

TCA6424A Low-Voltage 24-Bit I²C and SMBus I/O Expander With Interrupt Output, Reset, and Configuration Registers

1 Features

- Operating power-supply voltage range of 1.65 V to 5.5 V
- Allows bidirectional voltage-level translation and GPIO expansion between:
 - 1.8-V SCL/SDA and 1.8-V, 2.5-V, 3.3-V, or 5-V P Port
 - 2.5-V SCL/SDA and 1.8-V, 2.5-V, 3.3-V, or 5-V P Port
 - 3.3-V SCL/SDA and 1.8-V, 2.5-V, 3.3-V, or 5-V P Port
 - 5-V SCL/SDA and 1.8-V, 2.5-V, 3.3-V, or 5-V P Port
- I²C to Parallel port expander
- Low standby current consumption of 1 μ A
- Schmitt-Trigger action allows slow input transition and better switching noise immunity at the SCL and SDA inputs
 - $V_{hys} = 0.18$ V Typ at 1.8 V
 - $V_{hys} = 0.25$ V Typ at 2.5 V
 - $V_{hys} = 0.33$ V Typ at 3.3 V
 - $V_{hys} = 0.5$ V Typ at 5 V
- 5-V Tolerant I/O ports
- Active-low reset input (\overline{RESET})
- Open-drain active-low interrupt output (\overline{INT})
- 400-kHz Fast I²C Bus
- Input/output configuration register
- Polarity inversion register
- Internal power-on reset
- Power up with all channels configured as inputs
- No glitch on power up
- Noise filter on SCL/SDA inputs
- Latched outputs with high-current drive maximum capability for directly driving LEDs
- Latch-up performance exceeds 100 mA per JESD 78, class II
- ESD protection exceeds JESD 22
 - 2000-V Human-body model (A114-A)
 - 200-V Machine model (A115-A)
 - 1000-V Charged-device model (C101)

2 Description

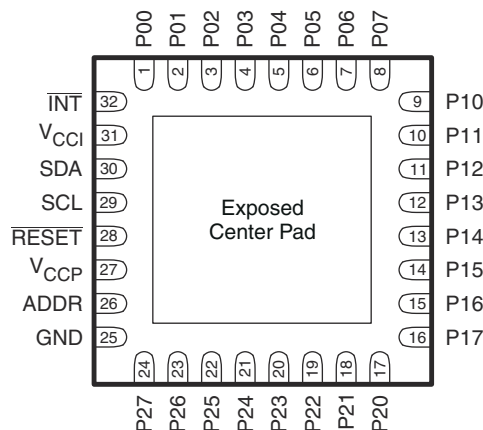
This 24-bit I/O expander for the two-line bidirectional bus (I²C) is designed to provide general-purpose remote I/O expansion for most microcontroller families via the I²C interface [serial clock (SCL) and serial data (SDA)].

The major benefit of this device is its wide V_{CC} range. It can operate from 1.65 V to 5.5 V on the P-port side and on the SDA/SCL side. This allows the TCA6424A to interface with next-generation microprocessors and microcontrollers on the SDA/SCL side, where supply levels are dropping down to conserve power. In contrast to the dropping power supplies of microprocessors and microcontrollers, some PCB components, such as LEDs, remain at a 5-V power supply.

Package Information

DEVICE NAME	PACKAGE ⁽¹⁾	BODY SIZE
TCA6424A	UQFN (32)	5.00 mm × 5.00 mm

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



If used, the exposed center pad must be connected as a secondary ground or left electrically open.

RGJ Package (Bottom View)



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3 Revision History

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• Changed all instances of legacy terminology to controller and target where I ² C is mentioned.....	1
• Deleted Package thermal impedance from the <i>Absolute Maximum Ratings</i> table.....	6
• Added Storage temperature range to the <i>Absolute Maximum Ratings</i> table.....	6
• Changed Handling Ratings To: <i>ESD Ratings</i>	6
• Added the <i>Thermal Information</i> table.....	7
• Added the <i>Application and Implementation</i> NOTE.....	27
• Added the <i>Detailed Design Procedure</i> section.....	27
• Added paragraph: "Ramping up the device V _{CCP} " to <i>Power Supply Recommendations</i>	28
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4 Description (continued)

The bidirectional voltage level translation in the TCA6424A is provided through V_{CCI} . V_{CCI} should be connected to the V_{CC} of the external SCL/SDA lines. This indicates the V_{CC} level of the I²C bus to the TCA6424A. The voltage level on the P-port of the TCA6424A is determined by the V_{CCP} .

The TCA6424A consists of three 8-bit Configuration (input or output selection), Input, Output, and Polarity Inversion (active high) registers. At power on, the I/Os are configured as inputs. However, the system controller can enable the I/Os as either inputs or outputs by writing to the I/O configuration bits. The data for each input or output is kept in the corresponding input or output register. The polarity of the Input Port register can be inverted with the Polarity Inversion register. All registers can be read by the system controller.

The system controller can reset the TCA6424A in the event of a timeout or other improper operation by asserting a low in the \overline{RESET} input. The power-on reset puts the registers in their default state and initializes the I²C/SMBus state machine. The \overline{RESET} pin causes the same reset/initialization to occur without depowering the part.

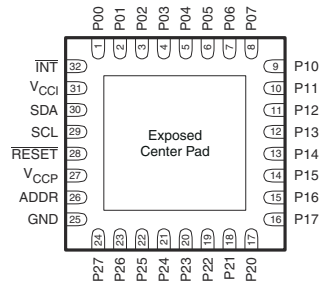
The TCA6424A open-drain interrupt (\overline{INT}) output is activated when any input state differs from its corresponding Input Port register state and is used to indicate to the system controller that an input state has changed.

\overline{INT} can be connected to the interrupt input of a microcontroller. By sending an interrupt signal on this line, the remote I/O can inform the microcontroller if there is incoming data on its ports without having to communicate via the I²C bus. Thus, the TCA6424A can remain a simple target device.

The device P-port outputs have high-current sink capabilities for directly driving LEDs while consuming low device current.

One hardware pin (ADDR) can be used to program and vary the fixed I²C address and allow up to two devices to share the same I²C bus or SMBus.

5 Pin Configuration and Functions



If used, the exposed center pad must be connected as a secondary ground or left electrically open.

**Figure 5-1. RGJ Package
(Bottom View)**

Table 5-1. Pin Functions

PIN		DESCRIPTION
PIN NO.	NAME	
1	P00	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P00 is configured as an input.
2	P01	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P01 is configured as an input.
3	P02	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P02 is configured as an input.
4	P03	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P03 is configured as an input.
5	P04	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P04 is configured as an input.
6	P05	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P05 is configured as an input.
7	P06	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P06 is configured as an input.
8	P07	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P07 is configured as an input.
9	P10	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P10 is configured as an input.
10	P11	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P11 is configured as an input.
11	P12	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P12 is configured as an input.
12	P13	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P13 is configured as an input.
13	P14	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P14 is configured as an input.
14	P15	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P15 is configured as an input.
15	P16	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P16 is configured as an input.
16	P17	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P17 is configured as an input.
17	P20	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P20 is configured as an input.
18	P21	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P21 is configured as an input.
19	P22	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P22 is configured as an input.
20	P23	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P23 is configured as an input.
21	P24	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P24 is configured as an input.
22	P25	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P25 is configured as an input.
23	P26	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P26 is configured as an input.
24	P27	P-port input/output (push-pull design structure). At power on, P27 is configured as an input.
25	GND	Ground
26	ADDR	Address input. Connect directly to V _{CCP} or ground.
27	V _{CCP}	Supply voltage of TCA6424A for P port
28	RESET	Active-low reset input. Connect to V _{CCI} through a pullup resistor, if no active connection is used.
29	SCL	Serial clock bus. Connect to V _{CCI} through a pullup resistor.
30	SDA	Serial data bus. Connect to V _{CCI} through a pullup resistor.

Table 5-1. Pin Functions (continued)

PIN		DESCRIPTION
PIN NO.	NAME	
31	V _{CCI}	Supply voltage of I ² C bus. Connect directly to the V _{CC} of the external I ² C controller. Provides voltage-level translation.
32	INT	Interrupt output. Connect to V _{CCI} through a pullup resistor.

6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings⁽¹⁾

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

				MIN	MAX	UNIT
V_{CCI}	Supply voltage range			−0.5	6.5	V
V_{CCP}	Supply voltage range			−0.5	6.5	V
V_I	Input voltage range ⁽²⁾			−0.5	6.5	V
V_O	Output voltage range ⁽²⁾			−0.5	6.5	V
I_{IK}	Input clamp current	ADDR, RESET, SCL	$V_I < 0$		±20	mA
I_{OK}	Output clamp current	INT	$V_O < 0$		±20	mA
I_{IOK}	Input/output clamp current	P port	$V_O < 0$ or $V_O > V_{CCP}$		±20	mA
		SDA	$V_O < 0$ or $V_O > V_{CCI}$		±20	
I_{OL}	Continuous output low current	P port	$V_O = 0$ to V_{CCP}		25	mA
		SDA, INT	$V_O = 0$ to V_{CCI}		15	
I_{OH}	Continuous output high current	P port	$V_O = 0$ to V_{CCP}		25	mA
I_{CC}	Continuous current through GND				200	mA
	Continuous current through V_{CCP}				160	
	Continuous current through V_{CCI}				10	
T_{stg}	Storage temperature range			−65	150	°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) The input negative-voltage and output voltage ratings may be exceeded if the input and output current ratings are observed.

6.2 ESD Ratings

			MIN	MAX	UNIT
$V_{(ESD)}$	Electrostatic discharge	Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001, all pins ⁽¹⁾	0	2	kV
		Charged device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101, all pins ⁽²⁾	0	01	kV

- (1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process. Pins listed as 2000 V may actually have higher performance.
- (2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process. Pins listed as 2000 V may actually have higher performance.

