1 Features

- Operating Power-Supply Voltage Range of 2.7 V to 5.5 V
- Supports Bidirectional Data Transfer of I²C Bus Signals
- SDA and SCL Lines are Buffered Which Increases Fanout
- 1-V Precharge on all SDA and SCL Lines Prevents Corruption During Live Board Insertion and Removal From Backplane
- SDA and SCL Input Lines are Isolated From Outputs
- Accommodates Standard Mode and Fast Mode I²C Devices
- Improved Noise Immunity
- Applications Include Hot Board Insertion and Bus Extension
- Low I\textsubscript{CC} Chip Disable of < 1 μA
- READY Open-Drain Output
- Supports Clock Stretching, Arbitration, and Synchronization
- Powered-Off High-Impedance I²C Pins
- Open-Drain I²C Pins
- Latch-Up Performance Exceeds 100 mA Per JESD 78, Class II
- ESD Protection Exceeds JESD 22
  - 8000-V Human-Body Model (A114-A)
  - 200-V Machine Model (A115-A)
  - 1000-V Charged-Device Model (C101)

2 Applications

- Servers
- Routers (Telecom Switching Equipment)
- Base Stations
- Industrial Automation

3 Description

The TCA4311A is a hot-swappable I²C bus buffer that supports I/O card insertion into a live backplane without corruption of the data and clock busses. 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, this device provides bidirectional buffering, keeping the backplane and card capacitances isolated. During insertion, the SDA and SCL lines are pre-charged to 1 V to minimize the current required to charge the parasitic capacitance of the chip.

When the I²C bus is idle, the TCA4311A can be put into shutdown mode by setting the EN pin low. When EN is high, the TCA4311A resumes normal operation. It also includes an open drain READY output pin, which indicates that the backplane and card sides are connected together. When READY is high, the SDAIN and SCLIN are connected to SDAOUT and SCLOUT. When the two sides are disconnected, READY is low.

Both the backplane and card may be powered with supply voltages ranging from 2.7 V to 5.5 V, with no restrictions on which supply voltage is higher.

The TCA4311A has standard open-drain I/Os. The size of the pull-up resistors to the I/Os depends on the system, but each side of this buffer must have a pull-up resistor. The device is designed to work with Standard Mode and Fast Mode I²C devices in addition to SMBus devices. Standard Mode I²C devices only specify 3 mA in a generic I²C system where Standard Mode devices and multiple masters are possible. Under certain conditions, high termination currents can be used.

Device Information\(^{(1)}\)

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<td>SOIC (8)</td>
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<td>VSSOP (8)</td>
<td>3.00 mm × 3.00 mm</td>
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\(^{(1)}\) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the datasheet.
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Pin Functions

<table>
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<tr>
<th>PIN</th>
<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
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<tr>
<td>EN</td>
<td>Active-high chip enable pin. If EN is low, the TCA4311A is in a low current (&lt;1 μA) mode. It also</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>disables the rise-time accelerators, disables the bus pre-charge circuitry, drives READY low,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>isolates SDAIN from SDAOUT and isolates SCLIN from SCLOUT. EN should be high (at VCC) for normal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>operation. Connect EN to VCC if this feature is not being used.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCLOUT</td>
<td>Serial clock output. Connect this pin to the SCL bus on the card.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCLIN</td>
<td>Serial clock input. Connect this pin to the SCL bus on the backplane.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GND</td>
<td>Supply ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>READY</td>
<td>Connection flag/rise-time accelerator control. READY is low when either EN is low or the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>start-up sequence described in the operation section has not been completed. READY goes high</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>when EN is high and start-up is complete. Connect a 10-kΩ resistor from this pin to VCC to</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>provide the pull up.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SDAIN</td>
<td>Serial data input. Connect this pin to the SDA bus on the backplane.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SDAOUT</td>
<td>Serial data output. Connect this pin to the SDA bus on the card.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VCC</td>
<td>Supply power. Main input power supply from backplane. This is the supply voltage for the devices</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>on the backplane I²C busses. Connect pull-up resistors from SDAIN and SCLIN (and also from SDAOUT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>and SCLOUT) to this pin. Place a bypass capacitor of at least 0.01 μF close to this pin for best</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>results.</td>
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6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>MIN</th>
<th>MAX</th>
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<tr>
<td>( V_{CC} ) Supply voltage range</td>
<td>–0.5</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( V_{IO} ) I(^2)C bus voltage range</td>
<td>–0.5</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( V_I ) Input voltage range</td>
<td>–0.5</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( I_{IK} ) Input clamp current</td>
<td>–50 mA</td>
<td>–50 mA</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( I_{OK} ) Output clamp current</td>
<td>–50 mA</td>
<td>–50 mA</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( I_{OC} ) Continuous output current</td>
<td>±50 mA</td>
<td>±50 mA</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( I_{CC} ) Continuous current through ( V_{CC} ) or GND</td>
<td>±100 mA</td>
<td>±100 mA</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( T_{stg} ) Storage temperature range</td>
<td>–65°C</td>
<td>150°C</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under “absolute maximum ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under “recommended operating conditions” is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

