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1 Function Description

NS4168 is a support I²S digital audio signal input, output with anti-distortion function, 2.5W Mono Class D audio power amplifier. NS4168 is especially suitable for environments that are sensitive to power consumption and generate interference, such as Bluetooth speakers, WiFi Stereo, tablet, etc. In these application environments, system noise can corrupt small analog signals sent to the amplifier, while I²S The standard is digitally sent to the audio amplifier, which significantly reduces the influence of noise sources on the transmitted audio; in addition, it avoids the MCU. The main control chip has built-in audio decoding DAC. The noise brought by it will eventually get a higher signal-to-noise ratio and less distortion; no need to use input coupling capacitors, through CTRL. The pin detects one-line pulse to select the turning point of the internal input high-pass filter to match different speakers. layout There is no need to carefully consider the layout and wiring of the audio power amplifier, the periphery is more concise, and the debugging is more convenient.

NS4168 Its unique anti-distortion function can effectively prevent output signal distortion caused by input signal overload and battery voltage drop, and can effectively protect the speaker from being damaged during high-power output.

NS4168 Utilizes a high efficiency, low noise modulation scheme that requires no external LC output filter. The closed-loop multilevel modulator design retains the high efficiency benefits of a purely digital amplifier while providing excellent PSRR and audio performance. with other D. Using spread-spectrum pulse density modulation provides lower electromagnetic emissions compared to similar architectures. NS4168 exist 5V working voltage, able to 4Ω load provided 2.5W output power.

NS4168 It is a mono audio amplifier. Left and right channel selection via CTRL pin level setting. Stereo products can choose two chips, which is very flexible.

NS4168 Built-in over-current protection, over-heat protection and under-voltage protection functions can effectively protect the chip from being damaged under abnormal working conditions. supply eSOP8 package, rated for the operating temperature range of -40°C to 85°C.

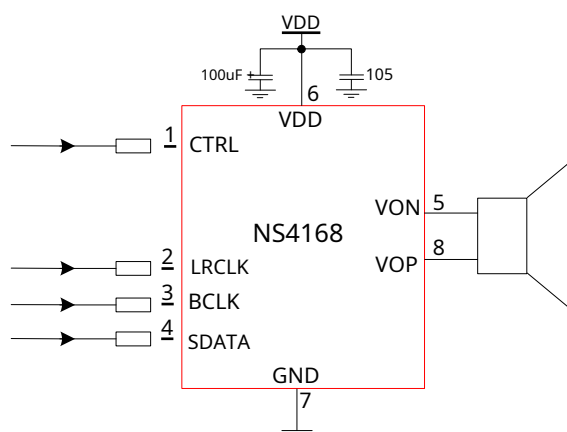
2 main features

- I²S Serial digital audio input interface
- Wide range of sample rates supported: 8kHz~96kHz
- Automatic sampling rate detection, adaptive function
- Built-in digital high-pass filter, one-line pulse sets its turning point
- The left and right audio channels are optional, through CTRL pin level setting
- anti-aliasing NCN Function,
- without filter Class D Amplifier output power: 2.5W
- (VDD=5V, RL=4Ω) Working voltage range: 3.0V~5.5V
- 0.2% THD (VDD=5V, RL=4Ω, Po=1W) 80% efficiency (VDD=5V, RL=4Ω, Po=2.5W) Excellent
- "Power On, Power Down" Noise Suppression
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- Overcurrent protection, overheat protection, undervoltage protection
- eSOP8 encapsulation

3 Application field

- Bluetooth audio
- WiFi Audio
- Other portable audio

4 Typical Application Circuit



picture1 NS4168Typical Application Circuit

5 Limit parameter

surface1 The maximum physical limit of the chip

parameter	small value	large value	unit	illustrate
voltage	2.8	5.5	V	
CTRL	- 0.3	VDD	V	
LRCLK	- 0.3	VDD	V	
BCLK	- 0.3	VDD	V	
SDATA	- 0.3	VDD	V	
ResistanceESDVoltage	4000		V	
junction temperature	150		oC	
Recommended working temperature	- 40	85	oC	
Recommended working voltage	3	5.25		
thermal resistance				
-jC(eSOP8)		20	oC/W	
-jA(eSOP8)		80	oC/W	
Soldering temperature-		220	oC	15within seconds

Note: Operational performance of the chip is not guaranteed outside the limits or under any other conditions.