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

			MIN	MAX	UNIT
V _{CCI}	Supply voltage		1.65	5.5	V
V _{CCP}	Supply voltage		1.65	5.5	V
V _{IH}	High-level input voltage	SCL, SDA	0.7 × V _{CCI}	V _{CCI}	V
		RESET	0.7 × V _{CCI}	5.5	
		ADDR, P27–P00	0.7 × V _{CCP}	5.5	
V _{IL}	Low-level input voltage	SCL, SDA, RESET	−0.5	0.3 × V _{CCI}	V
		ADDR, P27–P00	−0.5	0.3 × V _{CCP}	
I _{OH}	High-level output current	P27–P00		10	mA
I _{OL}	Low-level output current	P27–P00		25	mA
T _A	Operating free-air temperature		−40	85	°C

6.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		TCA6424A	UNIT
		RGJ (UQFN)	
		32 PINS	
R _{θJA}	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	44.9	°C/W
R _{θJC(top)}	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	14.3	°C/W
R _{θJB}	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	17.7	°C/W
ψ _{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	0.3	°C/W
ψ _{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	17.7	°C/W
R _{θJC(bottom)}	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	9.1	°C/W

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

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

over recommended operating free-air temperature range, V_{CCI} = 1.65 V to 5.5 V (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	V _{CCP}	MIN	TYP ⁽¹⁾	MAX	UNIT
V _{IK}	Input diode clamp voltage	I _I = –18 mA	1.65 V to 5.5 V	–1.2			V
V _{POR}	Power-on reset voltage	V _I = V _{CCP} or GND, I _O = 0	1.65 V to 5.5 V		1	1.4	V
V _{OH}	P-port high-level output voltage	I _{OH} = –8 mA	1.65 V	1.2			V
			2.3 V	1.8			
			3 V	2.6			
			4.5 V	4.1			
		I _{OH} = –10 mA	1.65 V	1			
			2.3 V	1.7			
			3 V	2.5			
			4.5 V	4.0			
V _{OL}	P-port low-level output voltage	I _{OL} = 8 mA	1.65 V			0.45	V
			2.3 V			0.25	
			3 V			0.25	
			4.5 V			0.23	
		I _{OL} = 10 mA	1.65 V			0.6	
			2.3 V			0.3	
			3 V			0.25	
			4.5 V			0.24	
I _{OL}	SDA	V _{OL} = 0.4 V	1.65 V to 5.5 V	3			mA
	INT	V _{OL} = 0.4 V	1.65 V to 5.5 V	3	15		
I _I	SCL, SDA, RESET	V _I = V _{CCI} or GND	1.65 V to 5.5 V			±0.1	μA
	ADDR	V _I = V _{CCP} or GND				±0.1	
I _{IH}	P port	V _I = V _{CCP}	1.65 V to 5.5 V			1	μA
I _{IL}	P port	V _I = GND				1	μA

6.5 Electrical Characteristics (continued)

over recommended operating free-air temperature range, $V_{CCI} = 1.65\text{ V to }5.5\text{ V}$ (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER			TEST CONDITIONS	V_{CCP}	MIN	TYP ⁽¹⁾	MAX	UNIT
I_{CC} ($I_{CCP} + I_{CCI}$)	Operating mode	SDA, P port, ADDR, RESET	V_I on SDA and RESET = V_{CCI} or GND, V_I on P port and ADDR = V_{CCP} , $I_O = 0$, I/O = inputs, $f_{SCL} = 400\text{ kHz}$	1.65 V to 5.5 V		8	30	μA
		SDA, P port, ADDR, RESET	V_I on SDA and RESET = V_{CCI} or GND, V_I on P port and ADDR = V_{CCP} , $I_O = 0$, I/O = inputs, $f_{SCL} = 100\text{ kHz}$	1.65 V to 5.5 V		1.7	10	
	Standby mode	SCL, SDA, P port, ADDR, RESET	V_I on SCL, SDA and RESET = V_{CCI} or GND, V_I on P port and ADDR = V_{CCP} , $I_O = 0$, I/O = inputs, $f_{SCL} = 0$	1.65 V to 5.5 V		0.1	3	
ΔI_{CCI}	Additional current in	SCL, SDA, RESET	One input at $V_{CCI} - 0.6\text{ V}$, Other inputs at V_{CCI} or GND	1.65 V to 5.5 V			25	μA
ΔI_{CCP}	Standby mode	P port, ADDR,	One input at $V_{CCP} - 0.6\text{ V}$, Other inputs at V_{CCP} or GND				60	
C_I	SCL		$V_I = V_{CCI}$ or GND	1.65 V to 5.5 V		6	7	pF
C_{IO}	SDA		$V_{IO} = V_{CCI}$ or GND	1.65 V to 5.5 V		7	8	pF
	P port		$V_{IO} = V_{CCP}$ or GND			7.5	8.5	

(1) Except for I_{CC} , all typical values are at nominal supply voltage ($V_{CCP} = V_{CCI} = 1.8\text{-V, }2.5\text{-V, }3.3\text{-V, or }5\text{-V }V_{CC}$) and $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$. For I_{CC} , all typical values are at $V_{CCP} = V_{CCI} = 3.3\text{ V}$ and $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$.

6.6 I²C Interface Timing Requirements

over recommended operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) (see [Figure 7-1](#))

		STANDARD MODE I ² C BUS		FAST MODE I ² C BUS		UNIT
		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
f_{SCL}	I ² C clock frequency	0	100	0	400	kHz
t_{SCH}	I ² C clock high time	4		0.6		μs
t_{SCL}	I ² C clock low time	4.7		1.3		μs
t_{SP}	I ² C spike time	0	50	0	50	ns
t_{SDS}	I ² C serial data setup time	250		100		ns
t_{SDH}	I ² C serial data hold time	0		0		ns
t_{ICR}	I ² C input rise time		1000	$20 + 0.1C_b$ ⁽¹⁾	300	ns
t_{ICF}	I ² C input fall time		300	$20 + 0.1C_b$ ⁽¹⁾	300	ns
t_{OCF}	I ² C output fall time; 10 pF to 400 pF bus		300	$20 + 0.1C_b$ ⁽¹⁾	300	μs
t_{BUF}	I ² C bus free time between Stop and Start	4.7		1.3		μs
t_{STS}	I ² C Start or repeater Start condition setup time	4.7		0.6		μs
t_{STH}	I ² C Start or repeater Start condition hold time	4		0.6		μs
t_{SPS}	I ² C Stop condition setup time	4		0.6		μs
$t_{VD}(\text{data})$	Valid data time; SCL low to SDA output valid		1		1	μs
$t_{VD}(\text{ack})$	Valid data time of ACK condition; ACK signal from SCL low to SDA (out) low		1		1	μs

(1) C_b = total capacitance of one bus line in pF

6.7 Reset Timing Requirements

over recommended operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) (see [Figure 7-4](#))

		STANDARD MODE I ² C BUS		FAST MODE I ² C BUS		UNIT
		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
t _W	Reset pulse duration	4		4		ns
t _{REC}	Reset recovery time	0		0		ns
t _{RESET}	Time to reset ⁽¹⁾	600		600		ns

(1) Minimum time for SDA to become high or minimum time to wait before doing a START.

6.8 Switching Characteristics

over recommended operating free-air temperature range, C_L ≤ 100 pF (unless otherwise noted) (see [Figure 7-1](#))

PARAMETER		FROM	TO	STANDARD MODE I ² C BUS		FAST MODE I ² C BUS		UNIT
				MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
t _{IV}	Interrupt valid time	P port	INT		4		4	μs
t _{IR}	Interrupt reset delay time	SCL	INT		4		4	μs
t _{PV}	Output data valid	SCL	P27–P00		400		400	ns
t _{PS}	Input data setup time	P port	SCL	0		0		ns
t _{PH}	Input data hold time	P port	SCL	300		300		ns

6.9 Typical Characteristics

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

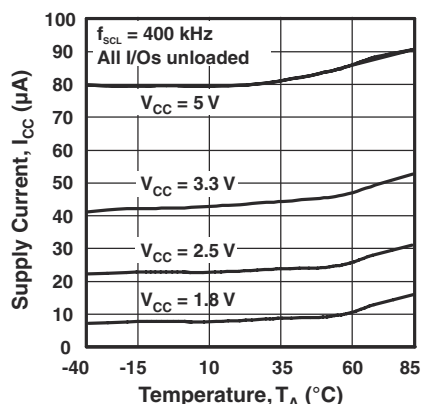


Figure 6-1. Supply Current vs Temperature

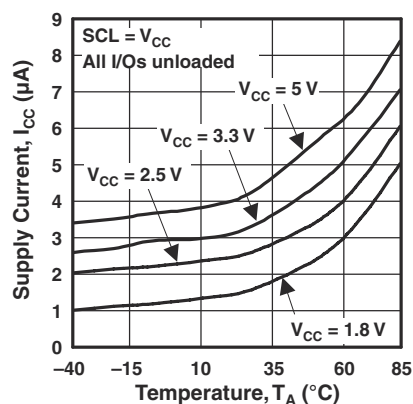


Figure 6-2. Standby Supply Current vs Temperature

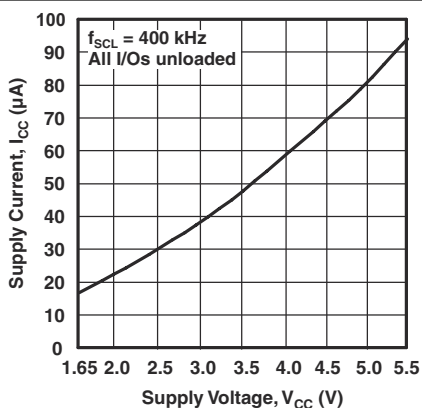


Figure 6-3. Supply Current vs Supply Voltage

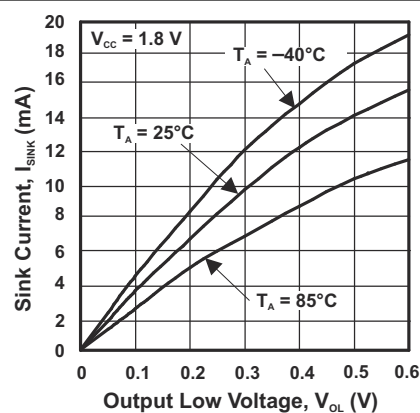


Figure 6-4. I/O Sink Current vs Output Low Voltage

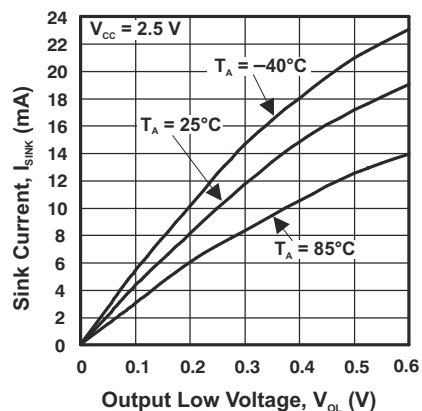


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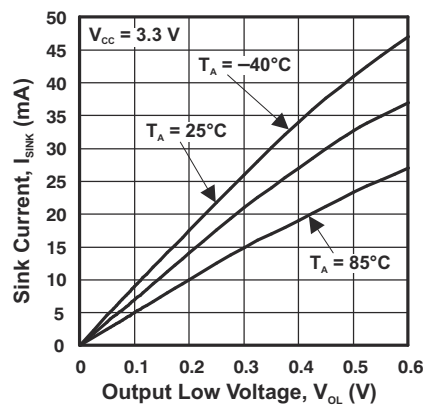


Figure 6-6. I/O Sink Current vs Output Low Voltage

6.9 Typical Characteristics (continued)

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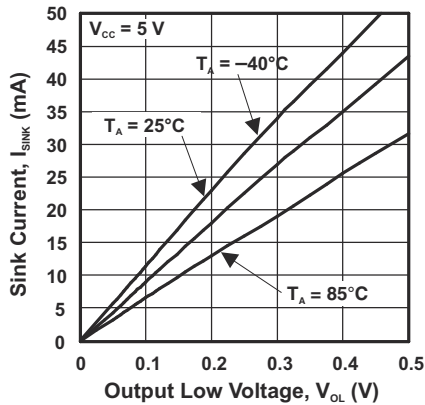


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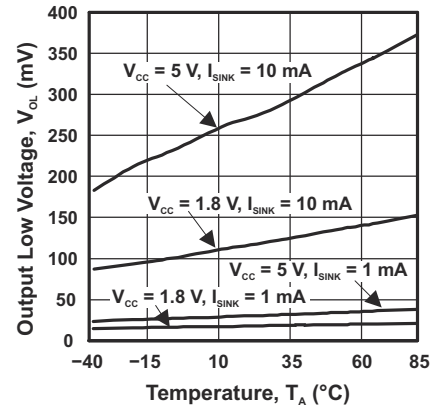


