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## 155 Mbps to 4.25 Gbps Limiting Amplifier With LOS and RSSI

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### FEATURES

- Multi-Rate Operation from 155 Mbps up to 4.25 Gbps
- 89 mW Power Consumption
- Input Offset Cancellation
- High Input Dynamic Range
- Output Disable
- CML Data Outputs
- Receive Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI)
- Loss of Signal Detection
- Polarity Select
- Single 3.3-V Supply
- Surface Mount Small Footprint 3-mm × 3-mm 16-Pin QFN Package
- Pin-Compatible with the ONET2501PA and ONET3301PA

### APPLICATIONS

- Multi-Rate OC3 to OC-48 FEC SONET/SDH Transmission Systems
- 1.0625 Gbps, 2.125 Gbps, and 4.25 Gbps Fibre Channel Receivers
- Gigabit Ethernet Receivers

### DESCRIPTION

The ONET4201PA is a versatile high-speed, 3.3-V limiting amplifier for multiple fiber optic applications with data rates up to 4.25 Gbps.

This device provides a gain of about 50 dB, which ensures a fully differential output swing for input signals as low as 3 mV<sub>p-p</sub>.

The high input signal dynamic range ensures low jitter output signals even when overdriven with input signal swings as high as 1200 mV<sub>p-p</sub>.

The ONET4201PA provides a loss of signal detection as well as a received signal strength indicator.

The part is available in a small footprint 3-mm × 3-mm 16-pin QFN package and is pin-compatible with the ONET2501PA and ONET3301PA.

This power efficient limiting amplifier typically dissipates less than 89 mW and it is characterized for operation from –40°C to 85°C.



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## BLOCK DIAGRAM

A simplified block diagram of the ONET4201PA is shown in Figure 1.

This compact, low power 4.25 Gbps limiting amplifier consists of a high-speed data path with offset cancellation block, a loss of signal and RSSI detection block, and a bandgap voltage reference and bias current generation block.

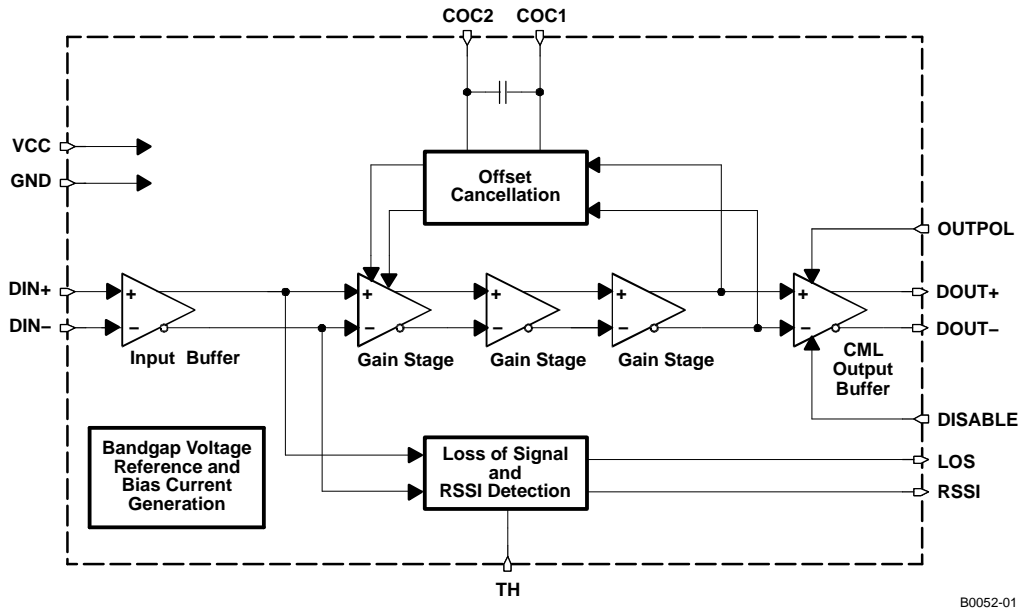


Figure 1. Simplified Block Diagram of the ONET4201PA

## HIGH SPEED DATA PATH

The high-speed data signal is applied to the data path by means of the input signal pins DIN+/DIN-. The data path consists of the input stage with  $2 \times 50\text{-}\Omega$  on-chip line termination to VCC, three gain stages, which provide the required typical gain of about 50 dB, and a CML output stage. The amplified data output signal is available at the output pins DOUT+/DOUT-, which provide  $2 \times 50\text{-}\Omega$  back-termination to VCC. The output stage also includes a data polarity switching function, which is controlled by the OUTPOL input, and a disable function, controlled by the signal applied to the DISABLE input pin.

Offset cancellation compensates for internal offset voltages and thus ensures proper operation even for very small input data signals.

The low frequency cutoff is typically as low as 25 kHz with the built-in filter capacitor.

For applications which require even lower cutoff frequencies, an additional external filter capacitor may be connected to the COC1/COC2 pins.

## LOSS OF SIGNAL AND RSSI DETECTION

The output signal of the input buffer is monitored by the loss of signal and RSSI detection circuitry. In this block a signal is generated that is linearly proportional to the input amplitude over a wide input voltage range. This signal is available at the RSSI output pin.

Furthermore, this circuit block compares the input signal to a threshold which can be programmed by means of an external resistor connected to the TH pin. If the input signal falls below the specified threshold, a loss of signal is indicated at the LOS pin.

