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Hot Swappable I²C-bus and SMBus Bus Buffer Rev. 5.0 — 1 July 2025

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Keywords	PCA9511A, I ² C-bus and SMBus buffer, Hot Swappable I ² C-Bus and SMBus Bus Buffer
Abstract	The PCA9511A is a hot swappable I ² C-bus and SMBus buffer that allows I/O card insertion into a live backplane without corrupting the data and clock buses.



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1 General description

The PCA9511A is a hot swappable I²C-bus and SMBus buffer that allows I/O card insertion 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. When the connection is made, the PCA9511A provides bidirectional buffering, keeping the backplane and card capacitances isolated.

The PCA9511A rise time accelerator circuitry allows the use of weaker DC pull-up currents while still meeting rise time requirements. The PCA9511A incorporates a digital ENABLE input pin, which enables the device when asserted HIGH and forces the device into a low current mode when asserted LOW, and an open-drain READY output pin, which indicates that the backplane and card sides are connected (HIGH) or not (LOW).

During insertion, the PCA9511A SDA and SCL lines are precharged to 1 V to minimize the current required to charge the parasitic capacitance of the chip.

2 Features

- Bidirectional buffer for SDA and SCL lines increases fan out and prevents SDA and SCL corruption during live board insertion and removal from multipoint backplane systems
- Compatible with I²C-bus Standard-mode, I²C-bus Fast-mode, and SMBus standards
- Built-in $\Delta V/\Delta t$ rise time accelerators on all SDA and SCL lines (0.6 V threshold) require the bus pull-up voltage and supply voltage (V_{CC}) to be the same
- Active HIGH ENABLE input
- · Active HIGH READY open-drain output
- High-impedance SDA and SCL pins for $V_{CC} = 0 \text{ V}$
- 1 V precharge on all SDA and SCL lines
- Supporting clock stretching and multiple master arbitration/synchronization
- Operating power supply voltage range: 2.7 V to 5.5 V
- 0 Hz to 400 kHz clock frequency
- ESD protection exceeds 2000 V HBM per JESD22-A114, 200 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, TSSOP8 (MSOP8)

3 Applications

The application supports insertion and removal of cPCI, VME, AdvancedTCA cards, and other multipoint backplane cards from an operating system.

4 Feature selection

<u>Table 1</u> describes the features summary of the PCA95XXA device family.

Table 1. Feature selection chart

Feature	PCA9510A	PCA9511A	PCA9512A	PCA9513A	PCA9514A
Idle detect	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
High-impedance SDA, SCL pins for V _{CC} = 0 V	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Rise time accelerator circuitry on SDAn and SCLn lines	-	yes	yes	yes	yes

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Table 1. Feature selection chart...continued

Feature	PCA9510A	PCA9511A	PCA9512A	PCA9513A	PCA9514A
Rise time accelerator circuitry hardware disable pin for lightly loaded systems	-	-	yes	-	-
Rise time accelerator threshold 0.8 V versus 0.6 V improves noise margin	-	-	-	yes	yes
Ready open-drain output	yes	yes	-	yes	yes
Two $\mbox{V}_{\mbox{\footnotesize CC}}$ pins to support 5 V to 3.3 V level translation with improved noise margins	-	-	yes	-	-
1 V precharge on all SDA and SCL lines	in only	yes	yes	-	-
92 μA current source on SCLIN and SDAIN for PICMG applications	-	-	-	yes	-

5 Ordering information

Table 2. Ordering information

 T_{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C

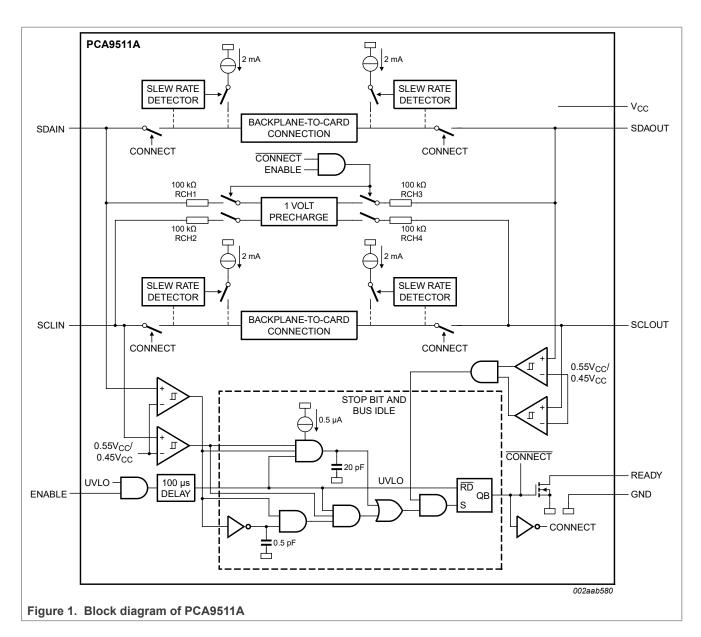
Type number Topside mark		Package	Package				
		Name	Description	Version			
PCA9511AD	PA9511A	SO8	plastic small outline package; 8 leads; body width 3.9 mm	SOT96-1			
PCA9511ADP	9511A	TSSOP8[1]	plastic thin shrink small outline package; 8 leads; body width 3 mm	SOT505-1			

1. Also known as 'MSOP8'.

6 Block diagram

Figure 1 shows the block diagram of PCA9511A.

