AP0201AT High-Dynamic Range (HDR) Image Signal Processor (ISP)

AP0201AT

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

ON Semiconductor's AP0201AT Image Signal Processor (ISP) is optimized for use with HDR (High Dynamic Range) sensors. The AP0201AT provides full auto-functions support (AWB and AE) and ALTM (Adaptive Local Tone Mapping) to enhance HDR images and advanced noise reduction which enables excellent low-light performance.

Table 1. KEY PERFORMANCE PARAMETERS

Parameter Value							
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Image Sensor Interfaces	Parallel and HiSPi						
Input Data Format	Parallel: 12-bit SDR (linear) or 12-bit HDR companded						
	HiSPI: 12-bit SDR (linear) or 12/14-bit HDR companded						
Output Interface	Ethernet-MII, RMII,	GMII					
Output Format	H.264, MJPEG						
Maximum Resolution	1920×1080 (2.0 Mp))					
Input Clock Range	10–29 MHz						
Maximum Frame Rate	1080p30, 960p45 a	nd 720p60					
Output Ethernet Data Rate	MII: 100 Mb/S RMII: 100 Mb/s GMII: 1 Gb/S at 2.5 IO voltage	V or higher					
Supply Voltage	V _{DD} IO_S	1.8 or 2.8 V nominal					
	V _{DD} IO_H	1.8 or 2.8 or 3.3 V nominal					
	V _{DD} _REG	1.8 V nominal					
	V _{DD}	1.2 V nominal					
	V _{DD} _PLL	1.2 V nominal					
	V _{DD} PHY	2.8 V nominal					
	V _{DD} IO_OTPM	2.5 to 3.3 V nominal					
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +105°C						
Power Consumption	159 mW (Note 1)						

1. Refer to Table 22 and Table 23 for operating currents.

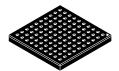
Features

- Up to 2.0 Mp (1920 x 1080) ON Semiconductor Sensor Support
- 30 fps at 1080 p, 45 fps at 1.2 Mp, 60 fps at 720p (Optimized for Operation with HDR Sensors)
- Color and Gamma Correction



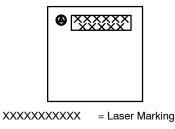
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MARKING DIAGRAM



ORDERING INFORMATION

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- Auto Exposure, Auto White Balance, 50/60 Hz Auto Flicker Detection and Avoidance
- Adaptive Local Tone Mapping (ALTM)
- Configurable through Low-cost SPI Flash and EEPROM Devices
- Up to 7 GPIO
- Fail-Safe IO
- Multi-Camera Synchronization Support
- MJPEG Encoding (8-bit)
- H.264 Encoding (8 and 10 bit intra-frame)
- Integrated Full-duplex Ethernet MAC
- Precise Timing Protocol (PTP): IEEE 802.1AS and 1588–2008
- IEEE 802.1Qav (Annex L Configurable Video Bandwidth)
- AVB (IEEE1722) and RTP Video Transport Protocol

Features (continued)

- ON Semiconductor Custom UDP-based Protocol
- IPv4, IPv6, TCP, DHCP, QoS and ICMP4 Support
- Proxy Service for Customer Specific Protocol
- Metadata over Ethernet
- Hybrid Mode Operation: Configuration over Serial Interface and Video over Ethernet
- AEC-Q101 Qualified and PPAP Capable

ORDERING INFORMATION

Table 2. AVAILABLE PART NUMBERS

Applications

- Surround, Rear and Front View Cameras
- Blind Spot/Side Mirror Replacement Cameras
- Automotive Viewing/Processing Fusion Cameras

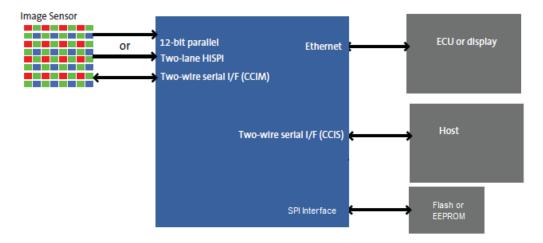
Part Number	Product Description	Orderable Product Attribute Description
AP0201AT2L00XEGA0-DR	Ethernet Co-Processor, 100-ball VFBGA	Drypack
AP0201AT2L00XEGA0-TR	Ethernet Co-Processor, 100-ball VFBGA	Tape & Reel [†]
AP0201AT2L00XEGAD3-GEVK	AP0201AT Demo Kit	
AP0201AT2L00XEGAH3-GEVB	AP0201AT Head Board	

+For information on tape and reel specifications, including part orientation and tape sizes, please refer to our Tape and Reel Packaging Specifications Brochure, BRD8011/D.

FUNCTIONAL OVERVIEW

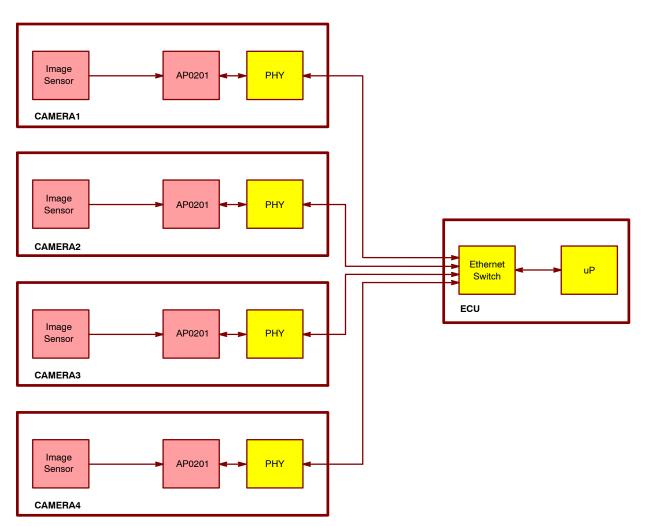
Figure 1 shows the typical configuration of the AP0201AT in a camera system. On the host side, commands and image data are sent out over the Ethernet bus. The

AP0201AT interface to the sensor supports a parallel interface or HiSPi interface.



NOTE: The Hybrid mode supports configuring the AP0201AT through the serial interface and streaming video over Ethernet. Hybrid Mode can be enabled by loading an available patch. Please contact ON Semiconductor support.

Figure 1. AP0201AT Connectivity

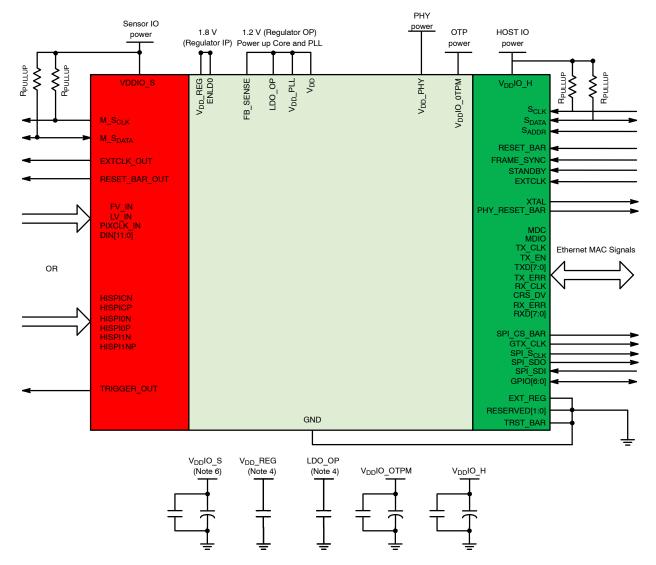


NOTE: The AP0201AT example above shows the PHY which is used between the Ethernet switch and the AP0201AT.

Figure 2. Example AP0201AT Connectivity

SYSTEM INTERFACES

Figure 3 shows typical AP0201AT device connections. All power supply rails must be decoupled from ground using capacitors as close as possible to the package. The AP0201AT signals to the sensor and host interfaces can be at different supply voltage levels to optimize power consumption and maximize flexibility. Table 3 on page 5 provides the signal descriptions for the AP0201AT.



NOTES: 1. This typical configuration shows only one scenario out of multiple possible variations for this device.

- 2. ON Semiconductor recommends a 1.5 k Ω resistor value for the two-wire serial interface R_{PULL-UP}.
- 3. RESET_BAR has an internal pull-up resistor and can be left floating if not used.
- The decoupling capacitors for the regulator input and output should have a value of 1.0 μF. The capacitors should be ceramic and need to have X5R or X7R dielectric.
- 5. TRST and RESERVED[0] connect to GND for normal operation, RESERVED[3:2] are floating and RESERVED[1] is connected to VDDIO H for normal operation.
- ON Semiconductor recommends that 0.1 μF and 1 μF decoupling capacitors for each power supply are mounted as close as possible to the pin. Actual values and numbers may vary depending on layout and design consideration.

Figure 3. Typical Ethernet Configuration

HiSPi and Parallel Connection

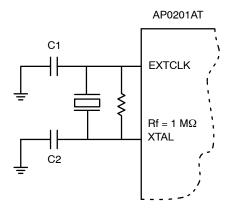
When using the HiSPi interface, connect the parallel interface to GND.

When using the parallel interface, it is recommended for the HiSPi interface to be connected to ground, and the power supply (VDD_PHY) to be connected to +2.8 V. Floating these pins is allowed as well.

Crystal Usage

As an alternative to using an external oscillator, a crystal may be connected between EXTCLK and XTAL. Two small loading capacitors and a feedback resistor should be added, as shown in Figure 4.

For applications above 85°C, ON Semiconductor does not recommend using the crystal option. A crystal oscillator with temperature compensation is recommended for applications that require this.



