

Coreless, High Precision, Hall-Effect Current Sensor IC with Common-Mode Field Rejection and High Bandwidth (240 kHz)

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Eliminates need for concentrator core or shield
- Suited for applications where current flows through busbar or PCB
- Very wide sensing range (2.5 to 20 mV/G)
 □ Ideal for sensing currents from <200 A to >1000 A
- Factory-programmed segmented linear temperature compensation (TC) provides low thermal drift
 Sensitivity ±1% (typ)
 Offset ±3 mV (typ)
- Differential Hall sensing rejects common-mode magnetic fields
- High operating bandwidth: DC to 240 kHz
- AEC-Q100 Grade 0, automotive qualified
- Contactless, lossless, non-invasive current sensing
- Very fast response time (<2 µs typ)
- 3.3 or 5.0 V single supply operation
- Ratiometric output with unidirectional and bidirectional modes
- Immune to mechanical stress
- Monolithic Hall IC for high reliability
- Wide ambient temperature range: -40°C to 150°C
- Surface mount, small footprint, low-profile TSSOP8 package

PACKAGE:

8-pin TSSOP package (suffix LU)



DESCRIPTION

The Allegro ACS37612 current sensor IC enables low-cost solutions for AC and DC current sensing without the need for an external field concentrator core or shield. It is designed for applications where hundreds of amps flow through a busbar or PCB.

Current flowing through a busbar or PCB trace generates a magnetic field that is sensed by the monolithic, low-offset, linear Hall IC. The differential sensing topology virtually eliminates all types of errors due to common-mode stray magnetic fields. High isolation is achieved via the no-contact nature of this simple assembly.

The ACS37612 is offered in 120 kHz and 240 kHz bandwidth options, making it ideal for inverter phase current sensing, load detection and management, power supplies, and DC/DC converters where fast switching is required. The high response time enables overcurrent fault detection in safety-critical applications. A -40° C to 150°C ambient operating temperature range and a stellar ESD rating make it ready for harsh automotive environments.

The ACS37612 is suitable for space-constrained applications because of its low-profile 8-pin surface mount TSSOP package (thin-shrink small outline package, suffix LU) that is lead (Pb) free, with 100% matte tin leadframe plating.

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

- High voltage traction motor inverter
- 48 V / 12 V auxiliary inverter
- Battery monitoring
- Overcurrent detection
- DC/DC converter
- Smart fuse
 - Power distribution unit (PDU)
 - Power supply



Figure 1: Current Through PCB



Figure 2: Current Through Busbar

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SELECTION GUIDE

Part Number	Nominal Supply Voltage (V)	Differential Magnetic Input Range, (G)	Sensitivity Sens (Typ.) (mV/G) ^[1]	Bandwidth (kHz)	Т _А (°С)	Packing ^[2]	
ACS37612LLUATR-010B3	3.3	±135	10				
ACS37612LLUATR-005B5	5	±400	5				
ACS37612LLUATR-010B5	5	±200	10	12040 to 150	-40 to 150	4000 pieces per 13-inch reel	
ACS37612LLUATR-015B5	5	±130	15				
ACS37612LLUATR-015U5	5	0 to 265	15				

^[1] Measured at nominal supply voltage. Contact Allegro for other sensitivity options.
^[2] Contact Allegro for additional packing options.





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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Characteristic	Symbol	Notes	Rating	Unit
Supply Voltage	V _{cc}		6.5	V
Reverse Supply Voltage	V _{RCC}		-0.5	V
Output Voltage	V _{OUT}		6.5	V
Reverse Output Voltage	V _{ROUT}		-0.5	V
Output Source Current	I _{OUT(Source)}	VOUT to GND	3	mA
Output Sink Current	I _{OUT(Sink)}	Minimum pull-up resistor of 500 Ω	10	mA
Nominal Operating Ambient Temperature	T _A	Range L	-40 to 150	°C
Maximum Junction Temperature	T _{J(max)}		165	°C
Storage Temperature	T _{stg}		-65 to 165	°C

ESD RATINGS

Characteristic	Symbol	Test Conditions	Value	Unit
Human Body Model	V _{HBM}	Per AEC-Q100	±12	kV
Charged Device Model	V _{CDM}	Per AEC-Q100	±1	kV

THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS: May require derating at maximum conditions; see application information

Characteristic	Symbol	nbol Test Conditions [1]		Unit
Package Thermal Resistance	$R_{ extsf{ heta}JA}$	LU package, on 4-layer PCB based on JEDEC standard	145	°C/W

^[1] Additional thermal information available on the Allegro website.