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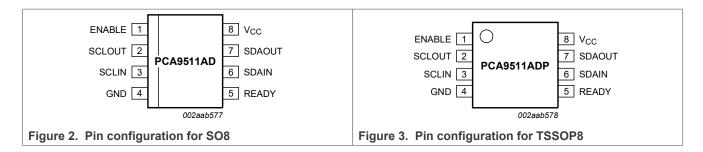
7 Pinning information

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7.2 Pin description

Table 3 provides the pin descriptions for SO8 and TSSOP8 packages of PCA9511.

Table 3. Pin description

Symbol	Pin	Description
ENABLE	1	Chip enable. Grounding this input puts the part in a low current (< 1 µA) mode. It also disables the rise time accelerators, isolates SDAIN from SDAOUT and isolates SCLIN from SCLOUT.
SCLOUT	2	Serial clock output to and from the SCL bus on the card.
SCLIN	3	Serial clock input to and from the SCL bus on the backplane.
GND	4	Ground. Connect this pin to a ground plane for best results.
READY	5	Open-drain output which pulls LOW when SDAIN and SCLIN are disconnected from SDAOUT and SCLOUT, and goes HIGH when the two sides are connected.
SDAIN	6	Serial data input to and from the SDA bus on the backplane.
SDAOUT	7	Serial data output to and from the SDA bus on the card.
V _{CC}	8	Power supply.

8 Functional description

Refer to Figure 1.

8.1 Start-up

An undervoltage/initialization circuit holds the parts in a disconnected state which presents high-impedance to all SDA and SCL pins during power-up. A LOW on the ENABLE pin also forces the parts into the low current disconnected state when the I_{CC} is essentially zero. As the power supply is brought up and the ENABLE is HIGH or the part is powered and the ENABLE is taken from LOW to HIGH, it enters an initialization state where the internal references are stabilized and the precharge circuit is enabled. At the end of the initialization state the 'Stop Bit And Bus Idle' detect circuit is enabled. With the ENABLE 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 SDAIN and SCLIN pins, SDAIN is connected to SDAOUT and SCLIN is connected to SCLOUT. The 1 V precharge circuitry is activated during the initialization and is deactivated when the connection is made. The precharge circuitry pulls up the SDA and SCL pins to 1 V through individual 100 k Ω nominal resistors. This mechanism minimizes the disturbances that result from inserting a card into the backplane where the backplane and the card are at opposite logic levels.

8.2 Connect circuitry

Once the connection circuitry activates, the behavior of SDAIN and SDAOUT as well as SCLIN and SCLOUT become identical. Each pair acts as a bidirectional buffer. These buffers isolate the input capacitance from

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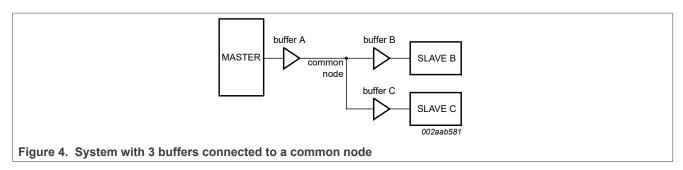
the output bus capacitance while maintains the logic levels communication. A LOW forced on either SDAIN or SDAOUT will cause the other pin to be driven to a LOW by the part. Also, the same is true for the SCL pins. Noise between $0.7~V_{CC}$ and V_{CC} is ignored because a falling edge is only recognized when it falls below $0.7V_{CC}$ with a slew rate of at least $1.25~V/\mu$ s. When a falling edge is seen on one pin, the other pin in the pair turns on a pull-down driver that is referenced to a small voltage above the falling pin. The driver pulls the pin down at a slew rate determined by the driver and the load initially, because it does not start until the first falling pin is below $0.7~V_{CC}$. The first falling pin may have a fast or slow slew rate, if it is faster than the pull down slew rate then the initial pull-down rate continues. If the first falling pin has a slow slew rate, then the second pin is pulled down at its initial slew rate only until it is just above the first pin voltage then they will both continue down at the slew rate of the first.

Once both sides are LOW, they remain LOW until all the external drivers have stopped driving LOWs. If both sides are being driven LOW to the same value for instance, 10 mV by external drivers, which is the case for clock stretching and is typically the case for acknowledge, and one side external driver stops driving that pin will rise until the internal driver pulls it down to the offset voltage. When the last external driver stops driving a LOW, that pin rises up and settles out just above the other pin as both rise together with a slew rate determined by the internal slew rate control and the RC time constant. As long as the slew rate is at least 1.25 V/µs, when the pin voltage exceeds 0.6 V for the PCA9511A, the rise time accelerator's circuits are turned on and the pull-down driver is turned off.