NOTE: Rf represents the feedback resistor, an Rf value of 1 M Ω is sufficient for AP0201AT. C1 and C2 are decided according to the crystal or resonator CL specification. In the steady state of oscillation, CL is defined as (C1xC2)/(C1+C2). In fact, the I/O ports, the bond pad, package pin and PCB traces all contribute the parasitic capacitance to C1 and C2. Therefore, CL can be rewritten to be (C1*xC2*)/(C1*+C2*), where C1* = (C1 + C_{IN}, STRAY) and C2* = (C2+C_{OUT, STRAY}). The stray capacitance for the IO ports, bond pad and package pin are known which means the formulas can be rewritten as C1* = (C1+1.5 pF+C_{IN}, PCB) and C2* = (C2+1.3 pF+C_{OUT}, PCB).

Figure 4. Using a Crystal Instead of External Oscillator

PIN DESCRIPTIONS

Table 3. PIN DESCRIPTIONS

Name	Туре	Description
EXTCLK	Input	Master input clock, nominally 27 MHz. This can either be a square–wave generated from an oscillator (in which case the XTAL input must be left unconnected) or direct connection to a crystal.
XTAL	Output	If EXTCLK is connected to one pin of a crystal, this signal is connected to the other pin, otherwise this signal must be left unconnected.
RESET_BAR	Input/PU	Asynchronous active-low reset. When asserted, the device will return all interfaces to their reset state. When released, the device will initiate the boot sequence. This signal has an internal pull-up resistor.
FRAME_SYNC	Input	Pass through to TRIGGER_OUT. This signal should be connected to GND if not used. This pin has two modes of use for frame sync. One the pass through to TRIGGER_OUT. The other goes to the frame_sync_monitor block.
STANDBY	Input	Standby mode control, active HIGH.
EXT_REG	Input	Select external regulator if tied high.
ENLDO	Input	Regulator enable (V _{DD} _REG domain).
SPI_SCLK	Output	Clock output for interfacing to an external SPI flash or EEPROM memory.
SPI_SDI	Input	Data in from SPI flash or EEPROM memory. When no SPI device is fitted, this signal is used to determine whether the AP0201AT should auto-configure: 0: Do not auto-configure; Two-wire or ethernet interface will be used to configure the device (host-config mode). 1: Auto-configure. This signal has an internal pull-up resistor.
SPI_SDO	Output	Data out to SPI flash or EEPROM memory.

Table 3. PIN DESCRIPTIONS (continued)

Name	Туре	Description
SPI_CS_BAR	Output	Chip select out to SPI flash or EEPROM memory.
EXTCLK_OUT	Output	Clock to external sensor.
RESET_BAR_OUT	Output	Reset signal to external sensor.
M_S _{CLK}	Output	Two-wire serial interface clock (Master).
M_S _{DATA}	I/O	Two-wire serial interface data (Master).
FV_IN	Input	Sensor frame valid input.
LV_IN	Input	Sensor line valid input.
PIXCLK_IN	Input	Sensor pixel clock input.
D _{IN} [11:0]	Input	Sensor pixel data input D _{IN} [11:0].
HiSPiCN	Input	Differential HiSPi clock (negative).
HiSPiCP	Input	Differential HiSPi clock (positive).
HiSPiON	Input	Differential HiSPi data, lane 0 (negative).
HiSPi0P	Input	Differential HiSPi data, lane 0 (positive).
HiSPi1N	Input	Differential HiSPi data, lane 1 (negative).
HiSPi1P	Input	Differential HiSPi data, lane 1 (positive).
TRIGGER_OUT	Output	Trigger signal for external sensor.
PHY_RESET_BAR	Output	PHY_RESET_BAR Output.
TX_CLK	Output	Host frame valid output.
RX_CLK	Output	Host line valid output.
GTX_CLK	Output	Host pixel clock output. This signal is only used in GMII mode and may be left floating for all other modes.
TXD[7:4]	Output	Ethernet port. TXD[7:4] is only used for Gigabit Ethernet and should be tied to GND for 100 Mbit applications.
TXD[3:0]	Output	Ethernet port.
TX_ERR	Output	Ethernet port.
TX_EN	Output	Ethernet port.
RXD[7:4]	Input	Ethernet port. RXD[7:4] is only used for Gigabit Ethernet and should be tied to GND for 100 Mbit applications.
RXD[3:0]	Input	Ethernet port.
RX_ERR	Input	Ethernet port.
CRS_DV	Input	Ethernet port.
MDC	Output	Management Data clock for controlling the PHY.
MDIO	I/O	Management Data Input/Output for controlling the PHY.
GPIO_[6:1]	I/O	General purpose digital I/O.
TRST	Input	Must be tied to GND in normal operation.
Reserved[0]	Input	Must be tied to GND in normal operation.
V _{DD} IO_S	Supply	Sensor I/O power supply.
V _{DD} IO_H	Supply	Host I/O power supply.
V _{DD} _PLL	Supply	PLL supply.
V _{DD}	Supply	Core supply.
V _{DD} IO_OTPM	Supply	OTPM power supply.
V _{DD} _PHY	Supply	PHY IO voltage for HiSPi.

Table 3. PIN DESCRIPTIONS (continued)

Name	Туре	Description	
V _{DD} _REG	Supply	Input to on-chip 1.8 V to 1.2 V regulator.	
LDO_OP	Output	Output from on chip 1.8 V to 1.2 V regulator.	
FB_SENSE	Input	On-chip regulator sense signal.	

Table 4. PACKAGE PINOUT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Α	Reserved[0]	V _{DD} IO_H	M_S _{DATA}	D _{IN} 0	V _{DD}	D _{IN} 5	D _{IN} 10	LV_IN	V _{DD} IO_S	FV_IN
В	SCLK	GPIO_6	EXTCLK_OUT	M_S _{CLK}	D _{IN} 1	D _{IN} 4	D _{IN} 9	D _{IN} 11	HiSPi1N	HiSPi1P
С	SPI_SCLK	Reserved[1] (Note 2)	S _{DATA}	GPIO_5	TRIGGER_ OUT/ GPIO_0	D _{IN} 3	D _{IN} 8	PIXCLK_IN	HiSPiCN	HiSPiCP
D	SPI_SDO	SPI_SDI	SPI_CS_BAR	SADDR	RESET_ BAR_OUT	D _{IN} 2	D _{IN} 7	V _{DD} PHY	HiSPi0N	HiSPi0P
Е	V _{DD}	GPIO_1	STANDBY	GND	GND	GND	D _{IN} 6	GND	GND	V _{DD} IO_H
F	V _{DD} IO_ OTMP	GPIO_2	GPIO_3	RESET_ BAR	GND	GND	GND	EXTCLK	XTAL	V _{DD}
G	TRST	GPIO_4	FRAME_SYNC	RX_CLK	RXD6	RXD2	TXD5	EXT_REG	ENLDO	V _{DD} _PLL
н	PHY_RESET_ BAR	TX_CLK	MDIO	RX_ERR	RXD4	TX_ERR	TXD6	TXD2	FB_SENSE	V _{DD} _REG
J	GTX_CLK	Reserved[3]	CRS_DV	RXD7	RXD3	RXD0	TXD7	TXD3	TXD0	LDO_OP
К	Reserved[2]	V _{DD} IO_H	MDC	RXD5	V _{DD}	RXD1	TX_EN	TXD4	TXD1	GND

Pin K1 and J2 should be left floating.
 Pin C2 needs to be tied to V_{DD}IO_H in all applications.
 A1 to be tied to ground.

ON-CHIP REGULATOR

The AP0201AT has an on-chip regulator, the output from the regulator is 1.2V and should only be used to power up the AP0201AT. It is possible to bypass the regulator and provide power to the relevant pins that need 1.2 V. The following table summarizes the key signals when using/bypassing the regulator.

Table 5. KEY SIGNALS WHEN USING THE REGULATOR

Signal Name	Internal Regulator	External Regulator
V _{DD} _REG	1.8 V	Connect to V _{DD} IO_H
ENLDO	Connect to 1.8 V (V _{DD} _REG)	GND
FB_SENSE	1.2 V (input)	Float
LDO_OP	1.2 V (output)	Float
EXT_REG	GND	Connect to V _{DD} IO_H

POWER-UP SEQUENCE

Powering up the AP0201AT requires voltages to be applied in a particular order, as seen in Figure 5. The timing

requirements are shown below. The AP0201AT includes a power-on reset feature that initiates a reset upon power up.

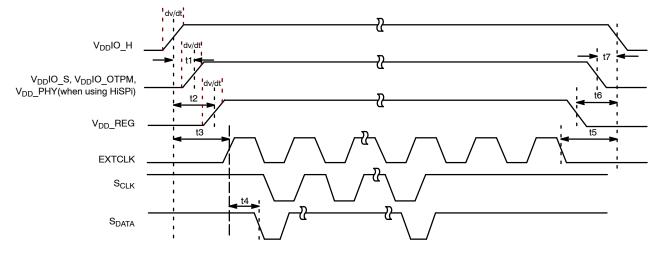


Figure 5. Power–Up and Power–Down Sequence

Table 6. POWER-UP AND POWER-DOWN SIGNAL TIMING

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
t1	Delay from V_DDIO_H to V_DDIO_S, V_DDIO_OTPM, V_DD_PHY (when using HiSPi)	0	-	50	ms
t2	Delay from V _{DD} IO_H to V _{DD} _REG	0	-	50	ms
t3	EXTCLK activation	t2+1	-	-	ms
t4	First serial command (Note 4)	100	-	-	EXTCLK cycles
t5	EXTCLK cutoff	t6	-	-	ms
t6	Delay from V _{DD} _REG to V _{DD} IO_H	0	-	50	ms
t7	Delay from V_DDIO_S, V_DDIO_OTPM, V_DD_PHY (when using HiSPi) to V_DDIO_H	0	-	50	ms
dv/dt	Power supply ramp time (slew rate)	-	-	0.1	V/µs

4. When using XTAL the settling time should be taken into account.

RESET AND STANDBY MODES

Reset

- The AP0201AT has three types of reset available:
- A hard reset is issued by toggling the RESET_BAR signal.
- A soft reset is issued by writing commands through the Ethernet interface.
- An internal power-on reset.

Table 7 shows the output states when the part is in various states.

