

Features

Inputs/Outputs

- Accepts differential or single-ended input
 - LVPECL, LVDS, CML, HCSL, LVCMOS
- On-chip input termination resistors and biasing for AC coupled inputs
- Four precision LVPECL outputs
- Operating frequency up to 750 MHz

Power

- Option for 2.5 V or 3.3 V power supply
- Core current consumption of 62 mA
- On-chip Low Drop Out (LDO) Regulator for superior power supply rejection

Performance

- Ultra low additive jitter of 40 fs RMS

Ordering Information

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|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| ZL40203LDG1 | 16 Pin QFN | Trays |
| ZL40203LDF1 | 16 Pin QFN Matte Tin | Tape and Reel |
| Package size: 3 x 3 mm | | |
| -40°C to +85°C | | |

Applications

- General purpose clock distribution
- Low jitter clock trees
- Logic translation
- Clock and data signal restoration
- Wired communications: OTN, SONET/SDH, GE, 10 GE, FC and 10G FC
- Wireless communications
- High performance microprocessor clock distribution

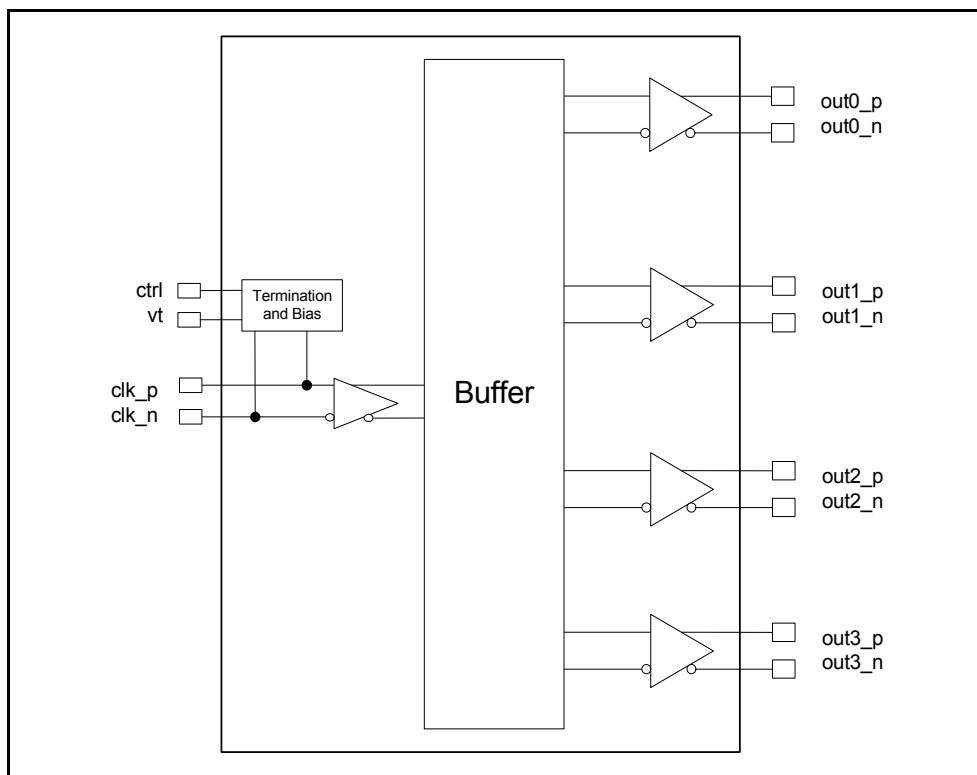


Figure 1 - Functional Block Diagram

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Change Summary

Below are the changes from the November 2012 issue to the February 2013 issue:

| Page | Item | Change |
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| 7 | Figure 4 | Changed text to indicate the circuit is not recommended for VDD_driver=2.5V. |

1.0 Package Description

The device is packaged in a 16 pin QFN

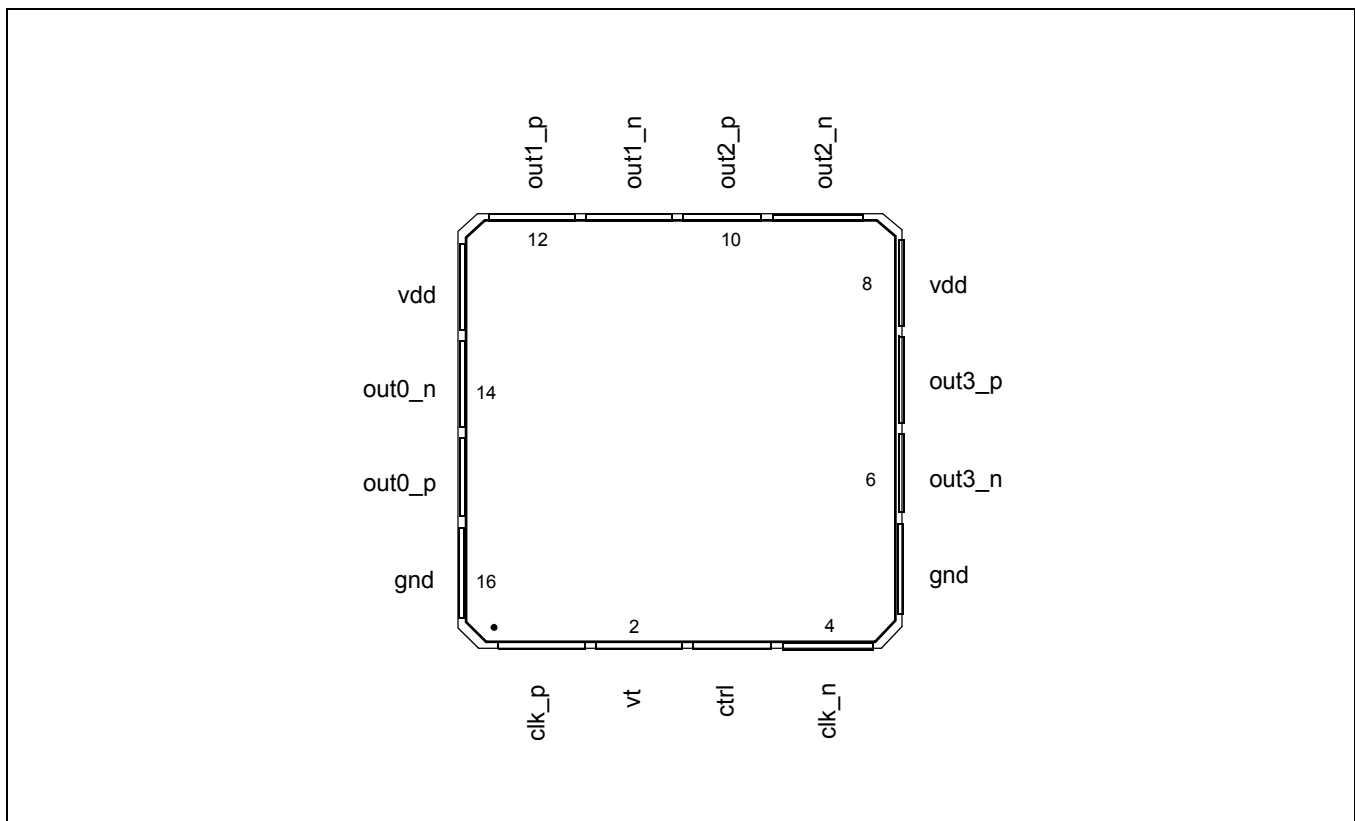


Figure 2 - Pin Connections

2.0 Pin Description

| Pin # | Name | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1, 4 | clk_p, clk_n, | Differential Input (Analog Input). Differential (or singled ended) input signals. For all input signal configuration see section 3.1, "Clock Inputs" on page 6 |
| 15,14, 12, 11, 10, 9, 7, 6 | out0_p, out0_n out1_p, out1_n out2_p, out2_n out3_p, out3_n | Differential Output (Analog Output). Differential outputs. |
| 8, 13 | vdd | Positive Supply Voltage. 2.5 V _{DC} or 3.3 V _{DC} nominal. |
| 5, 16 | gnd | Ground. 0 V. |
| 2 | vt | On-Chip Input Termination Node (Analog). Center tap between internal 50 Ohm termination resistors. See section 3.1, "Clock Inputs" on page 6 for more information. |
| 3 | ctrl | Digital Control for On-Chip Input Termination (Input). Selects differential input mode; 0: DC coupled modes 1: AC coupled differential modes These pins are internally pulled down to GND. See section 3.1, "Clock Inputs" on page 6 for more information. |

3.0 Functional Description

The ZL40203 is an LVPECL clock fan out buffer with four identical output clock drivers capable of operating at frequencies up to 750MHz.