Figure 6-8. I/O Low Voltage vs Temperature

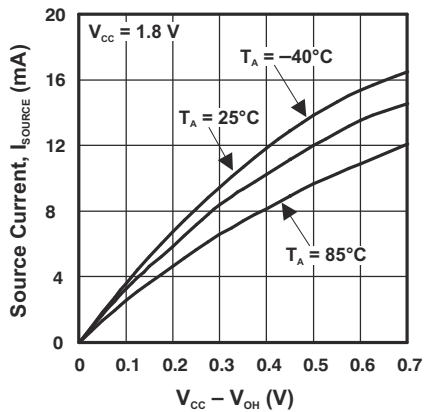


Figure 6-9. I/O Source Current vs Output High Voltage

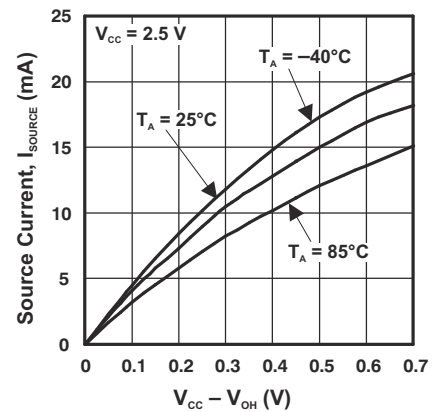


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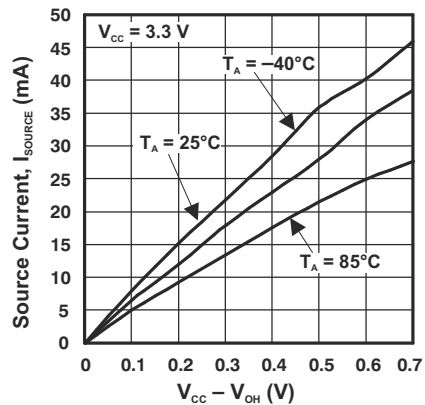


Figure 6-11. I/O Source Current vs Output High Voltage

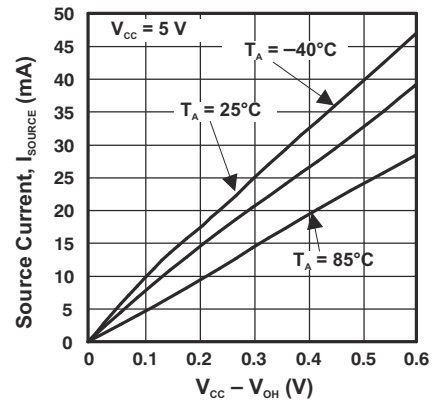


Figure 6-12. I/O Source Current vs Output High Voltage

6.9 Typical Characteristics (continued)

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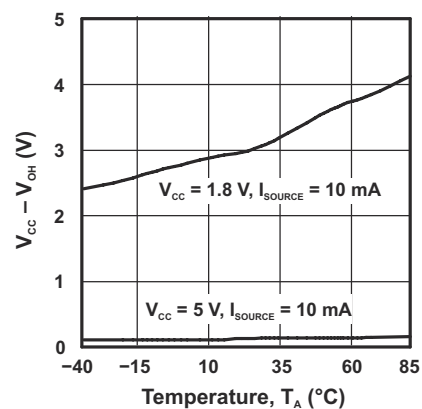
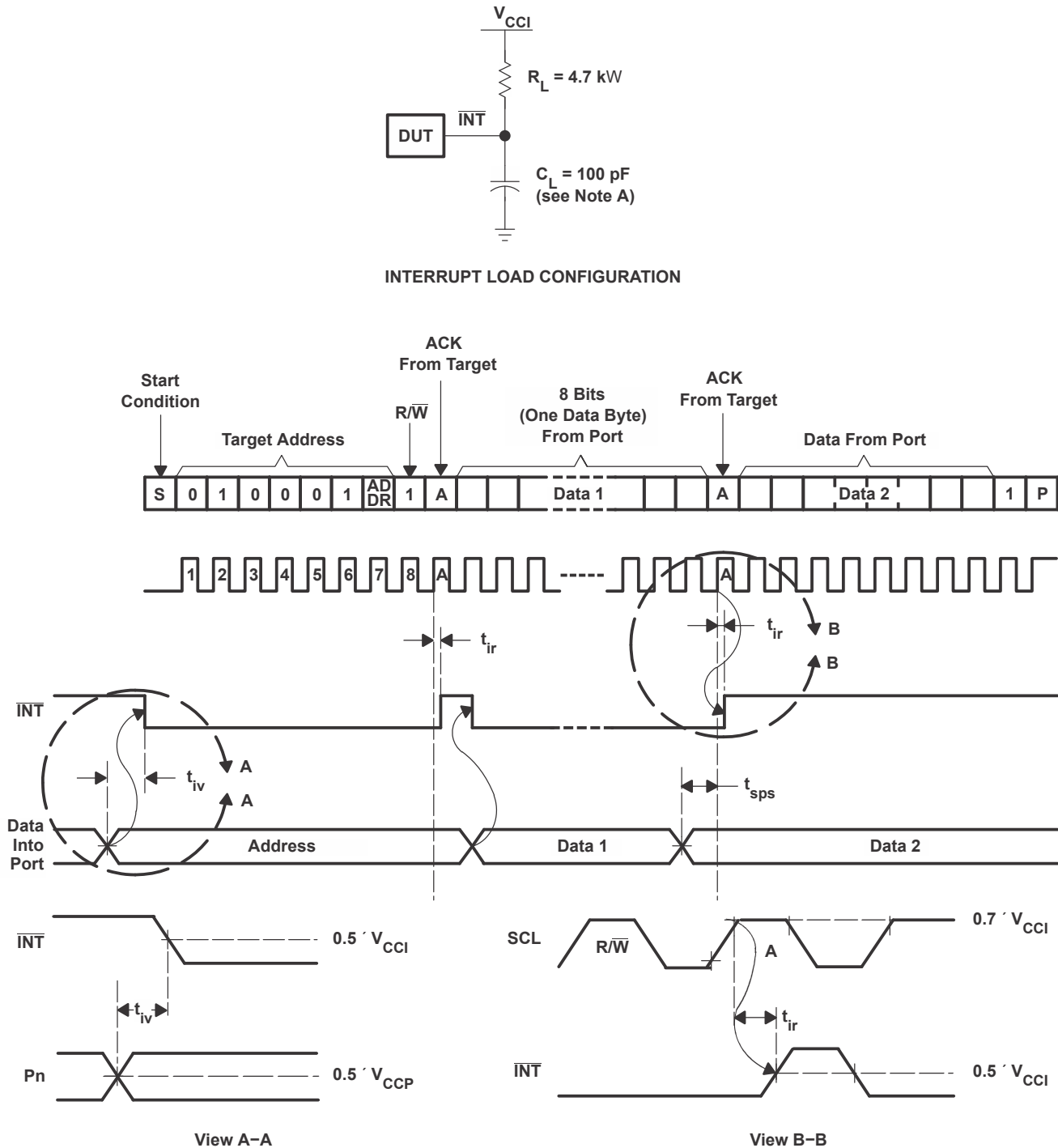
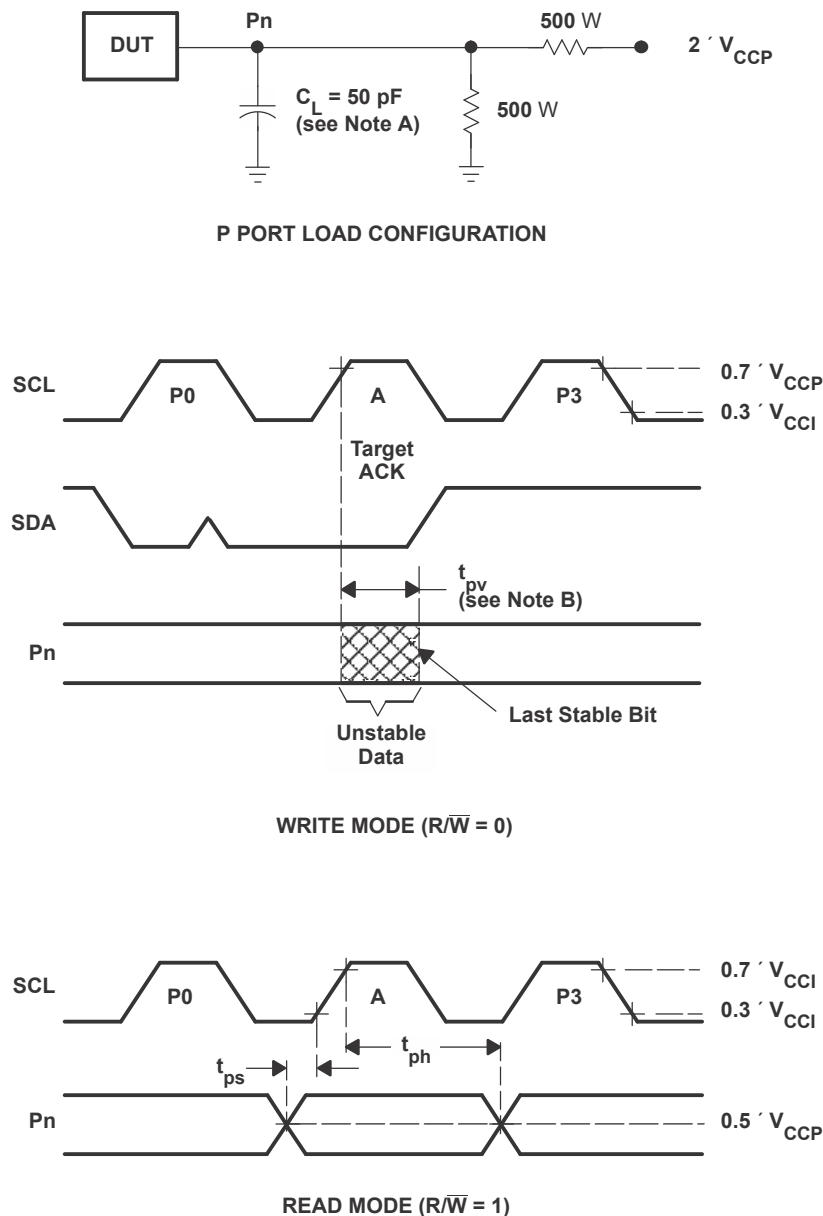