6 electrical characteristics

Restrictions: (TA=25°C,VDD=5.0V)

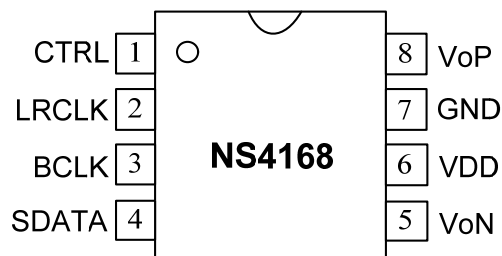
surface2 NS4168electrical characteristics

symbol	parameter	Test Conditions	small value	standard value	large value	unit
V _{DD}	voltage		3		5.25	V
I _{DD}	Power Quiescent Current	V _{DD} =5.0V, V _{IN} =0V,no load		13		mA
I _{SD}	OFF Leakage Current	V _{CTRL} =0V		1		μA

V _{OS}	Output offset voltage			10	40	mV
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	217Hz			- 80	dB
		20KHz			- 72	dB
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio			- 70		dB
f _{SW}	modulation frequency	V _{DD} =3V to 5.25V		430		kHz
n	efficiency	P _o =2.5W, R _L =4Ω,		80		%
V _{CTRL}	CTRLThreshold	right channel input	1.5		V _{DD}	V
		left channel input	0.9		1.15	
		ShutdownLow Power Shutdown			0.4	
T _{HI}	CTRLOne-line pulse high level time		1		12	us
T _{LO}	CTRLlow line pulse level time		1		12	us
T _{OFF}	CTRLoff time		100			us
t _{AT}	Attack time	V _{DD} =3.6V		10		ms
t _{RL}	Release time	V _{DD} =3.6V		1.1		the s
P _o	Output Power	V _{DD} =3.6V		1.2		W
		V _{DD} =5V		2.5		W
THD+N	Total Distortion + Noise	f=1kHz R _L =4Ω, P _o =1.0W		0.2		%
SNR	SNR	R _L =4Ω, P _o =2.0W		85		dB
AMAX	Large attenuation gain			- 10		dB