Table 7. OUTPUT STATES

	Hardware States Firmware States						
Name	Reset State	Default State	Hard Standby	Soft Standby	Streaming	ldle	Notes
EXTCLK	(clock running or stopped)	(clock running)	(clock running or stopped)	(clock running)	(clock running)	(clock running)	Input
XTAL	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Output
RESET_BAR	(asserted)	(negated)	(negated)	(negated)	(negated)	(negated)	Input

Table 7. OUTPUT STATES (continued)

	Hardwa	re States		Firmwa			
Name	Reset State	Default State	Hard Standby	Soft Standby	Streaming	ldle	Notes
FRAME_ SYNC	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Input. Must always be driven to a valid logic level.
STANDBY	n/a	(negated)	(negated)	(negated)	(negated)	(negated)	Input. Must always be driven to a valid logic level.
EXT_REG	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Input. Must always be driven to a valid logic level.
ENLDO	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Input. Must be tied to V _{DD_} REG or GND.
SPI_SCLK	High– impedance	driven, logic 0	driven, logic 0	driven, logic 0			Output
SPI_SDI	Internal pull- up enabled	Internal pull- up enabled	Internal pull- up enabled	Internal pull- up enabled			Input. Internal pull-up permanently enabled.
SPI_SDO	High– impedance	driven, logic 0	driven, logic 0	driven, logic 0			Output
SPI_CS_BAR	High– impedance	driven, logic 1	driven, logic 1	driven, logic 1			Output
EXT_CLK OUT	driven, logic 0	driven, logic 0	driven, logic 0	driven, logic 0	EXT_CLK_ OUT running in streaming state, stopped or running in idle state (depending on other FW sub- state). RESET_BAR _OUT low in streaming, low or high in idle state (depend- ing on other FW sub-state).		Output
RE- SET_BAR_O- UT	driven, logic 0	driven, logic 0	driven, logic 1	driven, logic 1			Output. Firmware will release sensor reset.
M_S _{CLK}	High- impedance	High- impedance	High– impedance	High– impedance			Input/Output. A valid logic level should be established by pull-up.
M_S _{DATA}	High- impedance	High- impedance	High– impedance	High– impedance			Input/Output. A valid logic level should be established by pull-up.
FV_IN LV_IN, PIXCLK_IN, DIN [11:0]	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Dependent on interface used	n/a	Input. Must always be driven to a valid logical level.
HiSPi_CN	Disabled	Disabled	Dependent on	Dependent on	Dependent on	Dependent on	Input. Will be disabled and
HiSPi_CP	1		interface used	interface used	interface used	interface used	can be left floating.
HiSPi0_N	1						
HiSPi0_P	1						
HiSPi1_N	1						
HiSPi1_P	1						
TX_CLK, RX_CLK, GTX_CLK	High- impedance	Varied	Driven if used	Driven if used	Driven if used	Driven if used	Output. Default state dependent on configuration.

Table 7. OUTPUT STATES (continued)

	Hardware States			Firmwa			
Name	Reset State	Default State	Hard Standby	Soft Standby	Streaming	ldle	Notes
TXD[7:0], TX_ERR, TX_EN	Driven to '0'					Driven if used	Transmit data bits 7 to 0 for MII/RMII protocols (MAC to PHY). Transmit error. Transmit enable.
RXD[7:0], RX_ERR	High- impedance						Receive data bits 7 to 0 for MII/RMII protocols (PHY to MAC). Receive error.
MDC, MDIO	MDC: Driven to '0' MDIO: High Impedance						MDC: Management data clock line MDIO: Management data I/O line
GPIO[6:1]	High- impedance	Input, then high– impedance	Driven if used	Driven if used	Driven if used	Driven if used	Input/Output.
TRIGGER_ OUT	High- impedance	High- impedance	Driven if used	Driven if used	Driven if used	Driven if used	

Hard Reset

The AP0201AT enters the reset state when the external RESET_BAR signal is asserted LOW, as shown in Figure 6. Refer to Table 7 for details.

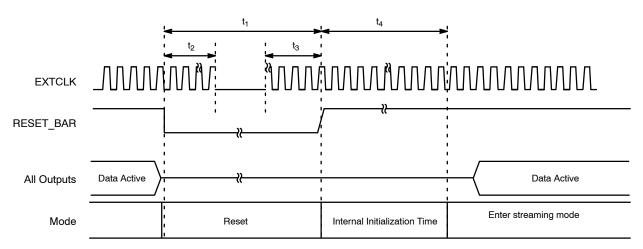


Figure 6. Hard Reset Operation

Table 8. HARD RESET

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
t ₁	RESET_BAR pulse width	50	-	-	EXTCLK cycles
t ₂	Active EXTCLK required after RESET_BAR asserted	10	-	-	
t ₃	Active EXTCLK required after RESET_BAR de-asserted	10	-	-	
t ₄	Internal initialization time after RESET is HIGH	100	-	-	

Soft Reset

A soft reset sequence to the AP0201AT can be activated by writing to a register through the Ethernet interface.

Hard Standby Mode

The AP0201AT can enter hard standby mode by using the external STANDBY signal, as shown in Figure 7. In hard standby mode, the total power consumption is reduced. In this mode, the AP0201AT is switched off. A further power

reduction can be achieved by turning off the input clock, but this must be restored before de-asserting the STANDBY pin to LOW state to restart the device.

Entering Standby Mode

1. Assert STANDBY signal HIGH.

Existing Standby Mode

1. De-assert STANDBY signal LOW.

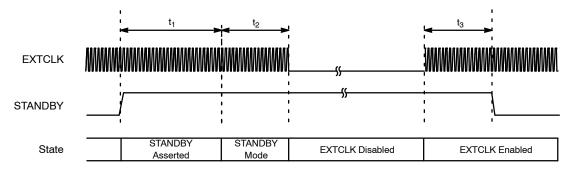




Table 9. HARD STANDBY SIGNAL TIMING

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Тур	Мах	Unit
t ₁	Standby entry complete	-	-	2	Frames
t ₂	Active EXTCLK required after going into STANDBY mode	10	-	-	EXTCLKs
t ₃	Active EXTCLK required before STANDBY de-asserted	10	-	-	EXTCLKs

DEVICE CONFIGURATION

After power is applied and the device is out of reset (either the power on reset, hard or soft reset), it will enter a boot sequence to configure its operating mode. There are essentially three configuration modes: Flash/EEPROM Config, Auto Config, and Host Config.

The AP0201AT firmware supports a System Configuration phase at start-up. This consists of three sub-phases of execution:

Flash detection, then one of:

- a. Flash Config
- b. Auto Config
- c. Host Config

The System Configuration phase is entered immediately following power–up or reset. Then the firmware performs Flash Detection.

Flash Detection attempts to detect the presence of an SPI Flash or EEPROM device:

- If a device is detected, the firmware switches to the Flash–Config mode.
- If no device is detected, the firmware then samples the SPI_SDI pin state to determine the next mode:

- If SPI_SDI is low, then it enters the Host–Config mode.
- If SPI_SDI is high, then it enters the Auto-Config mode.

In the Flash–Config mode, the firmware interrogates the device to determine if it contains valid configuration records:

- If no records are detected, then the firmware enters the Host–Config mode.
- After power is applied and the device is out of reset (either the power on reset, hard or soft reset), it will enter a boot sequence to configure its operating mode. There are essentially three configuration modes: Flash/EEPROM Config, Auto Config, and Host Config.

In the Host–Config mode, the firmware performs no configuration, and remains idle waiting for configuration and commands from the host. The System Configuration phase is effectively complete and the AP0201AT will take no actions until the host issues commands.

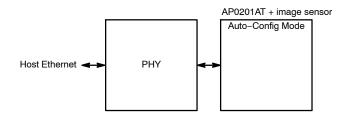
USAGE MODES

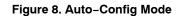
How a camera based on the AP0201AT will be configured depends on what features are used. In the simplest case, an AP0201AT operating in Auto–Config mode with no customized settings might be sufficient.

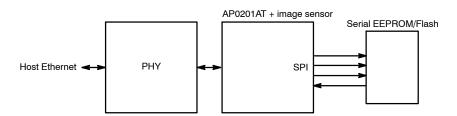
A back-up camera with dynamic input from the steering system will require a host system with

Ethernet capability. Flash sizes vary depending on the register and firmware data being transferred—the AP0201AT supports devices up to 2 GB.

In the simplest case no EEPROM or Flash memory is required, as shown in Figure 8.











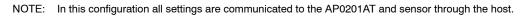
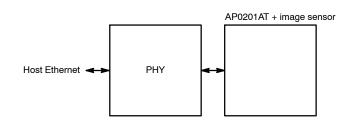


Figure 10. Host Mode with Flash



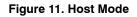


IMAGE FLOW PROCESSOR

Image and color processing in the AP0201AT is implemented as an image flow processor (IFP) coded in hardware logic. During normal operation, the embedded microcontroller will automatically adjust the operating parameters. For normal operation of the AP0201AT, streams of raw image data from the attached image sensor are fed into the color pipeline. The AP201AT also has the option to select a number of test patterns to be input instead of sensor data.

Defect Correction

Image stream processing commences with the defect correction function immediately after data decompanding.

To obtain defect free images, the pixels marked defective during sensor readout and the pixels determined defective by the defect correction algorithms are replaced with values derived from the non-defective neighboring pixels.

AdaCD (Adaptive Color Difference)

The next step in the image stream processing is noise reduction. The AP0201AT uses a noise reduction filter called AdaCD which focuses on removing color noise while preserving edge details. Automotive applications require good performance in extremely low light, even at high temperature conditions. In these stringent conditions the image sensor is prone to higher noise levels, and so efficient noise reduction techniques are required to circumvent this sensor limitation and deliver a high quality image to the user.

Black Level Substraction and Digital Gain

After noise reduction, the pixel data goes through black level subtraction and multiplication by a programmable digital gain. Independent color channel digital gain can be adjusted with registers. Black level subtraction (to compensate for sensor data pedestal) is a single value applied to all color channels. If the black level subtraction produces a negative result for a particular pixel, the value of this pixel is set to 0.

