1 Features

- Two-Channel Bidirectional \( \text{i}^2\text{C} \) Buffer
- Support for Standard Mode, Fast Mode (400 kHz), and Fast Mode+ (1 MHz) \( \text{i}^2\text{C} \) Operation
- Operating Supply Voltage Range of 0.8 V to 5.5 V on A-Side
- Operating Supply Voltage Range of 2.2 V to 5.5 V on B-Side
- Voltage-Level Translation From 0.8 V to 5.5 V and 2.2 V to 5.5 V
- Footprint and Function Replacement for TCA9517
- Active-High Repeater-Enable Input
- Open-Drain \( \text{i}^2\text{C} \) I/O
- 5.5-V Tolerant \( \text{i}^2\text{C} \) and Enable Input Support
- Mixed-Mode Signal Operation
- Lockup-Free Operation
- Support for Clock Stretching and Multiple Master Arbitration Across The Device
- Latch-Up Performance Exceeds 100 mA Per JESD 78, Class II
- ESD Protection Exceeds JESD 22
  - 4000-V Human-Body Model (A114-A)
  - 1500-V Charged-Device Model (C101)

2 Applications

- Servers
- Routers (Telecom Switching Equipment)
- Industrial Equipment
- Products With Many \( \text{i}^2\text{C} \) Slaves and/or Long PCB Traces

3 Description

The TCA9617A is a BiCMOS dual bidirectional buffer intended for \( \text{i}^2\text{C} \) bus and SMBus systems. It can provide bidirectional voltage-level translation (up-translation and down-translation) between low voltages (down to 0.8 V) and higher voltages (2.2 V to 5.5 V) in mixed-mode applications. This device enables \( \text{i}^2\text{C} \) and similar bus systems to be extended, without degradation of performance even during level shifting.

The TCA9617A buffers both the serial data (SDA) and the serial clock (SCL) signals on the \( \text{i}^2\text{C} \) bus, allowing two buses of 550-pF or greater bus capacitance to be connected in an \( \text{i}^2\text{C} \) application. This device can also be used to isolate two halves of a bus for voltage and capacitance.

Device Information

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<td>VSSOP (8)</td>
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(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the datasheet.
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DGK Package
8-Pin VSSOP
Top View

Not to scale

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<td>VCCA</td>
<td>A-side supply voltage (0.8 V to 5.5 V)</td>
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<td>SCLA</td>
<td>I^2C SCL line, A side. Connect to VCCA through a pull-up resistor.</td>
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<td>SDAA</td>
<td>I^2C SDA line, A side. Connect to VCCA through a pull-up resistor.</td>
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<td>GND</td>
<td>Supply ground</td>
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<tr>
<td>EN</td>
<td>Active-high repeater enable input</td>
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<tr>
<td>SDAB</td>
<td>I^2C SDA line, B side. Connect to VCCB through a pull-up resistor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCLB</td>
<td>I^2C SCL line, B side. Connect to VCCB through a pull-up resistor.</td>
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<tr>
<td>VCCB</td>
<td>B-side and device supply voltage (2.2 V to 5.5 V)</td>
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6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings\(^{(1)}\)

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

<table>
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<tr>
<th>PIN</th>
<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
<th>MIN</th>
<th>MAX</th>
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<td>VCCB</td>
<td>Supply voltage range</td>
<td>–0.5</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>V</td>
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<td>VCCA</td>
<td>Supply voltage range</td>
<td>–0.5</td>
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<td>V</td>
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<td>I_E</td>
<td>Enable input voltage range(^{(2)})</td>
<td>–0.5</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>V</td>
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<td>VIO</td>
<td>I^2C bus voltage range(^{(2)})</td>
<td>–0.5</td>
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<td>I_IK</td>
<td>Input clamp current</td>
<td>V_I &lt; 0</td>
<td>–50</td>
<td>mA</td>
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<tr>
<td>I_OK</td>
<td>Output clamp current</td>
<td>V_O &lt; 0</td>
<td>–50</td>
<td>mA</td>
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<td>I_O</td>
<td>Continuous output current</td>
<td></td>
<td>±50</td>
<td>mA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Continuous current through VCC or GND</td>
<td></td>
<td>±100</td>
<td>mA</td>
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<tr>
<td>T_stg</td>
<td>Storage temperature range</td>
<td>–65</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>°C</td>
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\(^{(1)}\) 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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<tr>
<th>V_{ESD}</th>
<th>Electrostatic discharge</th>
<th>MIN</th>
<th>MAX</th>
<th>UNIT</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001, all pins(^{(1)})</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>4000</td>
<td>V</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Charged device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101, all pins(^{(2)})</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1500</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

