

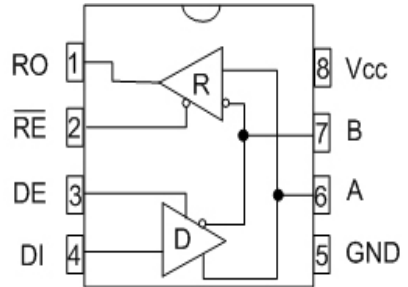


A New Direction in Mixed-Signal

# SP481E / SP485E

## Enhanced Low Power Half-Duplex RS-485 Transceivers

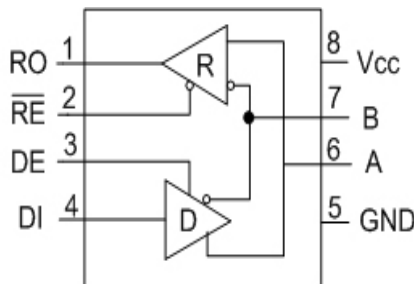
- +5V Only
- Low Power BiCMOS
- Driver / Receiver Enable for Multi-Drop configurations
- Low Power Shutdown mode (**SP481E**)
- Enhanced ESD Specifications:
  - +/-15kV Human Body Model
  - +/-15kV IEC61000-4-2 Air Discharge
- Available in RoHS Compliant, Lead Free Packaging.



SP481E and SP485E  
Pinout (Top View)

### DESCRIPTION

The **SP481E** and **SP485E** are a family of half-duplex transceivers that meet the specifications of RS-485 and RS-422 serial protocols with enhanced ESD performance. The ESD tolerance has been improved on these devices to over  $\pm 15\text{kV}$  for both Human Body Model and IEC61000-4-2 Air Discharge Method. These devices are pin-to-pin compatible with **Exar's** SP481 and SP485 devices as well as popular industry standards. As with the original versions, the **SP481E** and **SP485E** feature **Exar's** BiCMOS design allowing low power operation without sacrificing performance. The **SP481E** and **SP485E** meet the requirements of the RS-485 and RS-422 protocols up to 10Mbps under load. The **SP481E** is equipped with a low power shutdown mode.



SP481E and SP485E

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these ratings or any other above those indicated in the operation sections of the specifications below is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods of time may affect reliability.

$V_{CC}$ .....+7V

### Input Voltages

Logic.....-0.3V to ( $V_{CC} + 0.5V$ )

Drivers.....-0.3V to ( $V_{CC} + 0.5V$ )

Receivers.....+/-15V

### Output Voltages

Logic.....-0.3V to ( $V_{CC} + 0.5V$ )

Drivers.....+/-15V

Receivers.....-0.3V to ( $V_{CC} + 0.5V$ )

Storage Temperature.....-65°C to +150°C

### Power Dissipation

8-pin NSOIC.....550mW  
(derate 6.60mW/°C above +70°C)

8-pin PDIP.....1000mW  
(derate 11.8mW/°C above +70°C)

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$  and  $V_{CC} = +5.0V \pm 5\%$  unless otherwise noted.

