

SP3222E/SP3232E

True +3.0V to +5.5V RS-232 Transceivers

FEATURES

- Meets true EIA/TIA-232-F Standards from a +3.0V to +5.5V power supply
- Minimum 120kbps Data Rate Under Full Load
- 1µA Low Power Shutdown with Receivers active (**SP3222E**)
- Interoperable with RS-232 down to a +2.7V power source
- Enhanced ESD Specifications: <u>+</u>15kV Human Body Model <u>+</u>15kV IEC61000-4-2 Air Discharge <u>+</u>8kV IEC61000-4-2 Contact Discharge



Now Available in Lead Free Packaging Note: See page 6 for other pinouts

DESCRIPTION

The **SP3222E/SP3232E** series is an RS-232 transceiver solution intended for portable or hand-held applications such as notebook or palmtop computers. The **SP3222E/SP3232E** series has a high-efficiency, charge-pump power supply that requires only 0.1µF capacitors in 3.3V operation. This charge pump allows the **SP3222E/SP3232E** series to deliver true RS-232 performance from a single power supply ranging from +3.0V to +5.5V. The **SP3222E/SP3232E** are 2-driver/2-receiver devices. This series is ideal for portable or hand-held applications such as notebook or palmtop computers. The ESD tolerance of the **SP3222E/SP3232E** devices are over +/-15kV for both Human Body Model and IEC61000-4-2 Air discharge test methods. The **SP3222E** device has a low-power shutdown mode where the devices' driver outputs and charge pumps are disabled. During shutdown, the supply current falls to less than 1µA.

SELECTION TABLE

MODEL	Power Supplies	RS-232 Drivers	RS-232 Receivers	External Components	Shutdown	TTL 3-State	# of Pins
SP3222E	+3.0V to +5.5V	2	2	4 Capacitors	Yes	Yes	18, 20
SP3232E	+3.0V to +5.5V	2	2	4 Capacitors	No	No	16

These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these ratings or any other above those indicated in the operation sections of the specifications below is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods of time may affect reliability and cause permanent damage to the device.

V	0.3V to +6.0V
V _{cc} V+ (NOTE 1)	0.3V to +7.0V
V- (NOTE 1)	+0.3V to -7.0V
V+ + V- (NOTE 1)	+13V
I _{cc} (DC V _{cc} or GND current)	<u>+</u> 100mA

Input Voltages

TXIN, EN, SHDN	-0.3V to Vcc + 0.3V
RxIN	
Output Voltages	—
TxOUT	
RxOUT,	0.3V to (V _{cc} +0.3V)
Short-Circuit Duration	
TxOUT	
Storage Temperature	65°C to +150°C
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Power Dissipation per package

20-pin SSOP (derate 9.25mW/°C above +70°C)	.750mW
18-pin SOIC (derate 15.7mW/°C above +70°C)	1260mW
20-pin TSSOP (derate 11.1mW/°C above +70°C)	890mW
16-pin SSOP (derate 9.69mW/°C above +70°C)	775mW
16-pin PDIP (derate 14.3mW/°C above +70°C)	.1150mW
16-pin Wide SOIC (derate 11.2mW/°C above +70°C)	900mW
16-pin TSSOP (derate 10.5mW/°C above +70°C)	850mW
16-pin nSOIC (derate 13.57mW/°C above +70°C)	.1086mW

NOTE 1: V+ and V- can have maximum magnitudes of 7V, but their absolute difference cannot exceed 13V.

