

## DS90CR211/DS90CR212 21-Bit Channel Link

### General Description

The DS90CR211 transmitter converts 21 bits of CMOS/TTL data into three LVDS (Low Voltage Differential Signaling) data streams. A phase-locked transmit clock is transmitted in parallel with the data streams over a fourth LVDS link. Every cycle of the transmit clock 21 bits of input data are sampled and transmitted. The DS90CR212 receiver converts the LVDS data streams back into 21 bits of CMOS/TTL data. At a transmit clock frequency of 40 MHz, 21 bits of TTL data are transmitted at a rate of 280 Mbps per LVDS data channel. Using a 40 MHz clock, the data throughput is 840 Mbit/s (105 Mbyte/s).

The multiplexing of the data lines provides a substantial cable reduction. Long distance parallel single-ended buses typically require a ground wire per active signal (and have very limited noise rejection capability). Thus, for a 21-bit wide data bus and one clock, up to 44 conductors are required. With the Channel Link chipset as few as 9 conductors (3 data pairs, 1 clock pair and a minimum of one ground) are

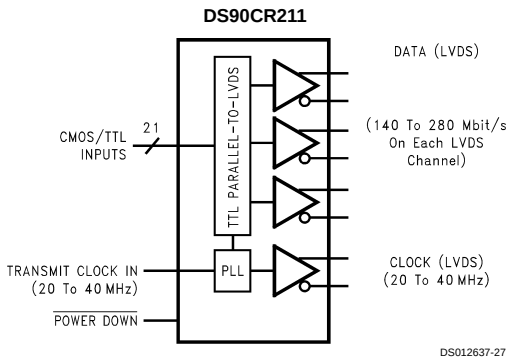
needed. This provides a 80% reduction in required cable width, providing a system cost savings, reduces connector physical size, and reduces shielding requirements due to the cables smaller form factor.

The 21 CMOS/TTL inputs can support a variety of signal combinations. For example, 5 4-bit nibbles plus 1 control, or 2 9-bit (byte + parity) and 3 control.

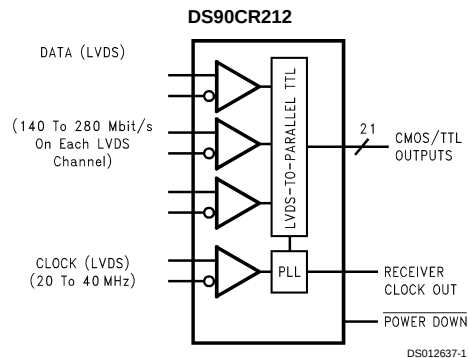
### Features

- Narrow bus reduces cable size and cost
- $\pm 1V$  Common mode range (ground shifting)
- 290 mV swing LVDS data transmission
- 840 Mbit/s data throughput
- Low swing differential current mode drivers reduce EMI
- Rising edge data strobe
- Power down mode
- Offered in low profile 48-lead TSSOP package

### Block Diagrams

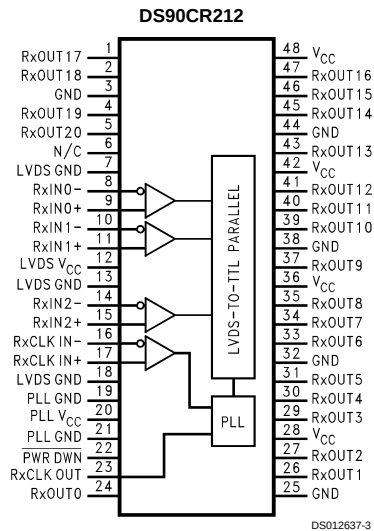
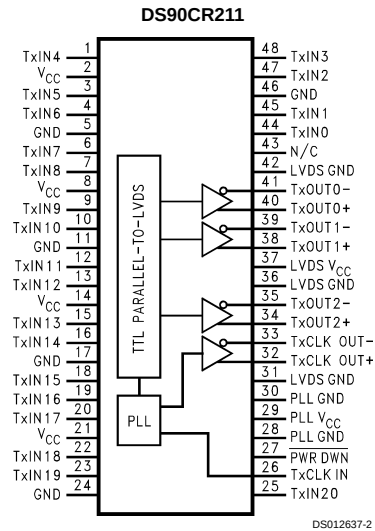