PARAMETERS	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNITS	CONDITIONS
<b>SP481E/SP485E DRIVER</b>					
<b>DC Characteristics</b>					
Differential Output Voltage	GND		$V_{CC}$	Volts	Unloaded; $R = \infty$ ; see Figure 1
Differential Output Voltage	2		$V_{CC}$	Volts	With Load; $R = 50\Omega$ (RS-422); see Figure 1
Differential Output Voltage	1.5		$V_{CC}$	Volts	With Load; $R = 27\Omega$ (RS-485); see Figure 1
Change in Magnitude of Driver Differential Output Voltage for Complimentary states			0.2	Volts	$R = 27\Omega$ or $R = 50\Omega$ ; see Figure 1
Driver Common Mode Output Voltage			3	Volts	$R = 27\Omega$ or $R = 50\Omega$ ; see Figure 1
Input High Voltage	2.0			Volts	Applies to DE, DI, $\overline{RE}$
Input Low Voltage			0.8	Volts	Applies to DE, DI, $\overline{RE}$
Input Current			+/-10	$\mu A$	Applies to DE, DI, $\overline{RE}$
Driver Short Circuit Current					
$V_{OUT} = HIGH$			+/-250	mA	$-7V \leq V_O \leq +12V$
$V_{OUT} = LOW$			+/-250	mA	$-7V \leq V_O \leq +12V$
<b>SP481E/SP485E DRIVER</b>					
<b>AC Characteristics</b>					
Max. Transmission Rate	10			Mbps	$\overline{RE} = 5V$ , $DE = 5V$ ; $R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$ , $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100pF$
Driver Input to Output, $t_{PLH}$		30	60	ns	See Figures 3 & 5, $R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$ , $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100pF$
Driver Input to Output, $t_{PLH}$ (SP485EMN ONLY)		30	80	ns	
Driver Input to Output, $t_{PHL}$		30	60	ns	See Figures 3 & 5, $R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$ , $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100pF$
Driver Input to Output, $t_{PHL}$ (SP485EMN ONLY)		30	80	ns	
Driver Skew		5	10	ns	see Figures 3 and 5, $t_{SKEW} =  t_{DPHL} - t_{DPLH} $
Driver Rise or Fall Time		15	40	ns	From 10%-90%; $R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$ , $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100pF$ ; see Figures 3 and 6

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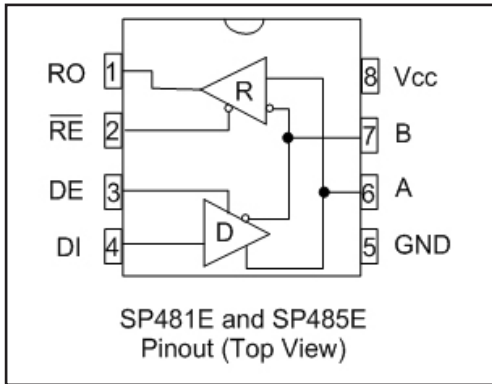
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PARAMETERS	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNITS	CONDITIONS
<b>SP481E/SP485E DRIVER (continued)</b>					
<b>AC Characteristics</b>					
Driver Enable to Output High		40	70	ns	$C_L = 100pF$ , see Figures 4 and 6, $S_2$ closed
Driver Enable to Output Low		40	70	ns	$C_L = 100pF$ , see Figures 4 and 6, $S_1$ closed
Driver Disable Time from High		40	70	ns	$C_L = 100pF$ , see Figures 4 and 6, $S_2$ closed
Driver Disable Time from Low		40	70	ns	$C_L = 100pF$ , see Figures 4 and 6, $S_1$ closed
<b>SP481E/SP485E RECEIVER</b>					
<b>DC Characteristics</b>					
Differential Input Threshold	-0.2		+0.2	Volts	$-7V \leq V_{CM} \leq +12V$
Differential Input Threshold (SP485EMN ONLY)	-0.4		+0.4	Volts	$-7V \leq V_{CM} \leq +12V$
Input Hysteresis		20		mV	$V_{CM} = 0V$
Output Voltage High	3.5			Volts	$I_O = -4mA$ , $V_{ID} = +200mV$
Output Voltage Low			0.4	Volts	$I_O = +4mA$ , $V_{ID} = +200mV$
Three-State ( High Impedance) Output Current			+/-1	$\mu A$	$0.4V \leq V_O \leq 2.4V$ ; $\overline{RE} = 5V$
Input Resistance	12	15		k $\Omega$	$-7V \leq V_{CM} \leq +12V$
Input Current (A, B); $V_{IN} = 12V$			+1.0	mA	$DE = 0V$ , $V_{CC} = 0V$ or $5.25V$ , $V_{IN} = 12V$
Input Current (A, B); $V_{IN} = -7V$			-0.8	mA	$DE = 0V$ , $V_{CC} = 0V$ or $5.25V$ , $V_{IN} = -7V$
Short Circuit Current	7		95	mA	$0V \leq V_O \leq V_{CC}$
<b>SP481E/SP485E RECEIVER</b>					
<b>AC Characteristics</b>					
Max. Transmission Rate	10			Mbps	$\overline{RE} = 0V$ , $DE = 0V$
Receiver Input to Output	20	45	100	ns	$t_{PLH}$ : See Figures 3 & 7, $R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$ , $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100pF$
Receiver Input to Output	20	45	100	ns	$t_{PHL}$ : See Figures 3 & 7, $R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$ , $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100pF$
Differential Receiver Skew $ t_{PHL} - t_{PLH} $		13		ns	$R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$ , $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100pF$ , see Figures 3 and 7
Receiver Enable to Output Low		45	70	ns	$C_{RL} = 15pF$ , Figures 2 & 8; $S_1$ Closed
Receiver Enable to Output High		45	70	ns	$C_{RL} = 15pF$ , Figures 2 & 8; $S_2$ Closed
Receiver Disable from LOW		45	70	ns	$C_{RL} = 15pF$ , Figures 2 & 8; $S_1$ Closed
Receiver Disable from High		45	70	ns	$C_{RL} = 15pF$ , Figures 2 & 8; $S_2$ Closed

