AKM Clearance/Creepage 8mm CZ-3AG5 3V Output Accurate Coreless Current Sensor

1. General Description

CZ-3AG5 is an open-type current sensor using Hall sensors, which outputs the analog voltage proportional to the AC/DC current. Group III-V semiconductor thin film is used as the Hall sensor, which enables the high-accuracy and high-speed current sensing. Coreless ultra-small surface mount package realizes the space-saving. Also, the low primary conductor resistance suppresses heat generation to achieve the 50A_{rms} continuous current. Existing coreless current sensors have an accuracy disadvantage from degradations caused by a disturbed magnetic field. The CZ-3AGx series has a built-in stray magnetic field reduction function to suppress this effect. The CZ-3AGx series also has dual overcurrent detection function. The CZ-3AGx series is UL 61800-5-1 safety compliant, which is an excellent fit for industrial AC drives, servo motors, etc. The CZ-3AGx series is also an excellent fit to input the sensor signal into a 3V AD converter. The CZ-3AGx series has a large variety of linear sensing ranges, from ±11.6A (CZ-3AG1), to ±116.6A, (CZ-3AG7). This enables designers to use the same board design across different current rating products.

2. Features
Compliant with safety standard of UL61800-5-1 (Clearance, Creepage distance ≧ 8.0mm)
Certified with safety standards of UL-1577 and IEC/UL62368-1.
3V Output
Maximum Primary Current : 50A _{rms}
High-accuracy : 0.3%F.S.(T _a =35~85°C Typ.)
Quite small primary conductor resistance : $0.27m\Omega$ Typ.
Stray magnetic field reduction function
Small-sized surface mount package (12.7mm×10.9mm×2.25mm)
Dual overcurrent detection function (Adjustable overcurrent detection thresholds)
Isolation Voltage: 3.0kV _{rms} (AC50Hz, 60s)
Non-ratiometric output

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	3. Applications
	AC drives
	DC motors
	UPS
	General Inverters
	Power conditioners
Als	o, CZ-3AG5 is suitable for other applications which are required isolation with small size and
sup	pressing heat generation.

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Block Diagram and Functions ΙP REF2 REF1 OCD1 Comp Filter Comp Filter Primary Buffer Amplifier) **♥ vout** Conductor Hall Sensors Compensation ∨ss Bias Unit **EEPROM Unit** IN

Figure 1. Block diagram of CZ-3AG5

Table 1. Explanation of circuit blocks

Circuit Block	Function				
Primary Conductor	A device has the primary conductor built-in.				
Hall Sensors	Hall elements which detect magnetic flux density generated from the measured current.				
Amplifier	Amplifier of Hall elements' output.				
Buffer	Output buffer with gain. This block outputs the voltage (V _{OUT}) proportional to the current applied to the primary conductor.				
Comp (Comparator)	Comparator circuit which detects the overcurrent.				
Filter	Filter which determines the overcurrent response time.				
Compensation	Compensation circuit which adjusts the temperature drifts of sensitivity and zero-current voltage.				
Bias Unit	Drive circuit for Hall elements.				
EEPROM Unit	Non-volatile memory for setting adjustment parameters.				

6. Pin Configurations and Functions

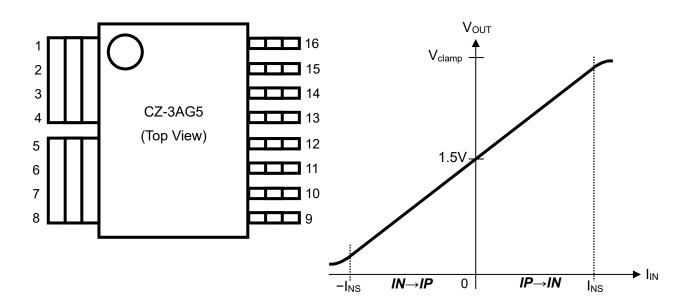


Figure 2. Pin configurations and typical output characteristics of CZ-3AG5

Table 2. Pin configuration and functions of CZ-3AG5

Pin No.	Pin Name	I/O	Туре	Function
1,2,3,4	ΙP	I	_	Primary conductor pin (+)
5,6,7,8	IN	ı	_	Primary conductor pin (-)
9	VSS	GND	Power	Ground pin (GND)
10	OCD1	0	Digital	The overcurrent detection output pin 1, open drain output Normal output: "H", Overcurrent detection: "L"
11	OCD2	0	Digital	The overcurrent detection output pin 2, open drain output. Normal output: "H", Overcurrent detection: "L"
12	VOUT	0	Analog	Sensor output pin
13	VDD	PWR	Power	Power supply pin (5V)
14	REF1		Analog	Analog input pin to adjust the overcurrent threshold 1
15	REF2		Analog	Analog input pin to adjust the overcurrent threshold 2
16	VSS	GND	Power	Ground pin (GND)