(2) The input negative-voltage and output voltage ratings may be exceeded if the input and output current ratings are observed.

6.2 ESD Ratings

<table>
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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>VALUE</th>
<th>UNIT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>( V_{(ESD)} ) Electrostatic discharge</td>
<td>±8000</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001, all pins</td>
<td>±1000</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Charged device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101, all pins</td>
<td>±1000</td>
<td>V</td>
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(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

(2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

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<th>Parameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>( V_{CC} ) Supply voltage</td>
<td>2.7</td>
<td>5.5</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( V_{IH} ) High-level input voltage</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>5.5</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( V_{IL} ) Low-level input voltage</td>
<td>–0.5</td>
<td>0.4</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( I_{OL} ) Low-level output current</td>
<td>–0.5</td>
<td>0.8</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( V_{CC} = 3 ) V</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>mA</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( V_{CC} = 4.5 ) V</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>mA</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( T_A ) Operating free-air temperature</td>
<td>–40°C</td>
<td>85°C</td>
<td></td>
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(1) In certain circumstances, devices must be able to drive the input voltage low while sinking current from the rise time accelerators of the TCA4311A (see \( I_{PULLUPAC} \) in Electrical Characteristics).

6.4 Thermal Information

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<th>TCA4311A</th>
<th>UNIT</th>
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<tr>
<td>( R_{UA} ) Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance</td>
<td>109.2</td>
<td>°C/W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( R_{UJ} ) Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance</td>
<td>53.5</td>
<td>°C/W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( R_{UB} ) Junction-to-board thermal resistance</td>
<td>49.7</td>
<td>°C/W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( \psi_J ) Junction-to-top characterization parameter</td>
<td>8.8</td>
<td>°C/W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( \psi_B ) Junction-to-board characterization parameter</td>
<td>49.2</td>
<td>°C/W</td>
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(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics application report.

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### 6.5 Electrical Characteristics

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

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<th>MIN</th>
<th>TYP</th>
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<td><strong>Power Supply</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$V_{CC}$ positive supply voltage</td>
<td></td>
<td>2.7</td>
<td>5.5</td>
<td></td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$I_{CC}$ supply current</td>
<td>$V_{CC} = 5.5 , \text{V}, , V_{\text{SDAIN}} = V_{\text{SCLIN}} = 0 , \text{V}$</td>
<td>5.1</td>
<td>7</td>
<td></td>
<td>mA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$I_{SD}$ supply current in shutdown mode</td>
<td>$V_{EN} = 0 , \text{V}$</td>
<td>0.1</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>μA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Start-Up Circuitry</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$V_{\text{PRE}}$ pre-charge voltage</td>
<td>SDA, SCL floating</td>
<td>0.8</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$I_{\text{IDLE}}$ bus idle time</td>
<td></td>
<td>50</td>
<td>95</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>μs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$V_{\text{EN}}$ EN threshold voltage</td>
<td></td>
<td>$0.5 \times V_{CC}$</td>
<td>$0.9 \times V_{CC}$</td>
<td>V</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$V_{\text{DIS}}$ disable threshold voltage</td>
<td>EN Pin</td>
<td>$0.1 \times V_{CC}$</td>
<td>$0.5 \times V_{CC}$</td>
<td>V</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$I_{\text{EN}}$ EN input current</td>
<td>EN from 0 V to $V_{CC}$</td>
<td>±0.1</td>
<td>±1</td>
<td></td>
<td>μA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$I_{\text{EN}}$ enable time</td>
<td></td>
<td>95</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>μs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$I_{\text{DIS}}$ disable time (EN to READY)</td>
<td></td>
<td>30</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ns</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$I_{\text{STOP}}$ SDAIN to READY delay after STOP</td>
<td></td>
<td>1.2</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>μs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$I_{\text{READY}}$ SClOUT/SDAOUT to READY</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.8</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>μs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$I_{\text{OFF}}$ READY OFF state leakage current</td>
<td></td>
<td>±0.1</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>μA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$V_{\text{OL}}$ READY output low voltage</td>
<td>$I_{\text{PULLUP}} = 3 , \text{mA}$</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0.4</td>
<td>V</td>
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<td><strong>Rise-Time Accelerators</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>$I_{\text{PULLUPAC}}$ transient boosted pull-up current</td>
<td>Positive transition on SDA, SCL, $V_{CC} = 2.7 , \text{V}$,</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>8</td>
<td></td>
<td>mA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Input-Output Connection</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$V_{\text{OS}}$ input-output offset voltage</td>
<td>$10 , \text{kΩ to} , V_{CC}$ on SDA, SCL, $V_{CC} = 3.3 , \text{V}$,</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>175</td>
<td>mV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$C_{\text{IN}}$ digital input capacitance</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>10</td>
<td>pF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$V_{\text{OL}}$ output low voltage, input = 0 V</td>
<td>SDA, SCL pins, $I_{\text{SINK}} = 3 , \text{mA}$,</td>
<td>0</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.4</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$I_{i}$ input leakage current</td>
<td>SDA, SCL pins, $V_{CC} = 5.5 , \text{V}$</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>±5</td>
<td>μA</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(1) 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 the *Typical Characteristics* section.
6.6 Typical Characteristics

