PCA9508

Hot swappable level translating I²C-bus repeater

1. General description

The PCA9508 is a CMOS integrated circuit that supports hot-swap with zero offset and provides level shifting between low voltage (down to 0.9 V) and higher voltage (2.7 V to 5.5 V) for I²C-bus or SMBus applications. While retaining all the operating modes and features of the I²C-bus system during the level shifts, it also permits extension of the I²C-bus by providing bidirectional buffering for both the data (SDA) and the clock (SCL) lines, thus enabling two buses of 400 pF. Using the PCA9508 enables the system designer to isolate two halves of a bus for both voltage and capacitance, and perform hot-swap and voltage level translation. Furthermore, the dual supply pins can be powered up in any sequence; when any of the supply pins are unpowered, the 5 V tolerant I/O are high-impedance.

The hot swap feature allows an I/O card to be inserted into a live backplane without corrupting the data and clock buses. Control circuitry prevents the backplane from being connected to the card until a stop command or bus idle occurs on the backplane without bus contention on the card. Zero offset output voltage allows multiple PCA9508s to be put in series and still maintains an excellent noise margin.

PCA9508 has B side and A side bus drivers. The 2.7 V to 5.5 V bus B side drivers behave much like the drivers on the PCA9515A device, while the adjustable voltage bus A side drivers drive more current and incur no static offset voltage. This results in a LOW on the B side translating into a nearly 0 V LOW on the A side.

The static offset design of the B side PCA9508 I/O drivers prevents them from being connected to another device that has a rise time accelerator including the PCA9510/A, PCA9511/A, PCA9512/A, PCA9513/A, or PCA9514/A or a static offset voltage including the PCA9507 (B side), PCA9508 (B side), PCA9509 (A side), PCA9515/A, PCA9516A, PCA9517/A (B side), PCA9518, PCA9519 (A side), or P82B96/PCA9600 (Sx/Sy side). The A side of two or more PCA9508s can be connected together, however, to allow a star topology with the A side on the common bus, and the A side can be connected directly to any other buffer with static or dynamic offset voltage. Multiple PCA9508s can be connected in series, A side to B side, with no build-up in offset voltage with only time-of-flight delays to consider.

The PCA9508 drivers are not enabled unless the bus is idle, $V_{CC(A)}$ is above 0.8 V and $V_{CC(B)}$ is above 2.5 V. The EN pin can also be used to turn the drivers on and off under system control. Caution should be observed to only change the state of the enable pin when the bus is idle.

The output pull-down on the B side internal buffer LOW is set for approximately 0.5 V, while the input threshold of the internal buffer is set about 70 mV lower (0.43 V). When the B side I/O is driven LOW internally, the LOW is not recognized as a LOW by the input.

This prevents a lock-up condition from occurring. The output pull-down on the A side drives a hard LOW and the input level is set at $0.5V_{CC(A)}$ to accommodate the need for a lower LOW level in systems where the low voltage side supply voltage is as low as 0.9 V.

Table 1 shows the comparison between PCA9508 and I^{2}C-bus repeaters.

Table 1.   PCA9508 and I^{2}C-bus repeaters comparison

Feature	PCA9507	PCA9508	PCA9509	PCA9517A[1]	PCA9519
$V_{CC(A)}$ range (V)	2.7 to 5.5	0.9 to 5.5	1.1 to $V_{CC(B)} - 1$	0.9 to 5.5	1.1 to $V_{CC(B)} - 1$
$V_{CC(B)}$ range (V)	2.7 to 5.5	2.7 to 5.5	3.0 to 5.5	2.7 to 5.5	3.0 to 5.5
rise time accelerator	yes	-	-	-	-
idle/stop detect for hot-swap	-	yes	-	-	-
normal I/O	A side	A side	B side	A side	B side
static level offset	B side	B side	A side	B side	A side

[1]   PCA9517A is the high ESD (6.5 kV HBM and 550 V MM) drop-in replacement for PCA9517.

2.   Features

- 2 channel, bidirectional buffer isolates capacitance and allows 400 pF on either side of the device
- Supports offset-free hot-swap with IDLE/STOP detect circuitry
- Voltage level translation from 0.9 V to 5.5 V and from 2.7 V to 5.5 V
- Footprint and functional replacement for PCA9515, PCA9515A, PCA9517 and PCA9517A
- I^{2}C-bus and SMBus compatible
- Active HIGH repeater enable input
- Static level offset on B side
- Open-drain input/outputs
- Lock-up free operation
- Supports arbitration and clock stretching across the repeater
- Accommodates Standard-mode and Fast-mode I^{2}C-bus devices and multiple masters
- Powered-off high-impedance I^{2}C-bus pins
- A side operating supply voltage range of 0.9 V to 5.5 V
- B side operating supply voltage range of 2.7 V to 5.5 V
- 5 V tolerant I^{2}C-bus and enable pins
- 0 Hz to 400 kHz clock frequency (the maximum system operating frequency may be less than 400 kHz because of the delays added by the repeater).
- ESD protection exceeds 6000 V HBM per JESD22-A114, 450 V MM per JESD22-A115, and 1000 V CDM per JESD22-C101
- Latch-up testing is done to JEDEC Standard JESD78 which exceeds 100 mA
- Packages offered: SO8 and TSSOP8

