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RADIATION HARDENED TRIPLE PARTY-LINE RECEIVER

Features

- Radiation Hardened DI Processing
 - Total Dose (γ) 2×10^5 Rads (Si)
 - Transient Upset (γ) Upset 1×10^9 Rads (Si)/s
 - Latchup Free
 - Neutron Fluence 5×10^{12} N/cm²
- Replaces HD-245/246/248/249
- Current Mode Operation
- High Speed 15MHz with 50 Foot Cable; 2MHz with 1000 Foot Cable
- High Noise Immunity
- Low EMI Generation
- Low Power Dissipation
- High Common Mode Rejection
- Transmitter and Receiver Party Line Capability
- Tolerates -2.0V to +20.0V Ground Differential (Transmitter with Respect to Receiver)
- Transmitter Input/Receiver Output TTL/DTL Compatible

Description

The HS-245RH/246RH/248RH/249RH radiation hardened triple line transmitter and triple line receivers are fabricated using the Harris dielectric isolation process. These parts are identical in pinout and function to the original HD-245/246/248/249. They are also die size and bond pad placement compatible with the original parts for those customers who buy dice for hybrid assembly.

Each transmitter-receiver combination provides a digital interface between systems linked by 100 Ω twisted pair, shielded cable. Each device contains three circuits fabricated within a single monolithic chip. Data rates greater than 15MHz are possible depending on transmission line loss characteristics and length.

The transmitter employs constant current switching which provides high noise immunity along with high speeds, low power dissipation, low EMI generation and the ability to drive high capacitance loads. In addition, the transmitters can be turned "off" allowing several transmitters to time-share a single line.

Receiver input/output differences are shown in the table:

PART NO.	INPUT	OUTPUT
HS-246RH	100 Ω	Open Collector
HS-248RH	Hi-Z	6K Pull-Up Resistors
HS-249RH	100 Ω	6K Pull-Up Resistors

The internal 100V cable termination consists of 50 Ω from each input to ground.

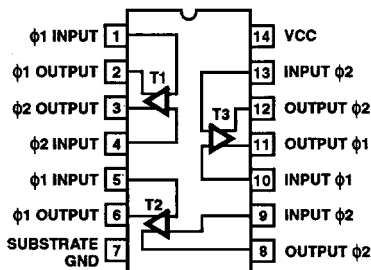
HS-248RH "party line" receivers have a Hi-Z input such that as many as ten of these receivers can be used on a single transmission line.

Each transmitter input and receiver output can be connected to TTL and DTL systems. When used with shielded transmission line, the transmitter-receiver system has very high immunity to capacitance and magnetic noise coupling from adjacent conductors. The system can tolerate ground differentials of -2.0V to +20.0V (transmitter with respect to receiver).

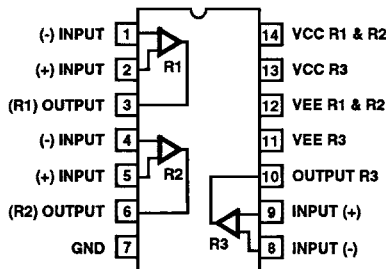
These parts are available in Class B or Class S processing.

Pinouts

HS9-245RH 14 PIN FLATPACK
 HS1-245RH 14 CERAMIC DIP
 CASE OUTLINE D1, CONFIGURATION 3
 TOP VIEW



HS9-245RH/248RH/249RH 14 PIN FLATPACK
 HS1-246RH/248RH/249RH 14 PIN CERAMIC DIP
 CASE OUTLINE F-2A CONFIGURATION 2
 TOP VIEW



Specifications HS-245RH

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Supply Voltage -0.5V to +10V
 Output Voltage -30V to 0.5V with respect to VCC
 Input Voltage -0.5V to 10V
 Storage Temperature Range -65°C to +150°C
 Junction Temperature +175°C
 Lead Temperature (Soldering 10s) +275°C
 ESD Classification Class 1

Reliability Information

Thermal Resistance
 Flatpack Package θ_{ja} 75°C/W θ_{jc} 13°C/W
 Sidebrazed DIP Package 67°C/W 16°C/W
 Maximum Package Power Dissipation at +125°C
 Flatpack Package 0.5W
 Sidebrazed DIP Package 0.5W
 Transistor Count 6

CAUTION: Stresses above those listed in "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress only rating and operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not implied.

Operating Conditions

Operating Voltage Range +4.5V to +5.5V Operating Temperature Range -55°C to +125°C

TABLE 1. HS-245RH DC ELECTRICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	GROUP A SUBGROUPS	TEMPERATURE	LIMITS		UNITS
					MIN	MAX	
Input Low Current	IIL	VCC = 5.5V, Note 1	1, 2, 3	-55°C < T _A < +125°C	-2.8	-	mA
ON Output Current	IOUT "On"	VCC = 4.5V, 5.5V, Notes 1, 2	1, 2, 3	-55°C < T _A < +125°C	-5.6	-1.0	mA
ON Output Current Unbalance	ΔIOUT	VCC = 5.5V, Note 3	1, 2, 3	-55°C < T _A < +125°C	-	380	μA
OFF Output Current	IOUT "Off"	VCC = 4.5V, Note 1	1, 2, 3	-55°C < T _A < +125°C	-100	-	μA
Output Breakdown	BVCER	VCC = 0.0V, Note 4	1	T _A = +25°C	-30	-	V
Power Supply Current	ICC	VCC = 5.5V, Note 5, 6	1	T _A = +25°C	-	21	mA

NOTES:

1. One input at GND, one input open, each output at GND.
2. One input at 0.45V, one input open, each output at GND.
3. Difference between $\phi 1$ and $\phi 2$ "ON" output data current.
4. Each input at GND, one output at GND, ILIMIT > -100μA on output tested with -30V applied.
5. One input of each transmitter at GND and the other input open. All six output lines at GND.
6. All six input lines open, all six output lines at GND.