Figure 6-13. I/O High Voltage vs Temperature



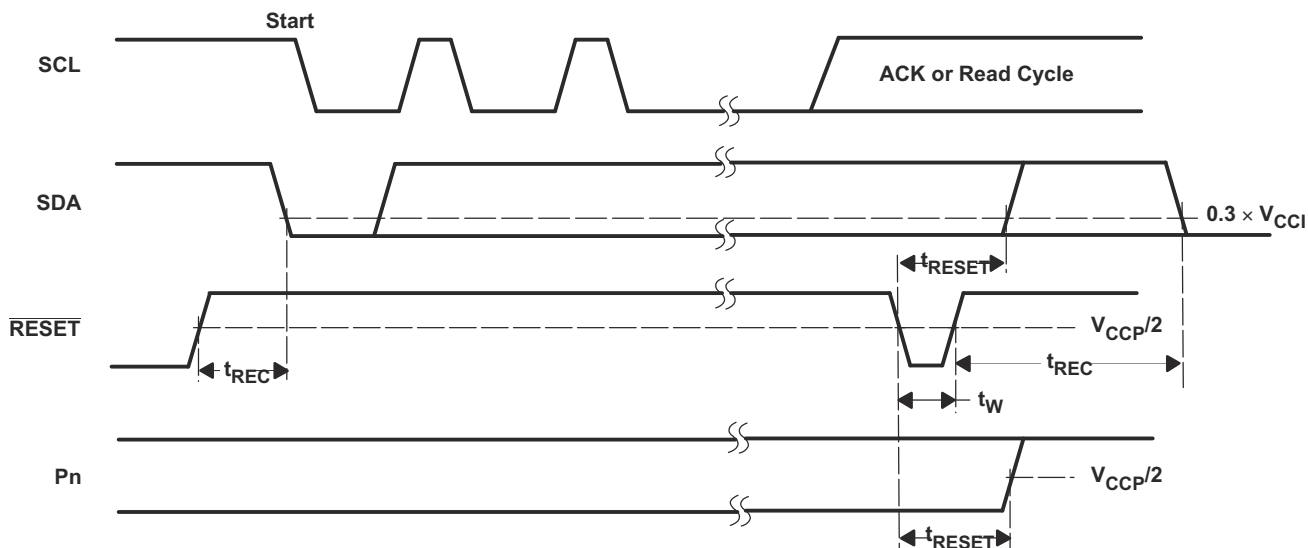
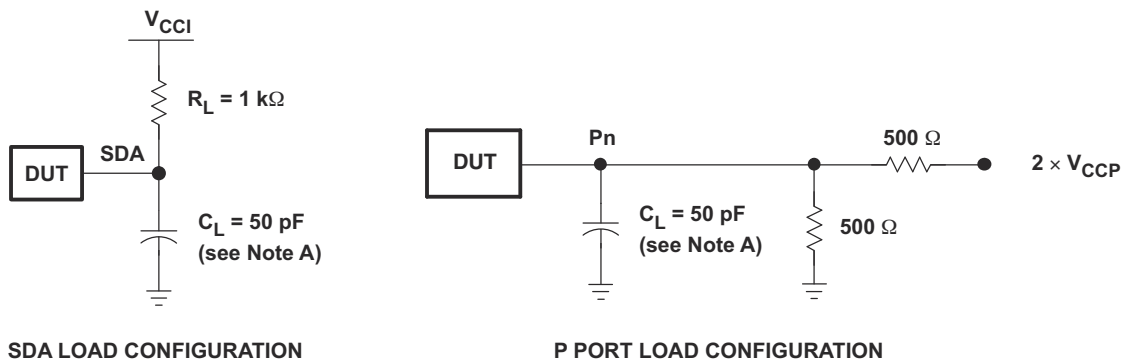
- A. C_L includes probe and jig capacitance.
- B. All inputs are supplied by generators having the following characteristics: $PRR \leq 10$ MHz, $Z_O = 50 \Omega$, $t_r/t_f \leq 30$ ns.
- C. All parameters and waveforms are not applicable to all devices.

Figure 7-2. Interrupt Load Circuit and Voltage Waveforms



- A. C_L includes probe and jig capacitance.
- B. t_{pv} is measured from $0.7 \times V_{CC}$ on SCL to 50% I/O (P_n) output.
- C. All inputs are supplied by generators having the following characteristics: $PRR \leq 10$ MHz, $Z_O = 50 \Omega$, $t_r/t_f \leq 30$ ns.
- D. The outputs are measured one at a time, with one transition per measurement.
- E. All parameters and waveforms are not applicable to all devices.

Figure 7-3. P-Port Load Circuit and Timing Waveforms



- A. C_L includes probe and jig capacitance.
- B. All inputs are supplied by generators having the following characteristics: $PRR \leq 10\text{ MHz}$, $Z_O = 50\text{ }\Omega$, $t_r/t_f \leq 30\text{ ns}$.
- C. The outputs are measured one at a time, with one transition per measurement.
- D. I/Os are configured as inputs.
- E. All parameters and waveforms are not applicable to all devices.

Figure 7-4. Reset Load Circuits and Voltage Waveforms

8 Detailed Description

8.1 Overview

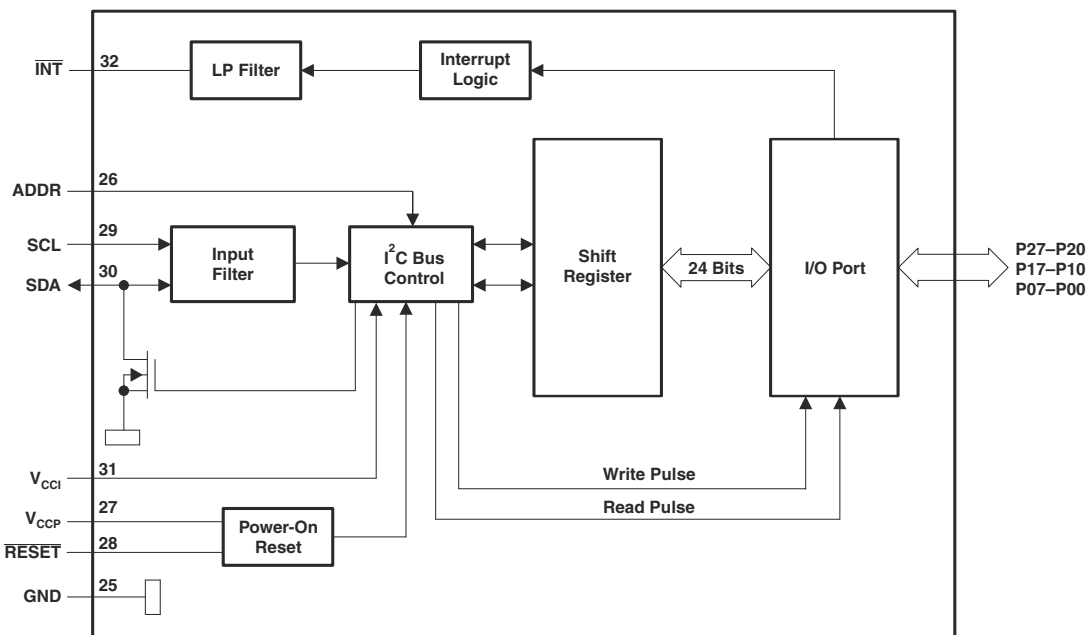
8.1.1 Voltage Translation

Table 8-1 shows how to set up V_{CC} levels for the necessary voltage translation between the I²C bus and the TCA6424A.

Table 8-1. Voltage Translation

V_{CCI} (SDA AND SCL OF I ² C CONTROLLER) (V)	V_{CCP} (P PORT) (V)
1.8	1.8
1.8	2.5
1.8	3.3
1.8	5
2.5	1.8
2.5	2.5
2.5	3.3
2.5	5
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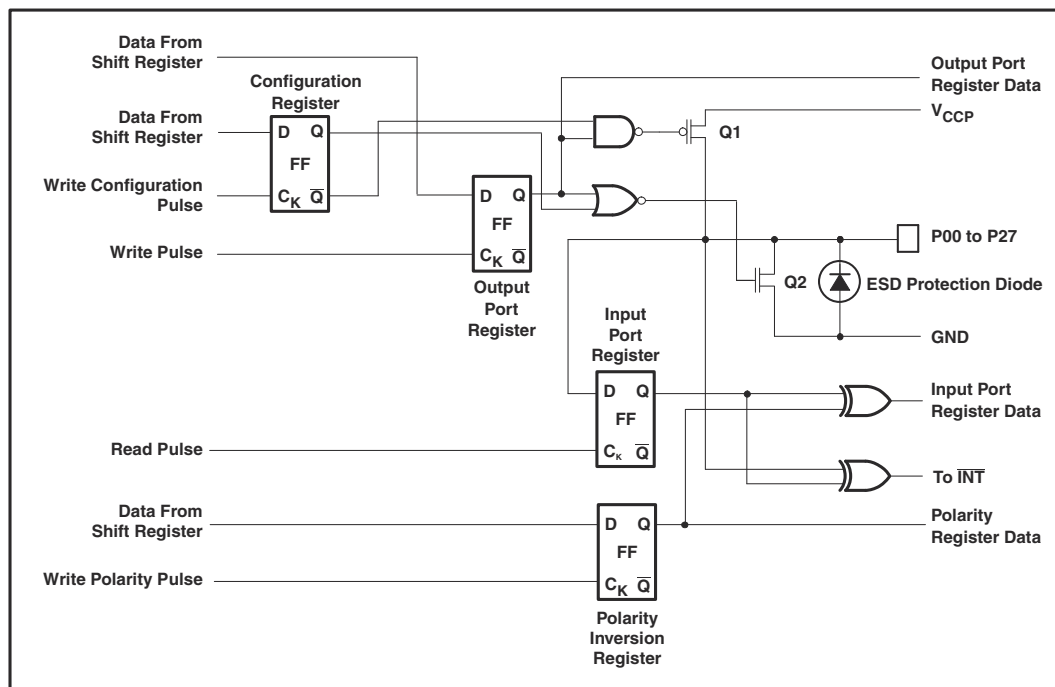
8.2 Functional Block Diagram



A. All I/Os are set to inputs at reset.

B. Pin numbers shown are for the RGJ package.

Figure 8-1. Positive Logic



A. On power up or reset, all registers return to default values.

Figure 8-2. Simplified Schematic of P00 to P27

8.3 Feature Description

8.3.1 I/O Port

When an I/O is configured as an input, FETs Q1 and Q2 are off, which creates a high-impedance input. The input voltage may be raised above V_{CC} to a maximum of 5.5 V.

If the I/O is configured as an output, Q1 or Q2 is enabled, depending on the state of the output port register. In this case, there are low-impedance paths between the I/O pin and either V_{CC} or GND. The external voltage applied to this I/O pin should not exceed the recommended levels for proper operation.

8.3.2 I²C Interface

The bidirectional I²C bus consists of the serial clock (SCL) and serial data (SDA) lines. Both lines must be connected to a positive supply through a pullup resistor when connected to the output stages of a device. Data transfer may be initiated only when the bus is not busy.

I²C communication with this device is initiated by a controller sending a Start condition, a high-to-low transition on the SDA input/output, while the SCL input is high (see Figure 8-3). After the Start condition, the device address byte is sent, most significant bit (MSB) first, including the data direction bit (R/ \bar{W}).

After receiving the valid address byte, this device responds with an acknowledge (ACK), a low on the SDA input/output during the high of the ACK-related clock pulse. The address (ADDR) input of the target device must not be changed between the Start and the Stop conditions.

On the I²C bus, only one data bit is transferred during each clock pulse. The data on the SDA line must remain stable during the high pulse of the clock period, as changes in the data line at this time are interpreted as control commands (Start or Stop) (see Figure 8-4).

A Stop condition, a low-to-high transition on the SDA input/output while the SCL input is high, is sent by the controller (see Figure 8-3).

Any number of data bytes can be transferred from the transmitter to receiver between the Start and the Stop conditions. Each byte of eight bits is followed by one ACK bit. The transmitter must release the SDA line before the receiver can send an ACK bit. The device that acknowledges must pull down the SDA line during the ACK clock pulse, so that the SDA line is stable low during the high pulse of the ACK-related clock period (see Figure 8-5). When a target receiver is addressed, it must generate an ACK after each byte is received. Similarly, the controller must generate an ACK after each byte that it receives from the target transmitter. Setup and hold times must be met to ensure proper operation.

A controller receiver signals an end of data to the target transmitter by not generating an acknowledge (NACK) after the last byte has been clocked out of the target. This is done by the controller receiver by holding the SDA line high. In this event, the transmitter must release the data line to enable the controller to generate a Stop condition.

