

Pin Assignments

ULTRA LOW POWER SIX-CHANNEL DIGITAL ISOLATOR

Features

- High-speed operation: $DC - 150$ Mbps
- Low propagation delay: <10 ns typical
- Wide Operating Supply Voltage: $2.75 - 5.5$ V
- Ultra low power
	- 5 V Operation:
	- \bullet <1.25 mA per channel at 1 Mbps $_{\blacksquare}$
	- \bullet <2 mA per channel at 10 Mbps
	- \bullet <6 mA per channel at 100 Mbps
	- 2.75 V Operation:
	- <1.25 mA per channel at 1 Mbps RoHS-compliant
	- \bullet <2 mA per channel at 10 Mbps
	- \bullet <4 mA per channel at 100 Mbps

Applications

- \blacksquare Isolated switch mode supplies
- Isolated ADC, DAC
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- **Safety Regulatory Approvals***
- \blacksquare UL recognition: 2500 V_{RMS} for 1 Minute per UL1577
- CSA component acceptance notice
- VDE certification conformity \bullet IEC 60747-5-2
- (VDE0884 Part 2)

Description

Silicon Lab's family of ultra low power digital isolators are CMOS devices that employ an RF coupler to transmit digital information across an isolation barrier. Very high speed operation at low power levels is achieved. These devices are available in a 16-pin narrow body SOIC package. Two speed grade options (1 and 150 Mbps) are available and achieve typical propagation delays of less than 10 ns.

Block Diagram

***Note:** Pending.

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- Up to 2500 V_{RMS} isolation
- Transient Immunity: 25 kV/µs

2 ns pulse width skew

2 ns pulse width distortion 1 ns channel-channel matching

DC correct

■ Precise timing:

- No start-up initialization required
- $<$ 30 µs startup time
- High temperature operation: 125 °C at 150 Mbps
- Narrow body SOIC-16 package

Power factor correction systems

■ Motor control

Narrow Body SOIC V_{DD1} $A1$ A3 A4 **[** GND₁ $A2\Gamma$ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Top View $\Box V_{DD2}$ \Box B2 \Box B1 B4 ヿвз 9 GND₂ 12 11 ^{А6}∐ ⁷ 10∐^{В6} 13 14 15 16 A5 \Box 6 11 \Box B5

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Figure 1. Propagation Delay Timing

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3. Start-up time is the time period from the application of power to valid data at the output.

Table 4. Absolute Maximum Ratings

should be restricted to conditions as specified in the operational sections of this data sheet. Exposure to absolute maximum ratings for extended periods may degrade performance.

Table 5. Recommended Operating Conditions

Table 6. Regulatory Information*

CSA

The Si846x is certified under CSA Component Acceptance Notice. For more details, see File 232873.

VDE

The Si846x is certified according to IEC 60747-5-2. For more details, see File 5006301-4880-0001.

UL

The Si846x is certified under UL1577 component recognition program. For more details, see File E257455.

***Note:** Pending. All 2.5 kV_{RMS} rated devices are production tested to 3.6 kV_{RMS} for 1 sec. For more information, see "6. Ordering Guide" on page 25.

Table 7. Insulation and Safety-Related Specifications

Notes:

1. To determine resistance and capacitance, the Si846x is converted into a 2-terminal device. Pins 1–8 are shorted together to form the first terminal and pins 9–16 are shorted together to form the second terminal. The parameters are then measured between these two terminals.

2. Measured from input pin to ground.

Table 8. IEC 60664-1 (VDE 0884 Part 2) Ratings

Table 9. IEC 60747-5-2 Insulation Characteristics for Si846xxB*

Table 10. IEC Safety Limiting Values¹

1. Maximum value allowed in the event of a failure; also see the thermal derating curve in Figure 2.

2. The Si8460 is tested with V_{DD1} = V_{DD2} = 5.5 V, T_J = 150 °C, C_L = 15 pF, input a 150 Mbps 50% duty cycle square wave.

Table 11. Thermal Characteristics

Figure 2. (NB SOIC-16) Thermal Derating Curve, Dependence of Safety Limiting Values with Case Temperature per DIN EN 60747-5-2

2. Typical Performance Characteristics

Figure 3. Si8460 Typical VDD1 Supply Current vs. Data Rate 5, 3.3, and 2.75 V Operation

Figure 4. Si8460 Typical VDD2 Supply Current vs. Data Rate 5, 3.3, and 2.75 V Operation (15 pF Load)

Figure 5. Si8461 Typical VDD1 Supply Current vs. Data Rate 5, 3.3, and 2.75 V Operation (15 pF Load)

Figure 6. Si8461 Typical VDD2 Supply Current vs. Data Rate 5, 3.3, and 2.75 V Operation (15 pF Load)

Figure 7. Si8462 Typical VDD1 Supply Current vs. Data Rate 5, 3.3, and 2.75 V Operation (15 pF Load)

Figure 8. Si8462 Typical VDD2 Supply Current vs. Data Rate 5, 3.3, and 2.75 V Operation (15 pF Load)

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Figure 10. Si8463 Typical V_{DD2} Supply Current vs. Data Rate 5, 3.3, and 2.75 V Operation (15 pF Load)

Figure 11. Propagation Delay vs. Temperature 5 V Operation

Figure 12. Propagation Delay vs. Temperature 3.3 V Operation

Figure 13. Propagation Delay vs. Temperature 2.75 V Operation

3. Application Information

3.1. Theory of Operation

The operation of an Si846x channel is analogous to that of an opto coupler, except an RF carrier is modulated instead of light. This simple architecture provides a robust isolated data path and requires no special considerations or initialization at start-up. A simplified block diagram for a single Si846x channel is shown in Figure 14.