TABLE 2. HS-245RH AC ELECTRICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	GROUP A SUBGROUPS	TEMPERATURE	LIMITS		UNITS
					MIN	MAX	
Propagation Delay	TP _{LH} TP _{HL}	VCC = 4.5V, 5.5V	9, 10, 11	-55°C < T _A < +125°C	-	14	ns

Specifications HS-246RH, HS-248RH, HS-249RH

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Supply Voltage (VCC).....	-0.5V to +8.0V
Supply Voltage (VEE).....	-8.0V to +0.5V
Output Voltage.....	-0.5V to +6.0V
Input Voltage.....	-1.0V to +1.0V
Input Current.....	-25mA to +25mA
Output Current.....	50mA
Storage Temperature Range.....	-65°C to +150°C
Junction Temperature.....	+175°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering 10s).....	+275°C
ESD Classification.....	Class 1

Reliability Information

Thermal Resistance	θ_{JA}	θ_{JC}
Flatpack Package.....	75°C/W	13°C/W
Sidebrazed DIP Package.....	67°C/W	16°C/W
Maximum Package Power Dissipation at +125°C		
Flatpack Package.....	0.5W	
Sidebrazed DIP Package.....	0.5W	
Transistor Count.....	9	

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Operating Conditions

Operating Voltage Range.....	+4.5V to +5.5V	Operating Temperature Range.....	-55°C to +125°C
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TABLE 1. HS-246RH, HS-248RH, HS-249RH DC ELECTRICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	GROUP A SUBGROUPS	TEMPERATURE	LIMITS		UNITS
					MIN	MAX	
Input Resistance	R _{IN}	VCC = 5.0V, VEE = -5.0V (HS-246RH & HS-249RH)	1, 2, 3	-55°C < T _A < +125°C	39	90	Ω
Pullup Resistance	R _{PU}	VCC = 5.0V, VEE = -5.0V (HS-246RH & HS-249RH)	1, 2, 3	-55°C < T _A < +125°C	4.1	10.5	kΩ
Logical "1" Output Voltage	VOH	VCC = 4.5V, VEE = -4.5, IOH = -120mA (HS-248RH & HS-249RH) Note 1	1, 2, 3	-55°C < T _A < +125°C	2.5	-	V
Logical "0" Output Voltage	VOL	VCC = 4.5V, VEE = -4.5, IOH = 9.6mA (HS-248RH & HS-249RH) Note 2	1, 2, 3	-55°C < T _A < +125°C	-	0.45	V
		VCC = 4.5V, VEE = -4.5, IOL = 10mA (HS-246) Note 2	1, 2, 3	-55°C < T _A < +125°C	-	0.45	V
Logical "0" Output Volt- age, Input Short Circuit	VOLSC	VCC = 4.5V, VEE = -4.5, IOL = 3.2mA, Note 3	1	T _A = +25°C	-	0.45	V
Power Supply Current	ICC	VCC = 5.5V, VEE = -5.5V (HS-246RH) Note 4, 5	1	T _A = +25°C	-	6.6	mA
		VCC = 5.5, VEE = -5.5V (HS-248RH & HS-249RH) Note 4, 5	1	T _A = +25°C	-	7.8	mA
Power Supply Current	IEE	VCC = 5.5V, VEE = -5.5V Note 4, 5	1	T _A = +25°C	-	6.0	mA

NOTES:

- (+) I_{IN} = 1.5mA; (-) Input = Open. (For HS-248RH Ext. 50Ω Res. or 0.75mV)
- (+) Input = Open; (-) I_{IN} = 1.5mA. (For HS-248 Ext. 50Ω Res. or 0.75mV)
- Both inputs shorted to GND; or both input open such that 50Ω termination resistors are in the circuit.
- (+) Input = Open; (-) I_{IN} = 3mA
- (+) I_{IN} = 3mA; (-) Input = Open

Specifications HS-246RH, HS-248RH, HS-249RH

TABLE 2. HS-246RH, HS-248RH, HS-249RH AC ELECTRICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	GROUP A SUBGROUPS	TEMPERATURE	LIMITS		UNITS
					MIN	MAX	
Propagation Delay	TPLH TPHL	VCC = 4.5V, VEE = -4.5V	9, 10, 11	-55°C < T _A < +125°C	-	30	ns

TABLE 4. POST RAD ELECTRICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

The post RAD electrical performance characteristics are the same as the parameters listed in tables 1 and 2