Allowable Power Dissipation versus Ambient Temperature







Figure 4: Typical Application Circuit

The ACS37612 outputs an analog signal, V_{OUT}, that varies linearly with the bi-directional AC or DC field sensed within the range specified. C_L is for optimal noise management, with values that depend on the application.

VOUT 1 O	8 NC
GND 2	7 NC
NC 3	6 NC
VCC 4	5 NC

Figure 5: Pinout Diagram

Pinout List

Number	Name	Description
1	VOUT	Analog output signal, also used for programming
2	GND	Ground pin
3, 5, 6, 7, 8	NC	Not connect; tie to GND for optimal ESD performance
4	VCC	Input power supply, also used for programming



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Figure 6: Functional Block Diagram



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Characteristic	Symbol	Test Conditions	S	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
ELECTRICAL CHARACTERIS	TICS						
Over the Method and		5 V nominal supply voltage variant		4.5	5	5.5	V
Supply Voltage	V _{CC}	3.3 V nominal supply voltage varian	ıt	3	3.3	3.6	V
Supply Current	I _{CC}	$V_{CC}(min) \le V_{CC} \le V_{CC}(max)$, where no load on output	V _{CC} = 5 V or 3.3 V,	_	12	16	mA
Power-On Time	t _{PO}	T _A = 25°C		-	70	-	μs
Temperature Compensation Power-On Time	t _{TC}	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C, C_L \text{ (of test probe)} = 10 \text{ p}$	F, C _{BYPASS} = open	-	45	-	μs
Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)	V _{UVLOD}	V_{CC} rising; UVLO is disabled, enabl output; T _A = 25°C	ing the device	_	3.8	4.2	V
Threshold ^[1]	V _{UVLOE}	V _{CC} falling; UVLO is enabled, disab output; T _A = 25°C	ling the device	3.45	3.7	-	V
UVLO Hysteresis	V _{UVLO(HYS)}	T _A = 25°C		_	100	_	mV
UVLO Enable/Disable	t _{UVLOE}	Time measured from falling V _{CC} < \ UVLO enabled; T _A = 25°C	/ _{UVLOE} to	-	74	-	μs
Delay Time	t _{UVLOD}	Time measured from rising V _{CC} > V UVLO disabled; T _A = 25°C	_{UVLOD} to	-	7	-	μs
Power-On Release Delay	t _{PORD}	T _A = 25°C, 3.3 V part variant only		_	7	_	μs
	V _{PORH}	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C, V_{CC}$ rising			2.8	_	V
Power-On Reset Voltage	V _{PORL}	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$, V_{CC} falling		_	2.5	_	V
Power-On Reset Release Time	t _{PORR}	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C, V_{CC}$ rising	_	64	_	μs	
Power-On Reset Hysteresis	V _{Hys(POR)}			-	250	-	mV
lateral Deviduality	DW	Small signal -3 dB, C _L = 1 nF, device programmed to lowest bandwidth mode (default)		-	120	-	kHz
Internal Bandwidth	BW _i	Small signal –3 dB, C _L = 1 nF, devic highest bandwidth mode	-	240	-	kHz	
D: T: [2]		T 0500 0 4 F	BW _i = 240 kHz	-	1.7	_	μs
Rise Time ^[2]	t _r	T _A = 25°C, C _L = 1 nF	BW _i = 120 kHz	_	3.2	_	μs
Durantian Dalar [2]		T 05%0 0 4 x 5	BW _i = 240 kHz	-	1	-	μs
Propagation Delay ^[2]	t _{PD}	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C, C_L = 1 \text{ nF}$	BW _i = 120 kHz	-	1.5	_	μs
			BW _i = 240 kHz	-	1.6	_	μs
Response Time ^[2]	t _{RESPONSE}	T _A = 25°C, C _L = 1 nF	BW _i = 120 kHz	_	3.2	_	μs
DC Output Impedance	R _{OUT}		1	_	< 1	_	Ω
Output Load Resistance	RL	VOUT to GND		4.7	_		kΩ
Output Load Capacitance	CL	VOUT to GND			1	10	nF
Output Voltage Clamp	V _{CLP(HIGH)}	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$, $R_{L(PULLDWN)} = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ to (GND	0.9 × V _{CC}	_	-	V
(Clamp Enable Option Only)	V _{CLP(LOW)}	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C, R_{L(PULLUP)} = 10 \text{ k}\Omega \text{ to VCC}$		-	_	0.1 × V _{CC}	V
Delay to Clamp (Clamp Enable Option Only)	t _{CLP}	T _A = 25°C; C _L = 1nF; Step from 75% 150%		_	5	-	μs
Output Saturation Voltage (Clamp Disabled Option	V _{SAT(HIGH)}	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$, $R_{L(PULLDWN)} = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ to (V _{CC} - 0.2	_	-	V
(Default) Only)	V _{SAT(LOW)}	$T_A = 25$ °C, $R_{L(PULLUP)} = 10$ kΩ to VC		-	_	200	mV

