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DRV5055 Ratiometric Linear Hall Effect Sensor

1 Features

- Ratiometric Linear Hall Effect Magnetic Sensor
- Operates From 3.3-V and 5-V Power Supplies
- Analog Output With V_{CC} / 2 Quiescent Offset
- Magnetic Sensitivity Options (At V_{CC} = 5 V):
	- A1/Z1: 100 mV/mT, ±21-mT Range
	- A2/Z2: 50 mV/mT, ±42-mT Range
	- A3/Z3: 25 mV/mT, ±85-mT Range
	- A4/Z4: 12.5 mV/mT, ±169-mT Range
- Fast 20-kHz Sensing Bandwidth
- Low-Noise Output With ±1-mA Drive
- Compensation For Magnet Temperature Drift for A1/A2/A3/A4 Versions and None for Z1/Z2/Z3/Z4 Versions
- Standard Industry Packages:
	- Surface-Mount SOT-23
	- Through-Hole TO-92

2 Applications

- Precise Position Sensing
- Industrial Automation and Robotics
- Home Appliances
- Gamepads, Pedals, Keyboards, Triggers
- Height Leveling, Tilt and Weight Measurement
- Fluid Flow Rate Measurement
- **Medical Devices**
- Absolute Angle Encoding
- **Current Sensing**

3 Description

The DRV5055 is a linear Hall effect sensor that responds proportionally to magnetic flux density. The device can be used for accurate position sensing in a wide range of applications.

The device operates from 3.3-V or 5-V power supplies. When no magnetic field is present, the analog output drives half of V_{CC} . The output changes linearly with the applied magnetic flux density, and four sensitivity options enable maximal output voltage swing based on the required sensing range. North and south magnetic poles produce unique voltages.

Magnetic flux perpendicular to the top of the package is sensed, and the two package options provide different sensing directions.

The device uses a ratiometric architecture that can eliminate error from V_{CC} tolerance when the external analog-to-digital converter (ADC) uses the same V_{CC} for its reference. Additionally, the device features magnet temperature compensation to counteract how magnets drift for linear performance across a wide – 40°C to 125°C temperature range. Device options for no temperature compensation of magnet drift are also available.

Device Information(1)

(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.

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Figure 5-2. LPG Package 3-Pin TO-92 Top View

Table 5-1. Pin Functions

6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) (1)

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

6.2 ESD Ratings

(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)

(1) There are two isolated operating V_{CC} ranges. For more information see the *[Operating V](#page-11-0)_{CC}* Ranges section.

(2) Power dissipation and thermal limits must be observed.

6.4 Thermal Information

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *[Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics](https://spra953)* application report.

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

(1) B is the applied magnetic flux density.

 (2) V_N describes voltage noise on the device output. If the full device bandwidth is not needed, noise can be reduced with an RC filter.

6.6 Magnetic Characteristics

for V_{CC} = 3 V to 3.63 V and 4.5 V to 5.5 V, over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

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(1) B is the applied magnetic flux density.

(2) See the *[Ratiometric Architecture](#page-10-0)* section.

(3) B_L describes the minimum linear sensing range at 25°C taking into account the maximum V_Q and Sensitivity tolerances.

(4) See the *[Sensitivity Linearity](#page-10-0)* section.

(5) STC describes the rate the device increases Sensitivity with temperature. For more information, see the *[Sensitivity Temperature](#page-11-0) [Compensation for Magnets](#page-11-0)* section.

6.7 Typical Characteristics

for T_A = 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

6.7 Typical Characteristics (continued)

for $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C (unless otherwise noted)

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for $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C (unless otherwise noted)

7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The DRV5055 is a 3-pin linear Hall effect sensor with fully integrated signal conditioning, temperature compensation circuits, mechanical stress cancellation, and amplifiers. The device operates from 3.3-V and 5-V (±10%) power supplies, measures magnetic flux density, and outputs a proportional analog voltage that is referenced to V_{CC} .

7.2 Functional Block Diagram

7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 Magnetic Flux Direction

As shown in Figure 7-1, the DRV5055 is sensitive to the magnetic field component that is perpendicular to the top of the package.

Figure 7-1. Direction of Sensitivity

(1)

Magnetic flux that travels from the bottom to the top of the package is considered positive in this document. This condition exists when a south magnetic pole is near the top (marked-side) of the package. Magnetic flux that travels from the top to the bottom of the package results in negative millitesla values.

Figure 7-2. The Flux Direction for Positive B

7.3.2 Magnetic Response

When the DRV5055 is powered, the DRV5055 outputs an analog voltage according to Equation 1:

$$
V_{OUT} = V_Q + B \times (Sensitivity_{(25^{\circ}C)} \times (1 + S_{TC} \times (T_A - 25^{\circ}C)))
$$

where

- V_Q is typically half of V_{CC}
- B is the applied magnetic flux density
- Sensitivity_(25°C) depends on the device option and V_{CC}
- S_{TC} is typically 0.12%/°C for device options DRV5055A1 DRV5055A4 and is 0%/°C for DRV5055Z1 -DRV5055Z4 options
- T_A is the ambient temperature
- V_{OUT} is within the V_L range

As an example, consider the DRV5055A3 with V $_{\rm CC}$ = 3.3 V, a temperature of 50°C, and 67 mT applied. Excluding tolerances, V_{OUT} = 1650 mV + 67 mT × (15 mV/mT × (1 + 0.0012/°C × (50°C – 25°C))) = 2685 mV.