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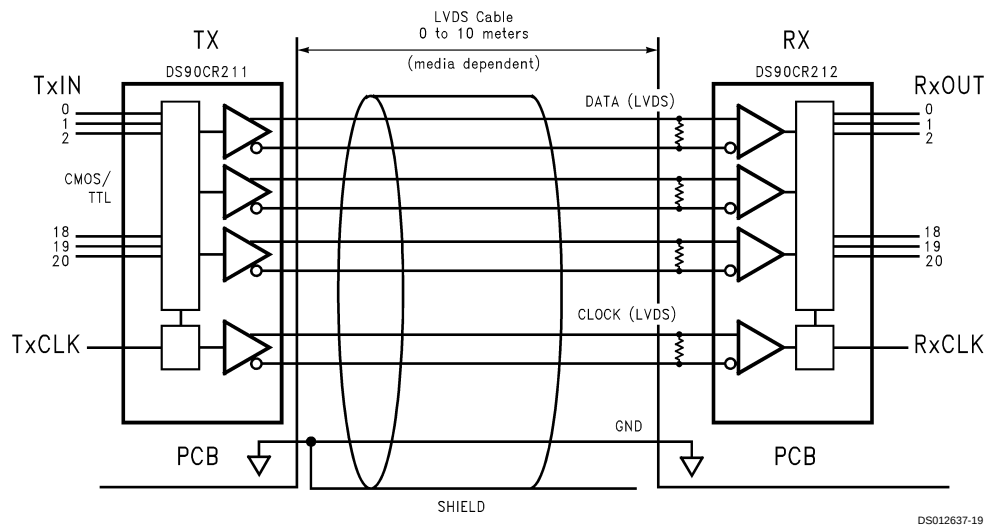


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## Connection Diagrams



## Typical Application



## Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)

If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the National Semiconductor Sales Office/Distributors for availability and specifications.

|                                         |                              |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Supply Voltage ( $V_{CC}$ )             | -0.3V to +6V                 |
| CMOS/TTL Input Voltage                  | -0.3V to ( $V_{CC} + 0.3V$ ) |
| CMOS/TTL Output Voltage                 | -0.3V to ( $V_{CC} + 0.3V$ ) |
| LVDS Receiver Input Voltage             | -0.3V to ( $V_{CC} + 0.3V$ ) |
| LVDS Driver Output Voltage              | -0.3V to ( $V_{CC} + 0.3V$ ) |
| LVDS Output                             |                              |
| Short Circuit Duration                  | continuous                   |
| Junction Temperature                    | +150°C                       |
| Storage Temperature Range               | -65°C to +150°C              |
| Lead Temperature<br>(Soldering, 4 sec.) | +260°C                       |
| Maximum Power Dissipation @ +25°C       |                              |

MTD48 (TSSOP) Package:

|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| DS90CR211 | 1.98W |
| DS90CR212 | 1.89W |

Package Derating:

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| DS90CR211 | 16 mW/°C above +25°C |
| DS90CR212 | 15 mW/°C above +25°C |

This device does not meet 2000V ESD rating (Note 4) .

## Recommended Operating Conditions

|                                          | Min | Max | Units            |
|------------------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------|
| Supply Voltage ( $V_{CC}$ )              | 4.5 | 5.5 | V                |
| Operating Free Air Temperature ( $T_A$ ) | -10 | +70 | °C               |
| Receiver Input Range                     | 0   | 2.4 | V                |
| Supply Noise Voltage ( $V_{CC}$ )        |     | 100 | mV <sub>PP</sub> |

## Electrical Characteristics

Over recommended operating supply and temperature ranges unless otherwise specified