Figure 14. Simplified Channel Diagram

A channel consists of an RF Transmitter and RF Receiver separated by a semiconductor-based isolation barrier. Referring to the Transmitter, input A modulates the carrier provided by an RF oscillator using on/off keying. The Receiver contains a demodulator that decodes the input state according to its RF energy content and applies the result to output B via the output driver. This RF on/off keying scheme is superior to pulse code schemes as it provides best-in-class noise immunity, low power consumption, and better immunity to magnetic fields. See Figure 15 for more details.

Figure 15. Modulation Scheme

3.2. Eye Diagram

Figure 16 illustrates an eye-diagram taken on an Si8460. For the data source, the test used an Anritsu (MP1763C) Pulse Pattern Generator set to 1000 ns/div. The output of the generator's clock and data from an Si8460 were captured on an oscilloscope. The results illustrate that data integrity was maintained even at the high data rate of 150 Mbps. The results also show that 2 ns pulse width distortion and 250 ps peak jitter were exhibited.

Figure 16. Eye Diagram

4. Layout Recommendations

Dielectric isolation is a set of specifications produced by the safety regulatory agencies from around the world that describes the physical construction of electrical equipment that derives power from a high-voltage power system such as 100-240 V_{AC} systems or industrial power systems. The dielectric test (or HIPOT test) given in the safety specifications places a very high voltage between the input power pins of a product and the user circuits and the user touchable surfaces of the product. For the IEC relating to products deriving their power from the 220–240 V power grids, the test voltage is 2500 V_{AC} (or 3750 V_{DC} —the peak equivalent voltage).

There are two terms described in the safety specifications:

- \blacksquare Creepage—the distance along the insulating surface an arc may travel.
- Clearance—the distance through the shortest path through air that an arc may travel.

Figure 17 illustrates the accepted method of providing the proper creepage distance along the surface. For a 220–240 V_{AC} application, this distance is 8 mm and the wide body SOIC package must be used. There must be no copper traces within this 8 mm exclusion area, and the surface should have a conformal coating such as solder resist. The digital isolator chip must straddle this exclusion area.

Figure 17. Creepage Distance

4.1. Supply Bypass

The Si846x requires a 1 µF bypass capacitor between V_{DD1} and GND1 and V_{DD2} and GND2. The capacitor should be placed as close as possible to the package.

4.2. Input and Output Characteristics

The Si846x inputs and outputs are standard CMOS drivers/receivers. Table 12 details powered and unpowered operation of the Si846x.

Table 12. Si846x Operation Table

1. VDDI and VDDO are the input and output power supplies. V_1 and V_O are the respective input and output terminals.

2. X = not applicable; H = Logic High; L = Logic Low; Hi-Z = High Impedance.

3. "Powered" state (P) is defined as 2.75 V < VDD < 5.5 V.

4. "Unpowered" state (UP) is defined as VDD = 0 V.

4.3. RF Radiated Emissions

The Si846x family uses a RF carrier frequency of approximately 700 MHz. This results in a small amount of radiated emissions at this frequency and its harmonics. The radiation is not from the IC chip but due to a small amount of RF energy driving the isolated ground planes which can act as a dipole antenna.

The unshielded Si846x evaluation board passes FCC requirements. Table 13 shows measured emissions compared to FCC requirements.

Radiated emissions can be reduced if the circuit board is enclosed in a shielded enclosure or if the PCB is a less efficient antenna.

Frequency (GHz)	Measured $(dB\mu V/m)$	FCC Spec (dBµV/m)	Compared to Spec (dB)	
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
*Note: Data table to be updated pending final characterization.				

Table 13. Radiated Emissions*

4.4. RF Immunity and Common Mode Transient Immunity

The Si846x family has very high common mode transient immunity while transmitting data. This is typically measured by applying a square pulse with very fast rise/fall times between the isolated grounds. Measurements show no failures at 25 kV/ μ s. During a high surge event the output may glitch low for up to 20–30 ns, but the output corrects immediately after the surge event.

The Si846x family passes the industrial requirements of CISPR24 for RF immunity of 10 V/m using an unshielded evaluation board. As shown in Figure 18, the isolated ground planes form a parasitic dipole antenna, while Figure 19 shows the RMS common mode voltage versus frequency above which the Si846x becomes susceptible to data corruption. To avoid compromising data, care must be taken to keep RF common-mode voltage below the envelope specified in Figure 19. The PCB should be laid-out to not act as an efficient antenna for the RF frequency of interest. RF susceptibility is also significantly reduced when the end system is housed in a metal enclosure, or otherwise shielded.

Figure 18. Dipole Antenna

5. Pin Descriptions

6. Ordering Guide

Figure 20. Ordering Part Number (OPN) Convention

Table 14. Ordering Guide for Valid OPNs

7. Package Outline: 16-Pin Narrow Body SOIC

Figure 21 illustrates the package details for the Si846x in a 16-pin narrow-body SOIC (SO-16). Table 15 lists the values for the dimensions shown in the illustration. All packages are Pb-free and RoHS compliant. Moisture sensitivity level is MSL3 with peak reflow temperature of 260 °C according to the JEDEC industry classification and peak solder temperature.

Figure 21. 16-pin Small Outline Integrated Circuit (SOIC) Package

Dimension	Min	Max	
A		1.75	
A ₁	0.10	0.25	
A2	1.25		
b	0.31	0.51	
с	0.17	0.25	
D	9.90 BSC		
Е	6.00 BSC		
E1	3.90 BSC		
е	1.27 BSC		
	0.40	1.27	

Table 15. Package Diagram Dimensions

Table 15. Package Diagram Dimensions (Continued)

8. Top Marking

Table 16. Top Marking Explanation

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