TABLE 5. BURN-IN DELTA PARAMETERS (+25°C) AND GROUP B, SUBGROUP 5 DELTA PARAMETERS

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	DELTA LIMITS
Input Leakage Current (HS-245RH)	IIL	±280nA
ON Output Current (HS-245RH)	IOUT(ON)	±560μA
OFF Output Current (HS-245RH)	IOUT(OFF)	±20μA
Power Supply Current (HS-245RH)	ICC	±2.1mA
Low Level Output Voltage (HS-246RH, HS-248RH, HS-249RH)	VOL	±90mV
High Level Output Voltage (HS-246RH, HS-248RH, HS-249RH)	VOH	±500mV
Power Supply Current (HS-245RH, HS-248RH, HS-249RH)	ICC	±2mA
Power Supply Current (HS-246RH, HS-248RH, HS-249RH)	IEE	±2mA

TABLE 6. HS-245RH, HS-246RH, HS-248RH, HS-249RH APPLICABLE SUBGROUPS

CONFORMANCE GROUPS		METHOD	-Q SUBGROUPS
Initial Test		100%/5004	1
Interim Test		100%/5004	1
PDA		100%/5004	1
Final Test		100%/5004	1, 2, 3, 7, 8A, 8B, 9, 10, 11
Group A		Samples/5005	1, 2, 3, 7, 8A, 8B, 9, 10, 11
Group B	B5	Samples/5005	1, 2, 3
	Others	Samples/5005	1
Group D		Samples/5005	1
Group E, Subgroup 2		Samples/5005	1, 7

Test Circuits and Applications

CIRCUIT #1 TRANSMITTER PROPAGATION DELAY

NOTES:

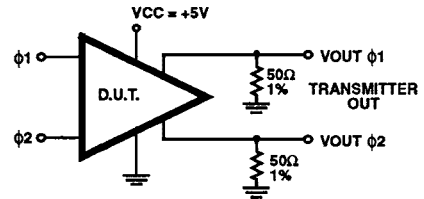
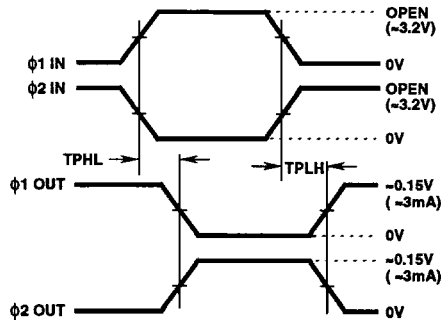
Input: TTLH $\leq 10\text{ns}$

TTLH $\leq 10\text{ns}$

pw = 500ns

f = 1MHz

$$I_{OUT} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{50\Omega}$$



All timing measurements referenced to 50% V points

CIRCUIT #2 RECEIVER PROPAGATION DELAY

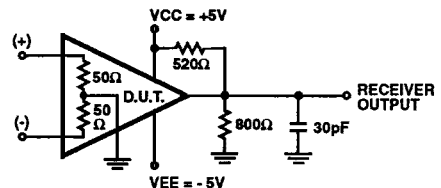
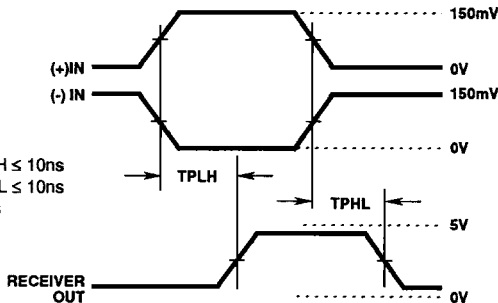
NOTES:

Input: TTLH $\leq 10\text{ns}$

TTLH $\leq 10\text{ns}$

pw = 500ns

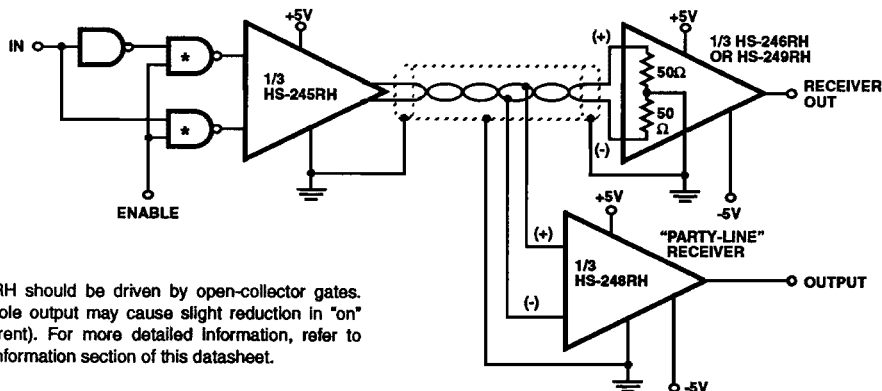
f = 1MHz



All timing measurements referenced to 50% V points

NOTE: External 50 ohm resistors needed for HS-248RH

TYPICAL APPLICATION

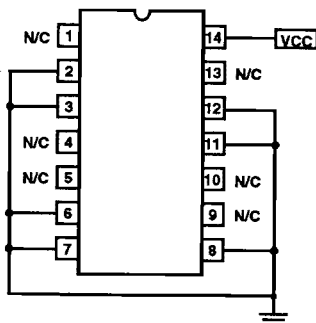


* HS-245RH should be driven by open-collector gates. (Totem-pole output may cause slight reduction in "on" data current). For more detailed information, refer to Design Information section of this datasheet.