| Symbol                          | Parameter                                                     | Conditions                                                                            | Min                    | Typ   | Max             | Units |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| CMOS/TTL DC SPECIFICATIONS      |                                                               |                                                                                       |                        |       |                 |       |
| V <sub>IH</sub>                 | High Level Input Voltage                                      |                                                                                       | 2.0                    |       | V <sub>CC</sub> | V     |
| V <sub>IL</sub>                 | Low Level Input Voltage                                       |                                                                                       | GND                    |       | 0.8             | V     |
| V <sub>OH</sub>                 | High Level Output Voltage                                     | I <sub>OH</sub> = −0.4 mA                                                             | 3.8                    | 4.9   |                 | V     |
| V <sub>OL</sub>                 | Low Level Output Voltage                                      | I <sub>OL</sub> = 2 mA                                                                |                        | 0.1   | 0.3             | V     |
| V <sub>CL</sub>                 | Input Clamp Voltage                                           | I <sub>CL</sub> = −18 mA                                                              |                        | −0.79 | −1.5            | V     |
| I <sub>IN</sub>                 | Input Current                                                 | V <sub>IN</sub> = V <sub>CC</sub> , GND, 2.5V or 0.4V                                 |                        | ±5.1  | ±10             | μA    |
| I <sub>OS</sub>                 | Output Short Circuit Current                                  | V <sub>OUT</sub> = 0V                                                                 |                        |       | −120            | mA    |
| LVDS DRIVER DC SPECIFICATIONS   |                                                               |                                                                                       |                        |       |                 |       |
| V <sub>OD</sub>                 | Differential Output Voltage                                   | R <sub>L</sub> = 100Ω                                                                 | 250                    | 290   | 450             | mV    |
| ΔV <sub>OD</sub>                | Change in V <sub>OD</sub> between Complementary Output States |                                                                                       |                        |       | 35              | mV    |
| V <sub>CM</sub>                 | Common Mode Voltage                                           |                                                                                       | 1.1                    | 1.25  | 1.375           | V     |
| ΔV <sub>CM</sub>                | Change in V <sub>CM</sub> between Complementary Output States |                                                                                       |                        |       | 35              | mV    |
| I <sub>OS</sub>                 | Output Short Circuit Current                                  | V <sub>OUT</sub> = 0V, R <sub>L</sub> = 100Ω                                          |                        | −2.9  | −5              | mA    |
| I <sub>OZ</sub>                 | Output TRI-STATE® Current                                     | Power Down = 0V, V <sub>OUT</sub> = 0V or V <sub>CC</sub>                             |                        | ±1    | ±10             | μA    |
| LVDS RECEIVER DC SPECIFICATIONS |                                                               |                                                                                       |                        |       |                 |       |
| V <sub>TH</sub>                 | Differential Input High Threshold                             | V <sub>CM</sub> = +1.2V                                                               |                        |       | +100            | mV    |
| V <sub>TL</sub>                 | Differential Input Low Threshold                              |                                                                                       |                        | −100  |                 | mV    |
| I <sub>IN</sub>                 | Input Current                                                 | V <sub>IN</sub> = +2.4V                                                               | V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.5V | < ±1  | ±10             | μA    |
|                                 |                                                               | V <sub>IN</sub> = 0V                                                                  |                        | < ±1  | ±10             | μA    |
| TRANSMITTER SUPPLY CURRENT      |                                                               |                                                                                       |                        |       |                 |       |
| I <sub>CCTW</sub>               | Transmitter Supply Current, Worst Case                        | R <sub>L</sub> = 100Ω, C <sub>L</sub> = 5 pF, Worst Case Pattern (Figure 1, Figure 2) | f = 32.5 MHz           | 34    | 51              | mA    |
|                                 |                                                               |                                                                                       | f = 37.5 MHz           | 36    | 53              | mA    |
| I <sub>CCTZ</sub>               | Transmitter Supply Current, Power Down                        | Power Down = Low                                                                      |                        | 1     | 25              | μA    |
| RECEIVER SUPPLY CURRENT         |                                                               |                                                                                       |                        |       |                 |       |
| I <sub>CCRW</sub>               | Receiver Supply Current, Worst Case                           | C <sub>L</sub> = 8 pF, Worst Case Pattern (Figure 1, Figure 3)                        | f = 32.5 MHz           | 55    | 75              | mA    |
|                                 |                                                               |                                                                                       | f = 37.5 MHz           | 60    | 80              | mA    |

## Electrical Characteristics (Continued)

Over recommended operating supply and temperature ranges unless otherwise specified

| Symbol                         | Parameter                           | Conditions       | Min | Typ | Max | Units   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| <b>RECEIVER SUPPLY CURRENT</b> |                                     |                  |     |     |     |         |
| $I_{CCRZ}$                     | Receiver Supply Current, Power Down | Power Down = Low |     | 1   | 10  | $\mu A$ |

**Note 1:** "Absolute Maximum Ratings" are those values beyond which the safety of the device cannot be guaranteed. They are not meant to imply that the device should be operated at these limits. The tables of "Electrical Characteristics" specify conditions for device operation.

**Note 2:** Typical values are given for  $V_{CC} = 5.0V$  and  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ .

**Note 3:** Current into device pins is defined as positive. Current out of device pins is defined as negative. Voltages are referenced to ground unless otherwise specified (except  $V_{OD}$  and  $\Delta V_{OD}$ ).

**Note 4:** ESD Rating:

HBM (1.5 k $\Omega$ , 100 pF)

PLL  $V_{CC} \geq 1000V$

All other pins  $\geq 2000V$

EIAJ (0 $\Omega$ , 200 pF)  $\geq 150V$

## Transmitter Switching Characteristics

Over recommended operating supply and temperature ranges unless otherwise specified