The relation between the LOS assert voltage  $V_{AST}$  (in  $\text{mV}_{p-p}$ ) and the external resistor  $R_{TH}$  (in  $\text{k}\Omega$ ) connected to the TH pin can be approximated as given below:

$$R_{TH} \approx \frac{20.8 \text{ k}\Omega}{\left( V_{AST}/\text{mV}_{p-p} - 1 \right)} + 300 \text{ }\Omega \quad (1)$$

$$V_{AST} \approx \frac{20.8 \text{ mV}_{p-p}}{R_{TH}/\text{k}\Omega - 0.3} + 1 \text{ mV}_{p-p} \quad (2)$$

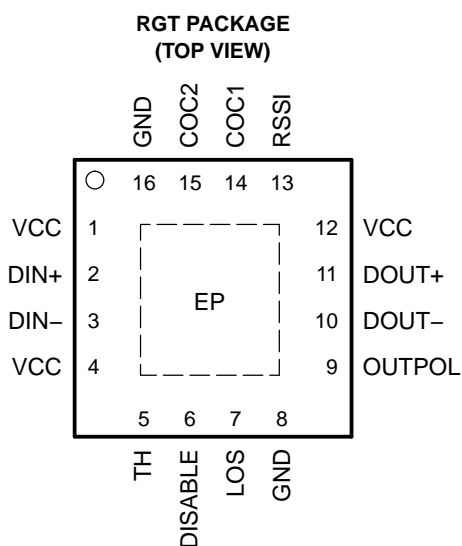
## BANDGAP VOLTAGE AND BIAS GENERATION

The ONET4201PA limiting amplifier is supplied by a single 3.3-V $\pm$ 10% supply voltage connected to the VCC pins. This voltage is referred to ground (GND).

An on-chip bandgap voltage circuit generates a supply voltage independent reference from which all other internally required voltages and bias currents are derived.

## PACKAGE

For the ONET4201PA a small footprint 3-mm  $\times$  3-mm 16-pin QFN package, with a lead pitch of 0,5 mm, is used. The pin out is shown in [Figure 2](#).



**Figure 2. Pinout of ONET4201PA in a 3mm x 3mm 16 Pin QFN Package (Top View)**

## TERMINAL FUNCTIONS

TERMINAL		TYPE	DESCRIPTION
NO.	NAME		
1, 4, 12	VCC	supply	3.3-V $\pm$ 10% supply voltage
2	DIN+	analog-in	Non-inverted data input. On-chip 50- $\Omega$ terminated to VCC.
3	DIN-	analog-in	Inverted data input. On-chip 50- $\Omega$ terminated to VCC.
5	TH	analog-in	LOS threshold adjustment with resistor to GND.
6	DISABLE	CMOS-in	Disables CML output stage when set to high level.
7	LOS	CMOS-out	High level indicates that the input signal amplitude is below the programmed threshold level.
8, 16, EP	GND	supply	Circuit ground. Exposed die pad (EP) must be grounded.
9	OUTPOL	CMOS-in	Output data signal polarity select (internally pulled high). Setting to a high level or leaving the pin open selects normal polarity. Low level selects inverted polarity.
10	DOUT-	CML-out	Inverted data output. On-chip 50- $\Omega$ back-terminated to VCC.
11	DOUT+	CML-out	Non-inverted data output. On-chip 50- $\Omega$ back-terminated to VCC.

**TERMINAL FUNCTIONS (continued)**

TERMINAL		TYPE	DESCRIPTION
NO.	NAME		
13	RSSI	analog-out	Analog output voltage proportional to the input data amplitude. Indicates the strength of the received signal (RSSI).
14	COC1	analog	Offset cancellation filter capacitor terminal 1. Connect an additional filter capacitor between this pin and COC2 (pin 15). To disable the offset cancellation loop connect COC1 and COC2 (pins 14 and 15).
15	COC2	analog	Offset cancellation filter capacitor terminal 2. Connect an additional filter capacitor between this pin and COC1 (pin 14). To disable the offset cancellation loop connect COC1 and COC2 (pins 14 and 15).

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)<sup>(1)</sup>

		VALUE/UNIT
$V_{CC}$	Supply voltage <sup>(2)</sup>	–0.3 V to 4.0 V
$V_{DIN+}$ , $V_{DIN-}$	Voltage at DIN+, DIN– <sup>(2)</sup>	0.5 V to 4.0 V
$V_{TH}$ , $V_{DISABLE}$ , $V_{LOS}$ , $V_{OUTPOL}$ , $V_{DOUT+}$ , $V_{DOUT-}$ , $V_{RSSI}$ , $V_{COC1}$ , $V_{COC2}$	Voltage at TH, DISABLE, LOS, OUTPOL, DOUT+, DOUT–, RSSI, COC1, COC2 <sup>(2)</sup>	–0.3 V to 4.0 V
$V_{COC,DIFF}$	Differential voltage between COC1 and COC2	±1 V
$V_{DIN,DIFF}$	Differential voltage between DIN+ and DIN–	±2.5 V
$I_{LOS}$	Current into LOS	–1 to 9 mA
$I_{DIN+}$ , $I_{DIN-}$ , $I_{DOUT+}$ , $I_{DOUT-}$	Continuous current at inputs and outputs	–25 mA to 25 mA
ESD	ESD rating at all pins	2 kV (HBM)
$T_{J(max)}$	Maximum junction temperature	125°C
$T_{STG}$	Storage temperature range	–65 to 85°C
$T_A$	Characterized free-air operating temperature range	–40 to 85°C
$T_{LEAD}$	Lead temperature 1,6 mm (1/16 inch) from case for 10 seconds	260°C

(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) All voltage values are with respect to network ground terminal.

**RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS**

		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
$V_{CC}$	Supply voltage	3	3.3	3.6	V
$T_A$	Operating free-air temperature	–40		85	°C
$V_{IH}$	CMOS input high voltage	2.1			V
$V_{IL}$	CMOS input low voltage			0.6	V

## DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

over recommended operating conditions (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V <sub>CC</sub> Supply voltage		3	3.3	3.6	V
I <sub>VCC</sub> Supply current	DISABLE = low (includes CML output current)		35	45	mA
	DISABLE = low (excludes CML output current)		27	35	
V <sub>OD</sub> Differential data output voltage swing	DISABLE = high		0.25	10	mV <sub>p-p</sub>
	DISABLE = low, 5 mV <sub>p-p</sub> ≤ V <sub>IN</sub> ≤ 1200 mV <sub>p-p</sub>	520	760	1200	
R <sub>IN</sub> , R <sub>OUT</sub> Data input/output resistance	Single-ended		50		Ω
RSSI output voltage	Input = 8 mV <sub>p-p</sub> , R <sub>RSSI</sub> ≥ 10 kΩ		200		mV
	Input = 80 mV <sub>p-p</sub> , R <sub>RSSI</sub> ≥ 10 kΩ		1900		
RSSI linearity	8 mV <sub>p-p</sub> ≤ V <sub>IN</sub> ≤ 80 mV <sub>p-p</sub>		±3%		
V <sub>IN(MIN)</sub> Data input sensitivity	BER < 10 <sup>-10</sup>		3	5	mV <sub>p-p</sub>
V <sub>IN(MAX)</sub> Data input overload		1200			mV <sub>p-p</sub>
LOS high voltage	I <sub>SOURCE</sub> = 30 μA	2.4			V
LOS low voltage	I <sub>SINK</sub> = 1 mA			0.4	V

## AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

over recommended operating conditions, typical operating condition is at V<sub>CC</sub> = 3.3 V and T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Low frequency –3 dB bandwidth	C <sub>OC</sub> = open		25		kHz
	C <sub>OC</sub> = 0.54 μF		0.8		
Data rate		4.25			Gb/s
V <sub>NI</sub> Input referred noise			230		μV <sub>RMS</sub>
DJ Deterministic jitter	K28.5 pattern at 4.25 Gbps		3	19	ps <sub>p-p</sub>
	K28.5 pattern at 2.125 Gbps		4	35	
	K28.5 pattern at 1.0625 Gbps		4	72	
RJ Random jitter	Input = 5 mVpp		9		ps <sub>RMS</sub>
	Input = 10 mVpp		4		
t <sub>R</sub> Output rise time	20% to 80%		45	85	ps
t <sub>F</sub> Output fall time	20% to 80%		45	85	ps
LOS hysteresis	K28.5 pattern at 4.25 Gbps, 20log (V <sub>DEA</sub> /V <sub>AST</sub> )	2.5	4.5		dB
R <sub>TH</sub> LOS threshold adjustment resistor range	See <sup>(1)</sup>	1.2		6.8	kΩ
V <sub>AST</sub> LOS assert voltage	R <sub>TH</sub> = 2.5 kΩ, K28.5 pattern at 4.25 Gbps <sup>(1)</sup>		10		mV <sub>p-p</sub>
	R <sub>TH</sub> = 6.8 kΩ, K28.5 pattern at 4.25 Gbps <sup>(1)</sup>	2	5		
V <sub>DEA</sub> LOS de-assert voltage	R <sub>TH</sub> = 2.5 kΩ, K28.5 pattern at 4.25 Gbps <sup>(1)</sup>		17		mV <sub>p-p</sub>
	R <sub>TH</sub> = 6.8 kΩ, K28.5 pattern at 4.25 Gbps <sup>(1)</sup>		8	20	
T <sub>LOS</sub> LOS assert/deassert time		2		100	μs
T <sub>DIS</sub> Disable response time			20		ns

- (1) For a given external resistor connected to the TH pin the LOS assert voltage value may vary due to part-to-part variations. If high precision is required, adjustment of this resistor for each device is mandatory.

## TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Typical operating condition is at  $V_{CC} = 3.3\text{ V}$  and  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  (unless otherwise noted).

TRANSFER FUNCTION

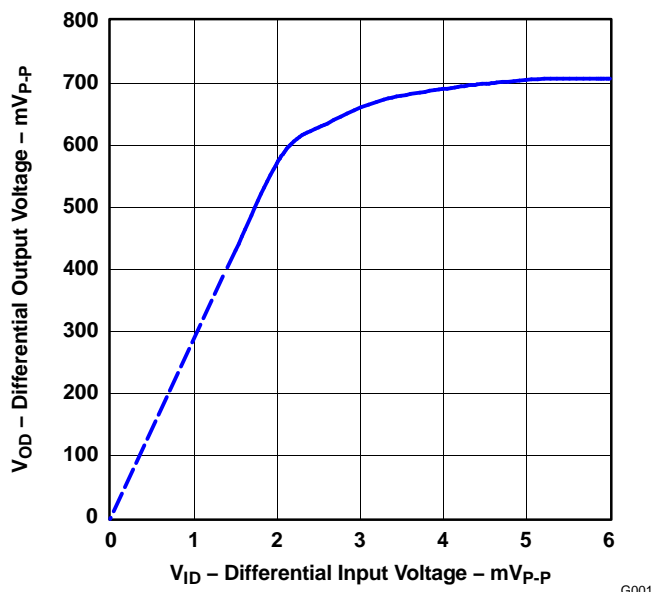


Figure 3.