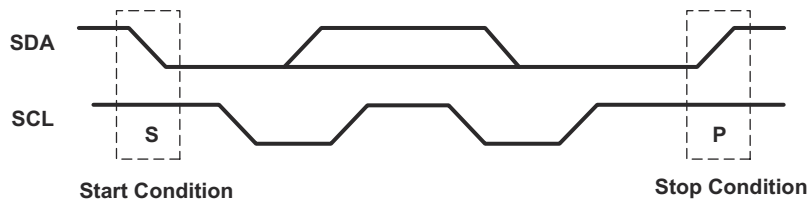


Figure 8-3. Definition of Start and Stop Conditions

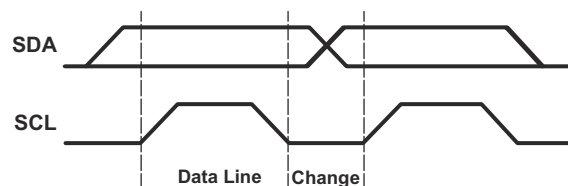


Figure 8-4. Bit Transfer

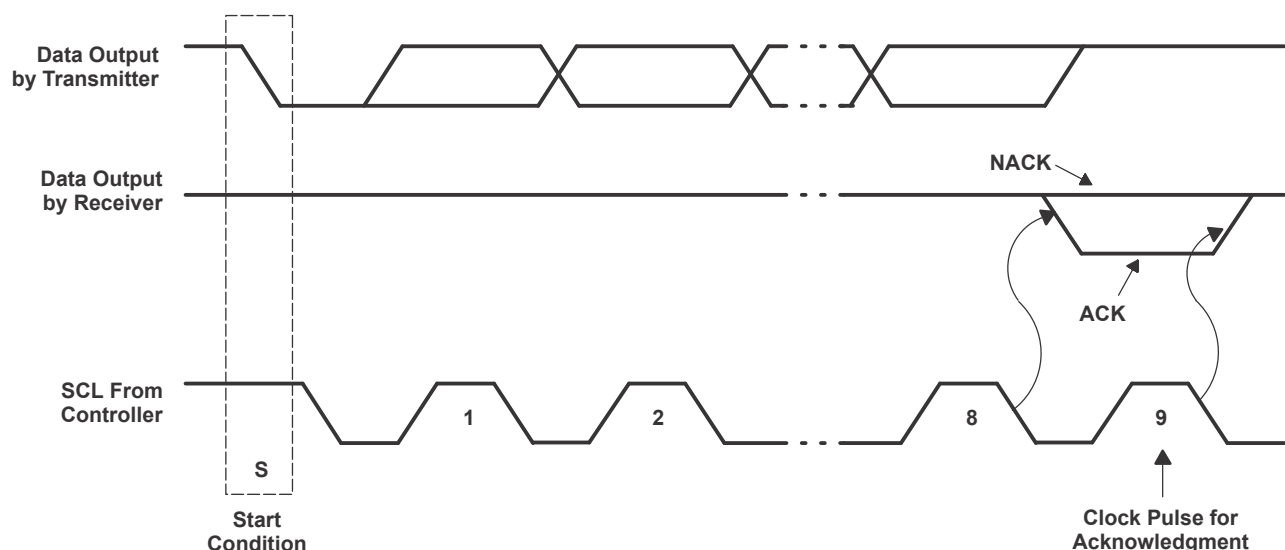


Figure 8-5. Acknowledgment on the I²C Bus

Table 8-2. Interface Definition

BYTE	BIT							
	7 (MSB)	6	5	4	3	2	1	0 (LSB)
I²C target address	L	H	L	L	L	H	ADDR	R/ \bar{W}

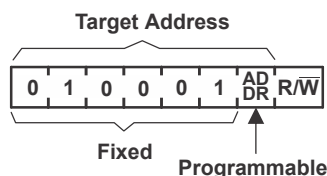
Table 8-2. Interface Definition (continued)

I/O data bus	P07	P06	P05	P04	P03	P02	P01	P00
	P17	P16	P15	P14	P13	P12	P11	P10
	P27	P26	P25	P24	P23	P22	P21	P20

8.4 Device Functional Modes

8.4.1 Device Address

The address of the TCA6424A is shown in [Figure 8-6](#).

**Figure 8-6. TCA6424A Address****Table 8-3. Address Reference**

ADDR	I ² C BUS TARGET ADDRESS
L	34 (decimal), 22 (hexadecimal)
H	35 (decimal), 23 (hexadecimal)

The last bit of the target address defines the operation (read or write) to be performed. A high (1) selects a read operation, while a low (0) selects a write operation.

8.5 Programming

8.5.1 Power-On Reset

When power (from 0 V) is applied to V_{CCP} , an internal power-on reset holds the TCA6424A in a reset condition until V_{CCP} has reached V_{POR} . At that time, the reset condition is released, and the TCA6424A registers and I²C/SMBus state machine initializes to their default states. After that, V_{CCP} must be lowered to below 0.2 V and back up to the operating voltage for a power-reset cycle.

8.5.2 Reset Input ($\overline{\text{RESET}}$)

The $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ input can be asserted to initialize the system while keeping the V_{CCP} at its operating level. A reset can be accomplished by holding the $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ pin low for a minimum of t_W . The TCA6424A registers and I²C/SMBus state machine are changed to their default state once $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ is low (0). When $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ is high (1), the I/O levels at the P port can be changed externally or through the controller. This input requires a pullup resistor to V_{CCI} , if no active connection is used.

8.5.3 Interrupt Output ($\overline{\text{INT}}$)

An interrupt is generated by any rising or falling edge of the port inputs in the input mode. After time t_{iv} , the signal $\overline{\text{INT}}$ is valid. Resetting the interrupt circuit is achieved when data on the port is changed to the original setting or when data is read from the port that generated the interrupt. Resetting occurs in the read mode at the acknowledge (ACK) or not acknowledge (NACK) bit after the rising edge of the SCL signal. Interrupts that occur during the ACK or NACK clock pulse can be lost (or be very short) due to the resetting of the interrupt during this pulse. Each change of the I/Os after resetting is detected and is transmitted as $\overline{\text{INT}}$.

Reading from or writing to another device does not affect the interrupt circuit, and a pin configured as an output cannot cause an interrupt. Changing an I/O from an output to an input may cause a false interrupt to occur, if the state of the pin does not match the contents of the Input Port register.

The $\overline{\text{INT}}$ output has an open-drain structure and requires pullup resistor to V_{CCP} or V_{CCI} depending on the application. If the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ signal is connected back to the processor that provides the SCL signal to the TCA6424A then the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin has to be connected to V_{CCI} . If not, the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin can be connected to V_{CCP} .

8.5.4 Bus Transactions

Data is exchanged between the controller and TCA6424A through write and read commands.

8.5.4.1 Writes

Data is transmitted to the TCA6424A by sending the device address and setting the least-significant bit (LSB) to a logic 0 (see [Figure 8-6](#) for device address). The command byte is sent after the address and determines which register receives the data that follows the command byte. There is no limitation on the number of data bytes sent in one write transmission.

The twelve registers within the TCA6424A are grouped into four different sets. The four sets of registers are input ports, output ports, polarity inversion ports and configuration ports. After sending data to one register, the next data byte is sent to the next register in the group of 3 registers (see [Figure 8-7](#) and [Figure 8-8](#)). For example, if the first byte is sent to Output Port 2 (register 6), the next byte is stored in Output Port 0 (register 4).

There is no limitation on the number of data bytes sent in one write transmission. In this way, each 8-bit register can be updated independently of the other registers.

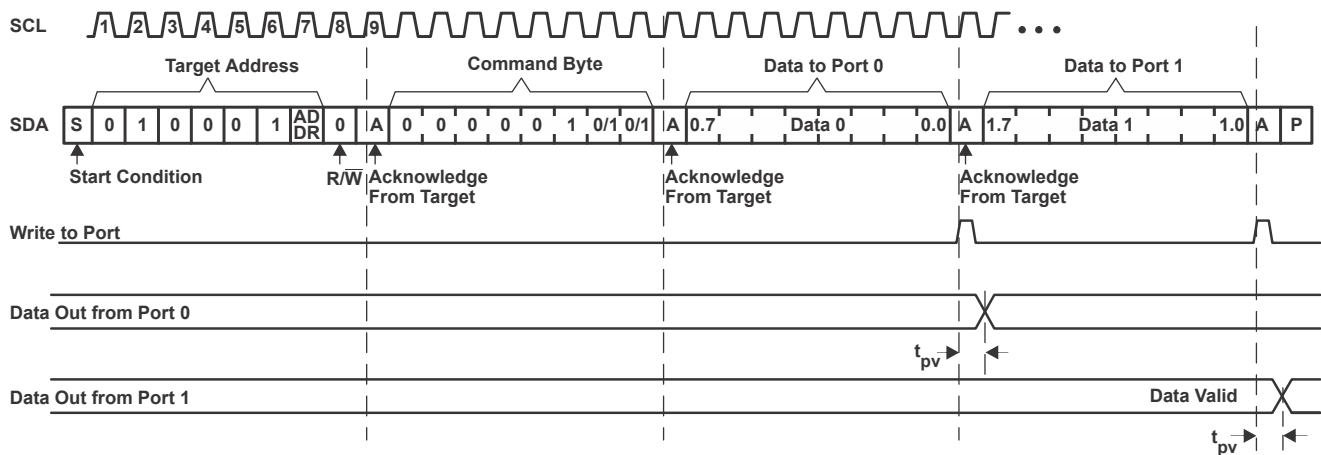


Figure 8-7. Write to Output Port Register

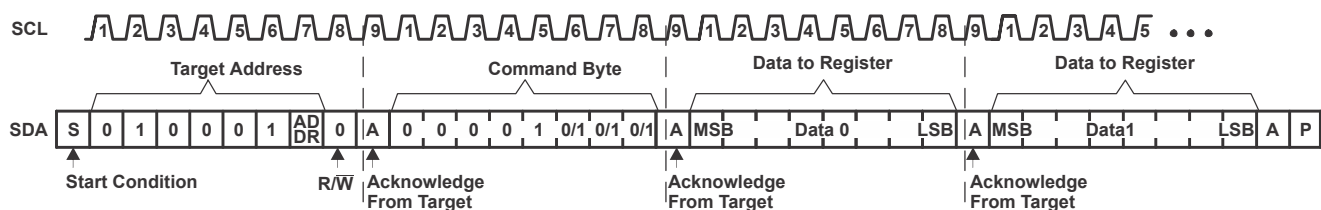


Figure 8-8. Write to Configuration or Polarity Inversion Registers

8.5.4.2 Reads

The bus controller first must send the TCA6424A address with the LSB set to a logic 0 (see [Figure 8-6](#) for device address). The command byte is sent after the address and determines which register is accessed.

After a restart, the device address is sent again but, this time, the LSB is set to a logic 1. Data from the register defined by the command byte then is sent by the TCA6424A (see [Figure 8-9](#) and [Figure 8-10](#)).

After a restart, the value of the register defined by the command byte matches the register being accessed when the restart occurred. For example, if the command byte references Input Port 1 before the restart, and the restart occurs when Input Port 0 is being read, the stored command byte changes to reference Input Port 0. The original command byte is forgotten. If a subsequent restart occurs, Input Port 0 is read first. Data is clocked into the register on the rising edge of the ACK clock pulse. After the first byte is read, additional bytes may be read, but

the data now reflects the information in the other register in the pair. For example, if Input Port 1 is read, the next byte read is Input Port 0.

Data is clocked into the register on the rising edge of the ACK clock pulse. There is no limitation on the number of data bytes received in one read transmission, but when the final byte is received, the bus controller must not acknowledge the data.