| Symbol | Parameter                                                      |            | Min   | Typ  | Max   | Units |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| LLHT   | LVDS Low-to-High Transition Time (Figure 2)                    |            |       | 0.75 | 1.5   | ns    |
| LHLT   | LVDS High-to-Low Transition Time (Figure 2)                    |            |       | 0.75 | 1.5   | ns    |
| TCIT   | TxCLK IN Transition Time (Figure 4)                            |            |       |      | 8     | ns    |
| TCCS   | TxOUT Channel-to-Channel Skew (Note 5) (Figure 5)              |            |       |      | 350   | ps    |
| TPPos0 | Transmitter Output Pulse Position for Bit0 (Figure 16)         | f = 20 MHz | -200  | 150  | 350   | ps    |
| TPPos1 | Transmitter Output Pulse Position for Bit1                     |            | 6.3   | 7.2  | 7.5   | ns    |
| TPPos2 | Transmitter Output Pulse Position for Bit2                     |            | 12.8  | 13.6 | 14.6  | ns    |
| TPPos3 | Transmitter Output Pulse Position for Bit3                     |            | 20    | 20.8 | 21.5  | ns    |
| TPPos4 | Transmitter Output Pulse Position for Bit4                     |            | 27.2  | 28   | 28.5  | ns    |
| TPPos5 | Transmitter Output Pulse Position for Bit5                     |            | 34.5  | 35.2 | 35.6  | ns    |
| TPPos6 | Transmitter Output Pulse Position for Bit6                     |            | 42.2  | 42.6 | 42.9  | ns    |
| TPPos0 | Transmitter Output Pulse Position for Bit0 (Figure 16)         | f = 40 MHz | -100  | 100  | 300   | ps    |
| TPPos1 | Transmitter Output Pulse Position for Bit1                     |            | 2.9   | 3.3  | 3.9   | ns    |
| TPPos2 | Transmitter Output Pulse Position for Bit2                     |            | 6.1   | 6.6  | 7.1   | ns    |
| TPPos3 | Transmitter Output Pulse Position for Bit3                     |            | 9.7   | 10.2 | 10.7  | ns    |
| TPPos4 | Transmitter Output Pulse Position for Bit4                     |            | 13    | 13.5 | 14.1  | ns    |
| TPPos5 | Transmitter Output Pulse Position for Bit5                     |            | 17    | 17.4 | 17.8  | ns    |
| TPPos6 | Transmitter Output Pulse Position for Bit6                     |            | 20.3  | 20.8 | 21.4  | ns    |
| TCIP   | TxCLK IN Period (Figure 6)                                     |            | 25    | T    | 50    | ns    |
| TCIH   | TxCLK IN High Time (Figure 6)                                  |            | 0.35T | 0.5T | 0.65T | ns    |
| TCIL   | TxCLK IN Low Time (Figure 6)                                   |            | 0.35T | 0.5T | 0.65T | ns    |
| TSTC   | TxIN Setup to TxCLK IN (Figure 6)                              | f = 20 MHz | 14    |      |       | ns    |
|        |                                                                | f = 40 MHz | 8     |      |       | ns    |
| THTC   | TxIN Hold to TxCLK IN (Figure 6)                               |            | 2.5   | 2    |       | ns    |
| TCCD   | TxCLK IN to TxCLK OUT Delay @ 25°C, $V_{CC} = 5.0V$ (Figure 8) |            | 5     |      | 9.7   | ns    |
| TPLLS  | Transmitter Phase Lock Loop Set (Figure 10)                    |            |       |      | 10    | ms    |
| TPDD   | Transmitter Powerdown Delay (Figure 14)                        |            |       |      | 100   | ns    |

**Note 5:** This limit based on bench characterization.

## Receiver Switching Characteristics

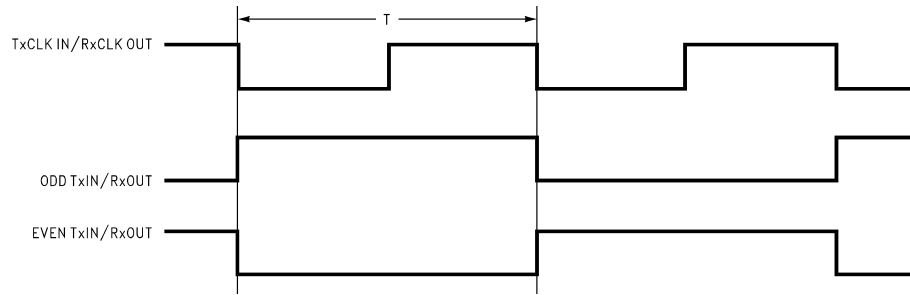
Over recommended operating supply and temperature ranges unless otherwise specified