RANDOM JITTER  
vs INPUT AMPLITUDE

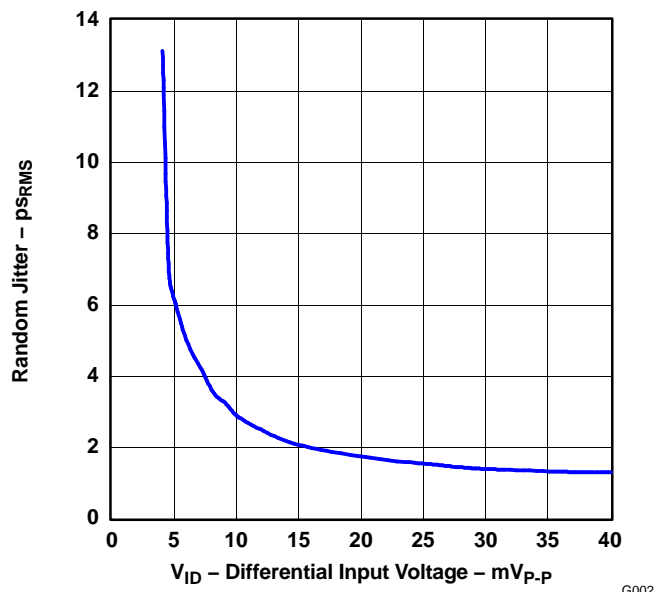


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BIT-ERROR RATIO  
INPUT AMPLITUDE

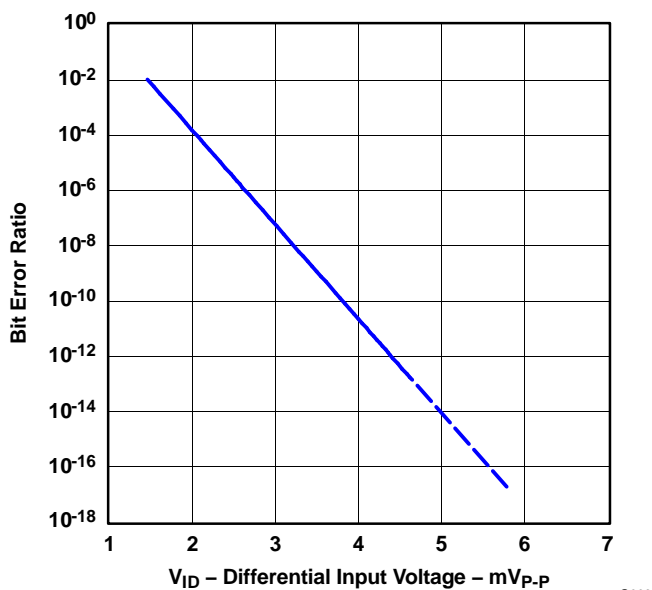


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FREQUENCY RESPONSE

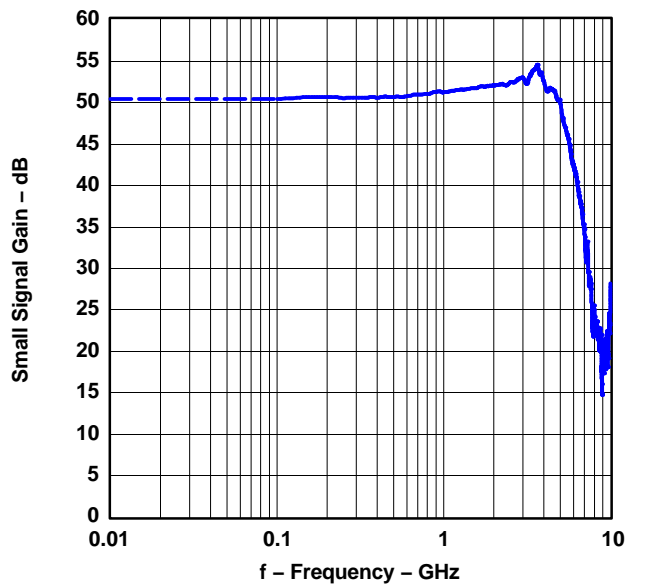


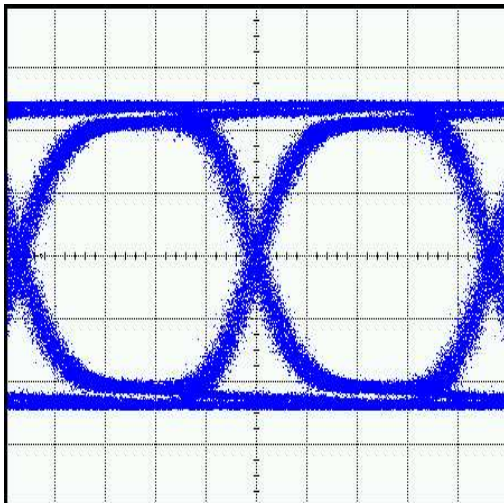
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## TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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OUTPUT EYE-DIAGRAM AT 4.25 GBPS  
AND MINIMUM INPUT VOLTAGE ( $5\text{ mV}_{p-p}$ )

$V_{OD}$  – Differential Output Voltage – 160 mV/Div



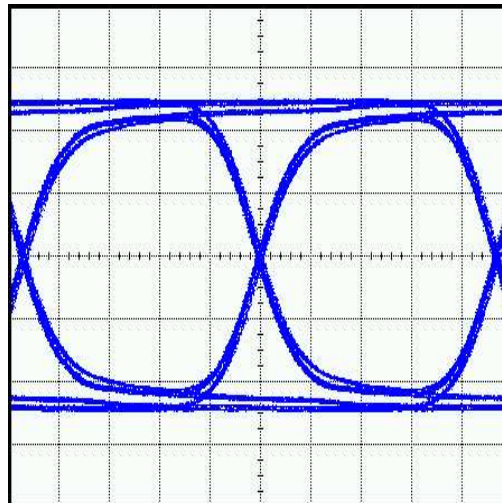
t – Time – 50 ps/Div

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Figure 7.