HS-245RH, HS-246RH, HS-248RH, HS-249RH

Burn-In Circuits

**HS9-245RH (FLATPACK)
HS1-245RH (CERAMIC DIP)**

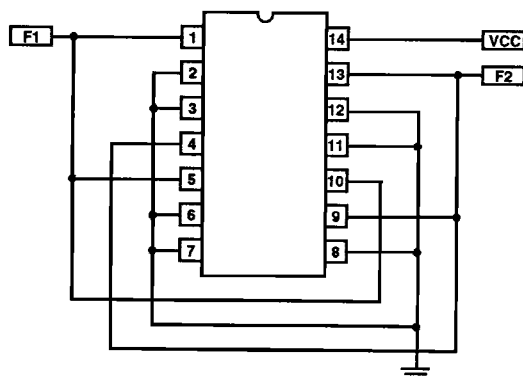


STATIC

NOTES:

VCC = 5.0V $\pm$ 10%
T_A (Min) = +125°C

**HS9-245RH (FLATPACK)
HS1-245RH (CERAMIC DIP)**

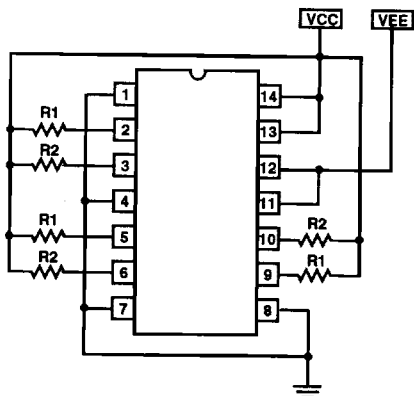


DYNAMIC

NOTES:

VCC = 5.0V $\pm$ 10%
T_A (Min) = +125°C
F1 = 10KHz, 0V to +4.5V Squarewave
F2 = 10KHz, +4.5 V to 0V Squarewave

**HS9-246RH, HS9-248RH, HS9-249RH (FLATPACK)
HS1-246RH, HS1-248RH, HS1-249RH (CERAMIC DIP)**

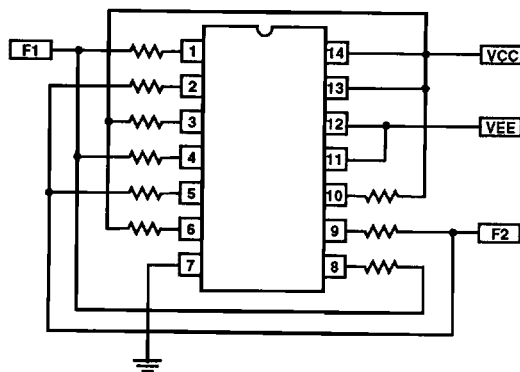


STATIC

NOTES:

VCC = 5.0V $\pm$ 10%
VEE = -5.0V $\pm$ 10%
T_A (Min) = +125°C
R1 = 2.1k Ω $\pm$ 10%, 1/4W
R2 = 6.0k Ω $\pm$ 10%, 1/4W

**HS9-246RH, HS9-248RH, HS9-249RH (FLATPACK)
HS1-246RH, HS1-248RH, HS1-249RH (CERAMIC DIP)**

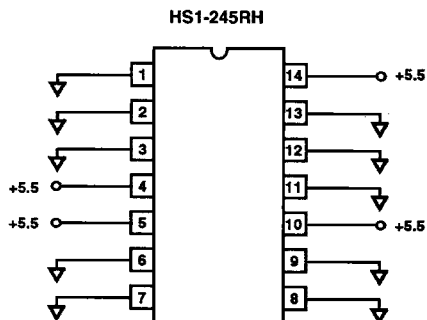


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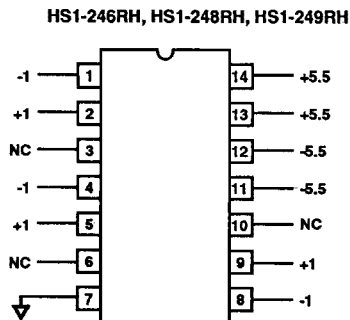
NOTES:

VCC = 5.0V $\pm$ 10%
VEE = -5.0V $\pm$ 10%
T_A (Min) = +125°C
F1 = 10KHz, 0V to +1V Squarewave
F2 = 10KHz, +1V to 0V Squarewave
All resistors 1.0k Ω $\pm$ 10%, 1/4W (Min)

