AFE77xxD Quad-Channel RF Transceiver With Dual Feedback Paths Integrating CFR/DPD

1 Features

- Quad transmitters based on 0-IF up-conversion architecture:
  - Up to 650 MHz (AFE77x8D) / 730 MHz (AFE7769D) of RF transmitted DPD expanded bandwidth per chain
- Quad receivers based on 0-IF down-conversion architecture:
  - Up to 200 MHz (AFE77x8D) / 300 MHz (AFE7769D) of RF received bandwidth per chain
- Feedback chain based on direct RF sampling architecture:
  - Up to 650 MHz (AFE77x8D) / 730 MHz (AFE7769D) of RF observed DPD expanded bandwidth
- Integrated CFR/DPD for PA linearization
  - Up to 200 MHz (AFE77x8D) / 300 MHz (AFE7769D) instantaneous bandwidth
  - Up to 650 MHz (AFE77x8D) / 730 MHz (AFE7769D) DPD expansion bandwidth
- Integrated CFR/DPD for PA linearization
  - Multistage CFR with configurable cancelling pulses
  - Hardware accelerated DPD estimation engine
  - Signal Dynamics based corrector for GaN PA linearization
  - Smart data capture
- RF frequency range: 600 MHz to 6 GHz
- Four wideband fractional-N PLL, VCO for TX and RX LO
- Dedicated integer-N PLL, VCO for data converters clock generation
- JESD204B and JESD204C SerDes interface support:
  - 4 SerDes transceivers up to 29.5 Gbps
  - 8b/10b and 64b/66b encoding
  - 16-bit, 12-bit, 24-bit and 32-bit formatting
  - Subclass 1 multi-device synchronization
- Package: 17-mm × 17-mm FCBGA, 0.8-mm pitch

2 Applications

- Macro remote radio unit (RRU)
- Small cell base station
- Active antenna system mMIMO (AAS)
- Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS)
- Repeater

3 Description

The AFE77xxD is a pin-compatible family of high-performance, multichannel transceivers, integrating four (AFE7768D/AFE7769D) or two (AFE7728D) direct up-conversion transmitter chains, four (AFE7768D/AFE7769D) or two (AFE7728D) direct down-conversion receiver chains, two wideband RF sampling digitizing auxiliary chains (feedback paths) and low-power Digital Pre-Distortion (DPD) engine for Power Amplifier (PA) linearization. The high dynamic range of the transmitter and receiver chains enables wireless base stations to transmit and receive 2G, 3G, 4G, and 5G signals. The integrated Crest Factor Reduction (CFR) unit helps reduce the Peak-to-Average Ratio (PAR) of the input signal for more efficient transmission through the Power Amplifier. The integrated hardware accelerated DPD estimator and corrector provides flexible and efficient DPD solution for PA linearization. The integrated DPD engine corrects the distortion due to PA nonlinearity for signals up to 200 MHz (AFE77x8D) / 300 MHz (AFE7769D) instantaneous bandwidth, and within up to 650 MHz (AFE77x8D) / 730 MHz (AFE7769D) DPD expanded bandwidth. A dedicated GaN corrector addresses the long-term nonlinear memory effects due to charge trapping of GaN PAs.

The low power dissipation and high density channel integration of the AFE77xxD allow the device to address the power and size constraints of 4G and 5G base stations. The wideband and high dynamic range feedback path can assist the DPD of the power amplifiers in the transmitter chain through smart data capture at various intercepting points. The available 29.5Gbps SerDes speed can help reduce the number of lanes required to transfer the data in and out.

Package Information

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(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.
(2) The package size (length × width) is a nominal value and includes pins, where applicable.

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4 Revision History
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5 Description (cont.)

Each receiver chain of the AFE77xxD includes a 28-dB range digital step attenuator (DSA), followed by a wideband passive IQ demodulator, and a baseband amplifier with integrated antialiasing low pass filters with programmable bandwidth, driving continuous-time sigma-delta ADCs. The RX chain can receive an instantaneous bandwidth (IBW) up to 200 MHz (AFE77x8D) / 300 MHz (AFE7769D). Each receiver channel has two analog peak power detectors and various digital power detectors to assist an external or internal autonomous AGC control for receiver channels, and a RF overload detector for device reliability protection. The integrated QMC (quadrature mismatch compensation) algorithm is capable to continuously monitor and correct for the RX chain I and Q imbalance mismatch without the need to inject any specific signals or perform offline calibration.

Each transmitter chain includes two 14-bit, 3.3-Gsps IQ DACs, followed by a programmable reconstruction and DAC image rejection filter, an IQ modulator driving a wideband RF amplifier with 39-dB range gain control. The TX chain integrated QMC and LO leakage cancellation algorithms, leveraging the FB path can constantly track and correct for the TX chain IQ mismatch and LO leakage.

Each FB path is based on RF sampling architecture, and includes an input RF DSA driving a 14-bit, 3.3-Gsps RF ADC. The direct sampling architecture provides an inherently wideband receiver chain and simplifies the calibration of the TX chains impairments. The FB path integrates two independent NCOs that allows a fast switching between two observed RF input bands.

The synthesizer section integrates four fractional-N RF PLLs that can generate four different RF LOs, allowing the device to support up to two different bands, each one configured as two transmitters, two receivers, and one feedback path (with AFE7768D/AFE7769D), or one transmitter, one receiver, and one feedback path (with AFE7728D).
6 Device and Documentation Support

6.1 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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6.5 Glossary

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

7 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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**NRND:** Not recommended for new designs. Device is in production to support existing customers, but TI does not recommend using this part in a new design.

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(3) MSL, Peak Temp. - The Moisture Sensitivity Level rating according to the JEDEC industry standard classifications, and peak solder temperature.

(4) There may be additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category on the device.

(5) Multiple Device Markings will be inside parentheses. Only one Device Marking contained in parentheses and separated by a "~" will appear on a device. If a line is indented then it is a continuation of the previous line and the two combined represent the entire Device Marking for that device.

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2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
3. Dimension is measured at the maximum solder ball diameter, parallel to primary datum C.
4. Primary datum C and seating plane are defined by the spherical crowns of the solder balls.
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