OUTPUT EYE-DIAGRAM AT 4.25 GBPS  
AND MAXIMUM INPUT VOLTAGE ( $1200\text{ mV}_{p-p}$ )

$V_{OD}$  – Differential Output Voltage – 160 mV/Div



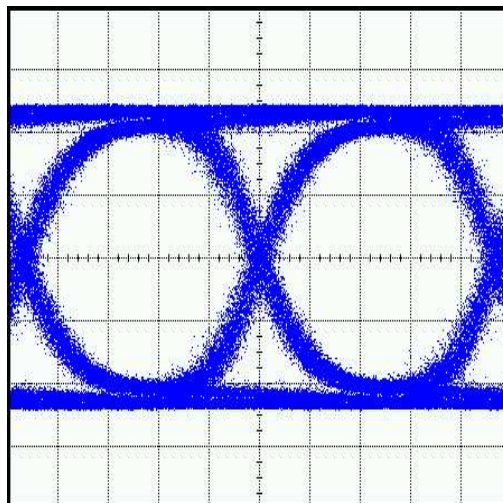
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Figure 8.

OUTPUT EYE-DIAGRAM AT 4.25 GBPS AND  $85^\circ\text{C}$   
AND MINIMUM INPUT VOLTAGE ( $5\text{ mV}_{p-p}$ )

$V_{OD}$  – Differential Output Voltage – 160 mV/Div



t – Time – 50 ps/Div

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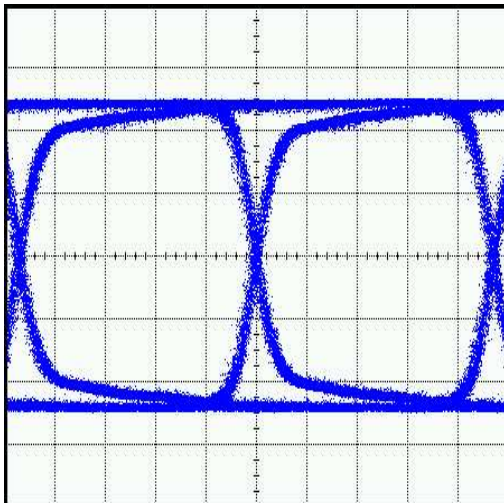
Figure 9.

**TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)**

Typical operating condition is at  $V_{CC} = 3.3\text{ V}$  and  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  (unless otherwise noted).

**OUTPUT EYE-DIAGRAM AT 2.125 GBPS  
AND MINIMUM INPUT VOLTAGE ( $5\text{ mV}_{p-p}$ )**

$V_{OD}$  – Differential Output Voltage – 160 mV/Div



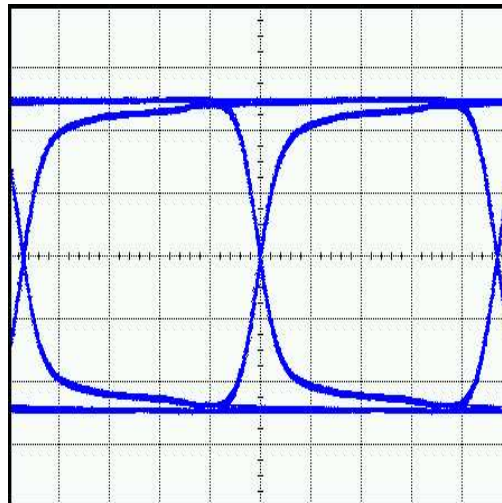
t – Time – 100 ps/Div

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Figure 10.

**OUTPUT EYE-DIAGRAM AT 2.125 GBPS  
AND MAXIMUM INPUT VOLTAGE ( $1200\text{ mV}_{p-p}$ )**

$V_{OD}$  – Differential Output Voltage – 160 mV/Div



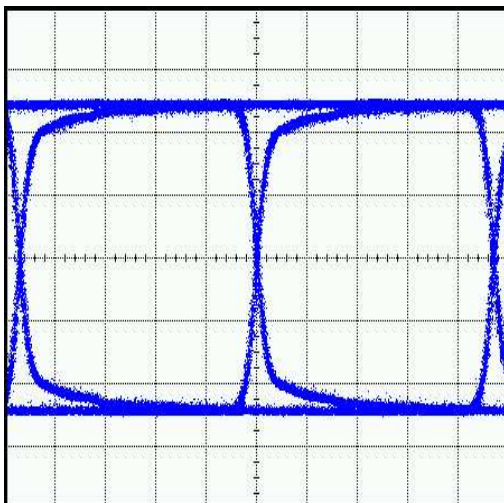
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Figure 11.

**OUTPUT EYE-DIAGRAM AT 1.0625 GBPS  
AND MINIMUM INPUT VOLTAGE ( $5\text{ mV}_{p-p}$ )**

$V_{OD}$  – Differential Output Voltage – 160 mV/Div



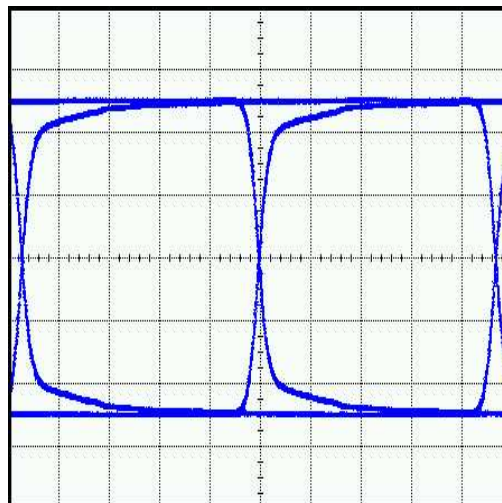
t – Time – 200 ps/Div

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Figure 12.