7. Absolute Maximum Ratings

Table 3. Absolute maximum ratings

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Max.	Units	Notes
Supply Voltage	V_{DD}	-0.3	6.5	V	VDD pin
Analog Output Current	I _{AOUT}	-10	10	mA	VOUT pin
Digital Output Current	I _{DOUT}	-10	10	mA	OCD1 pin, OCD2 pin
Analog Input Voltage	V_{AIN}	-0.3	V _{DD} +0.3	V	REF1 pin, REF2 pin
Pull Up Voltage at OCD Output	V _{OCDP}	-0.3	6.2	V	OCD1 pin,OCD2 pin
Junction Temperature	Tj	-40	125	°C	
Storage Temperature	T_{STG}	-40	125	°C	

WARNING:

Operation at or beyond these limits may result in permanent damage to the device. Normal operation is not guaranteed at these extremes.

8. Recommended Operating Conditions

Table 4. Recommended operating conditions

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units	Notes
Supply Voltage	V_{DD}	4.5	5.0	5.5	V	VDD pin
Sensor Output Load Capacitance	C _{LVOUT}			1000	pF	Between VOUT pin and VSS pin
Overcurrent Detection Output Load Capacitance	C _{LVOCD}			1000	pF	Between OCD1 pin and VSS pin Between OCD2 pin and VSS pin
Sensor Output Load Current	I _{LVOUT}	-2		2	mA	VOUTpin
Pull Up Resistance at Overcurrent Detection Output	R _{OCD}	0.6	1		kΩ	OCD1 pin,OCD2 pin
Pull Up Voltage at Overcurrent Detection Output	V _{OCDP}	3.0		5.5	V	OCD1 pin,OCD2 pin
Analog Input Voltage	V_{REF1}	300		1620	mV	REF1 pin
Analog Input Voltage	V_{REF2}	300		1400	mV	REF2 pin
Operating Ambient Temperature	Ta	-40		85	°C	
Maximum Primary Current (RMS)	I _{RMSmax}			50	A _{rms}	Continuous DC value or RMS value which can be applied to primary conductor

WARNING:

Electrical characteristics are not guaranteed when operated at or beyond these conditions.

Thermal Resistance junction to ambient θja is described in 9. Electrical Characteristics.

9. Electrical Characteristics

Table 5. Electrical Characteristics

Conditions(unless otherwise specified) : $T_a=35$ °C, $V_{DD}=5V$

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
Current Consumption	I _{DD}	I _{IN} =0A, No loads		17		mA
Sensitivity Note 1)	V_h	I_{IN} =±30A (I_{IN} \leq 5A 1ms, I_{IN} > 5A 500 μ s) V_h =(V_{OUT})/1A		24		mV/A
Zero-Current Output Voltage Note 1)	V_{of}	I _{IN} =0A	1.49	1.5	1.51	V
Linear Sensing Range Note 2)	I _{NS}		-58.3		58.3	А
Output Saturation Voltage H Note 3)	V _{satH}	I _{OUT} =±2mA	2.9			V
Output Saturation Voltage L Note3)	V_{satL}	I _{OUT} =±2mA			0.1	V
Linearity Error Note 1)	ρ	I_{IN} =±30A (I_{IN} \leq 5A 1ms, I_{IN} >5A 500μs) I_{OUT} =±2mA	-0.6		0.6	%F.S.
Output Clamp Voltage	V_{clamp}	I _{OUT} =±2mA	3.0	3.25	3.45	V
PSRR Note4)	P _{srr}	DC to 100kHz		45		dB
Rise Response Time Note 3)	t _r	I _{IN} 90% to V _{OUT} 90%, C _{LVOUT} =1000pF		3.6		μs
Fall Response Time Note 3)	t _f	I _{IN} 10% to V _{OUT} 10%, C _{LVOUT} =1000pF		3.6		μS
Input Current Equivalent Noise	I _{Nrms}	I _{IN} =0A ,100Hz∼120kHz		45		mA _{rms}
Power-on Time	t _{on}	I_{IN} =0A, V_{DD} 5V to V_{OUT} within ±10% of convergence value. (V_{DD} rise speed 5V/20 μ sec)			2	ms
Stray Magnetic Field Reduction	E _{bc}	Equivalent to Zero-Current output drift -10mT < Stray Magnetic Field <10mT		0.01		A/mT
dV/dt Settling Time Note 2) Note 5)	t d∨dt	200V/μs 200V		4		μS
Primary Conductor Resistance	R₽			0.27		mΩ
Thermal Resistance junction to ambient	θ_{ja}	Board Layout is Figure 8. ex. Input current=30A deltaT =0.27x30 ² x32/1000=7.8°C		32		°C /W
Isolation Voltage Note 6)	V _{INS}	AC50Hz, 60s	3.0			kV _{rms}
Isolation Resistance Note 2)	R _{INS}	DC1kV	500			ΜΩ
Retention Time of EEPROM data Note 2)	EEP _{RT}	T _j < 98°C	10			Year