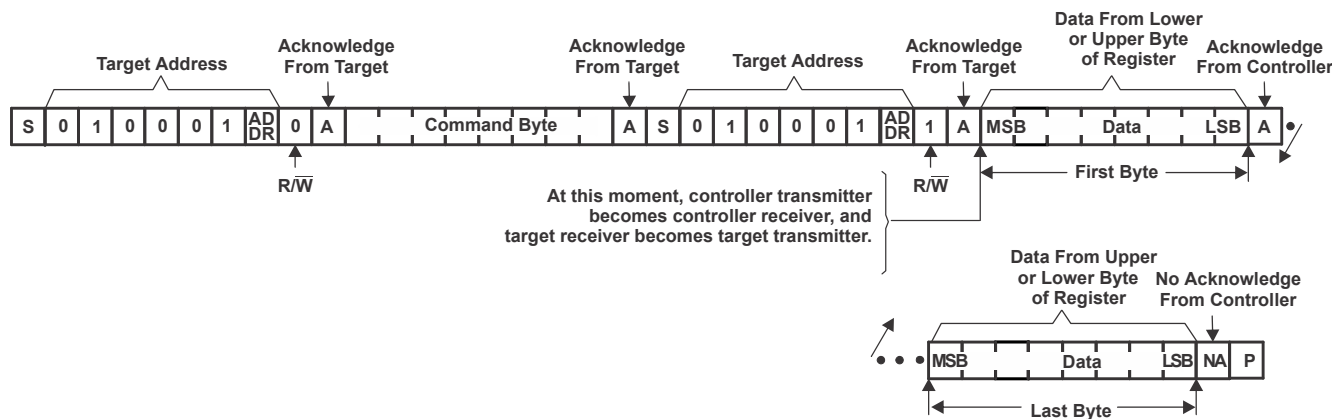
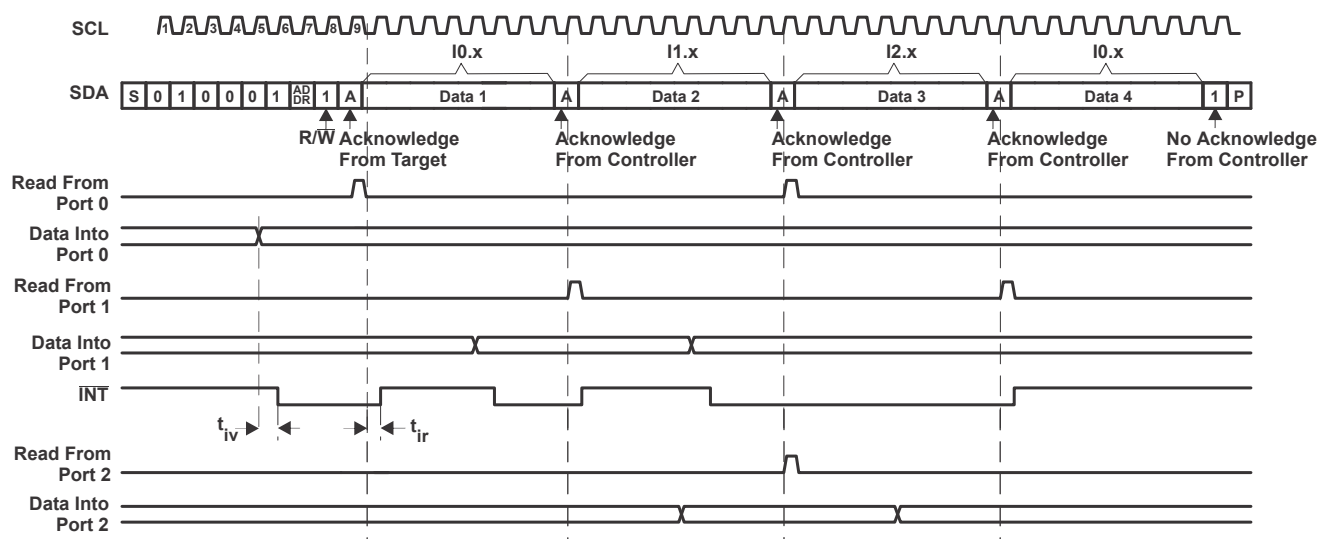


Figure 8-9. Read From Register



- Transfer of data can be stopped at any time by a Stop condition. When this occurs, data present at the latest acknowledge phase is valid (output mode). It is assumed that the command byte previously has been set to 00 (read Input Port register).
- This figure eliminates the command byte transfer, a restart, and target address call between the initial target address call and actual data transfer from P port (see [Figure 8-9](#)).
- Auto-increment mode is enabled.

Figure 8-10. Read Input Port Register

8.6 Register Maps

8.6.1 Control Register and Command Byte

Following the successful acknowledgment of the address byte, the bus controller sends a command byte, which is stored in the control register in the TCA6424A. Four bits of this data byte state the operation (read or write) and the internal registers (input, output, polarity inversion, or configuration) that will be affected. The control register can be written or read through the I²C bus. The command byte is sent only during a write transmission.

The control register includes an Auto-Increment (AI) bit which is the most significant bit (bit 7) of the command byte. At power-up, the control register defaults to 00 (hex), with the AI bit set to logic 1, and the lowest 7 bits set to logic 0.

If AI is 1, the 2 least significant bits are automatically incremented after a read or write. This allows the user to program and/or read the 3 register banks sequentially. If more than 3 bytes of data are written when AI is 1, previous data in the selected registers will be overwritten. Reserved registers are skipped and not accessed (refer to Table 5).

If AI is 0, the 2 least significant bits are not incremented after data is read or written. During a read operation, the same register bank is read each time. During a write operation, data is written to the same register bank each time.

Reserved command codes and command byte outside the range stated in the Command Byte table must not be accessed for proper device functionality.

AI	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
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Figure 8-11. Control Register Bits

Table 8-4. Command Byte

CONTROL REGISTER BITS								AUTO- INCREMENT STATE	COMMAND BYTE (HEX)	REGISTER	PROTOCOL	POWER-UP DEFAULT
AI	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0					
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Disable	00	Input Port 0	Read byte	xxxx xxxx ⁽¹⁾
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Enable	80			
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Disable	01	Input Port 1	Read byte	xxxx xxxx ⁽¹⁾
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Enable	81			
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Disable	02	Input Port 2	Read byte	xxxx xxxx ⁽¹⁾
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Enable	82			
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	Disable	03	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	Enable	83			
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	Disable	04	Output Port 0	Read/write byte	1111 1111
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	Enable	84			
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	Disable	05	Output Port 1	Read/write byte	1111 1111
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	Enable	85			
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	Disable	06	Output Port 2	Read/write byte	1111 1111
1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	Enable	86			
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1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	Enable	87			
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	Disable	08	Polarity Inversion Port 0	Read/write byte	0000 0000
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	Enable	88			
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	Disable	09	Polarity Inversion Port 1	Read/write byte	0000 0000
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	Enable	89			
0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Disable	0A	Polarity Inversion Port 2	Read/write byte	0000 0000
1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Enable	8A			
0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	Disable	0B	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	Enable	8B			
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	Disable	0C	Configuration Port 0	Read/write byte	1111 1111
1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	Enable	8C			
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	Disable	0D	Configuration Port 1	Read/write byte	1111 1111
1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	Enable	8D			
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Disable	0E	Configuration Port 2	Read/write byte	1111 1111
1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Enable	8E			
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	Disable	0F	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	Enable	8F			

(1) Undefined

8.6.2 Register Descriptions

The Input Port registers (registers 0, 1 and 2) reflect the incoming logic levels of the pins, regardless of whether the pin is defined as an input or an output by the Configuration register. They act only on read operation. Writes to these registers have no effect. The default value (X) is determined by the externally applied logic level. Before a read operation, a write transmission is sent with the command byte to indicate to the I²C device that the Input Port register will be accessed next.

Table 8-5. Registers 0, 1 and 2 (Input Port Registers)

BIT	I-07	I-06	I-05	I-04	I-03	I-02	I-01	I-00
DEFAULT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BIT	I-17	I-16	I-15	I-14	I-13	I-12	I-11	I-10
DEFAULT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BIT	I-27	I-26	I-25	I-24	I-23	I-22	I-21	I-20
DEFAULT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

The Output Port registers (registers 4, 5 and 6) shows the outgoing logic levels of the pins defined as outputs by the Configuration register. Bit values in these registers have no effect on pins defined as inputs. In turn, reads from these registers reflect the value that is in the flip-flop controlling the output selection, NOT the actual pin value.

Table 8-6. Registers 4, 5 and 6 (Output Port Registers)

BIT	O-07	O-06	O-05	O-04	O-03	O-02	O-01	O-00
DEFAULT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
BIT	O-17	O-16	O-15	O-14	O-13	O-12	O-11	O-10
DEFAULT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
BIT	O-27	O-26	O-25	O-24	O-23	O-22	O-21	O-20
DEFAULT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

The Polarity Inversion registers (registers 8, 9 and 10) allow polarity inversion of pins defined as inputs by the Configuration register. If a bit in these registers is set (written with 1), the corresponding port pin's polarity is inverted. If a bit in these registers is cleared (written with a 0), the corresponding port pin's original polarity is retained.

Table 8-7. Registers 8, 9 and 10 (Polarity Inversion Registers)

BIT	P-07	P-06	P-05	P-04	P-03	P-02	P-01	P-00
DEFAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIT	P-17	P-16	P-15	P-14	P-13	P-12	P-11	P-10
DEFAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIT	P-27	P-26	P-25	P-24	P-23	P-22	P-21	P-20
DEFAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The Configuration registers (registers 12, 13 and 14) configure the direction of the I/O pins. If a bit in these registers is set to 1, the corresponding port pin is enabled as an input with a high-impedance output driver. If a bit in these registers is cleared to 0, the corresponding port pin is enabled as an output.

Table 8-8. Registers 12, 13 and 14 (Configuration Registers)

BIT	C-07	C-06	C-05	C-04	C-03	C-02	C-01	C-00
DEFAULT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
BIT	C-17	C-16	C-15	C-14	C-13	C-12	C-11	C-10
DEFAULT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
BIT	C-27	C-26	C-25	C-24	C-23	C-22	C-21	C-20

Table 8-8. Registers 12, 13 and 14 (Configuration Registers) (continued)

DEFAULT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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Figure 9-2 shows a high-value resistor in parallel with the LED. Figure 9-3 shows V_{CC} less than the LED supply voltage by at least 1.2 V. Both of these methods maintain the I/O V_{IN} at or above V_{CC} and prevent additional supply current consumption when the LED is off.

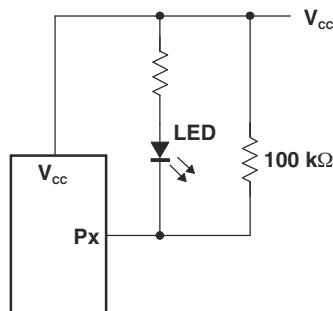


Figure 9-2. High-Value Resistor in Parallel With the LED

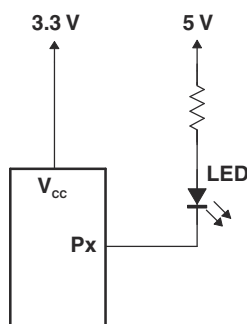


Figure 9-3. Device Supplied by a Low Voltage

9.2 Power Supply Recommendation

In the event of a glitch or data corruption, TCA6424A can be reset to its default conditions by using the power-on reset feature. Power-on reset requires that the device go through a power cycle to be completely reset. This reset also happens when the device is powered on for the first time in an application.