| Symbol | Parameter                                                                       | Min                 | Typ  | Max  | Units   |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------|------|---------|
| CLHT   | CMOS/TTL Low-to-High Transition Time (Figure 3)                                 |                     | 3.5  | 6.5  | ns      |
| CHLT   | CMOS/TTL High-to-Low Transition Time (Figure 3)                                 |                     | 2.7  | 6.5  | ns      |
| RCOP   | RxCLK OUT Period (Figure 7)                                                     | 25                  | T    | 50   | ns      |
| RSKM   | Receiver Skew Margin (Note 6)<br>$V_{CC} = 5V$ , $T_A = 25^\circ C$ (Figure 17) | $f = 20\text{ MHz}$ | 1.1  |      | ns      |
|        |                                                                                 | $f = 40\text{ MHz}$ | 700  |      | ps      |
| RCOH   | RxCLK OUT High Time (Figure 7)                                                  | $f = 20\text{ MHz}$ | 19   |      | ns      |
|        |                                                                                 | $f = 40\text{ MHz}$ | 6    |      | ns      |
| RCOL   | RxCLK OUT Low Time (Figure 7)                                                   | $f = 20\text{ MHz}$ | 21.5 |      | ns      |
|        |                                                                                 | $f = 40\text{ MHz}$ | 10.5 |      | ns      |
| RSRC   | RxCLK Setup to RxCLK OUT (Figure 7)                                             | $f = 20\text{ MHz}$ | 14   |      | ns      |
|        |                                                                                 | $f = 40\text{ MHz}$ | 4.5  |      | ns      |
| RHRC   | RxCLK Hold to RxCLK OUT (Figure 7)                                              | $f = 20\text{ MHz}$ | 16   |      | ns      |
|        |                                                                                 | $f = 40\text{ MHz}$ | 6.5  |      | ns      |
| RCCD   | RxCLK IN to RxCLK OUT Delay @ $25^\circ C$ , $V_{CC} = 5.0V$ (Figure 9)         | 7.6                 |      | 11.9 | ns      |
| RPLLS  | Receiver Phase Lock Loop Set (Figure 11)                                        |                     |      | 10   | ms      |
| RPDD   | Receiver Powerdown Delay (Figure 15)                                            |                     |      | 1    | $\mu s$ |

**Note 6:** Receiver Skew Margin is defined as the valid data sampling region at the receiver inputs. This margin takes into account for transmitter output skew(TCCS) and the setup and hold time (internal data sampling window), allowing LVDS cable skew dependent on type/length and source clock(TxCLK IN) jitter.

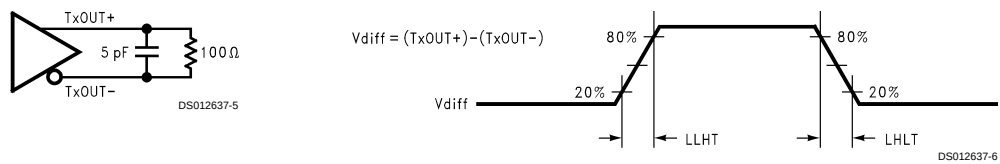
$RSKM \geq \text{cable skew (type, length)} + \text{source clock jitter (cycle to cycle)}$ .

## AC Timing Diagrams



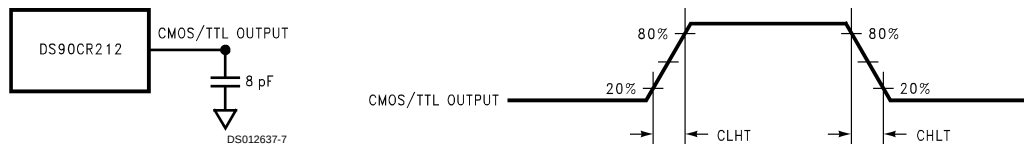
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FIGURE 1. "WORST CASE" Test Pattern



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FIGURE 2. DS90CR211 (Transmitter) LVDS Output Load and Transition Timing



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FIGURE 3. DS90CR212 (Receiver) CMOS/TTL Output Load and Transition Timing

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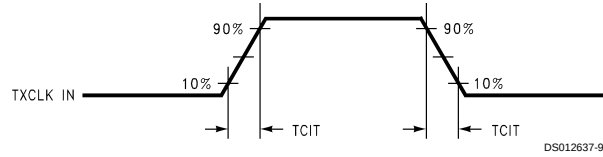
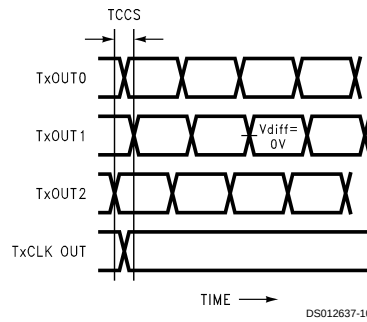


FIGURE 4. DS90CR211 (Transmitter) Input Clock Transition Time



Measurements at  $V_{diff} = 0V$

TCCS measured between earliest and latest initial LVDS edges.