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COMMON OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS (continued): Valid through full range of T_A and V_{CC}, unless otherwise specified

Characteristic	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit				
QUIESCENT OUTPUT VOLTAGE (V _{OUT(Q)})										
Quiescent Output Voltage V _{OUT}		Bidirectional variant, no magnetic field, T _A = 25°C; V _{OUT(Q)} ratiometric to V _{CC}	-	$0.5 \times V_{CC}$	_	V				
	V OUT(Q)	Unidirectional variant, no magnetic field, $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$; $V_{OUT(Q)}$ ratiometric to V_{CC}	-	$0.1 \times V_{CC}$	_	V				
ERROR COMPONENTS										
Clamp Ratiometry Error	Rat _{ERRCLP}	$V_{CC} = \pm 5\%$ variation of nominal supply voltage	-	±1.0	_	%				
Noise	B _N	T _A = 25°C, C _L = 1 nF	-	2	_	mG _{RMS} /√(Hz)				
Nonlinearity	E _{LIN}	Up to full-scale output	-1	±0.45	1	%				
Common Mode Field Rejection Ratio	CMFRR	Measured at 100 G uniform magnetic field	-	40	-	dB				

^[1] UVLO feature is available on parts with 5 V nominal supply voltage.

 $^{[2]}$ Timing specified does not include potential effect of skin effect on conductor; value will depend on busbar/PCB design.

ACS37612LLUATR-005B5 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS: Valid over full range of T_A and V_{CC} = 5 V, unless otherwise specified

Characteristic	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min.	Typ. [1]	Max.	Unit
	Symbol	Test conditions	IVIII.	iyp. 🖓	IVIAX.	Unit
NOMINAL PERFORMANCE			,			
Differential Magnetic Range	B _{DIFF}		-400	_	400	G
Sensitivity	Sens	$V_{CC}(min) \le V_{CC} \le V_{CC}(max)$	_	5	_	mV/G
ACCURACY PERFORMANCE						
Naiaa	N	T _A = 25°C, C _L = 1 nF, BW = 120 kHz	-	4.5	_	mV _{RMS}
Noise	V _N	T _A = 25°C, C _L = 1 nF, BW = 240 kHz	-	6.5	_	mV _{RMS}
Sensitivity Error	E _{SENS}	T _A = 25°C	-2	±1	2	%
	∆Sens _{TC}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	-2	±1	2	%
Sensitivity Drift Over Temperature		$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to 25°C	-2	±1	2	%
Factory Quiescent Voltage Output Error	V _{OE}	T _A = 25°C	-5	±3	5	mV
Quiescent Voltage Output		T _A = 25°C to 150°C	-5	±3	5	mV
Temperature Error	V _{OUT(Q)TC}	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to 25°C	-5	±3	5	mV
QVO Ratiometry Error	V _{RatERRQVO}	V_{CC} = ±5% variation of nominal supply voltage	-7.5	±2.5	7.5	mV
Sens Ratiometry Error	Rat _{ERRSens}	V_{CC} = ±5% variation of nominal supply voltage	-1.25	±0.5	1.25	%
LIFETIME DRIFT CHARACTERISTIC						
QVO Lifetime Drift	V _{QVOLife}	T _A = 25°C	_	1.4	_	mV
Sens Lifetime Drift	Sens _{ERRLife}	T _A = 25°C	-	0.6	_	%
QVO TC Lifetime Drift	V _{QVOTCLife}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	_	1.5	_	mV
Sens TC Lifetime Drift	Sens _{TCLife}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	_	0.6	_	%

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ACS37612LLUATR-010B3 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS: Valid over full range of T_A and V_{CC} = 3.3 V, unless otherwise specified

