

SN74AC8541 Octal Buffers or Drivers With 3-State Outputs

1 Features

- Wide operating range of 1.5V to 6V
- Inputs accept voltages up to 6V
- Continuous $\pm 24\text{mA}$ output drive at 5V
- Supports up to $\pm 75\text{mA}$ output drive at 5V in short bursts
- Drives 50Ω transmission lines
- Maximum t_{pd} of 6ns at 5V, 50pF load

2 Applications

- [Enable or disable a digital signal](#)
- [Eliminate slow or noisy input signals](#)
- [Hold a signal during controller reset](#)
- [Debounce a switch](#)

3 Description

The SN74AC8541 contains eight independent logic buffers with Schmitt-trigger inputs. The outputs can simultaneously be put into the high-impedance state using either of the provided output enable pins ($\overline{\text{OE1}}$ or $\overline{\text{OE2}}$).

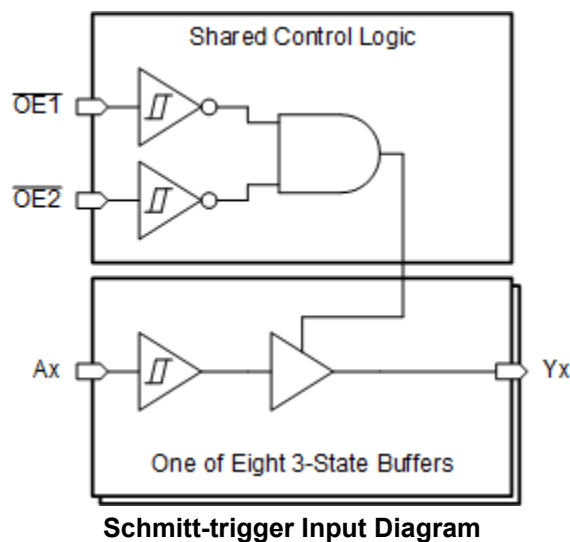
Package Information

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE ⁽¹⁾	PACKAGE SIZE ⁽²⁾	BODY SIZE ⁽³⁾
SN74AC8541	DGS (VSSOP, 20)	5.1mm × 4.9mm	5.1mm × 3mm
	PW (TSSOP, 20)	6.5mm × 6.4mm	6.5mm × 4.4mm
	RKS (VQFN, 20)	4.5 mm × 2.5 mm	4.5 mm × 2.5 mm

(1) For more information, see [Section 10](#).

(2) The package size (length × width) is a nominal value and includes pins, where applicable

(3) The body size (length × width) is a nominal value and does not include pins.

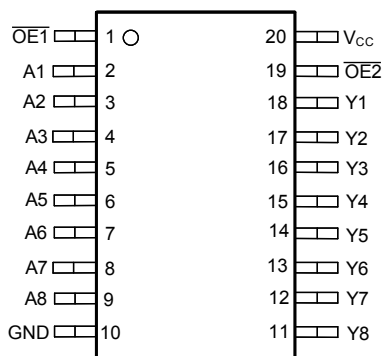


Schmitt-trigger Input Diagram

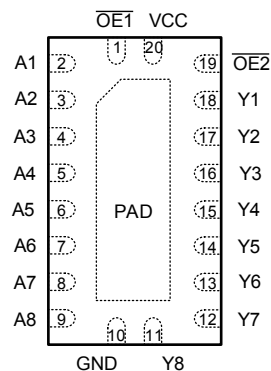
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4 Pin Configuration and Functions



**Figure 4-1. DGS or PW Package,
20-Pin SOT or TSSOP
(Top View)**



**Figure 4-2. RKS Package,
20-Pin VQFN
(Top View)**

Table 4-1. Pin Functions

PIN		TYPE ⁽¹⁾	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
OE1	1	I	Output enable input 1, active low
A1	2	I	Input for channel 1
A2	3	I	Input for channel 2
A3	4	I	Input for channel 3
A4	5	I	Input for channel 4
A5	6	I	Input for channel 5
A6	7	I	Input for channel 6
A7	8	I	Input for channel 7
A8	9	I	Input for channel 8
GND	10	G	Ground
Y8	11	O	Output for channel 8
Y7	12	O	Output for channel 7
Y6	13	O	Output for channel 6
Y5	14	O	Output for channel 5
Y4	15	O	Output for channel 4
Y3	16	O	Output for channel 3
Y2	17	O	Output for channel 2
Y1	18	O	Output for channel 1
OE2	19	I	Output enable input 2, active low
V _{CC}	20	P	Positive supply
Thermal Pad ⁽²⁾		—	The thermal pad can be connect to GND or left floating. Do not connect to any other signal or supply.

(1) I = Input, O = Output, I/O = Input or Output, G = Ground, P = Power.

(2) RKS package only.

5 Specifications

5.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

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

			MIN	MAX	UNIT
V_{CC}	Supply voltage range		-0.5	7	V
V_I	Input voltage range ⁽²⁾		-0.5	$V_{CC} + 0.5$ V	V
V_O	Output voltage range ⁽²⁾		-0.5	$V_{CC} + 0.5$ V	V
I_{IK}	Input clamp current	$V_I < -0.5$ V or $V_I > V_{CC} + 0.5$ V		±20	mA
I_{OK}	Output clamp current	$V_O < -0.5$ V or $V_O > V_{CC} + 0.5$ V		±50	mA
I_O	Continuous output current	$V_O = 0$ to V_{CC}		±50	mA
	Continuous output current through V_{CC} or GND			±200	mA
T_{stg}	Storage temperature		-65	150	°C

(1) Operation outside the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent device damage. Absolute maximum ratings do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those listed under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. If briefly operating outside the *Recommended Operating Conditions* but within the *Absolute Maximum Ratings*, the device may not sustain damage, but it may not be fully functional. Operating the device in this manner may affect device reliability, functionality, performance, and shorten the device lifetime.

(2) The input and output voltage ratings may be exceeded if the input and output current ratings are observed.

5.2 ESD Ratings

			VALUE	UNIT
$V_{(ESD)}$	Electrostatic discharge	Human-body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 ⁽¹⁾	±2000	V
		Charged-device model (CDM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-002 ⁽²⁾	±1000	

(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

(2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

5.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

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

Specification	Description	Condition	MIN	MAX	UNIT
V_{CC}	Supply voltage		1.5	6	V
V_I ⁽¹⁾	Input Voltage		0	V_{CC}	V
V_O	Output Voltage		0	V_{CC}	V
I_{OH}	High-level output current	$V_{CC} = 1.8$ V		-1	mA
		$V_{CC} = 2.5$ V		-2	
		$V_{CC} = 3.3$ V		-12	
		$V_{CC} = 5$ V		-24	
I_{OL}	Low-level output current	$V_{CC} = 1.8$ V		1	mA
		$V_{CC} = 2.5$ V		2	
		$V_{CC} = 3.3$ V		12	
		$V_{CC} = 5$ V		24	
$\Delta t/\Delta v$	Input transition rise or fall rate	1.5 V $\leq V_{CC} \leq 5.5$ V		Unlimited	
		3 V $< V_{CC} \leq 5.5$ V		Unlimited	
T_A	Operating free-air temperature		-40	125	°C

(1) All unused inputs of the device must be held at V_{CC} or GND for proper device operation. Refer to the TI application report [Implications of Slow or Floating CMOS Inputs](#).

5.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		SN74AC8541			UNIT
		DGS (VSSOP)	PW (TSSOP)	RKS (VQFN)	
		20 PINS	20 PINS	20 PINS	
$R_{\theta JA}$	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	123.5	126.2	72.9	°C/W
$R_{\theta JC(top)}$	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	62.1	68.7	77.1	°C/W
$R_{\theta JB}$	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	78.5	77.3	45.6	°C/W
Ψ_{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	7.8	22.3	13.2	°C/W
Ψ_{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	78	76.9	45.6	°C/W
$R_{\theta JC(bot)}$	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	N/A	N/A	29.4	°C/W

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

5.5 Electrical Characteristics

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted); typical values measured at $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	V_{CC}	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V_{T+}	Positive-going input threshold voltage	1.5 V	0.61	0.89	1.17	V
		1.8 V	0.72	1.03	1.33	
		2.5 V	0.8	1.29	1.61	
		3 V	0.8	1.8	2.2	
		4.5 V	1.5	2.6	3.2	
		5 V	2.6	2.9	3.4	
		5.5 V	1.6	3.2	3.9	
V_{T-}	Negative-going input threshold voltage	1.5 V	0.26	0.48	0.7	V
		1.8 V	0.37	0.54	0.70	
		2.5 V	0.5	0.7	0.84	
		3 V	0.5	0.8	1.2	
		4.5 V	0.9	1.4	1.8	
		5 V	1.6	1.6	2.4	
		5.5 V	1.1	1.8	2.3	
ΔV_T	Hysteresis ($V_{T+} - V_{T-}$)	1.5 V	0.22	0.41	0.6	V
		1.8 V	0.28	0.49	0.69	
		2.5 V	0.3	0.60	0.83	
		3 V	0.3	1	1.2	
		4.5 V	0.4	1.2	1.4	
		5 V	0.5	1.3	1.5	
		5.5 V	0.5	1.4	1.6	