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PARAMETER	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNITS	CONDITIONS
DC CHARACTERISTICS					
Supply Current		0.3	1.0	mA	no load, V_{cc} = 3.3V, T _{AMB} = 25°C, TxIN = GND or V _{CC}
Shutdown Supply Current		1.0	10	μA	SHDN = GND, VCC = 3.3V, T _{AMB} = 25℃, TxIN = Vcc or GND
LOGIC INPUTS AND RECEIV	/ER OUTP	UTS			
Input Logic Threshold LOW			0.8	V	TxIN, EN, SHDN, Note 2
Input Logic Threshold HIGH	2.0		Vcc	V	Vcc = 3.3V, Note 2
Input Logic Threshold HIGH	2.4		Vcc	V	Vcc = 5.0V, Note 2
Input Leakage Current		<u>+</u> 0.01	<u>+</u> 1.0	μA	TxIN, \overline{EN} , \overline{SHDN} , T _{AMB} = +25°C, V _{IN} = 0V to V _{CC}
Output Leakage Current		<u>+</u> 0.05	<u>+</u> 10	μA	Receivers disabled, V_{OUT} = 0V to V_{CC}
Output Voltage LOW			0.4	V	Ι _{ουτ} = 1.6mA
Output Voltage HIGH	V _{cc} -0.6	V _{cc} -0.1		V	I _{out} = -1.0mA
DRIVER OUTPUTS					
Output Voltage Swing	<u>+</u> 5.0	<u>+</u> 5.4		V	All driver outputs loaded with $3k\Omega$ to GND, T_{AMB} = +25°C

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PARAMETER	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNITS	CONDITIONS
DRIVER OUTPUTS (continued)					•
Output Resistance	300			Ω	$V_{cc} = V + = V - = 0V, T_{out} = \pm 2V$
Output Short-Circuit Current		<u>+</u> 35	<u>+</u> 60	mA	V _{OUT} = 0V
Output Leakage Current			<u>+</u> 25	μA	$V_{cc} = 0V \text{ or } 3.0V \text{ to } 5.5V,$ $V_{out} = \pm 12V,$ Drivers disabled
RECEIVER INPUTS					
Input Voltage Range	-15		+15	V	
Input Threshold LOW	0.6	1.2		V	Vcc = 3.3V
Input Threshold LOW	0.8	1.5		V	Vcc = 5.0V
Input Threshold HIGH		1.5	2.4	V	Vcc = 3.3V
Input Threshold HIGH		1.8	2.4	V	Vcc = 5.0V
Input Hysteresis		0.3		V	
Input Resistance	3	5	7	kΩ	
TIMING CHARACTERISTICS				·	^ ^
Maximum Data Rate	120	235		kbps	$R_L = 3k\Omega$, $C_L = 1000pF$, one driver switching
Driver Propagation Delay, t _{PHI}		1.0		μs	$R_1 = 3k\Omega, C_1 = 1000pF$
Driver Propagation Delay, t _{PLH}	1	1.0		μs	$R_1 = 3k\Omega, C_1 = 1000pF$
Receiver Propagation Delay, $t_{_{PHL}}$		0.3		μs	Receiver input to Receiver output, $C_L = 150 pF$
Receiver Propagation Delay, $t_{_{\text{PLH}}}$		0.3		μs	Receiver input to Receiver output, C _L = 150pF
Receiver Output Enable Time		200		ns	
Receiver Output Disable Time		200		ns	
Driver Skew		100	500	ns	t _{PHL} - t _{PLH} , T _{AMB} = 25°C
Receiver Skew	1	200	1000	ns	t _{PHL} - t _{PLH}
Transition-Region Slew Rate			30	V/µs	Vcc = 3.3V, R _L = $3k\Omega$, C _L = 1000pF, T _{AMB} = 25°C, measurements taken from -3.0V to +3.0V or +3.0V to -3.0V

NOTE 2: Driver input hysteresis is typically 250mV.

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Unless otherwise noted, the following performance characteristics apply for V_{CC} = +3.3V, 120kbps data rate, all drivers loaded with 3k Ω , 0.1 μ F charge pump capacitors, and T_{AMB} = +25°C.