7 Chip pin description

7.1 NS4168Package Pin Assignment Diagram



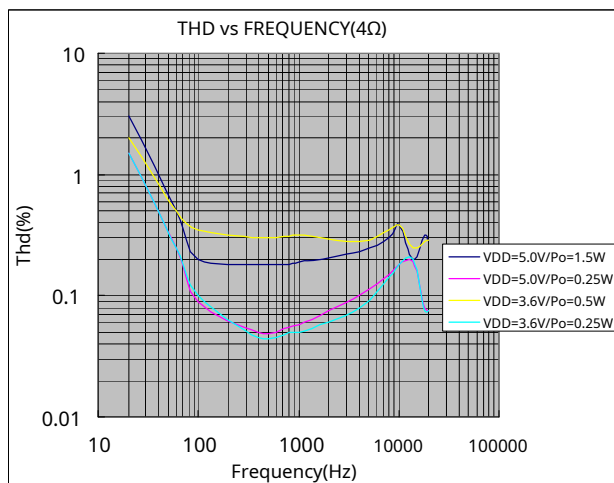
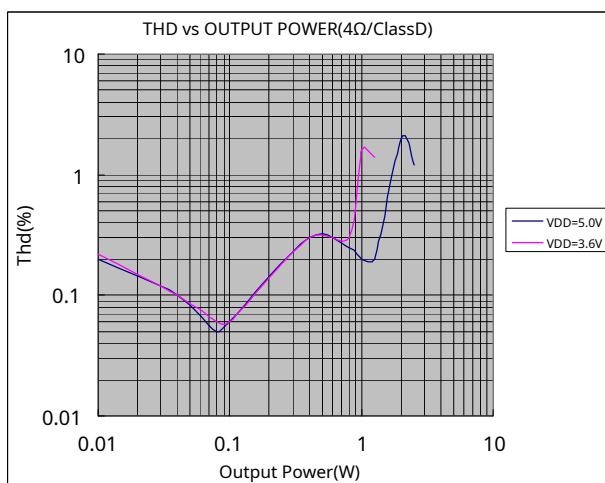
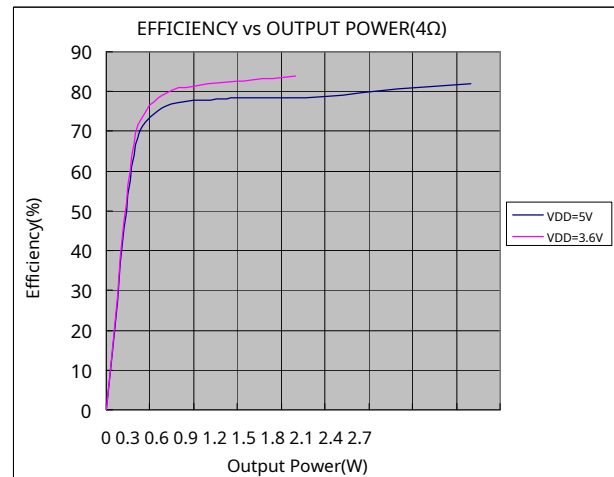
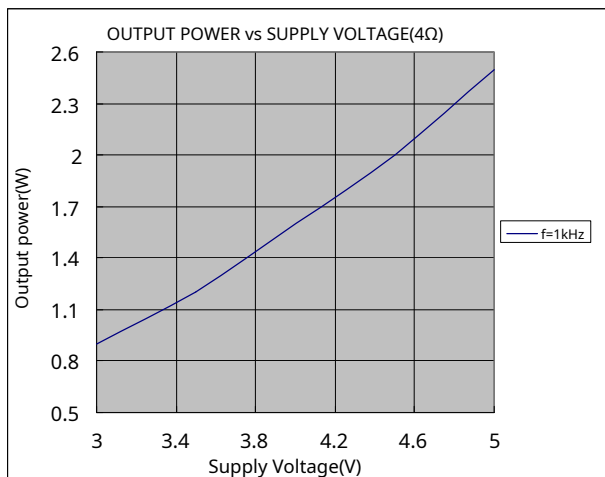
picture2 NS4168Package Pin Assignment Diagram (top view)

7.2 NS4168Pin function description

surface3 NS4168Pin Description

symbol	pin number	describe
CTRL	1	Control pins (see below for details)
LRCLK	2	I2SLeft and right channel frame clock
BCLK	3	I2Sbit clock
SDATA	4	I2Sserial data
VoN	5	Negative output
VDD	6	power input
GND	7	power ground
VoP	8	positive output

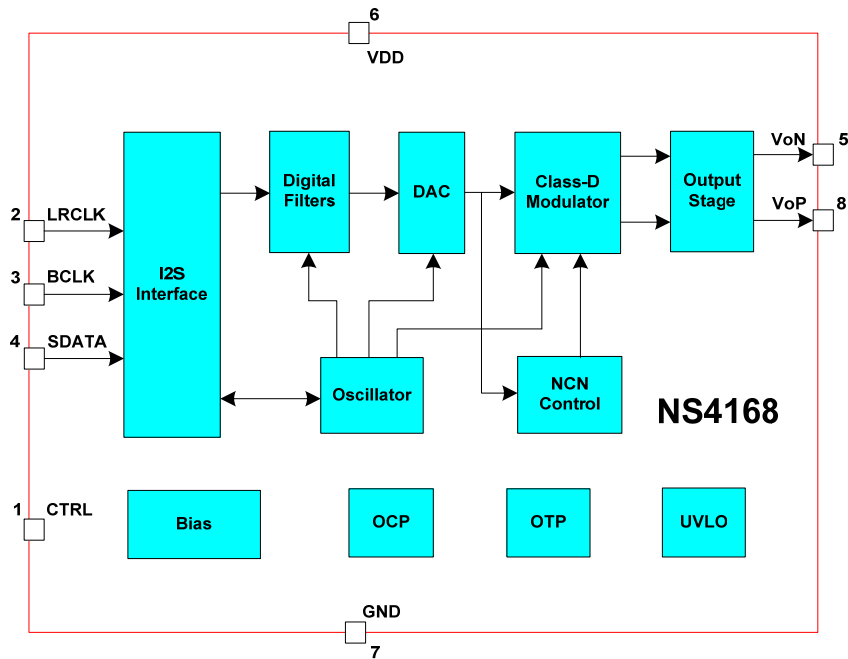
8 NS4168Typical Reference Characteristics