Table 6. Electrical Characteristics (Overcurrent detection function characteristics 1)

Conditions(unless otherwise specified) : $T_a=35$ °C, $V_{DD}=5V$

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
Overcurrent Detection Output Voltage 1	V _{OCD1}	R _{OCD} =1kΩ			0.1× V _{OCDP}	V
ON-Resistance at Overcurrent Detection Output 1	R _{SOCD1}			12		Ω
Overcurrent Detection Threshold 1 Adjustable Range Note7)	locdth1		29.2		72.9	А
Overcurrent Detection Response Time 1 Note3)	t _{RSOCD1}	$R_{OCD} = 1k\Omega$ $C_{LOCD} = 1000pF$		5.5	6.7	μs
Overcurrent Detection Threshold 1 Adjustment	E _{OC1}	I _{OCDTH1} =72.9A		±2.5		%
Error Note3), Note8)	EOC1	I _{OCDTH1} =29.2A		±5.0		%
Overcurrent Detection Recovery Time 1 Note3)	t _{RCOCD1}	$R_{OCD} = 1k\Omega$ $C_{LOCD} = 1000pF$		3.3		μs
Overcurrent Detection Threshold 1 Hysteresis Note3)	Іосрну1			4		А

Table 7. Electrical Characteristics (Overcurrent detection function characteristics 2)

Conditions(unless otherwise specified) : T_a =35°C, V_{DD} =5V

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
Overcurrent Detection Output Voltage 2	V _{OCD2}	R _{OCD} =1kΩ			0.1× V _{OCDP}	V
ON-Resistance at Overcurrent Detection Output 2	R _{SOCD2}			12		Ω
Overcurrent Detection Threshold 2 Adjustable Range Note7)	I _{OCDTH2}		73.0		145.8	А
Overcurrent Detection Response Time 2 Note3)	t _{RSOCD2}	$R_{OCD} = 1k\Omega$ $C_{LOCD} = 1000pF$		2.5	3.7	μs
Overcurrent Detection Threshold 2 Adjustment	E _{OC2}	I _{OCDTH2} =145.8A		±2.5		%
Error Note3), Note8)	L0C2	I _{OCDTH2} =73.0A		±5.0		70
Overcurrent Detection Recovery Time 2 Note3)	t _{RCOCD2}	$R_{OCD} = 1k\Omega$ $C_{LOCD} = 1000pF$		3.3		μs
Overcurrent Detection Threshold 2 Hysteresis Note3)	I _{OCDHY2}			3		Α

Table 8. Temperature drift characteristics

Conditions(unless otherwise specified) : V_{DD}=5V

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
Temperature Drift of	\/	T _a =35~85°C		±0.6	±0.8	%
Sensitivity Note 4) Note 8) Note 9)	V_{h-d}	T _a =-40~35°C		±2.7	±3.0	70
Temperature Drift of Zero-current Output		T _a =35~85°C I _{IN} =0A		±0.9	±2.7	
Voltage Note 4) Note 8) Note 9)	$V_{\text{of-d}}$	T _a =-40~85°C I _{IN} =0A		±7.5	±10.1	mV
Total Accuracy	E _{total}	T _a =35~85°C F.S.=V _{satH} -V _{satL}		0.3	0.6	%F.S.
Note 4) Note 8)	⊏total	T _a =-40~85°C F.S.=V _{satH} -V _{satL}		1.8	2.1	70F.S.