8.3 Maximum number of devices in series

Each buffer adds about 0.1 V dynamic level offset at 25 °C with the offset larger at higher temperatures. The maximum offset (V_{offset}) is 0.150 V with a 10 k Ω pull-up resistor. The LOW level at the signal origination end (master) is dependent upon the load and the only specification point is that the I²C-bus specification of 3 mA produces $V_{OL} < 0.4$ V, although if lightly loaded the V_{OL} may be ~0.1 V. Assuming $V_{OL} = 0.1$ V and $V_{offset} = 0.1$ V, the level after four buffers would be 0.5 V, which is only about 0.1 V below the threshold of the rising edge accelerator (about 0.6 V). With great care a system with four buffers may work, but as the V_{OL} moves up from 0.1 V, noise or bounces on the line result in firing the rising edge accelerator, introducing false clock edges. It is recommended to limit the number of buffers in a series to two, and to keep the load light to minimize the offset.

The PCA9510A (rise time accelerator is permanently disabled) and the PCA9512A (rise time accelerator can be turned off) are a little different with the rise time accelerator turned off because the rise time accelerator will not pull the node up, but the same logic that turns on the accelerator turns off the pull-down. If the $V_{\rm IL}$ is above ~ 0.6 V and a rising edge is detected, the pull-down will turn off and will not turn back on until a falling edge is detected.



Consider a system with three buffers connected to a common node and communication between the Master and Slave B that are connected at either end of buffer A and buffer B in series as shown in Figure 4. Consider if the V_{OL} at the input of buffer A is 0.3 V and the V_{OL} of Slave B (when acknowledging) is 0.4 V with the direction changing from Master to Slave B and then from Slave B to Master. Before the direction change you would observe V_{IL} at the input of buffer A of 0.3 V and its output, the common node, is ~0.4 V. The output of buffer B and buffer C would be ~0.5 V, but Slave B is driving 0.4 V, so the voltage at Slave B is 0.4 V. The output of buffer C is ~0.5 V. When the Master pull-down turns off, the input of buffer A rises and so does its output,

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the common node, because it is the only part driving the node. The common node rises to $0.5\,\mathrm{V}$ before buffer B's output turns on, if the pull-up is strong the node may bounce. If the bounce goes above the threshold for the rising edge accelerator $\sim 0.6\,\mathrm{V}$, the accelerators on both buffer A and buffer C fire, contending with the output of buffer B. The node on the input of buffer A will go HIGH as will the input node of buffer C. After the common node voltage is stable for a while, the rising edge accelerators turn off, and the common node returns to $\sim 0.5\,\mathrm{V}$ because the buffer B is still on. The voltage at both the Master and Slave C nodes then falls to $\sim 0.6\,\mathrm{V}$ until Slave B is turned off. This does not cause a failure on the data line as long as the return to $0.5\,\mathrm{V}$ on the common node ($\sim 0.6\,\mathrm{V}$ at the Master and Slave C) occurs before the data setup time. If this were the SCL line, the parts on buffer A and buffer C would see a false clock rather than a stretched clock, which would cause a system error.

8.4 Propagation delays

The delay for a rising edge is determined by the combined pull-up current from the bus resistors and the rise time accelerator current source and the effective capacitance on the lines. If the pull-up currents are the same, any difference in rise time is directly proportional to the difference in capacitance between the two sides. The t_{PLH} is negative if the output capacitance is less than the input capacitance and is positive if the output capacitance is greater than the input capacitance, when the currents are the same.

The t_{PHL} can never be negative because the output does not start to fall until the input is below $0.7V_{CC}$, and the output turn-on has a non-zero delay, and the output has a limited maximum slew rate, and even if the input slew rate is slow enough that the output catches up it will still lag the falling voltage of the input by the offset voltage. The maximum t_{PHL} occurs when the input is driven LOW with zero delay and the output is still limited by its turn-on delay and the falling edge slew rate. The output falling edge slew rate is a function of the internal maximum slew rate which is a function of temperature, V_{CC} and process, as well as the load current and the load capacitance.

8.5 Rise time accelerators

During positive bus transitions a 2 mA current source is switched on to quickly slew the SDA and SCL lines HIGH once the input level of 0.6 V for the PCA9511A is exceeded. The rising edge rate should be at least 1.25 V/ μ s to guarantee the turn-on of the accelerators. The built-in Δ V/ Δ t rise time accelerators on all SDA and SCL lines require the bus pull-up voltage and supply voltage (V_{CC}) to be the same.

8.6 READY digital output

This pin provides a digital flag which is LOW when either ENABLE is LOW or the start-up sequence described earlier in this section has not been completed. READY goes HIGH when ENABLE is HIGH and start-up is complete. The pin is driven by an open-drain pull-down capable of sinking 3 mA while holding 0.4 V on the pin. Connect a resistor of 10 k Ω to the V_{CC} to provide the pull-up.

8.7 ENABLE low current disable

Grounding the ENABLE pin disconnects the backplane side from the card side, disables the rise time accelerators, drives READY LOW, disables the bus precharge circuitry, and puts the part in a low current state. When the pin voltage is driven all the way to V_{CC}, the part waits for data transactions on both the backplane and card sides to be complete before reconnecting the two sides.