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

<table>
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<tr>
<th>(V_{CCA})</th>
<th>Supply voltage, A-side bus</th>
<th>MIN</th>
<th>MAX</th>
<th>UNIT</th>
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<tr>
<td>(V_{CCB})</td>
<td>Supply voltage, B-side bus</td>
<td>0.8</td>
<td>5.5</td>
<td>V</td>
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<tr>
<td>I_{OLA}</td>
<td>Low-level output current</td>
<td>0.1</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>mA</td>
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<tr>
<td>I_{OLB}</td>
<td>Low-level output current</td>
<td>0.1</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>mA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T_A</td>
<td>Operating free-air temperature</td>
<td>–40</td>
<td>85</td>
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6.4 Thermal Information

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<th>THERMAL METRIC(^{(1)})</th>
<th>TCA9617A</th>
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<tr>
<td>(R_{JA}) Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance</td>
<td>171.8 °C/W</td>
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<tr>
<td>(R_{JC(top)}) Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance</td>
<td>61.2 °C/W</td>
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<tr>
<td>(R_{JB}) Junction-to-board thermal resistance</td>
<td>93.6 °C/W</td>
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<tr>
<td>(\psi_{JT}) Junction-to-top characterization parameter</td>
<td>7.9 °C/W</td>
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<tr>
<td>(\psi_{JB}) Junction-to-board characterization parameter</td>
<td>91.9 °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.
### 6.5 Electrical Characteristics

\( V_{CCB} = 2.2 \text{ V to } 5.5 \text{ V}, \ GND = 0 \text{ V}, \ T_A = -40^\circ \text{C to } 85^\circ \text{C} \) (unless otherwise noted)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PARAMETER</th>
<th>TEST CONDITIONS</th>
<th>( V_{CCB} )</th>
<th>MIN</th>
<th>TYP</th>
<th>MAX</th>
<th>UNIT</th>
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<tr>
<td>( V_{IK} ) Input clamp voltage</td>
<td>( I_i = -18 \text{ mA} )</td>
<td>2.2 V to 5.5 V</td>
<td>-1.2</td>
<td>0.48</td>
<td>0.53</td>
<td>0.58</td>
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<td>( V_{OL} ) Low-level output voltage</td>
<td>SDAB, SCLB ( I_{OL} = 100 \mu \text{A or } 30 \text{ mA, } V_{ILA} = 0 \text{ V} )</td>
<td>2.2 V to 5.5 V</td>
<td>0.1</td>
<td>0.2</td>
<td>V</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>SDAA, SCLA ( I_{OL} = 30 \mu \text{A} )</td>
<td>2.2 V to 5.5 V</td>
<td>0.48</td>
<td>0.53</td>
<td>0.58</td>
<td>V</td>
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<tr>
<td>( V_{IH} ) High-level input voltage</td>
<td>SDAA, SCLA</td>
<td>2.2 V to 5.5 V</td>
<td>0.7 × ( V_{CCA} )</td>
<td>( V_{CCB} )</td>
<td>V</td>
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<td></td>
<td>SDAB, SCLB</td>
<td>2.2 V to 5.5 V</td>
<td>0.7 × ( V_{CCA} )</td>
<td>( V_{CCB} )</td>
<td>V</td>
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<td></td>
<td>EN</td>
<td>2.2 V to 5.5 V</td>
<td>0.7 × ( V_{CCA} )</td>
<td>( V_{CCB} )</td>
<td>5.5</td>
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<td>( V_{IL} ) Low-level input voltage</td>
<td>SDAA, SCLA</td>
<td>2.2 V to 5.5 V</td>
<td>( 0.3 \times V_{CCA} )</td>
<td>( V_{CCB} )</td>
<td>V</td>
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<td>( V_{CCB} )</td>
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<td>2.2 V to 5.5 V</td>
<td>( 0.3 \times V_{CCA} )</td>
<td>( V_{CCB} )</td>
<td>V</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>( I_{CCA} ) Quiescent supply current for ( V_{CCA} )</td>
<td>Both channels low, SDAA = SCLA = GND and SDAB = SCLB = open, or SDAA = SCLA = open and SDAB = SCLB = GND</td>
<td>2.2 V to 5.5 V</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>μA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>( I_{CCB} ) Quiescent supply current</td>
<td>Both Channels high, SDAA = SCLA = ( V_{CCA} ) B-side pulled up to ( V_{CCB} ) with pullup resistors</td>
<td>5.5 V</td>
<td>+4.5</td>
<td>+7</td>
<td>mA</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Both channels low, SDAA = SCLA = GND, ( I_{OLB} = 100 \mu \text{A} )</td>
<td>5.5 V</td>
<td>+5.7</td>
<td>+8.1</td>
<td>mA</td>
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<tr>
<td>( I_i ) Input leakage current</td>
<td>SDAB, SCLB</td>
<td>2.2 V to 5.5 V</td>
<td>( V_i = V_{CCB} )</td>
<td>-1</td>
<td>+1</td>
<td>μA</td>
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<td>SDAB, SCLB</td>
<td>2.2 V to 5.5 V</td>
<td>( V_i = V_{CCA} )</td>
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<td>+1</td>
<td>μA</td>
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<td>( V_i = V_{CCB} )</td>
<td>-10</td>
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<td>μA</td>
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<td>+10</td>
<td>μA</td>
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<td>2.2 V to 5.5 V</td>
<td>( V_i = 0.2 \text{ V} )</td>
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<td>μA</td>
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<td>2.2 V to 5.5 V</td>
<td>( V_i = 0.2 \text{ V} )</td>
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<td>+1</td>
<td>μA</td>
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<td>2.2 V to 5.5 V</td>
<td>( V_i = 0.2 \text{ V} )</td>
<td>-25</td>
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<td>μA</td>
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<td>( C_i ) Input capacitance</td>
<td>EN</td>
<td>( V_i = 3 \text{ V or } 0 \text{ V} )</td>
<td>3.3 V</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>pF</td>
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<td>SCLA, SCLB</td>
<td>( V_i = 3 \text{ V or } 0 \text{ V} )</td>
<td>3.3 V</td>
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<td>( V_i = 3 \text{ V or } 0 \text{ V} )</td>
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<td>( C_i ) Input/output capacitance</td>
<td>SDAA, SDAB</td>
<td>( V_i = 3 \text{ V or } 0 \text{ V} )</td>
<td>3.3 V</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>pF</td>
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<td></td>
<td>SDAA, SDAB</td>
<td>( V_i = 3 \text{ V or } 0 \text{ V} )</td>
<td>0 V</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>pF</td>
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6.6 Timing Requirements