5.5 Electrical Characteristics (continued)

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted); typical values measured at $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	V_{CC}	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V_{OH}	$I_{OH} = -50\mu\text{A}$	1.5 V	1.4	1.49		V
		1.8 V	1.7	1.79		
		2.5 V	2.4	2.49		
		3 V	2.9	2.99		
		4.5 V	4.4	4.49		
		5.5 V	5.4	5.49		
	$I_{OH} = -1\text{mA}$	1.8 V	1.44			
	$I_{OH} = -2\text{mA}$	2.5 V	2			
	$I_{OH} = -4\text{mA}$	3 V	2.4			
	$I_{OH} = -12\text{mA}$	3 V	2.4			
	$I_{OH} = -24\text{mA}$	4.5 V	3.7			
	$I_{OH} = -24\text{mA}$	5.5 V	4.7			
	$I_{OH} = -75\text{mA}$	5.5 V				
	$I_{OH} = -50\text{mA}$	5.5 V	3.85			
V_{OL}	$I_{OL} = 50\mu\text{A}$	1.5 V		0.01	0.1	V
		1.8 V		0.01	0.1	
		2.5 V		0.01	0.1	
		3 V		0.01	0.1	
		4.5 V		0.01	0.1	
		5.5 V		0.01	0.1	
	$I_{OL} = 1\text{mA}$	1.8 V			0.36	
	$I_{OL} = 2\text{mA}$	2.5 V			0.5	
	$I_{OL} = 4\text{mA}$	3 V			0.5	
	$I_{OL} = 12\text{mA}$	3 V			0.5	
	$I_{OL} = 24\text{mA}$	4.5 V			0.5	
	$I_{OL} = 24\text{mA}$	5.5 V			0.5	
	$I_{OL} = 50\text{mA}$	5.5 V			1.65	
	$I_{OL} = 75\text{mA}$	5.5 V			1.65	
I_I	$V_I = 5.5\text{ V or GND}$	0 V to 5.5 V			± 1	μA
I_{OZ}	$V_O = V_{CC}\text{ or GND}$	5.5 V			± 5	μA
I_{CC}	$V_I = V_{CC}\text{ or GND, } I_O = 0$	5.5 V			20	μA
C_I	$V_I = V_{CC}\text{ or GND}$	5 V		9		pF
C_O	$V_O = V_{CC}\text{ or GND}$	5 V		15		pF
$C_{PD}^{(1)(2)}$	$F = 1\text{MHz}$	5 V		60		pF

(1) C_{PD} is used to determine the dynamic power consumption, per channel

(2) $P_D = V_{CC}^2 \times F_I \times (C_{PD} + C_L)$ where F_I = input frequency, C_L = output load capacitance, V_{CC} = supply voltage

5.6 Switching Characteristics

$C_L = 50\text{pF}$; over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted). See *Parameter Measurement Information*

PARAMETER	FROM (INPUT)	TO (OUTPUT)	V_{CC}	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$			$-40^\circ\text{C to } 85^\circ\text{C}$			$-40^\circ\text{C to } 125^\circ\text{C}$			UNIT
				MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
t_{PLH}	A	Y	1.5 V		14.5	25.6			26.5			26.8	ns
t_{PHL}	A	Y	1.5 V		14.8	27.5			28.4			28.8	ns
t_{PZH}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	1.5 V		17.6	35			36.8			37.7	ns

5.6 Switching Characteristics (continued)

$C_L = 50\text{pF}$; over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted). See *Parameter Measurement Information*

PARAMETER	FROM (INPUT)	TO (OUTPUT)	V_{CC}	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$			$-40^\circ\text{C to } 85^\circ\text{C}$			$-40^\circ\text{C to } 125^\circ\text{C}$			UNIT
				MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
t_{PZL}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	1.5 V		19.2	36.3			37.7			38.1	ns
t_{PHZ}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	1.5 V		22.3	32.7			33.8			34.3	ns
t_{PLZ}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	1.5 V		14	21.8			22.3			22.3	ns
t_{PLH}	A	Y	1.8 V		10.1	16.4			17.7			18.5	ns
t_{PHL}	A	Y	1.8 V		10.9	18.6			19.8			20.6	ns
t_{PZH}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	1.8 V		12.8	22.7			24.7			25.9	ns
t_{PZL}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	1.8 V		14.1	24.2			26			26.9	ns
t_{PHZ}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	1.8 V		17.7	23.3			25.8			25.8	ns
t_{PLZ}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	1.8 V		10.6	15.3			15.9			16	ns
t_{PLH}	A	Y	2.5 V		6.4	9.5			10.6			11.3	ns
t_{PHL}	A	Y	2.5 V		7.1	11.4			12.4			13.1	ns
t_{PZH}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	2.5 V		8.3	13.5			15.1			16.2	ns
t_{PZL}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	2.5 V		9.3	15.1			16.7			17.4	ns
t_{PHZ}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	2.5 V		7.6	10.5			11.4			11.9	ns
t_{PLZ}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	2.5 V		5.4	7.9			8.7			8.9	ns
t_{PLH}	A	Y	3.3 V		5.3	7.6			8.6			9.2	ns
t_{PHL}	A	Y	3.3 V		5.9	9.4			10.2			10.8	ns
t_{PZH}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	3.3 V		7.2	11.2			12.4			13.2	ns
t_{PZL}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	3.3 V		7.7	12.5			13.6			14.5	ns
t_{PHZ}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	3.3 V		6.3	8.4			9.3			10	ns
t_{PLZ}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	3.3 V		4.7	6.6			7.1			7.7	ns
t_{PLH}	A	Y	5 V		3.9	5.3			6			6.4	ns
t_{PHL}	A	Y	5 V		4.5	7			7.6			8	ns
t_{PZH}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	5 V		5.6	8.3			9.2			9.8	ns
t_{PZL}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	5 V		5.8	8.8			9.6			10.2	ns
t_{PHZ}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	5 V		5	6.3			6.8			6.8	ns
t_{PLZ}	$\overline{OE}$	Y	5 V		3.5	4.5			4.9			5.2	ns

5.7 Typical Characteristics

$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (unless otherwise noted)