Figure 1. Input-Output t_{PLH} vs Temperature

Figure 2. I_{PULLUPAC} vs Temperature

Figure 3. Input-output Offset Voltage vs Pull-Up Resistor

7 Parameter Measurement Information

Figure 4. Test Circuitry for Switching Times

R_L = Load resistor
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.
Parameter Measurement Information (continued)

SDAn/SCLn

ENABLE

READY

Figure 5. Timing for \( t_{\text{en}} \), \( t_{\text{idle(READY)}} \), and \( t_{\text{dis}} \)

SDAIN

SCLIN

SCLOUT

SDAOUT

ENABLE

READY

Figure 6. \( t_{\text{stp(READY)}} \) That Can Occur After \( t_{\text{en}} \)

SCLIN, SDAIN

SCLOUT, SDAOUT

ENABLE

READY

Figure 7. \( t_{\text{stp(READY)}} \) That Can Occur After \( t_{\text{en}} \) and \( t_{\text{idle(READY)}} \)
8 Detailed Description

8.1 Overview

The TCA4311A is a bidirectional I\(^2\)C buffer optimized for hot-swap applications. The device supports I/O card insertion into a live backplane operating in Standard-Mode (100 kHz) or Fast-Mode (400 kHz). Initially, there is no connection between SCLIN and SCLOUT or between SDAIN and SDAOUT. Upon connection, the TCA4311A provides bidirectional buffering, keeping the card and backplane capacitances isolated from each other.

A pre-charge voltage on all SCL and SDA pins prevents the TCA4311A from disrupting I\(^2\)C bus communication during insertion. Bus idle detection determines that there is no communication on the I\(^2\)C line when the connection from –IN to –OUT is made. Once the connection is made, the READY pin will output a logic high signal. If the I\(^2\)C bus will be inactive for extended periods of time, the TCA4311A can be put in shutdown mode by setting the EN pin to a logic low state. The TCA4311A resumes normal operation when EN is in a logic high state.

As with all I\(^2\)C buffers, the TCA4311A requires pull-up resistors on all SCL and SDA pins due to the open-drain output circuitry. However, the integration of rise time accelerators allowed the use of weaker pull-up resistors than would normally be required.

8.2 Functional Block Diagram
8.3 Feature Description

8.3.1 Rise-Time Accelerators

Once connection has been established, rise-time accelerator circuits on all four SDA and SCL pins are activated. These allow the user to choose weaker DC pull-up currents on the bus, reducing power consumption while still meeting system rise-time requirements. During positive bus transitions, the TCA4311A switches in 2 mA (typical) of current to quickly slew the SDA and SCL lines once their DC voltages exceed 0.6 V. Using a general rule of 20 pF of capacitance for every device on the bus (10 pF for the device and 10 pF for interconnect), choose a pull-up current so that the bus will rise on its own at a rate of at least 1.25 V/μs to specify activation of the accelerators.