Positional Gain Adjustments (PGA)

Lenses tend to produce images whose brightness is significantly attenuated near the edges. There are also other factors causing fixed pattern signal gradients in images captured by image sensors. The cumulative result of all these factors is known as image shading. The AP0201AT has an embedded shading correction module that can be programmed to counter the shading effects on each individual R, Gb, Gr, and B color signal.

The Correction Function

The correction functions can then be applied to each pixel value to equalize the response across the image as follows:

$$P_{corrected}(row, col) = P_{sensor}(row, col) \times f(row, col)$$
 (eq. 1)

where P are the pixel values and f is the color dependent correction functions for each color channel.

Adaptive Local Tone Mapping (ALTM)

Real world scenes often have very high dynamic range (HDR) that far exceeds the electrical dynamic range of the imager. Dynamic range is defined as the luminance ratio between the brightest and the darkest object in a scene. In recent years many technologies have been developed to capture the full dynamic range of real world scenes. For example, the multiple exposure method is widely adopted for capturing high dynamic range images, which combines a series of low dynamic range images of the same scene taken under different exposure times into a single HDR image.

Even though the new digital imaging technology enables the capture of the full dynamic range, low dynamic range display devices are the limiting factor. Today's typical LCD monitor has contrast ratio around 1,000:1; this contrast ratio is not enough for an HDR image (the contrast ratio for an HDR image is around 250,000:1). Therefore, in order to reproduce HDR images on a low dynamic range display device, the captured high dynamic range must be compressed to the available range of the display device. This is commonly called tone mapping.

Tone mapping methods can be classified into global tone mapping and local tone mapping. Global tone mapping methods apply the same mapping function to all pixels. While global tone mapping methods provide computationally simple and easy to use solutions, they often cause loss of contrast and detail. A local tone mapping is thus necessary in addition to global tone mapping for the reproduction of visually more appealing images that also reveal scene details that are important for automotive safety applications. Local tone mapping methods use a spatially variable mapping function determined by the neighborhood of a pixel, which allows it to increase the local contrast and the visibility of some details of the image. Local methods usually yield more pleasing results because they exploit the fact that human vision is more sensitive to local contrast.

ON Semiconductor's ALTM solution significantly improves the performance over global tone mapping. ALTM is directly applied to the Bayer domain to compress the dynamic range from 20-bit to 12-bit. This allows the regular color pipeline to be used for HDR image rendering.

Color Interpolation

In the raw data stream fed by the external sensor to the IFP, each pixel is represented by a 20– or 12–bit integer number, which can be considered proportional to the pixel's response to a one–color light stimulus, red, green, or blue, depending on the pixel's position under the color filter array. Initial data processing steps, up to and including ALTM, preserve the one–color–per–pixel nature of the data stream, but after ALTM it must be converted to a three–colors–per–pixel stream appropriate for standard color processing. The conversion is done by an edge–sensitive color interpolation module. The module pads the incomplete color information available for each pixel with information extracted from an appropriate set of neighboring pixels. The algorithm used to select this set and extract the information seeks the best compromise between preserving edges and filtering out high frequency noise in flat field areas. The edge threshold can be set through register settings.

Color Correction and Aperture Correction

To achieve good color fidelity of the IFP output, interpolated RGB values of all pixels are subjected to color correction. The IFP multiplies each vector of three pixel colors by a 3 x 3 color correction matrix. The three components of the resulting color vector are all sums of three 10-bit numbers. The color correction matrix can be either programmed by the host or automatically selected by the auto white balance (AWB) algorithm implemented in the IFP. Color correction should ideally produce output colors that are corrected for the spectral sensitivity and color crosstalk characteristics of the image sensor. The optimal values of the color correction matrix elements depend on those sensor characteristics and on the spectrum of light incident on the sensor. The color correction variables can be adjusted through register settings.

The AP0201AT offers a three–CCM solution that will give the user improved color fidelity when under CWF type lighting.

To increase image sharpness, a programmable 2D aperture correction (sharpening filter) is applied to color–corrected image data. The gain and threshold for 2D correction can be defined through register settings

Gamma Correction

The gamma correction curve is implemented as a piecewise linear function with 33 knee points, taking 12–bit arguments and mapping them to 10–bit output. The abscissas of the knee points are fixed at 0, 8, 16, 24, 32, 40, 48, 56, 64, 80, 96, 112, 128, 160, 192, 224, 256, 320, 384, 448, 512, 640, 768, 896, 1024, 1280, 1536, 1792, 2048,

W 0,0	W 0,1	W 0,2	W 0,3	W 0,4
W 1,0	W 1,1	W 1,2	W 1,3	W 1,4
W 2,0	W 2,1	W 2,2	W 2,3	W 2,4
W 3,0	W 3,1	W 3,2	W 3,3	W 3,4
W 4,0	W 4,1	W 4,2	W 4,3	W 4,4

2560, 3072, 3584, and 4096. The 10-bit ordinates are programmable through variables.

The AP0201AT has the ability to calculate the 33-point knee points based on the tuning of cam_ll_gamma and cam_ll_contrast_gradient_bright. The other method is for the host to program the 33 knee point curve directly.

Also included in this block is a Fade-to Black curve which sets all knee points to zero and causes the image to go black in extreme low light conditions.

Color Kill

To remove high-or low-light color artifacts, a color kill circuit is included. It affects only pixels whose luminance exceeds a certain preprogrammed threshold. The U and V values of those pixels are attenuated proportionally to the difference between their luminance and the threshold.

YUV Color Filter

As an optional processing step, noise suppression by one-dimensional low-pass filtering of Y and/or UV signals is possible. A 3- or 5-tap filter can be selected for each signal.

CAMERA CONTROL AND AUTO FUNCTIONS

Auto Exposure

The auto exposure algorithm optimizes scene exposure to minimize clipping and saturation in critical areas of the image. This is achieved by controlling exposure time and analog gains of the external sensor as well as digital gains applied to the image.

Auto exposure is implemented by a firmware algorithm that is running on the embedded microcontroller that analyzes image statistics collected by the exposure measurement engine, makes a decision, and programs the sensor and color pipeline to achieve the desired exposure. The measurement engine subdivides the image into 25 windows organized as a 5 x 5 grid.



Figure 12. 5 x 5 Grid

The region of interest can be controlled through the combination of an inclusion window and an exclusion window.

AE Track Driver

Other algorithm features include the rejection of fast fluctuations in illumination (time averaging), control of speed of response, and control of the sensitivity to small changes. While the default settings are adequate in most situations, the user can program target brightness, measurement window, and other parameters described above.

The driver changes AE parameters (integration time, gains, and so on) to drive scene brightness to the programmable target.

To avoid unwanted reaction of AE on small fluctuations of scene brightness or momentary scene changes, the AE track driver uses a temporal filter for luma and a threshold around the AE luma target. The driver changes AE parameters only if the filtered luma is larger than the AE target step and pushes the luma beyond the threshold.

Auto White Balance

The AP0201AT has a built-in AWB algorithm designed to compensate for the effects of changing spectra of the scene illumination on the quality of the color rendition. The algorithm consists of two major parts: a measurement engine performing statistical analysis of the image and a driver performing the selection of the optimal color correction matrix and IFP digital gain. While default settings of these algorithms are adequate in most situations, the user can reprogram base color correction matrices, place limits on color channel gains, and control the speed of both matrix and gain adjustments. The AP0201AT AWB displays the current AWB position in color temperature, the range of which is defined by programmable settings.

The region of interest can be controlled through the combination of an inclusion window and an exclusion window.

Exposure and White Balance Control

The Sensor Manager firmware component is responsible for controlling the application of 'exposure' and 'white balance' within the system. This effectively means that all control of integration times and gains (whether for exposure or white balance) is delegated to the Sensor Manager. The Auto Exposure (AE) and Auto White Balance (AWB) algorithms use services provided by the Sensor Manager to apply exposure and/or white balance changes.

Dual Band IRCF

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Exposure and White Balance Modes

The AP0201AT supports auto and manual exposure and white balance modes. In addition, it will operate within synchronized multi–camera systems. In this use case, one camera within the system will be the 'master', and the others 'slaves'. The master is used to calculate the appropriate exposure and white balance. This is then applied to all slaves concurrently under host control.

Auto Mode

In Auto Exposure mode the AE algorithm is responsible for calculating the appropriate exposure to keep the desired scene brightness, and for applying the exposure to the underlying hardware. In Auto White Balance mode the AWB algorithm is responsible for calculating the color temperature of the scene and applying the appropriate red and blue gains to compensate.

Triggered Auto Mode

The Triggered Auto Exposure and Triggered Auto White Balance modes are intended for the multicamera use cases, where a host is controlling the exposure and white balance of a number of cameras. The idea is that one camera is in triggered–auto mode (the master), and the others in hostcontrolled mode (slaves). The master camera must calculate the exposure and gains, the host then copies this to the slaves, and all changes are then applied at the same time.

Manual Mode

Manual mode is intended to allow simple manual exposure and white balance control by the host. The host needs to set the CAM_AET_EXPOSURE_TIME_MS,

CAM_AET_EXPOSURE_GAIN

and CAM_AWB_COLOR_TEMPERATURE controls, the camera will calculate the appropriate integration times and gains.

Host Controlled

The Host Controlled mode is intended to give the host full control over exposure and gains to allow host to control desired output.

FLICKER AVOIDANCE

Flicker occurs when the integration time is not an integer multiple of the period of the light intensity. The AP0201AT can be programmed to avoid flicker for 50 or 60 Hertz. For integration times below the light intensity period (10ms for 50Hz environment, 8.33 ms for a 60 Hz environment), flicker cannot be avoided. The AP0201AT supports an indoor AE mode, that will ensure flicker-free operation.

