three 8-bit A/D converters, each employing two-step architecture to convert an analog input to a digital output at rates up to 50 Msps. Input signals are held in integral track/hold stages during the conversion process. Operation is pipelined, with one input sample taken and one output word provided for each CLKx cycle.

Each of the three converters function identically. In the following descriptions 'X' refers to a generic input/output or clock where 'X' is equivalent to A, B or C.

The first step in the conversion process is a coarse 4-bit quantization. This determines the range of the subsequent fine 4-bit quantization step. To eliminate spurious codes, the fine 4-bit A/D quantizer output is gray-coded and converted to binary before it is combined with the coarse result to form a complete 8-bit result.

Analog Input and Voltage References

Each A/D accepts analog signals in the range R_{BX} to R_{TX} into digital data. Input signals outside this range produce "saturated" 00h or FFh output codes. The device will not be damaged by signals within the range AGND to VDDA.

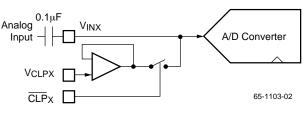
Input range is very flexible and extends from the +5 Volt power supply to ground. Nominal input range is 2 Volts, extending from 0.6V to 2.6V. Characterization and performance is specified over this range. However, the part will function with a full-scale range from 1.0V to 5.0V. A smaller input range may simplify analog signal conditioning circuitry, at the expense of additional noise sensitivity and some reduced differential linearity performance.

External voltage reference sources are connected to the R_{TX} and R_{BX} pins. R_{BX} can be grounded. Within each A/D converter is a reference resistor ladder comprising 255 resistors that are accessed by the TMC1103 comparators. R_{TX} is connected to the top of the ladder, R_{BX} to the bottom. Gain and offset errors are directly related to the accuracy and stability of the applied reference voltages.

Input Clamps

A clamp circuit is connected to the input pin V_{INX} of each of the three A/D converters. With $\overline{\text{CLP}_X}$ LOW, the input pin is clamped to the voltage at V_{CLPX}. If $\overline{\text{CLP}_X}$ is HIGH, the input pin is high impedance. Clamping adds an offset voltage to an AC coupled signal to adjust this signal's amplitude to the A/D converter input voltage range.

The analog input is corrected through a 0.1μ F capacitor to V_{INX}. The source impedance of the analog source should be less than 50 Ohms. Current pulses through the capacitor over several clamp cycles until the voltage across the capacitor equals the difference between V_{CLPX} and the voltage at the analog source during the clamping period. When the switch is open, the voltage on the coupling capacitor is added to the analog input, producing a a DC offset input signal.



Input Clamp Circuit

Digital Inputs and Outputs

Sampling of the applied input signal occurs on the falling edge of the CLK_X signal (Figure 1). Output data is delayed by 2 1/2 CLK_X cycles and is valid following the rising edge of CLK_X. Previous output data remains valid for t_{HO} (Output Hold Time). New data becomes valid t_D (Output Delay Time) after this rising edge of CLK_X.

Whenever the analog input signal is sampled and found to be at a level beyond the A/D conversion range, the output limits at 00h or FFh, as appropriate.

Input Voltage	Output
RTX + 1 LSB	FF
RTX	FF
RTX - 1 LSB	FE
•••	• • •
R _{BX} + 128 LSB	80
R _{BX} + 127 LSB	7F
•••	• • •
R _{BX} + 1 LSB	01
R _{BX}	00
R _{BX} - 1 LSB	00

Table 1. A/D Output Coding

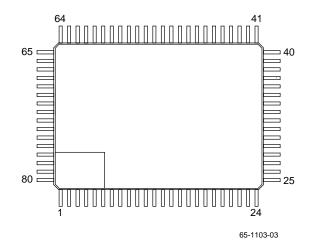
Note: 1 LSB = (RTX - RBX) / 255

The outputs of the TMC1103 are CMOS- and TTL-compatible, and are capable of driving four low-power Schottky TTL loads. An Output Enable control, \overline{OE}_X , places the A/D outputs in a high-impedance state when HIGH. The outputs are enabled when \overline{OE}_X is LOW.