9 NS4168 application note

9.1 Chip basic structure description

NS4168 is a support I2S Digital audio signal input, output with anti-distortion function, 2.5W Mono D-Class audio power amplifier, bridge output. Its principle block diagram is as follows:

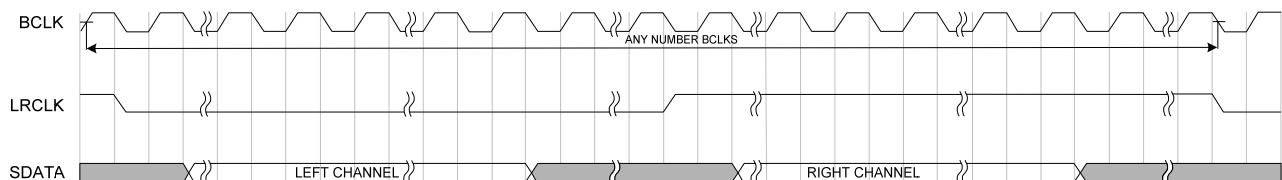


picture3 NS4168 Principle block diagram

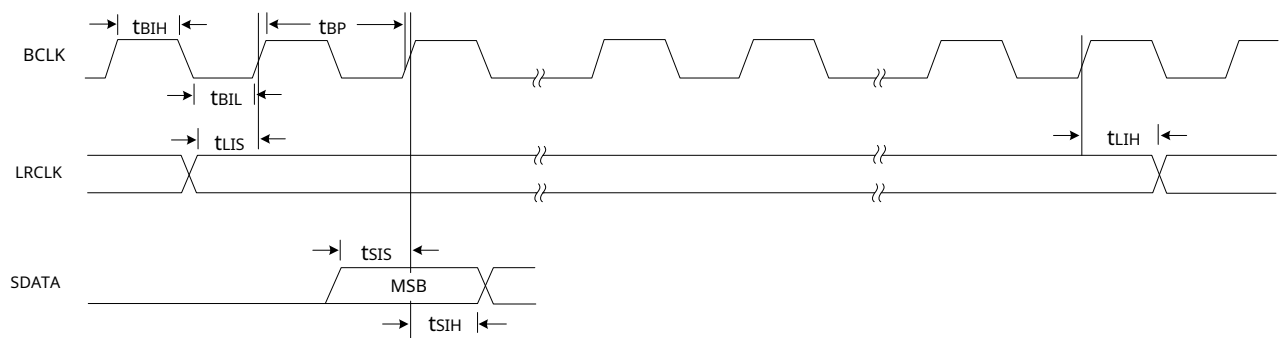
9.2 I2S Digital input serial audio interface

9.2.1 I2S digital audio format

NS4168 supports I2S Digital audio signal input. standard I2S has 3 main signals: serial clock BCLK, the frame clock LRCLK, serial data SDATA. serial clock BCLK Also called bit clock, which corresponds to each bit of digital audio data. frame clock LRCLK The data used to switch the left and right channels. LRCLK for "1" Indicates that the data of the right channel is being transmitted, which is "0" It means that the data of the left channel is being transmitted, LRCLK The frequency of is equal to the sampling frequency. serial data SDATA It is the audio data expressed in two's complement. I2S The digital audio format is as follows:



picture4 I2S digital audio format



picture5 I2SDigital Audio Timing Diagram

surface4Timing parameter table

parameter	small value	unit	describe
t_{BIL}	40	ns	BCLKLow level pulse width
t_{BIH}	40	ns	BCLKHigh level pulse width
t_{LIS}	10	ns	LRCLKorSDATAedge toBCLKRising Edge Setup Time
t_{LIH}	10	ns	BCLKrising edge toLRCLKorSDATAedge hold time
t_{SIS}	10	ns	SDATAarriveBCLKRising Edge Setup Time
t_{SIH}	10	ns	BCLKrising edge toSDATAhold time