Figure 1. Transmitter Output Voltage vs Load Capacitance for the SP3222E and SP3232E



Figure 3. Supply Current VS. Load Capacitance when Transmitting Data



Figure 2. Slew Rate vs Load Capacitance for the SP3222E and SP3232E

PIN FUNCTION

			PIN NUMBER		
NAME	FUNCTION		3222E	SP3232E	
		SOIC	SSOP TSSOP		
ĒN	Receiver Enable. Apply Logic LOW for normal operation. Apply logic HIGH to disable the receiver outputs (high-Z state)	1	1	-	
C1+	Positive terminal of the voltage doubler charge-pump capacitor	2	2	1	
V+	+5.5V output generated by the charge pump	3	3	2	
C1-	Negative terminal of the voltage doubler charge-pump capacitor	4	4	3	
C2+	Positive terminal of the inverting charge-pump capacitor	5	5	4	
C2-	Negative terminal of the inverting charge-pump capacitor	6	6	5	
V-	-5.5V output generated by the charge pump	7	7	6	
T₁OUT	RS-232 driver output.	15	17	14	
T_2OUT	RS-232 driver output.	8	8	7	
R_1IN	RS-232 receiver input	14	16	13	
$R_{2}IN$	RS-232 receiver input	9	9	8	
R_1OUT	TTL/CMOS receiver output	13	15	12	
R ₂ OUT	TTL/CMOS receiver output	10	10	9	
T_1IN	TTL/CMOS driver input	12	13	11	
T ₂ IN	TTL/CMOS driver input	11	12	10	
GND	Ground	16	18	15	
V _{cc}	+3.0V to +5.5V supply voltage	17	19	16	
SHDN	Shutdown Control Input. Drive HIGH for normal device operation. Drive LOW to shutdown the drivers (high-Z output) and the on- board power supply	18	20	-	
N.C.	No Connect	-	11, 14	-	

Table 1. Device Pin Description



Figure 4. Pinout Configurations for the SP3222E



Figure 5. Pinout Configuration for the SP3232E

TYPICAL OPERATING CIRCUITS



Figure 6. SP3222E Typical Operating Circuits



Figure 7. SP3232E Typical Operating Circuit

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The SP3222E/SP3232E transceivers meet the EIA/TIA-232 and ITU-T V.28/V.24 communication protocols and can be implemented in battery-powered, portable, or hand-held applications such as notebook or palmtop computers. The SP3222E/SP3232E devices feature Exar's proprietary on-board charge pump circuitry that generates ±5.5V for RS-232 voltage levels from a single +3.0V to +5.5V power supply. This series is ideal for +3.3V-only systems, mixed +3.3V to +5.5V systems, or +5.0V-only systems that require true RS-232 performance. The SP3222E/SP3232E devices can operate at a typical data rate of 235kbps when fully loaded.

The **SP3222E** and **SP3232E** are 2-driver/2receiver devices ideal for portable or handheld applications. The **SP3222E** features a 1μ A shutdown mode that reduces power consumption and extends battery life in portable systems. Its receivers remain active in shutdown mode, allowing external devices such as modems to be monitored using only 1μ A supply current.

THEORY OF OPERATION

The **SP3222E/SP3232E** series is made up of three basic circuit blocks:

- 1. Drivers
- 2. Receivers
- 3. The Exar proprietary charge pump

Drivers

The drivers are inverting level transmitters that convert TTL or CMOS logic levels to \pm 5.0V EIA/TIA-232 levels with an inverted sense relative to the input logic levels. Typically, the RS-232 output voltage swing is \pm 5.4V with no load and \pm 5V minimum fully loaded. The driver outputs are protected against infinite short-circuits to ground without degradation in reliability. Driver outputs will meet EIA/TIA-562 levels of +/-3.7V with supply voltages as low as 2.7V.

The drivers can guarantee a data rate of 120kbps fully loaded with $3k\Omega$ in parallel with 1000pF, ensuring compatability with PC-to-PC communication software.

The slew rate of the driver is internally limited to a maximum of 30V/µs in order to meet the EIA standards (EIA RS-232D 2.1.7, Paragraph 5). The transition of the loaded output from HIGH to LOW also meet the monotonicity requirements of the standard.

Figure 8 shows a loopback test circuit used to test the RS-232 Drivers. Figure 9 shows the test results of the loopback circuit with all drivers active at 120kbps with RS-232 loads in parallel with a 1000pF capacitor. Figure 10 shows the test results where one driver was active at 235kbps and all drivers loaded with an RS-232 receiver in parallel with 1000pF capacitors. A solid RS-232 data transmission rate of 120kbps provides compatibility with many designs in personal computer peripherals and LAN applications.