Note 1) These values can be drifted by long-term use or reflow process. Please see '14.Reliability Tests' for the reference of drift values.

Note 2) These parameters are guaranteed by design.

Note 3) These parameters are tested to input the equivalent current signal into IC in wafer condition. These characteristics after assembly are guaranteed by design.

Note 4) The typical value is defined as the "average value \pm 1 σ " of the actual measurement result in a certain lot. The minimum value and the maximum value are defined as "average value \pm 3 σ " of the same condition.

Note 5) The threshold level of the dV/dt settling time is the convergence value ±2mV.

Note 6) This parameter is tested for 1second at 3.6kV_{rms} in mass-production line for all devices.

Note 7) The usage beyond $T_i = 125^{\circ}C$ is prohibited.

Note 8) These values can be drifted by long-term use or reflow process.

Note 9) These parameters are defined as the drift from the values at T_a=35°C.

10. Characteristic Definitions

10.1. Sensitivity(V_h), Zero-Current Output Voltage (V_{of}), and Linearity Error (ρ) are defined as below:

Sensitivity(V_h) is defined as the slope of the approximate straight line calculated by the least square method, using the data of output voltage (V_{OUT}) when the primary current (I_{IN}) is swept within the range of linear sensing range (I_{NS}).

The output voltage (V_{OUT}) when the primary current (I_{IN}) is 0A is the Zero-Current Output Voltage (V_{of}) .

Linearity Error (ρ) is defined as the ratio of the maximum error voltage (V_d) to the full scale (F.S.), where V_d is the maximum difference between the output voltage (V_{OUT}) and the approximate straight line. Definition formula is shown as below:

$$\rho = V_d / \ F.S. \times 100$$
 Full scale (F.S.) is defined by $V_{satHmin}$ - $V_{satLmax.}$

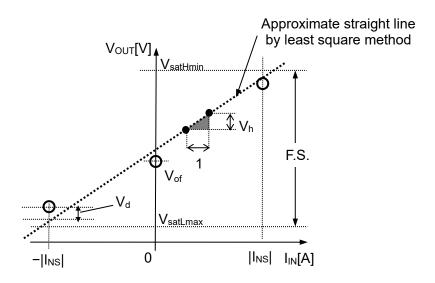


Figure 3. Characteristic definitions of CZ-3AG5

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10.2. Total Accuracy E_{total} [%F.S.] is defined as below (See Figure 4.)

$$E_{total} = 100 \times \frac{V_{err}}{F.S.}$$

 $V_{err} = \left|V_{h-meas} - V_{h}\right| \times \left|I_{NS}\right| + \left|V_{of-d}\right| + \left|\rho_{meas}\right| \times F.S$

 V_{h-meas} : Measured Sensitivity value [mV/A]

 V_h : Sensitivity (Typ.) [mV/A]

 V_{of-d} : Measured Temperature Drift of Zero-Current Output [mV]

 ρ_{meas} : Measured Linearity Error [%F.S.]

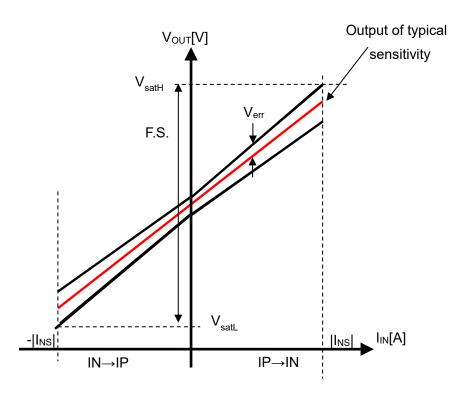
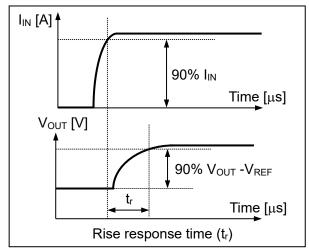


Figure 4. Total Accuracy of CZ-3AG5

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10.3. Rise Response Time t_r [μ s] and Fall Response Time t_f [μ s]

Rise response time (or fall response time) is defined as the time delay from the 90% (or 10%) of input primary current (I_{IN}) to the 90% (or 10%) of the output voltage (V_{OUT}) under the pulse input of primary current (Figure 5).