FLICKER DETECTION

The AP0201AT supports flicker detection, the algorithm is designed only to detect a 50Hz or 60 Hz flicker source. Output Formatting.

The pixel output data in AP0201AT will be transmitted as an 8-bit word over the Ethernet interface.

Output Video Formats

The AP0201AT conforms with the IEEE standard for both MJPEG and H.264 video outputs. For reference, the standard is "IEEE Standard for Layer 2 Transport Protocol for Time–Sensitive Applications in Bridged Local Area Networks" and can be obtained from IEEE.

H.264 Format

The AP0201AT is compliant with the ITU–T REC. H.264 standard published by the Telecommunication Standardization Sector of the International Telecommunication Union, which is equivalent to ISO/IEC 14496–10.

The AP0201AT supports the standard H.264 for video compression which is equivalent to MPEG-4 Part 10, also known as MPEG-4 Advanced Video Coding (AVC). The AP0201AT utilizes an advanced High profiles compliant encoder, constrained to the All-Intra encoding schemes. It supports real time encoding of 4:2:0 video streams, up to Level 5.2, in 8 and 10 bit sample depths. The core only needs to be programmed once per video sequence. Once programmed, the AP0201AT can encode an arbitrary number of video frames, without the need of any further intervention from the host system.

H.264 Features

The AP0201AT H.264 encoding includes the following features:

- High 10 intra profile encoding
- 8– and 10–bit sample depth encoding
- Level up to 5.2
- ITU-T H.264 Annex B compliant NAL byte stream output
- CQP VBR encoding mode
 - Rate-Distortion optimized output
 - Up to 240MBits/s output (CAVLC)
- CBR encoding mode
 - HRD CPB compliant CBR NAL output
 - Sub-frame operation with tunable number of macroblocks basis
 - Further micro adjustment of quantization per macroblock maximizes the perceived video quality
 - Both Rate-Distortion metrics and perceived video quality optimized
 - On-the-fly rate changes are supported
 - Up to 240 Mbits/s output (CAVLC)
- Advanced Intra prediction
 - All four Intra 16x16 prediction modes
 - All four Intra Chroma prediction modes
 - All nine Intra 4x4 prediction modes
- Error resilience
 - Multiple slices per frame encoding
 - Deblocking filter in the decoder can be optionally constrained to operate within slice boundaries
- Optional advanced thresholding of quantized transform coefficients

- Eliminates spares and insignificant transform coefficients
- Improves the compression efficiency
- Near-zero impact to the measured video quality
- Zero impact to the perceived, subjective, video quality
- Run-time tunable operation enables decoder compatibility trade-offs
 - Full control of allowed Intra prediction modes
 - Single or multiple slices per frame encoding
 - Option and tunable deblocking filter operation
 - CAVLC coding

MJPEG FORMAT

JPEG Encoder

The JPEG compression engine in the AP0201AT is a highly integrated, high–performance solution that provides for low power consumption and programmability of JPEG compression parameters for image quality control.

The JPEG encoding block is designed for continuous image flow and is ideal for low power applications. After initial configuration for a target application, it can be controlled easily for instantaneous stop or restart. A flexible configuration and control interface allows for full programmability of various JPEG–specific parameters and tables.

JPEG Encoding Highlights

- Sequential DCT (baseline) ISO/IEC 10918–1 JPEG–compliant
- YCbCr 4:2:0 format compression
- JPEG capability at full resolution with JFIF- or RFC2435-compliant header
- Programmable automatic control of bit rate

Stream Breakdown

An MJPEG video stream consists of the following sequence of data sections. Each JPEG frame must have the following characteristics:

- Color Encoding is YcbCr
- 8 bits per color component, (24 bits/pixel before subsampling)
- 420 Subsampling
- Baseline sequential DCT (SOF0)

JPEG Header

The MJPEG stream can be output with 4 different header settings.

Three of them are similar to each other. The first is the standard JPEG header as defined in the original JPEG specification. The second is a JFIF header which is the standard header plus a JFIF segment. The third is a standard header minus the Huffman table. Since, for this design, the Huffman table is constant, some bandwidth can be saved by not including it.

The 4th header option is optimized for Ethernet and is referred to as RFC2435.

JFIF, Standard and Standard minus Huffman Headers

For these three header types, the header segments that will be included are listed below including examples. Note that data values in the examples are in hex. Comments are in decimal.

• SOI, Start of Image. 2 bytes.

ff d8

- APP0, Application Segment 0. N bytes (only included in JFIF headers): Example JFIF marker: ff e0 00 10 4a 46 49 46 00 01 02 00 00 01 00 01 00 00
- DHT, Define Huffman Tables, 420 bytes (Not included in standard header without Huffman table) Example: ff c4 01 a2

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22	71	14	32	81	91	a1	08	23	4	42	b1	c1	15	52	d1	fO	
24	33	62	72	82	09	0a	16	17	1	18	19	1a	25	26	27	28	
29	2a	34	35	36	37	38	39	3a	4	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	
4a	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	5a	6	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	
6a	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	7a	8	33	84	85	86	87	88	89	
8a	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	9	9a	a2	a3	a4	a5	a6	a7	
a8	a9	aa	b2	b3	b4	b5	b6	b7	b	28	b9	ba	c2	сЗ	c4	c5	
c6	c7	c8	c9	ca	d2	d3	d4	d5	d	d6	d7	d8	d9	da	e1	e2	
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13	22	32	81	08	14	42	91	a1	b	51	c1	09	23	33	52	fO	
15	62	72	d1	0a	16	24	34	e1	2	25	f1	17	18	19	1a	26	
27	28	29	2a	35	36	37	38	39	3	3a	43	44	45	46	47	59	
49	4a	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	5	5a	63	64	65	66	67	68	
69	6a	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	7	7a	82	83	84	85	86	87	
88	89	8a	92	93	94	95	96	97	9	98	99	9a	a2	a3	a4	a5	
a6	a7	a8	a9	aa	b2	b3	b4	b5	b	56	b7	b8	b9	ba	c2	c3	

#AC Table 1

c4	c5	c6	c7	c8	c9	ca	d2	d3	d4	d5	d6	d7	d8	d9	da
e2	e3	e4	e5	e6	e7	e8	e9	ea	f2	f3	f4	d5	f6	f7	f8
f9	fa														

• DQT, Define Quantization Tables. 134 bytes. Example: ff db 00 84

							#8-bi	t, Table ()						
00															
10	0b	0c	0e	0c	0a	10	0e	0d	0e	12	11	10	13	18	28
1a	18	16	16	18	31	23	25	1d	28	3a	33	3d	3c	39	33
38	37	40	48	5c	4e	40	44	57	45	37	38	50	6d	51	57
5f	62	67	68	67	3e	4d	71	79	70	64	78	5c	65	67	63
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The quantization table can be adjusted for each frame for more or less compression.

• DRI, Define Restart Interval. 6 bytes. Example: ff db 00 04 00 78

The segment is optional. The host will determine whether to include Restart markers and at what interval.

• SOF0, Start of Frame 0. 19 bytes. Example: ff c0 00 11

08			#Sample precision
04	38		#Number of rows = 1080
07	80		#Number of columns = 1920
03			#Number of components
01	21	00	#Component 1: HSF = 2, VSF = 1, Q Table = 0
02	11	01	#Component 2: HSF = 1, VSF = 1, Q Table = 1
03	11	01	#Component 3: HSF = 1, VSF = 1, Q Table = 1

• SOS, Start of Scan. 14 bytes.

Example: ff da 00 0c

03		#Number of components
01	00	#Component 1: DC table 0, AC table 0
02	11	#Component 2: DC table 1, AC table 1
03	11	#Component 3: DC table 1, AC table 1
00		#Start of spectral selection
Зf		#End of spectral selection
00		#Successive approximation high/low

Huffman Table

table is to perform the decode. The required Huffman table is:

When standard JPEG headers without Huffman tables is

selected, the Huffman table is not included in the data

stream. However, the decoder will need to know what the

Compressed Data With or Without Restart Markers

This is compressed binary data of the frame which can be decoded to display the captured image. The JPEG compression engine can be configured to insert restart marker at programmable intervals.