3. Ordering information

Table 2. Ordering information
$T_{amb} = -40\,°C \text{ to } +85\,°C.$

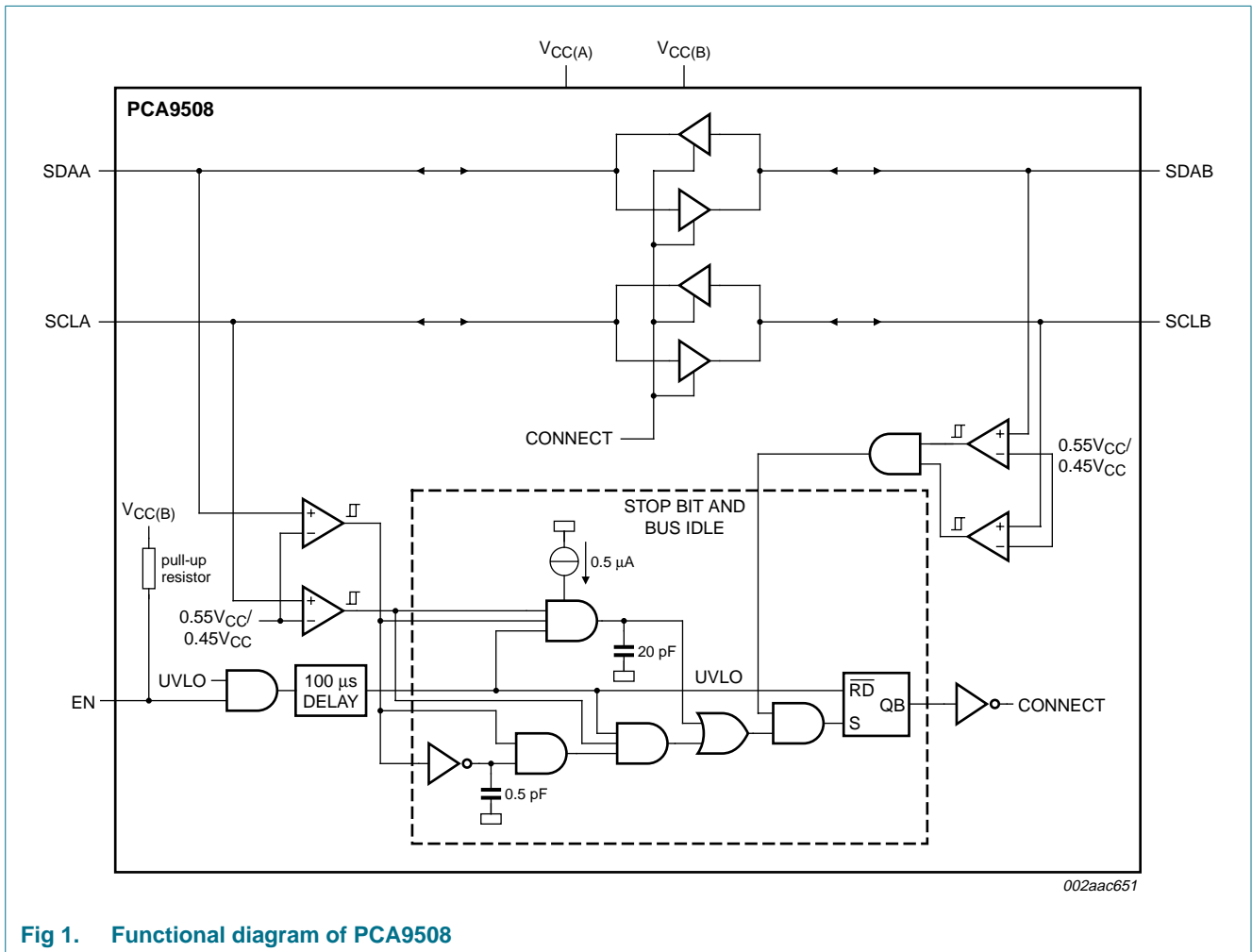| Type number	Topside mark	Package			
		Name	**Description**		**Version**
PCA9508D	PCA9508	SO8	plastic small outline package; 8 leads; body width 3.9 mm		SOT96-1
PCA9508DP	9508	TSSOP8[1]	plastic thin shrink small outline package; 8 leads; body width 3 mm		SOT505-1

[1] Also known as MSOP8.

4. Functional diagram

Fig 1.   Functional diagram of PCA9508
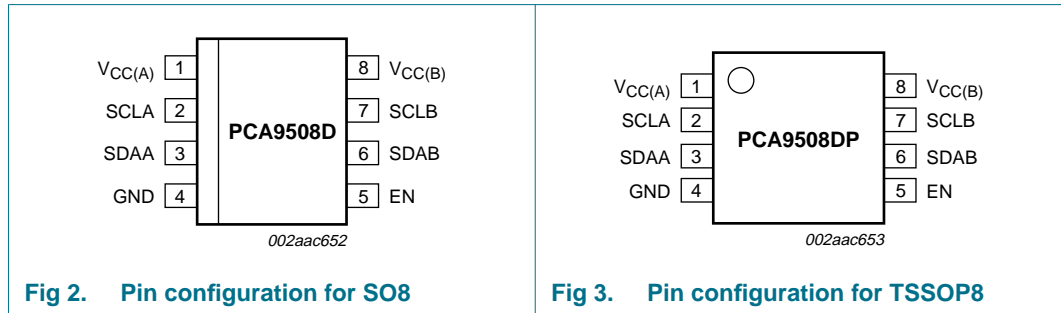
5. Pinning information

5.1 Pinning

Fig 2.   Pin configuration for SO8

Fig 3.   Pin configuration for TSSOP8

5.2 Pin description

Table 3.   Pin description

Symbol	Pin	Description
$V_{CC(A)}$	1	A side supply voltage (0.9 V to 5.5 V)
SCLA	2	open-drain input/output serial clock A side bus
SDAA	3	open-drain input/output serial data A side bus
GND	4	supply ground (0 V)
EN	5	active HIGH repeater enable input with an internal pull-up (100 kΩ)
SDAB	6	open-drain input/output serial data B side bus
SCLB	7	open-drain input/output serial clock B side bus
$V_{CC(B)}$	8	B side supply voltage (2.7 V to 5.5 V)

6. Functional description

Refer to Figure 1 "Functional diagram of PCA9508".

The PCA9508 enables I²C-bus or SMBus translation down to $V_{CC(A)}$ as low as 0.9 V without degradation of system performance. The PCA9508 contains two bidirectional open-drain buffers specifically designed to provide superior hot-swap and/or support up-translation/down-translation between the low voltage (as low as 0.9 V) and a 3.3 V or 5 V I²C-bus or SMBus. All inputs and I/Os are overvoltage tolerant to 5.5 V even when the device is unpowered ($V_{CC(B)}$ and/or $V_{CC(A)}$ = 0 V). The PCA9508 includes a power-up circuit that keeps the output drivers turned off until $V_{CC(B)}$ is above 2.5 V and the $V_{CC(A)}$ is above 0.8 V. $V_{CC(B)}$ and $V_{CC(A)}$ can be applied in any sequence at power-up. $V_{CC(A)}$ is only used to provide the $0.5V_{CC(A)}$ reference to the A side input comparators and for the power good detect circuit. The PCA9508 logic and all I/Os are powered by the $V_{CC(B)}$ pin.

An undervoltage/initialization circuit holds the PCA9508 in a disconnected state which presents high-impedance to all SDA and SCL pins during power-up. A LOW on the enable pin (EN) also forces the parts into the disconnected state. As the power supply is brought up and EN is HIGH or the part is powered and EN is taken from LOW to HIGH it enters an initialization state where the internal references are stabilized. At the end of the initialization state the 'STOP bit and bus idle' detect circuit is enabled. With the EN pin

HIGH long enough to complete the initialization state (t_{en}) and remaining HIGH when all the SDA and SCL pins have been HIGH for the bus idle time or when all pins are HIGH and a STOP condition is seen on the SDAA and SCLA pins, SDAA is connected to SDAB and SCLA is connected to SCLB.

6.1 A side to B side

Once connected, when the PCA9508 senses a LOW level on the A side (below $0.5V_{CC(A)}$), it turns on the corresponding B side driver (either SDA or SCL) and drives the B side down to about 0.5 V. When the external driver turns off, the A side will begin to rise as it is pulled HIGH by the bus pull-up resistor. When the A side reaches $0.5V_{CC(A)}$, the B side driver turns off and both A and B will continue to rise. The result is two smooth exponential rising edges on both buses with a propagation delay between them which is a function of the RC time constant on the A side bus.

6.2 B side to A side

When a LOW level is sensed on the B side (below 0.4 V), the corresponding A side driver is turned on to drive the A side to nearly 0 V. When the external driver turns off, the B side will begin to rise as it is pulled HIGH by the bus pull-up resistor. When the B side reaches 0.5 V, the A side driver will turn off. The B side driver will remain at about 0.5 V until the A side rises above $0.5V_{CC(A)}$, then the B side will continue to rise. The result is a plateau on the B side rising edge. See Figure 11.