TxCLK OUT Differential Low→High Edge

FIGURE 5. DS90CR211 (Transmitter) Channel-to-Channel Skew and Pulse Width

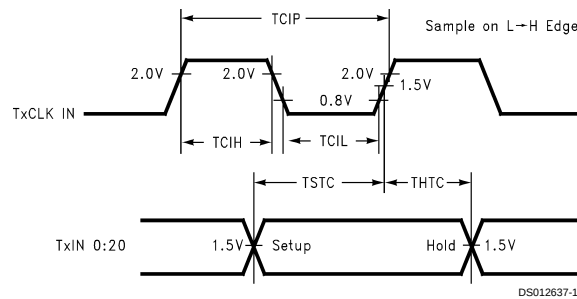


FIGURE 6. DS90CR211 Setup/Hold and High/Low Times

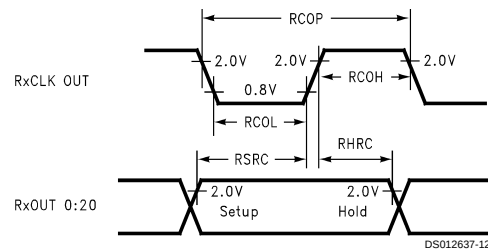


FIGURE 7. DS90CR212 Setup/Hold and High/Low Times

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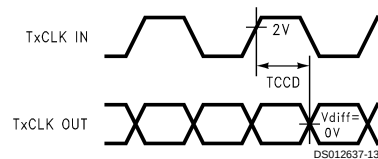


FIGURE 8. DS90CR211 (Transmitter) Clock In to Clock Out Delay

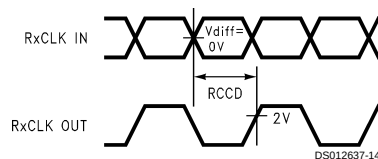


FIGURE 9. DS90CR212 (Receiver) Clock In to Clock Out Delay

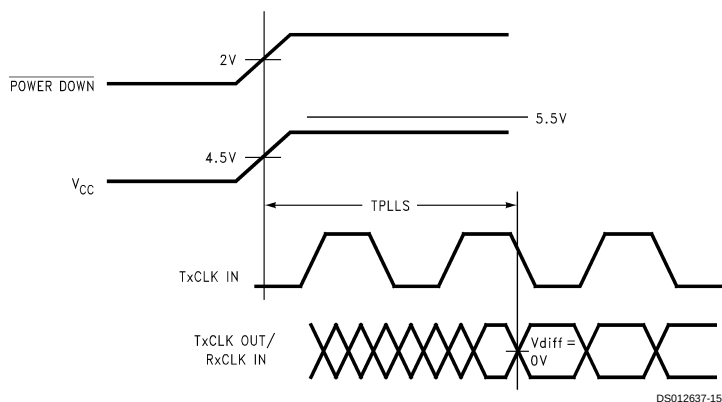


FIGURE 10. DS90CR211 (Transmitter) Phase Lock Loop Set Time

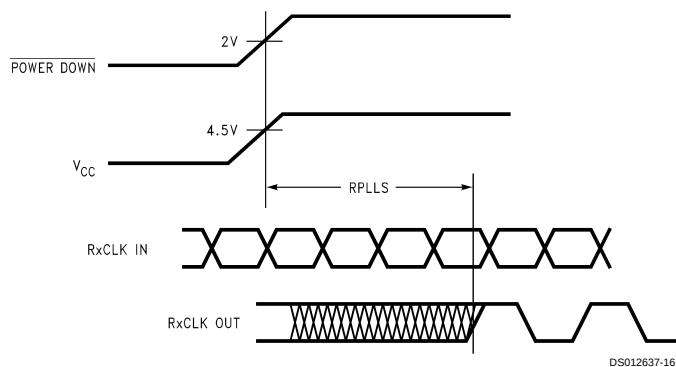
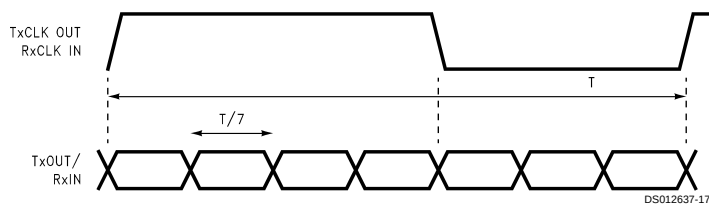
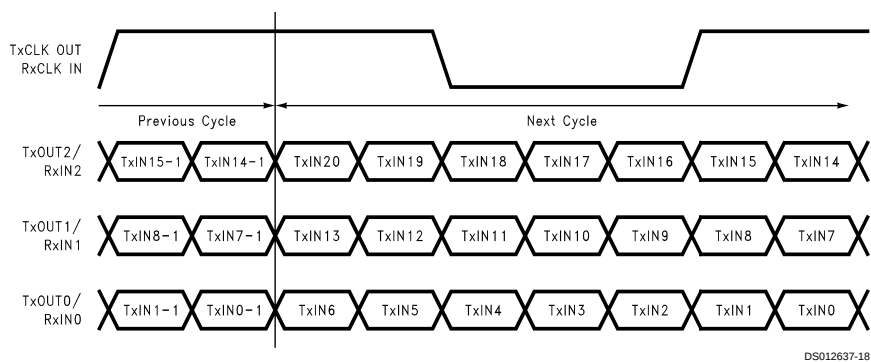