Power and Ground

The TMC1103 operates from a single +5 Volt power supply. For optimum performance, an analog ground plane should be placed under the TMC1103 the A_{GND} and D_{GND} pins should be connected to the system analog ground plane.

Pin Assignments



Pin	Name	Pin	Name	Pin	Name	Pin	Name
1	NC	21	DGND	41	DC7	61	Vdd
2	DA ₅	22	DGND	42	OEC	62	OEB
3	DA ₆	23	NC	43	V _{DD}	63	DB7
4	DA ₇	24	NC	44	V _{DD}	64	DB ₆
5	OEA	25	DGND	45	CLKC	65	DB5
6	VDD	26	DGND	46	NC	66	DB4
7	VDD	27	VDD	47	Vdda	67	DB ₃
8	NC	28	CLPA	48	VINC	68	DB ₂
9	CLKA	29	CLPB	49	AGND	69	DB ₁
10	NC	30	CLPC	50	RTC	70	DB ₀
11	Vdda	31	NC	51	RBC	71	DGND
12	VINA	32	DGND	52	R _{BB}	72	DGND
13	AGND	33	DGND	53	R _{TB}	73	NC
14	R _{TA}	34	DC ₀	54	AGND	74	DGND
15	R _{BA}	35	DC ₁	55	VINB	75	DGND
16	VCLPA	36	DC ₂	56	Vdda	76	DA ₀
17	VCLPB	37	DC ₃	57	NC	77	DA1
18	VCLPC	38	DC4	58	CLKB	78	DA ₂
19	DGND	39	DC ₅	59	NC	79	DA ₃
20	DGND	40	DC ₆	60	V _{DD}	80	DA ₄

Pin Descriptions

Pin Name	Pin Number	Value	Pin Function Description
A/D Converters	•		
Vina, Vinb, Vinc	12, 55, 48	RTX to RBX	Analog Inputs. The input voltage conversion range lies between the voltage applied to the RTX and RBX pins.
RTA, RTB, RTC	14, 53, 50	2.6V	Reference Voltage, Top Inputs. DC voltages applied to R_{TA} , R_{TB} and R_{TC} define highest value of V_{INX} .
RBA, RBB, RBC	15, 52, 51	0.6V	Reference Voltage, Bottom Inputs. DC voltages applied to R _{BA} , R _{BB} and R _{BC} define lowest value of V_{INX} .
CLKA, CLKB, CLKC	9, 58, 45	CMOS	Clock Inputs. CMOS-compatible. VINX is sampled on the falling edge of CLKX.
DA ₇₋₀	4, 3, 2, 80, 79, 78, 77, 76	CMOS/ TTL	Data outputs, Converter A (D7 = MSB). Eight-bit CMOS- and TTL-compatible digital outputs. Valid data is output on the rising edge of CLKx.
DB7-0	63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70	CMOS/ TTL	Data outputs, Converter B (D7 = MSB). Eight-bit CMOS- and TTL-compatible digital outputs. Valid data is output on the rising edge of CLK_X .
DC7-0	41, 40, 39, 38, 37, 36, 35, 34	CMOS/ TTL	Data outputs, Converter C (D7 = MSB). Eight-bit CMOS- and TTL-compatible digital outputs. Valid data is output on the rising edge of CLK_X .
OEA, OEB, OEC	5, 62, 42	CMOS	Output Enable Inputs. CMOS-compatible. When LOW, the A/D output is enabled. When HIGH, the output is in a high-impedance state.
Clamps	•		
VCLPA, VCLPB, VCLPB	16, 17, 18	R _{TX} to R _{BX}	Clamp Reference Voltage. One reference for each clamp. A V _{INX} input is clamped to V_{CLPX} when \overline{CLP}_X is low.
CLPA, CLPB, CLPC	28, 29, 30	CMOS	Clamp Pulse Inputs. One input for each A/D clamp. When $\overline{\text{CLP}}_X$ is low, the VINX input is clamped to the VCLPX clamp voltage.
Power			
VDDA	11, 47, 56	+5V	Analog Supply Voltage. +5 Volt power inputs. These should come from the same power source and be decoupled to AGND.
VDD	6, 7, 27, 28, 29, 30, 43, 44, 60, 61	+5V	Digital Supply Voltage. +5 Volt power inputs. These should come from the same power source and be decoupled to AGND.
Agnd	13, 49, 54	0.0V	Analog Ground. Ground connections. These pins should be connected to the system analog ground plane.
D _{GND}	16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 32, 33, 71, 72, 74, 75	0.0V	Digital Ground. Ground connections. These pins should be connected to the system analog ground plane.
No Connect			
N/C	1, 8, 10, 23, 24, 31, 46, 57, 59, 73	open	Not Connected.