6.3 Weak drive on B side

The following condition should be avoided as it causes the PCA9508 to create a glitch on the bus. As long as I²C-bus devices connected to the B side can pull the bus lines lower than 0.4 V, this problem will never occur. When the B side falls first and goes below $0.3V_{CC(B)}$, the A side driver is turned on and the A side is pulled down to 0 V. The B side pull-down is switched on and unless the B side is pulled below 0.4 V by an external driver, the A side pull-down will switch off and the A side will be pulled up by the pull-up resistor.

When the A side rises above $0.5V_{CC(A)}$, the B side pull-down will turn off. To prevent this glitch, it is necessary to make certain that the B side LOW level driven by an external driver is below 0.4 V.

6.4 Enable pin (EN)

The EN pin is active HIGH with an internal pull-up to $V_{CC(B)}$ and allows the user to select when the repeater is active. This can be used to isolate a badly behaved slave on power-up until after the system power-up reset. It should never change state during an I²C-bus operation because disabling during a bus operation will hang the bus.

The EN pin should only change state when the global bus and the repeater port are in an idle state to prevent system failures.

If the PCA9508 is enabled while the bus is active, the PCA9508 will connect at the first STOP signal or at the first gap in activity that satisfies the internal idle bus time after the enable sequence is complete.

6.5 I²C-bus systems

As with the standard I²C-bus system, pull-up resistors are required to provide the logic HIGH levels on the buffered bus (standard open-collector configuration of the I²C-bus). The size of these pull-up resistors depends on the system, but each side of the repeater must have a pull-up resistor. This part designed to work with Standard-mode and Fast-mode I²C-bus devices in addition to SMBus devices. Standard-mode I²C-bus devices only specify 3 mA output drive; this limits the termination current to 3 mA in a generic I²C-bus system where Standard-mode devices and multiple masters are possible. Under certain conditions higher termination currents can be used.

Please see application note *AN255, I²C/SMBus Repeaters, Hubs and Expanders* for additional information on sizing resistors and precautions when using more than one PCA9508 in a system or using the PCA9508 in conjunction with other bus buffers.

7. Application design-in information

A typical application is shown in Figure 4. In this example, the system master is running on a 3.3 V I²C-bus while the slave is connected to a 1.2 V bus. Both buses run at 400 kHz. Master devices can be placed on either bus.
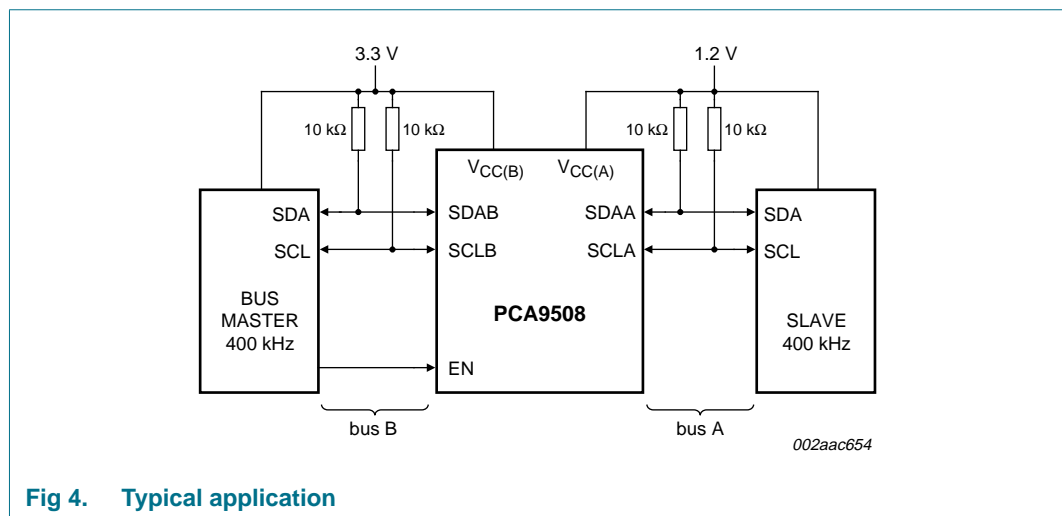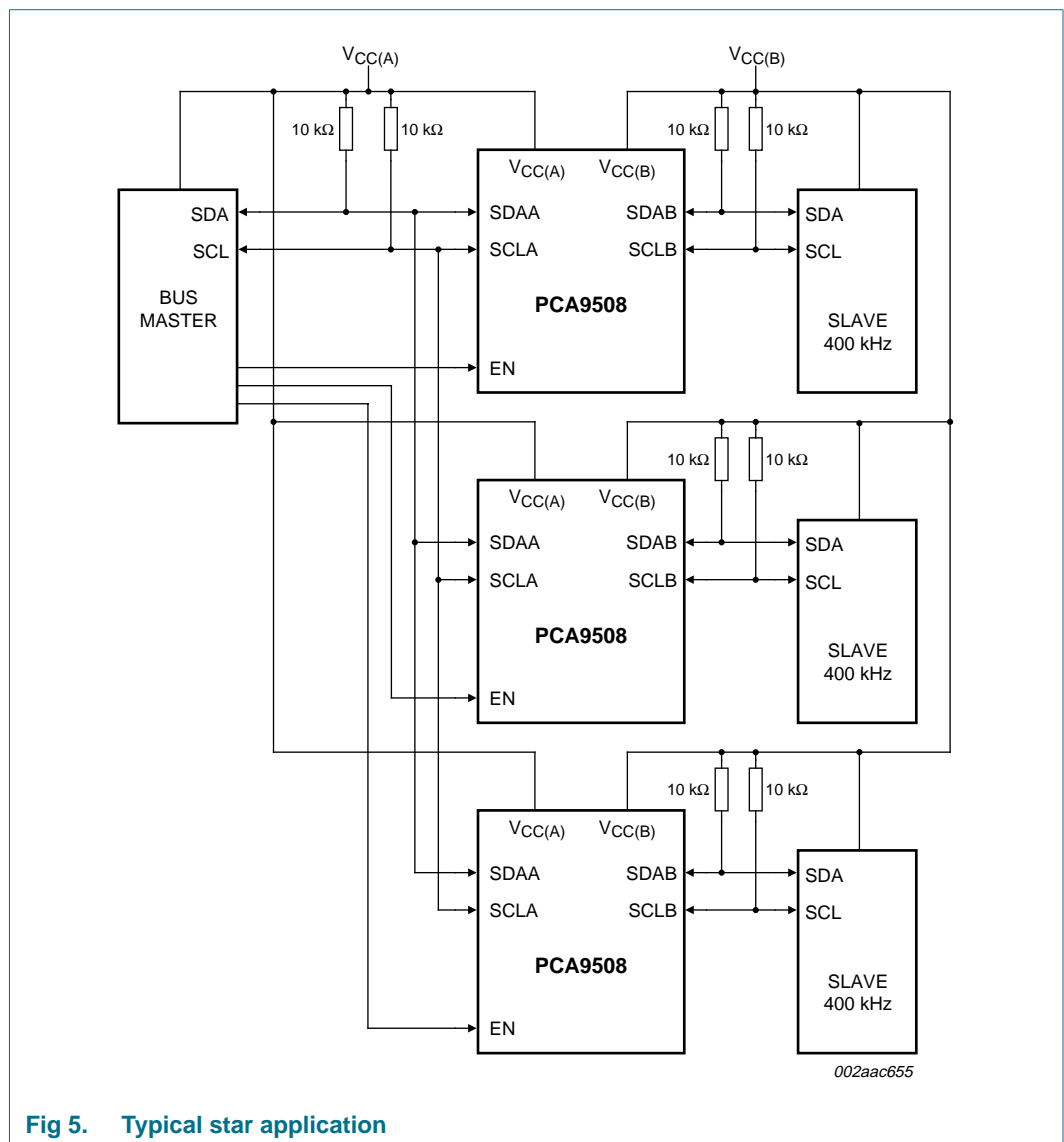