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PARAMETERS	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNITS	CONDITIONS
<b>SP481E</b>					
<b>Shutdown Timing</b>					
Time to Shutdown	50	200	600	ns	$\overline{RE} = 5V, DE = 0V$
Driver Enable from Shutdown to Output High		40	100	ns	$C_L = 100pF$ ; See Figures 4 and 6; $S_2$ Closed
Driver Enable from Shutdown to Output Low		40	100	ns	$C_L = 100pF$ ; See Figures 4 and 6; $S_1$ Closed
Receiver Enable from Shutdown to Output High		300	1000	ns	$C_L = 15pF$ ; See Figures 2 and 8; $S_2$ Closed
Receiver Enable from Shutdown to Output Low		300	1000	ns	$C_L = 15pF$ ; See Figures 2 and 8; $S_1$ Closed
<b>POWER REQUIREMENTS</b>					
Supply Voltage $V_{CC}$	+4.75		+5.25	Volts	
Supply Current					
<b>SP481E/SP485E</b>					
No Load		900		$\mu A$	$\overline{RE}, DI = 0V$ or $V_{CC}$ ; $DE = V_{CC}$
		600		$\mu A$	$\overline{RE} = 0V, DI = 0V$ or $5V$ ; $DE = 0V$
<b>SP481E</b>					
Shutdown Mode			10	$\mu A$	$DE = 0V, \overline{RE} = V_{CC}$
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND MECHANICAL</b>					
Operating Temperature					
Commercial ( $_{C}$ )	0		70	$^{\circ}C$	
Industrial ( $_{E}$ )	-40		+85	$^{\circ}C$	
( $_{M}$ )	-40		+125	$^{\circ}C$	
Storage Temperature	-65		+150	$^{\circ}C$	
Package					
Plastic DIP ( $_{P}$ )					
NSOIC ( $_{N}$ )					



- Pin 1 - RO - Receiver Output
- Pin 2 -  $\overline{RE}$  - Receiver Output Enable Active LOW
- Pin 3 - DE - Driver Output Enable Active HIGH
- Pin 4 DI - Driver Input
- Pin 5 - GND - Ground Connection
- Pin 6 - A - Driver Output / Receiver input  
Non-Inverting
- Pin 7 - B - Driver Output / Receiver Input Inverting
- Pin 8 - Vcc - Positive Supply  $4.75V \leq V_{cc} \leq 5.25V$

