

2:16 Low Additive Jitter LVDS Buffer

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FEATURES

- 2:16 Differential Buffer
- Low Additive Jitter: <300 fs RMS in 10 kHz to 20 MHz
- Low Output Skew of 55 ps (Max)
- Universal Inputs Accept LVDS, LVPECL, LVCMOS
- Selectable Clock Inputs Through Control Pin
- 16 LVDS Outputs, ANSI EIA/TIA-644A Standard Compatible
- Clock Frequency up to 800 MHz
- 2.375–2.625V Device Power Supply
- LVDS Reference Voltage, V_{AC_REF} , Available for Capacitive Coupled Inputs
- Industrial Temperature Range -40°C to 85°C
- Packaged in 7mm x 7mm 48-Pin QFN (RGZ)
- ESD Protection Exceeds 3 kV HBM, 1 kV CDM

APPLICATIONS

- Telecommunications/Networking
- Medical Imaging
- Test and Measurement Equipment
- Wireless Communications
- General Purpose Clocking

DESCRIPTION

The CDCLVD1216 clock buffer distributes one of two selectable clock inputs (IN0, IN1) to 16 pairs of differential LVDS clock outputs (OUT0, OUT15) with minimum skew for clock distribution. The CDCLVD1216 can accept two clock sources into an input multiplexer. The inputs can either be LVDS, LVPECL, or LVCMOS.

The CDCLVD1216 is specifically designed for driving $50\ \Omega$ transmission lines. If driving the inputs in single ended mode, the appropriate bias voltage (V_{AC_REF}) should be applied to the unused negative input pin.

The IN_SEL pin selects the input which is routed to the outputs. If this pin is left open it disables the outputs (static). The part supports a fail safe function. It incorporates an input hysteresis, which prevents random oscillation of the outputs in absence of an input signal.

The device operates in 2.5 V supply environment and is characterized from -40°C to 85°C (ambient temperature). The CDCLVD1216 is packaged in small 48-pin, 7mm x 7mm QFN package.

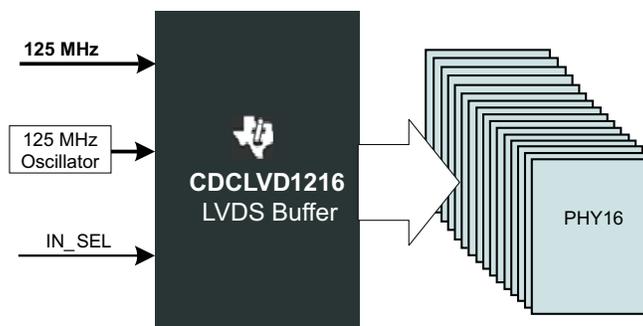


Figure 1. Application Example



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These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

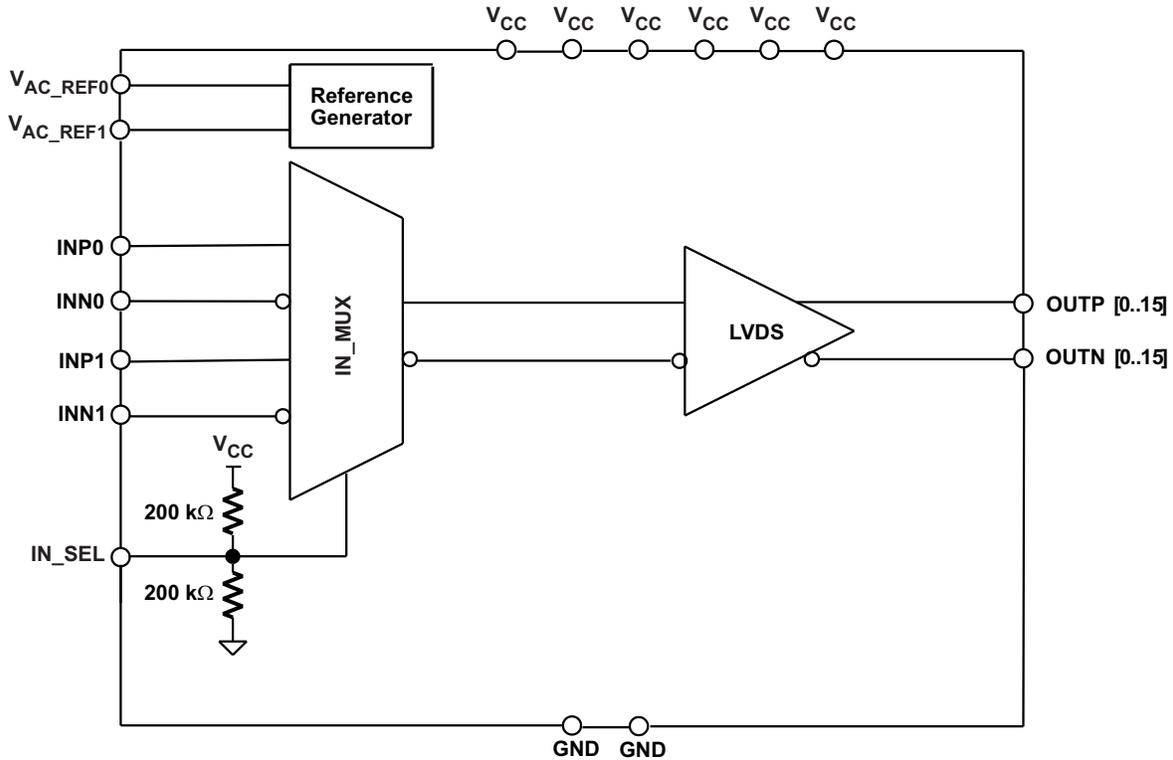
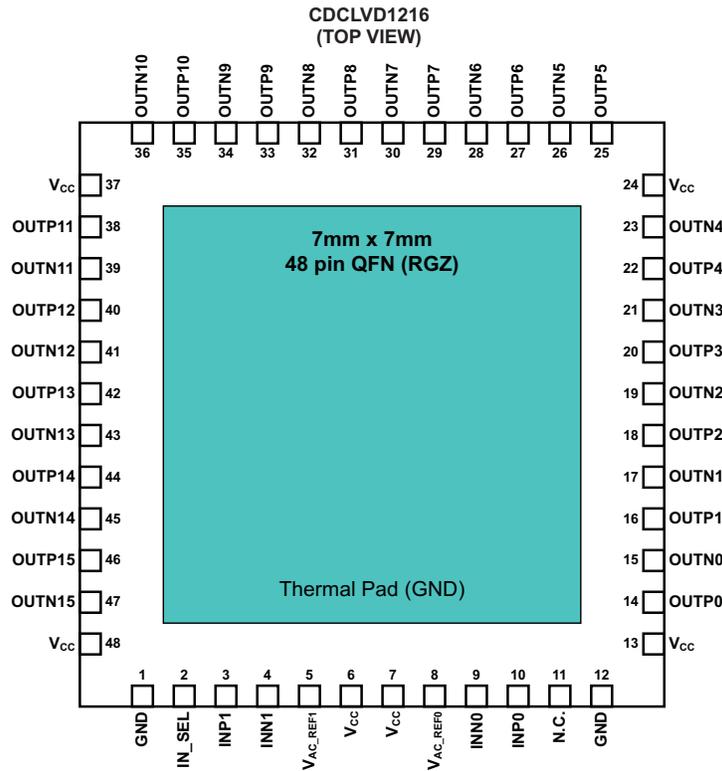