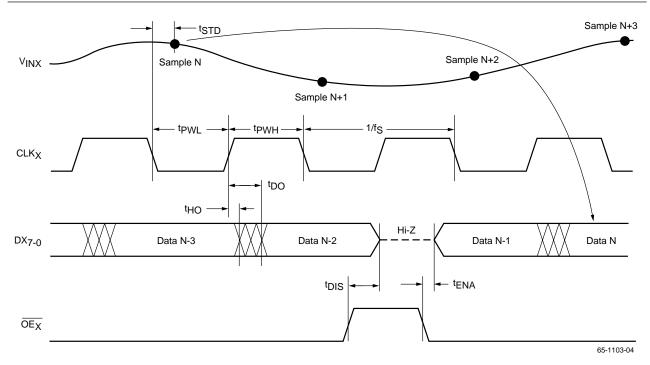


Figure 1. Timing

Equivalent Circuits and Threshold Levels

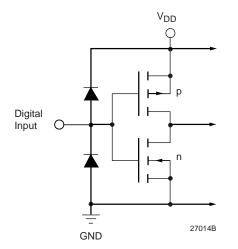


Figure 2. Equivalent Digital Input Circuit

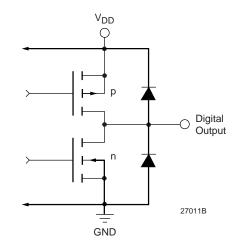
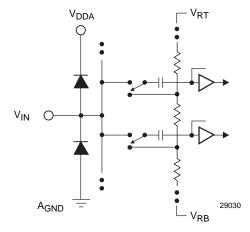


Figure 3. Equivalent Digital Output Circuit

Equivalent Circuits and Threshold Levels (continued)





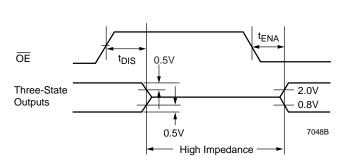


Figure 5. Threshold Levels for Three-State Measurements

Parameter	Condition	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Power Supply Voltages					
VDDA	Measured to AGND	-0.5		+7.0	V
VDD	Measured to DGND	-0.5		+7.0	V
VDDA	Measured to V _{DD}	-0.5		+0.5	V
AGND	Measured to DGND	-0.5		+0.5	V
Digital Inputs				•	
Applied Voltage	Measured to DGND	-0.5		VDD + 0.5	V
Forced current		-10.0		+10.0	mA
Analog Inputs					
Applied Voltage	Measured to AGND	-0.5		VDDA+0.5	V
Forced current		-10.0		+10.0	mA
Digital Outputs					
Applied voltage	Measured to D _{GND}	-0.5		V _{DD} + 0.5	V
Forced current		-6.0		+6.0	mA
Short circuit duration	Single output in HIGH state to ground)			1 second	
Temperature					
Operating, ambient		-20		110	°C
Junction				+150	°C
Lead, soldering	10 seconds			+300	°C
Vapor Phase soldering	1 minute			+220	°C
Storage		-65		+150	°C
Electrostatic Discharge	EIAJ test method			±150	V

Absolute Maximum Ratings	(beyond which the device may be damaged) ¹
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Notes:

1. Absolute maximum ratings are limiting values applied individually while all other parameters are within specified operating conditions. Functional operation under any of these conditions is NOT implied. Performance and reliability are guaranteed only if Operating Conditions are not exceeded.