\(V_{CCA} = 0.8\, V\) to 5.5\, V, \(V_{CCB} = 2.2\, V\) to 5.5\, V, \(GND = 0\, V\), \(T_A = -40^\circ\, C\) to 85° (unless otherwise noted)\(^{(1)(2)}\)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PARAMETER</th>
<th>FROM (INPUT)</th>
<th>TO (OUTPUT)</th>
<th>TEST CONDITIONS</th>
<th>MIN</th>
<th>TYP(^{(3)})</th>
<th>MAX</th>
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<tr>
<td>(t_{PLH})</td>
<td>Propagation delay</td>
<td>SDAB, SCLB</td>
<td>SDAA, SCLA</td>
<td>(V_{CCB} \leq 3, V)</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>SDAB, SCLB</td>
<td>(V_{CCB} &gt; 3, V)</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>88</td>
<td>137</td>
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<td>(t_{PHL})</td>
<td>Propagation delay</td>
<td>SDAB, SCLB</td>
<td>SDAA, SCLA</td>
<td>(V_{CCB} \leq 3, V)</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>93</td>
<td>144</td>
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<td></td>
<td>SDAB, SCLB</td>
<td>(V_{CCB} &gt; 3, V)</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>140</td>
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<tr>
<td>(t_{TLH})(^{(4)})</td>
<td>Transition time</td>
<td>B side</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>88</td>
<td>ns</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>A side</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>ns</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>(t_{THL})</td>
<td>Transition time</td>
<td>B side</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>5.40</td>
<td>6.41</td>
<td>13.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>A side</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>1.40</td>
<td>4.71</td>
<td>11.3</td>
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<tr>
<td>(t_{su})</td>
<td>Setup time, EN high before Start condition(^{(5)})</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>100</td>
<td>ns</td>
<td></td>
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</table>

\(^{(1)}\) Times are specified with loads of 240 \(\Omega\) ±1% and 400 pF ±10% on B-side and 240 \(\Omega\) ±1% and 200 pF ±10% on A-side. Different load resistance and capacitance alter the rise time, thereby changing the propagation delay and transition times.