EOI

This is the End of Image code. It is only 2 bytes long. ff d9

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0x00	0x03	0x01	0x01	0x01	0x01	0x01	0x01	0x01	0x01	0x01	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00
0x00	0x00	0x01	0x02	0x03	0x04	0x05	0x06	0x07	0x08	0x09	0x0A	0x0B	0x10	0x00
0x02	0x01	0x03	0x03	0x02	0x04	0x03	0x05	0x05	0x04	0x04	0x00	0x00	0x01	0x7D
0x01	0x02	0x03	0x00	0x04	0x11	0x05	0x12	0x21	0x31	0x41	0x06	0x13	0x51	0x61
0x07	0x22	0x71	0x14	0x32	0x81	0x91	0xA1	0x08	0x23	0x42	0xB1	0xC1	0x15	0x52
0xD1	0xF0	0x24	0x33	0x62	0x72	0x82	0x09	0x0A	0x16	0x17	0x18	0x19	0x1A	0x25
0x26	0x27	0x28	0x29	0x2A	0x34	0x35	0x36	0x37	0x38	0x39	0x3A	0x43	0x44	0x45
0x46	0x47	0x48	0x49	0x4A	0x53	0x54	0x55	0x56	0x57	0x58	0x59	0x5A	0x63	0x64
0x65	0x66	0x67	0x68	0x69	0x6A	0x73	0x74	0x75	0x76	0x77	0x78	0x79	0x7A	0x83
0x84	0x85	0x86	0x87	0x88	0x89	0x8A	0x92	0x93	0x94	0x95	0x96	0x97	0x98	0x99
0x9A	0xA2	0xA3	0xA4	0xA5	0xA6	0xA7	0xA8	0xA9	0xAA	0xB2	0xB3	0xB4	0xB5	0xB6
0xB7	0xB8	0xB9	0xBA	0xC2	0xC3	0xC4	0xC5	0xC6	0xC7	0xC8	0xC9	0xCA	0xD2	0xD3
0xD4	0xD5	0xD6	0xD7	0xD8	0xD9	0xDA	0xE1	0xE2	0xE3	0xE4	0xE5	0xE6	0xE7	0xE8
0xE9	0xEA	0xF1	0xF2	0xF3	0xF4	0xF5	0xF6	0xF7	0xF8	0xF9	0xFA	0x11	0x00	0x02
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0x01	0x02	0x03	0x11	0x04	0x05	0x21	0x31	0x06	0x23	0x41	0x51	0x07	0x61	0x71
0x13	0x22	0x32	0x81	0x08	0x14	0x42	0x91	0xA1	0xB1	0xC1	0x09	0x23	0x33	0x52
0xF0	0x15	0x62	0x72	0xD1	0x0A	0x16	0x24	0x34	0xE1	0x25	0xF1	0x17	0x18	0x19
0x1A	0x25	0x27	0x28	0x29	0x2A	0x35	0x36	0x37	0x38	0x39	0x3A	0x43	0x44	0x45
0x46	0x47	0x48	0x49	0x4A	0x53	0x54	0x55	0x56	0x57	0x58	0x59	0x5A	0x63	0x64
0x65	0x66	0x67	0x68	0x69	0x6A	0x73	0x74	0x75	0x76	0x77	0x78	0x79	0x7A	0x82
0x83	0x84	0x85	0x86	0x87	0x88	0x89	0x8A	0x92	0x93	0x94	0x95	0x96	0x97	0x98
0x99	0x9A	0xA2	0xA3	0xA4	0xA5	0xA6	0xA7	0xA8	0xA9	0xAA	0xB2	0xB3	0xB4	0xB5
0xB6	0xB7	0xB8	0xB9	0xBA	0xC2	0xC3	0xC4	0xC5	0xC6	0xC7	0xC8	0xC9	0xCA	0xD2
0xD3	0xD4	0xD5	0xD6	0xD7	0xD8	0xD9	0xDA	0xE2	0xE3	0xE4	0xE5	0xE6	0xE7	0xE8
0xE9	0xEA	0xF2	0xF3	0xF4	0xF5	0xF6	0xF7	0xF8	0xF9	0xFA				

};

Embedded Data and Statistics

Some ON Semiconductor sensor's support a feature that, if enabled, inserts two extra lines at the beginning and end of each frame which contain information about that frame. The first two lines contain specific register values that were used to capture that frame. These values allow the host to know certain important things about how the sensor was configured for that frame, e.g. exposure, gain, image size, etc. The last two lines contain statistics about the image that was captured, e.g. mean values, intensity histograms, etc.

In Ethernet mode AP0200AT sends out 4 lines of Sensor Embedded data over Ethernet for every frame. Each line is carried in a separate UDP packet. The destination port and IP address can be specified. By default the destination IP address and port are set to 255.255.255.255 and 50010.

UDP packet's payload consists of following data bytes:

- 1. Four byte of Timestamp to match with the frame.
- 2. Four byte of line number. AP0201AT sends line numbers zero and one at the beginning of the frame. Line numbers two and three are sent at the end of the frame.
- 3. Embedded Data.

SUPPORTRED SPI DEVICES

The supported devices are those that conform to the JEDEC-compliant programming interface. Please contact ON Semiconductor for specific design criteria and requirements. The maximum size supported in 2 GB.

SLAVE TWO-WIRE SERIAL INFTERFACE (CCIS)

The two-wire slave serial interface bus enables read/write access to control and status registers within the AP0200AT.

The interface protocol uses a master/slave model in which a master controls one or more slave devices.

Protocol

Data transfers on the two-wire serial interface bus are performed by a sequence of low-level protocol elements, as follows:

- a start or restart condition
- a slave address/data direction byte
- a 16-bit register address
- an acknowledge or a no-acknowledge bit
- data bytes
- a stop condition

The bus is idle when both SCLK and SDATA are HIGH. Control of the bus is initiated with a start condition, and the bus is released with a stop condition. Only the master can generate the start and stop conditions.

The SADDR pin is used to select between two different addresses in case of conflict with another device. If SADDR is LOW, the slave address is 0x90; if SADDR is HIGH, the slave address is 0xBA. See Table 10. The user can change the slave address by changing a register value.

Table 10. TWO-WIRE INTERFACE ID ADDRESS SWITCHING

S _{ADDR}	Two-Wire Interface Address ID
0	0x90
1	0xBA

Start Condition

A start condition is defined as a HIGH-to-LOW transition on SDATA while SCLK is HIGH.

At the end of a transfer, the master can generate a start condition without previously generating a stop condition; this is known as a "repeated start" or "restart" condition.

Data Transfer

Data is transferred serially, 8 bits at a time, with the MSB transmitted first. Each byte of data is followed by an acknowledge bit or a no-acknowledge bit. This data transfer mechanism is used for the slave address/data direction byte and for message bytes. One data bit is transferred during each SCLK clock period. SDATA can change when SCLK is low and must be stable while SCLK is HIGH.

Slave Address/Data Direction Byte

Bits [7:1] of this byte represent the device slave address and bit [0] indicates the data transfer direction. A "0" in bit [0] indicates a write, and a "1" indicates a read. The default slave addresses used by the AP0200AT are 0x90 (write address) and 0x91 (read address). Alternate slave addresses of 0xBA (write address) and 0xBB (read address) can be selected by asserting the SADDR input signal.

Message Byte

Message bytes are used for sending register addresses and register write data to the slave device and for retrieving register read data. The protocol used is outside the scope of the two–wire serial interface specification.

Acknowledge Bit

Each 8-bit data transfer is followed by an acknowledge bit or a no-acknowledge bit in the SCLK clock period following the data transfer. The transmitter (which is the master when writing, or the slave when reading) releases SDATA. The receiver indicates an acknowledge bit by driving SDATA LOW. As for data transfers, SDATA can change when SCLK is LOW and must be stable while SCLK is HIGH.

No-Acknowledge Bit

The no-acknowledge bit is generated when the receiver does not drive SDATA low during the SCLK clock period following a data transfer. A no-acknowledge bit is used to terminate a read sequence.

Stop Condition

A stop condition is defined as a LOW-to-HIGH transition on SDATA while SCLK is HIGH.

ETHERNET INTERFACE

Overview

AP0201AT's Ethernet mode has complete support for configuring the part and streaming video out. By default IPv4 and IPv6 are enabled. The default MAC address and IP address are in the table below. For a complete set of default settings and configurable variables refer to the AP0201AT Register Reference. AP0201AT supports time precision protocols to synchronize several cameras.

Туре	Default Address
MAC	2:00:00:00:001
IPv4	192.168.1.5
IPv6	fe80::ff:fe00:0

AP0201AT also supports a UDP–based protocol with ON Semiconductor host commands. Using this protocol all registers and variables are accessible.

AP0201AT MAC supports MII, GMII and RMII protocols. Video can be streamed in MJPEG or H.264 format over RTP or AVB (IEEE 1722a) protocols.

Registers and variables can be modified using HCI access commands over Ethernet or through the serial interface. For initial settings of these variables, firmware will check NVM before booting up. (Please refer to the network section of the HCI document for a discussion of all Ethernet firmware and hardware variables.)

Features

- Ethernet hardware
 - 100 Mb and 1 Gb Ethernet speed
 - Configurable MAC
- Ipv4
- DHCP for dynamic IP address configuration
- Network QoS and communication integrity check using ON Semiconductor UDP based commands
- Network status
- Communication integrity check over ON Semiconductor–UDP
- Support for patching firmware over Ethernet and serial interface
- Support for dynamic variable updates
- Monitoring AP0201AT registers
- VLAN support: Video Ethernet packets (IEEE1772 or RTP) can be sent with a user-specified VLAN ID.
- NVRAM
 - Enabling and Disabling Protocols
 - Updating variables in boot-time
 - Setting unique MAC and IP address
- Persistent Storage of Runtime Configuration (Under Review)

Protocol

The AP0201AT supports the following Ethernet protocols.

- IP Protocols:
 - IPv4 Fully supported. ICMP, IGMP, ARP, UDP and TCP
 - IPv6 Please talk to your design support engineer
- Command Protocols
 - UDP ON Semiconductor UDP–based Host command protocol
 - ♦ Some/IP
- Streaming Protocol:
 - AVB (IEEE 1722) The AP0201AT can be configured to send H.264 or MJPEG video packets over IEEE 1722 protocol or RTP protocol.
 - IEEE 1722 is a layer 2 transport protocol. The destination MAC address, VLAN number and stream ID are configurable.
 - RTP Real-time Transport Protocol: RTP is designed for end-to-end transfer of streaming video. destination ip address, ,received port and MAC address are configurable.
- Video Compression Protocol:
 - H.264 profiles supported: constrained baseline (intra frames only) and high10intra level required: up to 5.0 Both Annex B and RFC6184 formatting are supported.
 - MJPEG JPEG compression of YCbCr 4:2:0 images with standard headers or RFC2435 headers.
- Precision Time Protocol:
 - ◆ IEEE 1588-2008 (PTP)
 - Delay Mechanism
 - End-to-End (Multicast)
 - Peer-to-Peer (Multicast)
 - PTP Operational Mode
 - Master
 - Slave (default)
 - Best Master Clock (BMC) Algorithm
 - PTP Supported Messages
 - Announce message
 - Sync and Follow_Up message
 - Delay_Req and Delay_Resp messages
 - Pdelay_req and Pdelay_Resp_Follow_Up messages
 - Management message
 - ◆ IEEE 802.1as (gPTP)
- Configuration Protocols
 - DHCP4 IP address, Subnet Mask, Domain Name, and Host Name can be updated via DHCP4
 DHCP6
 - DHCP6
- Custom Diagnostic Protocol ON Semiconductor command protocol can be used to retrieve diagnostic

information from the hardware. Refer to the AP0201AT Technical Note that describes the protocol in detail.