Fig 4. Typical application

The PCA9508 is 5 V tolerant, so it does not require any additional circuitry to translate between 0.9 V to 5.5 V bus voltages and 2.7 V to 5.5 V bus voltages.

When the A side of the PCA9508 is pulled LOW by a driver on the I²C-bus, a comparator detects the falling edge when it goes below $0.5V_{CC(A)}$ and causes the internal driver on the B side to turn on, causing the B side to pull down to about 0.5 V. When the B side of the PCA9508 falls, first a CMOS hysteresis type input detects the falling edge and causes the internal driver on the A side to turn on and pull the A side pin down to ground. In order to illustrate what would be seen in a typical application, refer to Figure 7 and Figure 8. If the bus master in Figure 4 were to write to the slave through the PCA9508, waveforms shown in Figure 7 would be observed on the A bus. This looks like a normal I²C-bus transmission except that the HIGH level may be as low as 0.9 V, and the turn on and turn off of the acknowledge signals are slightly delayed.

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On the B bus side of the PCA9508, the clock and data lines would have a positive offset from ground equal to the V_{OL} of the PCA9508. After the 8th clock pulse, the data line will be pulled to the V_{OL} of the slave device, which is very close to ground in this example. At the end of the acknowledge, the level rises only to the LOW level set by the driver in the PCA9508 for a short delay while the A bus side rises above $0.5V_{CC(A)}$ then it continues HIGH. It is important to note that any arbitration or clock stretching events require that the LOW level on the B bus side at the input of the PCA9508 (V_{IL}) be at or below 0.4 V to be recognized by the PCA9508 and then transmitted to the A bus side.

Multiple PCA9508 A sides can be connected in a star configuration (Figure 5), allowing all nodes to communicate with each other.

Multiple PCA9508s can be connected in series (Figure 6) as long as the A side is connected to the B side. I2C-bus slave devices can be connected to any of the bus segments. The number of devices that can be connected in series is limited by repeater delay/time-of-flight considerations on the maximum bus speed requirements.
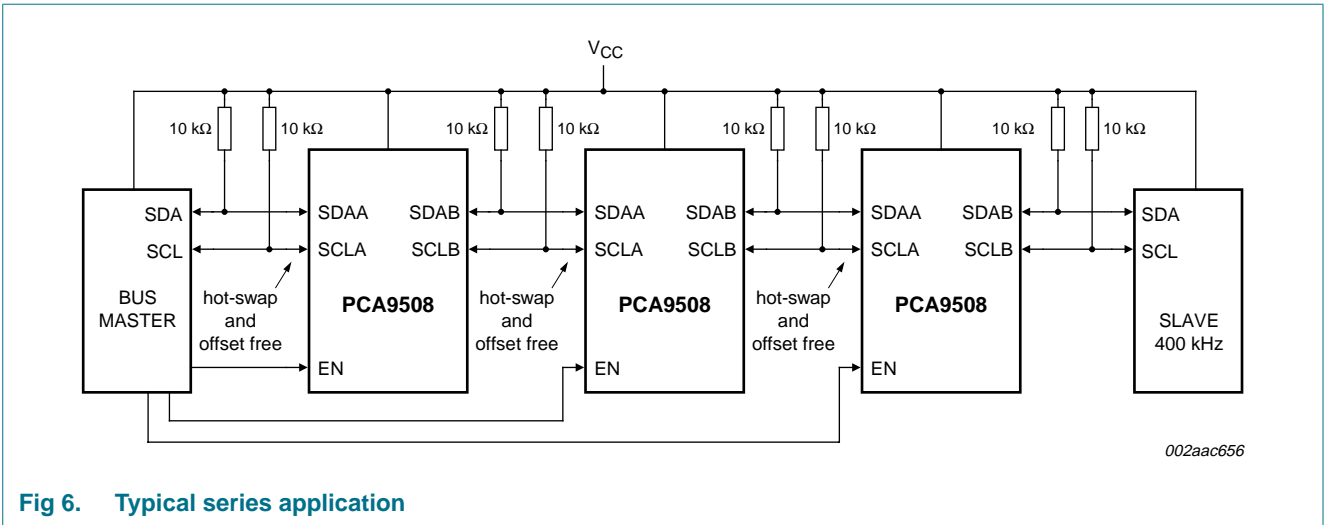
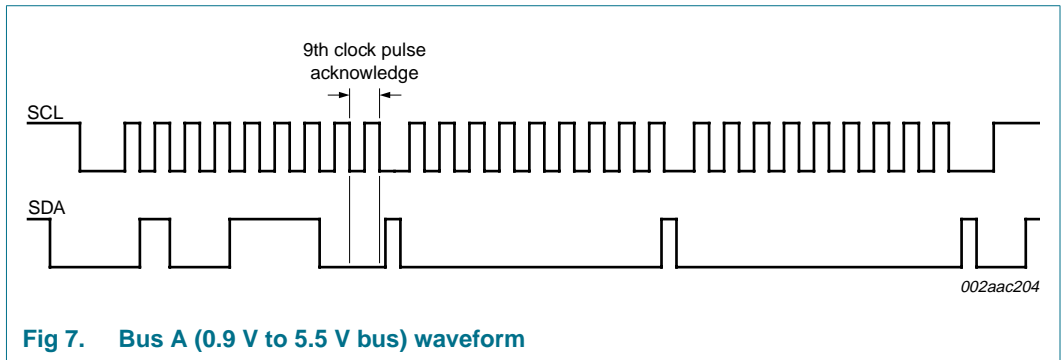