For example, assume an SMBus system with \( V_{CC} = 3 \) V, a 10-kΩ pull-up resistor and equivalent bus capacitance of 200 pF. The rise-time of an SMBus system is calculated from \((V_{IL(MAX)} - 0.15\text{ V})\) to \((V_{IH(MIN)} + 0.15\text{ V})\), or 0.65 V to 2.25 V. It takes an RC circuit 0.92 time constants to traverse this voltage for a 3 V supply; in this case, \(0.92 \times (10 \text{ kΩ} \times 200 \text{ pF}) = 1.84 \mu\text{s}\). Thus, the system exceeds the maximum allowed rise-time of 1 μs by 84%. However, using the rise-time accelerators, which are activated at a DC threshold of below 0.65 V, the worst-case rise-time is: \((2.25 \text{ V} - 0.65 \text{ V}) \times 200 \text{ pF}/1 \text{ mA} = 320 \text{ ns}\), which meets the 1 μs rise-time requirement.

8.3.2 READY Digital Output

This pin provides a digital flag which is low when either EN is low or the start-up sequence described earlier in this section has not been completed. READY goes high when EN 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 kΩ to \( V_{CC} \) to provide the pull-up.

8.3.3 EN Low Current Disable

Grounding the EN pin disconnects the backplane side from the card side, disables the rise-time accelerators, drives READY low, disables the bus pre-charge circuitry and puts the part in a near-zero 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 (as described in the Start-Up section) before reconnecting the two sides.

8.4 Device Functional Modes

8.4.1 Start-Up

When the TCA4311A first receives power on its \( V_{CC} \) pin, either during power-up or during live insertion, it starts in an undervoltage lockout (UVLO) state, ignoring any activity on the SDA and SCL pins until \( V_{CC} \) rises above 2.5 V.

During this time, the 1 V pre-charge circuitry is also active and forces 1 V through 100-kΩ nominal resistors to the SDA and SCL pins. Because the I/O card is being plugged into a live backplane, the voltage on the backplane SDA and SCL busses may be anywhere between 0 V and \( V_{CC} \). Pre-charging the SCL and SDA pins to 1 V minimizes the worst-case voltage differential these pins will see at the moment of connection, therefore minimizing the amount of disturbance caused by the I/O card.

Once the TCA4311A comes out of UVLO, it assumes that SDAIN and SCLIN have been inserted into a live system and that SDAOUT and SCLOUT are being powered up at the same time as itself. Therefore, it looks for either a stop bit or bus idle condition on the backplane side to indicate the completion of a data transaction. When either one occurs, the part also verifies that both the SDAOUT and SCLOUT voltages are high. When all of these conditions are met, the input-to-output connection circuitry is activated, joining the SDA and SCL busses on the I/O card with those on the backplane, and the rise time accelerators are enabled.
Device Functional Modes (continued)

8.4.2 Connection Circuitry

Once the connection circuitry is activated, the functionality of the SDAIN and SDAOUT pins is identical. A low forced on either pin at any time results in both pin voltages being low. For proper operation, logic low input voltages should be no higher than 0.4 V with respect to the ground pin voltage of the TCA4311A. SDAIN and SDAOUT enter a logic high state only when all devices on both SDAIN and SDAOUT release high. The same is true for SCLIN and SCLOUT. This important feature ensures that clock stretching, clock synchronization, arbitration and the acknowledge protocol always work, regardless of how the devices in the system are tied to the TCA4311A.

Another key feature of the connection circuitry is that it provides bidirectional buffering, keeping the backplane and card capacitances isolated. Because of this isolation, the waveforms on the backplane busses look slightly different than the corresponding card bus waveforms, as described here.

8.4.3 Missing ACK Event

Description

When the slave (or master) device sends an ACK bit, a logic low on SDA during the 9th clock cycle, the slave (or master) may pull the SDA line low while the rise time accelerators are engaged and the master (or slave) side stays high. The rise time accelerators are engaged when the voltage is above 0.6 V (typical) and the slew rate is above 1.25 V/us. In Figure 8, SDAOUT is a slave attempting to send an ACK bit. SDAOUT pulls to a logic low, but the ACK is not transferred to the other side and SDAIN remains high unexpectedly. The timing window in which this occurs has been approximated to 1 nanosecond and can vary with the loading on the bus.

8.4.3.1 System Impact

The ACK bit is not transferred through the TCA4311A, and the slave or master device interprets the result as a NACK.