The ZL40203 provides an internal input termination network for DC and AC coupled inputs; optional input biasing for AC coupled inputs is also provided. The ZL40203 can accept DC or AC coupled LVPECL and LVDS input signals, AC coupled CML or HCSL input signals, and single ended signals. A pin compatible device with external termination is also available.

The ZL40203 is designed to fan out low-jitter reference clocks for wired or optical communications applications while adding minimal jitter to the clock signal. An internal linear power supply regulator and bulk capacitors minimize additive jitter due to power supply noise. The device operates from 2.5V \pm 5% or 3.3V \pm 5% supply. Its operation is guaranteed over the industrial temperature range -40°C to +85°C.

The device block diagram is shown in Figure 1; its operation is described in the following sections.

3.1 Clock Inputs

The device has a differential input equipped with two on-chip 50 Ohm termination resistors arranged in series with a center tap. The input can accept many differential and single-ended signals with AC or DC coupling as appropriate. A control pin is available to enable internal biasing for AC coupled inputs. A block diagram of the input stage is in Figure 3.

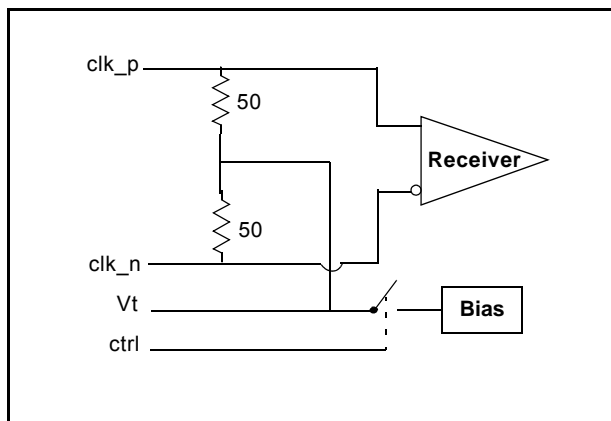


Figure 3 - Simplified Diagram of Input Stage

The following figures give the components values and configuration for the various circuits compatible with the input stage and the use of the *Vt* and *ctrl* pins in each case.

In the following diagrams where the *ctrl* pin is "1" and the *Vt* pin is not connected, the *Vt* pin can be instead connected to V_{DD} with a capacitor. The same capacitor can also help in Figure 4 between *Vt* and V_{DD} . This capacitor will minimize the noise at the point between the two internal termination resistors and improve the overall performance of the device.