Fig 5.   Typical star application

Fig 6. **Typical series application**

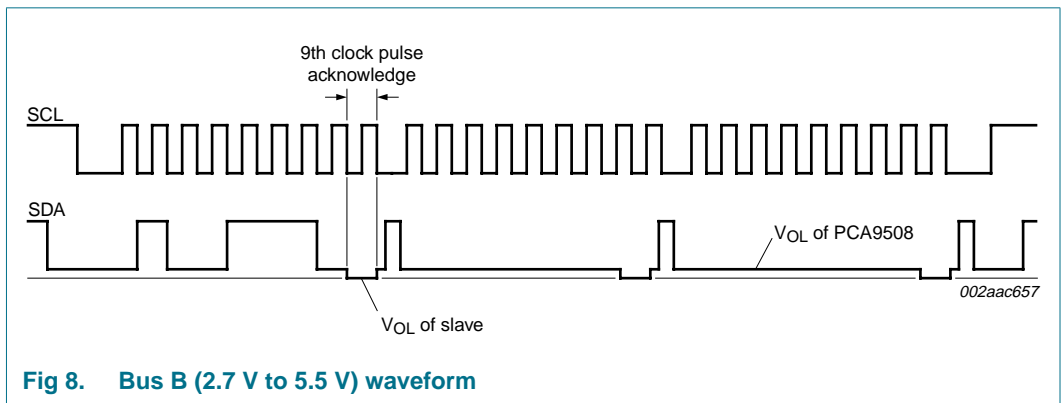**Fig 7.** **Bus A (0.9 V to 5.5 V bus) waveform**

Fig 8. **Bus B (2.7 V to 5.5 V) waveform**

8. Limiting values

Table 4. Limiting values
In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
$V_{CC(B)}$	supply voltage port B	2.7 V to 5.5 V	−0.5	+7	V
$V_{CC(A)}$	supply voltage port A	adjustable	−0.5	+7	V
$V_{I/O}$	voltage on an input/output pin	SDAA, SDAB, SCLA, SCLB, EN	−0.5	+7	V
I_I	input current	any pin	-	50	mA
P_{tot}	total power dissipation		-	100	mW
T_{stg}	storage temperature		−55	+125	°C
T_{amb}	ambient temperature	operating in free air	−40	+85	°C
T_j	junction temperature		-	+125	°C

9. Static characteristics

Table 5. Static characteristics
$V_{CC} = 2.7$ V to 5.5 V; GND = 0 V; $T_{amb} = −40$ °C to +85 °C; unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Supplies						
$V_{CC(B)}$	supply voltage port B		2.7	-	5.5	V
$V_{CC(A)}$	supply voltage port A	[1]	0.9	-	5.5	V
$I_{CC(A)}$	supply current port A	pin $V_{CC(A)}$	-	-	1	mA
I_{CCH}	HIGH-level supply current	both channels HIGH; $V_{CC} = 5.5$ V; SDAn = SCLn = V_{CC}	-	1.5	3	mA
I_{CCL}	LOW-level supply current	both channels LOW; $V_{CC} = 5.5$ V; one SDA and one SCL = GND; other SDA and SCL open	-	1.5	3	mA
$I_{CC(A)c}$	contention port A supply current	$V_{CC} = 5.5$ V; SDAn = SCLn = V_{CC}	-	1.5	3	mA
Input and output SDAB and SCLB						
V_{IH}	HIGH-level input voltage		$0.7V_{CC(B)}$	-	5.5	V
V_{IL}	LOW-level input voltage	[2]	−0.5	-	$+0.3V_{CC(B)}$	V
V_{ILc}	contention LOW-level input voltage		−0.5	0.4	-	V
V_{IK}	input clamping voltage	$I_I = −18$ mA	-	-	−1.2	V
I_{LI}	input leakage current	$V_I = 3.6$ V	-	-	±1	µA
I_{IL}	LOW-level input current	SDA, SCL; $V_I = 0.2$ V	-	-	10	µA
V_{OL}	LOW-level output voltage	$I_{OL} = 100$ µA or 6 mA	0.47	0.52	0.6	V
$V_{OL}–V_{ILc}$	difference between LOW-level output and LOW-level input voltage contention	guaranteed by design	-	-	70	mV
I_{LOH}	HIGH-level output leakage current	$V_O = V_{CC}$	-	-	10	µA
C_{io}	input/output capacitance	$V_I = 3$ V or 0 V; $V_{CC} = 3.3$ V	-	5.2	7	pF
		$V_I = 3$ V or 0 V; $V_{CC} = 0$ V	-	5.2	7	pF

Table 5. **Static characteristics** *…continued*

V_{CC} = 2.7 V to 5.5 V; GND = 0 V; T_{amb} = −40 °C to +85 °C; unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Input and output SDAA and SCLA						
V_{IH}	HIGH-level input voltage		$0.6V_{CC(A)}$	$0.5V_{CC(A)}$	5.5	V
V_{IL}	LOW-level input voltage		−0.5	-	$+0.4V_{CC(A)}$	V
V_{IK}	input clamping voltage	I_I = −18 mA	-	-	−1.2	V
I_{LI}	input leakage current	V_I = 3.6 V	-	-	±1	µA
I_{IL}	LOW-level input current	SDA, SCL; V_I = 0.2 V	-	-	10	µA
V_{OL}	LOW-level output voltage	I_{OL} = 6 mA	-	0.1	0.2	V
I_{LOH}	HIGH-level output leakage current	V_O = V_{CC}	-	-	10	µA
C_{io}	input/output capacitance	V_I = 3 V or 0 V; V_{CC} = 3.3 V	-	5.2	7	pF
		V_I = 3 V or 0 V; V_{CC} = 0 V	-	5.2	7	pF
Enable						
V_{IL}	LOW-level input voltage		−0.5	-	$+0.3V_{CC(B)}$	V
V_{IH}	HIGH-level input voltage		$0.7V_{CC(B)}$	-	5.5	V
$I_{IL(EN)}$	LOW-level input current on pin EN	V_I = 0.2 V, EN; V_{CC} = 3.6 V	-	−10	−30	µA
I_{LI}	input leakage current	V_I = V_{CC}	−1	-	+1	µA
C_i	input capacitance	V_I = 3.0 V or 0 V	-	1.7	7	pF

[1] LOW-level supply voltage.

[2] V_{IL} specification is for the first LOW level seen by the SDAB/SCLB lines. V_{ILc} is for the second and subsequent LOW levels seen by the SDAB/SCLB lines.

10. Dynamic characteristics

Table 6.   Dynamic characteristics

V_{CC} = 2.7 V to 5.5 V; GND = 0 V; T_{amb} = −40 °C to +85 °C; unless otherwise specified.[1][2]

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Typ[3]	Max	Unit
t_{PLH}	LOW-to-HIGH propagation delay	B side to A side; Figure 11	[4]	100	170	250	ns
t_{PHL}	HIGH-to-LOW propagation delay	B side to A side; Figure 9					
		$V_{CC(A)}$ < 3.0 V	[5]	20	98	118	ns
		$V_{CC(A)}$ > 3.0 V		20	76	164	ns
t_{TLH}	LOW to HIGH output transition time	A side; Figure 10		10	20	30	ns
t_{THL}	HIGH to LOW output transition time	A side; Figure 10					
		$V_{CC(A)}$ < 2.7 V	[5]	1	72	83	ns
		$V_{CC(A)}$ > 3.0 V		8	68	137	ns
t_{PLH}	LOW-to-HIGH propagation delay	A side to B side; Figure 10	[6]	25	53	110	ns
t_{PHL}	HIGH-to-LOW propagation delay	A side to B side; Figure 10	[6]	60	79	230	ns
t_{TLH}	LOW to HIGH output transition time	B side; Figure 9		120	140	170	ns
t_{THL}	HIGH to LOW output transition time	B side; Figure 9		30	48	90	ns
$t_{connect}$	connect time[7]	B side to A side; Figure 12		-	0.5	-	µs
$t_{idle(connect)}$	connect idle time[8]	B side to A side; Figure 13		50	105	200	µs
$t_{stop(connect)}$	connect stop time[9]	A side to B side; Figure 14		-	0.5	-	µs
t_{su}	set-up time	EN HIGH before START condition	[10]	100	-	-	ns
t_h	hold time	EN HIGH after STOP condition	[10]	100	-	-	ns

[1] Times are specified with loads of 1.35 kΩ pull-up resistance and 57 pF load capacitance on the B side, and 167 Ω pull-up resistance and 57 pF load capacitance on the A side. Different load resistance and capacitance will alter the RC time constant, thereby changing the propagation delay and transition times.