8.8 Resistor pull-up value selection

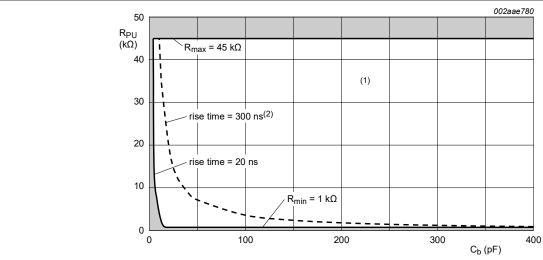
The system pull-up resistors must be strong enough to provide a positive slew rate of 1.25 V/µs on the SDA and SCL pins, to activate the boost pull-up currents during rising edges. Choose the maximum resistor value using the formula given in Equation 1:

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$$R \le 800 \times 10^3 \left(\frac{V_{CC(min)} - 0.6}{C} \right) (1)$$

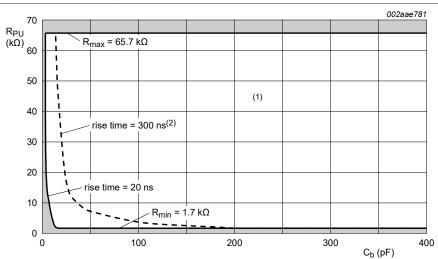
Where R is the pull-up resistor value in Ω , $V_{CC(min)}$ is the minimum V_{CC} voltage in volts, and C is the equivalent bus capacitance in picofarads (pF).

Also, regardless of the bus capacitance, always choose R \leq 65.7 k Ω for V_{CC} = 5.5 V maximum, R \leq 45 k Ω for V_{CC} = 3.6 V maximum. The startup circuitry requires logic HIGH voltages on SDAOUT and SCLOUT to connect the backplane to the card. These pull-up values are needed to overcome the precharge voltage. See the curves in Figure 5 and Figure 6 for guidance in resistor pull-up selection.



- 1. Unshaded area indicates recommended pull-up, for rise time < 300 ns, with PCA9511A.
- 2. Rise time without PCA9511A.

Figure 5. Bus requirements for 3.3 V systems



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- 2. Rise time without PCA9511A.

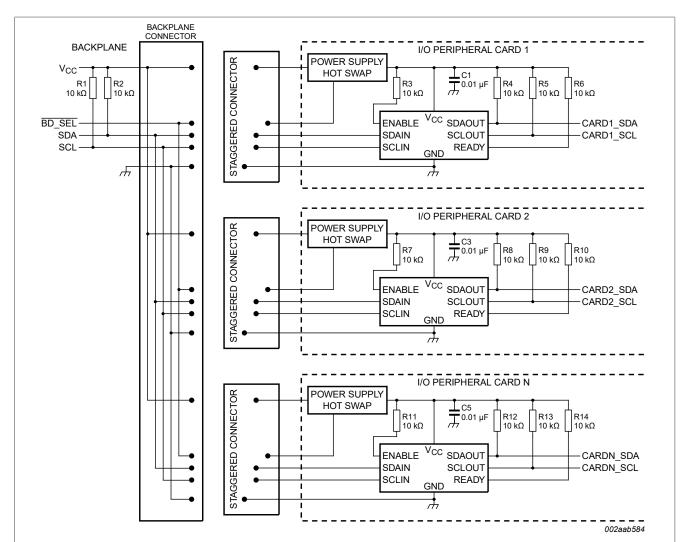
Figure 6. Bus requirements for 5 V systems

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8.9 Hot swapping and capacitance buffering application

Figure 7 through Figure 10 illustrate the usage of the PCA9511A in applications that take advantage of both its hot swapping and capacitance buffering features. In all of these applications, if the I/O cards are plugged directly into the backplane, all of the backplane and card capacitances add directly together, making rise time and fall time requirements difficult to meet. Placing a bus buffer on the edge of each card, however, isolates the card capacitance from the backplane. For a given I/O card, the PCA9511A drives the capacitance of everything on the card and the backplane must drive only the capacitance of the bus buffer, which is less than 10 pF, the connector, trace, and all additional cards on the backplane.

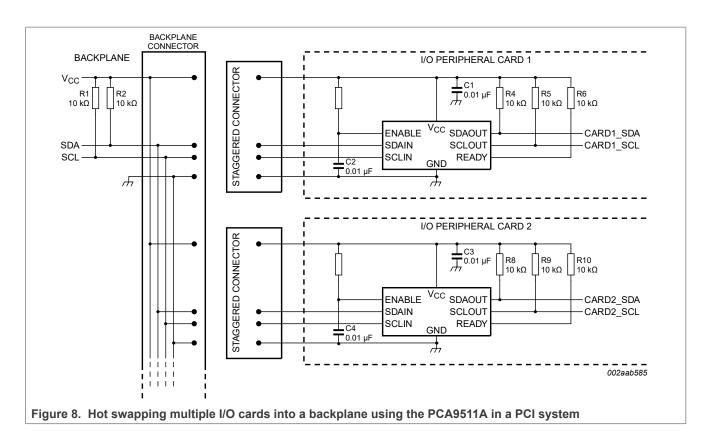
See Application Note AN10160, 'Hot Swap Bus Buffer' for more information on applications and technical assistance.