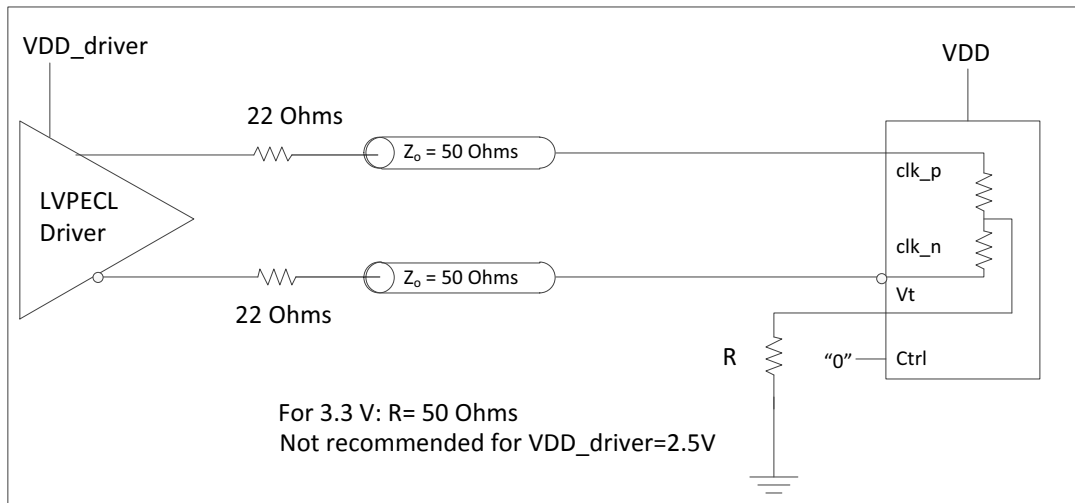


Figure 4 - Clock Input - LVPECL - DC Coupled

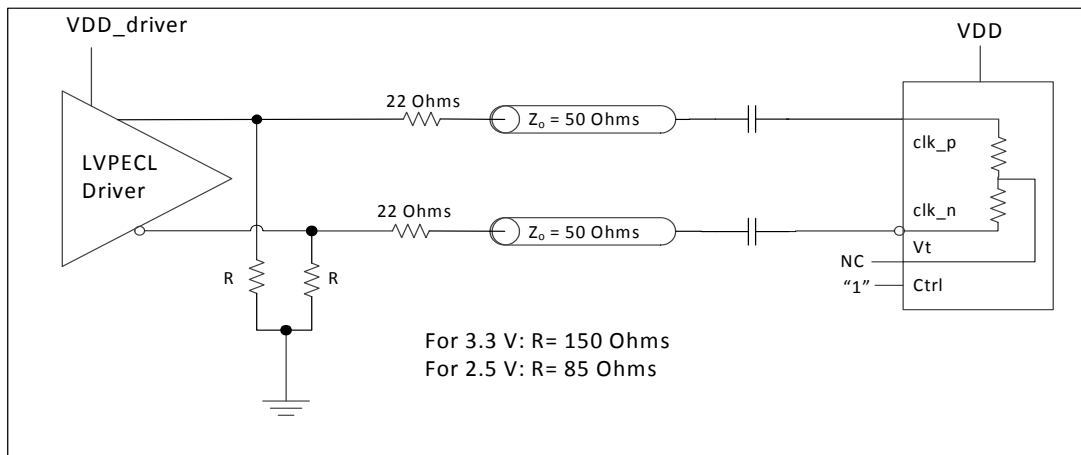


Figure 5 - Clock Input - LVPECL - AC Coupled

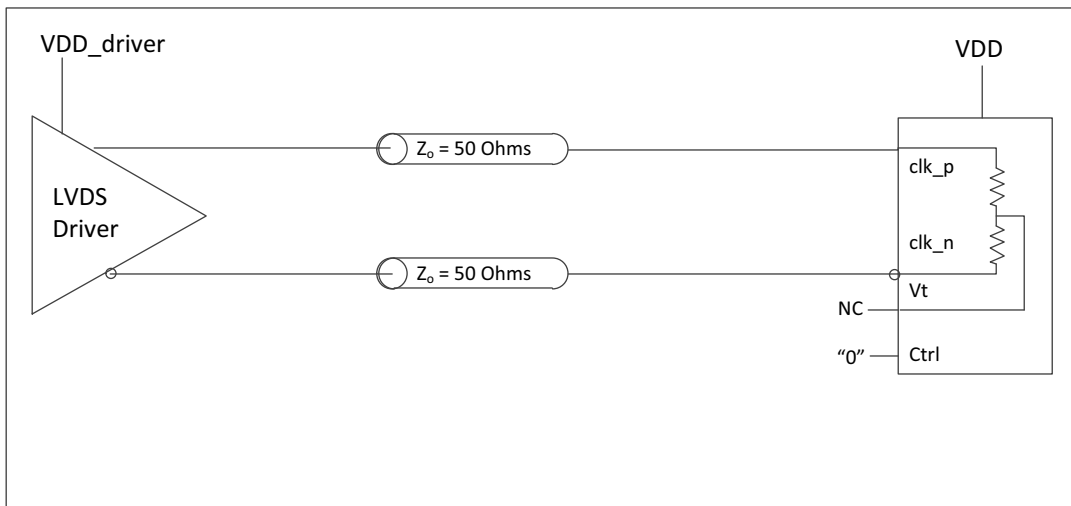


Figure 6 - Clock Input - LVDS - DC Coupled

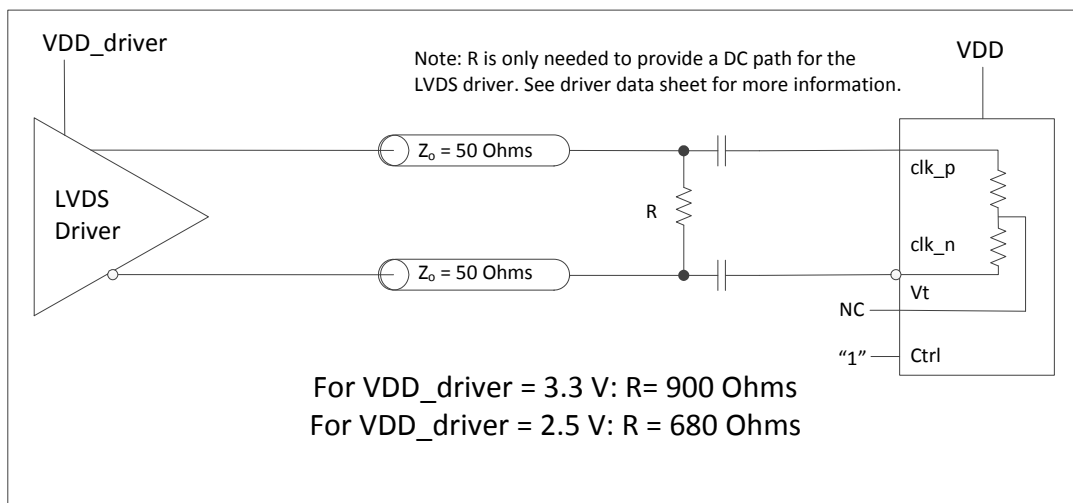


Figure 7 - Clock Input - LVDS - AC Coupled

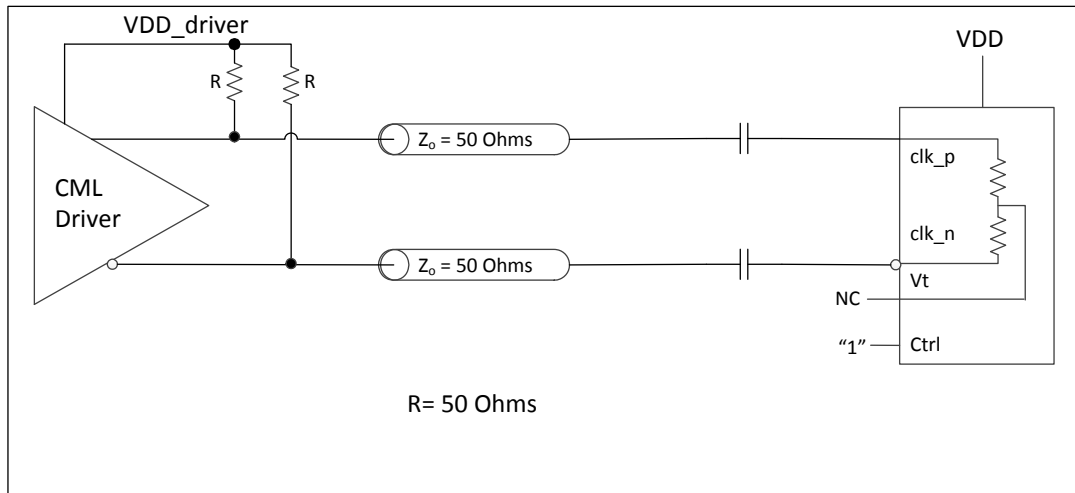


Figure 8 - Clock Input - CML- AC Coupled

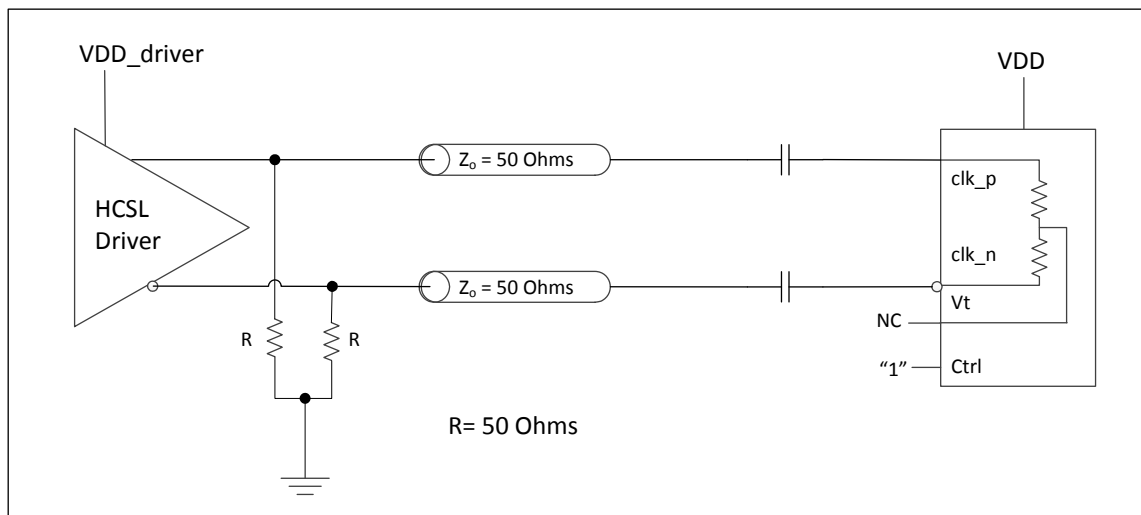


Figure 9 - Clock Input - HCSL- AC Coupled

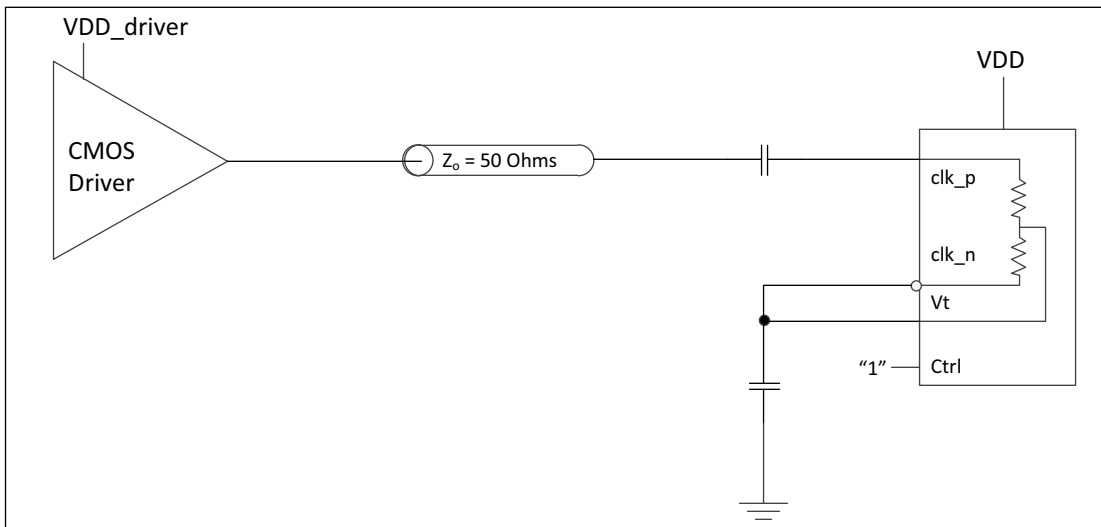


Figure 10 - Clock Input - AC-coupled Single-Ended

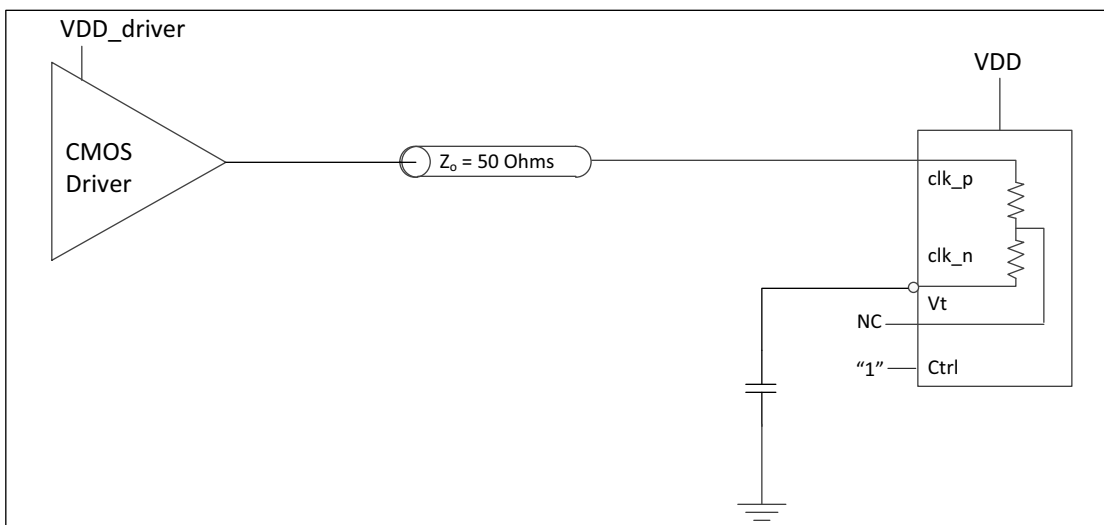


Figure 11 - Clock Input - DC-coupled 3.3V CMOS

3.2 Clock Outputs

LVPECL has a very low output impedance and a differential signal swing between 1V and 1.6 V. A simplified diagram for the output stage is shown in Figure 12. The LVPECL to LVDS output termination is not shown since there is a different device with the same inputs and LVDS outputs.