Figure 2. CDCLVD1216 Block Diagram



PIN FUNCTIONS

PIN		TYPE	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
V _{CC}	6, 7, 13, 24, 37, 48	Power	2.5V supplies for the device
GND	1, 12	Ground	Device ground
INP0, INN0	10, 9	Input	Differential input pair or single ended input
INP1, INN1	3, 4	Input	Differential redundant input pair or single ended input
OUTP0, OUTN0	14, 15	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 0
OUTP1, OUTN1	16, 17	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 1
OUTP2, OUTN2	18, 19	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 2
OUTP3, OUTN3	20, 21	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 3
OUTP4, OUTN4	22, 23	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 4
OUTP5, OUTN5	25, 26	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 5
OUTP6, OUTN6	27, 28	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 6
OUTP7, OUTN7	29, 30	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 7
OUTP8, OUTN8	31, 32	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 8
OUTP9, OUTN9	33, 34	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 9
OUTP10, OUTN10	35, 36	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 10
OUTP11, OUTN11	38, 39	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 11
OUTP12, OUTN12	40, 41	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 12
OUTP13, OUTN13	42, 43	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 13
OUTP14, OUTN14	44, 45	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 14
OUTP15, OUTN15	46, 47	Output	Differential LVDS output pair no. 15
V _{AC_REF0}	8	Output	Bias voltage output for capacitive coupled inputs. If used, it is recommended to use a 0.1µF to GND on this pin.
V _{AC_REF1}	5	Output	Bias voltage output for capacitive coupled inputs. If used, it is recommended to use a 0.1µF to GND on this pin.
N.C.	11		No connect
IN_SEL	2	Input with an internal 200kΩ pull-up and pull-down	Input selection – selects input port; (See Table 1)
Thermal Pad		Ground	Device ground. Thermal Pad must be soldered to ground. See thermal management recommendations.

Table 1. Input Selection Table

IN_SEL	ACTIVE CLOCK INPUT
0	INP0, INN0
1	INP1, INN1
Open	None ⁽¹⁾

(1) The input buffers are disabled and the outputs are static.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) ⁽¹⁾

	VALUE	UNIT
Supply voltage range, V_{CC}	-0.3 to 2.8	V
Input voltage range, V_I	-0.2 to ($V_{CC} + 0.2$)	V
Output voltage range, V_O	-0.2 to ($V_{CC} + 0.2$)	V
Driver short circuit current, I_{OSD}	See Note ⁽²⁾	
Electrostatic discharge (Human Body Model, 1.5 k Ω , 100 pF)	>3000	V

- (1) Stresses beyond those listed under “absolute maximum ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under recommended operating conditions is not implied. Exposure to absolute–maximum–rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.
- (2) The outputs can handle permanent short.

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Device supply voltage, V_{CC}	2.375	2.5	2.625	V
Ambient temperature, T_A	-40		85	°C

THERMAL INFORMATION

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		CDCLVD1216	UNITS
		RGZ(48 PINS)	
θ_{JA}	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	30.6	°C/W
$\theta_{JC(top)}$	Junction-to-case(top) thermal resistance	28.5	
θ_{JB}	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	10.5	
Ψ_{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	0.4	
Ψ_{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	10.2	
$\theta_{JC(bottom)}$	Junction-to-case(bottom) thermal resistance	3.1	

- (1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report, [SPRA953](#).

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

At $V_{CC} = 2.375V$ to $2.625V$, $T_A = -40^\circ C$ to $85^\circ C$ (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
IN_SEL CONTROL INPUT CHARACTERISTICS						
V_{dl3}	3 State	Open		$0.5 \times V_{CC}$		V
V_{dlH}	Input high voltage		$0.7 \times V_{CC}$			V
V_{dlL}	Input low voltage				$0.2 \times V_{CC}$	V
I_{dlH}	Input high current	$V_{CC} = 2.625 V$, $V_{IH} = 2.625 V$			30	μA
I_{dlL}	Input low current	$V_{CC} = 2.625 V$, $V_{IL} = 0 V$			-30	μA
$R_{pull(IN_SEL)}$	Input pull-up/ pull-down resistor			200		k Ω
2.5V LVCMOS (see Figure 7) INPUT CHARACTERISTICS						
f_{IN}	Input frequency				200	MHz
V_{th}	Input threshold voltage	External threshold voltage applied to complementary input	1.1		1.5	V
V_{IH}	Input high voltage		$V_{th} + 0.1$		V_{CC}	V
V_{IL}	Input low voltage		0		$V_{th} - 0.1$	V
I_{IH}	Input high current	$V_{CC} = 2.625 V$, $V_{IH} = 2.625 V$			10	μA
I_{IL}	Input low current	$V_{CC} = 2.625 V$, $V_{IL} = 0 V$			-10	μA
$\Delta V/\Delta T$	Input edge rate	20%–80%	1.5			V/ns
C_{IN}	Input capacitance			2.5		pF

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

 At $V_{CC} = 2.375V$ to $2.625V$, $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $85^{\circ}C$ (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
DIFFERENTIAL INPUT CHARACTERISTICS						
f_{IN}	Input frequency	Clock input			800	MHz
$V_{IN, DIFF}$	Differential input voltage peak-to-peak	$V_{ICM} = 1.25 V$	0.3		1.6	V_{PP}
V_{ICM}	Input common mode voltage range	$V_{IN, DIFF, PP} > 0.4 V$	1.0		$V_{CC} - 0.3$	V
I_{IH}	Input high current	$V_{CC} = 2.625 V$, $V_{IH} = 2.625 V$			10	μA
I_{IL}	Input low current	$V_{CC} = 2.625$, $V_{IL} = 0 V$			-10	μA
$\Delta V/\Delta T$	Input edge rate	20%–80%	0.75			V/ns
C_{IN}	Input capacitance			2.5		pF
LVDS OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS						
$ V_{OD} $	Differential output voltage magnitude		250		450	mV
ΔV_{OD}	Change in differential output voltage magnitude	$V_{IN, DIFF, PP} = 0.3V$, $R_L = 100 \Omega$	-15		15	mV
$V_{OC(SS)}$	Steady-state common mode output voltage		1.1		1.375	V
$\Delta V_{OC(SS)}$	Steady-state common mode output voltage	$V_{IN, DIFF, PP} = 0.6V$, $R_L = 100 \Omega$	-15		15	mV
V_{ring}	Output overshoot and undershoot	Percentage of output amplitude V_{OD}			10%	
V_{OS}	Output ac common mode	$V_{IN, DIFF, PP} = 0.6V$, $R_L = 100 \Omega$		40	70	mV_{PP}
I_{OS}	Short-circuit output current	$V_{OD} = 0 V$			± 24	mA
t_{PD}	Propagation delay	$V_{IN, DIFF, PP} = 0.3 V$		1.5	2.5	ns
$t_{SK, PP}$	Part-to-part skew				600	ps
$t_{SK, O}$	Output skew				55	ps
$t_{SK, P}$	Pulse skew (with 50% duty cycle input)	Crossing-point-to-crossing-point distortion	-50		50	ps
t_{RJIT}	Random additive jitter (with 50% duty cycle input)	Edge speed 0.75 V/ns, 10 kHz – 20 MHz			0.3	ps, RMS
t_R/t_F	Output rise/fall time	20% to 80%, 100 Ω , 5 pF	50		300	ps
I_{CCSTAT}	Static supply current	Outputs unterminated, $f = 0$ Hz		17	28	mA
I_{CC100}	Supply current	All outputs, $R_L = 100 \Omega$, $f = 100$ MHz		107	140	mA
I_{CC800}	Supply current	All outputs, $R_L = 100 \Omega$, $f = 800$ MHz		147	180	mA
V_{AC_REF} CHARACTERISTICS						
V_{AC_REF}	Reference output voltage	$V_{CC} = 2.5 V$ $I_{load} = 100 \mu A$	1.1	1.25	1.35	V