Irradiation Circuits



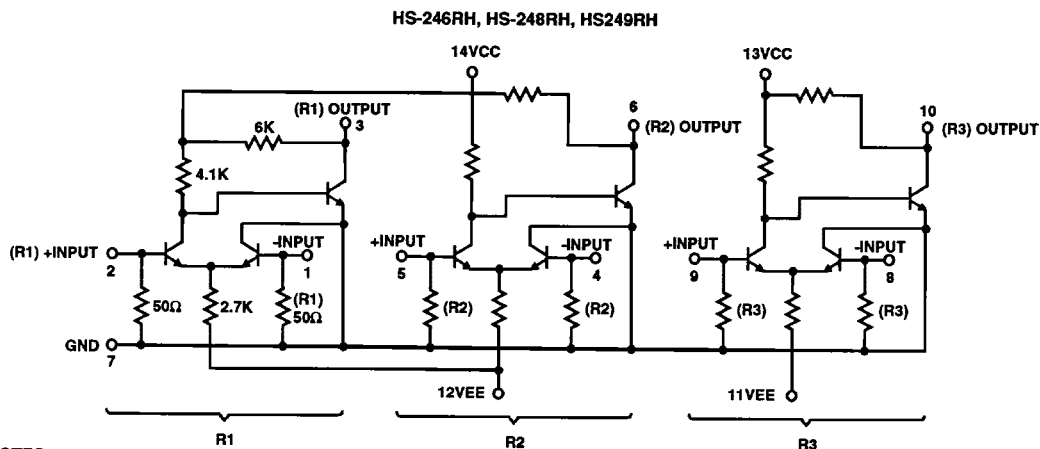
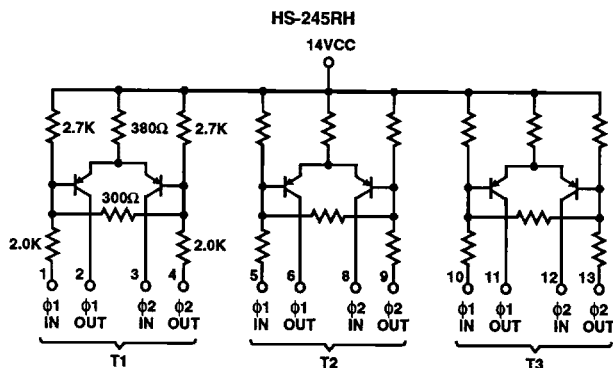
GAMMA BIAS CIRCUIT



GAMMA BIAS CIRCUIT

NOTE: All irradiation testing is performed in the ceramic DIP package

Schematics



NOTES:

1. HS-249RH is as shown
2. HS-246RH does not have 6K output pull-up resistors
3. HS-248RH does not have 50Ω input termination resistors

Harris - Space Level Product Flow

SEM - Traceable to Diffusion Method 2018	PDA Calculation 3% Functional 5% Subgroups 1, 7, Δ
Wafer Lot Acceptance Method 5007	Dynamic Burn-In 240 Hours, +125°C Method 1015 Condition D
Internal Visual Inspection (Note 1)	Electrical Tests Subgroups 1, 7, 9 (T2)
Gamma Radiation Assurance Tests Method 1019	Burn-In Delta Calculation (T0-T2)
100% Nondestructive Bond Pull Method 2023	PDA Calculation 3% Functional 5% Subgroups 1, 7, Δ
Customer Pre-Cap Visual Inspection (Notes 1, 2)	Electrical Test +125°C, -55°C
Temperature Cycling Method 1010 Condition C	Group A Inspection Method 5005
Constant Acceleration Method 2001 Y1 30KG	Fine and Gross Leak Tests Method 1014
Particle Impact Noise Detection method 2020, Condition A 20G	Customer Source Inspection (Note 2)
Marking and Serialization	Group B Inspection (Notes 2, 4) Method 5005
X-Ray Inspection Method 2012	Group D Inspection (Notes 2, 4) Method 5005
Initial Electrical Tests (T0)	External Visual Inspection Method 2009
Static Burn-In 72 Hour, +125°C method 1015 Condition A	Data Package Generation (Note 3)
Room Temperature Electrical Tests (T1)	
Burn-In Delta Calculation (T0-T1)	

NOTES:

1. Visual Inspection is performed to MIL-STD-883 Method 2010, Condition A.
2. These steps are optional, and should be listed on the purchase order if required.
3. Data package contains: Assembly Attributes (post seal)
Test Attributes (includes Group A) -55°C, +25°C, +125°C
Shippable Serial Number List
Radiation Testing Certificate of Conformance
Wafer Lot Acceptance Report (includes SEM report)
X-Ray Report and Film
Test Variables Data, DC Test and TELQV
+25°C Initial Test
+25°C Interim Test 1
+25°C Interim Test 2
+25°C Delta Over Burn-In
4. Group B data package contains Attributes Data pulse Variables Data, DC Test and TE2HQV. Group D data package contains Attributes only.

HS-245RH

Metallization Topology

DIE DIMENSIONS:

45 x 45 x 11 mils
(1140 x 1140 x 280 μ m)

METALLIZATION:

Type: Aluminum
Thickness: 12.5k $\text{\AA}$ $\pm$ 2k $\text{\AA}$

WORST CASE CURRENT DENSITY:

7.8 x 10⁴ A/cm²

GLASSIVATION:

Type: Silox
Thickness: 8k $\text{\AA}$ $\pm$ 1k $\text{\AA}$

TRANSISTOR COUNT: 6

PROCESS:

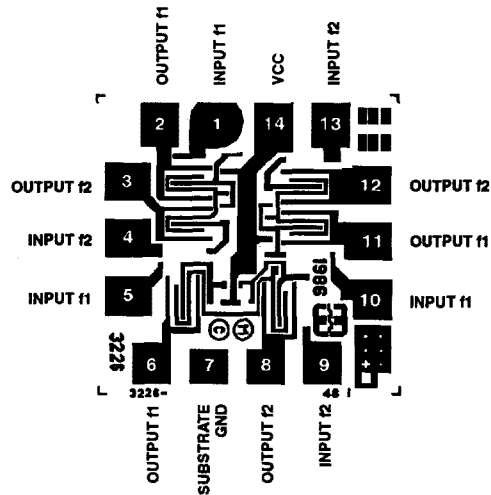
HFSB Bipolar/Dielectric Isolation

DIE ATTACH:

Material: Gold Silicon Eutectic Alloy
Temperature: Ceramic DIP - 460°C (Max)

Metallization Mask Layout

HS-245RH



Metallization Topology

DIE DIMENSIONS:

45 x 47 x 11 mils
(1140 x 1190 x 280μm)

METALLIZATION:

Type: T.W.
Thickness: $2.5\text{k}\text{\AA} \pm 0.5\text{k}\text{\AA}$
Type: Al
Thickness: $14\text{k}\text{\AA} \pm 2\text{k}\text{\AA}$

WORST CASE CURRENT DENSITY:

$1.4 \times 10^5 \text{ A/cm}^2$

GLASSIVATION:

Type: Silox
Thickness: $8\text{k}\text{\AA} \pm 1\text{k}\text{\AA}$

TRANSISTOR COUNT: 9

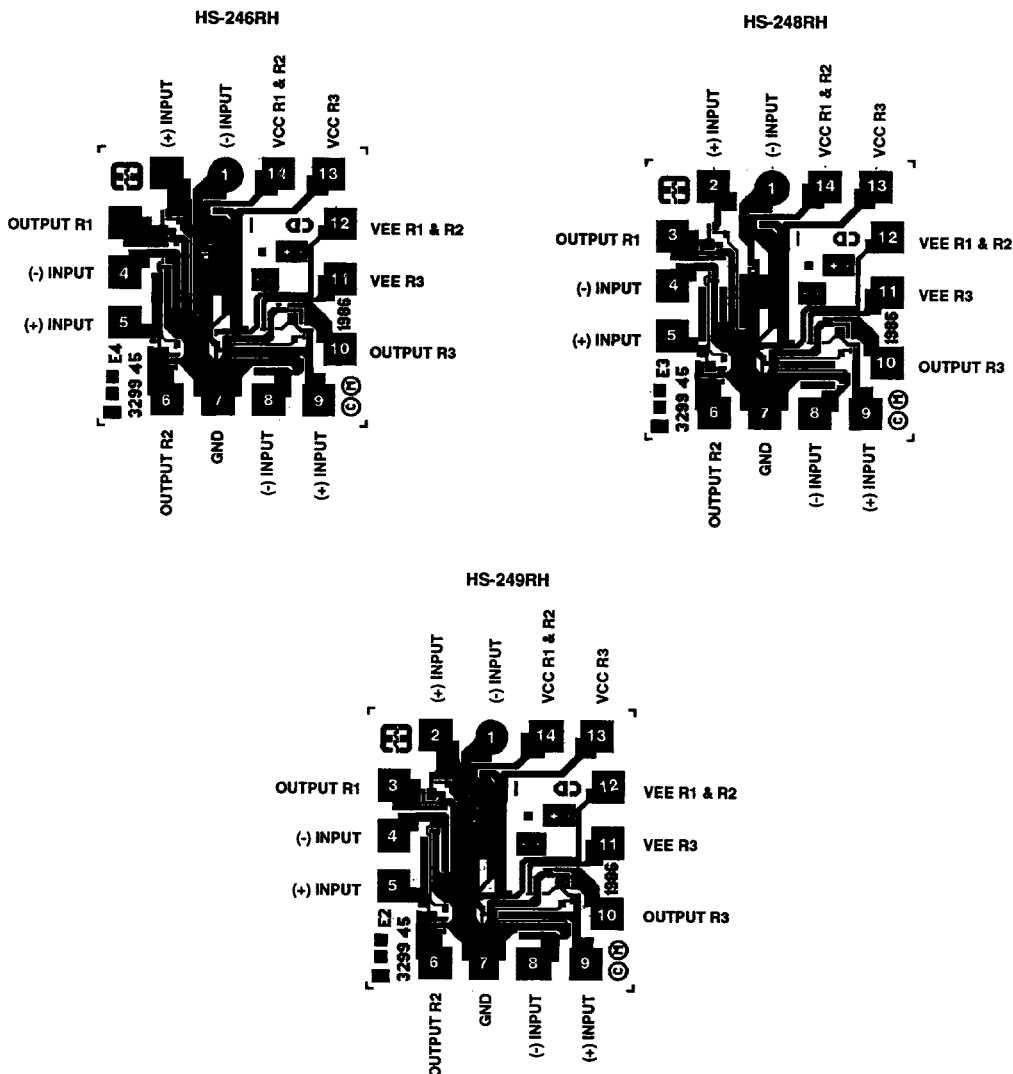
PROCESS:

ALPS Bipolar/Dielectric Isolation

DIE ATTACH:

Material: Gold Silicon Eutectic Alloy
Temperature: Ceramic DIP - 460°C (Max)
Flatpack - 460°C (Max)

Metallization Mask Layout



DESIGN INFORMATION

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Voltage Mode Transmission

Data rates of up to 10 million bits per second can be obtained with standard TTL logic; however, the transmission distance must be very short. For example, a typical 50 foot low capacitance cable will have a capacitance of approximately 750pF which requires a current of greater than 50mA to drive 5V into this cable at 10MHz; therefore, voltage mode transmitters are undesirable for long transmission lines at high data rates due to the large current required to charge the transmission line capacitance.