8.4.3.2 System Workaround

Changing the bus load on the master or slave side to either a larger value pull up resistor or adding bus capacitance can help to slow down the rise time accelerators from engaging. If adding capacitance, care should be taken to not overload the capacitance above the allowed limit specified by I2C standard.

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![Figure 8. Missing ACK](image-url)

1. Master releases the bus
2. Slave sends ACK

Rise time accelerators are triggered

SDAIN

SDAOUT

0.6 V

0.7*V_{CC}

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9 Application and Implementation

NOTE

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI’s customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes. Customers should validate and test their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

9.1 Application Information

The TCA4311A was designed for applications in which a portion of a communication bus contained on an I/O card or add-on card, is inserted into a live backplane where the main communication bus is already active, which is known as hot-swapping. The two types of communication buses supported by the TCA4311A are \(\text{I}^{2}\text{C}\) and SMBus. System management for PCI cards is an application of the SMBus protocol, which adds on to the electrical specifications and hardware addressing protocol of \(\text{I}^{2}\text{C}\) with second-level software for building special systems that may include dynamic addressing. The following application schematics and descriptions give examples of a typical application of the TCA4311A (Figure 9), a CompactPCI™ system configuration (Figure 12), a PCI system configuration (Figure 13), repeater or bus-extender application (Figure 14), and a system with disparate voltage supplies (Figure 15).

9.2 Typical Application

![Application Schematic](image)

**Figure 9. Application Schematic**

9.2.1 Design Requirements

9.2.1.1 Input to Output Offset Voltage

When a logic low voltage, \(V_{\text{LOW1}}\), is driven on any of the TCA4311A’s data or clock pins, the TCA4311A regulates the voltage on the other side of the chip (call it \(V_{\text{LOW2}}\)) to a slightly higher voltage, as directed by the following equation:

\[ V_{\text{LOW2}} = V_{\text{LOW1}} + 75 \text{ mV} + \left(\frac{V_{\text{CC}}}{R}\right) \times 100 \]  

(1)

where \(R\) is the bus pull-up resistance in ohms (Ω). For example, if a device is forcing SDAOUT to 10 mV where \(V_{\text{CC}} = 3.3 \text{ V}\) and the pull-up resistor \(R\) on SDAIN is 10 kΩ, then the voltage on SDAIN = \(10 + 75 + (3.3/10000) \times 100 = 118 \text{ mV}\). See the *Typical Characteristics* section for curves showing the offset voltage as a function of \(V_{\text{CC}}\) and \(R\).
Typical Application (continued)

9.2.1.2 Propagation Delays

During a rising edge, the rise-time on each side is determined by the combined pull-up current of the TCA4311A boost current and the bus resistor and the equivalent capacitance on the line. If the pull-up currents are the same, a difference in rise-time occurs which is directly proportional to the difference in capacitance between the two sides. This effect is displayed in Figure 10 for V\textsubscript{CC} = 3.3 V and a 10-k\Omega pull-up resistor on each side (50 pF on one side and 150 pF on the other). Since the output side has less capacitance than the input, it rises faster and the effective t\textsubscript{PLH} is negative.

There is a finite propagation delay, t\textsubscript{PHL}, through the connection circuitry for falling waveforms. Figure 11 shows the falling edge waveforms for the same V\textsubscript{CC}, pull-up resistors and equivalent capacitance conditions as used in Figure 10. An external NMOS device pulls down the voltage on the side with 150 pF capacitance; the TCA4311A pulls down the voltage on the opposite side, with a delay of 55 ns. This delay is always positive and is a function of supply voltage, temperature and the pull-up resistors and equivalent bus capacitances on both sides of the bus. The Typical Characteristics section shows t\textsubscript{PHL} as a function of temperature and voltage for 10-k\Omega pull-up resistors and 100 pF equivalent capacitance on both sides of the part. By comparison with Figure 11, the V\textsubscript{CC} = 3.3 V curve shows that increasing the capacitance from 50 pF to 100 pF results in a t\textsubscript{PHL} increase from 55 ns to 75 ns. Larger output capacitances translate to longer delays (up to 150 ns). Users must quantify the difference in propagation times for a rising edge versus a falling edge in their systems and adjust setup and hold times accordingly.

9.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

9.2.2.1 Resistor Pull-Up Value Selection

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

$$R \leq \frac{(V_{CC(MIN)} - 0.6) (800,000)}{C}$$

(2)

where R is the pull-up resistor value in ohms, V\textsubscript{CC(MIN)} is the minimum V\textsubscript{CC} voltage and C is the equivalent bus capacitance in picofarads (pF).