Characteristic	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min.	Typ. [1]	Max.	Unit
NOMINAL PERFORMANCE						
Differential Magnetic Range	B _{DIFF}		-135	-	135	G
Sensitivity	Sens	$V_{CC}(min) \le V_{CC} \le V_{CC}(max)$	_	10	_	mV/G
ACCURACY PERFORMANCE						
Noise	V	T _A = 25°C, C _L = 1 nF, BW = 120 kHz	-	9	_	mV _{RMS}
Noise	V _N	T _A = 25°C, C _L = 1 nF, BW = 240 kHz	_	12.5	_	mV _{RMS}
Sensitivity Error	E _{SENS}	T _A = 25°C	-2	±1	2	%
	∆Sens _{TC}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	-2	±1	2	%
Sensitivity Drift Over Temperature		$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $25^{\circ}C$	-2	±1	2	%
Factory Quiescent Voltage Output Error	V _{OE}	T _A = 25°C	-5	±3	5	mV
Quiescent Voltage Output	M	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	-10	±3	10	mV
Temperature Error	V _{OUT(Q)TC}	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $25^{\circ}C$	-10	±3	10	mV
QVO Ratiometry Error	V _{RatERRQVO}	V_{CC} = ±3% variation of nominal supply voltage	-15	±5	15	mV
Sens Ratiometry Error	Rat _{ERRSens}	V_{CC} = ±3% variation of nominal supply voltage	-1.25	±0.5	1.25	%
LIFETIME DRIFT CHARACTERISTIC					0.	
QVO Lifetime Drift	V _{QVOLife}	T _A = 25°C	_	1.4	_	mV
Sens Lifetime Drift	Sens _{ERRLife}	T _A = 25°C	_	0.6	_	%
QVO TC Lifetime Drift	V _{QVOTCLife}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	_	1.5	_	mV
Sens TC Lifetime Drift	Sens _{TCLife}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	_	0.6	_	%

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ACS37612LLUATR-010B5 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS: Valid over full range of T_A and V_{CC} = 5 V, unless otherwise specified

Characteristic	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min.	Typ. [1]	Max.	Unit
NOMINAL PERFORMANCE						
Differential Magnetic Range	B _{DIFF}		-200	-	200	G
Sensitivity	Sens	$V_{CC}(min) \le V_{CC} \le V_{CC}(max)$	_	10	-	mV/G
ACCURACY PERFORMANCE						
Noise	V	T _A = 25°C, C _L = 1 nF, BW = 120 kHz	-	9	_	mV _{RMS}
Noise	V _N	T _A = 25°C, C _L = 1 nF, BW = 240 kHz	-	12.5	_	mV _{RMS}
Sensitivity Error	E _{SENS}	T _A = 25°C	-2	±1	2	%
Consitivity Drift Over Temperature	∆Sens _{TC}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	-2	±1	2	%
Sensitivity Drift Over Temperature		$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $25^{\circ}C$	-2	±1	2	%
Factory Quiescent Voltage Output Error	V _{OE}	T _A = 25°C	-5	±3	5	mV
Quiescent Voltage Output		T _A = 25°C to 150°C	-10	±3	10	mV
Temperature Error	V _{OUT(Q)TC}	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $25^{\circ}C$	-10	±3	10	mV
QVO Ratiometry Error	V _{RatERRQVO}	V_{CC} = ±5% variation of nominal supply voltage	-7.5	±2.5	7.5	mV
Sens Ratiometry Error	Rat _{ERRSens}	V_{CC} = ±5% variation of nominal supply voltage	-1.25	±0.5	1.25	%
LIFETIME DRIFT CHARACTERISTIC	S [2]					
QVO Lifetime Drift	V _{QVOLife}	T _A = 25°C	_	1.4	_	mV
Sens Lifetime Drift	Sens _{ERRLife}	T _A = 25°C	_	0.6	_	%
QVO TC Lifetime Drift	V _{QVOTCLife}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	_	1.5	_	mV
Sens TC Lifetime Drift	Sens _{TCLife}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	_	0.6	_	%

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Characteristic	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min.	Typ. [1]	Max.	Unit
NOMINAL PERFORMANCE						
Differential Magnetic Range	B _{DIFF}		-130	-	130	G
Sensitivity	Sens	$V_{CC}(min) \le V_{CC} \le V_{CC}(max)$	_	15	_	mV/G
ACCURACY PERFORMANCE						
Noise	V	T _A = 25°C, C _L = 1 nF, BW = 120 kHz	_	13	-	mV _{RMS}
Noise	V _N	T _A = 25°C, C _L = 1 nF, BW = 240 kHz	-	19	-	mV _{RMS}
Sensitivity Error	E _{SENS}	T _A = 25°C	-2	±1	2	%
	∆Sens _{TC}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	-2	±1	2	%
Sensitivity Drift Over Temperature		$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to 25°C	-2	±1	2	%
Factory Quiescent Voltage Output Error	V _{OE}	T _A = 25°C	-10	±6	10	mV
Quiescent Voltage Output		T _A = 25°C to 150°C	-10	±6	10	mV
Temperature Error	V _{OUT(Q)TC}	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to 25°C	-10	±6	10	mV
QVO Ratiometry Error	V _{RatERRQVO}	V _{CC} = ±5% variation of nominal supply voltage	-7.5	±2.5	7.5	mV
Sens Ratiometry Error	Rat _{ERRSens}	V _{CC} = ±5% variation of nominal supply voltage	-1.25	±0.5	1.25	%
LIFETIME DRIFT CHARACTERISTIC						
QVO Lifetime Drift	V _{QVOLife}	T _A = 25°C	_	1.4	-	mV
Sens Lifetime Drift	Sens _{ERRLife}	T _A = 25°C	_	0.6	-	%
QVO TC Lifetime Drift	V _{QVOTCLife}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	_	1.5	_	mV
Sens TC Lifetime Drift	Sens _{TCLife}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	_	0.6	-	%