Ramping up the device V_{CCP} before V_{CCI} is recommended to prevent SDA from potentially being stuck LOW.

The two types of power-on reset are shown in Figure 9-4 and Figure 9-5.

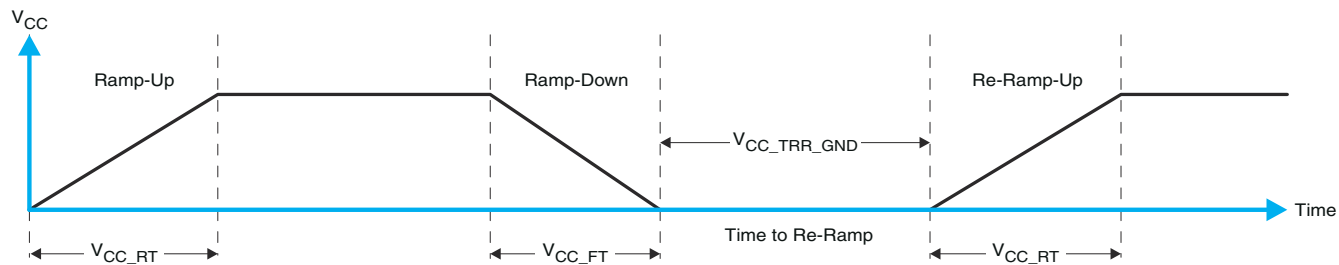


Figure 9-4. V_{CC} is Lowered Below 0.2 V or 0 V and Then Ramped Up to V_{CC}

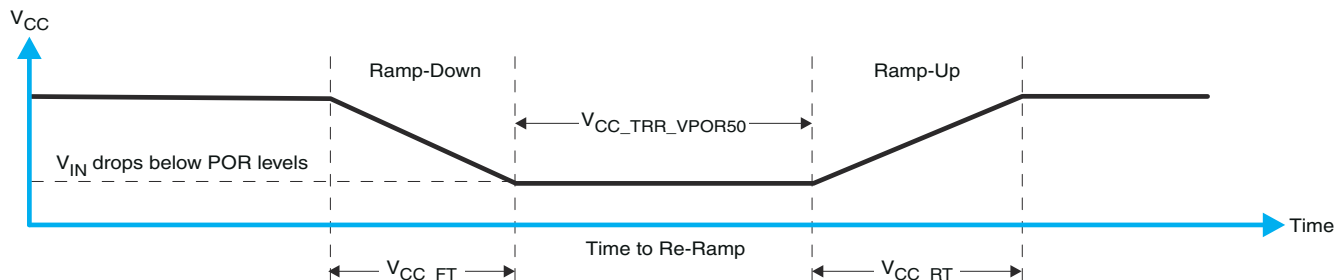


Figure 9-5. V_{CC} is Lowered Below the POR Threshold, Then Ramped Back Up to V_{CC}

Table 9-1 specifies the performance of the power-on reset feature for TCA6424A for both types of power-on reset.

Table 9-1. Recommended Supply Sequencing and Rates⁽¹⁾

PARAMETER			MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
t_{VCC_FT}	Fall rate	See Figure 9-4	1		100	ms
t_{VCC_RT}	Rise rate	See Figure 9-4	0.01		100	ms
$t_{VCC_TRR_GND}$	Time to re-ramp (when V_{CC} drops to GND)	See Figure 9-4	40			μ s
$t_{VCC_TRR_POR50}$	Time to re-ramp (when V_{CC} drops to $V_{POR_MIN} - 50$ mV)	See Figure 9-5	40			μ s
V_{CC_GH}	Level that V_{CCP} can glitch down to, but not cause a functional disruption when $V_{CCX_GW} = 1$ μ s	See Figure 9-6			1.2	V
t_{VCC_GW}	Glitch width that will not cause a functional disruption when $V_{CCX_GH} = 0.5 \times V_{CCX}$	See Figure 9-6			10	μ s
V_{PORF}	Voltage trip point of POR on falling V_{CC}		0.767		1.144	V
V_{PORR}	Voltage trip point of POR on rising V_{CC}		1.033		1.428	V

(1) $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to 85°C (unless otherwise noted)

Glitches in the power supply can also affect the power-on reset performance of this device. The glitch width (V_{CC_GW}) and height (V_{CC_GH}) are dependent on each other. The bypass capacitance, source impedance, and device impedance are factors that affect power-on reset performance. Figure 9-6 and Table 9-1 provide more information on how to measure these specifications.

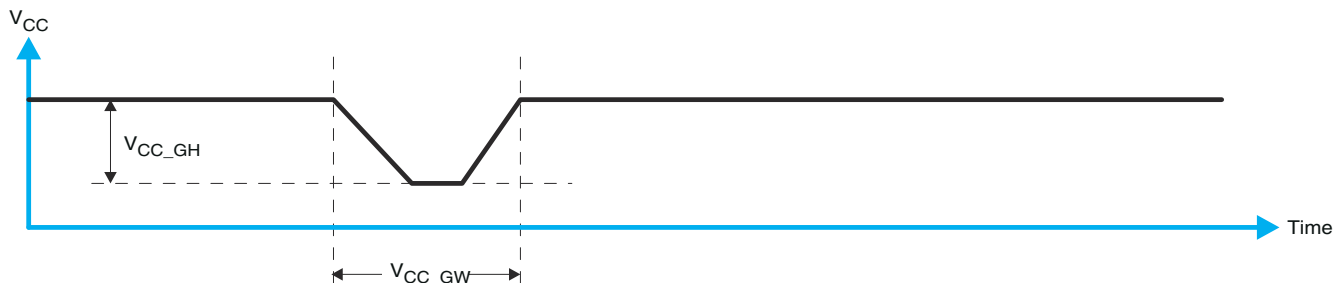
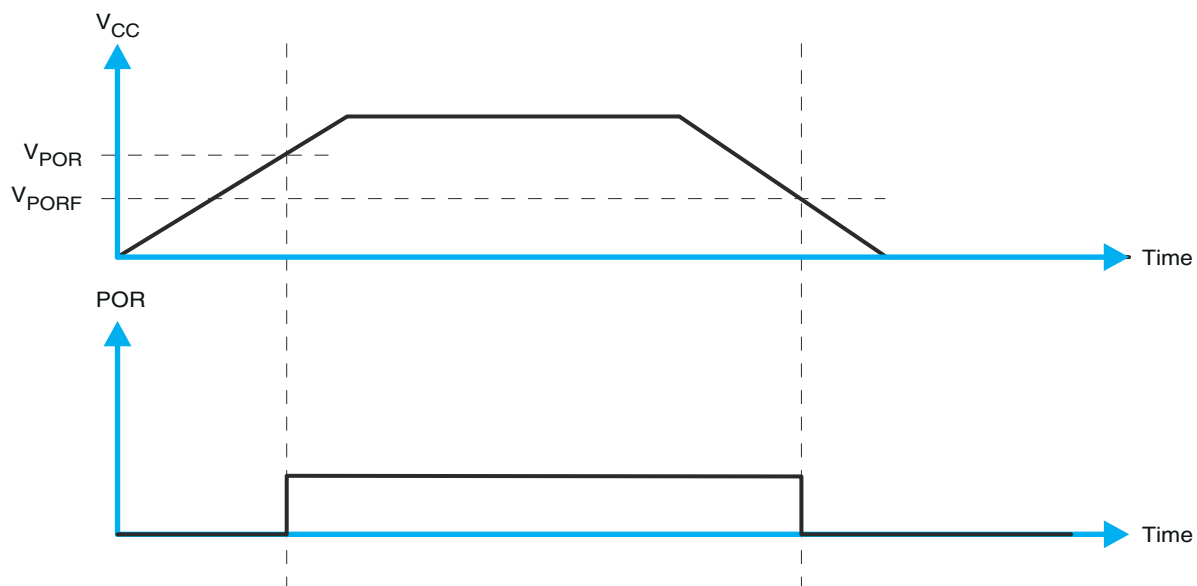


Figure 9-6. Glitch Width and Glitch Height

V_{POR} is critical to the power-on reset. V_{POR} is the voltage level at which the reset condition is released and all the registers and the I²C/SMBus state machine are initialized to the default states. The value of V_{POR} differs based on the V_{CC} being lowered to or from 0. Figure 9-7 and Table 9-1 provide more details on this specification.

Figure 9-7. V_{POR}

10 Device and Documentation Support

10.1 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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10.2 Support Resources

[TI E2E™ support forums](#) are an engineer's go-to source for fast, verified answers and design help — straight from the experts. Search existing answers or ask your own question to get the quick design help you need.

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10.4 Electrostatic Discharge Caution



This integrated circuit can be damaged by ESD. Texas Instruments recommends that all integrated circuits be handled with appropriate precautions. Failure to observe proper handling and installation procedures can cause damage.

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.

10.5 Glossary

[TI Glossary](#) This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

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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)
TCA6424ARGJR	Active	Production	UQFN (RGJ) 32	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 85	PH424A
TCA6424ARGJR.A	Active	Production	UQFN (RGJ) 32	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 85	PH424A
TCA6424ARGJR.B	Active	Production	UQFN (RGJ) 32	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 85	PH424A
TCA6424ARGJRG4	Active	Production	UQFN (RGJ) 32	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 85	PH424A
TCA6424ARGJRG4.A	Active	Production	UQFN (RGJ) 32	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 85	PH424A
TCA6424ARGJRG4.B	Active	Production	UQFN (RGJ) 32	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 85	PH424A

⁽¹⁾ **Status:** For more details on status, see our [product life cycle](#).

⁽²⁾ **Material type:** When designated, preproduction parts are prototypes/experimental devices, and are not yet approved or released for full production. Testing and final process, including without limitation quality assurance, reliability performance testing, and/or process qualification, may not yet be complete, and this item is subject to further changes or possible discontinuation. If available for ordering, purchases will be subject to an additional waiver at checkout, and are intended for early internal evaluation purposes only. These items are sold without warranties of any kind.

⁽³⁾ **RoHS values:** Yes, No, RoHS Exempt. See the [TI RoHS Statement](#) for additional information and value definition.

⁽⁴⁾ **Lead finish/Ball material:** Parts may have multiple material finish options. Finish options are separated by a vertical ruled line. Lead finish/Ball material values may wrap to two lines if the finish value exceeds the maximum column width.

⁽⁵⁾ **MSL rating/Peak reflow:** The moisture sensitivity level ratings and peak solder (reflow) temperatures. In the event that a part has multiple moisture sensitivity ratings, only the lowest level per JEDEC standards is shown. Refer to the shipping label for the actual reflow temperature that will be used to mount the part to the printed circuit board.

⁽⁶⁾ **Part marking:** There may be an additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category of the part.