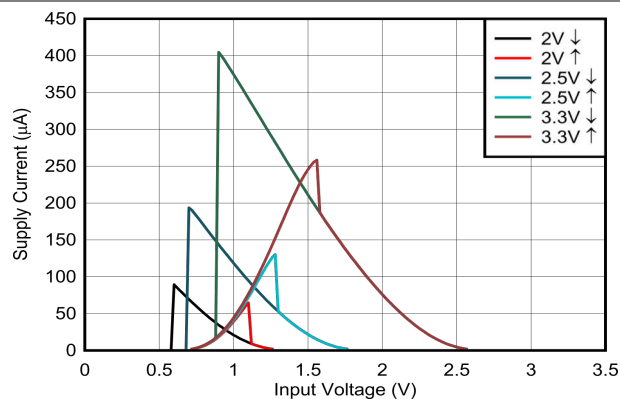


Figure 5-1. Supply Current Across Input Voltage 1.8V and 2.5V Supply

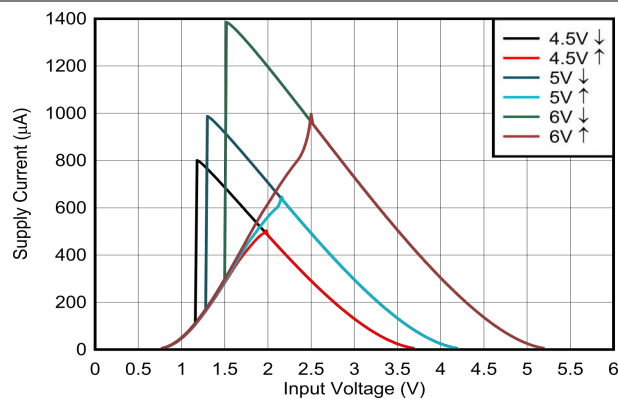


Figure 5-2. Supply Current Across Input Voltage 3.3V and 5.0V Supply

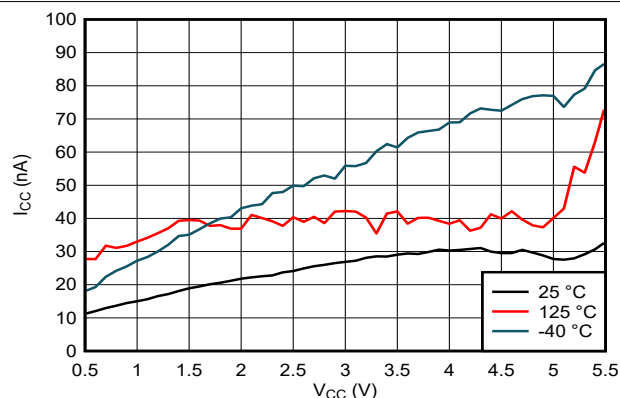


Figure 5-3. Supply Current Across Supply Voltage

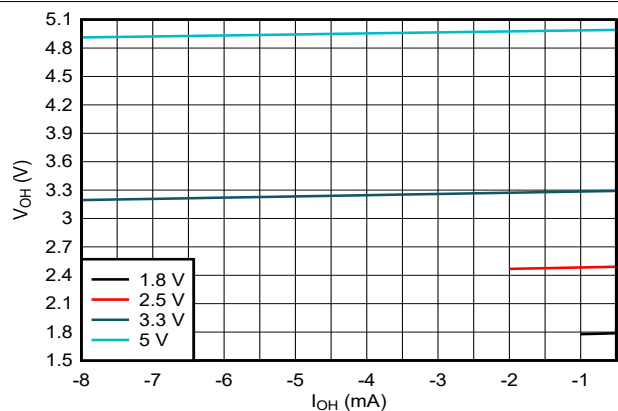


Figure 5-4. Output Voltage vs Current in HIGH State

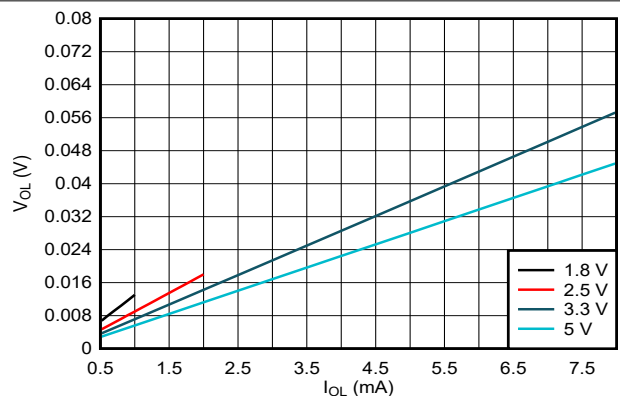


Figure 5-5. Output Voltage vs Current in LOW State

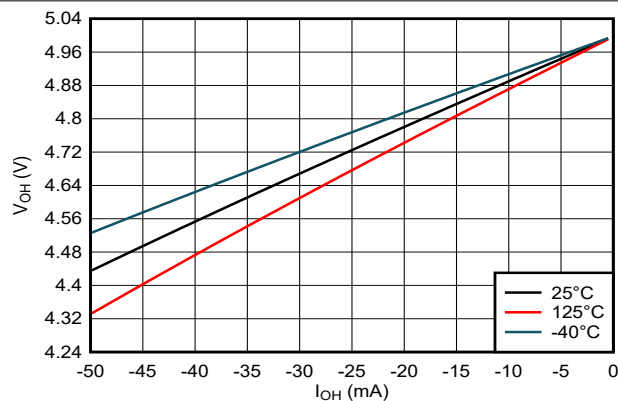


Figure 5-6. Output Voltage vs Current in HIGH State; 5V Supply

5.7 Typical Characteristics (continued)

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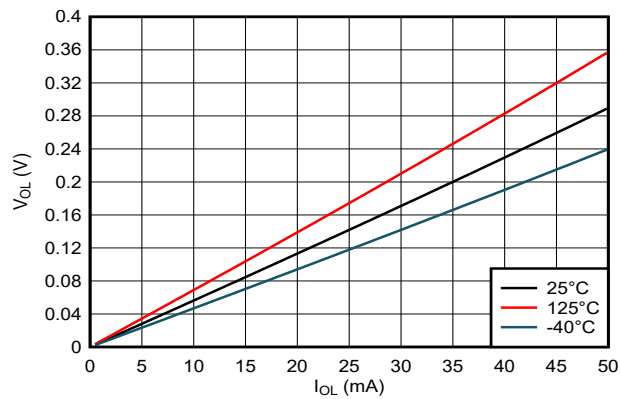


Figure 5-7. Output Voltage vs Current in LOW State; 5V Supply

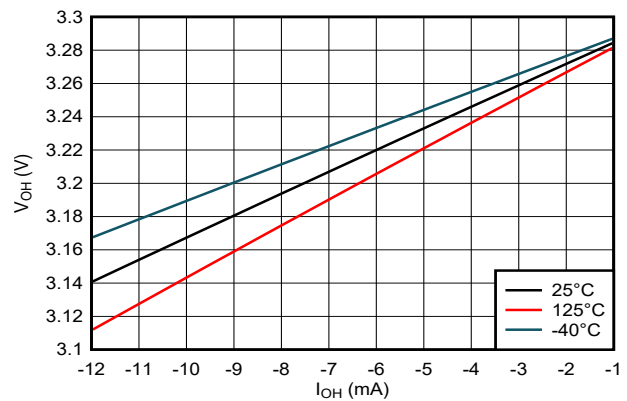


Figure 5-8. Output Voltage vs Current in HIGH State; 3.3V Supply

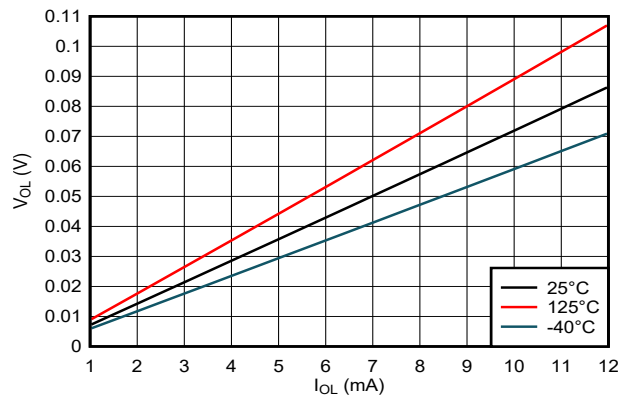


Figure 5-9. Output Voltage vs Current in LOW State; 3.3V Supply

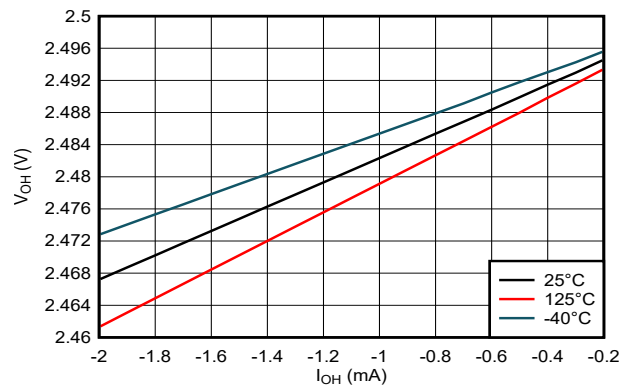


Figure 5-10. Output Voltage vs Current in HIGH State; 2.5V Supply

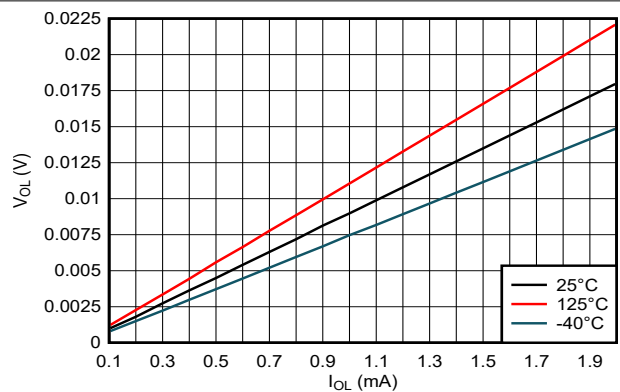


Figure 5-11. Output Voltage vs Current in LOW State; 2.5V Supply

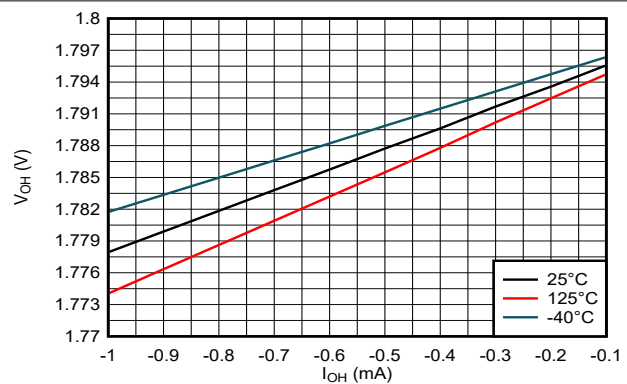


Figure 5-12. Output Voltage vs Current in HIGH State; 1.8V Supply

5.7 Typical Characteristics (continued)

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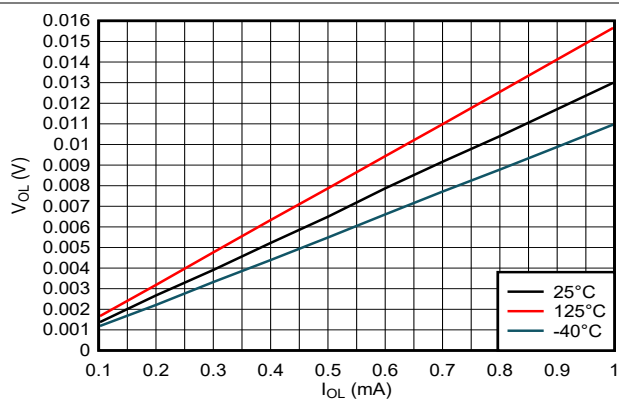


Figure 5-13. Output Voltage vs Current in LOW State; 1.8V Supply

6 Detailed Description

6.1 Overview

The SN74AC8541 contains eight buffers with 3-state outputs and Schmitt-trigger inputs. The active low output enable pins ($\overline{OE1}$ and $\overline{OE2}$) control all eight channels, and are configured so that both must be low for the outputs to be active.

When the outputs are enabled, the outputs are actively driven low or high.

When the outputs are disabled, the outputs are set into the high-impedance state.