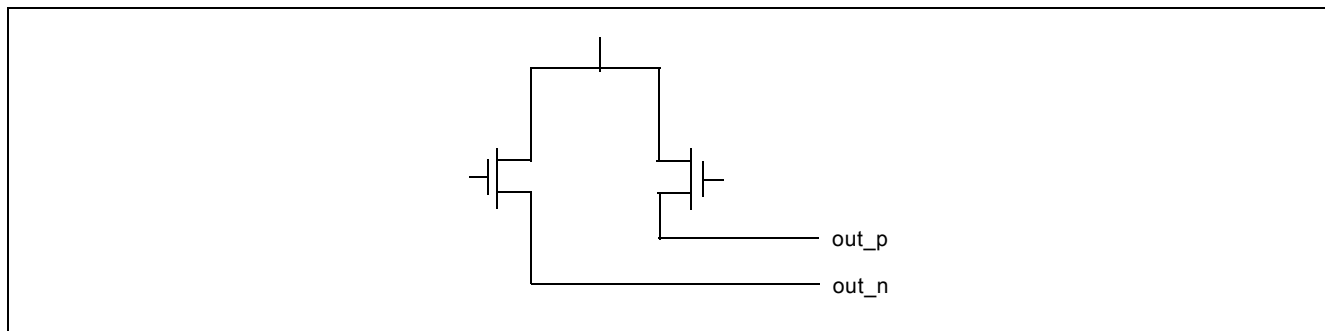


Figure 12 - Simplified Output Driver

The methods to terminate the ZL40203 LVPECL drivers are shown in the following figures.