Typical Additive Phase Noise Characteristics for 100 MHz Clock

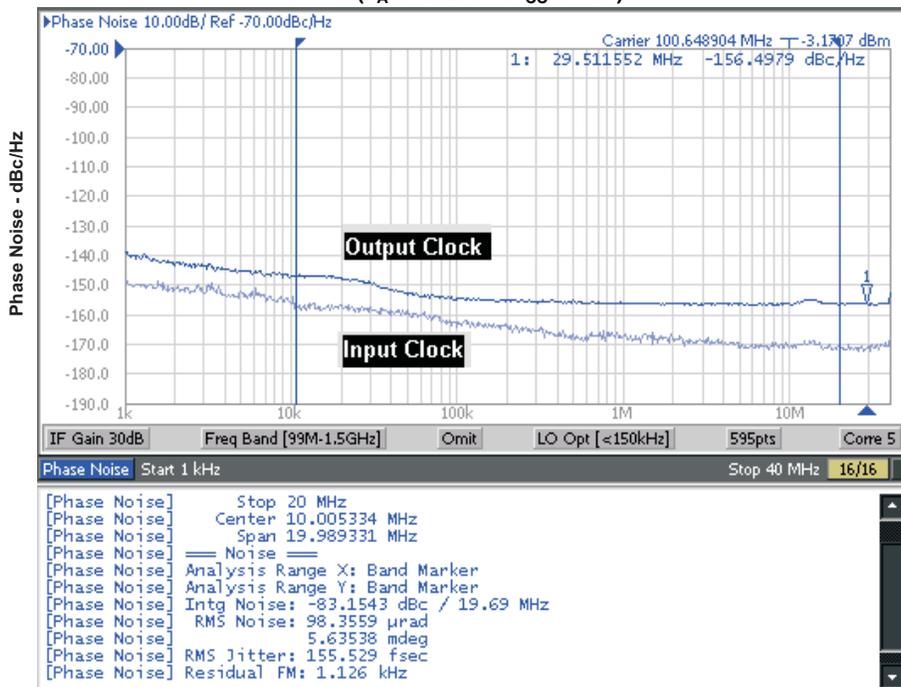
PARAMETER		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
phn ₁₀₀	Phase noise at 100 Hz offset		-132.9		dBc/Hz
phn _{1k}	Phase noise at 1 kHz offset		-138.8		dBc/Hz
phn _{10k}	Phase noise at 10 kHz offset		-147.4		dBc/Hz
phn _{100k}	Phase noise at 100 kHz offset		-153.6		dBc/Hz
phn _{1M}	Phase noise at 1 MHz offset		-155.2		dBc/Hz
phn _{10M}	Phase noise at 10 MHz offset		-156.2		dBc/Hz
phn _{20M}	Phase noise at 20 MHz offset		-156.6		dBc/Hz
t _{RJIT}	Random additive jitter from 10 kHz to 20 MHz		171		fs, RMS

Typical Additive Phase Noise Characteristics for 737.27 MHz Clock

PARAMETER		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
phn ₁₀₀	Phase noise at 100 Hz offset		-80.2		dBc/Hz
phn _{1k}	Phase noise at 1 kHz offset		-114.3		dBc/Hz
phn _{10k}	Phase noise at 10 kHz offset		-138		dBc/Hz
phn _{100k}	Phase noise at 100 kHz offset		-143.9		dBc/Hz
phn _{1M}	Phase noise at 1 MHz offset		-145.2		dBc/Hz
phn _{10M}	Phase noise at 10 MHz offset		-146.5		dBc/Hz
phn _{20M}	Phase noise at 20 MHz offset		-146.6		dBc/Hz
t _{RJIT}	Random additive jitter from 10 kHz to 20 MHz		65		fs, RMS

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

INPUT- AND OUTPUT-CLOCK PHASE NOISES VS FREQUENCY FROM the CARRIER ($T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ and $V_{CC} = 2.5\text{V}$)



Input clock RMS jitter is 32 fs from 10 kHz to 20 MHz and additive RMS jitter is 152 fs
Figure 3. 100 MHz Input and Output Phase Noise Plot