6.2 Functional Block Diagram

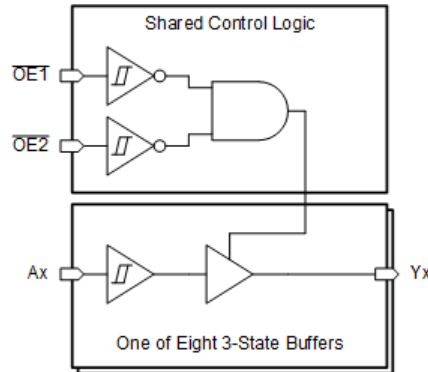


Figure 6-1. Schmitt-trigger Input Diagram

6.3 Device Functional Modes

Table 6-1. Function Table

INPUTS ⁽¹⁾			OUTPUT ⁽²⁾
$\overline{OE1}$	$\overline{OE2}$	A	Y
L	L	L	L
L	L	H	H
H	X	X	Z
X	H	X	Z

(1) L = input low, H = input high, X = don't care

(2) L = output low, H = output high, Z = high impedance

6.4 Feature Description

6.4.1 Balanced CMOS 3-State Outputs

This device includes balanced CMOS 3-state outputs. Driving high, driving low, and high impedance are the three states that these outputs can be in. The term *balanced* indicates that the device can sink and source similar currents. The drive capability of this device may create fast edges into light loads, so routing and load conditions should be considered to prevent ringing. Additionally, the outputs of this device can drive larger currents than the device can sustain without being damaged. It is important for the output power of the device to be limited to avoid damage due to overcurrent. The electrical and thermal limits defined in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* must be followed at all times.

When placed into the high-impedance state, the output will neither source nor sink current, with the exception of minor leakage current as defined in the *Electrical Characteristics* table. In the high-impedance state, the output voltage is not controlled by the device and is dependent on external factors. If no other drivers are connected to the node, then this is known as a floating node and the voltage is unknown. A pull-up or pull-down resistor can be connected to the output to provide a known voltage at the output while it is in the high-impedance state.

The value of the resistor will depend on multiple factors, including parasitic capacitance and power consumption limitations. Typically, a 10k Ω resistor can be used to meet these requirements.

Unused 3-state CMOS outputs should be left disconnected.

6.4.2 CMOS Schmitt-Trigger Inputs

This device includes inputs with the Schmitt-trigger architecture. These inputs are high impedance and are typically modeled as a resistor in parallel with the input capacitance given in the *Electrical Characteristics* table from the input to ground. The worst case resistance is calculated with the maximum input voltage, given in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* table, and the maximum input leakage current, given in the *Electrical Characteristics* table, using Ohm's law ($R = V \div I$).

The Schmitt-trigger input architecture provides hysteresis as defined by ΔV_T in the *Electrical Characteristics* table, which makes this device extremely tolerant to slow or noisy inputs. While the inputs can be driven much slower than standard CMOS inputs, it is still recommended to properly terminate unused inputs. Driving the inputs with slow transitioning signals will increase dynamic current consumption of the device. For additional information regarding Schmitt-trigger inputs, please see [Understanding Schmitt Triggers](#).

6.4.3 Clamp Diode Structure

As shown in [Figure 6-2](#), the inputs and outputs to this device have both positive and negative clamping diodes.

CAUTION

Voltages beyond the values specified in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* table can cause damage to the device. The input and output voltage ratings may be exceeded if the input and output clamp-current ratings are observed.

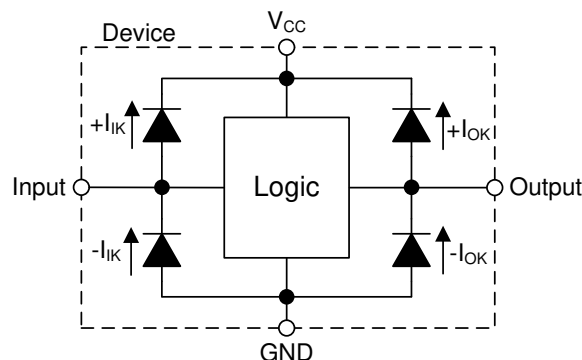


Figure 6-2. Electrical Placement of Clamping Diodes for Each Input and Output

7 Application and Implementation

Note

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7.1 Application Information

The SN74AC8541 can be used to drive signals over relatively long traces or transmission lines. A series damping resistor placed in series with the transmitter's output can be used to reduce ringing caused by impedance mismatches between the driver, transmission line, and receiver. The figure in the *Application Curve* section shows the received signal with three separate resistor values. Just a small amount of resistance can make a significant impact on signal integrity in this type of application.

7.2 Typical Application

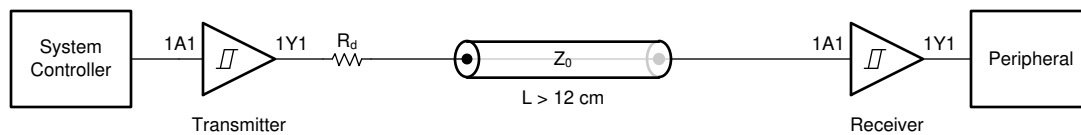


Figure 7-1. Typical Application Block Diagram

7.3 Design Requirements

7.3.1 Power Considerations

Ensure the desired supply voltage is within the range specified in the *Recommended Operating Conditions*. The supply voltage sets the device's electrical characteristics of the device as described in the *Electrical Characteristics* section.

The positive voltage supply must be capable of sourcing current equal to the total current to be sourced by all outputs of the SN74AC8541 plus the maximum static supply current, I_{CC} , listed in the *Electrical Characteristics*, and any transient current required for switching. The logic device can only source as much current that is provided by the positive supply source. Ensure the maximum total current through V_{CC} listed in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* is not exceeded.

The ground must be capable of sinking current equal to the total current to be sunk by all outputs of the SN74AC8541 plus the maximum supply current, I_{CC} , listed in the *Electrical Characteristics*, and any transient current required for switching. The logic device can only sink as much current that can be sunk into its ground connection. Ensure the maximum total current through GND listed in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* is not exceeded.

The SN74AC8541 can drive a load with a total capacitance less than or equal to 50pF while still meeting all of the data sheet specifications. Larger capacitive loads can be applied; however, it is not recommended to exceed 50pF.

The SN74AC8541 can drive a load with total resistance described by $R_L \geq V_O / I_O$, with the output voltage and current defined in the *Electrical Characteristics* table with V_{OH} and V_{OL} . When outputting in the HIGH state, the output voltage in the equation is defined as the difference between the measured output voltage and the supply voltage at the V_{CC} pin.

Total power consumption can be calculated using the information provided in [CMOS Power Consumption and Cpd Calculation](#).

Thermal increase can be calculated using the information provided in [Thermal Characteristics of Standard Linear and Logic \(SLL\) Packages and Devices](#).

CAUTION

The maximum junction temperature, $T_{J(max)}$ listed in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings*, is an additional limitation to prevent damage to the device. Do not violate any values listed in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings*. These limits are provided to prevent damage to the device.

7.3.2 Input Considerations

Input signals must cross $V_{t(\min)}$ to be considered a logic LOW, and $V_{t(\max)}$ to be considered a logic HIGH. Do not exceed the maximum input voltage range found in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings*.

Unused inputs must be terminated to either V_{CC} or ground. The unused inputs can be directly terminated if the input is completely unused, or they can be connected with a pull-up or pull-down resistor if the input will be used sometimes, but not always. A pull-up resistor is used for a default state of HIGH, and a pull-down resistor is used for a default state of LOW. The drive current of the controller, leakage current into the SN74AC8541 (as specified in the *Electrical Characteristics*), and the desired input transition rate limits the resistor size. A 10k Ω resistor value is often used due to these factors.

The SN74AC8541 has no input signal transition rate requirements because it has Schmitt-Trigger inputs.

Another benefit to having Schmitt-Trigger inputs is the ability to reject noise. Noise with a large enough amplitude can still cause issues. To know how much noise is too much, please refer to the $\Delta V_{T(\min)}$ in the *Electrical Characteristics*. This hysteresis value will provide the peak-to-peak limit.

Unlike what happens with standard CMOS inputs, Schmitt-Trigger inputs can be held at any valid value without causing huge increases in power consumption. The typical additional current caused by holding an input at a value other than V_{CC} or ground is plotted in the *Typical Characteristics*.

Refer to the *Feature Description* section for additional information regarding the inputs for this device.

7.3.3 Output Considerations

The positive supply voltage is used to produce the output HIGH voltage. Drawing current from the output will decrease the output voltage as specified by the V_{OH} specification in the *Electrical Characteristics*. The ground voltage is used to produce the output LOW voltage. Sinking current into the output will increase the output voltage as specified by the V_{OL} specification in the *Electrical Characteristics*.

Push-pull outputs that could be in opposite states, even for a very short time period, should never be connected directly together. This can cause excessive current and damage to the device.

Two channels within the same device with the same input signals can be connected in parallel for additional output drive strength.

Unused outputs can be left floating. Do not connect outputs directly to V_{CC} or ground.

Refer to the *Feature Description* section for additional information regarding the outputs for this device.

7.4 Detailed Design Procedure

1. Add a decoupling capacitor from V_{CC} to GND. The capacitor needs to be placed physically close to the device and electrically close to both the V_{CC} and GND pins. An example layout is shown in the *Layout* section.
2. Ensure the capacitive load at the output is $\leq 50\text{pF}$. This is not a hard limit; by design, however, it will optimize performance. This can be accomplished by providing short, appropriately sized traces from the SN74AC8541 to one or more of the receiving devices.
3. Ensure the resistive load at the output is larger than $(V_{CC} / I_{O(max)})\Omega$. Doing this will prevent the maximum output current from the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* from being violated. Most CMOS inputs have a resistive load measured in $M\Omega$; much larger than the minimum calculated previously.
4. Thermal issues are rarely a concern for logic gates; the power consumption and thermal increase, however, can be calculated using the steps provided in the application report, [CMOS Power Consumption and Cpd Calculation](#).