9.2.2 left and right channel settings

NS4168 is a mono power amplifier, while the standard I2S protocol is to transmit left and right two-channel signals. NS4168 pass pin1 (CTRL) pin level setting to select the left or right channel signal. See the relevant sections below for details.

9.3 Input channel selection and input high-pass filter setting

NS4168 Input channel selection and input high-pass filter turning point setting are all through CTRL pin implementation.

9.3.1 Input channel selection

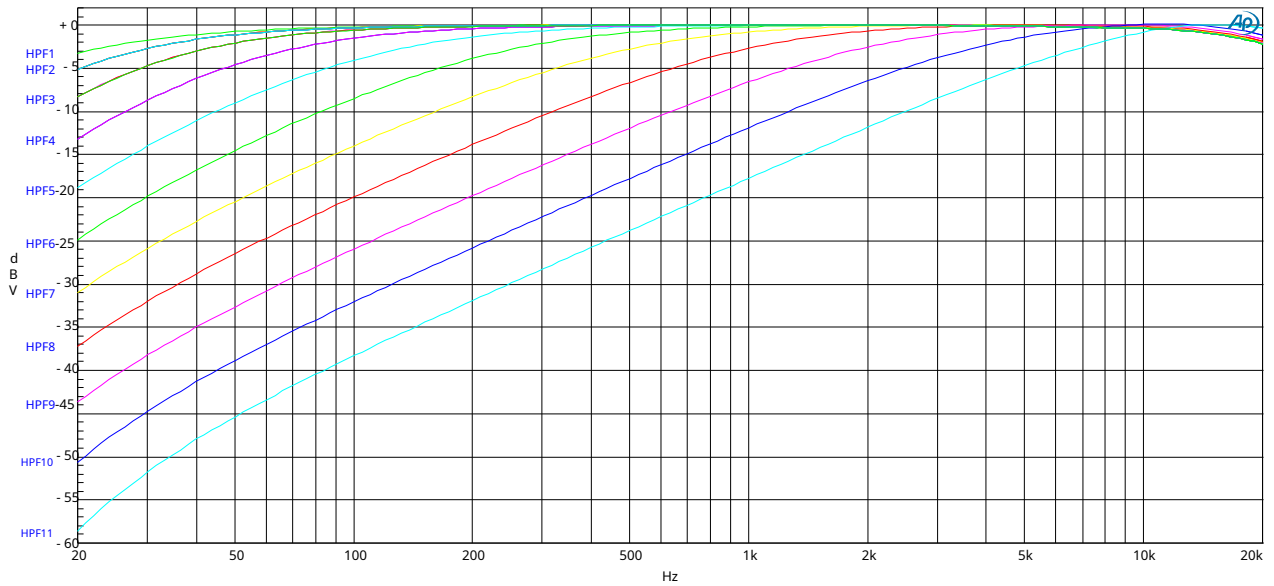
NS4168 Input channel selection via CTRL. The level setting of the pin. CTRL. The pin voltage is 0.9V~1.15V, select the left channel; CTRL. The pin voltage is 1.5V~VDD, select the right channel. As shown in the table below:

surface5Channel selection settings

CTRL pin voltage	sound track
0.9V~1.15V	left channel
1.5V~VDD	right channel

9.3.2 Enter the high-pass filter settings

NS4168 The input has a high-pass filter, the corner frequency of the filter is passed CTRL pin line pulse setting, there are a total of 11 optional, respectively HPF1~HPF11. As shown below (VDD=5V):