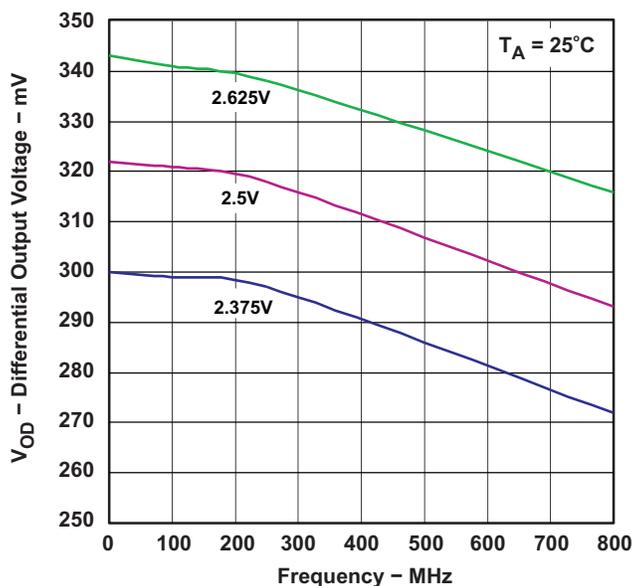


Figure 4. Differential Output Voltage vs Frequency

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

TEST CONFIGURATIONS

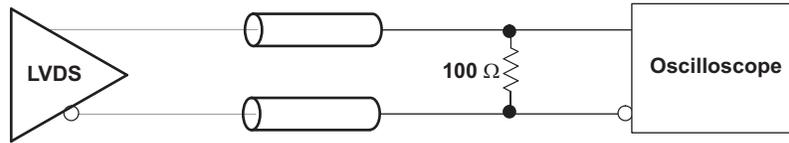


Figure 5. LVDS Output DC Configuration During Device Test

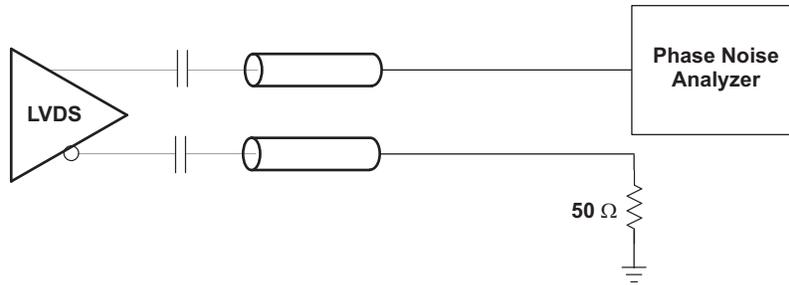


Figure 6. LVDS Output AC Configuration During Device Test

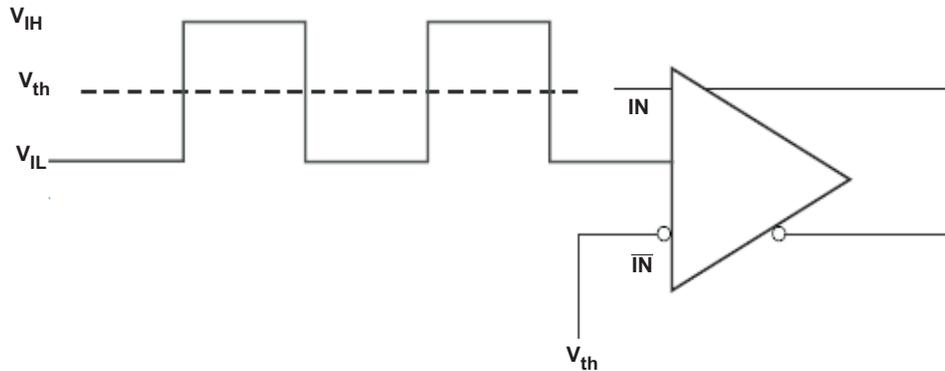


Figure 7. DC Coupled LVCMOS Input During Device Test

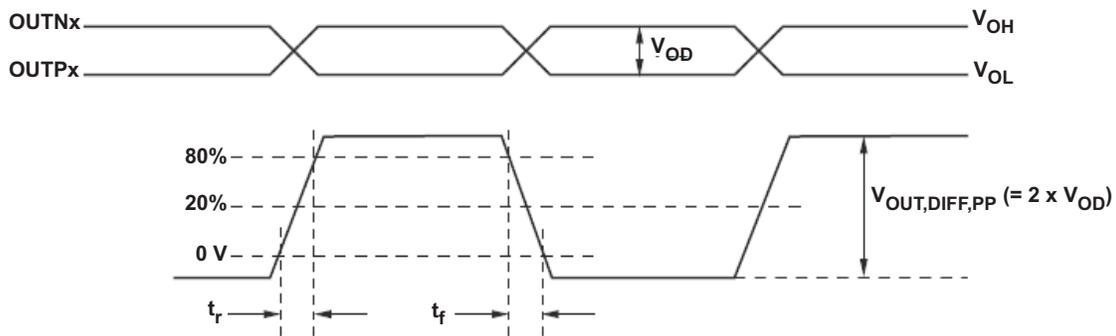
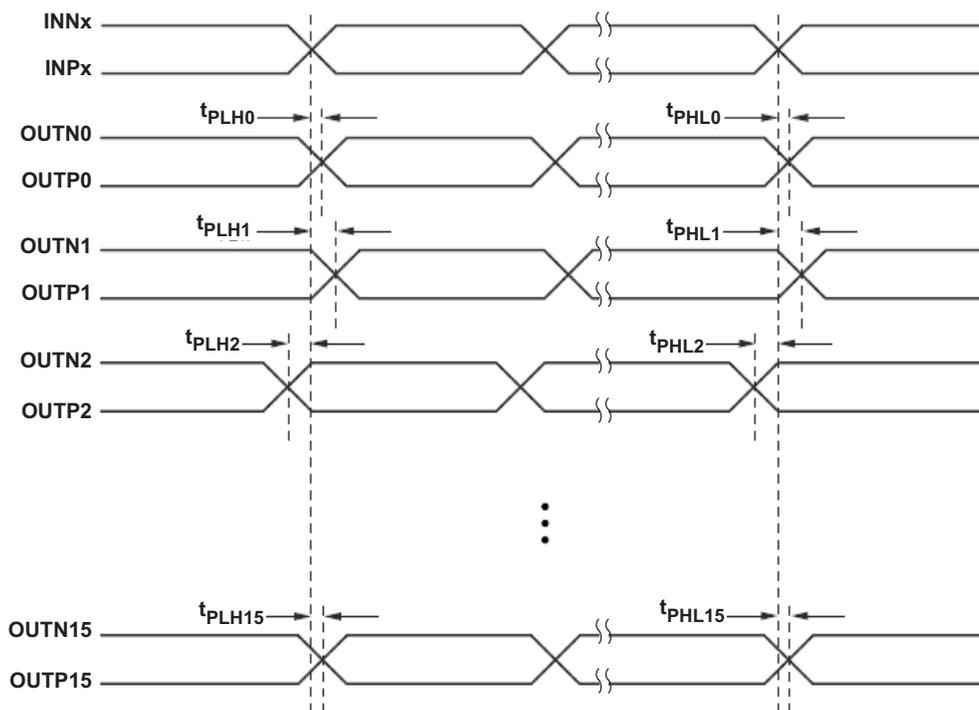


Figure 8. Output Voltage and Rise/Fall Time

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)



- A. Output skew is calculated as the greater of the following: As of the difference between the fastest and the slowest t_{PLHn} or the difference between the fastest and the slowest t_{PHLn} ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 15$)
- B. Part to part skew is calculated as the greater of the following: As the difference between the fastest and the slowest t_{PLHn} or the difference between the fastest and the slowest t_{PHLn} across multiple devices ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 15$)