7.5 Application Curves

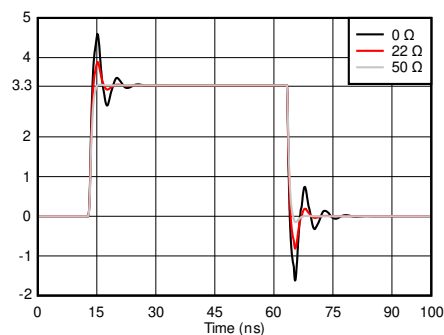


Figure 7-2. Simulated Signal Integrity at the Receiver With Different Damping Resistor (R_d) Values

7.6 Power Supply Recommendations

The power supply can be any voltage between the minimum and maximum supply voltage rating located in the *Recommended Operating Conditions*. Each V_{CC} terminal should have a good bypass capacitor to prevent power disturbance. A $0.1\mu\text{F}$ capacitor is recommended for this device. It is acceptable to parallel multiple bypass capacitors to reject different frequencies of noise. The $0.1\mu\text{F}$ and $1\mu\text{F}$ capacitors are commonly used in parallel. The bypass capacitor should be installed as close to the power terminal as possible for best results.

7.7 Layout

7.7.1 Layout Guidelines

When using multiple-input and multiple-channel logic devices, inputs must never be left floating. In many cases, functions or parts of functions of digital logic devices are unused; for example, when only two inputs of a triple-input AND gate are used or only 3 of the 4 buffer gates are used. Such unused input pins must not be left unconnected because the undefined voltages at the outside connections result in undefined operational states. All unused inputs of digital logic devices must be connected to a logic high or logic low voltage, as defined by the input voltage specifications, to prevent them from floating. The logic level that must be applied to any particular unused input depends on the function of the device. Generally, the inputs are tied to GND or V_{CC} , whichever makes more sense for the logic function or is more convenient.

7.7.2 Layout Example

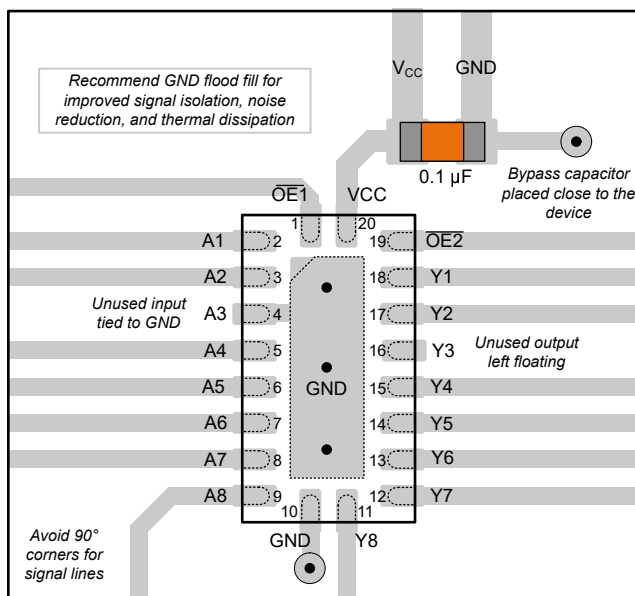


Figure 7-3. Example Layout for the SN74AC8541 in the RKS Package

8 Device and Documentation Support

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8.5 Glossary

[TI Glossary](#) This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

9 Revision History

Changes from Revision A (March 2024) to Revision B (September 2024)	Page
• Updated input transition rise or fall rate in <i>Recommended Operating Conditions</i> table and diagram in <i>Description and Functional Block Diagram</i> sections.....	1

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• Added DGS and PW packages to <i>Device Information</i> table, <i>Pin Configuration and Functions</i> section and <i>Thermal Information</i> table.....	1

10 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

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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)
SN74AC8541DGSR	Active	Production	VSSOP (DGS) 20	5000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	8541
SN74AC8541DGSR.A	Active	Production	VSSOP (DGS) 20	5000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	8541
SN74AC8541PWR	Active	Production	TSSOP (PW) 20	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AC8541
SN74AC8541PWR.A	Active	Production	TSSOP (PW) 20	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AC8541
SN74AC8541RKSR	Active	Production	VQFN (RKS) 20	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AC8541
SN74AC8541RKSR.A	Active	Production	VQFN (RKS) 20	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AC8541

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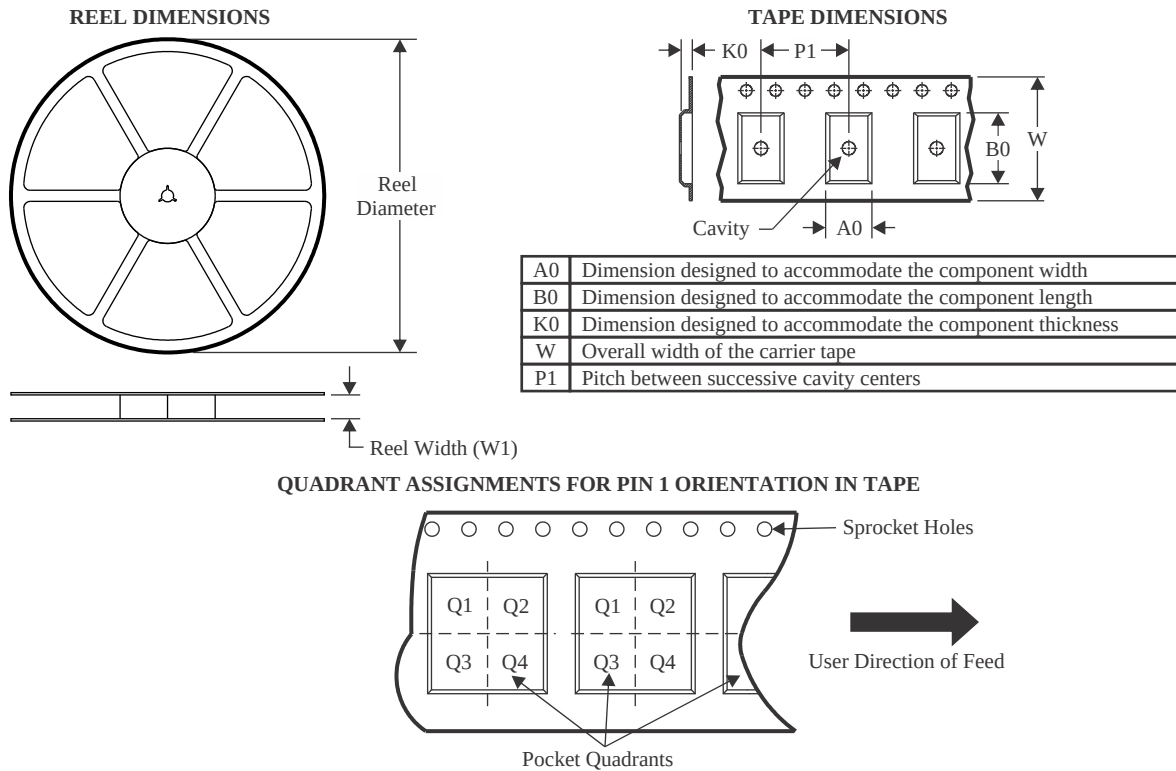
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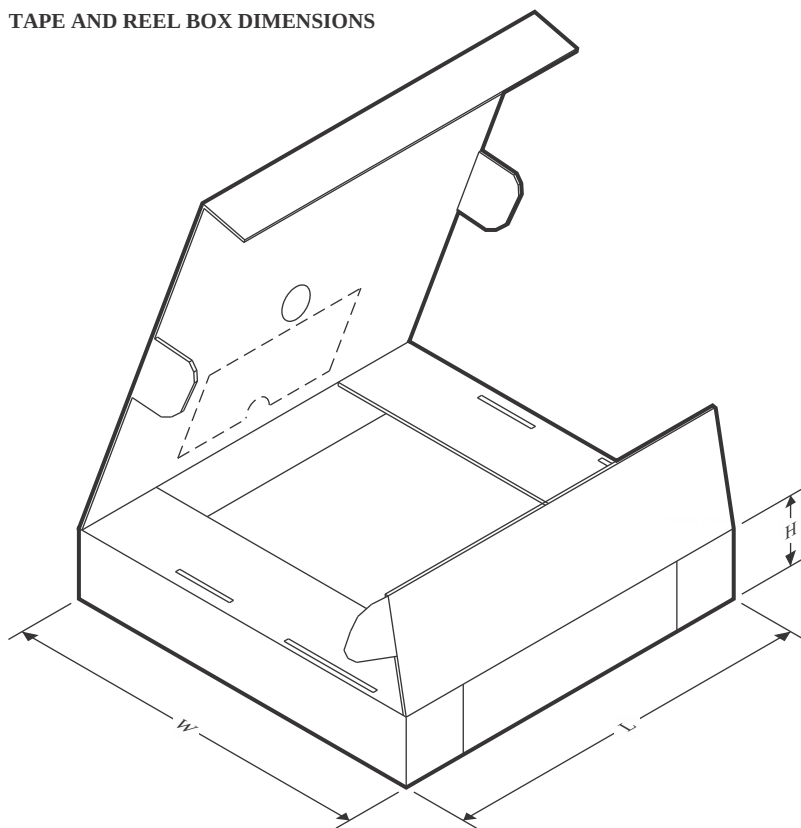
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TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION


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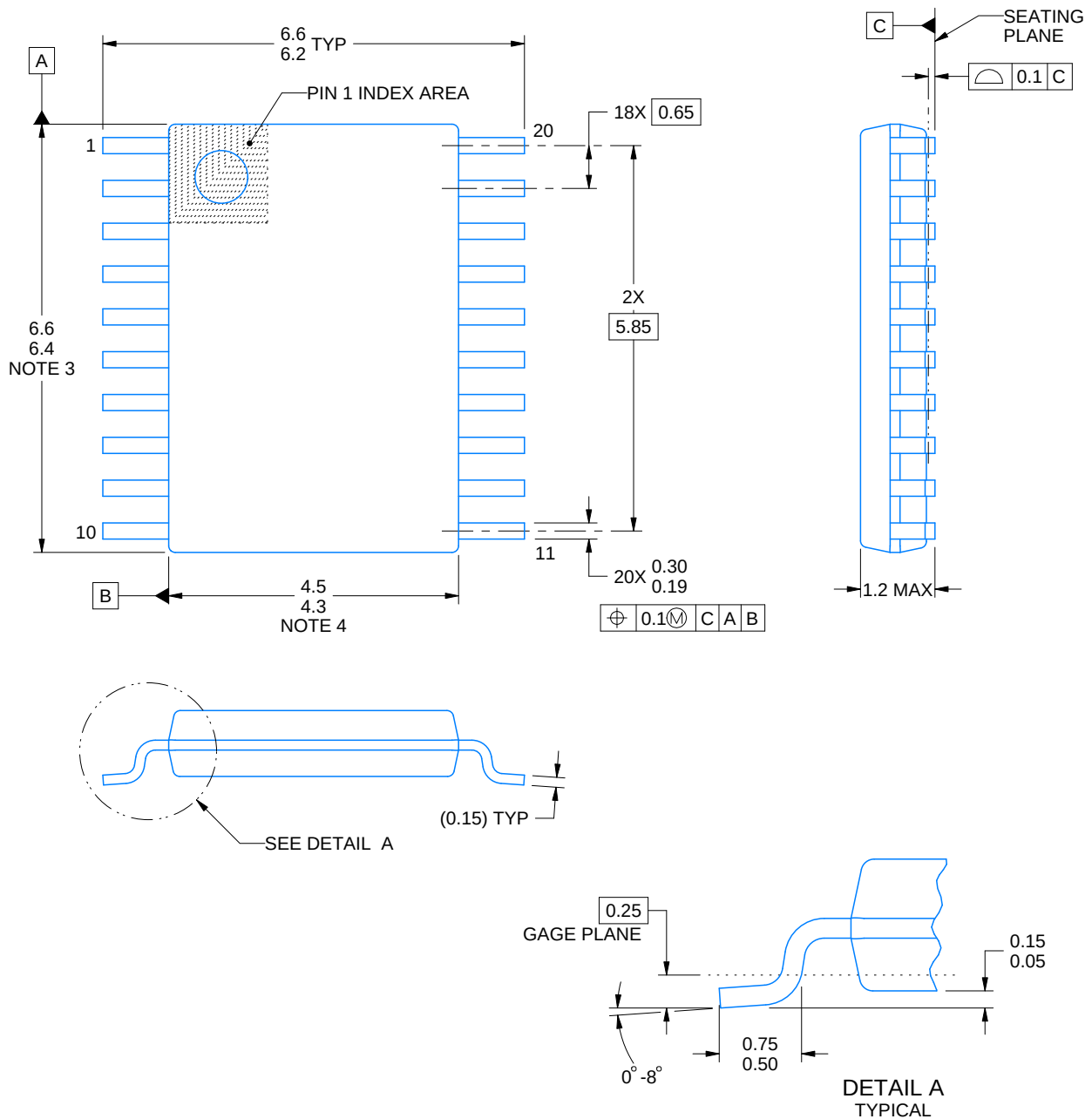
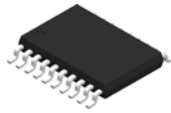
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SN74AC8541PWR	TSSOP	PW	20	3000	330.0	16.4	6.95	7.0	1.4	8.0	16.0	Q1
SN74AC8541RKSR	VQFN	RKS	20	3000	180.0	12.4	2.8	4.8	1.2	4.0	12.0	Q1

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SN74AC8541PWR	TSSOP	PW	20	3000	353.0	353.0	32.0
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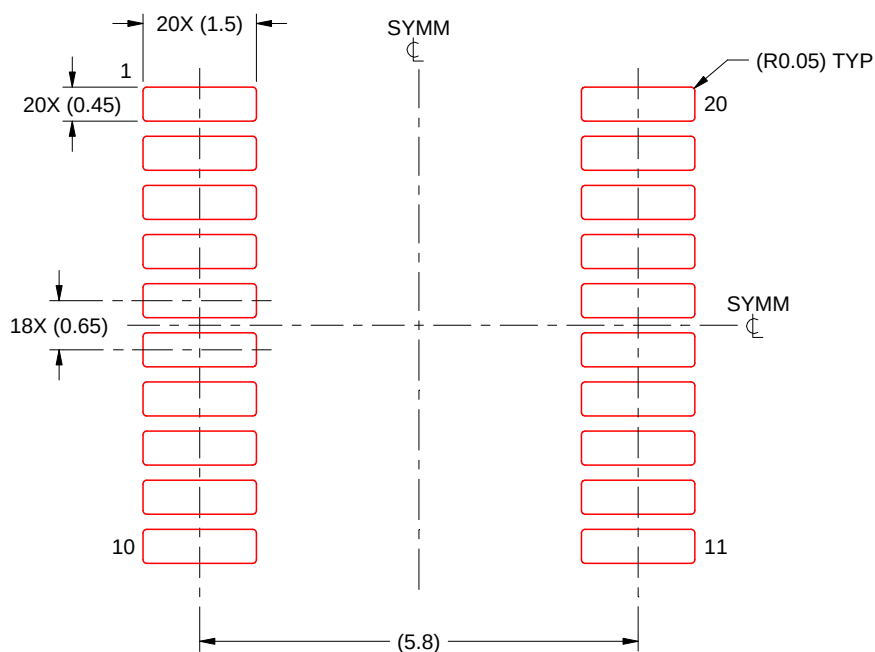
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EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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SMALL OUTLINE PACKAGE