- 2. Applied voltage must be current limited to specified range.
- 3. Forcing voltage must be limited to specified range.
- 4. Current is specified as conventional current flowing into the device.

Parameter			Nom	Max.	Units
Vdd, Vdda	Power Supply Voltage	4.75	5.0	5.25	V
Agnd	Analog Ground (Measured to DGND)	-0.1	0	0.1	V
VRTX	Reference Voltage, Top		2.6	Vdda	V
Vrbx	Reference Voltage, Bottom	0	0.6		V
VRTX-VRBX	Reference Voltage Differential	1.0	2.0	5.0	V
VINX	Analog Input Range	Vrb		Vrt	V
VCLPX	Clamp Reference Voltage, 50Ω max source	0			V
VIH	Input Voltage, Logic HIGH	0.7 VDD		Vdd	V
VIL	Input Voltage, Logic LOW	GND		0.3 V _{DD}	V
ЮН	Output Current, Logic HIGH			-4.0	mA
IOL	Output Current, Logic LOW			4.0	mA
TA	Ambient Temperature, Still Air	0		70	°C

Operating Conditions

Electrical Characteristics

Parameter		Conditions	Min.	Typ ¹	Max.	Units
IDD	Power Supply Current ¹	$C_{LOAD} = 35 pF$, fCK = fS (3 A/Ds)				
		f _S = 20 Msps		70	90	mA
		fs = 40 Msps		94	120	mA
		f _S = 50 Msps		105	135	mA
IDDQ	Power Supply Current, Quiescent	VDD = VDDA = Max.				
		$CLK_X = LOW$		29	55	mA
		CLK _X = HIGH		45	65	mA
PD	Total Power Dissipation ¹	$C_{LOAD} = 35 pF$, $f_{CK} = f_S (3 A/Ds)$				
		f _S = 20 Msps		300	470	mW
		fs = 40 Msps		425	630	mW
		fs = 50 Msps		490	710	mW
CAI	Input Capacitance, Analog	CLKX = LOW		4		pF
		$CLK_X = HIGH$		12		pF
Rin	Input Resistance		500			kΩ
RREF	Reference Resistance		200	270	340	Ω
ICB	Input Current, Analog				±5	μA
IIН	Input Current, HIGH	V _{DD} = Max., V _{IN} = V _{DD}			±5	μΑ
١L	Input Current, LOW	VDD = Max., VIN = 0V			±5	μA
Iozh	Hi-Z Output Leakage Current, Output HIGH	V _{DD} = Max., V _{IN} = V _{DD}			±5	μΑ
Iozl	Hi-Z Output Leakage Current, Output LOW	V _{DD} = Max., V _{IN} = V _{DD}			±5	μA
los	Short-Circuit Current				35	mA

Electrical Characteristics (continued)

Parameter		Conditions	Min.	Typ ¹	Max.	Units
Vон	Output Voltage, HIGH	I _{OH} = -2.5mA	3.5			V
		IOH = Max.	2.4			V
Vol	Output Voltage, LOW	I _{OL} = Max.			0.4	V
CDI	Digital Input Capacitance			4	10	pF
CDO	Digital Output Capacitance			10		pF

Note:

1. Typical values with $V_{DD} = V_{DDA} = Nom$ and $T_A = Nom$, Maximum values with $V_{DD} = V_{DDA} = Max$. and $T_A = Min$.