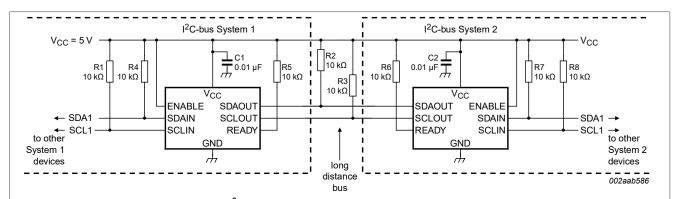


Remark: The PCA9511A can be used in any combination depending on the number of rise time accelerators that are needed by the system. Normally only one PCA9511A would be required per bus.

Figure 7. Hot swapping multiple I/O cards into a backplane using the PCA9511A in a cPCI, VME, and Advanced TCA system

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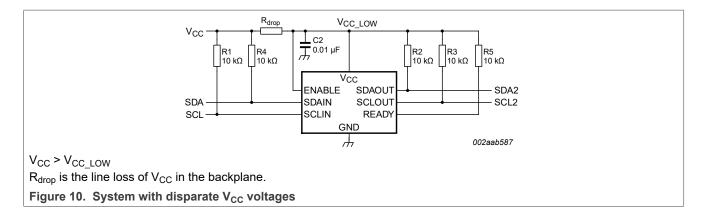




Remark: See Application Note AN255, ' l^2 C repeaters, hubs, and expanders' for more information on other devices better optimized for long-distance transmission of the l^2 C-bus or SMBus.

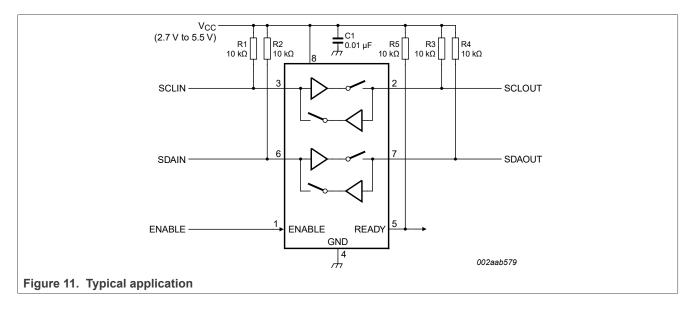
Figure 9. Repeater/bus extender application using the PCA9511A

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9 Application design-in information

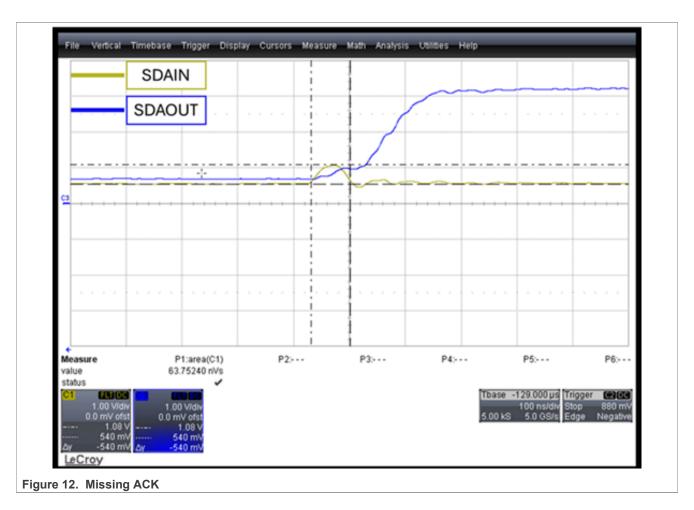
Figure 11 shows the typical application design-in information.



9.1 Missing ACK event

When the target device sends an ACK bit, a logic low on SDA during the ninth clock cycle, with VOL on the bus close to 600 mV, produces a high state on the output port. The rise time accelerators are engaged when the voltage is above 600 mV and the slew rate is above 1.25 V/µs (as described in Section 8.5). In Figure 12, SDAIN is a target attempting to send an ACK bit. SDAIN pulls to a logic low, but the ACK is not transferred to the other side and SDAOUT remains high unexpectedly. The ACK bit is not transferred through the PCA9511; target and the controller interpret the results as NACK.

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9.1.1 Workaround

The above-mentioned issue can be mitigated by reducing the glitch magnitude such that it is below 600 mV. One way to accomplish this is by increasing the value of the pull-up resistors on the I2C-bus. Care must be taken to follow the pull-up resistor sizing rules outlined in <u>Section 8.8</u>.

10 Limiting values

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

Table 4. Limiting values

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Note	Min	Max	Unit
V _{CC}	Supply voltage		[1]	-0.5	+7	V
V _n	Voltage on SDAIN, SCLIN, SDAOUT, SCLOUT, READY, ENABLE		[1]	-0.5	+7	V
T _{oper}	Operating temperature			-40	+85	°C
T _{stg}	Storage temperature			-65	+150	°C
T _{sp}	Solder point temperature	10 s max.		-	+300	°C
T _{j(max)}	Maximum junction temperature			-	+125	°C

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1. Voltages with respect to pin GND.

11 Characteristics

<u>Table 5</u> describes the electrical characteristics of PCA9511A.