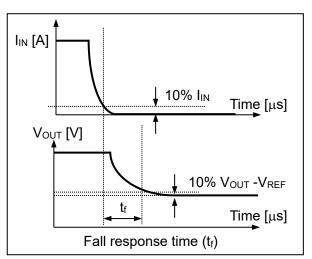


Figure 5. Definition of response time

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10.4. Overcurrent Detection Function is operated as below. (See figure 6.)

(1) After the $I_{IN}[A]$ has exceeded the overcurrent detection threshold (I_{OCDTH}) for overcurrent response time (t_{RSOCD}), overcurrent detection output voltage (V_{OCD}) will be logical low.

- (2) When the I_{IN}[A] decreases below the value (I_{OCDTH} I_{OCDHY}) which is defined by difference between the overcurrent detection threshold (I_{OCDTH}) and overcurrent detection threshold hysteresis (I_{OCDHY}), overcurrent detection output voltage (V_{OCD}) goes high within the overcurrent recovery time (t_{RCOCD}).
- (3) If the I_{IN}[A] goes up more than the overcurrent detection threshold (I_{OCDTH}) and then decreases below the value (I_{OCDTH} I_{OCDHY}) for less than overcurrent response time (t_{RSOCD}), the overcurrent detection output voltage (V_{OCD}) does not change.

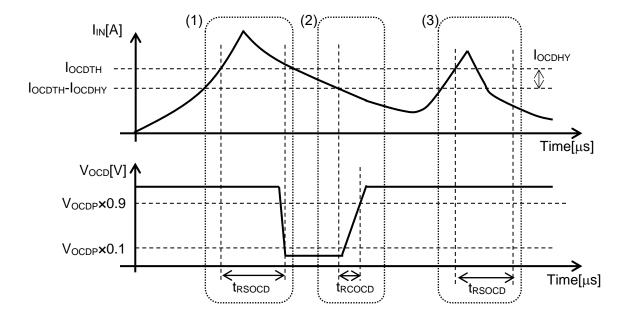


Figure 6. Overcurrent Detection Function of CZ-3AG5

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10.5. Overcurrent Detection Threshold is decided as below.

 V_{REF1} [mV] and V_{REF2} [mV] values for setting the overcurrent detection threshold are calculated as follows:

 $V_{REF1} [mV] = 2500 - |I_{OCDTH1}|[A] \times (1056/35)$

|I_{OCDTH1}|[A] can be set between 29.2 [A] and 72.9 [A]. Overcurrent function can work both plus and minus direction current.

 $V_{REF2} [mV] = 2500 - |I_{OCDTH2}|[A] \times (528/35)$

|I_{OCDTH2}|[A] can be set between 73.0 [A] and 145.8 [A]. Overcurrent function can work both plus and minus direction current.

Overcurrent detection characteristics are not guaranteed when operated V_{REF1} [mV] value is less than 300[mV] or more than 1620[mV].

Overcurrent detection characteristics are not guaranteed when operated V_{REF2} [mV] value is less than 300[mV] or more than 1400[mV].

If overcurrent detection function is not required, connect VSS to both REF1 pin and OCD1 pin or both REF2 pin and OCD2 pin.

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11. External Circuits Example

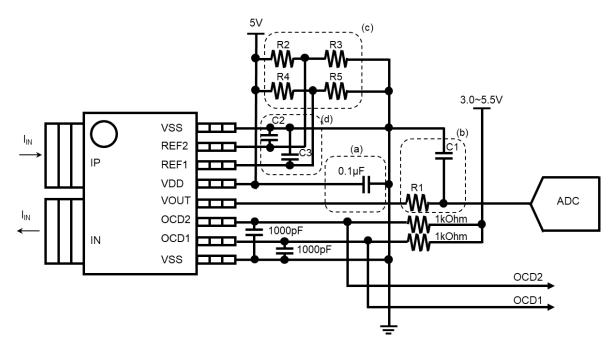


Figure 7. External circuits example

- (a) 0.1µF bypass capacitor should be placed close to CZ-3AG5.
- (b) Add a low-pass filter if it is necessary. The C1 values should be fixed in consideration of load conditions.
- (c) Overcurrent detection thresholds are decided by the input voltage of REF1 pin and REF2 pin. R2, R3, R4, and R5 values are determined according to the overcurrent detection thresholds.(See chapter 10.5)
- (d) Add capacitors if necessary. The C2 and C3 values should be fixed in consideration of the time constant values which are decided by ratio of C2 to R2 and R3 or C3 to R4 and R5.