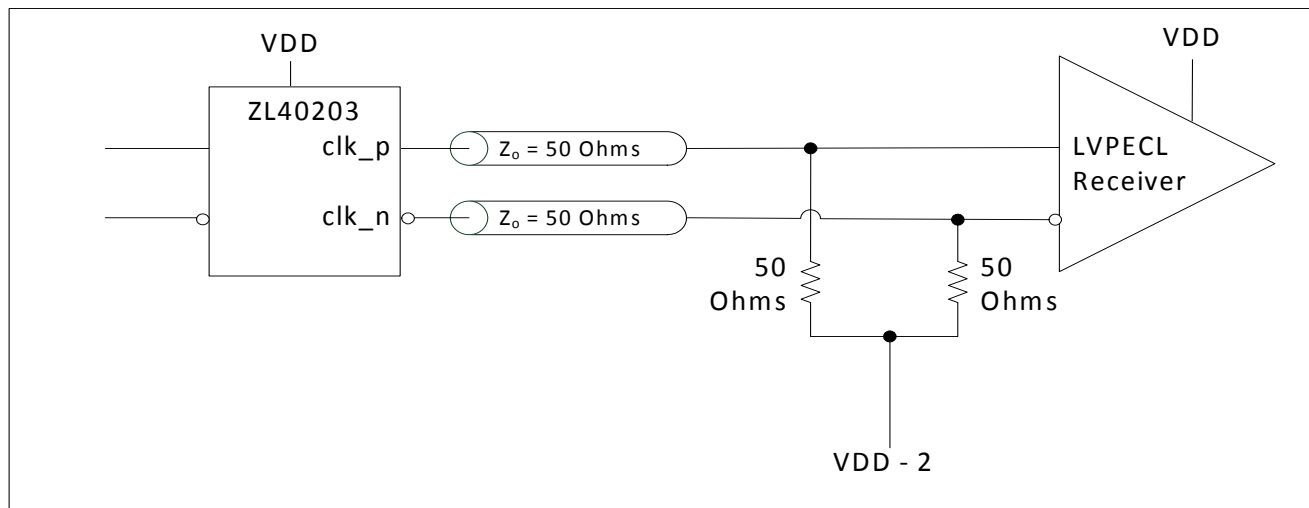


Figure 13 - LVPECL Basic Output Termination

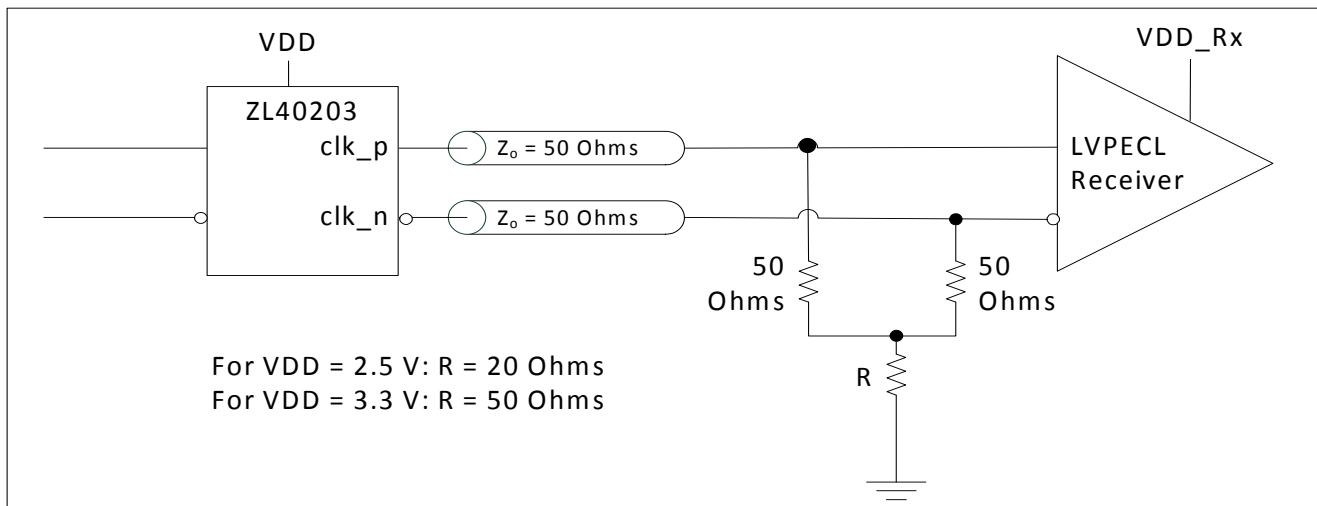


Figure 14 - LVPECL Parallel Output Termination

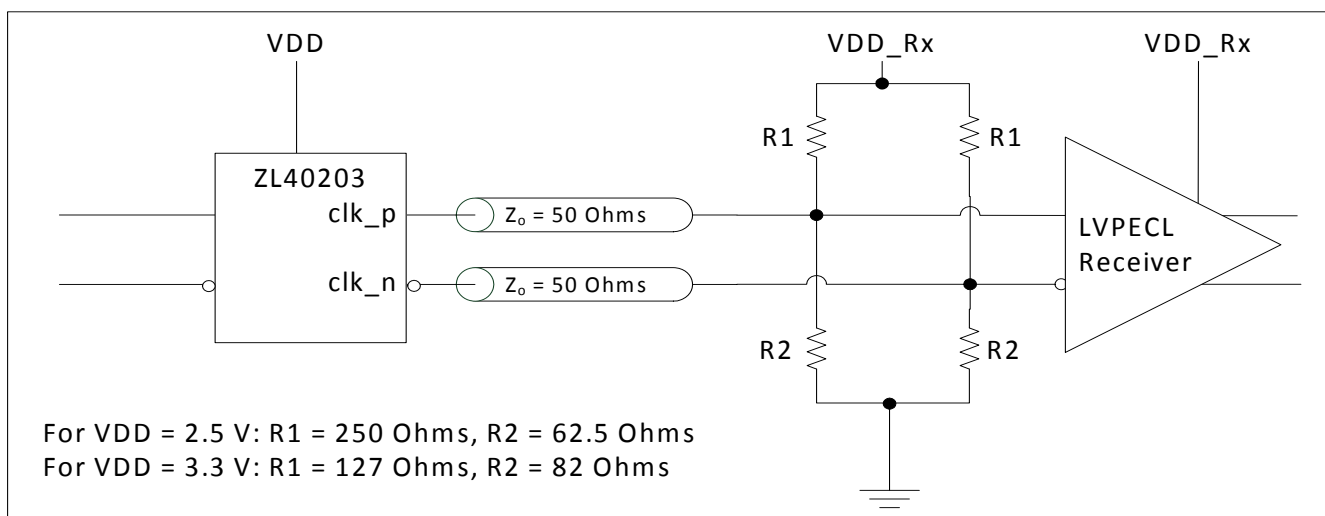


Figure 15 - LVPECL Parallel Thevenin-Equivalent Output Termination

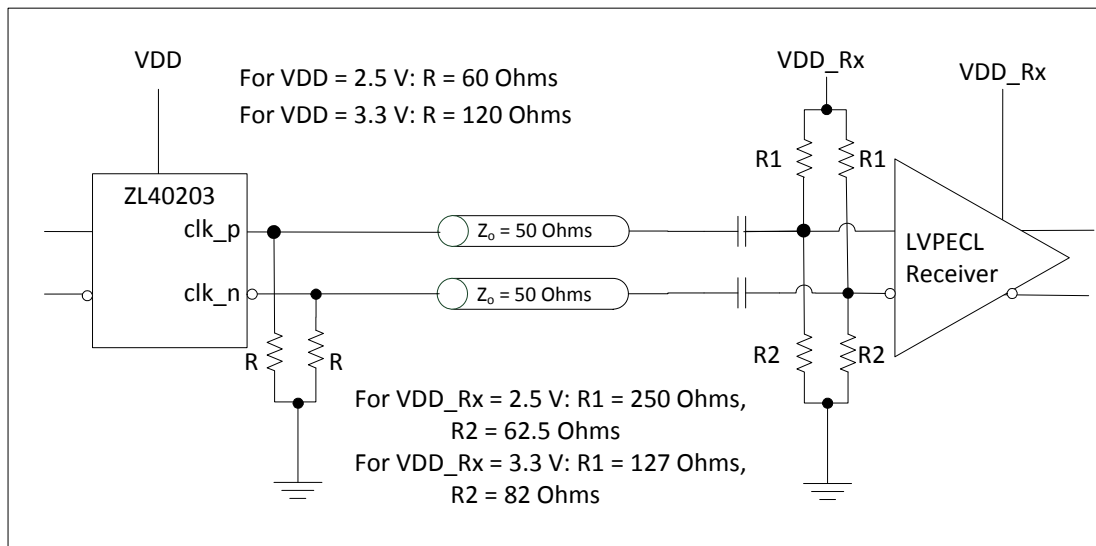


Figure 16 - LVPECL AC Output Termination

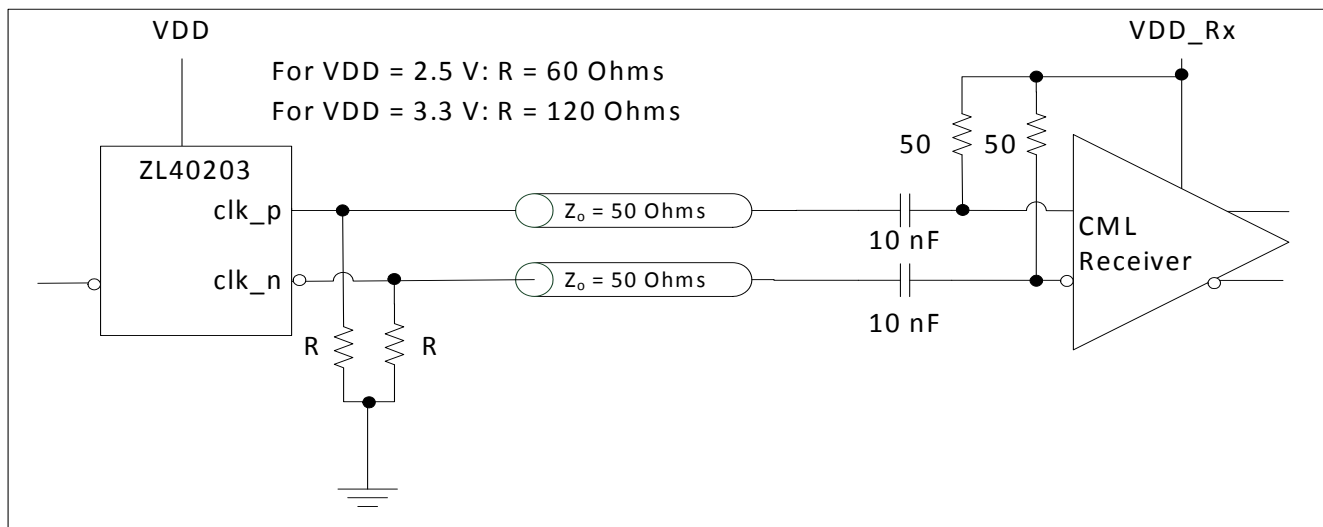


Figure 17 - LVPECL AC Output Termination for CML Inputs

3.3 Device Additive Jitter

The ZL40203 clock fanout buffer is not intended to filter clock jitter. The jitter performance of this type of device is characterized by its additive jitter. Additive jitter is the jitter the device would add to a hypothetical jitter-free clock as it passes through the device. The additive jitter of the ZL40203 is random and as such it is not correlated to the jitter of the input clock signal.

The square of the resultant random RMS jitter at the output of the ZL40203 is equal to the sum of the squares of the various random RMS jitter sources including: input clock jitter; additive jitter of the buffer; and additive random jitter due to power supply noise. There may be additional deterministic jitter sources, but they are not shown in Figure 18.

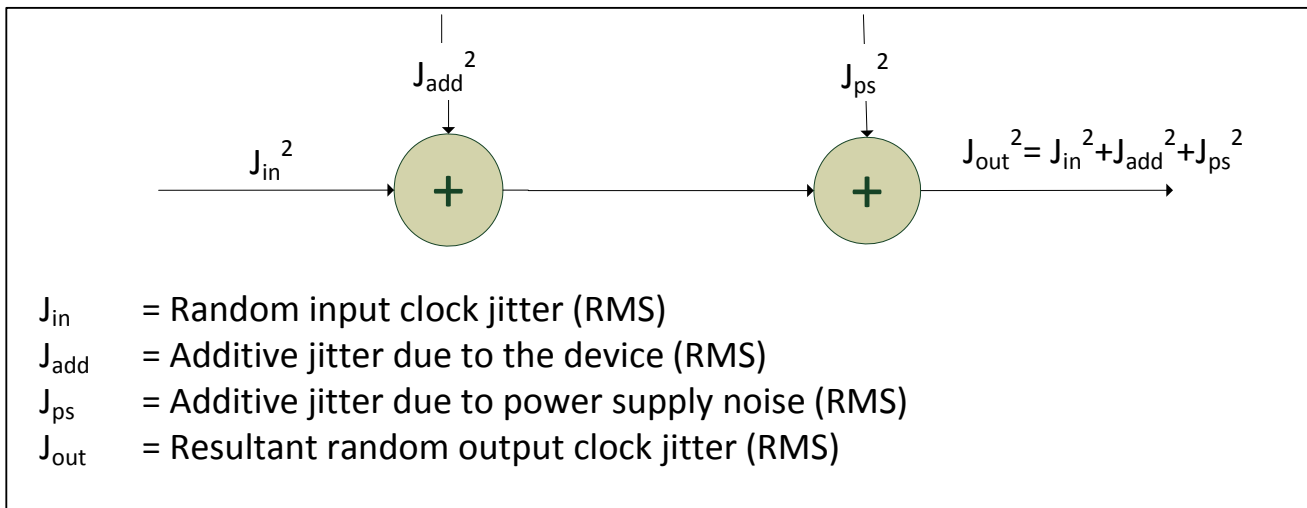


Figure 18 - Additive Jitter

3.4 Power Supply

This device operates with either a 2.5V supply or 3.3V supply.

3.4.1 Sensitivity to power supply noise

Power supply noise from sources such as switching power supplies and high-power digital components such as FPGAs can induce additive jitter on clock buffer outputs. The ZL40203 is equipped with an low drop out (LDO) power regulator and on-chip bulk capacitors to minimize additive jitter due to power supply noise. The LDO regulator on the ZL40203 allows this device to have superior performance even in the presence of external noise sources. The on-chip regulation, recommended power supply filtering, and good PCB layout all work together to minimize the additive jitter from power supply noise.

The performance of these clock buffers in the presence of power supply noise is detailed in ZLAN-403, "Power Supply Rejection in Clock Buffers" which is available from Applications Engineering.

3.4.2 Power supply filtering

For optimal jitter performance, the device should be isolated from the power planes connected to its power supply pins as shown in Figure 19.