Figure 9. Output Skew and Part-to-Part Skew

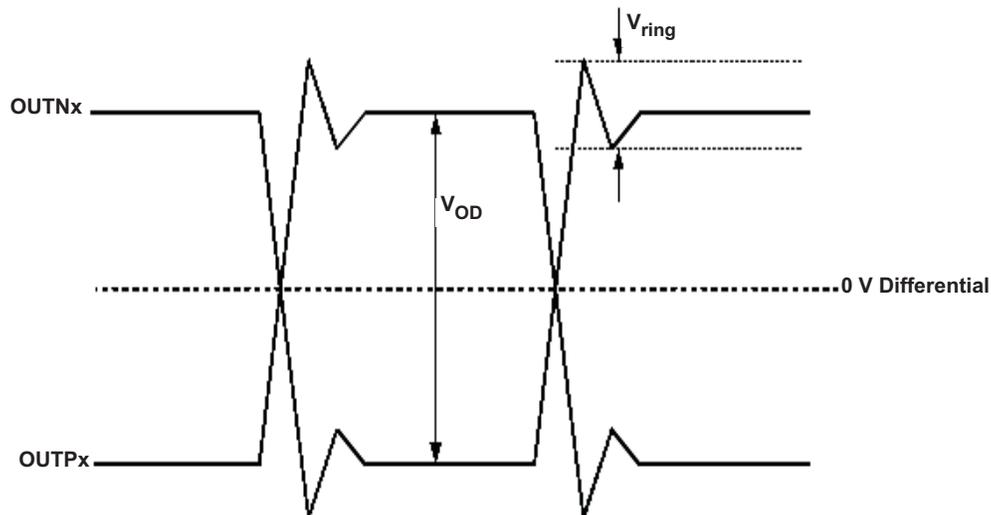


Figure 10. Output Overshoot and Undershoot

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

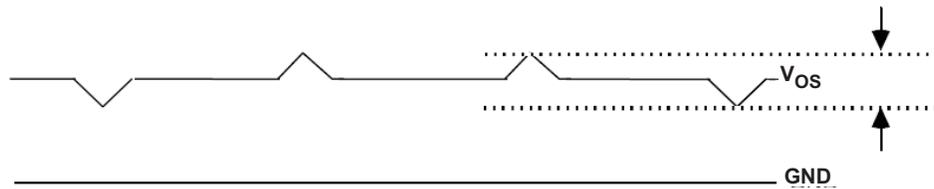


Figure 11. Output AC Common Mode

APPLICATION INFORMATION

THERMAL MANAGEMENT

For reliability and performance reasons, the die temperature should be limited to a maximum of +125°C.

The device package has an exposed pad that provides the primary heat removal path to the printed circuit board (PCB). To maximize the heat dissipation from the package, a thermal landing pattern including multiple vias to a ground plane must be incorporated into the PCB within the footprint of the package. The thermal pad must be soldered down to ensure adequate heat conduction to of the package. Check the mechanical data at the end of the data sheet for land and via pattern examples.

POWER SUPPLY FILTERING

High-performance clock buffers are sensitive to noise on the power supply, which can dramatically increase the additive jitter of the buffer. Thus, it is essential to reduce noise from the system power supply, especially when jitter/phase noise is critical to the application.

Filter capacitors are used to eliminate the low-frequency noise from the power supply, where the bypass capacitors provide the low impedance path for high-frequency noise and guard the power-supply system against the induced fluctuations. These bypass capacitors also provide instantaneous current surges as required by the device and should have low equivalent series resistance (ESR). To properly use the bypass capacitors, they must be placed close to the power-supply pins and laid out with short loops to minimize inductance. It is recommended to add as many high-frequency (for example, 0.1 μF) bypass capacitors as there are supply pins in the package. It is recommended, but not required, to insert a ferrite bead between the board power supply and the chip power supply that isolates the high-frequency switching noises generated by the clock driver; these beads prevent the switching noise from leaking into the board supply. Choose an appropriate ferrite bead with low dc resistance because it is imperative to provide adequate isolation between the board supply and the chip supply, as well as to maintain a voltage at the supply pins that is greater than the minimum voltage required for proper operation.

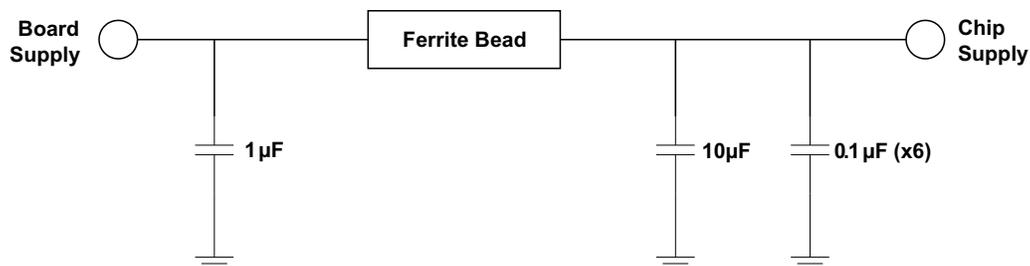


Figure 12. Power Supply Filtering

LVDS OUTPUT TERMINATION

The proper LVDS termination for signal integrity over two 50 Ω lines is 100 Ω between the outputs on the receiver end. Either dc-coupled termination or ac-coupled termination can be used for LVDS outputs. It is recommended to place termination resistor close to the receiver. If the receiver is internally biased to a voltage different than the output common mode voltage of the CDCLVD1216, ac-coupling should be used. If the LVDS receiver has internal 100 Ω termination, external termination must be omitted.

Unused outputs can be left open without connecting any trace to the output pins.

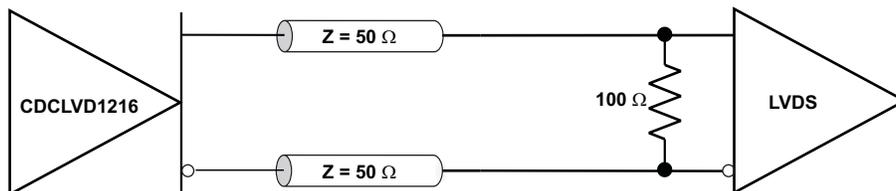


Figure 13. LVDS Output DC Termination

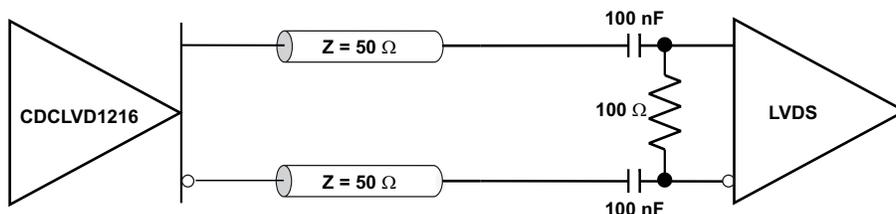


Figure 14. LVDS Output AC Termination with Receiver Internally Biased

INPUT TERMINATION

The CDCLVD1216 inputs can be interfaced with LVDS, LVPECL, or LVCMOS drivers.

LVDS Driver can be connected to CDCLVD1216 inputs with dc or ac coupling as shown [Figure 15](#) and [Figure 16](#) respectively.

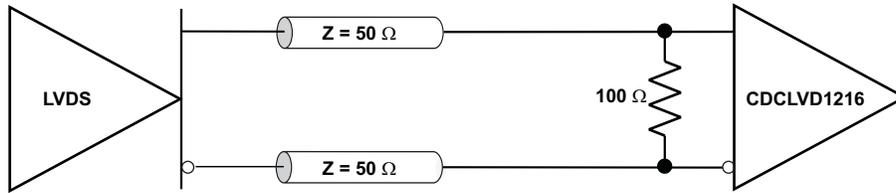


Figure 15. LVDS Clock Driver Connected to CDCLVD1216 Input (DC coupled)

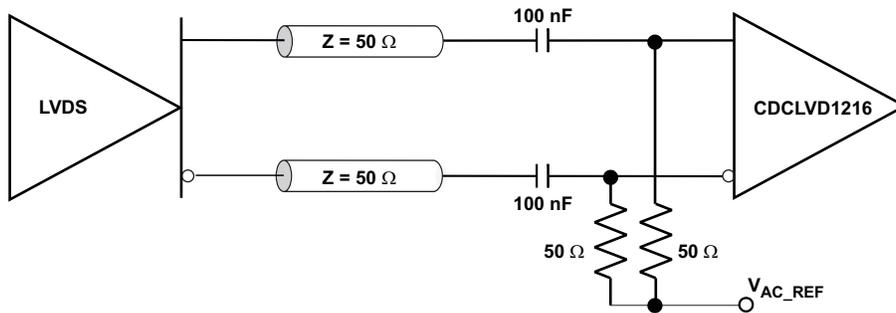


Figure 16. LVDS Clock Driver Connected to CDCLVD1216 Input (AC coupled)

[Figure 17](#) shows how to connect LVPECL inputs to the CDCLVD1216. The series resistors are required to reduce the LVPECL signal swing if the signal swing is $>1.6 V_{PP}$.