In addition, regardless of the bus capacitance, always choose $R \leq 16 \text{ k}\Omega$ for $V_{CC} = 5.5 \text{ V}$ maximum, $R \leq 24 \text{ k}\Omega$ for $V_{CC} = 3.6 \text{ V}$ maximum. The start-up circuitry requires logic high voltages on SDA\textsubscript{OUT} and SCL\textsubscript{OUT} to connect the backplane to the card, and these pull-up values are needed to overcome the pre-charge voltage.

9.2.3 Application Curves
Typical Application (continued)

9.2.4 Live Insertion and Capacitance Buffering CompactPCI™ Application

Figure 12 through Figure 13 illustrate the usage of the TCA4311A in applications that take advantage of both its hot swap controlling and capacitance buffering features. In all of these applications, note that if the I/O cards were plugged directly into the backplane, all of the backplane and card capacitances would add directly together, making rise- and fall-time requirements difficult to meet. Placing a TCA4311A on the edge of each card, however, isolates the card capacitance from the backplane. For a given I/O card, the TCA4311A drives the capacitance of everything on the card and the backplane must drive only the capacitance of the TCA4311A, which is less than 10 pF.

Figure 12 shows the TCA4311A in a CompactPCI™ configuration. Connect \( V_{CC} \) and EN to the output of one of the CompactPCI™ power supply Hot Swap circuits. Use a pull-up resistor to EN for a card side enable/disable.

\( V_{CC} \) is monitored by a filtered UVLO circuit. With the \( V_{CC} \) voltage powering up after all other pins have established connection, the UVLO circuit ensures that the backplane and card data and clock busses are not connected until the transients associated with live insertion have settled. Owing to their small capacitance, the SDAIN and SCLIN pins cause minimal disturbance on the backplane busses when they make contact with the connector.

Figure 12. Inserting Multiple I/O Cards into a Live Backplane Using the TCA4311A in a CompactPCI System

9.2.4.1 Design Requirements
Refer to Design Requirements.

9.2.4.2 Detailed Design Procedure
Refer to Detailed Design Procedure.

9.2.4.3 Application Curves
Refer to Application Curves.
Typical Application (continued)

9.2.5 Live Insertion and Capacitance Buffering PCI Application

Figure 13 shows the TCA4311A in a PCI application, where all of the pins have the same length. In this case, connect an RC series circuit on the I/O card between VCC and EN. An RC product of 10 ms provides a filter to prevent the TCA4311A from becoming activated until the transients associated with live insertion have settled.

![Schematic](diagram.png)

**Figure 13.** Inserting Multiple I/O Cards into a Live Backplane Using the TCA4311A in a PCI System Schematic

9.2.5.1 Design Requirements

Refer to Design Requirements.

9.2.5.2 Detailed Design Procedure

Refer to Detailed Design Procedure.

9.2.5.3 Application Curves

Refer to Application Curves.
Typical Application (continued)

9.2.6 Repeater/Bus Extender Application

Users who wish to connect two 2-wire systems separated by a distance can do so by connecting two TCA4311A back-to-back, as shown in Figure 14. The I²C specification allows for 400 pF maximum bus capacitance, severely limiting the length of the bus. The SMBus specification places no restriction on bus capacitance, but the limited impedances of devices connected to the bus require systems to remain small if rise- and fall-time specifications are to be met. The strong pull-up and pull-down impedances of the TCA4311A are capable of meeting rise- and fall-time specifications for one nano-Farad of capacitance, thus allowing much more interconnect distance. In this situation, the differential ground voltage between the two systems may limit the allowed distance, because a valid logic low voltage with respect to the ground at one end of the system may violate the allowed $V_{OL}$ specification with respect to the ground at the other end. In addition, the connection circuitry offset voltages of the back-to-back TCA4311A add together, directly contributing to the same problem.

9.2.6.1 Design Requirements
Refer to Design Requirements.

9.2.6.2 Detailed Design Procedure
Refer to Detailed Design Procedure.

9.2.6.3 Application Curves
Refer to Application Curves.
Typical Application (continued)

9.2.7 Systems With Disparate Supply Voltages

In large 2-wire systems, the $V_{CC}$ voltages seen by devices at various points in the system can differ by a few hundred millivolts or more. This situation is well modeled by a series resistor in the $V_{CC}$ line, as shown in Figure 15. For proper operation of the TCA4311A, make sure that $V_{CC(BUS)} \geq V_{CC(TCA4311A)} - 0.5 \text{ V}$.