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*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
TCA6424ARGJR	UQFN	RGJ	32	3000	330.0	12.4	5.3	5.3	0.75	8.0	12.0	Q2
TCA6424ARGJRG4	UQFN	RGJ	32	3000	330.0	12.4	5.3	5.3	0.75	8.0	12.0	Q2

TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS



*All dimensions are nominal

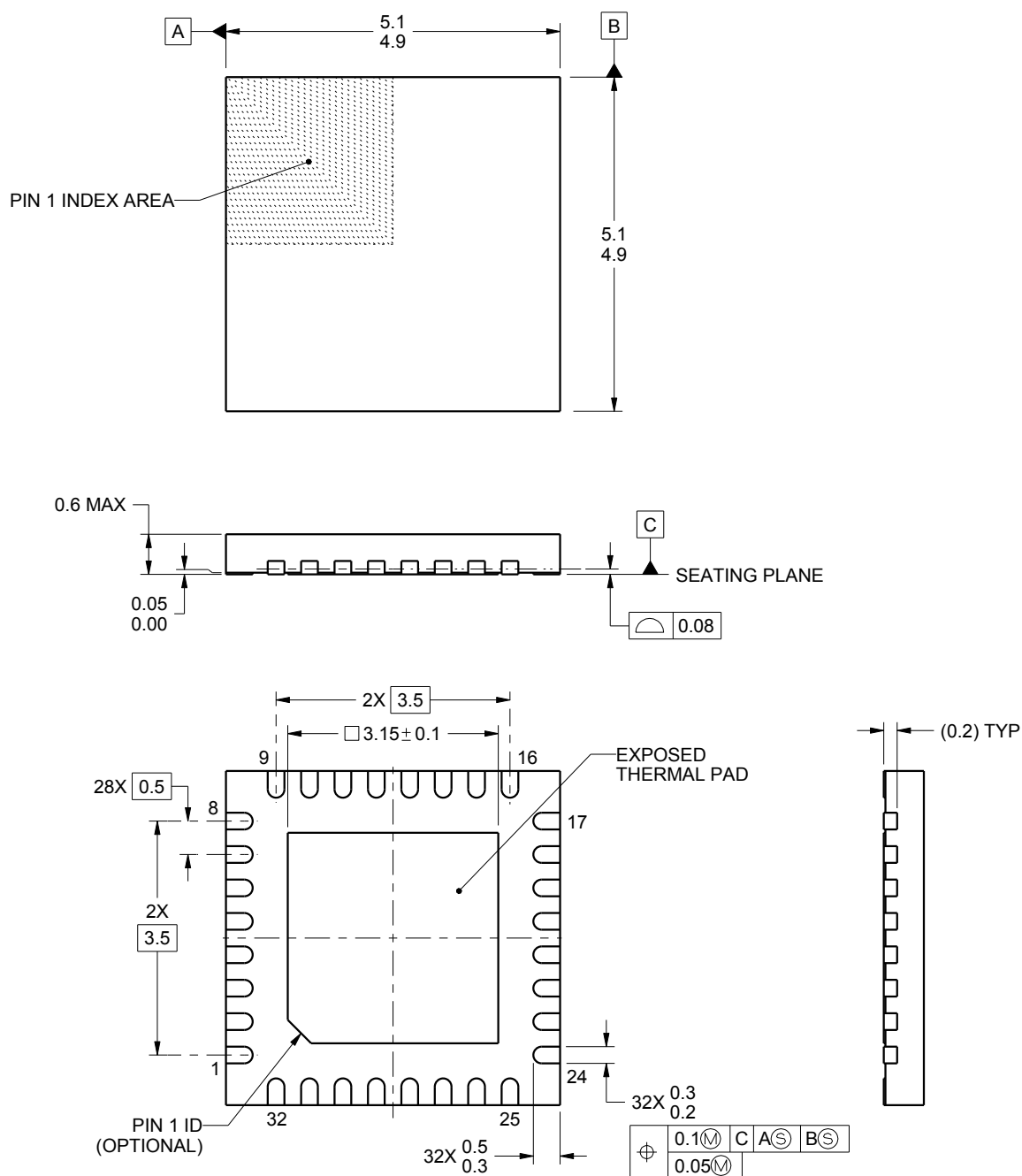
Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
TCA6424ARGJR	UQFN	RGJ	32	3000	346.0	346.0	35.0
TCA6424ARGJRG4	UQFN	RGJ	32	3000	346.0	346.0	35.0



PACKAGE OUTLINE

UQFN - 0.6 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



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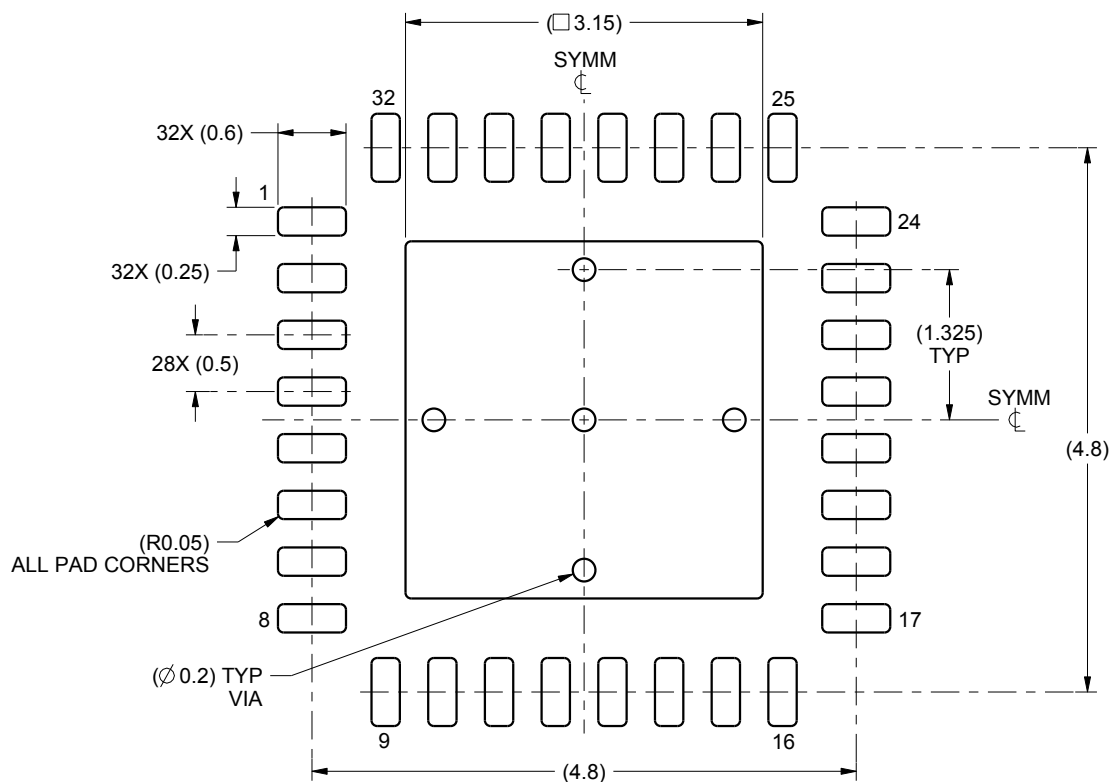
NOTES:

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.
3. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the printed circuit board for thermal and mechanical performance.

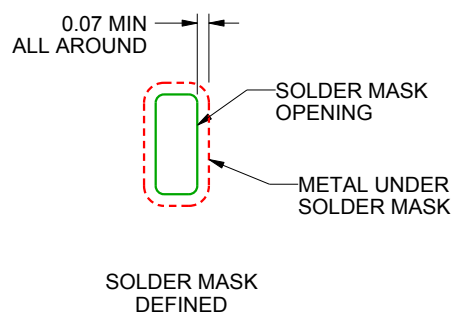
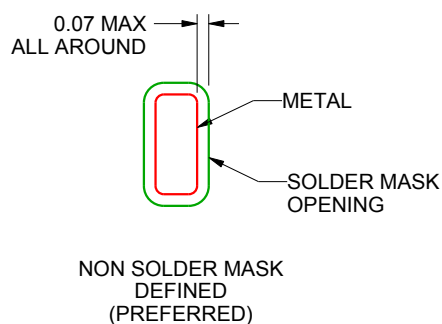
RGJ0032A

UQFN - 0.6 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
SCALE:15X



SOLDER MASK DETAILS

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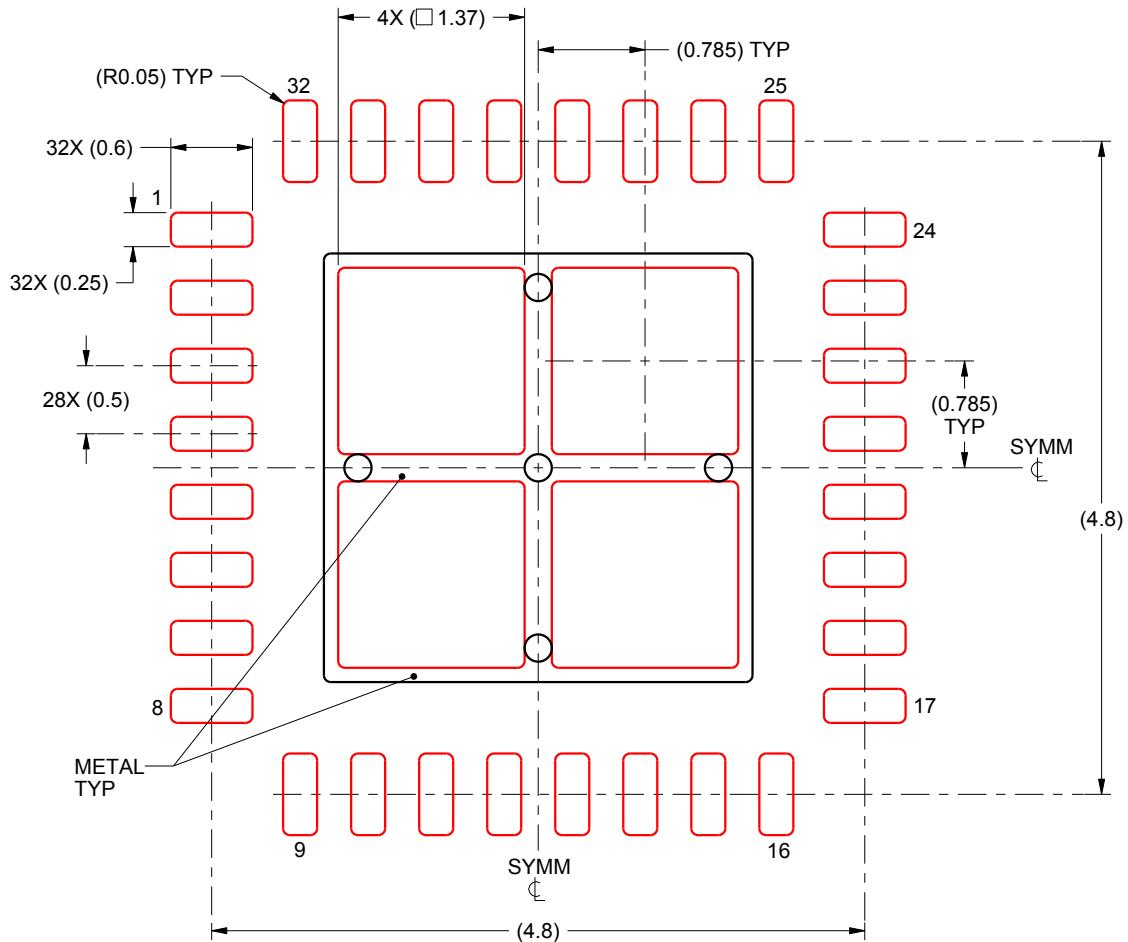
4. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number SLUA271 (www.ti.com/lit/slua271).

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

RGJ0032A

UQFN - 0.6 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
BASED ON 0.125 mm THICK STENCIL

EXPOSED PAD
75% PRINTED SOLDER COVERAGE BY AREA
SCALE:18X

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NOTES: (continued)

5. 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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