Table 5. Characteristics

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

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Note	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Power supp	oly				'		
V _{CC}	Supply voltage		[1]	2.7	-	5.5	V
I _{CC}	Supply current	V _{CC} = 5.5 V; V _{SDAIN} = V _{SCLIN} = 0 V	[1]	-	3.5	6	mA
I _{CC(sd)}	Shut-down mode supply current	V _{ENABLE} = 0 V; all other pins at V _{CC} or GND		-	0.1	-	μΑ
Start-up cir	cuitry						-
V _{pch}	Precharge voltage	SDA, SCL floating	[1]	0.8	1.1	1.2	V
V _{IH(ENABLE)}	HIGH-level input voltage on pin ENABLE			-	0.5 × V _{CC}	0.7 × V _{CC}	V
V _{IL(ENABLE)}	LOW-level input voltage on pin ENABLE			0.3 × V _{CC}	0.5 × V _{CC}	-	V
I _{I(ENABLE)}	Input current on pin ENABLE	V _{ENABLE} = 0 V to V _{CC}		-	±0.1	±1	μΑ
t _{en}	Enable time		[2]	-	110	-	μs
t _{idle(READY)}	Bus idle time to READY active		[1]	50	105	200	μs
t _{dis(EN-RDY)}	Disable time (ENABLE to READY)			-	30	-	ns
t _{stp(READY)}	SDAIN to READY delay after STOP		[3]	-	1.2	-	μs
t _{READY}	SCLOUT/SDAOUT to READY delay		[3]	-	0.8	-	μs
I _{LZ(READY)}	Off-state leakage current on pin READY	V _{ENABLE} = V _{CC}		-	±0.3	-	μΑ
C _{i(ENABLE)}	Input capacitance on pin ENABLE	V _I = V _{CC} or GND	[4]	-	1.9	4.0	pF
$C_{o(READY)}$	Output capacitance on pin READY	V _I = V _{CC} or GND	[4]	-	2.5	4.0	pF
V _{OL(READY)}	LOW-level output voltage on pin READY	I _{pu} = 3 mA; V _{ENABLE} = V _{CC}	[1]	-	-	0.4	V
Rise time a	ccelerators			•	•		
I _{trt(pu)}	Transient boosted pull- up current	positive transition on SDA, SCL; V _{CC} = 2.7 V; slew rate = 1.25 V/µs	[5][6]	1	2	-	mA

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Table 5. Characteristics...continued

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

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Note	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
V _{offset}	Offset voltage	10 k Ω to V _{CC} on SDA, SCL; V _{CC} = 3.3 V	[1][7][9]	0	110	175	mV
t _{PLH}	LOW to HIGH propagation delay	SCL to SCL and SDA to SDA; 10 k Ω to V _{CC} ; C _L = 100 pF each side		-	0	-	ns
t _{PHL}	HIGH to LOW propagation delay	SCL to SCL and SDA to SDA; 10 k Ω to V _{CC} ; C _L = 100 pF each side		-	70	-	ns
C _{i(SCL/SDA)}	SCL and SDA input capacitance		[4]	-	5	7	pF
V _{OL}	LOW-level output voltage	V_I = 0 V; SDAn, SCLn pins; I_{sink} = 3 mA; V_{CC} = 2.7 V	[1]	0	-	0.4	V
ILI	Input leakage current	SDAn, SCLn pins; V _{CC} = 5.5 V		-1	-	+1	μΑ
System cha	aracteristics						
f _{SCL}	SCL clock frequency		[4]	0	-	400	kHz
t _{BUF}	Bus free time between a STOP and START condition		[4]	1.3	-	-	μs
t _{HD;STA}	Hold time (repeated) START condition		[4]	0.6	-	-	μs
t _{SU;STA}	Set-up time for a repeated START condition		[4]	0.6	-	-	μs
t _{SU;STO}	Set-up time for STOP condition		[4]	0.6	-	-	μs
t _{HD;DAT}	Data hold time		[4]	300	-	-	ns
t _{SU;DAT}	Data set-up time		[4]	100	-	-	ns
t _{LOW}	LOW period of the SCL clock		[4]	1.3	-	-	μs
t _{HIGH}	HIGH period of the SCL clock		[4]	0.6	-	-	μs
t _f	Fall time of both SDA and SCL signals		[4][8]	20 + 0.1 × C _b	-	300	ns
t _r	Rise time of both SDA and SCL signals		[4][8]	20 + 0.1 × C _b	-	300	ns