**OUTPUT EYE-DIAGRAM AT 1.0625 GBPS  
AND MAXIMUM INPUT VOLTAGE ( $1200\text{ mV}_{p-p}$ )**

$V_{OD}$  – Differential Output Voltage – 160 mV/Div



t – Time – 200 ps/Div

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Figure 13.



## TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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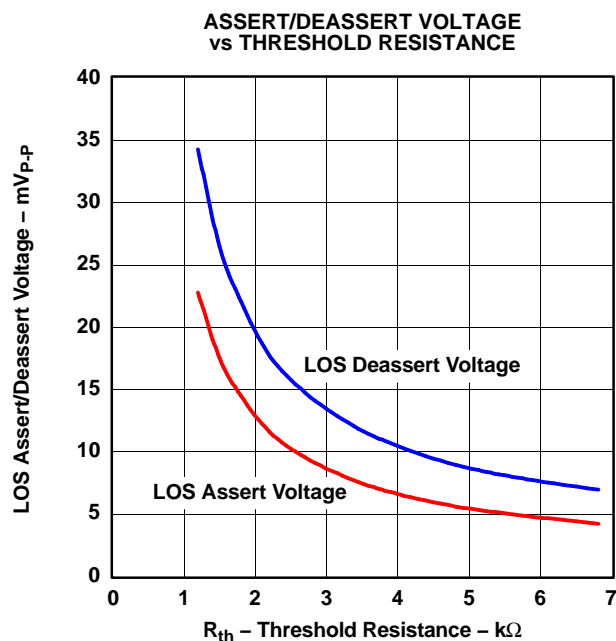


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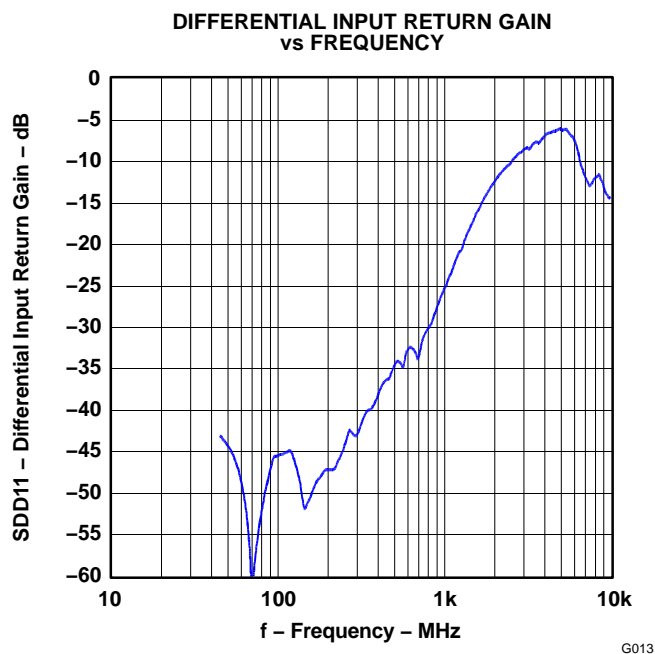


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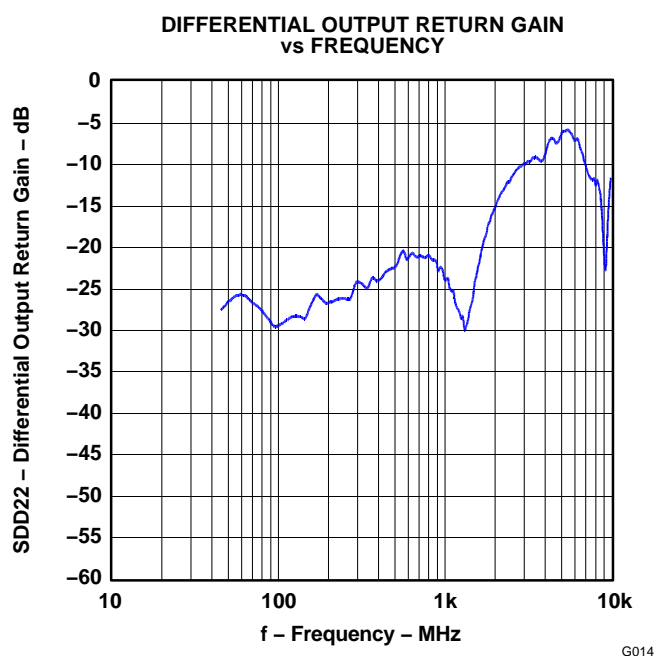