- 10 μF capacitors should be size 0603 or size 0805 X5R or X7R ceramic, 6.3 V minimum rating
- 0.1 μF capacitors should be size 0402 X5R ceramic, 6.3 V minimum rating
- Capacitors should be placed next to the connected device power pins
- a 0.15 ohm resistor is recommended for the filter shown in Figure 19

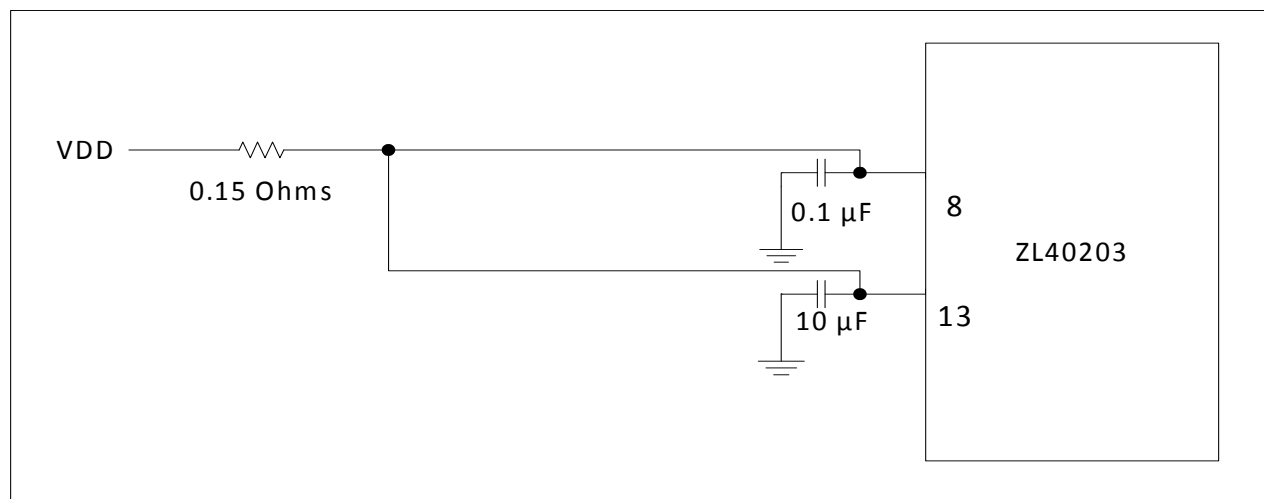


Figure 19 - Decoupling Connections for Power Pins

3.4.3 PCB layout considerations

The power nets in Figure 19 can be implemented either as a plane island or routed power topology without changing the overall jitter performance of the device.

4.0 AC and DC Electrical Characteristics

Absolute Maximum Ratings*

| | Parameter | Sym. | Min. | Max. | Units |
|---|----------------------------|-------------|------|----------|-------|
| 1 | Supply voltage | V_{DD_R} | -0.5 | 4.6 | V |
| 2 | Voltage on any digital pin | V_{PIN} | -0.5 | V_{DD} | V |
| 3 | LVPECL output current | I_{out} | | 30 | mA |
| 4 | Soldering temperature | T | | 260 | °C |
| 5 | Storage temperature | T_{ST} | -55 | 125 | °C |
| 6 | Junction temperature | T_j | | 125 | °C |
| 7 | Voltage on input pin | V_{input} | | V_{DD} | V |
| 8 | Input capacitance each pin | C_p | | 500 | fF |

* Exceeding these values may cause permanent damage. Functional operation under these conditions is not implied.

* Voltages are with respect to ground (GND) unless otherwise stated

Recommended Operating Conditions*

| | Characteristics | Sym. | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|---|---------------------------|------------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Supply voltage 2.5 V mode | V_{DD25} | 2.375 | 2.5 | 2.625 | V |
| 2 | Supply voltage 3.3 V mode | V_{DD33} | 3.135 | 3.3 | 3.465 | V |
| 3 | Operating temperature | T_A | -40 | 25 | 85 | °C |

* Voltages are with respect to ground (GND) unless otherwise stated

DC Electrical Characteristics - Current Consumption

| | Characteristics | Sym. | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units | Notes |
|---|---|------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Supply current LVPECL drivers - unloaded | I_{dd_unload} | | 62 | | mA | Unloaded |
| 2 | Supply current LVPECL drivers - loaded (all outputs are active) | I_{dd_load} | | 140 | | mA | Including power to $R_L = 50\Omega$ |

DC Electrical Characteristics - Inputs and Outputs - for 3.3 V Supply

| | Characteristics | Sym. | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units | Notes |
|---|---|-----------|--------------------|------|--------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 1 | CMOS control logic high-level input voltage | V_{CIH} | $0.7 \cdot V_{DD}$ | | | V | |
| 2 | CMOS control logic low-level input voltage | V_{CIL} | | | $0.3 \cdot V_{DD}$ | V | |
| 3 | CMOS control logic Input leakage current | I_{IL} | | 1 | | μA | $V_I = V_{DD}$ or 0 V |
| 4 | Differential input common mode voltage | V_{CM} | 1.1 | | 2.0 | V | |
| 5 | Differential input voltage difference | V_{ID} | 0.25 | | 1 | V | |

DC Electrical Characteristics - Inputs and Outputs - for 3.3 V Supply

| | Characteristics | Sym. | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units | Notes |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|------|--------------------|-------|-------|
| 6 | Differential input resistance | V_{IR} | 80 | 100 | 120 | ohm | |
| 7 | LVPECL output high voltage | V_{OH} | V_{DD} - 1.40 | | | V | |
| 8 | LVPECL output low voltage | V_{OL} | | | V_{DD} - 1.62 | V | |
| 9 | LVPECL output differential voltage* | V_{OD} | 0.5 | | 0.9 | V | |

* This parameter is measured from 125 MHz to 750 MHz.

DC Electrical Characteristics - Inputs and Outputs - for 2.5 V Supply

| | Characteristics | Sym. | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units | Notes |
|---|---|-----------|--------------------|------|--------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 1 | CMOS control logic high-level input voltage | V_{CIH} | $0.7 \cdot V_{DD}$ | | | V | |
| 2 | CMOS control logic low-level input voltage | V_{CIL} | | | $0.3 \cdot V_{DD}$ | V | |
| 3 | CMOS control logic Input leakage current | I_{IL} | | 1 | | μA | $V_I = V_{DD}$ or 0 V |
| 4 | Differential input common mode voltage | V_{CM} | 1.1 | | 1.6 | V | |
| 5 | Differential input voltage difference | V_{ID} | 0.25 | | 1 | V | |
| 6 | Differential input resistance | V_{IR} | 80 | 100 | 120 | ohm | |
| 7 | LVPECL output high voltage | V_{OH} | V_{DD} - 1.40 | | | V | |
| 8 | LVPECL output low voltage | V_{OL} | | | V_{DD} - 1.62 | V | |
| 9 | LVPECL output differential voltage* | V_{OD} | 0.4 | | 0.9 | V | |

* This parameter is measured from 125 MHz to 750 MHz.

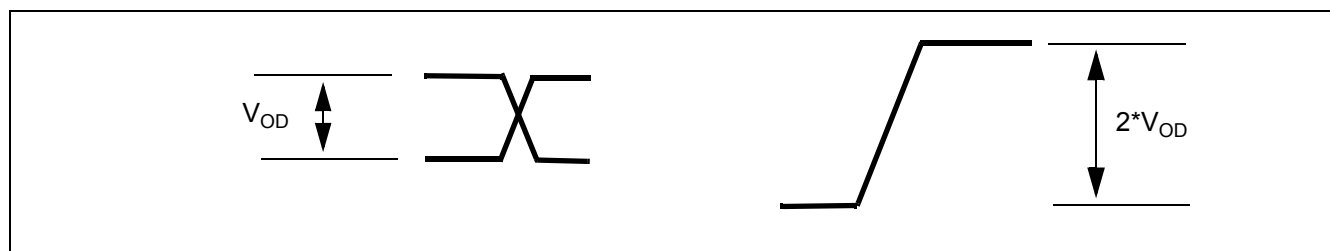


Figure 20 - Differential Output Voltages Parameter

AC Electrical Characteristics* - Inputs and Outputs (see Figure 21) - for 3.3 V supply.

| | Characteristics | Sym. | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units | Notes |
|---|---|--------------------|------|------|------|---------|-------|
| 1 | Maximum Operating Frequency | $1/t_p$ | | | 750 | MHz | |
| 2 | Input to output clock propagation delay | t_{pd} | 0 | 1 | 2 | ns | |
| 3 | Output to output skew | $t_{out2out}$ | | 50 | 100 | ps | |
| 4 | Part to part output skew | $t_{part2part}$ | | 80 | 300 | ps | |
| 5 | Output clock Duty Cycle degradation | t_{PWH}/ t_{PWL} | -2 | 0 | 2 | Percent | |
| 6 | LVPECL Output Slew Rate | r_{sl} | 0.75 | 1.2 | | V/ns | |

* Supply voltage and operating temperature are as per Recommended Operating Conditions

AC Electrical Characteristics* - Inputs and Outputs (see Figure 21) - for 2.5 V supply.

| | Characteristics | Sym. | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units | Notes |
|---|---|--------------------|------|------|------|---------|-------|
| 1 | Maximum Operating Frequency | $1/t_p$ | | | 750 | MHz | |
| 2 | input to output clock propagation delay | t_{pd} | 0 | 1 | 2 | ns | |
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| 6 | LVPECL Output Slew Rate | r_{sl} | 0.75 | 1.2 | | V/ns | |

* Supply voltage and operating temperature are as per Recommended Operating Conditions