TEST CIRCUITS

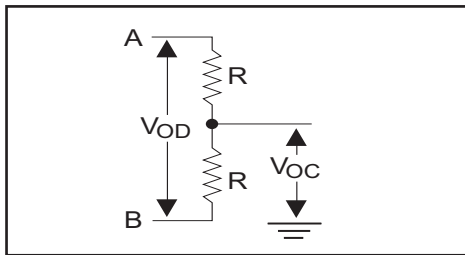


Figure 1. RS-485 Driver DC Test Load Circuit

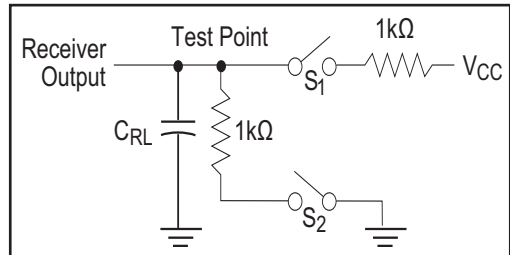


Figure 2. Receiver Timing Test Load Circuit

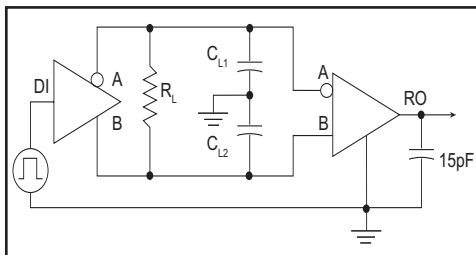


Figure 3. RS-485 Driver/Receiver Timing Test

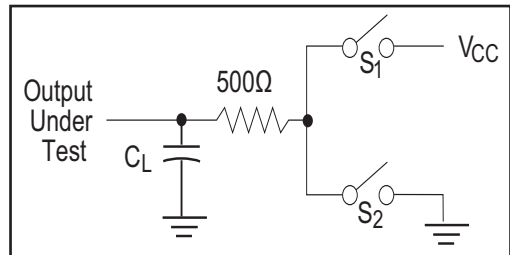


Figure 4. Driver Timing Test Load #2 Circuit

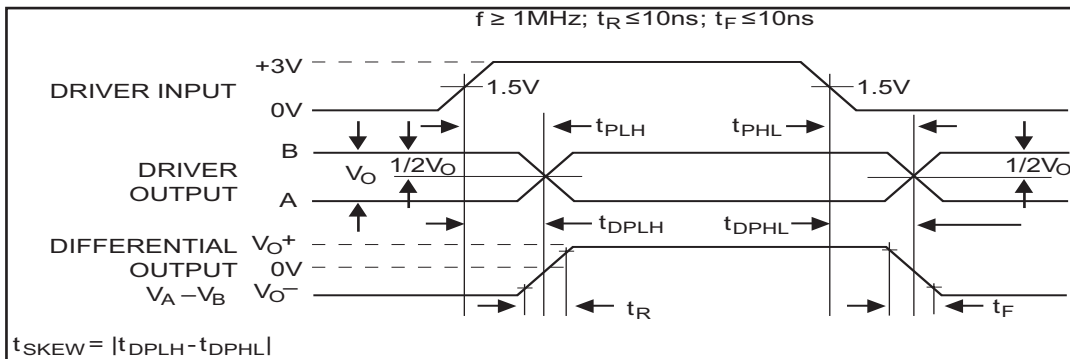


Figure 5. Driver Propagation Delays

## FUNCTION TRUTH TABLES

INPUTS			LINE CONDITION	OUTPUTS	
$\overline{RE}$	DE	DI		A	B
X	1	1	No Fault	1	0
X	1	0	No Fault	0	1
X	0	X	X	Z	Z
X	1	X	Fault	Z	Z

Table 1. Transmit Function Truth Table

INPUTS		A - B	OUTPUTS
$\overline{RE}$	DE		R
0	0	+0.2V	1
0	0	-0.2V	0
0	0	Inputs Open	1
1	0	X	Z