The **SP3222E** driver's output stages are turned off (tri-state) when the device is in shutdown mode. When the power is off, the **SP3222E** device permits the outputs to be driven up to +/-12V. The driver's inputs do not have pull-up resistors. Designers should connect unused inputs to Vcc or GND.

In the shutdown mode, the supply current falls to less than 1µA, where $\overline{SHDN} = LOW$. When the **SP3222E** device is shut down, the device's driver outputs are disabled (tristated) and the charge pumps are turned off with V+ pulled down to Vcc and V- pulled to GND. The time required to exit shutdown is typically 100µs. Connect SHDN to Vcc if the shutdown mode is not used.



Figure 8. SP3222E/SP3232E Driver Loopback Test Circuit







Receivers

The Receivers convert EIA/TIA-232 levels to TTL or CMOS logic output levels. The **SP3222E** receivers have an inverting tri-state output. These receiver outputs (RxOUT) are tri-stated when the enable control \overline{EN} = HIGH. In the shutdown mode, the receivers can be active or inactive. \overline{EN} has no effect on TxOUT. The truth table logic of the **SP3222E** driver and receiver outputs can be found in Table 2.

SHDN	EN	TxOUT	RxOUT
0	0	Tri-state	Active
0	1	Tri-state	Tri-state
1	0	Active	Active
1 1		Active	Tri-state

Table 2. SP3222E Truth Table Logic for Shutdownand Enable Control

Since receiver input is usually from a transmission line where long cable lengths and system interference can degrade the signal, the inputs have a typical hysteresis margin of 300mV. This ensures that the receiver is virtually immune to noisy transmission lines. Should an input be left unconnected, an internal $5k\Omega$ pulldown resistor to ground will commit the output of the receiver to a HIGH state.

Charge Pump

The charge pump is an Exar-patended design (U.S. 5,306,954) and uses a unique approach compared to older less-efficient designs. The charge pump still requires four external capacitors, but uses a four-phase voltage shifting technique to attain symmetrical 5.5V power supplies. The internal power supply consists of a regulated dual charge pump that provides output voltages of +/-5.5V regardless of the input voltage (Vcc) over the +3.0V to +5.5V range.

Figure 10. Loopback Test results at 235kbps

In most circumstances, decoupling the power supply can be achieved adequately using a 0.1μ F bypass capacitor at C5 (refer to figures 6 and 7). In applications that are sensitive to power-supply noise, decouple Vcc to ground with a capacitor of the same value as charge-pump capacitor C1. Physically connect bypass capcitors as close to the IC as possible.

The charge pump operates in a discontinuous mode using an internal oscillator. If the output voltages are less than a magnitude of 5.5V, the charge pump is enabled. If the output voltages exceed a magnitude of 5.5V, the charge pump is disabled. This oscillator controls the four phases of the voltage shifting. A description of each phase follows.

Phase 1

— V_{ss} charge storage — During this phase of the clock cycle, the positive side of capacitors C₁ and C₂ are initially charged to V_{cc}. C₁⁺ is then switched to GND and the charge in C₁⁻ is transferred to C₂⁻. Since C₂⁺ is connected to V_{cc}, the voltage potential across capacitor C₂⁻ is now 2 times V_{cc}.

Phase 2

— V_{ss} transfer — Phase two of the clock connects the negative terminal of C_2 to the V_{ss} storage capacitor and the positive terminal of C_2 to GND. This transfers a negative generated voltage to C_3 . This generated voltage is regulated to a minimum voltage of -5.5V. Simultaneous with the transfer of the voltage to C_3 , the positive side of capacitor C_1 is switched to V_{cc} and the negative side is connected to GND.

Phase 3

 $-V_{DD}$ charge storage — The third phase of the clock is identical to the first phase — the charge transferred in C₁ produces $-V_{CC}$ in the negative terminal of C₁, which is applied to the negative side of capacitor C₂. Since C₂⁺ is at V_{CC}, the voltage potential across C₂ is 2 times V_{CC}.