12. Board Layout for Measuring Thermal Resistance

Table 9. Board information

Board Size	68.58mm×63.5mm
Layer number	4
Copper layer thickness	70µm
Board Thickness	1.6mm

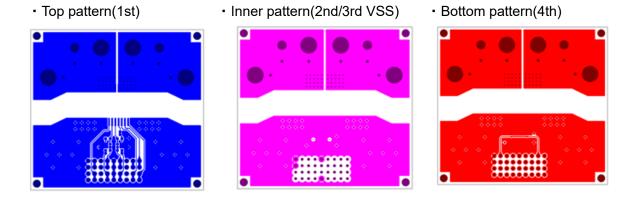
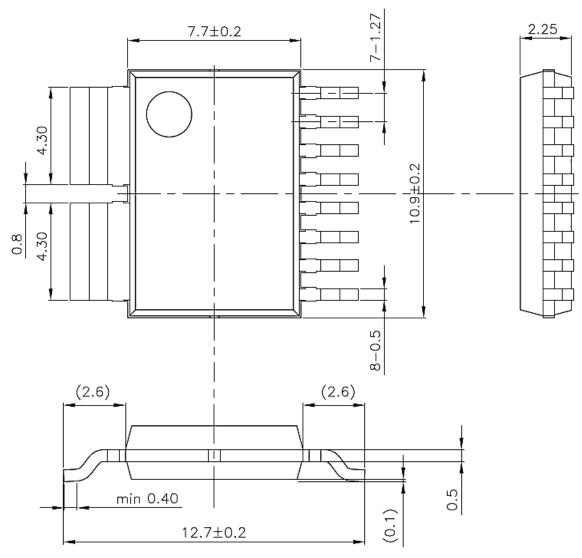


Figure 8. Board layout for measuring thermal resistance of CZ-3AG5

13. Package

13.1. Outline Dimensions



Unit: mm

The tolerances of dimensions without any mention are ±0.1mm.

() is a reference values.

Figure 9. Outline dimensions of CZ-3AG5

Terminals: Cu

Plating for Terminals : Sn-Bi

Package material: RoHS compliant, halogen-free

Table 10. Isolation characteristics of CZ-3AG5

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
Creepage distance	Cr	8.0			mm
Clearance distance	CI	8.0			mm

^{*}Flammability standard is V0. (According to UL94)

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^{*}Comparative tracking index (CTI) is 400V. Material Group is II.

13.2. Standards

• IEC/UL 62368-1 Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment Part 1: Safety requirements Edition 2. (File No. E359197)

- CSA C22.2 No.62368-1-14 Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment Part 1: Safety requirements Edition 2. (File No. E359197)
- UL1577 Non-Optical Isolators-Edition 5.(File No. E499004)
- CSA Component Acceptance Service No. 5A Component Acceptance Service for Optocouplers and Related Devices (File No. E499004)

13.3. Recommended Pad Dimensions

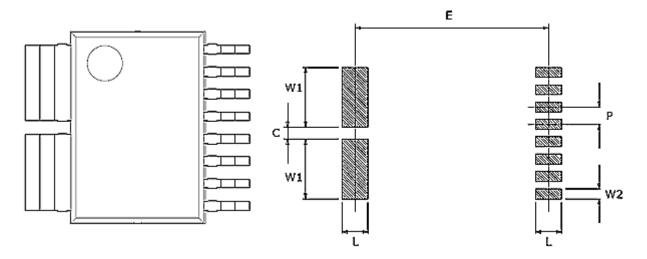


Figure 10. Recommended pad pattern

Table 11. Recommended pad dimensions

L	1.59	
E	11.79	
W1	4.44	
W2	0.64	
С	0.66	
Р	1.27	Unit:mm

If two or more trace layers are used as the current paths, please make enough number of through-holes to flow current between the trace layers. In order to make heat dissipation better, it is recommended that Pad on Via should be provided on the pad of the primary conductor.

13.4. Marking

Production information is printed on the package surface by laser marking. Markings consist of 11 characters excluding AKM logo.