Current Mode Transmission

An alternate method of driving high data rates down long transmission lines is to use a current mode transmitter. Current mode logic changes the current in a low impedance transmission line and requires very little change in voltage. For example, a 2mA change in transmitter current will produce a 100mV change in receiver voltage independent of the series transmission line resistance. The rise time at the receiver for a typical 50 foot cable (750pF) is approximately 30ns for a 2mA pulse.

An emitter coupled logic gate is frequently used for a current mode transmitter. However, ECL gates are not compatible with TTL and DTL logic and they require considerable power. The Harris Semiconductor HS-245RH is a TTL/DTL compatible current mode transmitter designed for high data rates on long transmission lines. Data rates of 15 megabits per second can be obtained with 50 feet of transmission line when using the companion HS-246RH or HS-249RH receiver. Data rates of 2 megabits per second are easily obtained on transmission lines as long as 1,000 feet. The Harris transmitter and receivers feature very low power, typically 25mW for the transmitter and 15mW for the receiver.

Harris Transmitter/Receivers

The Harris transmitter/receiver family consists of a triple line transmitter, two triple line receivers with internal terminations and a triple party-line receiver. The general characteristics of the transmitter and receivers are outlined in Table A.

TABLE A. GENERAL TRANSMITTER/RECEIVER CHARACTERISTICS

TRIPLE LINE TRANSMITTER			
PARAMETER	HS-245RH	UNITS	COMMENTS
Operating Temperature Range	-55°C to +125°C	°C	
"ON" Output Current	1.0 Min	mA	Over Full Temperature Range
Power Supply Current	7.0 Max	mA	Per Transmitter Section
Standby Current	33 Max	μA	Per Transmitter Section
Propagation Delay	14 Max	ns	Over Full Temperature Range

TRIPLE LINE RECEIVER				
PARAMETER	RECEIVER TYPE	LIMITS	UNITS	COMMENTS
Operating Temperature Range	HS-246RH/248RH/249RH	-55°C to +125°C	°C	
Power Supply ICC (VCC = +5.0V)	HS-246RH/248RH/249RH	2.6	mA	Per Receiver Section
Propagation Delay	All Receivers	30	ns	Over Full Temperature Range
Input Impedance and Output Circuit	HS-246RH	INPUT	Ω	OUTPUT
		100		Open Collector
	HS-248RH	Hi-Z		6K Pull-Up Resistor
	HS-249RH	100	Ω	6K Pull-Up Resistor

DESIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

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Transmitter

The HS-245RH transmitters have two inputs per transmitter, either of which is low while the other is open during normal operation and both inputs are open during standby. For optimum transmitter performance, the "off" input should be open circuit rather than being pulled towards +5V, because this will reduce the "on" output data current. On the other hand, the "on" and "off" output data current will be increased if the "off" input is held below its open circuit voltage. Open collector gates such as the 7401 and 7403 or 7405 Hex-Inverter are suitable for driving the HS-245RH transmitter inputs. By using 2-input gates as shown in Figure 1, an enable line can be provided so that more than one transmitter may be connected to a line for time sharing. When the enable line is low the transmitter will be disabled and will present a high impedance to the transmission line as well as requiring very little power supply current.

Complementary input signals may be derived from high speed inverter gates as shown, or by using the complementary outputs of a flip-flop. When the transmitter is connected near the midpoint of a long transmission line or to a line with terminations at both ends, two transmitter sections should be paralleled with respective inputs and outputs connected together in order to drive the reduced impedance. This parallel transmitter technique can also be used to increase the data rate on long transmission lines.

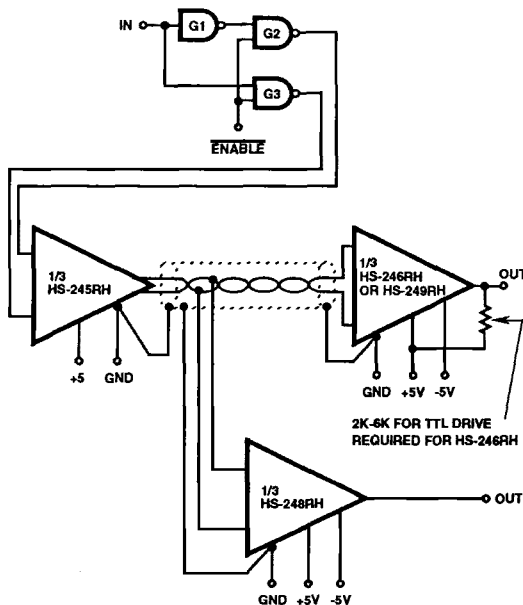


FIGURE 1. TYPICAL DATA TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

Transmitter Operation

The transmitter alternately applies the current to each of the two conductors in the twisted pair line such that the total current in the twisted pair is constant and always in the same direction. This current flows through either of the two 50V terminating resistors at the receiver and returns to the transmitter as a steady DC current on the transmission line shield. The DC power supply return for the transmitter is through the receiver terminating resistors (the transmitter ground pin is only a substrate ground). Therefore, it is essential that the shield be connected to the power supply common at both the transmitter and receiver, preferably at the integrated circuit "ground" pin. More than fifteen twisted pair lines can share the same shield without crosstalk.