Phase 4

- V_{DD} transfer - The fourth phase of the clock connects the negative terminal of C₂ to GND, and transfers this positive generated voltage across C_2 to C_4 , the V_{DD} storage capacitor. This voltage is regulated to +5.5V. At this voltage, the internal oscillator is disabled. Simultaneous with the transfer of the voltage to C_{4} , the positive side of capacitor C₁ is switched to V_{cc} and the negative side is connected to GND, allowing the charge pump cycle to begin again. The charge pump cycle will continue as long as the operational conditions for the internal oscillator are present.

Since both V⁺ and V⁻ are separately generated from V_{cc}, in a no–load condition V⁺ and V⁻ will be symmetrical. Older charge pump approaches that generate V⁻ from V⁺ will show a decrease in the magnitude of V⁻ compared to V⁺ due to the inherent inefficiencies in the design.

The clock rate for the charge pump typically operates at greater than 250kHz. The external capacitors can be as low as 0.1μ F with a 16V breakdown voltage rating.

DESCRIPTION



Figure 11. Charge Pump — Phase 1



Figure 12. Charge Pump - Phase 2



Figure 13. Charge Pump Waveforms







ESD TOLERANCE

The **SP3222E/SP3232E** series incorporates ruggedized ESD cells on all driver output and receiver input pins. The ESD structure is improved over our previous family for more rugged applications and environments sensitive to electro-static discharges and associated transients. The improved ESD tolerance is at least ±15kV without damage nor latch-up.

There are different methods of ESD testing applied:

a) MIL-STD-883, Method 3015.7 b) IEC61000-4-2 Air-Discharge c) IEC61000-4-2 Direct Contact

The Human Body Model has been the generally accepted ESD testing method for semi-conductors. This method is also specified in MIL-STD-883, Method 3015.7 for ESD testing. The premise of this ESD test is to simulate the human body's potential to store electro-static energy and discharge it to an integrated circuit. The simulation is performed by using a test model as shown in Figure 16. This method will test the IC's capability to withstand an ESD transient during normal handling such as in manufacturing areas where the ICs tend to be handled frequently.

The IEC-61000-4-2, formerly IEC801-2, is generally used for testing ESD on equipment and systems. For system manufacturers, they must guarantee a certain amount of ESD protection since the system itself is exposed to the outside environment and human presence. The premise with IEC61000-4-2 is that the system is required to withstand an amount of static electricity when ESD is applied to points and surfaces of the equipment that are accessible to personnel during normal usage. The transceiver IC receives most of the ESD current when the ESD source is applied to the connector pins. The test circuit for IEC61000-4-2 is shown on Figure 17. There are two methods within IEC61000-4-2, the Air Discharge method and the Contact Discharge method.

With the Air Discharge Method, an ESD voltage is applied to the equipment under test (EUT) through air. This simulates an electrically charged person ready to connect a cable onto the rear of the system only to find an unpleasant zap just before the person touches the back panel. The high energy potential on the person discharges through an arcing path to the rear panel of the system before he or she even touches the system. This energy, whether discharged directly or through air, is predominantly a function of the discharge current rather than the discharge voltage. Variables with an air discharge such as approach speed of the object carrying the ESD potential to the system and humidity will tend to change the discharge current. For example, the rise time of the discharge current varies with the approach speed.

The Contact Discharge Method applies the ESD current directly to the EUT. This method was devised to reduce the unpredictability of the ESD arc. The discharge current rise time is constant since the energy is directly transferred without the air-gap arc. In situations such as hand held systems, the ESD charge can be directly discharged to the







Figure 17. ESD Test Circuit for IEC61000-4-2

equipment from a person already holding the equipment. The current is transferred on to the keypad or the serial port of the equipment directly and then travels through the PCB and finally to the IC.