- Hybrid operation mode: While the AP201 is in Ethernet mode, all the configurations including patches can be applied using the serial connection. Nevertheless, the video will stream out over Ethernet. This feature is useful if customer uses a micro-controller and does not want to connect a NVM(flash/eeprom) to the part.
- Metadata UDP packets: AP201AT sends out 4 metadata UDP packets for every frame. These packets included 4 bytes if timestamp, 4 bytes of line number and sensor specific data.
- Proxy Service: AP0201AT can open up to 4 UDP sockets over the serial interface. The AP0201AT can then send or receive packets over a user–specified port using these sockets. If proxy service is enabled, AP0201AT does not manipulate packet payload for these sockets and is transparent for these sockets. There are special set of host commands that customer can use over the serial interface to open a socket, send data, receive data and close sockets.

For additional information, please refer to the technical note TN-09-333: AP0200AT Ethernet Quick Start Guide.

Metadata

In Ethernet mode AP0200AT sends out 4 lines of metadata over Ethernet for every frame. Each line is carried in a separate UDP packet. Costumer can specify the destination port and IP address. By default, the destination IP address and port are set to 255.255.255.255 and 50010.

The UDP packet's payload consists of following data bytes:

- 1. Four byte of Timestamp to match the frame.
- 2. Four byte of line number. AP0200AT sends line numbers zero and one at the beginning of frame. Line numbers two and three are sent at the end of frame.
- 3. Metadata itself.

Supported PHYs

The AP0201AT is compatible with most 100 Mbs MII PHYs. We have specifically tested with the following automotive–qualified PHYs:

- 1. BroadR Reach BCM89810, and
- 2. Micrel KMZ8051MNL. The AP0201AT is also compatible with most RMII PHYs (please check with your design support team for details).

The AP0201AT also supports 1Gb Ethernet operation and has been tested with the Micrel KSZ9031MNX PHY.

The AP0201AT is also compatible with most RMII PHYs. For all RMII, MII, and GMII PHYs not listed here, please check with your support team for details.

HOST COMMAND INTERFACE

The AP0201AT has a mechanism to write higher level commands, the Host Command Interface (HCI). Once a command has been written through the HCI, it will be executed by on chip firmware and the results are reported back. EEPROM or Flash memory is also available to store commands for later execution.

Full details of the Host Command Interface can be found in the AP0201AT Host Command Interface (HCI) Specification document.

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Caution: Stresses greater than those listed in Table 11 may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect reliability.

	Rat	ting	
Parameter	Min	Мах	Unit
Digital power (V _{DD} _REG)	-0.3	4.95	V
Host I/O power (V _{DD} IO_H)	1.7	4.95	V
Sensor I/O power (V _{DD} IO_S)	1.7	4.2	V
PLL power (V _{DD} _PLL)	1.1	1.8	V
Digital core power (V _{DD})	1.1	1.8	V
OTPM power (V _{DD} IO_OTPM)	2.25	4.95	V
HiSPi power (V _{DD} IO_PHY)	2.6	4.2	V
DC Input Voltage	-0.3	V _{DD} IO_*+0.3	V
DC Output Voltage	-0.3	V _{DD} IO_*+0.3	V
Storage Temperature	-50	150	°C

Table 11. ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Stresses exceeding those listed in the Maximum Ratings table may damage the device. If any of these limits are exceeded, device functionality should not be assumed, damage may occur and reliability may be affected.

Table 12. ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND OPERATING CONDITIONS

Parameter	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Supply input to on-chip regulator (V _{DD} _REG)	-0.3	1.8	1.89	V
Host I/O voltage (V _{DD} IO_H)	1.71	1.8/2.8/3.3	3.46	V
Sensor I/O voltage (V _{DD} IO_S)	1.71	1.8/2.8	2.94	V
Core voltage (V _{DD})	1.14	1.2	1.26	V
PLL voltage (V _{DD} _PLL)	1.14	1.2	1.26	V
HiSPi PHY voltage (V _{DD} PHY)	2.66	2.8	2.94	V
OTPM power supply (V _{DD} IO_OTPM)	2.38	2.5/3.3	3.47	V
Functional operating temperature (ambient – T _A)	-40		105	°C

Product parametric performance is indicated in the Electrical Characteristics for the listed test conditions, unless otherwise noted. Product performance may not be indicated by the Electrical Characteristics if operated under different conditions.

I/O TIMING

MII I/O Timing

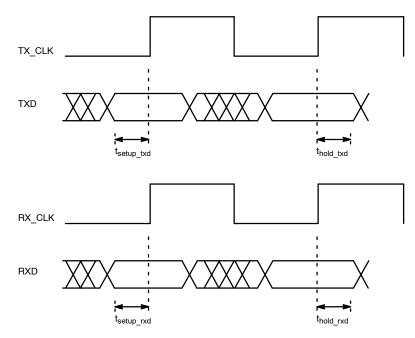


Figure 13. MII I/O Timing Diagram

Table 13. MII I/O TIMING CHARACTERISTICS

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
Freq	TX_CLK and RX_CLK Input clocks	1.8 V to 3.3 V, 25 pF load	25–110 ppm	25+110 ppm	MHz
t _{setup_txd}	TXD[3:0], TX_ERR, TX_EN, setup to TX_CLK input rise	1.8 V to 3.3 V, 25 pF load	15.0		ns
t _{hold_txd}	TXD[3:0], TX_ERR, TX_EN hold from TX_CLK input rise	1.8 V to 3.3 V, 25 pF load	2.0		ns
t _{setup_rxd}	RXD[3:0], RX_ERR, CRS_DV setup to RX_CLK input rise	1.8 V to 3.3 V	8.0		ns
t _{hold_rxd}	RXD[3:0], RX_ERR, CRS_DV hold from RX_CLK input rise	1.8 V to 3.3 V	8.0		ns

RMII I/O Timing

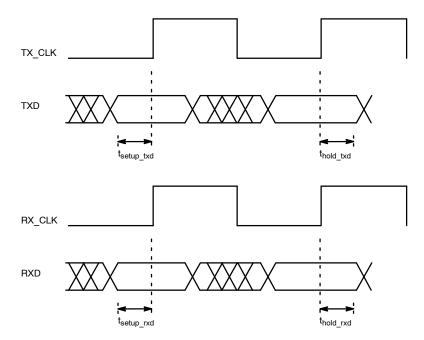


Figure 14. RMII I/O Timing Diagram

Table 14. RMII I/O TIMING CHARACTERISTICS

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
Freq	TX_CLK and RX_CLK Input clocks	1.8 V to 3.3 V, 25 pF load	50 – 110 ppm	50 + 110 ppm	MHz
t _{setup_txd}	TXD[1:0], TX_ERR, TX_EN setup to TX_CLK input rise	1.8 V to 3.3 V, 25 pF load	4.0		ns
t _{hold_txd}	TXD[1:0], TX_ERR, TX_EN hold from TX_CLK input rise	1.8 V to 3.3 V, 25 pF load	2.0		ns
t _{setup_rxd}	RXD[1:0], RX_ERR, CRS_DV setup to RX_CLK input rise	1.8 V to 3.3 V	4.0		ns
^t hold_rxd	RXD[1:0], RX_ERR, CRS_DV hold from RX_CLK input rise	1.8 V to 3.3 V	2.0		ns

GMII I/O Timing

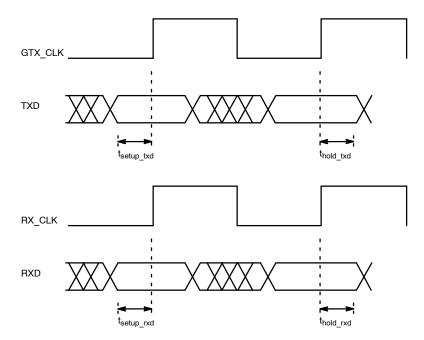


Figure 15. GMII I/O Timing Diagram

Table 15. GMII I/O TIMING CHARACTERISTICS

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Мах	Unit
Freq	GTX_CLK output frequency	2.5 V to 3.3 V, 10 pF load	125 – 110 ppm	125 + 110 ppm	MHz
Freq	TXD[7:0], TX_EN, TX_ERR setup to GTX_CLK input rise	2.5 V to 3.3 V, 10 pF load	2.5		ns
t _{setup_txd}	TXD[7:0], TX_EN, TX_ERR hold from GTX_CLK output rise	2.5 V to 3.3 V, 10 pF load	0.5		ns
t _{hold_txd}	RXD[7:0], RX_ERR, CRS_DV setup to RX_CLK input rise	2.5 V to 3.3 V	2.3		ns
t _{setup_} rxd	RXD[7:0], RX_ERR, CRS_DV hold from RX_CLK input rise	2.5 V to 3.3 V	0.3		ns

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Table 16. DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min	Мах	Unit	Notes
V _{IH}	Input HIGH voltage		V _{DD} IO_H or V _{DD} IO_S*0.8	-	V	5
V _{IL}	Input LOW voltage		-	V _{DD} IO_H or V _{DD} IO_S*0.2	V	5
I _{IN}	Input leakage current	$V_{IN} = 0 V \text{ or } V_{IN} = V_{DD}IO_H \text{ or } V_{DD}IO_S*$		10	μΑ	6
V _{OH}	Output HIGH voltage		V _{DD} IO_H or V _{DD} IO_S*0.80	_	V	
V _{OL}	Output LOW voltage		-	V _{DD} IO_H or V _{DD} IO_S*0.2	V	

V_{IL} and V_{IH} have min/max limitations specified by absolute ratings.
 Excludes pins that have internal PU resistors.

Input Clocks

Table 17. INPUT CLOCKS

Clock	Min (MHz)	Typical (MHz)	Max (MHz)	Description
EXTCLK	10 – osc 20 – xtal	27	29	Primary system clock. Drives PLLs. Crystal frequency range is 20 – 29 MHz, otherwise 10 – 29 MHz.
PIXCLK_IN	10	74.25	80	Clock for parallel input bus (from sensor).
HISPI_CLK	30		300	Clock for HISPI image data receiver.