[2] Pull-up voltages are $V_{CC(A)}$ on the A side and $V_{CC(B)}$ on the B side.

[3] Typical values were measured with $V_{CC(A)}$ = 3.3 V at T_{amb} = 25 °C, unless otherwise noted.

[4] The t_{PLH} delay data from B side to A side is measured at 0.5 V on the B side to $0.5V_{CC(A)}$ on the A side when $V_{CC(A)}$ is less than 2 V, and 1.5 V on the A side if $V_{CC(A)}$ is greater than 2 V.

[5] Typical value measured with $V_{CC(A)}$ = 2.7 V at T_{amb} = 25 °C.

[6] The proportional delay data from A side to B side is measured at $0.3V_{CC(A)}$ on the A side to 1.5 V on the B side.

[7] Defined as the time required to connect from B side to A side, after B side switches from active to idle, when A side is idle.

[8] Defined as the time required to connect from B side to A side, when B side and A side are idle.

[9] Defined as the time required to connect A side to B side, when B side is idle and A side is going active from idle, by a STOP condition.

[10] The enable pin, EN, should only change state when the global bus and the repeater port are in an idle state.
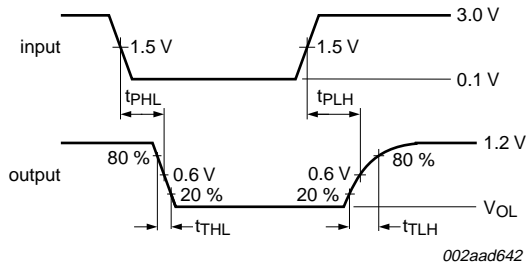
10.1 AC waveforms

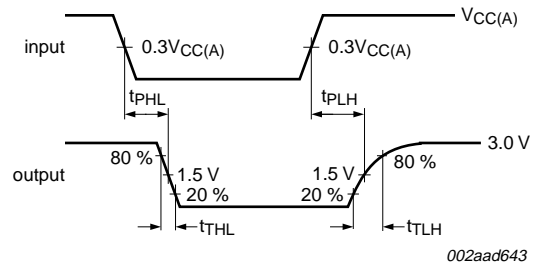**Fig 9.** Propagation delay and transition times; B side to A side

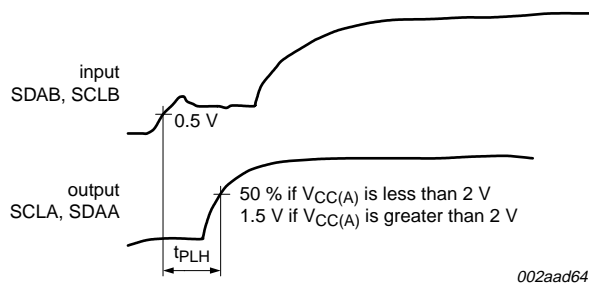**Fig 10.** Propagation delay and transition times; A side to B side

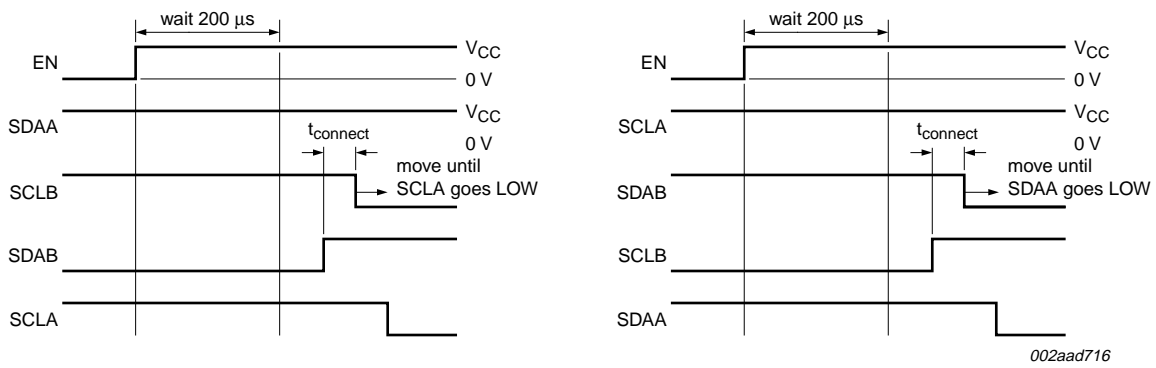**Fig 11. Propagation delay; B side to A side**

Fig 12. t$_{connect}$ timing

Fig 13. t$_{idle(connect)}$ timing

Fig 14. t$_{stop(connect)}$ timing

11. Test information

R$_L$ = load resistor; 1.35 kΩ on B side; 167 Ω on A side

C$_L$ = load capacitance includes jig and probe capacitance; 57 pF

R$_T$ = termination resistance should be equal to Z$_o$ of pulse generators

Fig 15. Test circuit for open-drain outputs

12. Package outline

SO8: plastic small outline package; 8 leads; body width 3.9 mm   **SOT96-1**

DIMENSIONS (inch dimensions are derived from the original mm dimensions)

UNIT	A max.	A₁	A₂	A₃	bₚ	c	D[1]	E[2]	e	Hₑ	L	Lₚ	Q	v	w	y	Z[1]	θ
mm	1.75	0.25 0.10	1.45 1.25	0.25	0.49 0.36	0.25 0.19	5.0 4.8	4.0 3.8	1.27	6.2 5.8	1.05	1.0 0.4	0.7 0.6	0.25	0.25	0.1	0.7 0.3	8° 0°
inches	0.069	0.010 0.004	0.057 0.049	0.01	0.019 0.014	0.0100 0.0075	0.20 0.19	0.16 0.15	0.05	0.244 0.228	0.041	0.039 0.016	0.028 0.024	0.01	0.01	0.004	0.028 0.012	

Notes

1. Plastic or metal protrusions of 0.15 mm (0.006 inch) maximum per side are not included.
2. Plastic or metal protrusions of 0.25 mm (0.01 inch) maximum per side are not included.