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Characteristic	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min.	Typ. [1]	Max.	Unit
NOMINAL PERFORMANCE	<u> </u>				ļ	
Differential Magnetic Range	B _{DIFF}		0	_	265	G
Sensitivity	Sens	$V_{CC}(min) \le V_{CC} \le V_{CC}(max)$	_	15	_	mV/G
ACCURACY PERFORMANCE						
Noice	V _N	T _A = 25°C, C _L = 1 nF, BW = 120 kHz	_	13	_	mV _{RMS}
Noise		T _A = 25°C, C _L = 1 nF, BW = 240 kHz	_	19	-	mV _{RMS}
Sensitivity Error	E _{SENS}	T _A = 25°C	-2	±1	2	%
Consitivity Drift Over Temperature	∆Sens _{TC}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	-2	±1	2	%
Sensitivity Drift Over Temperature		$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $25^{\circ}C$	-2	±1	2	%
Factory Quiescent Voltage Output Error	V _{OE}	T _A = 25°C	-10	±6	10	mV
Quiescent Voltage Output	V _{OUT(Q)TC}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	-10	±6	10	mV
Temperature Error		$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $25^{\circ}C$	-10	±6	10	mV
QVO Ratiometry Error	V _{RatERRQVO}	V_{CC} = ±5% variation of nominal supply voltage	-7.5	±2.5	7.5	mV
Sens Ratiometry Error	Rat _{ERRSens}	V_{CC} = ±5% variation of nominal supply voltage	-1.25	±0.5	1.25	%
LIFETIME DRIFT CHARACTERISTIC						
QVO Lifetime Drift	V _{QVOLife}	T _A = 25°C	_	1.4	_	mV
Sens Lifetime Drift	Sens _{ERRLife}	T _A = 25°C	_	0.6	-	%
QVO TC Lifetime Drift	V _{QVOTCLife}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	_	1.5	_	mV
Sens TC Lifetime Drift	Sens _{TCLife}	T _A = 25°C to 150°C	_	0.6	-	%

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FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

Principle of Operation

When AC or DC current flows through a PCB copper trace or a busbar, as shown in Figure 7, the ACS37612 device will sense the field difference between its two Hall elements H1 and H2, represented by field components B- and B+. The device output will be proportional to the differential field sensed, which is

proportional to the applied current. The relationship between applied current and generated field is described as:

 $B_{diff} = CF \times I,$

where B_{diff} is the differential field (H1-H2), CF is the differential coupling factor, and I is the current through the busbar/PCB trace.



Figure 7: Current Sensing Principle

Device Output Polarity

Current flowing through the PCB/busbar in the direction of pin 1 to pin 4, as shown in Figure 8, increases the output voltage from its quiescent value toward the supply voltage rail (from 2.5 V to 4.5 V typical on bidirectional version, and 0.5 V to 4.5 V typical on unidirectional version).

The amount the output voltage increases is proportional to the magnitude of the applied current. Conversely, current flowing in the opposite direction decreases the output voltage from its quiescent value.



Figure 8: Sensor output polarity with respect to current flow and sensor pins



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DYNAMIC RESPONSE CHARACTERISTICS

Figure 9: Response time, rise time, and propagation delay on 3.5 mm Reference PCB. $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, $C_{BYPASS} = 100$ nF, $C_L = 1$ nF, BW = 120 kHz



Figure 10: Response time, rise time, and propagation delay on Reference Busbar. $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, $C_{BYPASS} = 100$ nF, $C_L = 1$ nF, BW = 120 kHz



Power-On Reset (POR) and Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO) Operation – Nominal Supply Voltage = 5 V

The descriptions in this section assume: temperature = 25° C, no output load (R_L, C_L), and no significant magnetic field is present.