Table 2. Receive Function Truth Table

## SWITCHING WAVEFORMS

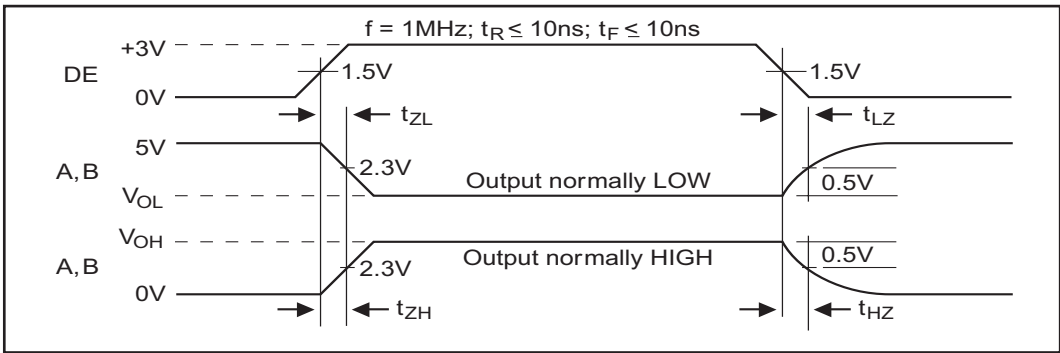


Figure 6. Driver Enable and Disable Times

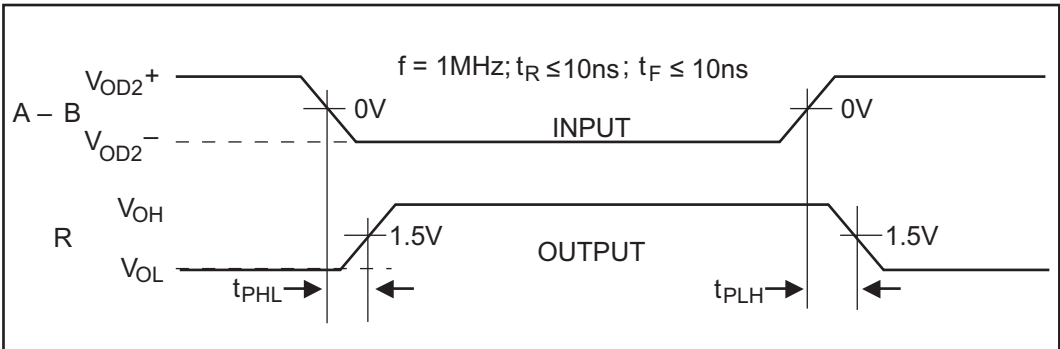


Figure 7. Receiver Propagation Delays

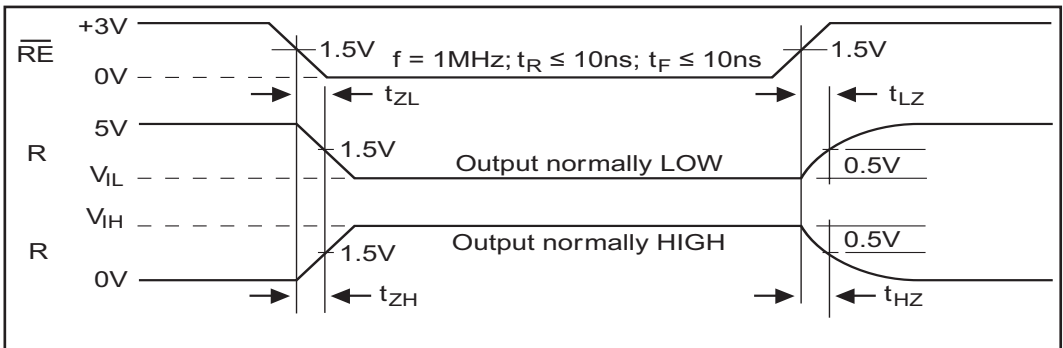


Figure 8. Receiver Enable and Disable Times

The **SP481E** and **SP485E** are half-duplex differential transceivers that meet the requirements of RS-485 and RS-422. Fabricated with an **Exar** proprietary BiCMOS process, this product requires a fraction of the power of older bipolar designs.

The RS-485 standard is ideal for multi-drop applications and for long-distance interfaces. RS-485 allows up to 32 drivers and 32 receivers to be connected to a data bus, making it an ideal choice for multi-drop applications. Since the cabling can be as long as 4,000 feet, RS-485 transceivers are equipped with a wide (-7V to +12V) common mode range to accommodate ground potential differences. Because RS-485 is a differential interface, data is virtually immune to noise in the transmission line.

### Drivers

The driver outputs of the **SP481E** and **SP485E** are differential outputs meeting the RS-485 and RS-422 standards. The typical voltage output swing with no load will be 0 Volts to +5 Volts. With worst case loading of 54 $\Omega$  across the differential outputs, the drivers can maintain greater than 1.5V voltage levels. The drivers of the **SP481E** and **SP485E** have an enable control line which is active HIGH. A logic HIGH on DE (pin 3) will enable the differential driver outputs. A logic LOW on the DE(pin 3) will tri-state the driver outputs.