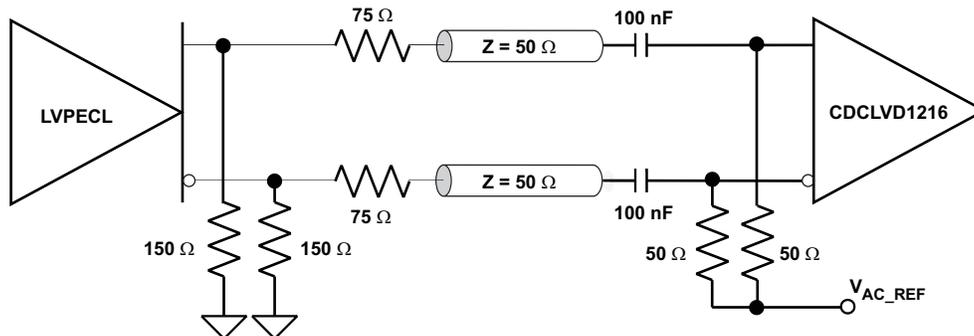


Figure 17. LVPECL Clock Driver Connected to CDCLVD1216 Input

Figure 18 illustrates how to couple a 2.5 V LVCMOS clock input to the CDCLVD1216 directly. The series resistance (R_S) should be placed close to the LVCMOS driver if needed. 3.3 V LVCMOS clock input swing needs to be limited to $V_{IH} \leq V_{CC}$.

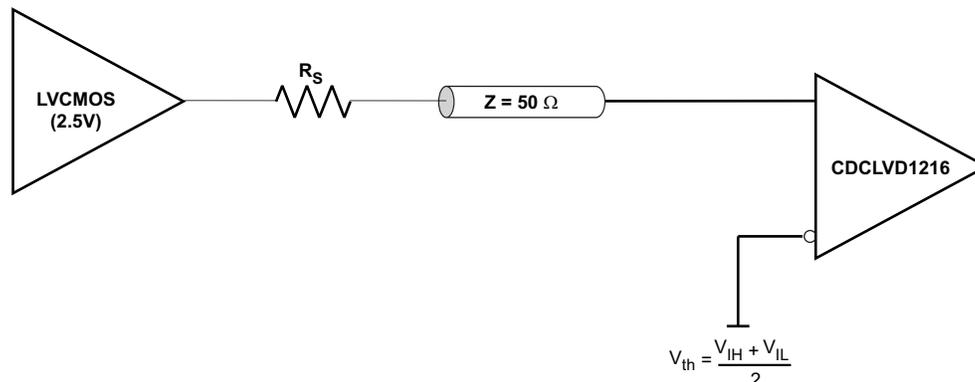


Figure 18. 2.5V LVCMOS Clock Driver Connected to CDCLVD1216 Input

For unused inputs, it is recommended to ground both input pins (INP, INN) using 1 kΩ resistors.

REVISION HISTORY

Changes from Original (October 2010) to Revision A		Page
• Changed Feature - Low Output Skew of 45 ps (Max) To: Low Output Skew of 55 ps (Max)		1
• Changed $t_{sk, o}$ Output Skew From: 45 ps (Max) To: 55 ps (Max)		5
• Deleted the Recommended PCB Layout illustration		10
Changes from Revision A (November 2010) to Revision B		Page
• Changed the device status From: Product Preview To: Production		1

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Orderable part number	Status (1)	Material type (2)	Package Pins	Package qty Carrier	RoHS (3)	Lead finish/ Ball material (4)	MSL rating/ Peak reflow (5)	Op temp (°C)	Part marking (6)
CDCLVD1216RGZR	Active	Production	VQFN (RGZ) 48	2500 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 85	CDCLVD 1216
CDCLVD1216RGZR.A	Active	Production	VQFN (RGZ) 48	2500 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 85	CDCLVD 1216
CDCLVD1216RGZT	Active	Production	VQFN (RGZ) 48	250 SMALL T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 85	CDCLVD 1216
CDCLVD1216RGZT.A	Active	Production	VQFN (RGZ) 48	250 SMALL T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 85	CDCLVD 1216
CDCLVD1216RGZTG4	Active	Production	VQFN (RGZ) 48	250 SMALL T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 85	CDCLVD 1216
CDCLVD1216RGZTG4.A	Active	Production	VQFN (RGZ) 48	250 SMALL T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 85	CDCLVD 1216

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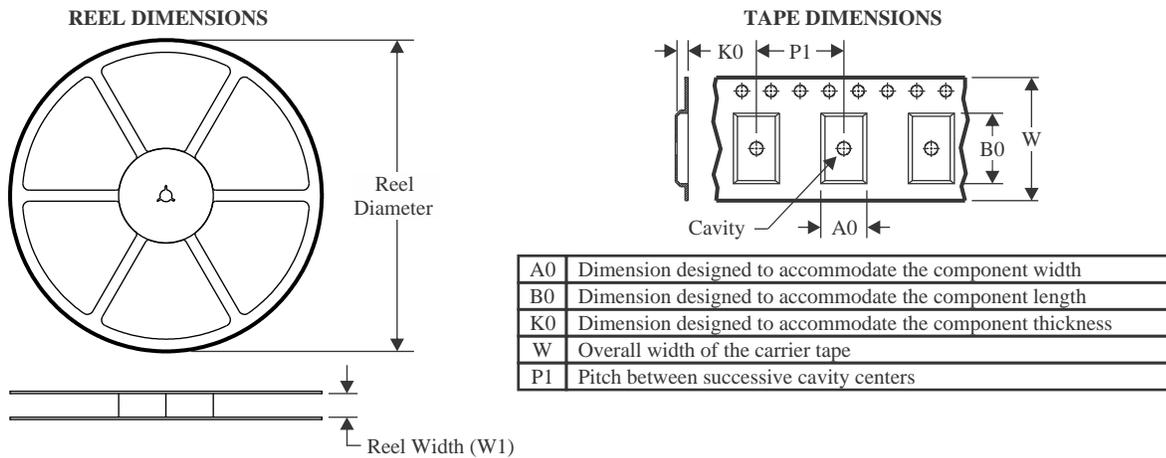
(5) **MSL rating/Peak reflow:** The moisture sensitivity level ratings and peak solder (reflow) temperatures. In the event that a part has multiple moisture sensitivity ratings, only the lowest level per JEDEC standards is shown. Refer to the shipping label for the actual reflow temperature that will be used to mount the part to the printed circuit board.