- **Power-Up.** At power-up, as V_{CC} ramps up, the output is in a high-impedance state. When V_{CC} crosses V_{PORH} (location [1] in Figure 11 and [1'] in Figure 12), the POR Release counter starts counting for t_{PORR} . At this point, if V_{CC} exceeds V_{UVLOD} [2'], the output will go to V_{CC} / 2 after t_{UVLOD} [3']. If V_{CC} does not exceed V_{UVLOD} [2], the output will stay in the high-impedance state until V_{CC} reaches V_{UVLOD} [3] and then will go to V_{CC} / 2 after t_{UVLOD} [4].
- V_{CC} drops below $V_{CC}(min) = 4.5 V$. If V_{CC} drops below V_{UVLOE} [4', 5], the UVLO Enable Counter starts counting. If V_{CC} is still below V_{UVLOE} when counter reaches t_{UVLOE} , the UVLO function will be enabled and the output will be pulled

near GND [6]. If V_{CC} exceeds V_{UVLOE} before the UVLO Enable Counter reaches t_{UVLOE} [5'], the output will continue to be $V_{CC}/2$.

- Coming out of UVLO. While UVLO is enabled [6], if V_{CC} exceeds V_{UVLOD} [7], UVLO will be disabled after t_{UVLOD}, and the output will be V_{CC} / 2 [8].
- **Power-Down.** As V_{CC} ramps down below V_{UVLOE} [6', 9], the UVLO Enable Counter will start counting. If V_{CC} is higher than V_{PORL} when the counter reaches t_{UVLOE} , the UVLO function will be enabled and the output will be pulled near GND [10]. The output will enter a high-impedance state as V_{CC} goes below V_{PORL} [11]. If V_{CC} falls below V_{PORL} before the UVLO Enable Counter reaches t_{UVLOE} , the output will transition directly into a high-impedance state [7'].







Figure 12: POR and UVLO Operation – Fast Rise Time Case – 5 V Mode



Power-On Reset (POR); Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO) Disabled – Nominal Supply Voltage = 3.3 V

Power-Up

At power-up, as V_{CC} ramps up, the output is in a high-impedance state. When V_{CC} crosses V_{PORH} (location [1] in Figure 13 and [1'] in Figure 14), the POR Release counter starts counting for t_{PORR} [2], [2'] and the output will go to V_{CC} / 2 after t_{PORD} [3], [3']. The temperature compensation engine will then adjust the device Sensitivity and QVO after time t_{TC} [4], [4'].

V_{CC} drops below V_{CC}(min) = 3 V

If V_{CC} drops below V_{PORH} [5'] but remains higher than V_{PORL} [6'], the output will continue to be V_{CC} /2.

Power-Down

As V_{CC} ramps down below V_{PORL} [5],[7'], the output will enter a high-impedance state.



Figure 13: POR and UVLO Operation – Slow Rise Time Case – 3.3 V Mode



Figure 14: POR and UVLO Operation – Fast Rise Time Case – 3.3 V Mode



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DEFINITIONS OF ACCURACY CHARACTERISTICS

SENSITIVITY (Sens)

The amount of the output voltage increase is proportional to the magnitude of the magnetic field applied. This proportionality is specified as the magnetic sensitivity, Sens (mv/G), of the device, and it is defined as:

$$Sens = \frac{V_{\text{OUT(B1)}} - V_{\text{OUT(B2)}}}{B1 - B2}$$

where B1 and B2 are two different magnetic field levels.

SENSITIVITY DRIFT THROUGH TEMPERATURE RANGE ($\Delta SENS_{TC}$)

Second-order sensitivity temperature coefficient effects cause the magnetic sensitivity, Sens, to drift from its expected value over the operating ambient temperature range (T_A). The Sensitivity Drift Through Temperature Range ($\Delta Sens_{TC}$) is defined as:

$$\Delta Sens_{\text{TC}} = \frac{Sens_{\text{TA}} - Sens_{\text{EXPECTED}(\text{TA})}}{Sens_{\text{EXPECTED}(\text{TA})}} \times 100 \,(\%)$$

NONLINEARITY (ELIN)

The nonlinearity is a measure of how linear the output of the sensor IC is over the full current measurement range. The nonlinearity is calculated as:

$$E_{\text{LIN}} = \left\{ 1 - \left[\frac{Sens_{\text{BPRMax}}}{Sens_{\text{BPRHalf}}} \right] \right\} \times 100 \ (\%)$$

where $Sens_{BPRMax}$ is the sensitivity measured at the full range output level and $Sens_{BPRHalf}$ is the sensitivity measured at half of the full range output level.