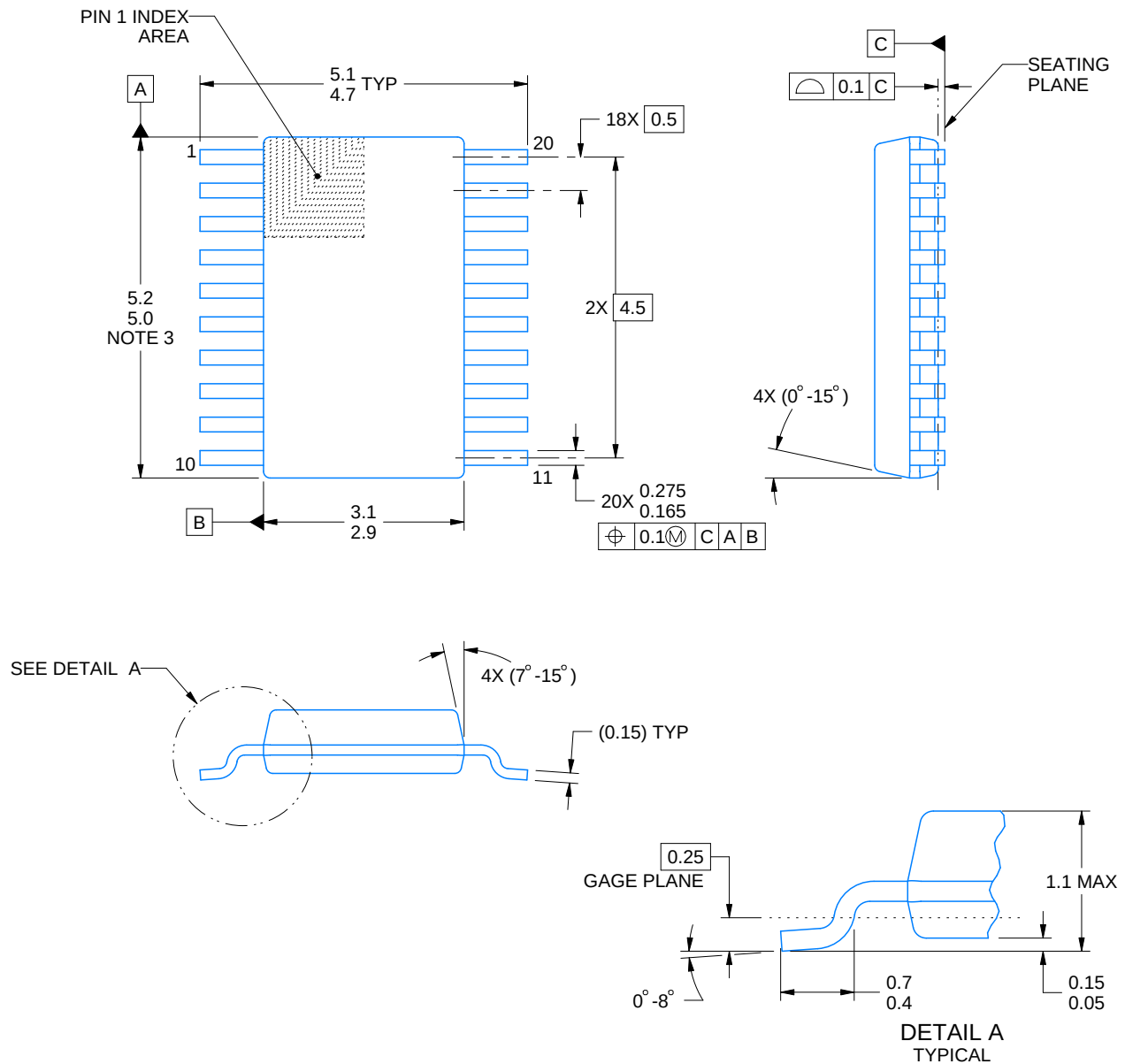


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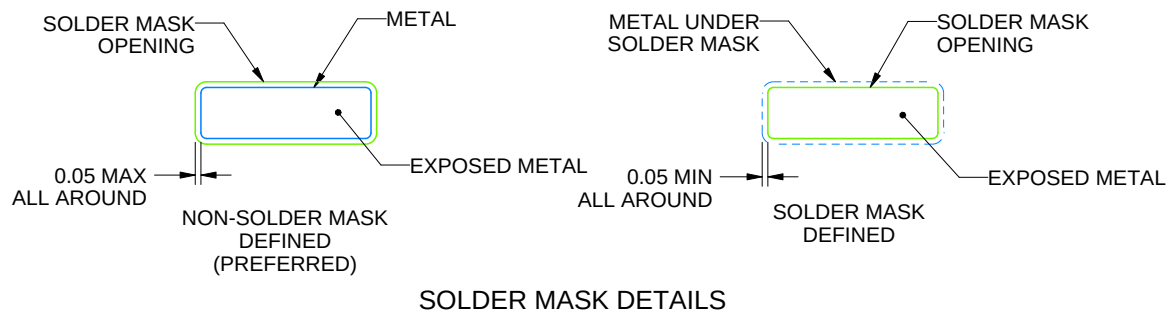
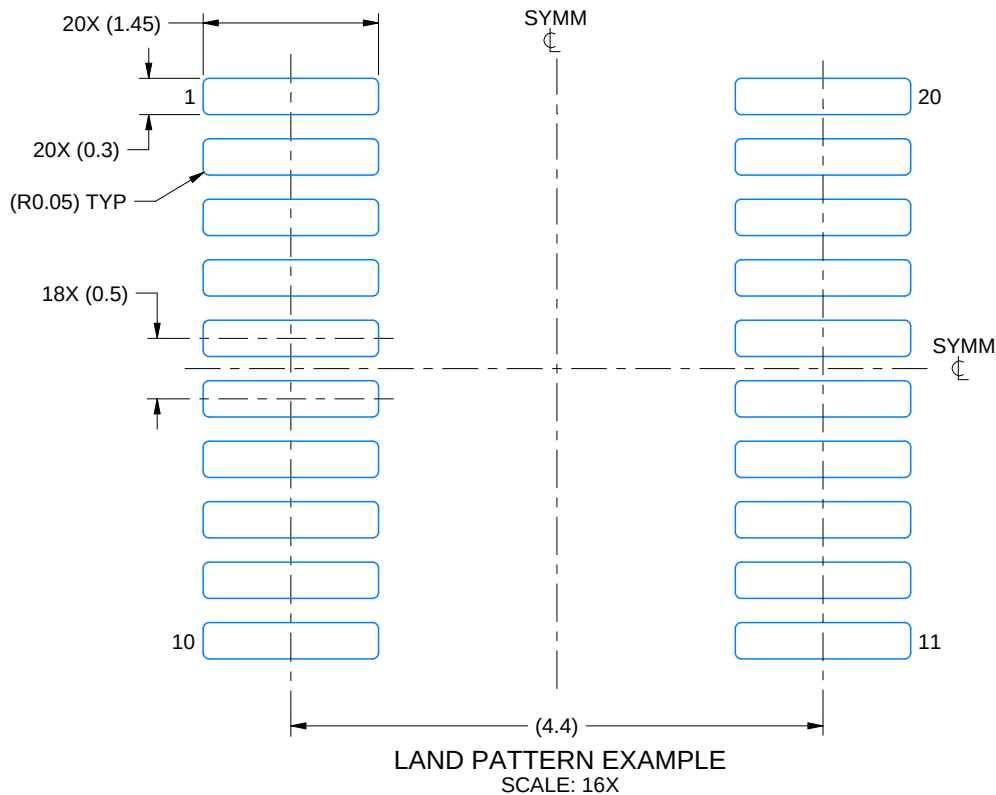
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EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

DGS0020A

VSSOP - 1.1 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE PACKAGE



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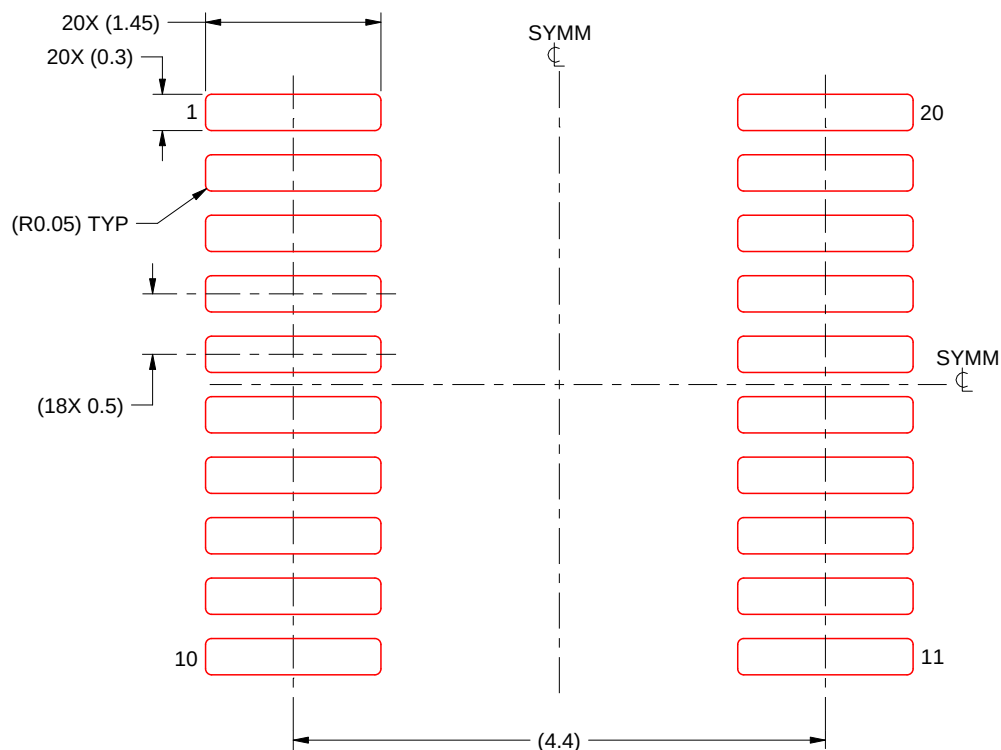
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10. Vias are optional depending on application, refer to device data sheet. It is recommended that vias under paste be filled, plugged or tented.

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

DGS0020A

VSSOP - 1.1 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE PACKAGE



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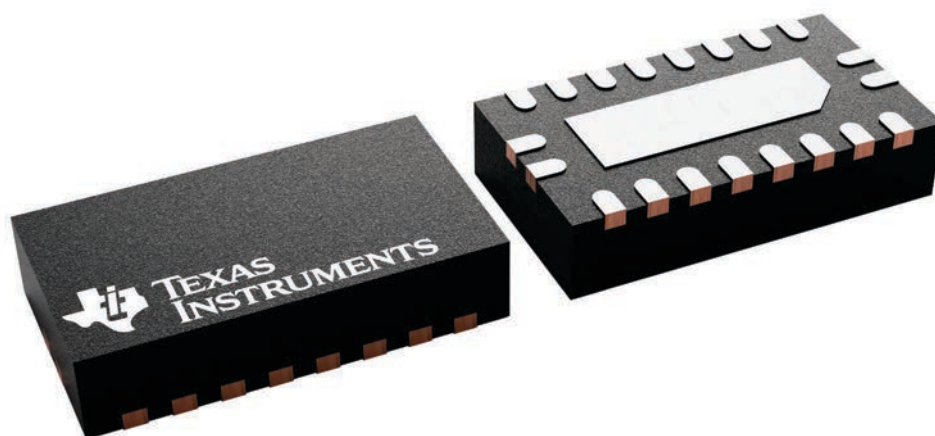
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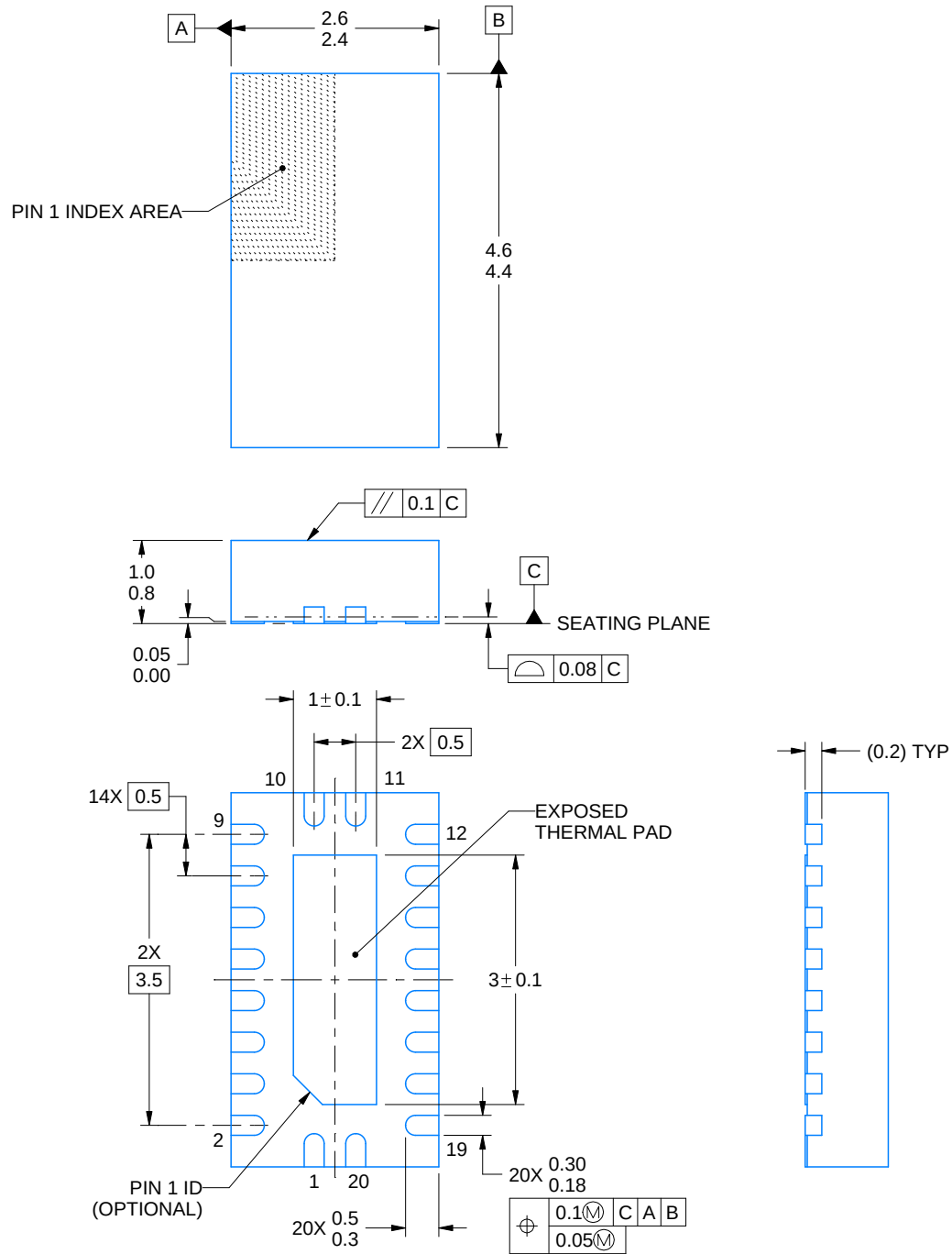
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2.5 x 4.5, 0.5 mm pitch