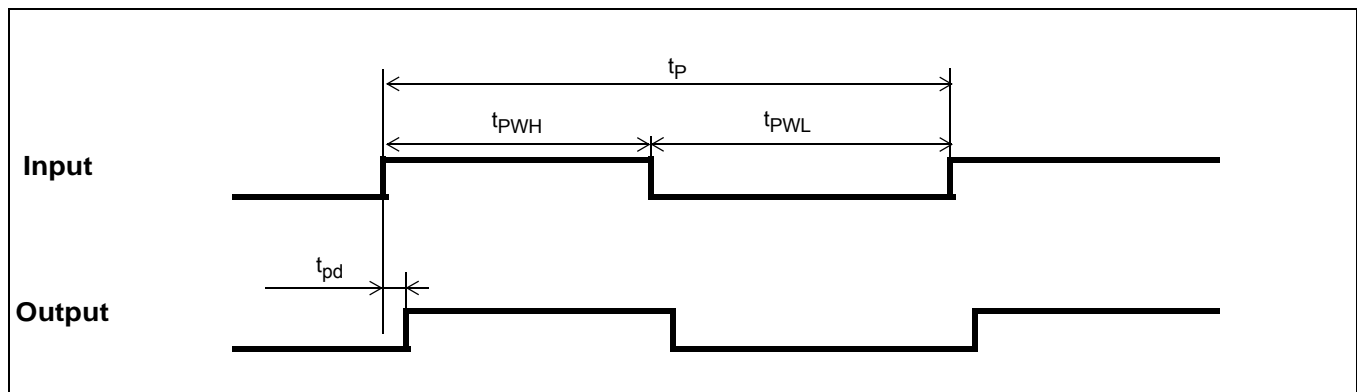


Figure 21 - Input To Output Timing

5.0 Performance Characterization

Additive Jitter at 2.5 V*

| | Output Frequency (MHz) | Jitter Measurement Filter | Typical (fs) | Notes |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------|
| 1 | 125 | 12 kHz - 20 MHz | 105 | |
| 2 | 212.5 | 12 kHz - 20 MHz | 108 | |
| 3 | 311.04 | 12 kHz - 20 MHz | 96 | |
| 4 | 425 | 12 kHz - 20 MHz | 79 | |
| 5 | 500 | 12 kHz - 20 MHz | 69 | |
| 6 | 622.08 | 12 kHz - 20 MHz | 56 | |
| 7 | 750 | 12 kHz - 20 MHz | 41 | |

*The values in this table were taken with an approximate slew rate of 0.8 V/ns.

Additive Jitter at 3.3*V

| | Output Frequency (MHz) | Jitter Measurement Filter | Typical (fs) | Notes |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------|
| 1 | 125 | 12 kHz - 20 MHz | 108 | |
| 2 | 212.5 | 12 kHz - 20 MHz | 108 | |
| 3 | 311.04 | 12 kHz - 20 MHz | 97 | |
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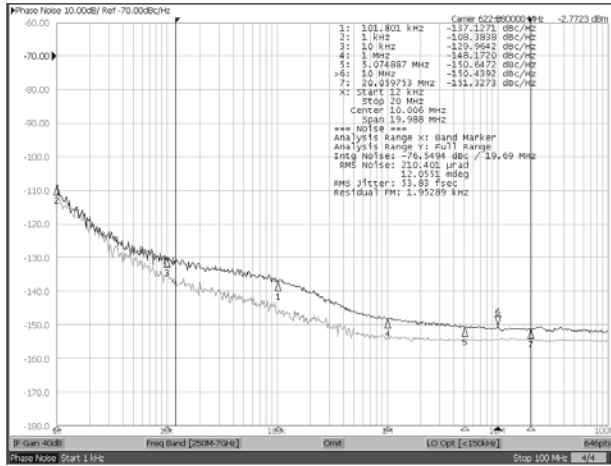
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Additive Jitter from a Power Supply Tone*

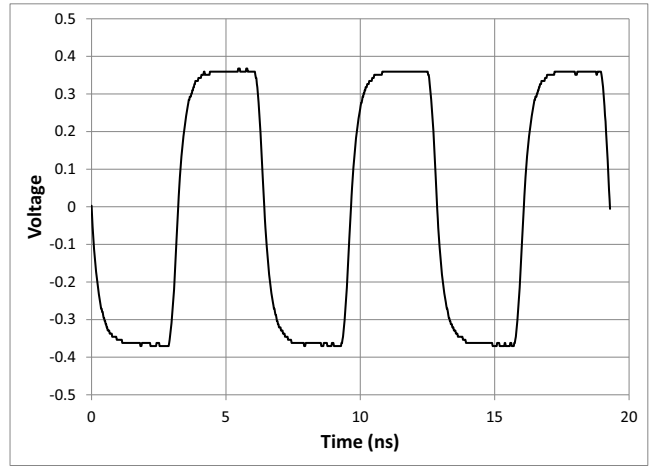
| Carrier frequency | Parameter | Typical | Units | Notes |
|-------------------|------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| 125MHz | 25 mV at 100 kHz | 141 | fs RMS | |
| 750MHz | 25 mV at 100 kHz | 82 | fs RMS | |

* The values in this table are the additive periodic jitter caused by an interfering tone typically caused by a switching power supply. For this test, measurements were taken over the full temperature and voltage range for $V_{DD} = 3.3$ V. The magnitude of the interfering tone is measured at the DUT.