Switching Characteristics

Parame	eter	Conditions	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
fS	Conversion Rate					
	TMC1103-20				20	Msps
	TMC1103-40				40	Msps
	TMC1103-50				50	Msps
tPWH	CLKX Pulsewidth, HIGH					
	TMC1103-20		14			ns
	TMC1103-40		14			ns
	TMC1103-50		13			ns
tpwL	CLKX Pulsewidth, LOW					
	TMC1103-20		8			ns
	TMC1103-40		8			ns
	TMC1103-50		7			ns
EAP	Aperture Error			30		ps
tSTO	Sampling Time Offset		1	2	5	ns
tsts	Sampling Time Skew			150	400	ps
tCPW	Clamp Pulse Width ¹	+20 < TA < +70°C	2			μS
tCDLY	Clamp Delay Time		100		300	ns
tHO	Output Hold Time	CLOAD = 15pF	9			ns
tDO	Output Delay Time				14	ns
tENA	Output Enable Time				27	ns
tDIS	Output Disable Time				42	ns

System Performance Characteristics

Parameter		Conditions	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units	
ELI	Integral Linearity Error, Independent	V _{RT} = 2.6V		±0.5		LSB	
Eld	Differential Linearity Error	VRB = 0.6V		±0.5		LSB	
BW	Bandwidth ¹	TMC1203-20			10	MHz	
		TMC1203-40			12	MHz	
		TMC1203-50			12	MHz	
Еот	Offset Voltage, Top ($R_T - V_{IN}$ for most positive code transition)	VRT = 2.6V, VRB = 0.6V	-40		80	mV	
Еов	Offset Voltage, Bottom (RB – VIN for most negative code transition)	VRT = 2.6V, VRB = 0.6V	-95		-30	mV	
OFFCL	Offset Voltage, Clamp				±20	mV	
dg	Differential Gain			1.8		%	
dp	Differential Phase	fs = 14.3Msps NTSC 40 IRE Mod Ramp V _{DDA} = +5.0V, T _A =25°C V _{RT} = 2.6V, V _{RB} = 0.6V		0.7		deg	
XTALK	Channel Crosstalk	f _N = 5.0 MHz		45		dB	
SNR	Signal-to-Noise Ratio	f _S = 20Msps, V _{RT} = 2.6V, V _{RB} = 0.6V					
		f _N = 1.24MHz		46		dB	
		f _N = 2.48MHz		46		dB	
		f _N = 6.98MHz		45		dB	
		f _N = 10.0MHz		45		dB	
		fs = 40Msps, V _{RT} = 2.6V, V	'RB = 0.6V	,			
		$f_N = 1.24 MHz$		42		dB	
		$f_N = 6.98MHz$		41		dB	
		$f_N = 12.0MHz$		40		dB	
		$f_S = 50Msps, V_{RT} = 2.6V, V$	RB = 0.6V				
		f _N = 1.24MHz		40		dB	
		f _N = 6.98MHz		40		dB	
		f _N = 12.0MHz		40		dB	

Parameter		Conditions	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
SFDR	Spurious-Free Dynamic Range	fs = 20Msps, VIN = 2V p-	р		•	
		f _N = 1.24MHz		53		dB
		f _N = 2.48MHz		48		dB
		f _N = 6.98MHz		44		dB
		f _N = 10.0MHz		40		dB
		fs = 40Msps, VIN = 2V p-	р		•	
		f _N = 1.24MHz		49		dB
		f _N = 6.98MHz		44		dB
		f _N = 12.0MHz		38		dB
		fs = 50Msps, VIN = 2V p-	р		•	
		f _N = 1.24MHz		46		dB
		f _N = 6.98MHz		40		dB
		f _N = 12.0MHz		37		dB

System Performance Characteristics (continued)

Notes:

1. Bandwidth is the frequency up to which a full-scale sinewave can be digitized without spurious codes.

2. Values shown in Typ. column are typical for V_DD = V_DDA = +5V and TA = 25°C.

3. SNR values do not include the harmonics of the fundamental frequency.

4. SFDR is the ratio in dB of fundamental amplitude to the harmonic with the highest amplitude.

5. Characteristics specified for $V_{RT} = 2.6V$, $V_{RB} = 0.6V$.

Typical Performance Characteristics

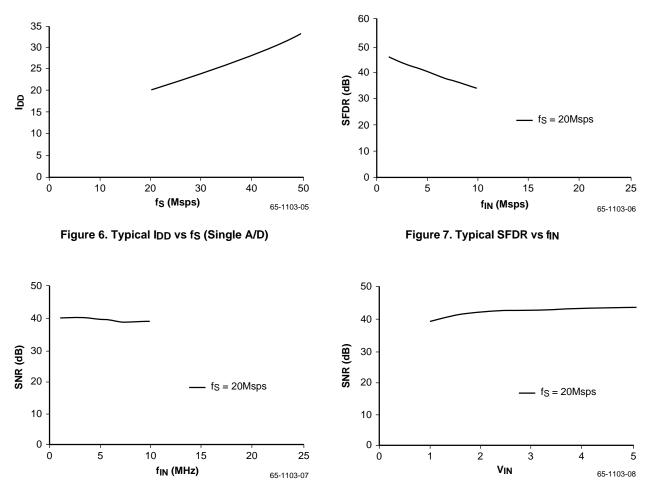


Figure 8. Typical SNR vs fIN

Figure 9. Typical SNR vs Full Scale Input Range

Application Notes

The circuit in Figure 10 employs a band-gap reference to generate a variable R_{TX} reference voltages for the TMC1103 as well as a bias voltage to offset the wideband input amplifiers to mid-range. The operational amplifier in the reference circuitry is a standard 741-type.

The voltage reference at R_{TX} can be adjusted from 0.0 to 2.4 volts while R_{BX} is grounded. Schottky diodes can be used at V_{INX} to restrict the wideband amplifier output to between -0.3V and V_{DD} +0.3V. Diode protection is good practice to limit the analog input voltage at V_{INX} to the safe operating range.

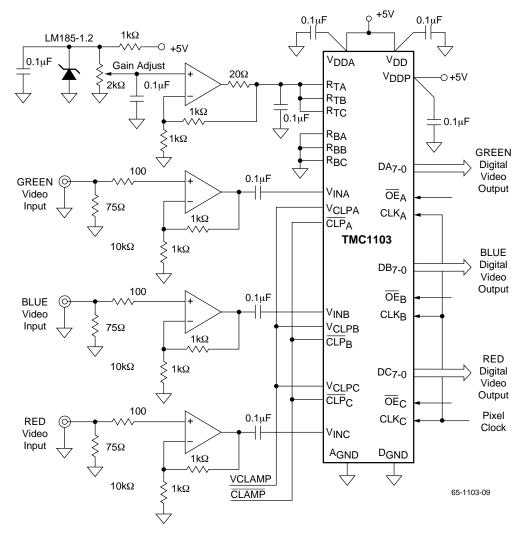


Figure 10. Typical Interface Circuit – High Performance

Grounding

The TMC1103 has separate analog and digital circuits. To keep digital system noise from the A/D converter, it is recommended that power supply voltages (V_{DD} and V_{DDA}) come from the same source, and that ground connections (D_{GND} and A_{GND}) be made to the analog ground plane, and as close as possible to the device pins. Power supply pins should be individually decoupled at the pin. The digital circuitry that gets its input from the TMC1103 should be referred to the system digital ground plane.

Printed Circuit Board Layout

Designing with high performance mixed-signal circuits demands printed circuits with ground planes. Overall system performance is strongly influenced by the board layout. Capacitive coupling from digital to analog circuits may result in poor A/D conversion. Consider the following suggestions when doing the layout:

 Keep the critical analog traces (V_N, R_{TX}, R_{BX}) as short as possible and as far as possible from all digital signals. The TMC1103 should be located close to the analog input connectors.

- 2. Segregate traces:
 - A/D analog
 - D/A analog
 - Clocks
 - Digital

Treat analog inputs as transmission lines. Cleanly route traces over the ground plane bearing in mind that the return currents will flow through the ground plane beneath the traces. Do not route digital traces nearby. A few inches of digital trace less than a few line widths from an analog trace will cross-couple noise into adjacent analog circuits.