Receivers

The HS-248RH "party-line" receiver presents a high impedance load to the transmission line allowing as many as ten HS-248RH receivers to be distributed along a line without excessive loading. Figure 1 shows a typical system of a transmitter, a terminating receiver and a party-line receiver. The transmission line is terminated in its characteristics impedance by an HS-246RH, HS-249RH, or by a pair of 50V resistors connecting each line to the ground return shield.

Transmission Lines

The maximum frequency (or minimum pulse width) which can be carried by a certain length of a given transmission line is dependent on the loss characteristics of the particular line. At low frequencies, there will be virtually no loss in pulse amplitude, but there will be a degradation of rise and fall-time which is roughly proportional to the square of the line length. This is shown in Figure 2. If the pulse width is less than the rise-time at the receiver end, the pulse amplitude will be diminished, approaching the point where it cannot be detected by the receiver.

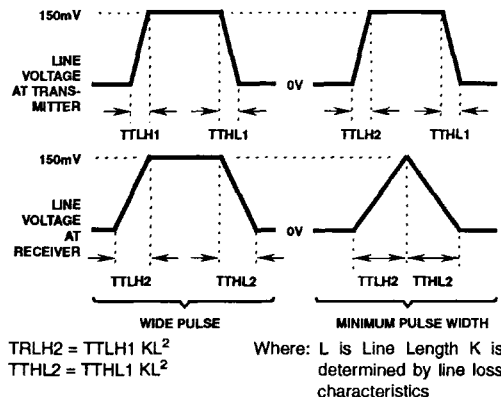


FIGURE 2. TRANSMISSION LINE WAVE-SHAPING

DESIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

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The transmission line used with the Harris HS-245RH series transmitter and receivers can be any ordinary shielded, twisted pair line with a characteristic impedance of 100Ω. Twisted pair lines consisting of number 20 or 22 gauge wire will generally have this characteristic impedance. Special high quality transmission lines are not necessary and standard audio, shielded-twisted pair, cable is generally suitable.

Since the necessary characteristics for various twisted pair lines are not readily available, it may be necessary to take some measurements on a length of the proposed line. To do this, connect an HS-245RH transmitter to one end of the line (100 feet or more) and an HS-246RH or an HS-249RH receiver to the other end. The rise and fall-times can be measured on the line at both ends and the constant "K", for that line can be computed as shown in Figure 2 so that the minimum pulse width can be determined for any length of line.

Data rates of 2MHz have been obtained using 1,000 feet of standard shielded, twisted pair, audio cable. Data rates of 15MHz are possible on shorter lengths of transmission line (50 feet).

Electromagnetic Interference

Very little electromagnetic interference is generated by the Harris current mode system because the total current through the twisted pair is constant, while the current through the shield is also constant and in the opposite direction. This can be verified by observing, with a current probe, the total current through the twisted pair, through the shield and through the complete shielded, twisted pair cable. In each case a constant current will be observed with only small variations. Small pulses may be observed if the complementary inputs to the transmitter do not switch at the same time. The current will decrease during the time both inputs are high, and will increase during the time both inputs are low. These switching pulses may be observed when using the circuit shown in Figure 1. The amplitude and shape of these pulses will depend of the propagation delay of G1, and transition times G2 and G3. These pulses are generally of no concern because of their small amplitude and width, but they may be reduced by increasing the similarity of the waveforms and timing synchronization of the complementary signals applied to the transmitter.

In addition to generating very little noise, the system is also highly immune to outside noise since it is difficult to capacitively couple a differential signal into the low impedance twisted pair cable and it is even more difficult to induce a differential current into the line due to the very high impedance of the constant current transmitter. Therefore, differential mode interference is generally not a problem with the Harris current mode system. Large common mode voltages can also be tolerated because the output current of the transmitter is constant as long as the receiver termination ground is less than 2V positive with respect to the grounded input of the transmitter, and is less than 25V negative with respect to the transmitter VCC. The current mode system is totally unaffected by ground differential noise of +2V at frequencies as high as 1MHz.

Propagation Delay

The worst case propagation delay of a transmitter and receiver, connected as shown in Figure 1, can be determined by adding the maximum delay shown on the data sheet for the transmitter and receiver. These overall switching characteristics are shown in Table B. For the entire system, however, the propagation delay of the transmission line must also be considered. This delay, of course, depends on the length of the line and the characteristics of the line, but in general, delays of between 1.5ns and 3.0ns per foot can be expected.

TABLE B. OVERALL TRANSMITTER/RECEIVER SWITCHING CHARACTERISTICS

CHARACTERISTICS	-55°C to +125°C HS-245RH, HS-246RH HS-248RH, HS-249RH			UNITS
	MIN	TYP	MAX	
Propagation Delay TPLH	-	18	40	ns
Propagation Delay TPHL	-	18	40	ns
Duty Cycle Distortion TPLH - TPHL	-	2	15	ns

NOTE: VCC = +5V, VEE = -5V