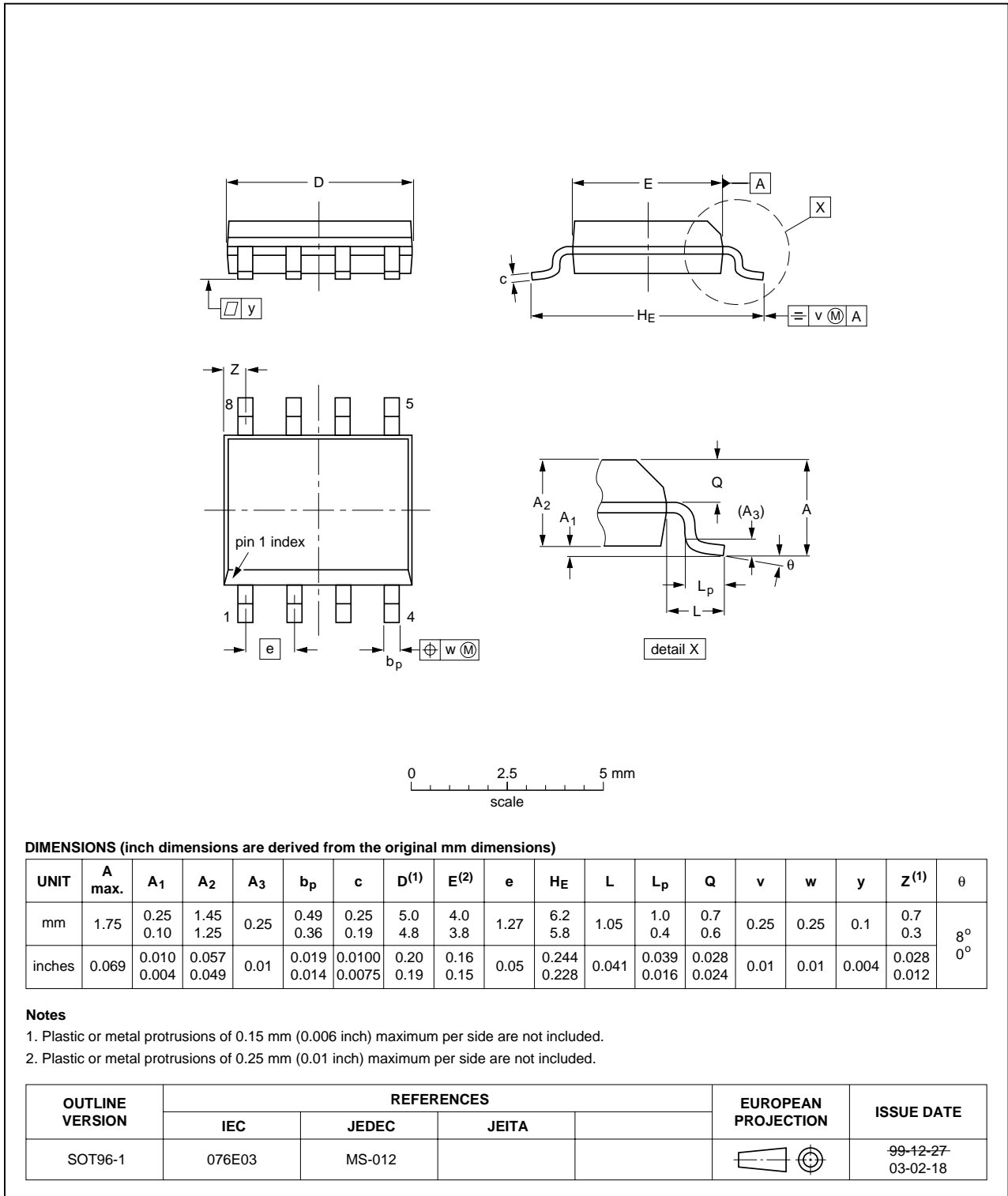| OUTLINE VERSION	REFERENCES				EUROPEAN PROJECTION	ISSUE DATE
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Fig 16. Package outline SOT96-1 (SO8)

TSSOP8: plastic thin shrink small outline package; 8 leads; body width 3 mm   **SOT505-1**

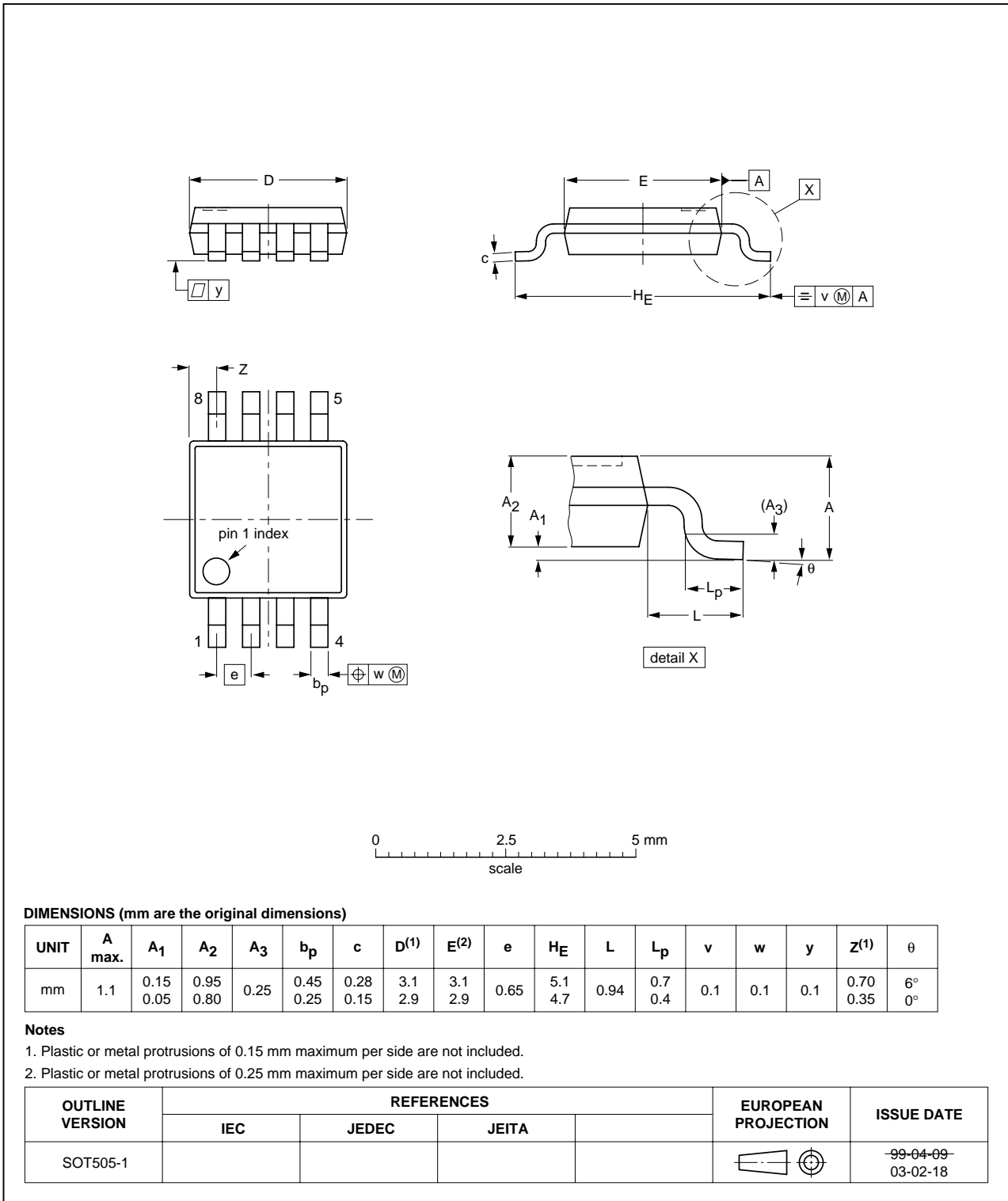**DIMENSIONS (mm are the original dimensions)**