7.3.3 Sensitivity Linearity

The device produces a linear response when the output voltage is within the specified V_L range. Outside this range, sensitivity is reduced and nonlinear. Figure 7-3 graphs the magnetic response.

Figure 7-3. Magnetic Response

Equation 2 calculates parameter B_l , the minimum linear sensing range at 25°C taking into account the maximum quiescent voltage and sensitivity tolerances.

$$
B_{L(MIN)} = \frac{V_{L(MAX)} - V_{Q(MAX)}}{S_{(MAX)}}
$$
(2)

The parameter S_{LE} defines linearity error as the difference in sensitivity between any two positive B values, and any two negative B values, while the output is within the V_1 range.

The parameter S_{SF} defines symmetry error as the difference in sensitivity between any positive B value and the negative B value of the same magnitude, while the output voltage is within the $V₁$ range.

7.3.4 Ratiometric Architecture

The DRV5055 has a ratiometric analog architecture that scales the quiescent voltage and sensitivity linearly with the power-supply voltage. For example, the quiescent voltage and sensitivity are 5% higher when V_{CC} = 5.25 V compared to V_{CC} = 5 V. This behavior enables external ADCs to digitize a consistent value regardless of the power-supply voltage tolerance, when the ADC uses V_{CC} as its reference.

Equation 3 calculates the sensitivity ratiometry error:

$$
S_{RE} = 1 - \frac{S_{(VCC)} / S_{(5V)}}{V_{CC} / 5V}
$$
 for $V_{CC} = 4.5$ V to 5.5 V, $S_{RE} = 1 - \frac{S_{(VCC)} / S_{(3.3V)}}{V_{CC} / 3.3V}$ for $V_{CC} = 3$ V to 3.63 V (3)

where

- $S_{(VCC)}$ is the sensitivity at the current V_{CC} voltage
- $S_{(5V)}$ or $S_{(3.3V)}$ is the sensitivity when V_{CC} = 5 V or 3.3 V
- V_{CC} is the current V_{CC} voltage

Equation 4 calculates quiescent voltage ratiometry error:

$$
V_{QRE} = 1 - \frac{V_{Q(VCC)} / V_{Q(SV)}}{V_{CC} / 5V}
$$
 for $V_{CC} = 4.5$ V to 5.5 V, $V_{QRE} = 1 - \frac{V_{Q(VCC)} / V_{Q(3.3V)}}{V_{CC} / 3.3V}$ for $V_{CC} = 3$ V to 3.63 V (4)

where

- $V_{\text{Q}(VCC)}$ is the quiescent voltage at the current V_{CC} voltage
- $V_{\text{Q(5V)}}$ or $V_{\text{Q(3.3V)}}$ is the quiescent voltage when V_{CC} = 5 V or 3.3 V
- V_{CC} is the current V_{CC} voltage

7.3.5 Operating V_{CC} Ranges

The DRV5055 has two recommended operating V_{CC} ranges: 3 V to 3.63 V and 4.5 V to 5.5 V. When V_{CC} is in the middle region between 3.63 V to 4.5 V, the device continues to function, but sensitivity is less known because there is a crossover threshold near 4 V that adjusts device characteristics.

7.3.6 Sensitivity Temperature Compensation for Magnets

Magnets generally produce weaker fields as temperature increases. The DRV5055 can either compensate by increasing sensitivity with temperature or by keeping the sensitivity constant, as defined by the parameters S_{TC} and S_{TCz}, respectively. For device options DRV5055A1 - DRV5055A4, the sensitivity at T_A = 125°C is typically 12% higher than at T_A = 25°C. For device options DRV5055Z1 - DRV5055Z4, the sensitivity at T_A = 125°C is typically same as the value at $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$.

7.3.7 Power-On Time

After the V_{CC} voltage is applied, the DRV5055 requires a short initialization time before the output is set. The parameter t_{ON} describes the time from when V_{CC} crosses 3 V until OUT is within 5% of V_Q, with 0 mT applied and no load attached to OUT. Figure 7-4 shows this timing diagram.

Figure 7-4. t_{ON} Definition

7.3.8 Hall Element Location

Figure 7-5 shows the location of the sensing element inside each package option.

Figure 7-5. Hall Element Location

7.4 Device Functional Modes

The DRV5055 has one mode of operation that applies when the *[Recommended Operating Conditions](#page-3-0)* are met.

8 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, as well as validating and testing their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

8.1 Application Information

8.1.1 Selecting the Sensitivity Option

Select the highest DRV5055 sensitivity option that can measure the required range of magnetic flux density, so that the output voltage swing is maximized.