The circuit models in Figures 16 and 17 represent the typical ESD testing circuit used for all three methods. The C_s is initially charged with the DC power supply when the first switch (SW1) is on. Now that the capacitor is charged, the second switch (SW2) is on while SW1 switches off. The voltage stored in the capacitor is then applied through R_s , the current limiting resistor, onto the device under test (DUT). In ESD tests, the SW2 switch is pulsed so that the device under test receives a duration of voltage.

For the Human Body Model, the current limiting resistor (R_s) and the source capacitor (C_s) are 1.5k Ω an 100pF, respectively. For IEC-61000-4-2, the current limiting resistor (R_s) and the source capacitor (C_s) are 330 Ω an 150pF, respectively.

The higher C_s value and lower R_s value in the IEC61000-4-2 model are more stringent than the Human Body Model. The larger storage capacitor injects a higher voltage to the test point when SW2 is switched on. The lower current limiting resistor increases the current charge onto the test point.



Figure 18. ESD Test Waveform for IEC61000-4-2

DEVICE PIN TESTED	HUMAN BODY MODEL	Air Discharge	IEC61000-4-2 Direct Contact	Level
Driver Outputs	<u>+</u> 15kV	<u>+</u> 15kV	<u>+</u> 8kV	4
Receiver Inputs	<u>+</u> 15kV	<u>+</u> 15kV	<u>+</u> 8kV	4

Table 3. Transceiver ESD Tolerance Levels

PACKAGE: 20 PIN SSOP



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PACKAGE: 16 PIN PDIP



PACKAGE: 16 PIN WSOIC











ORDERING INFORMATION

Part Number	Temp. Range	Package
SP3222ECA-L	0°C to +70°C	20 Pin SSOP
SP3222ECA-L/TR	0°C to +70°C	20 Pin SSOP
SP3222ECT-L	0°C to +70°C	18 Pin WSOIC
SP3222ECT-L/TR	0°C to +70°C	18 Pin WSOIC
SP3222ECY-L	0°C to +70°C	20 Pin TSSOP
SP3222ECY-L/TR	0°C to +70°C	20 Pin TSSOP
SP3222EEA-L	-40°C to +85°C	20 Pin SSOP
SP3222EEA-L/TR	-40°C to +85°C	20 Pin SSOP
SP3222EET-L	-40°C to +85°C	18 Pin WSOIC
SP3222EET-L/TR	-40°C to +85°C	18 Pin WSOIC
SP3222EEY-L	-40°C to +85°C	20 Pin TSSOP
SP3222EEY-L/TR	-40°C to +85°C	20 Pin TSSOP
Part Number	Temp. Range	Package
SP3232ECA-L	0°C to +70°C	16 Pin SSOP
SP3232ECA-L/TR	0°C to +70°C	16 Pin SSOP
SP3232ECN-L	0°C to +70°C	16 Pin NSOIC
SP3232ECN-L/TR	0°C to +70°C	16 Pin NSOIC
SP3232ECP-L	0°C to +70°C	16 Pin PDIP
SP3232ECT-L	0°C to +70°C	16 Pin WSOIC
SP3232ECT-L/TR	0°C to +70°C	16 Pin WSOIC
SP3232ECY-L	0°C to +70°C	16 Pin TSSOP
SP3232ECY-L/TR	0°C to +70°C	16 Pin TSSOP

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SP3232ECY-L/TR	0°C to +70°C	16 Pin TSSOP
SP3232EEA-L	-40°C to +85°C	16 Pin SSOP
SP3232EEA-L/TR	-40°C to +85°C	16 Pin SSOP
SP3232EEN-L	-40°C to +85°C	16 Pin NSOIC
SP3232EEN-L/TR	-40°C to +85°C	16 Pin NSOIC
SP3232EEP-L	-40°C to +85°C	16 Pin PDIP
SP3232EET-L	-40°C to +85°C	16 Pin WSOIC
SP3232EET-L/TR	-40°C to +85°C	16 Pin WSOIC
SP3232EEY-L	-40°C to +85°C	16 Pin TSSOP
SP3232EEY-L/TR	-40°C to +85°C	16 Pin TSSOP

Note: "/TR" is for tape and Reel option. "-L" is for lead free packaging

REVISION HISTORY

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