\(^{(2)}\) Times are specified with A-side signals pulled up to \(V_{CCA}\); \(V_{CCA} = 0.9\, V\) and B-side signals pulled up to \(V_{CCB}\); \(V_{CCB} = 2.5\, V\).

\(^{(3)}\) Typical values were measured with \(V_{CCA} = 0.9\, V\) and \(V_{CCB} = 2.5\, V\) at \(T_A = 25^\circ\, C\), unless otherwise noted.

\(^{(4)}\) \(T_{TLH}\) is determined by the pullup resistance and load capacitance.

\(^{(5)}\) EN should change state only when the global bus and the repeater port are in an idle state.

6.7 Typical Characteristics

![Figure 1. Port A \(V_{OL}\) vs \(I_{OL}\)](image)

![Figure 2. Port B \(V_{OL}\) vs \(I_{OL}\)](image)
7 Parameter Measurement Information

Figure 3. Test Circuit for Open-Drain Output from A to B

Figure 4. Test Circuit for Open-Drain Output from B to A

A. \( V_{CCA} = 0.9 \, \text{V} \)
B. \( V_{CCB} = 2.5 \, \text{V} \)
C. \( R_{PUA} = R_{PUB} = 240 \, \Omega \) on the A-side and the B-side
D. \( C_{LA} = 200 \, \text{pF} \) on A-side and \( C_{LB} = 400 \, \text{pF} \) on B-side (includes probe and jig capacitance)
E. All input pulses are supplied by generators having the following characteristics: \( PRR \leq 10 \, \text{MHz} \), \( Z_{O} = 50 \, \Omega \), slew rate \( \geq 1 \, \text{V/ns} \)
F. The outputs are measured one at a time, with one transition per measurement.
Parameter Measurement Information (continued)

Figure 5. Propagation Delay And Transition Times (A to B)

Figure 6. Propagation Delay And Transition Times (B to A)
8 Detailed Description

8.1 Overview

The TCA9617A is a BiCMOS dual bidirectional buffer intended for \(\text{I}_2\text{C}\) bus and SMBus systems. As with the standard \(\text{I}_2\text{C}\) system, pullup resistors are required to provide the logic high levels on the buffered bus. The TCA9617A has standard open-drain configuration of the \(\text{I}_2\text{C}\) bus. The size of these pullup resistors depends on the system, but each side of the repeater must have a pullup resistor. The device is designed to work with Standard mode, Fast mode and Fast Mode+ \(\text{I}_2\text{C}\) devices.

The TCA9617A B-side drivers operate from 2.2 V to 5.5 V. The output low level for this internal buffer is approximately 0.5 V, but the input voltage must be 70 mV or more below the output low level when the output is externally driven low. The higher-voltage low signal is called a buffered low. When the B-side I/O is driven low internally, the low is not recognized as a low by the input. This feature prevents a lockup condition from occurring when the input low condition is released. This type of design on the B side prevents it from being used in series with another TCA9617A B-side or other buffers that incorporate a static or dynamic offset voltage. This is because these devices do not recognize buffered low signals as a valid low and do not propagate it as a buffered low again.

The TCA9617A A-side drivers operate from 0.8 V to 5.5 V and do not have the buffered low feature (or the static offset voltage). This means that a low signal on the B side translates to a nearly 0-V low on the A side, which accommodates smaller voltage swings of low-voltage logic. The output pulldown on the A side drives a hard low, and the input level is set to 0.3 \(V_{\text{CCA}}\) to accommodate the need for a lower low level in systems where the low-voltage-side supply voltage is as low as 0.8 V.

The A side of two or more TCA9617As can be connected together to allow a star topology, with the A side on the common bus. Also, the A side can be connected directly to any other buffer with static or dynamic offset voltage. Multiple TCA9617As can be connected in series, A side to B side, with no buildup in offset voltage with only time-of-flight delays to consider.