RATIOMETRY

The device features a ratiometric output. This means that the quiescent voltage output, $V_{OUT(Q)}$, and the magnetic sensitivity, Sens, are proportional to the supply voltage, V_{CC} . The ratiometric change in the quiescent voltage output is defined as:

$$V_{\text{RatERRQVO}} = \left[\left(V_{\text{OUTQ(5V)}} \times \frac{V_{\text{CC}}}{5 \text{ V}} \right) - V_{\text{OUTQ(VCC)}} \right] \times 1000 \text{ (mV)}$$

and the ratiometric change (%) in sensitivity is defined as:

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$$Rat_{\text{ERRSens}} = \left| 1 - \frac{\left(\frac{Sens_{(\text{VCC})}}{Sens_{(5\text{V})}}\right)}{\left(\frac{V_{\text{CC}}}{5\text{ V}}\right)} \right| \times 100 \,(\%)$$

and the ratiometric change (%) in clamp voltage is defined as:

$$Rat_{\text{ERRCLP}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{\left(\frac{V_{\text{CLP}(\text{VCC})}}{V_{\text{CLP}(5\text{V})}}\right)}{\left(\frac{V_{\text{CC}}}{5\text{ V}}\right)} \end{bmatrix} \times 100 \,(\%)$$



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QUIESCENT OUTPUT VOLTAGE (V_{OUT(Q)})

The output of the sensor when no magnetic field is detected. For a unipolar supply voltage, it nominally remains at $0.5 \times V_{CC}$ for a bidirectional device and $0.1 \times V_{CC}$ for a unidirectional device. For example, in the case of a bidirectional output device, $V_{CC} =$ 5 V translates into $V_{OUT(Q)} = 2.5 \text{ V}$. Variation in $V_{OUT(Q)}$ can be attributed to the resolution of the Allegro linear IC quiescent voltage trim and thermal drift.

VOLTAGE OFFSET ERROR (V_{OE})

The deviation of the device output from its ideal quiescent value of 0.5 \times V_{CC} (bidirectional) or 0.1 \times V_{CC} (unidirectional) due to nonmagnetic causes.

POWER-ON RESET VOLTAGE (VPOR)

On power-up, to initialize to a known state and avoid current spikes, the device is held in Reset state. The Reset signal is

disabled when V_{CC} reaches V_{PORH} and time t_{PORR} has elapsed, allowing the output voltage to go from a high-impedance state into normal operation. During power-down, the Reset signal is enabled when V_{CC} reaches V_{PORL} , causing the output voltage to go into a high-impedance state. (Note that a detailed description of POR can be found in the Functional Description section).

POWER-ON RESET RELEASE TIME (t_{PORR})

When V_{CC} rises to V_{PORH} , the Power-On Reset Counter starts. The device output voltage will transition from a high-impedance state to normal operation only when the Power-On Reset Counter has reached t_{PORR} and V_{CC} has been maintained above V_{PORH} .

OUTPUT SATURATION VOLTAGE (V_{SAT})

When output voltage clamps are disabled, the output voltage can swing to a maximum of $V_{SAT(HIGH)}$ and to a minimum of $V_{SAT(LOW)}$.



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DEFINITIONS OF DYNAMIC RESPONSE CHARACTERISTICS

POWER-ON TIME (t_{PO})

When the supply is ramped to its operating voltage, the device requires a finite time to power its internal components before responding to an input magnetic field. Power-On Time, t_{PO} , is defined as the time it takes for the output voltage to settle within $\pm 10\%$ of its steady-state value under an applied magnetic field, after the power supply has reached its minimum specified operating voltage, $V_{CC}(min)$, as shown in Figure 15.

RISE TIME (t_r)

The time interval between a) when the sensor reaches 10% of its full-scale value, and b) when it reaches 90% of its full-scale value, as shown in Figure 16.

PROPAGATION DELAY (t_{PD})

The time interval between a) when the sensed current reaches 20% of its full-scale value, and b) when the sensor output reaches 20% of its full-scale value, as shown in Figure 16.

RESPONSE TIME (t_{RESPONSE})

The time interval between a) when the sensed current reaches 90% of its final value, and b) when the sensor output reaches 90% of its full-scale value, as shown in Figure 17.

Delay to Clamp (t_{CLP})

A large magnetic input step may cause the clamp to overshoot its steady-state value. The Delay to Clamp, t_{CLP} , is defined as: the time it takes for the output voltage to settle within $\pm 1\%$ of Clamp Voltage Dynamic Range, after initially passing through its steady-state voltage, as shown in Figure 18.



Figure 18: Delay to Clamp





Figure 16: Propagation Delay (t_{PD}) and Rise Time (t_r)







APPLICATION INFORMATION

Typical Application – Busbar Sensing



Figure 19: Busbar current sensing application – reference busbar design

The ACS37612 is ideal for busbar current sensing applications.