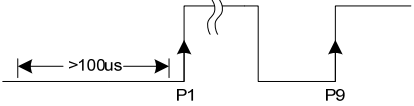
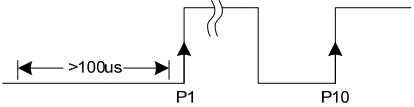
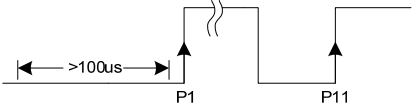


picture6 NS4168Input high-pass filter frequency response curve

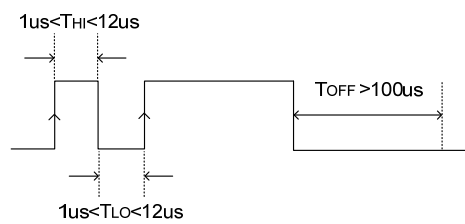
The number and waveform of corresponding one-line pulses are as follows:

surface6Correspondence between one-line pulse waveform and high-pass filter

CTRLPin line pulse waveform	Number of rising edges of one-line pulse	Corresponding high-pass filter	filter-3dBturning point (typical value)
	12	HPF1	20Hz
	1	HPF2	28Hz
	3	HPF3	40Hz
	4	HPF4	65Hz
	5	HPF5	120Hz
	6	HPF6	240Hz
	7	HPF7	458Hz
	8	HPF8	910Hz

	9	HPF9	1.82kHz
	10	HPF10	3.5kHz
	11	HPF11	6.6kHz

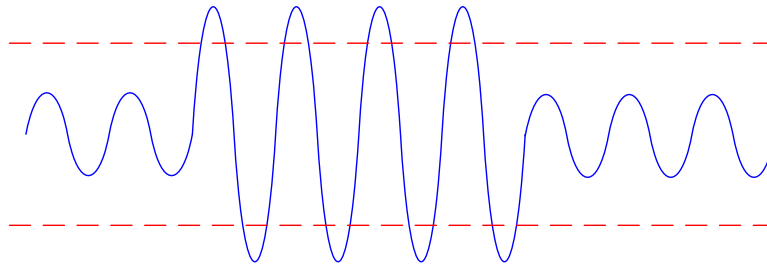
Add in to CTRLOne-line pulse high level width of the pin (T_{HI}) Require $1\mu s < T_{HI} < 12\mu s$. Low Width (T_{LO}) Require $1\mu s < T_{LO} < 12\mu s$. Enter SHUTDOWN mode low hold time (T_{OFF}) Require $T_{OFF} > 100\mu s$. The timing diagram is as follows:



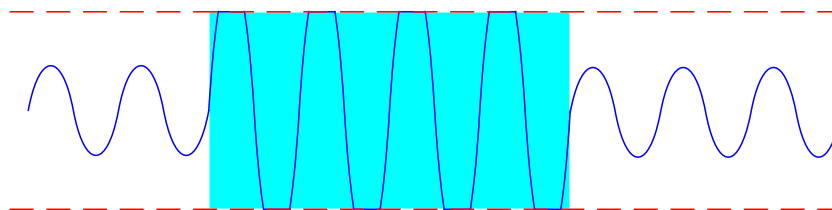
picture7One-line pulse timing diagram

9.4 Anti-aliasing (NCN) Function

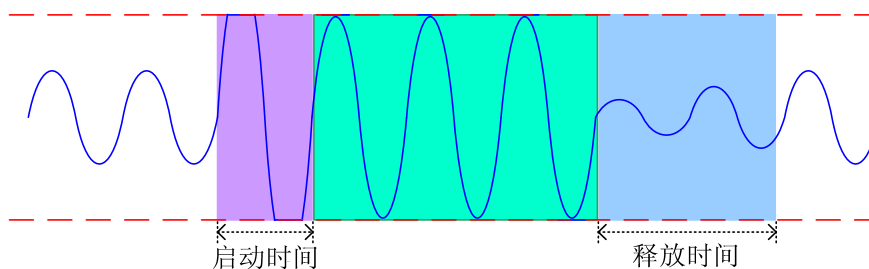
NS4168 With anti-distortion function. The anti-distortion function can effectively prevent the output signal from being distorted due to input signal overload and battery voltage drop. It can effectively protect the speaker from being damaged during high power output. The principle is: the amplifier automatically detects the output clipping distortion, and automatically adjusts the amplifier Amplifier gain to achieve anti-distortion effect. As shown below:



picture8Audio output signal assuming no supply voltage limitation



picture9Audio output signal in normal working mode



picture10Audio output signal in anti-aliasing mode of operation

9.5 Power filter capacitor selection

In the application of the amplifier, the bypass design of the power supply is very important, especially for the noise performance and power supply voltage suppression performance of the application scheme.