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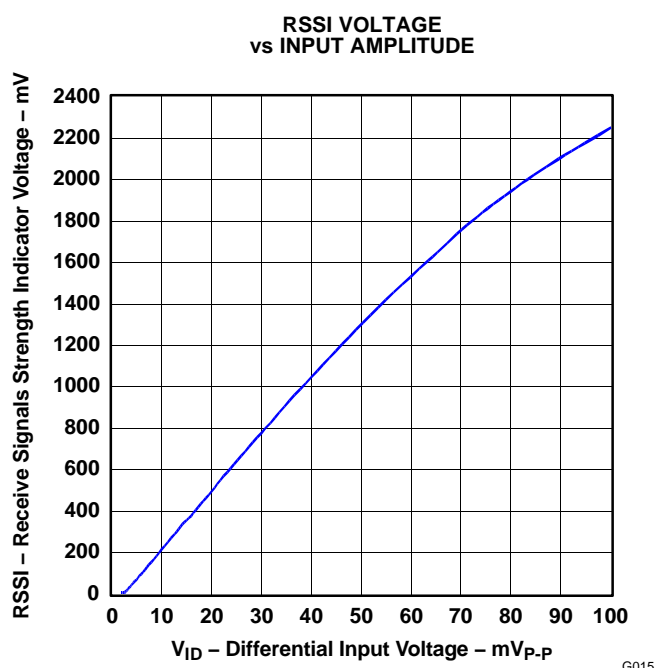
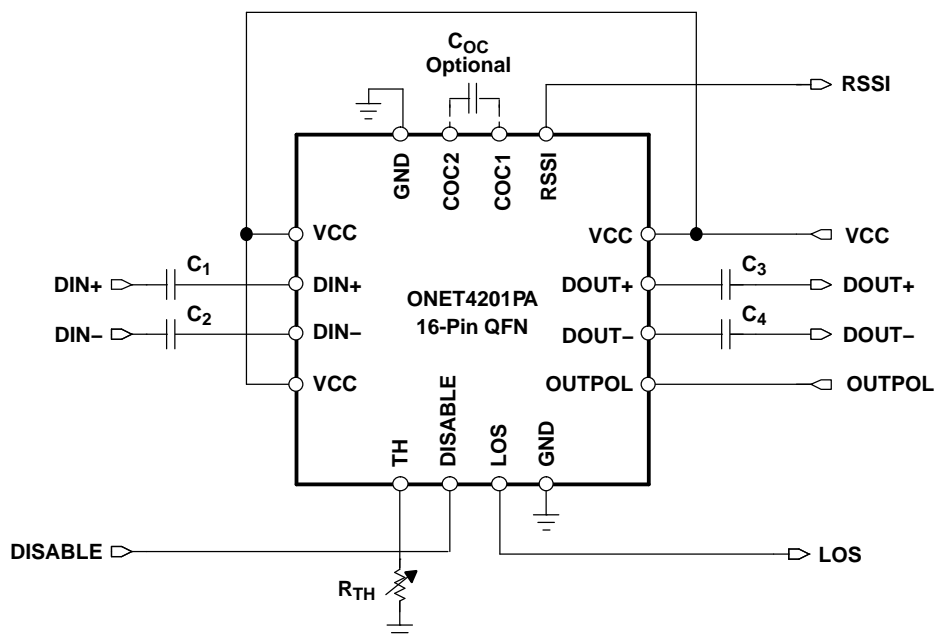


Figure 17.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Figure 18 shows the ONET4201PA connected with an ac-coupled interface to the data signal source as well as to the output load.

Besides the ac-coupling capacitors  $C_1$  through  $C_4$  in the input and output data signal lines, the only required external component is the LOS threshold setting resistor  $R_{th}$ . In addition, an optional external filter capacitor ( $C_{oc}$ ) may be used if a lower cutoff frequency is desired.



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Figure 18. Basic Application Circuit With AC-Coupled I/Os

## PACKAGING INFORMATION

Orderable part number	Status (1)	Material type (2)	Package   Pins	Package qty   Carrier	RoHS (3)	Lead finish/ Ball material (4)	MSL rating/ Peak reflow (5)	Op temp (°C)	Part marking (6)
<a href="#">ONET4201PARGTR</a>	Obsolete	Production	VQFN (RGT)   16	-	-	Call TI	Call TI	-40 to 85	401P
<a href="#">ONET4201PARGTT</a>	NRND	Production	VQFN (RGT)   16	250   SMALL T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 85	401P

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## TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION



\*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
ONET4201PARGTT	VQFN	RGT	16	250	180.0	12.4	3.3	3.3	1.1	8.0	12.0	Q2

## TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS



\*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
ONET4201PARGTT	VQFN	RGT	16	250	210.0	185.0	35.0

**RGT 16**

**GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW**

**VQFN - 1 mm max height**

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



Images above are just a representation of the package family, actual package may vary.  
Refer to the product data sheet for package details.

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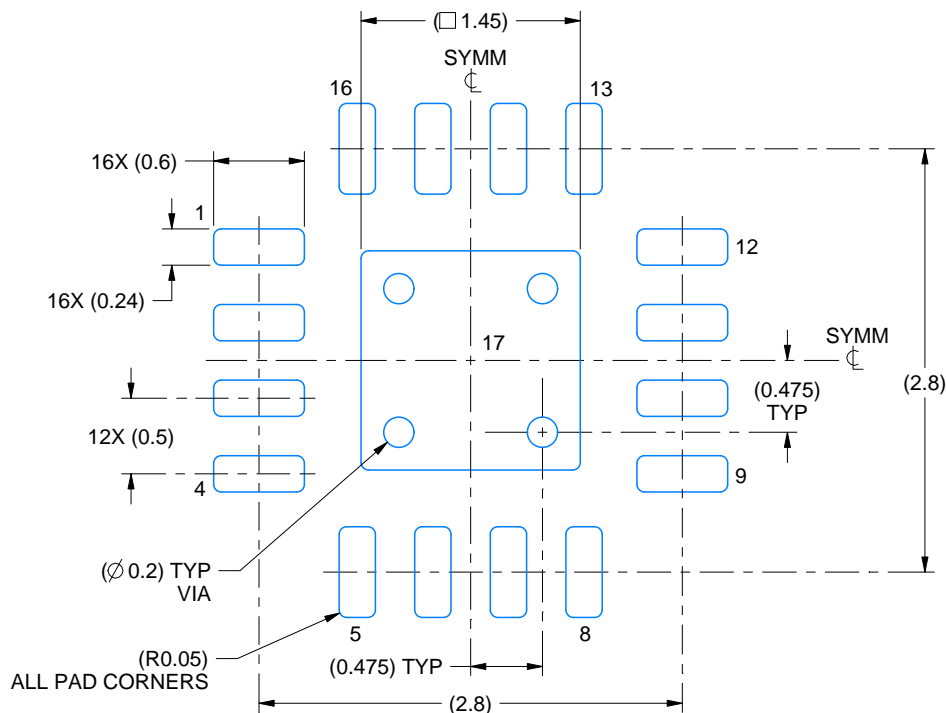