- 3. The power plane for the TMC1103 should be separate from that which supplies the rest of the digital circuitry. A single power plane should be used for all of the V_{DD} pins. If the power supply for the TMC1103 is the same as that of the system's digital circuitry, power to the TMC1103 should be decoupled with ferrite beads and 0.1μ F capacitors to reduce noise.
- 4. The ground plane should be solid, not cross-hatched. Connections to the ground plane should have very short leads.

- 5. Decoupling capacitors should be applied liberally to VDD pins. Remember that not all power supply pins are created equal. They supply different circuits on the integrated circuit, each of which generate varying amounts and types of noise. For best results, use 0.1µF ceramic capacitors. Lead lengths should be minimized.
- CLKx should be handled carefully. Jitter and noise on this clock may degrade performance. Terminate the clock line, if needed, to eliminate overshoot and ringing.

Related Products

- TMC1175A, TMC1275 8-Bit Video A/D Converters
- TMC1173A, TMC1273 3V, Low-Power 8-Bit Video A/D Converters
- TMC1203 Triple 8-bit A/D Converter
- TMC3003/TMC3503 Triple Video D/A Converters
- TMC2242B/TMC2243/TMC2246A Digital Filters

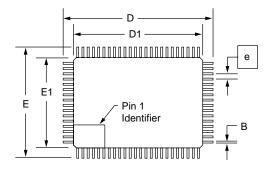
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Mechanical Dimensions – 80-Lead MQFP Package

Symbol	Inc	hes	Millim	neters	Notes
Symbol	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Notes
А	_	.134	_	3.40	
A1	.010	_	.25	—	
A2	.100	.120	2.55	3.05	
В	.012	.018	.30	.45	3, 5
С	.005	.009	.13	.23	5
D	.904	.923	22.95	23.45	
D1	.783	.791	19.90	20.10	
E	.667	.687	16.95	17.45	
E1	.547	.555	13.90	14.10	
е	.0315	BSC	.80	BSC	
L	.025	.041	.65	1.03	4
Ν	8	0	8	0	
ND	2	4	24		
NE	1	6	16		
α	0°	7 °	0°	7°	
CCC	—	.004	—	0.10	

Notes:

- 1. All dimensions and tolerances conform to ANSI Y14.5M-1982.
- 2. Controlling dimension is millimeters.
- 3. Dimension "B" does not include dambar protrusion. Allowable dambar protrusion shall be .08mm (.003in.) maximum in excess of the "B" dimension. Dambar cannot be located on the lower radius or the foot.
- 4. "L" is the length of terminal for soldering to a substrate.
- 5. "B" & "C" includes lead finish thickness.



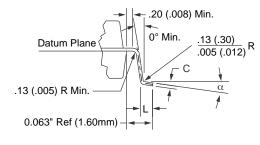
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See Lead Detail

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Lead Detail

Ordering Information

Product Number	Conversion Rate (Msps)	Temperature Range	Screening	Package	Package Marking
TMC1103KLC20	20 Msps	$T_A = 0^{\circ}C$ to $70^{\circ}C$	Commercial	80-Lead MQFP	1103KLC20
TMC1103KLC40	40 Msps	$T_A = 0^{\circ}C$ to $70^{\circ}C$	Commercial	80-Lead MQFP	1103KLC40
TMC1103KLC50	50 Msps	$T_A = 0^{\circ}C$ to $70^{\circ}C$	Commercial	80-Lead MQFP	1103KLC50

LIFE SUPPORT POLICY

FAIRCHILD'S PRODUCTS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED FOR USE AS CRITICAL COMPONENTS IN LIFE SUPPORT DEVICES OR SYSTEMS WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF FAIRCHILD SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION. As used herein:

- Life support devices or systems are devices or systems which, (a) are intended for surgical implant into the body, or (b) support or sustain life, and (c) whose failure to perform when properly used in accordance with instructions for use provided in the labeling, can be reasonably expected to result in a significant injury of the user.
- 2. A critical component in any component of a life support device or system whose failure to perform can be reasonably expected to cause the failure of the life support device or system, or to affect its safety or effectiveness.

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