Larger-sized magnets and farther sensing distances can generally enable better positional accuracy than very small magnets at close distances, because magnetic flux density increases exponentially with the proximity to a magnet. TI created an online tool to help with simple magnet calculations at [https://www.ti.com/product/drv5013.](https://www.ti.com/product/drv5013)

8.1.2 Temperature Compensation for Magnets

The DRV5055 temperature compensation is designed to directly compensate the average drift of neodymium (NdFeB) magnets and partially compensate ferrite magnets. The residual induction (B_r) of a magnet typically reduces by 0.12%/°C for NdFeB, and 0.20%/°C for ferrite. When the operating temperature of a system is reduced, temperature drift errors are also reduced.

8.1.3 Adding a Low-Pass Filter

As shown in *[Functional Block Diagram](#page-8-0)*, an RC low-pass filter can be added to the device output for the purpose of minimizing voltage noise when the full 20-kHz bandwidth is not needed. This filter can improve the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) and overall accuracy. Do not connect a capacitor directly to the device output without a resistor in between because doing so can make the output unstable.

8.1.4 Designing for Wire Break Detection

Some systems must detect if interconnect wires become open or shorted. The DRV5055 can support this function.

First, select a sensitivity option that causes the output voltage to stay within the V_L range during normal operation. Second, add a pullup resistor between OUT and V_{CC}. TI recommends a value between 20 kΩ to 100 kΩ, and the current through OUT must not exceed the I_O specification, including current going into an external ADC. Then, if the output voltage is ever measured to be within 150 mV of V_{CC} or GND, a fault condition exists. Figure 8-1 shows the circuit, and [Table 8-1](#page-14-0) describes fault scenarios.

Figure 8-1. Wire Fault Detection Circuit

Table 8-1. Fault Scenarios and the Resulting Vour

8.2 Typical Application

Figure 8-2. Common Magnet Orientation

8.2.1 Design Requirements

Use the parameters listed in Table 8-2 for this design example.

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

Linear Hall effect sensors provide flexibility in mechanical design, because many possible magnet orientations and movements produce a usable response from the sensor. Figure 8-2 shows one of the most common orientations, which uses the full north to south range of the sensor and causes a close-to-linear change in magnetic flux density as the magnet moves across.

When designing a linear magnetic sensing system, always consider these three variables: the magnet, sensing distance, and the range of the sensor. Select the DRV5055 with the highest sensitivity that has a B_l (linear magnetic sensing range) that is larger than the maximum magnetic flux density in the application. To determine the magnetic flux density the sensor receives, TI recommends using magnetic field simulation software, referring to magnet specifications, and testing.

8.2.3 Application Curve

Figure 8-3 shows the simulated magnetic flux from a NdFeB magnet.

Figure 8-3. Simulated Magnetic Flux

8.3 Do's and Don'ts

Because the Hall element is sensitive to magnetic fields that are perpendicular to the top of the package, a correct magnet approach must be used for the sensor to detect the field. Figure 8-4 shows correct and incorrect approaches.

Figure 8-4. Correct and Incorrect Magnet Approaches

9 Power Supply Recommendations

A decoupling capacitor close to the device must be used to provide local energy with minimal inductance. TI recommends using a ceramic capacitor with a value of at least 0.01 µF.

10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

Magnetic fields pass through most nonferromagnetic materials with no significant disturbance. Embedding Hall effect sensors within plastic or aluminum enclosures and sensing magnets on the outside is common practice. Magnetic fields also easily pass through most printed-circuit boards, which makes placing the magnet on the opposite side possible.

10.2 Layout Examples

Figure 10-1. Layout Examples

11 Device and Documentation Support

11.1 Documentation Support

11.1.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation see the following:

- Texas Instruments, *[Overview Using Linear Hall Effect Sensors to Measure Angle](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLYA034)* application brief
- Texas Instruments, *[Incremental Rotary Encoder Design Considerations](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBOA200)* application brief

11.2 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

11.6 Glossary

[TI Glossary](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLYZ022) This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

12 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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(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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PACKAGE OUTLINE

TRANSISTOR OUTLINE

NOTES:

- 1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
- 2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

LPG0003A TO-92 - 5.05 mm max height

TRANSISTOR OUTLINE

TAPE SPECIFICATIONS

LPG0003A TO-92 - 5.05 mm max height

TRANSISTOR OUTLINE

PACKAGE OUTLINE

DBZ0003A SOT-23 - 1.12 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE TRANSISTOR

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- 3. Reference JEDEC registration TO-236, except minimum foot length.
- 4. Support pin may differ or may not be present.
- 5. Body dimensions do not include mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs. Mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs shall not exceed 0.25mm per side

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

DBZ0003A SOT-23 - 1.12 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE TRANSISTOR

NOTES: (continued)

5. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.

6. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

DBZ0003A SOT-23 - 1.12 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE TRANSISTOR

NOTES: (continued)

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

8. Board assembly site may have different recommendations for stencil design.

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