UNIT	A max.	A₁	A₂	A₃	bₚ	c	D[1]	E[2]	e	H_E	L	Lₚ	v	w	y	Z[1]	θ
mm	1.1	0.15 0.05	0.95 0.80	0.25	0.45 0.25	0.28 0.15	3.1 2.9	3.1 2.9	0.65	5.1 4.7	0.94	0.7 0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.70 0.35	6° 0°

Notes

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Fig 17. Package outline SOT505-1 (TSSOP8)

13. Soldering of SMD packages

This text provides a very brief insight into a complex technology. A more in-depth account of soldering ICs can be found in Application Note *AN10365 "Surface mount reflow soldering description"*.

13.1 Introduction to soldering

Soldering is one of the most common methods through which packages are attached to Printed Circuit Boards (PCBs), to form electrical circuits. The soldered joint provides both the mechanical and the electrical connection. There is no single soldering method that is ideal for all IC packages. Wave soldering is often preferred when through-hole and Surface Mount Devices (SMDs) are mixed on one printed wiring board; however, it is not suitable for fine pitch SMDs. Reflow soldering is ideal for the small pitches and high densities that come with increased miniaturization.

13.2 Wave and reflow soldering

Wave soldering is a joining technology in which the joints are made by solder coming from a standing wave of liquid solder. The wave soldering process is suitable for the following:

- Through-hole components
- Leaded or leadless SMDs, which are glued to the surface of the printed circuit board

Not all SMDs can be wave soldered. Packages with solder balls, and some leadless packages which have solder lands underneath the body, cannot be wave soldered. Also, leaded SMDs with leads having a pitch smaller than ~0.6 mm cannot be wave soldered, due to an increased probability of bridging.

The reflow soldering process involves applying solder paste to a board, followed by component placement and exposure to a temperature profile. Leaded packages, packages with solder balls, and leadless packages are all reflow solderable.

Key characteristics in both wave and reflow soldering are:

- Board specifications, including the board finish, solder masks and vias
- Package footprints, including solder thieves and orientation
- The moisture sensitivity level of the packages
- Package placement
- Inspection and repair
- Lead-free soldering versus SnPb soldering

13.3 Wave soldering

Key characteristics in wave soldering are:

- Process issues, such as application of adhesive and flux, clinching of leads, board transport, the solder wave parameters, and the time during which components are exposed to the wave
- Solder bath specifications, including temperature and impurities

13.4 Reflow soldering

Key characteristics in reflow soldering are:

- Lead-free versus SnPb soldering; note that a lead-free reflow process usually leads to higher minimum peak temperatures (see Figure 18) than a SnPb process, thus reducing the process window

- Solder paste printing issues including smearing, release, and adjusting the process window for a mix of large and small components on one board

- Reflow temperature profile; this profile includes preheat, reflow (in which the board is heated to the peak temperature) and cooling down. It is imperative that the peak temperature is high enough for the solder to make reliable solder joints (a solder paste characteristic). In addition, the peak temperature must be low enough that the packages and/or boards are not damaged. The peak temperature of the package depends on package thickness and volume and is classified in accordance with Table 7 and 8

Table 7. **SnPb eutectic process (from J-STD-020C)**

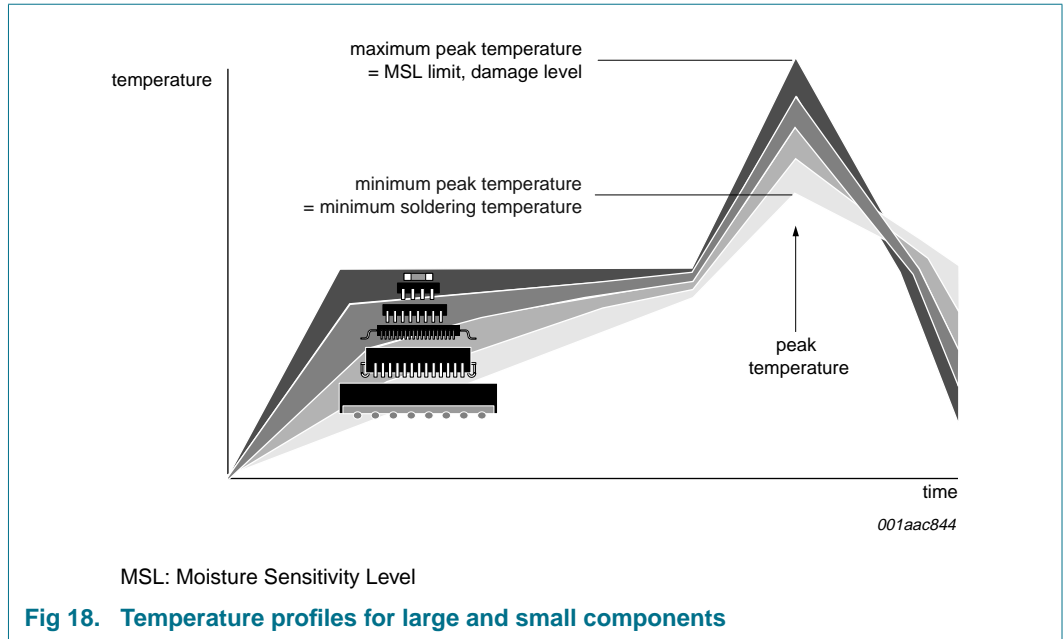| Package thickness (mm)	Package reflow temperature (°C)	
	Volume (mm³)	
	< 350	≥ 350
< 2.5	235	220
≥ 2.5	220	220

Table 8. **Lead-free process (from J-STD-020C)**

Package thickness (mm)	Package reflow temperature (°C)		
	Volume (mm³)		
	< 350	350 to 2000	> 2000
< 1.6	260	260	260
1.6 to 2.5	260	250	245
> 2.5	250	245	245

Moisture sensitivity precautions, as indicated on the packing, must be respected at all times.

Studies have shown that small packages reach higher temperatures during reflow soldering, see Figure 18.

MSL: Moisture Sensitivity Level

Fig 18. Temperature profiles for large and small components

For further information on temperature profiles, refer to Application Note *AN10365 "Surface mount reflow soldering description"*.

14. Abbreviations

Table 9.   Abbreviations

Acronym	Description
CDM	Charged-Device Model
CMOS	Complementary Metal-Oxide Semiconductor
DUT	Device Under Test
ESD	ElectroStatic Discharge
HBM	Human Body Model
I2C-bus	Inter-Integrated Circuit bus
I/O	Input/Output
MM	Machine Model
RC	Resistor-Capacitor network
SMBus	System Management Bus

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Table 10.   Revision history

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