FIGURE 11. DS90CR212 (Receiver) Phase Lock Loop Set Time

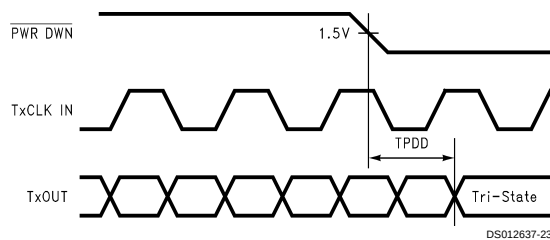
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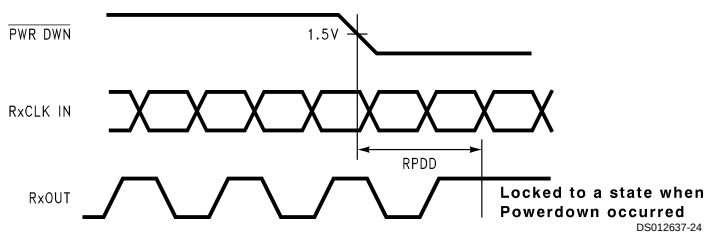
**FIGURE 12. Seven Bits of LVDS in One Clock Cycle**



**FIGURE 13. 21 Parallel TTL Data Inputs Mapped to LVDS Outputs (DS90CR211)**



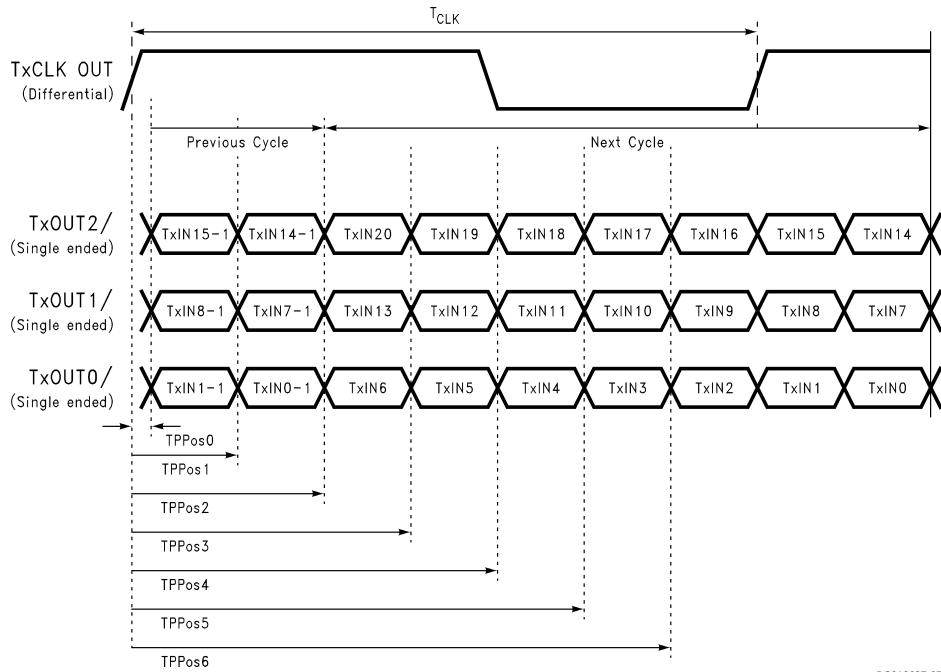
**FIGURE 14. Transmitter Powerdown Delay**



**FIGURE 15. Receiver Powerdown Delay**

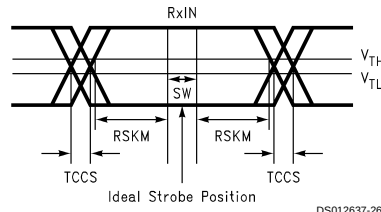


## AC Timing Diagrams (Continued)



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FIGURE 16. Transmitter LVDS Output Pulse Position Measurement



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SW — Setup and Hold Time (Internal data sampling window)  
TCCS — Transmitter Output Skew  
RSKM  $\geq$  Cable Skew (type, length) + Source Clock Jitter (cycle to cycle)  
Cable Skew — Typically 10 ps–40 ps per foot