The transmitters of the **SP481E** and **SP485E** will operate up to at least 10Mbps.

### Receivers

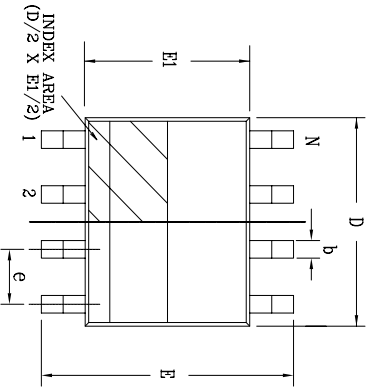
The **SP481E** and **SP485E** receivers have differential inputs with an input sensitivity as low as  $\pm 200\text{mV}$ . Input impedance of the receivers is typically 15k $\Omega$  (12k $\Omega$  minimum). A wide common mode range of -7V to +12V allows for large ground potential differences between systems. The receivers of the **SP481E** and **SP485E** have a tri-state enable control pin. A logic LOW on  $\overline{\text{RE}}$  (pin 2) will enable the receiver, a logic HIGH on  $\overline{\text{RE}}$  (pin 2) will disable the receiver.

The receiver for the **SP481E** and **SP485E** will operate up to at least 10Mbps. The receiver for each of the two devices is equipped with the fail-safe feature. Fail-safe guarantees that the receiver output will be in a HIGH state when the input is left unconnected.

### Shutdown Mode SP481E

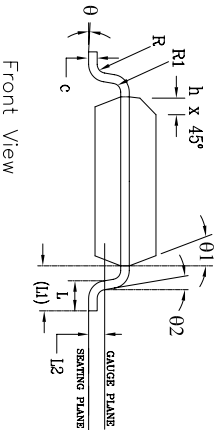
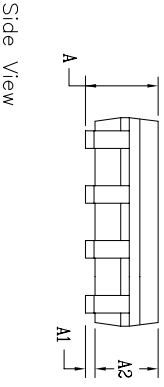
The **SP481E** is equipped with a Shutdown mode. TO enable the shutdown state, both driver and receiver must be disabled simultaneously. A logic LOW on DE (pin 3) and a Logic HIGH on  $\overline{\text{RE}}$  (pin 2) will put the **SP481E** into Shutdown mode. In Shutdown, supply current will drop to typically 1 $\mu\text{A}$ .

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Top View

SYMBOLS	8 Pin SOICN			JEDEC MS-012			Variation AA		
	DIMENSIONS IN MM (Control Unit)			DIMENSIONS IN INCH (Reference Unit)					
	MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX			
A	1.35	—	1.75	0.053	—	0.069			
A1	0.10	—	0.25	0.004	—	0.010			
A2	1.25	—	1.65	0.049	—	0.065			
b	0.31	—	0.51	0.012	—	0.020			
c	0.17	—	0.25	0.007	—	0.010			
E	6.00 BSC			0.236 BSC					
E1	3.90 BSC			0.154 BSC					
e	0.25	—	0.50	0.010	—	0.020			
h	0.40	—	1.27	0.016	—	0.050			
L1	1.04 REF			0.041 REF					
L2	0.25 BSC			0.010 BSC					
R	0.07	—	—	0.003	—	—			
R1	0.07	—	—	0.003	—	—			
θ	0°	—	8°	0°	—	8°			
θ1	5°	—	15°	5°	—	15°			
θ2	0°	—	—	0°	—	—			
D	4.90 BSC			0.193 BSC					
N	8			8					