The TCA9617A includes a power-up circuit that keeps the output drivers turned off until \(V_{\text{CCB}}\) is above 2.0 V and \(V_{\text{CCA}}\) is above 0.7 V. \(V_{\text{CCA}}\) is only used to provide references for the A-side input comparators and the power-good-detect circuit. The TCA9617A internal circuitry and all I/Os are powered by the \(V_{\text{CCB}}\) pin; however, due to ESD protection requirements on the SCLA and SDA, it is required to power-up \(V_{\text{CCB}}\) prior to \(V_{\text{CCA}}\). If SDA and SCL (on A-side or B-side) are pulled up to a positive voltage before \(V_{\text{CCB}}\) is powered, there can be significant current leakage into the SCA and SCL pins that could cause them to be pulled down. The SDA and SCL lines shall not be pulled up to a voltage higher than \(V_{\text{CCB}}\), even when the device is powered down.

After power up and with the EN high, the A side falling below 0.7 \(V_{\text{CCA}}\) turns on the corresponding B-side driver (either SDA or SCL) and drives the B-side down momentarily to 0 V before settling to approximately 0.5 V. When the A-side rises above 0.3 \(V_{\text{CCA}}\), the B-side pulldown driver is turned off and the external pullup resistor pulls the pin high. If the B side falls first and goes below 0.7 \(V_{\text{CCB}}\), the A-side driver is turned on and drives the A-side to 0 V. When the B-side rises first and goes below 0.45 V, the A-side pulldown driver is turned off and the external pullup resistor pulls the pin high.
8.2 Functional Block Diagram

8.3 Feature Description

8.3.1 Bidirectional Level Translation
The TCA9617A can provide bidirectional voltage level translation (up-translation and down-translation) between low voltages (down to 0.8 V) and higher voltages (2.2 V to 5.5 V) in mixed-mode applications.

8.3.2 \( V_{OL} \) B-side Offset Voltage
Figure 8 depicts the offset voltage on the B side of the device. As shown in Figure 8 the slave releases and the B-side rises, and it will rise to 0.5 V and stay there until the A-side rises above 0.3 \( V_{CCA} \). This effect can cause the low level signal to have a “pedestal.” Once the voltage on the A-side crosses 0.3 \( V_{CCA} \), the B-side will continue to rise to \( V_{CCB} \).

Due to nature of the B-side pedestal and the static offset voltage, there will be a slight overshoot (point 2) as the B-side rises from being externally driven low to the 0.5 V offset. The TCA9617A is designed to control this behavior provided the system is designed with rise times greater than 20 ns. Therefore, care should be taken to limit the pullup strength when devices with rise time accelerators are present on the B side. Excessive overshoot on the B-side pedestal may cause devices with rise time accelerators to trip prematurely if the accelerator thresholds are below 0.3 \( V_{CCB} \). Since the A-side does not have a static offset low voltage, no pedestal is seen on the A-side as shown in Figure 7.
Feature Description (continued)

8.3.3 High to Low Transition Characteristics

When the A side of the bus is driven to 0.7 $V_{CCA}$, the B side driver will turn on. This will drive the B-side to 0 V for a short period (see Figure 8) and then the B-side will rise to the static offset voltage of 0.5 V ($V_{OL}$ of TCA9617A). This effect, called an inverted pedestal, allows the B-side to drive to logic low much faster than driving to the static offset. Driving to the static offset voltage requires that the fall time be slowed to prevent ringing.

![9th Clock Pulse – Acknowledge](image)

Figure 7. Bus A (0.8 V to 5.5 V Bus) Waveform

![Inverted Pedestal](image)

Figure 8. Bus B (2.2 V to 5.5 V Bus) Waveform

8.4 Device Functional Modes

The TCA9617A has an active-high enable (EN) input with an internal pull-up to $V_{CCB}$, which allows the user to select when the repeater is active. This can be used to isolate a badly behaved slave on power-up reset. It should never change state during an $I^2C$ operation, because disabling during a bus operation may hang the bus, and enabling part way through the bus cycles could confuse the $I^2C$ parts being enabled. The EN input should change state only when the global bus and repeater port are in the idle state to prevent system failures.

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9 Application and Implementation

9.1 Application Information

A typical application is shown in Figure 9. In this example, the system master is running on a 0.9-V I2C bus, and the slave is connected to a 2.5-V bus. Both buses are running at 400 kHz. Decoupling capacitors are required but are not shown in Figure 14 for simplicity.