(6) **Part marking:** There may be an additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category of the part.

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QUADRANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR PIN 1 ORIENTATION IN TAPE


*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
CDCLVD1216RGZR	VQFN	RGZ	48	2500	330.0	16.4	7.3	7.3	1.5	12.0	16.0	Q2

TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS


*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
CDCLVD1216RGZR	VQFN	RGZ	48	2500	350.0	350.0	43.0

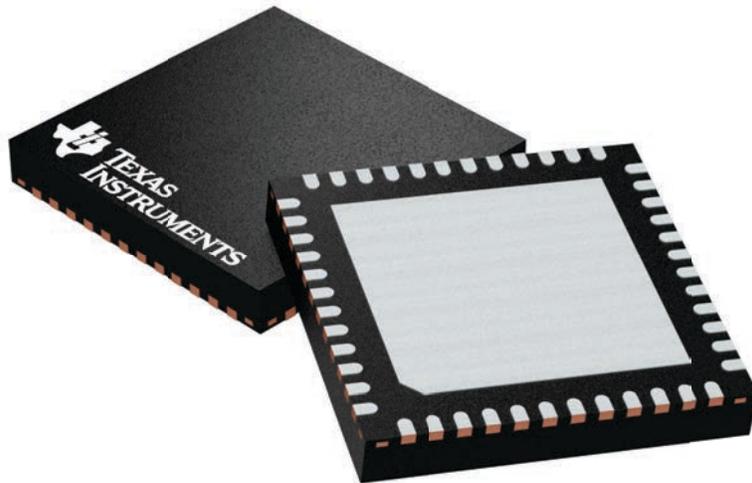
GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW

RGZ 48

VQFN - 1 mm max height

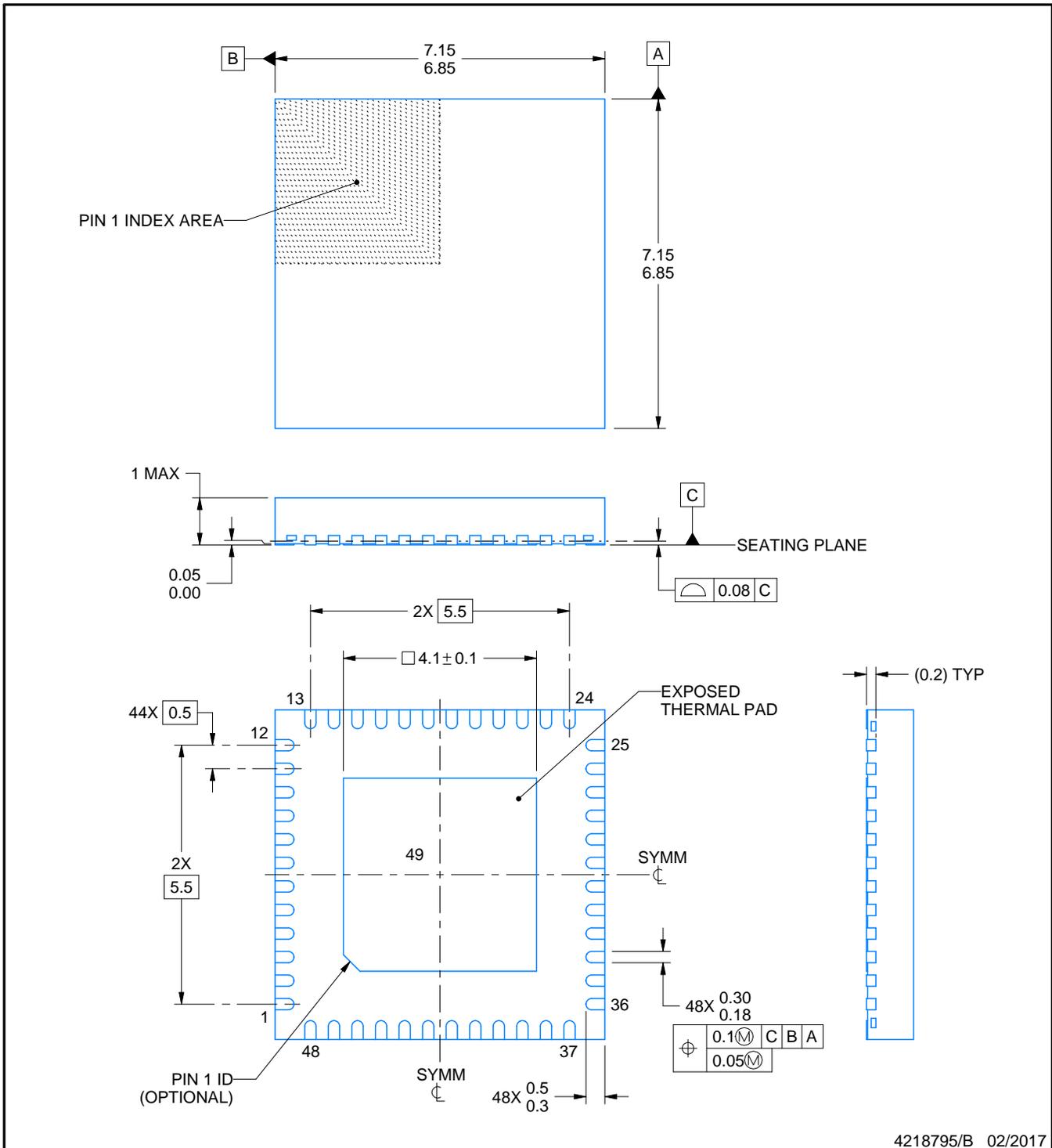
7 x 7, 0.5 mm pitch

PLASTIC QUADFLAT PACK- NO LEAD



Images above are just a representation of the package family, actual package may vary.
Refer to the product data sheet for package details.