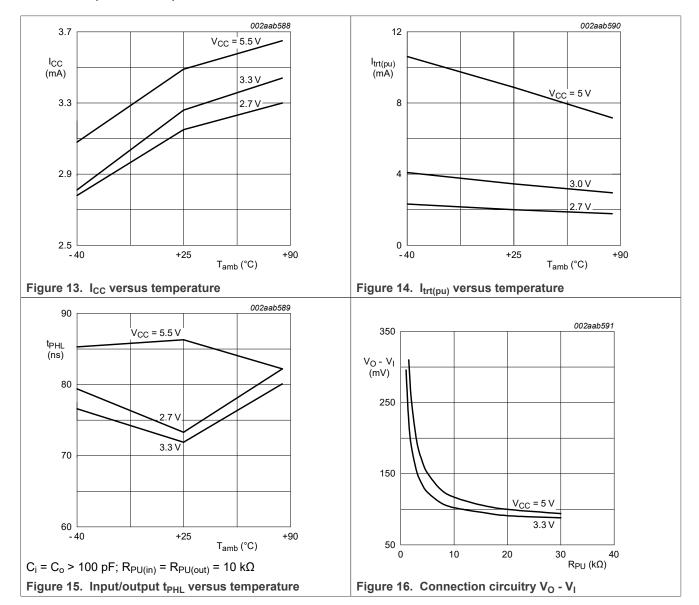
- 1. This specification applies over the full operating temperature range.
- 2. The enable time can slow considerably for some parts when temperature is < -20 °C.
- 3. Delays that can occur after ENABLE and/or idle times have passed.
- 4. Guaranteed by design, not production tested.
- 5. $I_{trt(pu)}$ varies with temperature and V_{CC} voltage, as shown in <u>Section 11.1</u>.
- 6. Input pull-up voltage should not exceed power supply voltage in operating mode because the rise time accelerator clamps the voltage to the positive supply rail.

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- 7. The connection circuitry always regulates its output to a higher voltage than its input. The magnitude of this offset voltage as a function of the pull-up resistor and V_{CC} voltage is shown in <u>Section 11.1</u>.
- 8. C_b = total capacitance of one bus line in pF.
- 9. Force $V_{SDAIN} = V_{SCLIN} = 0.1 \text{ V}$, tie SDAOUT and SCLOUT through 10 k Ω resistor to V_{CC} and measure the SDAOUT and SCLOUT output.

11.1 Typical performance characteristics

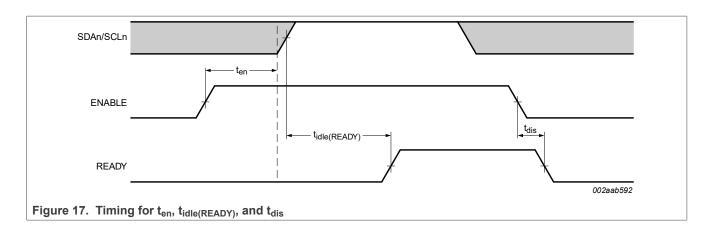
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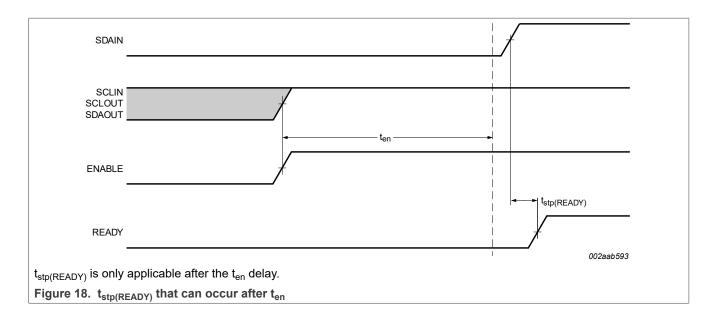


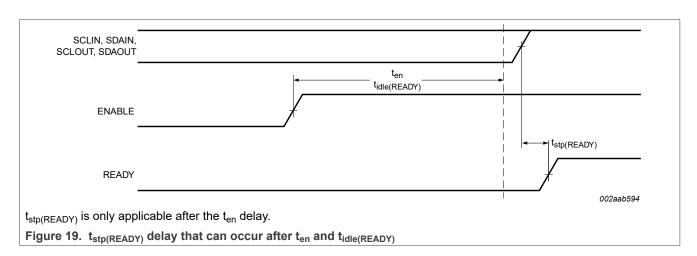
11.2 Timing diagrams

This section provides detailed timing diagrams.

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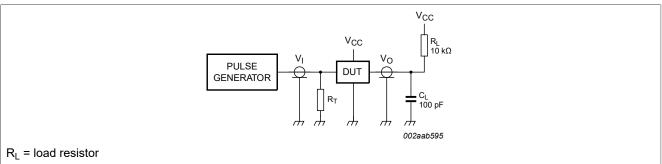




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12 Test information

Figure 20 shows the test circuitary diagram.



C_L = load capacitance includes jig and probe capacitance

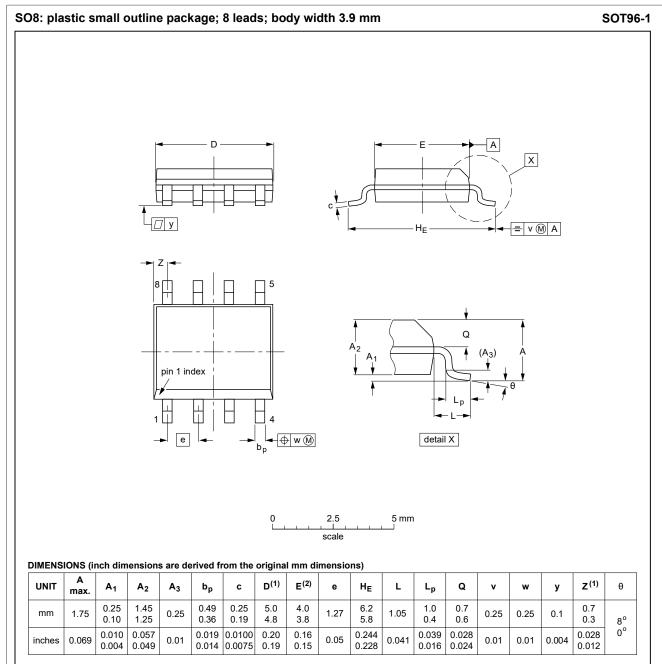
 R_T = termination resistance should be equal to the output impedance Z_0 of the pulse generators.