Output Clocks

Table 18. OUTPUT CLOCKS

Clock	Min (MHz)	Typical (MHz)	Max (MHz)	Description
MCLK	10	27	29	Primary clock to sensor. Equals EXTCLK.
GTX_CLK	18	74.25/25	80/125	Clock of parallel output bus. If pad voltage is 1.8 V nominal, then max frequency is 80 MHz. If 2.5 V or 3.3 V, then 125 MHz. See electrical specs.
SPI_CLK	1		20	SPI clock to nonvolatile external memory.

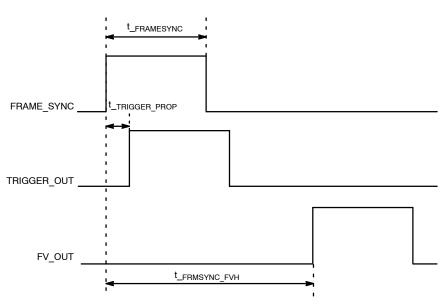




Table 19. TRIGGER TIMING

Parameter	Name	Conditions	Min	Тур	Мах	Unit
FRAME_SYNC to FV_OUT	^t FRMSYNC_FVH		8 lines + exposure time + sensor delay		-	Lines
FRAME_SYNC to TRIGGER_OUT	ttrigger_prop		-	-	30	ns
tFRAME_SYNC	^t FRAMESYNC		3	-	-	EXTCLK cycles

Table 20. STANDBY CURRENT CONSUMPTION

(Default Setup Conditions: $f_{EXTCLK} = 27 \text{ MHz}$, V_{DD} , REG = 1.8 V, V_{DD} IO_H not included in measurement, V_{DD} IO_S = 1.8 V, V_{DD} IO_OTPM = 2.8 V, V_{DD} _PHY = 2.8 V, $T_A = 105^{\circ}$ C unless otherwise stated)

Parameter	Condition	Тур	Max	Unit
IDD_REG		1.50	1.91	mA
IDDIO_S		0.19	0.24	mA
IDDIO_H		1.20	1.52	mA
IDDIO_OTPM		0.18	0.23	mA
IDDIO_PHY		0.00	0.00	mA
Total Standby Power		7.46	94.7	mW
Total Standby Power	t _{EXTCLK} = 27 MHz	3.50		mA

Table 21. INRUSH CURRENT

Supply	Voltage	Тур	Max	Unit
V _{DD} IO_H	2.8/3.3	140	190	mA
V _{DD} IO_S	1.8	90	105	mA
V _{DD} IO_S	2.8	130	180	mA
V _{DD} IO_OTPM	2.8/3.3	140	160	mA
V _{DD} IO_PHY		180	180	mA

Table 22. OPERATING CURRENT CONSUMPTION – SENSOR PARALLEL OUTPUT

(Default Setup Conditions: $f_{EXTCLK} = 27 \text{ MHz}$, V_{DD} , REG = 1.8 V, V_{DD} IO_H not included in measurement, V_{DD} IO_S = 1.8 V, V_{DD} IO_OTPM = 2.5 V, V_{DD} , PHY = 2.5 V, $T_A = 105^{\circ}$ C unless otherwise noted)

Symbol	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
V _{DD} REG	MJPEG		85	108	mA
	H.264		110	140	mA
V _{DD} IO_S	MJPEG		3	4	mA
Γ	H.264		3	4	mA
V _{DD} IO_H	MJPEG		35		mA
	H.264		35		mA
V _{DD} IO_OTPM	MJPEG		0.2	0.3	mA
	H.264		0.2	0.3	mA
V _{DD} PHY	MJPEG		0	0	mA
	H.264		0	0	mA
Total power consumption	MJPEG		159	202	mW
	H.264		204	259	mW

Table 23. OPERATING CURRENT CONSUMPTION – SENSOR HISPI OUTPUT

(Default Setup Conditions: $f_{EXTCLK} = 27 \text{ MHz}$, V_{DD} , REG = 1.8 V, V_{DD} IO_H not included in measurement, V_{DD} IO_S = 1.8 V, V_{DD} IO_OTPM = 2.5 V, V_{DD} , PHY = 2.5 V, $T_A = 105^{\circ}$ C unless otherwise stated)

Symbol	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
I _{DD} IO_REG	H.264		110	140	mA
I _{DD} IO_S	H.264		3	4	mA
I _{DD} IO_H	H.264		35		mA
I _{DD} IO_OTPM	H.264		0.2	0.3	mA
I _{DD} _PHY	H.264		0.3	0.4	mA
Total power consumption	H.264		212	270	mW

TWO-WIRE SERIAL REGISTER INTERFACE

The electrical characteristics of the master two-wire serial interface (M_SCLK, M_SDATA) are shown in Figure 17 and Table 24.

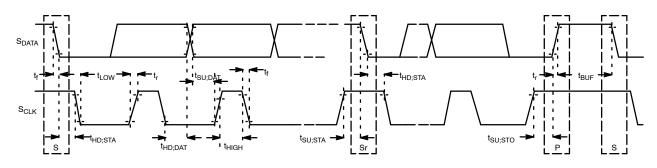


Figure 17. Master Two Wire Serial Bus Timing Parameters (CCIM)

Table 24. MASTER TWO-WIRE SERIAL BUS CHARACTERISTICS (CCIM)

 $(Default Setup Conditions: f_{EXTCLK} = 27 \text{ MHz}, \text{ V}_{DD}\text{IO}_{H} = \text{V}_{DD}_{O}\text{OTPM} = 2.8 \text{ V}, \text{ V}_{DD}_{REG} = \text{V}_{DD}\text{IO}_{S} = 1.8 \text{ V}, \text{ T}_{A} = 25^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ unless}$ otherwise stated)

		Standa	rd Mode	Fast	Mode	
Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Min	Max	Unit
M_S _{CLK} Clock Frequency	f _{SCL}	0	100	0	400	KHz
Hold time (repeated) START condition. After this period, the first clock pulse is generated.	^t HD;STA	4.0		0.6		μs
LOW period of the M_S _{CLK} clock	t _{LOW}	4.7		1.2		μs
HIGH period of the M_S _{CLK} clock	t _{HIGH}	4.0		0.6		μs
Set-up time for a repeated START condition	t _{SU;STA}	4.7		0.6		μs
Data hold time	t _{HD;DAT}	0 (Note 8)	3.45 (Note 9)	0	0.9 (Note 9)	μs
Data set-up time	t _{SU;DAT}	250		100		ns
Rise time of both M_S_{DATA} and M_S_{CLK} signals (10–90%)	t _r		1000	20+0.1Cb (Note 10)	300	ns
Fall time of both M_S_DATA and M_S_CLK signals (10–90%)	t _f		300	20+0.1Cb (Note 10)	300	ns
Set-up time for STOP condition	t _{SU;STO}	4.0		0.6		μs
Bus free time between a STOP and START condition	t _{BUF}	4.7		1.3		μs
Capacitive load for each bus line	Cb		400		400	pF
Serial interface input pin capacitance	C _{IN_SI}		3.3		3.3	pF
M_S _{DATA} max load capacitance	C _{LOAD_SD}		30		30	pF
M_S _{DATA} pull-up resistor	R _{SD}	1.5	4.7	1.5	4.7	KΩ

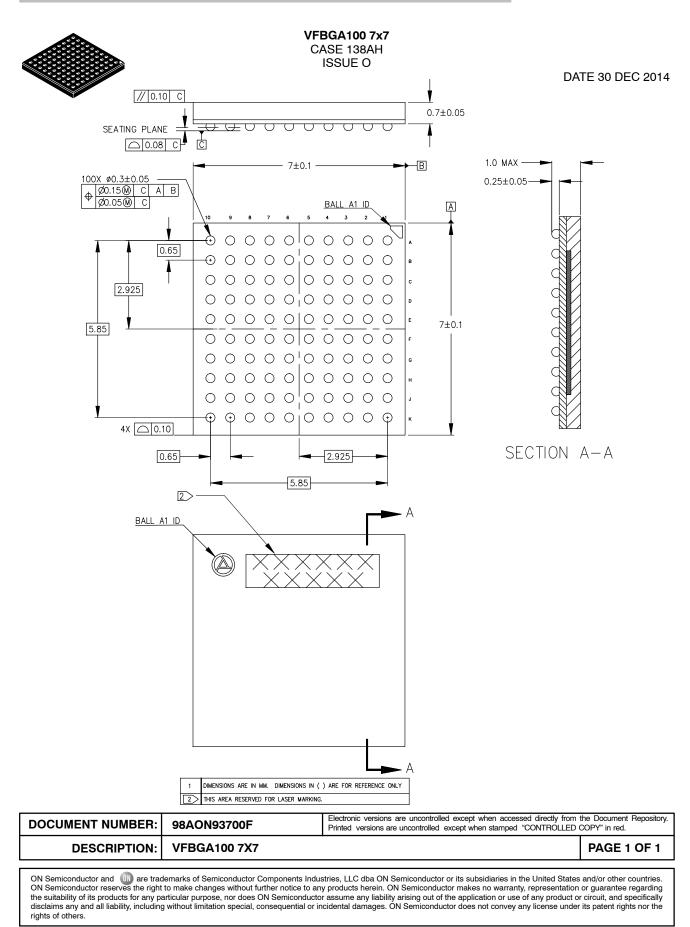
 All values referred to VIHmin = 0.9 V_{DD}IO and VILmax = 0.1 V_{DD}IO levels. EXCLK = 27 MHz.
 A device must internally provide a hold time of at least 300 ns for the M_S_{DATA} signal to bridge the undefined region of the falling edge of M_S_{CLK}.

9. The maximum t_{HD;DAT} has only to be met if the device does not stretch the LOW period (t_{LOW}) of the M_S_{CLK} signal.

10. Cb = total capacitance of one bus line in pF.

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