For a given current flowing through the busbar, the magnitude of the differential magnetic field sensed by the IC will depend on the air gap between the busbar and the IC.

Adding a notch (width reduction) to the busbar at the location where the sensor is placed significantly increases the magnitude of the magnetic field, improving SNR. Keeping the notch length short (2 to 3 mm) results in virtually no increase in the resistance of the busbar or degradation of its thermal performance.

Different busbar and notch dimensions can be used to optimize system performance and respond to application constraints.

Figure 19 and Table 1 highlight the dimensions of an Allegro

evaluation board designed to measure ± 1000 A.

Note: Comparing the busbar described in Figure 19 to a bare busbar (without notch), the busbar with the 3 mm notch increased the overall impedance by less than 1 $\mu\Omega$, increasing busbar temperature by only few degrees during testing.

Skin Effect Consideration

Skin effect in the conductor tends to reduce the magnitude of the differential magnetic field measured by the IC at high frequencies (coupling factor) and therefore will influence the bandwidth of the system and response time to transient current.

Skin effect will depend on busbar dimensions, sensor mounting orientation, and distance between the busbar and the IC.

Table 1: Current range based on reference busbar design:

Busbar Application	Maximum Current (A)	Coupling Factor at 2.5 mm Crystal Air Gap [1]	Differential Field (G)	IC Sensitivity (mV/G)
18 × 3 mm Busbar + 3 mm Notch	±1000	0.19	±190	10

^[1] Crystal air gap is defined as the distance from the busbar surface to the device sensing elements (considering active area depth).



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Multiple Busbar Design Options

The ACS37612 offers many different mounting possibilities, addressing different needs (bandwidth, mounting tolerances, and crosstalk). The figures below show different mounting options.

Refer to Allegro's website (https://www.allegromicro.com) for application notes explaining the tradeoffs between different topologies.



Figure 20: Rift Busbar Design

High mounting tolerances, medium coupling factor, high skin effect. For DC to low frequency AC applications <1 kHz.



Figure 22: Dual Vertical Slit Busbar Design High mounting tolerances, high coupling factor, low skin effect. For DC to high frequency AC applications >100 kHz.



Figure 21: Slit Busbar Design

High mounting tolerances, medium coupling factor, medium skin effect. For DC to medium frequency AC applications <100 kHz.



Figure 23: Vertical Slit Busbar Design High mounting tolerances, high coupling factor, low skin effect. For DC to high frequency AC applications >100 kHz.



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Figure 24: PCB Current sensing application – 6-Layer reference PCB example

The ACS37612 can also be used in PCB applications where the current flows directly in the PCB instead of on a busbar.

Multiple copper layers can be used to carry the current. Reducing the width of the copper traces under the sensor (neckdown) increases the magnitude of the differential magnetic field measured by the IC.

Different copper layer dimensions and stackups can be used to optimize performance and are specific to the constraints of the application. For example, in higher voltage applications, the top layer would only be used for signal routing in order to use the PCB replaced by dielectric layer for isolation.

Figure 24 and Table 2 highlight the dimensions of three Allegro evaluation boards designed to measure a wide current range.

Care must be taken when routing the device signal to prevent

noise coupling to the supply or output lines.

The power plane in the neckdown area should also be avoided to prevent disturbing the magnetic field measured.

Skin Effect Consideration

Skin effect in the PCB current-carrying traces will tend to reduce the differential magnetic field measured by the IC at high frequencies (coupling factor) and therefore will influence the bandwidth of the system and response time to transient current.

Skin effect is generally limited on PCB application due to thin copper layer thickness, but the effect will depend on PCB copper trace dimensions, number of layers, and layer thickness.

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Table 2: Current range	based or	reference	PCB	design:
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PCB Application ^[1]	Maximum Current (A) [2]	Coupling Factor (G/A)	Differential Field (G)	IC Sensitivity (mV/G)
5 Layers – Reference Design 3.5 mm – 015B5	±190	0.74	±133	15
5 Layers – Reference Design 3.5 mm – 010B5	±270	0.74	±200	10
5 Layers – Reference Design 4.5 mm – 015B5	±235	0.57	±133	15
5 Layers – Reference Design 4.5 mm – 010B5	±350	0.57	±200	10
5 Layers – Reference Design 7 mm – 015B5	±500	0.265	±133	15
5 Layers – Reference Design 7 mm – 010B5	±750	0.265	±200	10

^[1] Maximum continuous current without proper cooling on these PCB designs should not exceed 200 A.

^[2] Full-scale current is required to cover the full-scale output range (bidirectional = ± 2 V).



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