![Diagram of system with disparate $V_{CC}$ voltages](image)

Figure 15. System With Disparate $V_{CC}$ Voltages Schematic

9.2.7.1 Design Requirements

Refer to Design Requirements.

9.2.7.2 Detailed Design Procedure

Refer to Detailed Design Procedure.

9.2.7.3 Application Curves

Refer to Application Curves.
10 Power Supply Recommendations

In order for the pre-charge circuitry to dampen the effect of hot-swap insertion of the TCA4311A into an active I²C bus, $V_{CC}$ must be applied before the SCL and SDA pins make contact to the main I²C bus. This is essential when the TCA4311A is placed on the add-on card circuit board, as in Figure 12. Although the pre-charge circuitry exists on both the -IN and -OUT side, the example in Figure 12 shows SCLIN and SDAIN connecting to the main bus. The supply voltage to $V_{CC}$ can be applied early by ensuring that the VCC and GND pin contacts are physically longer than the contacts for the SCLIN and SDAIN pins. If a voltage supervisor will also be used to control the voltage supply on the add-on card, additional delay will exist before the 1 V pre-charge voltage is present on the SCL and SDA pins.

11 Layout

11.1 Layout Guidelines

For printed circuit board (PCB) layout of the TCA4311A, common PCB layout practices should be followed but additional concerns related to high-speed data transfer such as matched impedances and differential pairs are not a concern for I²C signal speeds.

In all PCB layouts, it is a best practice to avoid right angles in signal traces, to fan out signal traces away from each other upon leaving the vicinity of an integrated circuit (IC), and to use thicker trace widths to carry higher amounts of current that commonly pass through power and ground traces. By-pass and de-coupling capacitors are commonly used to control the voltage on the VCC pin, using a larger capacitor to provide additional power in the event of a short power supply glitch and a smaller capacitor to filter out high-frequency ripple. These capacitors should be placed as close to the TCA4311A as possible. These best practices are shown in Figure 16.

The layout example provided in Figure 16 shows a 4 layer board, which is preferable for boards with higher density signal routing. On a 4 layer PCB, it is common to route signals on the top and bottom layer, dedicate one internal layer to a ground plane, and dedicate the other internal layer to a power plane. In a board layout using planes or split planes for power and ground, vias are placed directly next to the surface mount component pad which needs to attach to $V_{CC}$ or GND and the via is connected electrically to the internal layer or the other side of the board. Vias are also used when a signal trace needs to be routed to the opposite side of the board, shown in Figure 16 for the $V_{CC}$ side of the resistor connected to the EN pin; however, this routing and via is not necessary if $V_{CC}$ and GND are both full planes as opposed to the partial planes depicted.
11.2 Layout Example

![Diagram showing package layout with legend for power or GND plane, VIA to power plane, VIA to GND plane, and VIA to opposite layer.]
12 Device and Documentation Support

12.1 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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12.4 Electrostatic Discharge Caution

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12.5 Glossary

SLYZ022 — *TI Glossary.*
This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

13 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.
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- **B0**: Dimension designed to accommodate the component length
- **W**: Overall width of the carrier tape
- **P1**: Pitch between successive cavity centers

#### REEL DIMENSIONS

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- **Reel Width (W1)**: Width of the reel

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- **Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4**: Quadrants
- **Sprocket Holes**: Holes for feeding the tape
- **User Direction of Feed**: Direction in which the tape is fed

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- **Package Type**: VSSOP
- **Package**: DGK
- **Pins**: 8
- **SPQ**: 2500
- **Reel Diameter**: 330.0 mm
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- **B0**: 3.4 mm
- **K0**: 1.4 mm
- **P1**: 8.0 mm
- **W**: 12.0 mm
- **Pin1 Quadrant**: Q1

#### TCA4311ADR

- **Device**: TCA4311ADR
- **Package Type**: SOIC
- **Package**: D
- **Pins**: 8
- **SPQ**: 2500
- **Reel Diameter**: 330.0 mm
- **Reel Width W1**: 12.4 mm
- **A0**: 6.4 mm
- **B0**: 5.2 mm
- **K0**: 2.1 mm
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- **Pin1 Quadrant**: Q1

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