The design requires that the filter capacitor be as close as possible to the power supply pin of the chip. Typical capacitance is 100μF capacitor and 0.1μF ceramic capacitors.

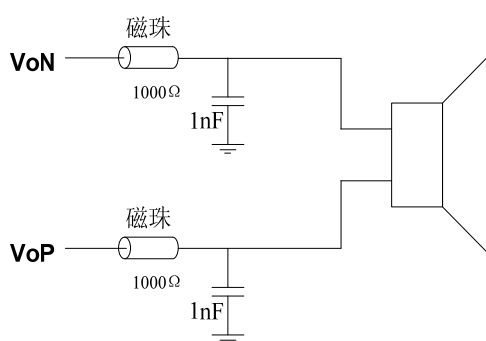
9.6 protect the circuit

When the chip has a short circuit between the output pin and the power supply or ground, or a short circuit fault between the outputs, the overcurrent protection circuit will shut down the chip to prevent the chip from being damaged. After the short circuit fault is eliminated, NS4168 automatically resume work. When the chip temperature is too high, the chip will also be shut down. After the temperature drops, NS4168 continues to work normally. When the power supply voltage is too low, the chip will also be shut down, and after the power supply voltage recovers, the chip will start again.

9.7 layoutSuggest

NS4168 is a class D amplifier, EMI interference should be considered during layout. EMI interference can be minimized from the following aspects during application:

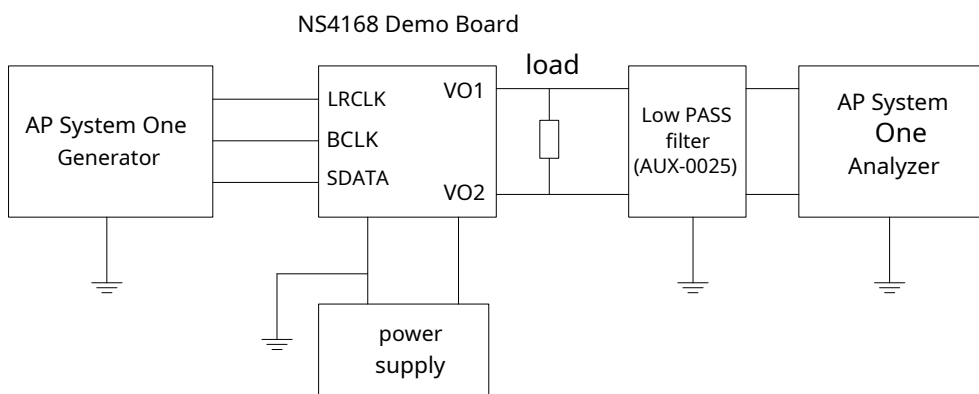
1. The wiring from the power amplifier output to the speaker should be as short and wide as possible, and the output wiring should be as far away from sensitive signal lines and circuits as possible.
2. The decoupling capacitor of the power amplifier power supply pin should be as close as possible to the chip pin. The power line and the ground wire are preferably star-connected.
3. Due to space constraints and other reasons, when the application environment is relatively harsh, adding magnetic beads and capacitors at the output end can effectively suppress EMI interference. When using, the magnetic beads and capacitors should be as close as possible to the chip pins. The following is NS4168 Application design reference circuit after adding magnetic beads and capacitors to the output:



picture11Application Diagram of Adding Magnetic Beads at the Output Terminal

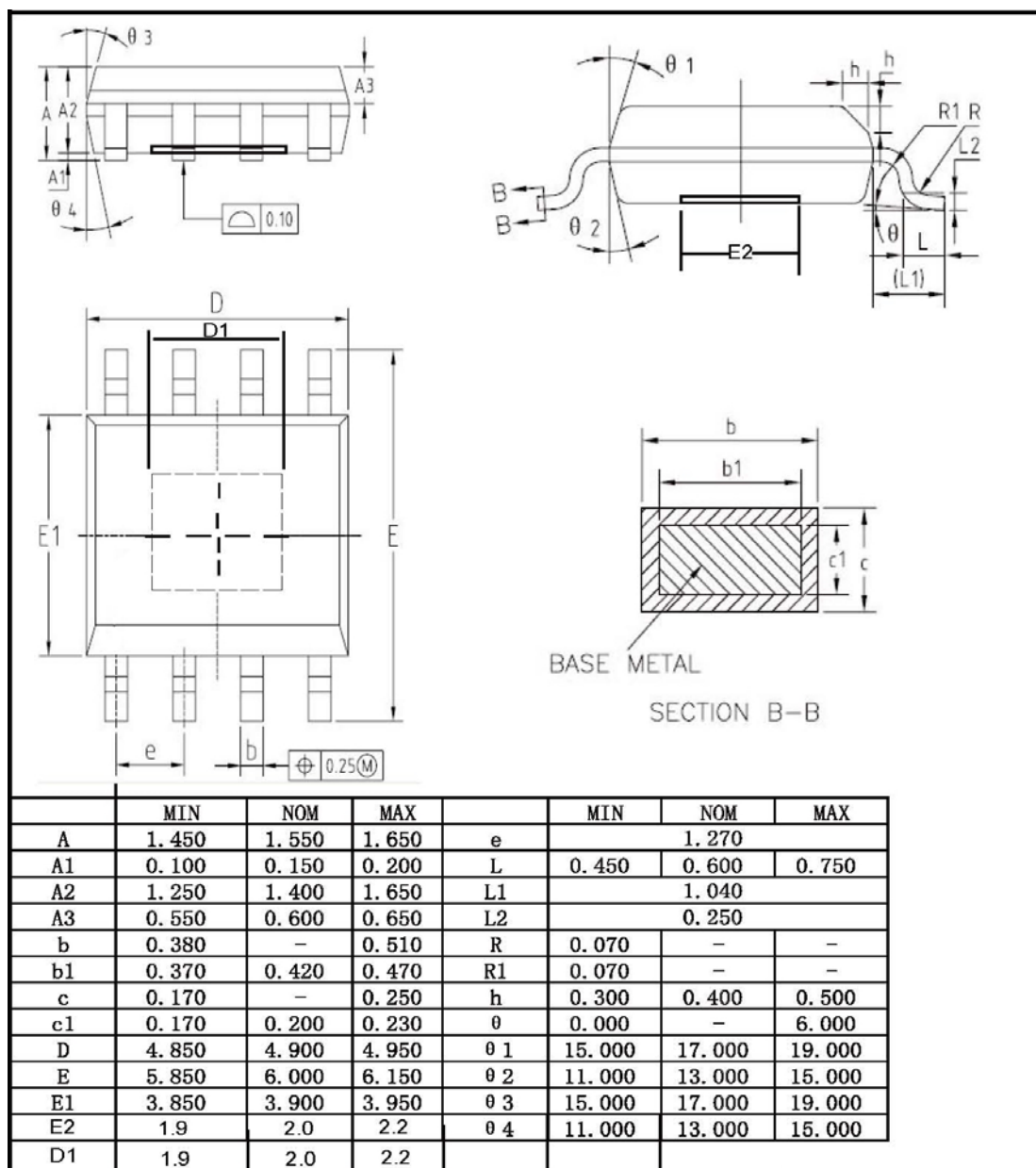
9.8 test circuit

NS4168 The test circuit is as shown in the figure below, and the measurement is taken at the output of the amplifier. When using a class-mode power amplifier, the low-pass filter (Low PASS Filter) is required. The inductance of the load resistor is connected in series to the equivalent speaker. If only pure resistance is used to replace the speaker load, the measured results will be worse than those when the speaker is used as the load, including power, efficiency, distortion and other indicators.



picture12 NS4168test circuit

10 Chip packaging



picture13 eSOP-8Package Dimensions