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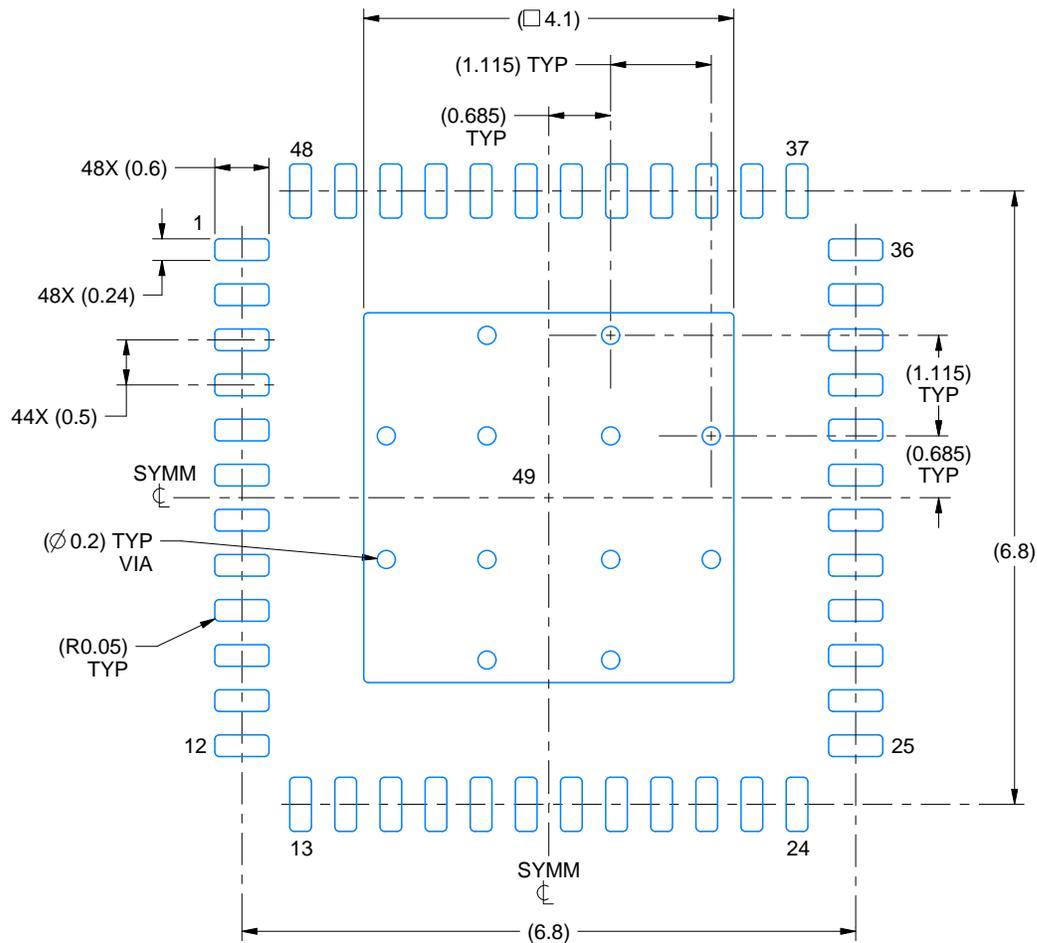
1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
3. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the printed circuit board for thermal and mechanical performance.

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

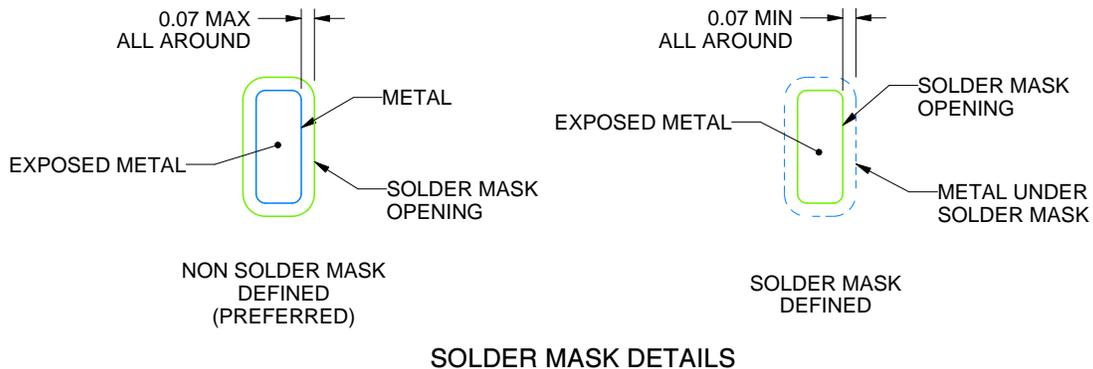
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VQFN - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN
SCALE:12X



SOLDER MASK DETAILS

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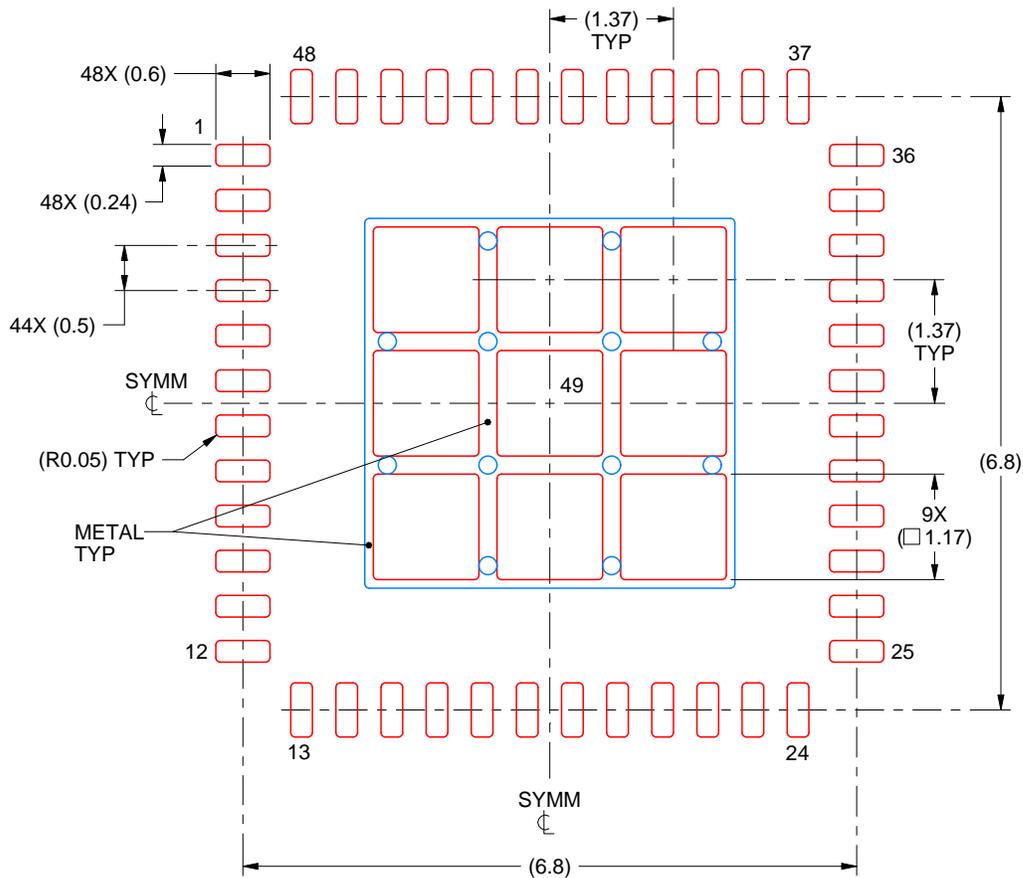
4. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number SLUA271 (www.ti.com/lit/sluea271).
5. Vias are optional depending on application, refer to device data sheet. If any vias are implemented, refer to their locations shown on this view. It is recommended that vias under paste be filled, plugged or tented.

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

RGZ0048B

VQFN - 1 mm max height

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SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
 BASED ON 0.125 mm THICK STENCIL

EXPOSED PAD 49
 73% PRINTED SOLDER COVERAGE BY AREA UNDER PACKAGE
 SCALE:12X

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NOTES: (continued)

- 6. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.

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