Figure 20. Test circuitry for switching times

13 Package outline

This section provides the package outline for SOT96-1 (SO8) and SOT505-1 (TSSOP8).

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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.

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Figure 21. Package outline SOT96-1 (SO8)

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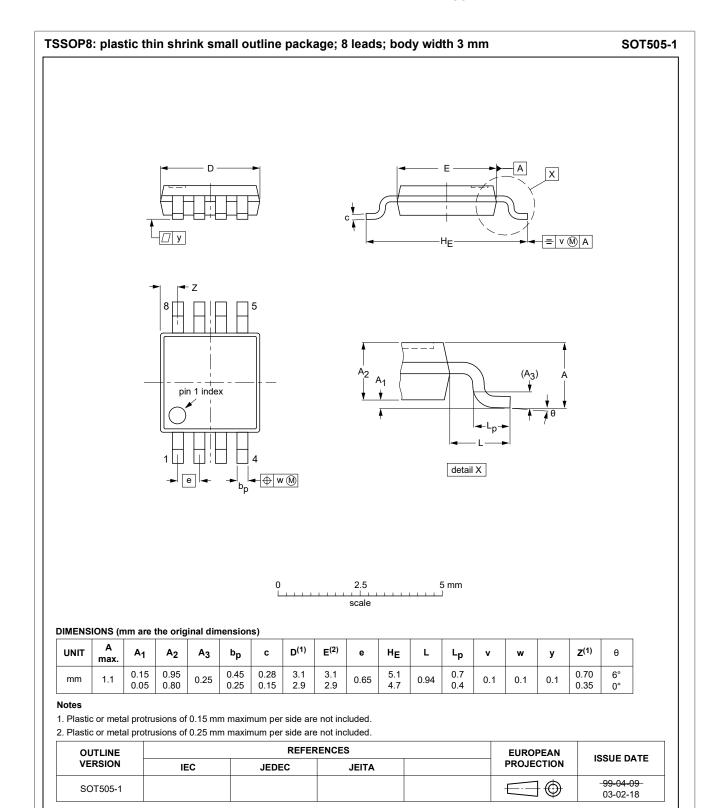


Figure 22. Package outline SOT505-1 (TSSOP8)

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14 Soldering of SMD packages

This text provides a 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"*.

14.1 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.

14.2 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

14.3 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

14.4 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 <u>Figure 23</u>) than a SnPb process, therefore, 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

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• 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 <u>Table 6</u> and <u>Table 7</u>

Table 6. SnPb eutectic process (from J-STD-020C)

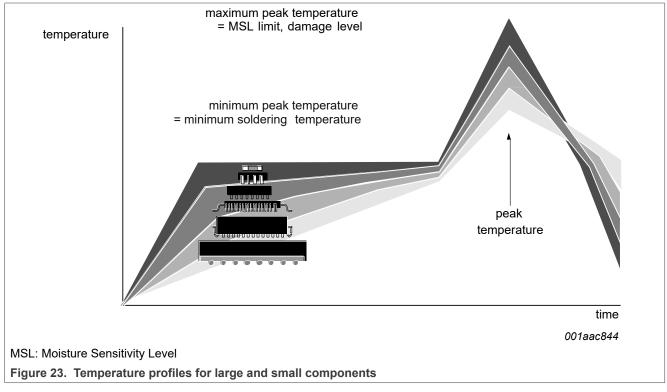
Package thickness (mm)	Package reflow temperature (°C)		
	Volume (mm ³)		
	< 350	≥ 350	
< 2.5	235	220	
≥ 2.5	220	220	

Table 7. Lead-free process (from J-STD-020C)

Package thickness (mm)	Package reflow	Package reflow temperature (°C)				
	Volume (mm ³)	Volume (mm ³)				
	< 350	350 to 2 000	> 2 000			
< 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 always.

Studies have shown that small packages reach higher temperatures during reflow soldering, see Figure 23.



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

15 Acronyms

Table 8. Acronyms

Acronym Description	
AdvancedTCA	Advanced Telecom Computing Architecture
CDM	Charged device model
cPCI	Compact peripheral component interface
ESD	Electrostatic discharge
НВМ	Human body model
I ² C-bus	Inter-IC bus
MM	Machine model
PCI	Peripheral Component Interface
PICMG	PCI industrial computer manufacturers group
SMBus	System management bus
VME	VERSA Module Eurocard

16 Revision history

Table 9 summarizes the revisions to this document.

Table 9. Revision history

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