Side View

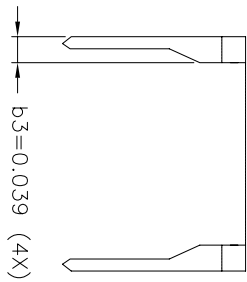
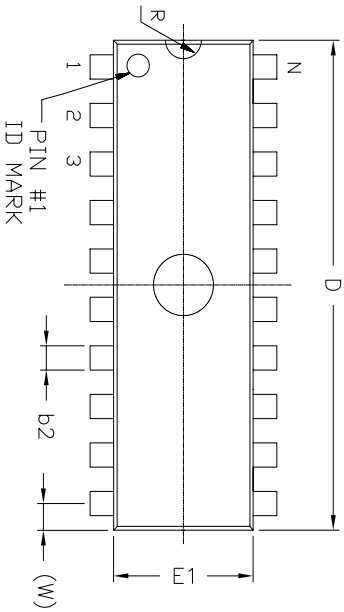
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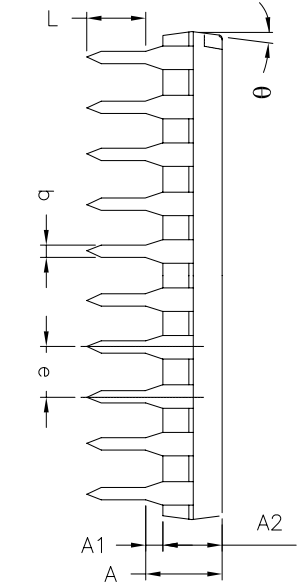


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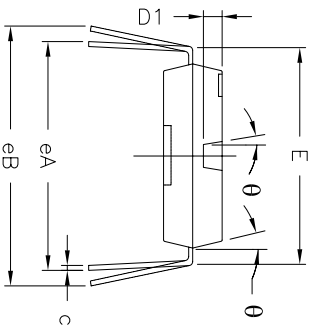
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Top View



Side View



Front View

8 Pin PDP JEDEC MS-001 Variation BA						
SYMBOLS	DIMENSIONS IN INCH (Control Unit)			DIMENSIONS IN MM (Reference Unit)		
	MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX
A	—	—	0.210	—	—	5.33
A1	0.015	—	—	0.38	—	—
A2	0.115	0.130	0.195	2.92	3.30	4.95
b	0.014	0.018	0.022	0.36	0.46	0.56
b2	0.045	0.060	0.070	1.14	1.52	1.78
c	0.008	0.010	0.014	0.20	0.25	0.36
D1	0.030	—	0.060	0.76	—	1.52
E	0.300	0.310	0.325	7.62	7.87	8.26
E1	0.240	0.250	0.280	6.10	6.35	7.11
e	0.100 BSC			2.54 BSC		
eA	0.300 BSC			7.62 BSC		
eB	— 0.430			— 10.92		
L	0.115	0.130	0.150	2.92	3.30	3.81
W	0.075 REF			1.91 REF		
R	0.030 BSC			0.76 BSC		
theta	4°	7°	10°	4°	7°	10°
D	0.355	0.365	0.400	9.02	9.27	10.16
N	8			8		



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8 PIN PDP PACKAGE OUTLINE

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## ORDERING INFORMATION

Model	Temperature Range	Package Types
SP481ECN-L.....	0°C to +70°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP481ECN-L/TR.....	0°C to +70°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP481EEN-L.....	-40°C to +85°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP481EEN-L/TR.....	-40°C to +85°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP485ECN-L.....	0°C to +70°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP485ECN-L/TR.....	0°C to +70°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP485ECP-L.....	0°C to +70°C.....	8-pin PDIP
SP485EEN-L.....	-40°C to +85°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP485EEN-L/TR.....	-40°C to +85°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP485EEP-L.....	-40°C to +85°C.....	8-pin PDIP
SP485EMN-L.....	-40°C to +125°C.....	8-pin NSOIC
SP485EMN-L/TR.....	-40°C to +125°C.....	8-pin NSOIC

Note: /TR = Tape and Reel

## REVISION HISTORY

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May 11/07	--	Legacy Sipex Datasheet
12/18/08	1.0.0	Convert to Exar Format. Update ordering information as a result of discontinued Lead type package options per PDN 081126-01. Remove "Top Mark" information from ordering page.
11/19/09	1.0.1	Correct table 1 error for driver output A and B outputs
08/08/10	1.0.2	Change SP485EMN-L and SP485EMN-L/TR temperature range error from +85C to +125C in ordering information section.
05/27/11	1.0.3	Remove driver minimum limits of propagation delay and Rise/Fall time. Remove SP481ECP-L and SP481EEP-L per PDN 110510-01
05/24/13	1.0.4	Correct type errors per PCN 13-0503-01 ECN: 1322-04 05/29/2013

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