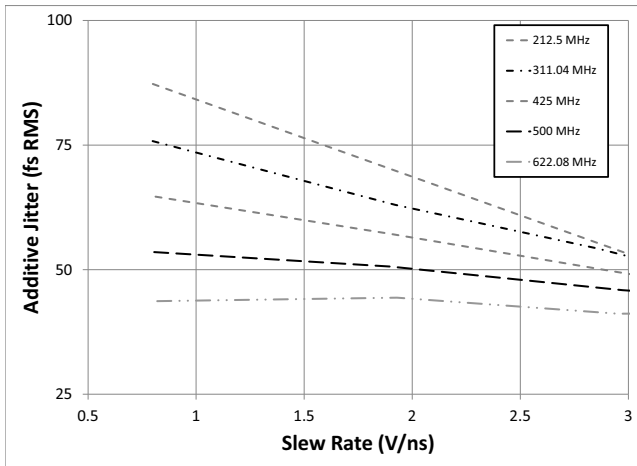
6.0 Typical Behavior



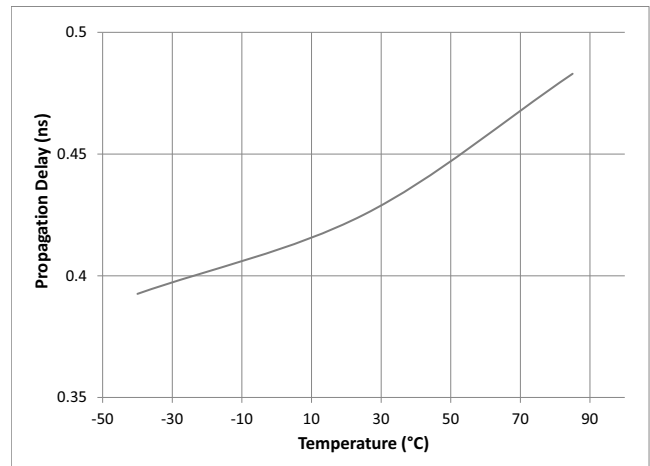
Typical Phase Noise at 622.08 MHz



Typical Waveform at 155.52 MHz

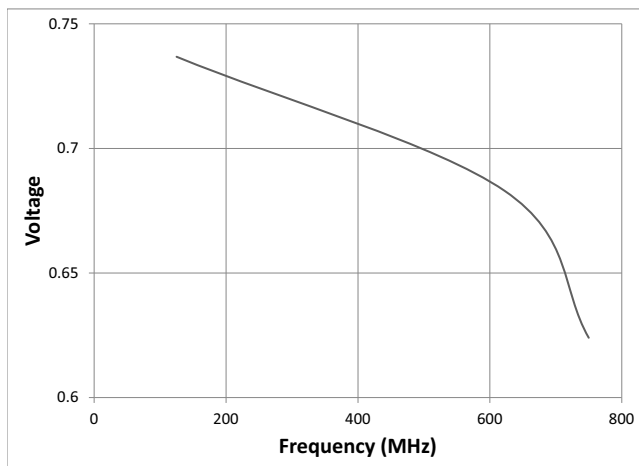


Input Slew Rate versus Additive Jitter

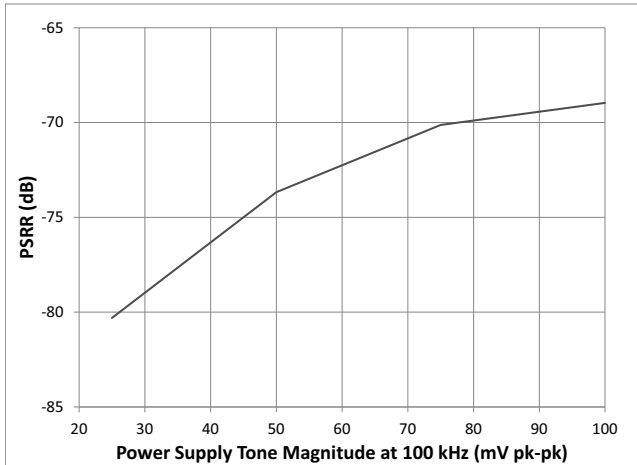


Propagation Delay versus Temperature

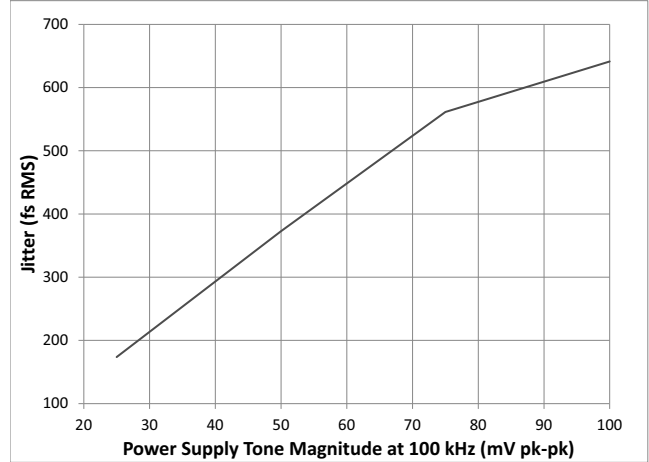
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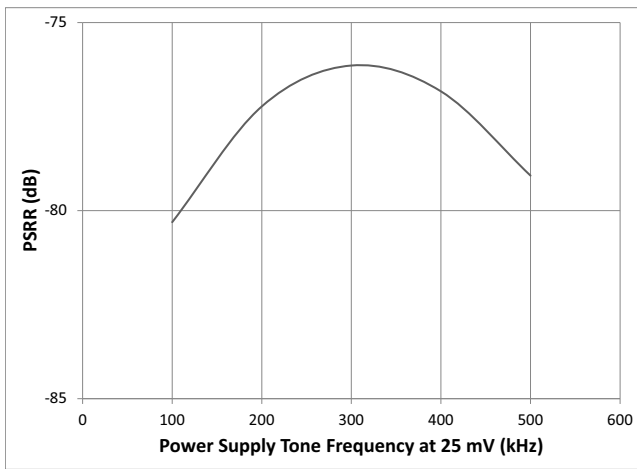
V_{OD} versus Frequency



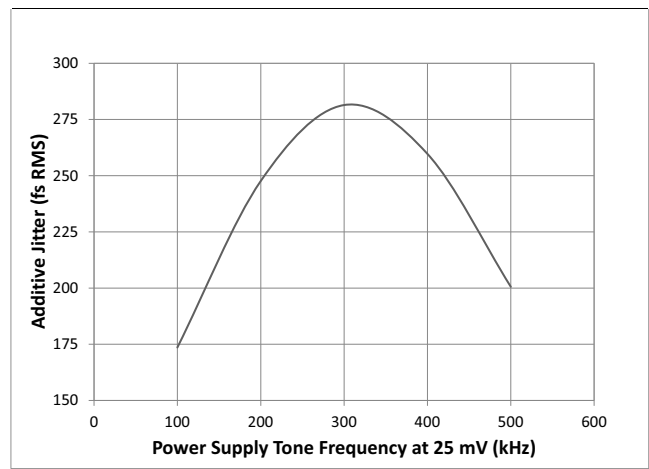
Power Supply Tone Magnitude versus PSRR (at 100 kHz) at 125 MHz



Power Supply Tone Magnitude versus Additive Jitter (at 100 kHz) at 125 MHz



Power Supply Tone Frequency (at 25 mV) versus PSRR at 125 MHz



Power Supply Tone Frequency (at 25 mV) versus Additive Jitter at 125 MHz

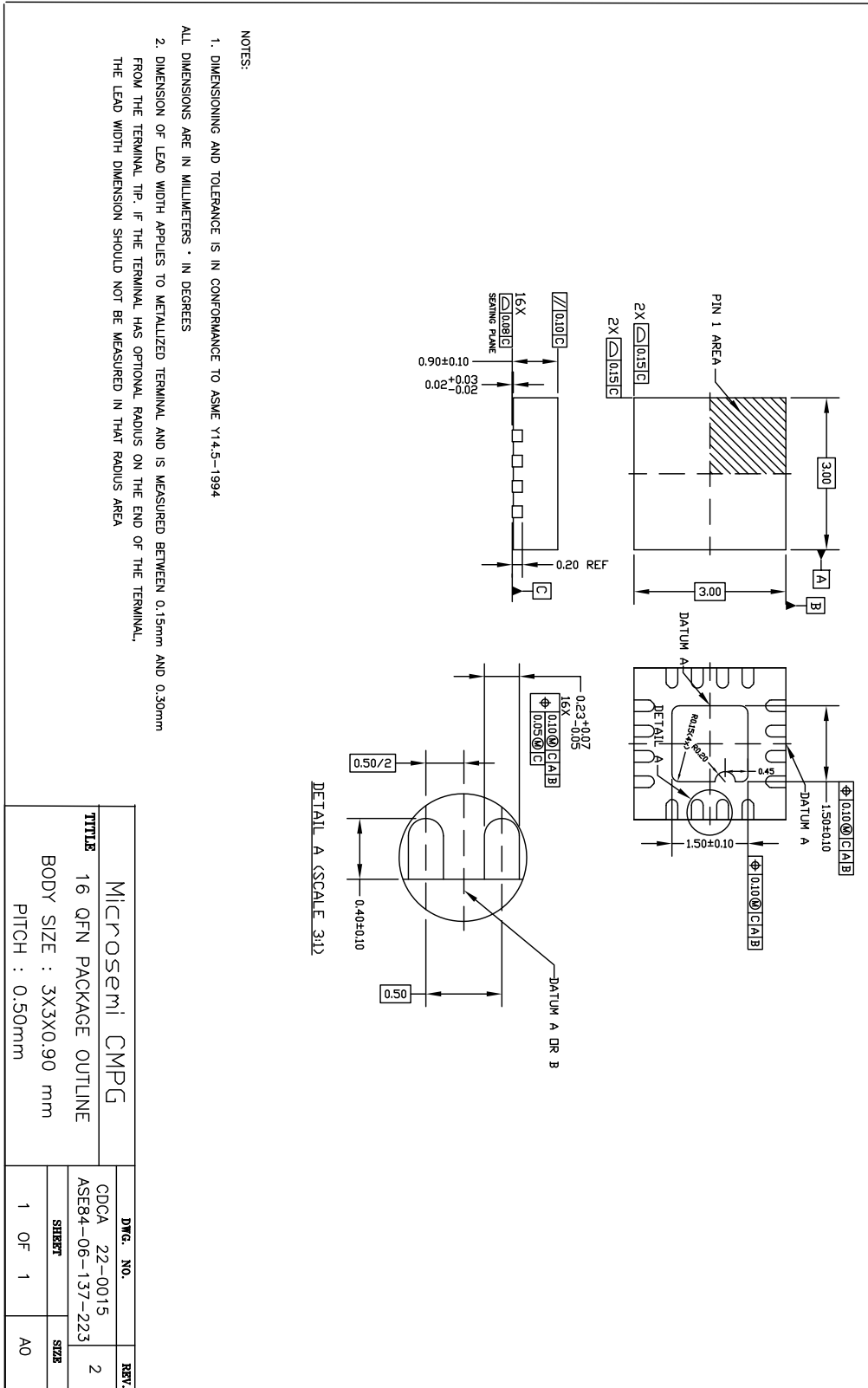
7.0 Package Thermal Characteristics

Thermal Data

| Parameter | Symbol | Test Condition | Value | Unit |
|--|---------------|----------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Junction to Ambient Thermal Resistance | Θ_{JA} | Still Air | 67.9 | $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$ |
| | | 1 m/s | 61.6 | |
| | | 2 m/s | 58.1 | |
| Junction to Case Thermal Resistance | Θ_{JC} | Still Air | 44.1 | $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$ |
| Junction to Board Thermal Resistance | Θ_{JB} | Still Air | 23.2 | $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$ |
| Maximum Junction Temperature* | T_{jmax} | | 125 | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| Maximum Ambient Temperature | T_A | | 85 | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |

* Proper thermal management must be practiced to ensure that T_{jmax} is not exceeded.

8.0 Mechanical Drawing





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