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD

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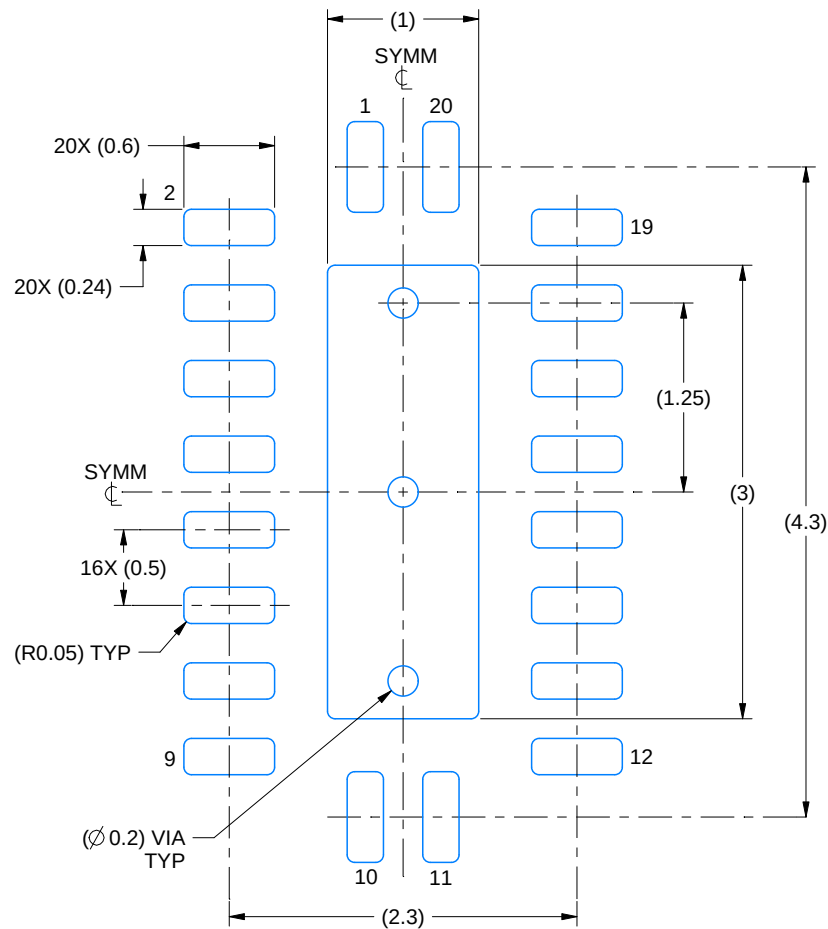
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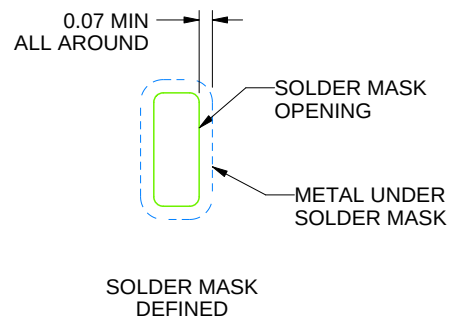
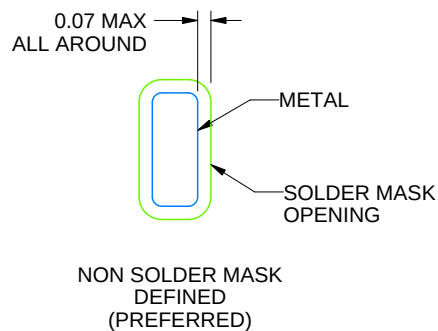
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SOLDER MASK DETAILS

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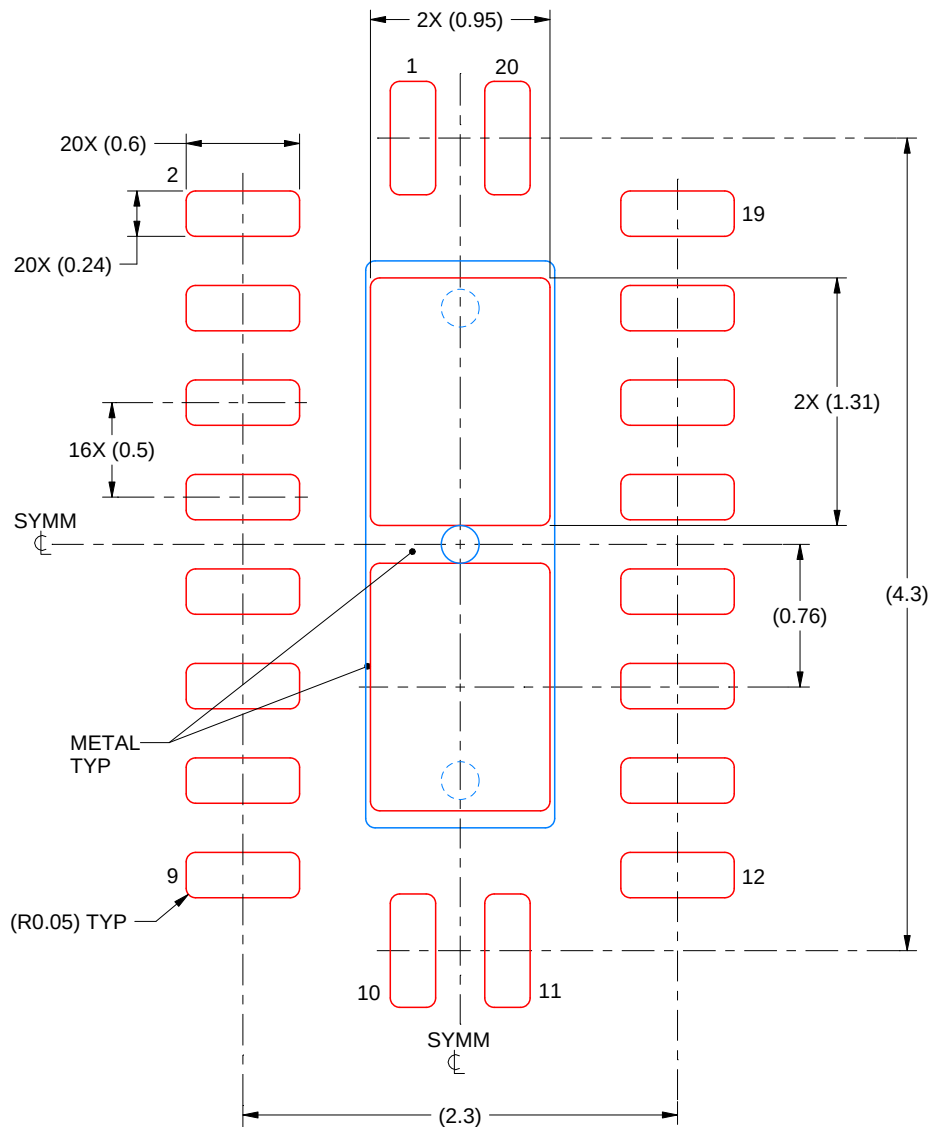
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EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

RKS0020A

VQFN - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
BASED ON 0.125 mm THICK STENCIL

EXPOSED PAD
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