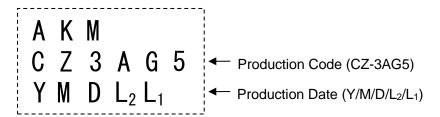


Figure 11. Markings of CZ-3AG5

Table 12. Production date code table

				duction date code table					
Year(Y)		Month(M)		Day(D)		Lot number			
Character	Year	Character	Month	Character	Day	Character (L ₂)	Character (L₁)	Lot number	
7	2017	С	January	1	1	0	1	01	
8	2018	D	February	2	2	0	2	02	
9	2019	E	March	3	3	0	3	03	
Α	2020	F	April	4	4	0	4	04	
В	2021	G	May	5	5	0	5	05	
С	2022	Н	June	6	6	:	:	:	
D	2023	J	July	7	7	•			
E	2024	K	August	8	8	6	7	67	
F	2025	L	September	9	9	6	8	68	
G	2026	M	October	0	10	6	9	69	
H	2027	N	November	A	11	7	0	70	
J	2028	Р	December	В	12	7	1	71	
K	2029			С	13	:	÷	÷	
L	2030			D	14		•	•	
N	2031			Е	15				
Р	2032	1		F	16	1			
R	2033			G	17				
S	2034	1		Н	18	1			
Т	2035			J	19				
U	2036			K	20				
V	2037			L	21				
W	2038			N	22				
Х	2039			Р	23				
0	2040	1		R	24	1			
1	2041			S	25				
2	2042			T	26				
3	2043	1		U	27	1			
4	2043			V	28				
7	2044			W	29				
				X	30	1			
				Y	31	1			
				Y	31				

14. Reliability Tests

Table 13. Test parameters and conditions of reliability tests

No.	Test Parameter	Test Conditions		Test Time
1	Temperature Humidity Bias Test	Test		500h
2	High Temperature Bias Test	【JEITA EIAJ ED-4701 101】 T _a =150°C, continuous operation	22	500h
3	High Temperature Storage Test	【JEITA EIAJ ED-4701 201】 T _a =150°C	22	500h
4	Low Temperature Operating Test	T _a =−40°C, continuous operation	22	500h
5	Temperature Cycle Test	【JEITA EIAJ ED-4701 105】 -65°C⇔ +150°C 30min.⇔ 30min. Tested in vapor phase	22	200 Cycles

Tested samples are pretreated as below before each reliability test:

Desiccation: 125°C/24h → Moisture Absorption: 60°C/60%RH/168h

→ Reflow: 3 times (JEDEC Level2a)

Criteria:

Products whose drifts between before pretreated and after the reliability tests do not exceed the values below are considered to be in spec.

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Sensitivity V}_h\left(T_a = 25^\circ C\right) & : \text{Within } \pm 1.5\% \\ \text{Zero-Current Output Voltage V}_{of}\left(T_a = 25^\circ C\right) & : \text{Within } \pm 15\text{mV} \\ \text{Linearity Error } \rho\left(T_a = 25^\circ C\right) & : \text{Within } \pm 1.0\% F.S. \\ \text{EEPROM data} & : \text{Unchanged} \end{array}$

15. Precautions

<Storage Environment>

Products should be stored at an appropriate temperature and humidity (5 to 35°C, 40 to 85%RH). It is recommended to use the products within 4 weeks since packing was opened. Keep products away from chlorine and corrosive gas. When stored in an inappropriate environment, it can affect the product properties.

<Long-term Storage>

Long-term storage may result in poor lead solderability and degraded electrical performance even under proper conditions. For those parts, which stored long-term should be checked as for solderability before it is used.

For storage longer than 1 year, it is recommended to store in nitrogen atmosphere. Oxygen of atmosphere oxidizes leads of products, and lead solderability get worse.

<Other Precautions>

- 1) This product should not be used under the environment with corrosive gas including chlorine or sulfur.
- 2) This product is lead (Pb) free. All leads are plated with Sn-Bi. Do not store this product alone in high temperature and high humidity environment. Moreover, this product should be mounted on substrate within six months after delivery.
- 3) This product is damaged when it is used on the following conditions:
- Supply voltage is applied in the opposite way.
- Overvoltage which is larger than the value indicated in the specification.
- 4) This product will be damaged if it is used for a long time with the current (effective current) which exceeds the current rating. Careful attention must be paid so that maximum effective current is smaller than current rating.
- 5) The characteristics can be changed by the influences of nearby current and magnetic field and electric field. Please make sure of the mounting position.

As this product contains gallium arsenide, observe the following procedures for safety.

- 1) Do not alter the form of this product into a gas, powder, liquid, through burning, crushing, or chemical processing.
- 2) Observe laws and company regulations when discarding this product.

16. Revision History

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