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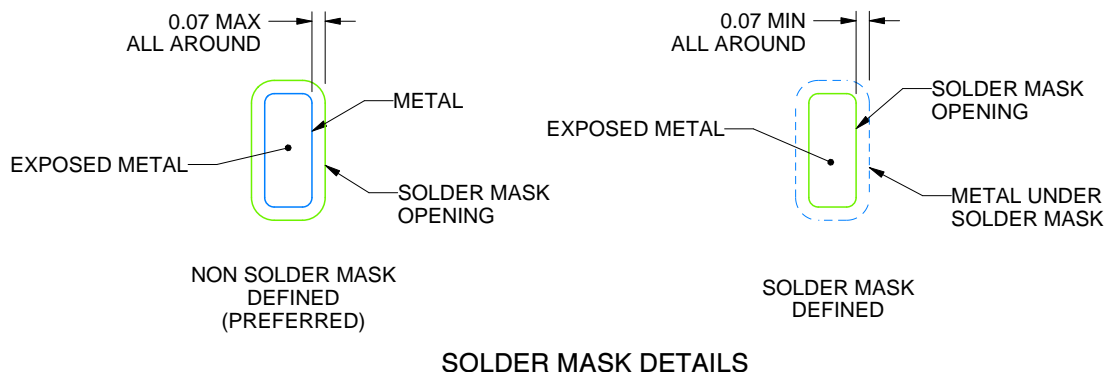
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VQFN - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE  
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN  
SCALE:20X



SOLDER MASK DETAILS

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NOTES: (continued)

5. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number SLUA271 ([www.ti.com/lit/sluea271](http://www.ti.com/lit/sluea271)).
6. Vias are optional depending on application, refer to device data sheet. If any vias are implemented, refer to their locations shown on this view. It is recommended that vias under paste be filled, plugged or tented.

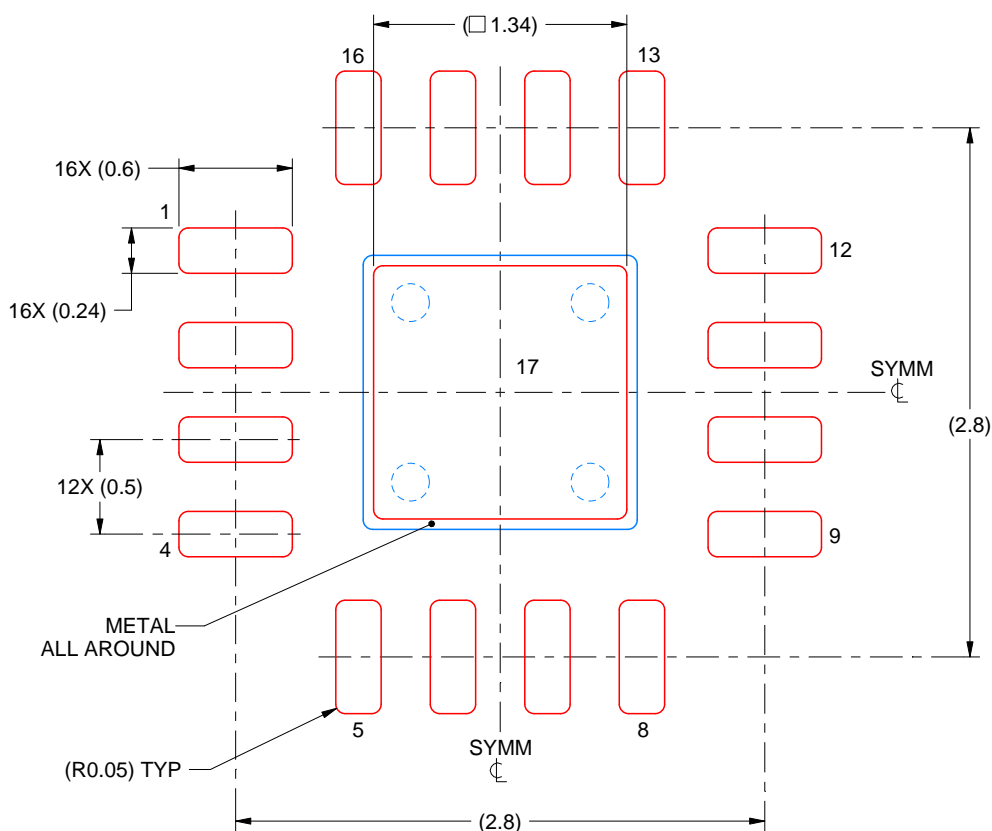


# EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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VQFN - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



**SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE**  
 BASED ON 0.125 mm THICK STENCIL

EXPOSED PAD 17:  
 86% PRINTED SOLDER COVERAGE BY AREA UNDER PACKAGE  
 SCALE:25X

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NOTES: (continued)

7. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.

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