The TCA9617A is 5-V tolerant so no additional circuits are required to translate between 0.8-V to 5.5-V bus voltages and 2.7-V to 5.5-V bus voltages.

When the A side of the TCA9617A is pulled low by a driver on the I2C bus, a comparator detects the falling edge when it goes below 0.7 VCCA and cause the internal driver on the B side to turn on. The B-side will first pull down to 0 V and then settle to 0.5 V. When the B side of the TCA9617A falls below 0.45 V, the TCA9617A will detect the falling edge, turn on the internal driver on the A side and pull the A-side pin down to ground. In order to illustrate what would be seen for an A to B transition refer to Figure 11, and for a B to A transition see Figure 10.

On the B-side bus of the TCA9617A, the clock and data lines will have a positive offset from ground equal to the VOL of the TCA9617A. After the eighth clock pulse, the data line is pulled to the VOL of the slave device, which is close to ground in this example. At the end of the acknowledge, the level rises only to the low level set by the driver of the TCA9617A for a short delay (approximately 0.5 V), while the A-side bus rises above 0.3 VCCA and then continues high.

Although the TCA9617 has a single application, the device can exist in multiple configurations. Figure 9 shows the standard configuration for the TCA9617. Multiple TCA9617s can be connected either in star configuration (Figure 12) or in series configuration (Figure 13). The design requirements, detailed design procedure, and application curves in Standard Application are valid for all three configurations.

9.2 Typical Application

9.2.1 Standard Application

9.2.1.1 Design Requirements

For the level-translating application, the following should be true:

- \( V_{CCA} = 0.8 \text{ V to } 5.5 \text{ V} \)
- \( V_{CCB} = 2.2 \text{ V to } 5.5 \text{ V} \)
- \( I_{OL} > I_O \)
Typical Application (continued)

9.2.1.2 Detailed Design Procedure

9.2.1.2.1 Pullup Resistor Sizing

For the TCA9617A to function correctly, all devices on the B-side must be able to pull the B-side below the voltage input low contention level (0.45 V). This means that the $V_{OL}$ of any device on the B-side must be below 0.4 V to ensure proper operation.

The $V_{OL}$ of a device can be adjusted by changing the $I_{OL}$ through the device which is set by the pull-up resistor value. The pull-up resistor on the B-side must be carefully selected to ensure that logic levels will be transferred correctly to the A-side.

The B-side pull-up resistor sizing must also ensure that the rise time is greater than 20 ns. Shorter rise times will increase the pedestal overshoot shown in point 2 of Figure 10.

9.2.1.3 Application Curves

![Figure 10. B-side Pedestal](image1)

![Figure 11. B-side Inverted Pedestal](image2)
Typical Application (continued)

9.2.2 Star Application

Multiple TCA9617A A sides can be connected in a star configuration, allowing all nodes to communicate with each other.

![Typical Star Application Diagram]

**Figure 12. Typical Star Application**

9.2.2.1 Design Requirements

Refer to Design Requirements.

9.2.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

Refer to Detailed Design Procedure.

9.2.2.3 Application Curves

Refer to Application Curves.
Typical Application (continued)

9.2.3 Series Application

Multiple TCA9617As can be connected in series as long as the A side is connected to the B side. I^2C bus slave devices can be connected to any of the bus segments. The number of devices that can be connected in series is limited by repeater delay/time-of-flight considerations on the maximum bus speed requirements.

![Figure 13. Typical Series Application](image)

9.2.3.1 Design Requirements
Refer to Design Requirements.

9.2.3.2 Detailed Design Procedure
Refer to Detailed Design Procedure.

9.2.3.3 Application Curves
Refer to Application Curves.

10 Power Supply Recommendations

For VCCA, an 0.8-V to 5.5-V power supply is required. For VCCB, a 2.2-V to 5.5-V power supply is required. VCCB should always be higher than VCCA. VCCB cannot be lower than VCCA even when the device is disabled. During power-up, VCCB must rise before VCCA.

Standard decoupling capacitors are recommended. These capacitors typically range from 0.1 μF to 1 μF, but the ideal capacitance depends on the amount of noise from the power supply.
11 Layout

11.1 Layout Guidelines
The recommended decoupling capacitors should be placed as close to the VCCA and VCCB pins of the TCA9617A as possible.

11.2 Layout Example

![Layout Schematic](image)

Figure 14. Layout Schematic
12 Device and Documentation Support

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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
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