FIGURE 17. Receiver LVDS Input Skew Margin

## DS90CR211 Pin Description — Channel Link Transmitter (Tx)

| Pin Name        | I/O | No. | Description                                                                                       |
|-----------------|-----|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TxIN            | I   | 21  | TTL Level inputs                                                                                  |
| TxOUT+          | O   | 3   | Positive LVDS differential data output                                                            |
| TxOUT–          | O   | 3   | Negative LVDS differential data output                                                            |
| TxCLK IN        | I   | 1   | TTL level clock input. The rising edge acts as data strobe                                        |
| TxCLK OUT+      | O   | 1   | Positive LVDS differential clock output                                                           |
| TxCLK OUT–      | O   | 1   | Negative LVDS differential clock output                                                           |
| PWR DOWN        | I   | 1   | TTL level input. Assertion (low input) TRI-STATES the outputs, ensuring low current at power down |
| V <sub>CC</sub> | I   | 4   | Power supply pins for TTL inputs                                                                  |
| GND             | I   | 5   | Ground pins for TTL inputs                                                                        |

## DS90CR211 Pin Description— Channel Link Transmitter (Tx) (Continued)

| Pin Name             | I/O | No. | Description                       |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------------------|
| PLL V <sub>CC</sub>  | I   | 1   | Power supply pin for PLL          |
| PLL GND              | I   | 2   | Ground pins for PLL               |
| LVDS V <sub>CC</sub> | I   | 1   | Power supply pin for LVDS outputs |
| LVDS GND             | I   | 3   | Ground pins for LVDS outputs      |

## DS90CR212 Pin Description— Channel Link Receiver (Rx)

| Pin Name             | I/O | No. | Description                                                                                 |
|----------------------|-----|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RxIN+                | I   | 3   | Positive LVDS differential data inputs                                                      |
| RxIN-                | I   | 3   | Negative LVDS differential data inputs                                                      |
| RxOUT                | O   | 21  | TTL level outputs                                                                           |
| RxCLK IN+            | I   | 1   | Positive LVDS differential clock input                                                      |
| RxCLK IN-            | I   | 1   | Negative LVDS differential clock input                                                      |
| RxCLK OUT            | O   | 1   | TTL level clock output. The rising edge acts as data strobe                                 |
| PWR DOWN             | I   | 1   | TTL level input. Assertion (low input) maintains the receiver outputs in the previous state |
| V <sub>CC</sub>      | I   | 4   | Power supply pins for TTL outputs                                                           |
| GND                  | I   | 5   | Ground pins for TTL outputs                                                                 |
| PLL V <sub>CC</sub>  | I   | 1   | Power supply for PLL                                                                        |
| PLL GND              | I   | 2   | Ground pin for PLL                                                                          |
| LVDS V <sub>CC</sub> | I   | 1   | Power supply pin for LVDS inputs                                                            |
| LVDS GND             | I   | 3   | Ground pins for LVDS inputs                                                                 |

## Applications Information

The Channel Link devices are intended to be used in a wide variety of data transmission applications. Depending upon the application the interconnecting media may vary. For example, for lower data rate (clock rate) and shorter cable lengths (< 2m), the media electrical performance is less critical. For higher speed/long distance applications the media's performance becomes more critical. Certain cable constructions provide tighter skew (matched electrical length between the conductors and pairs). Twin-coax for example, has been demonstrated at distances as great as 10 meters and with the maximum data transfer of 1.12 Gbit/s. Additional applications information can be found in the following National Interface Application Notes:

| AN = ##### | Topic                                                     |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| AN-1035    | PCB Design Guidelines for LVDS and Link Devices           |
| AN-806     | Transmission Line Theory                                  |
| AN-905     | Transmission Line Calculations and Differential Impedance |
| AN-916     | Cable Information                                         |

**CABLES:** A cable interface between the transmitter and receiver needs to support the differential LVDS pairs. The 21-bit CHANNEL LINK chipset (DS90CR211/212) requires four pairs of signal wires and the 28-bit CHANNEL LINK chipset (DS90CR281/282) requires five pairs of signal wires. The ideal cable/connector interface would have a constant 100Ω differential impedance throughout the path. It is also recommended that cable skew remain below 350 ps (@ 40 MHz clock rate) to maintain a sufficient data sampling window at the receiver.

In addition to the four or five cable pairs that carry data and clock, it is recommended to provide at least one additional conductor (or pair) which connects ground between the transmitter and receiver. This low impedance ground provides a common mode return path for the two devices. Some of the more commonly used cable types for point-to-point applications include flat ribbon, flex, twisted pair and Twin-Coax. All are available in a variety of configurations and options. Flat ribbon cable, flex and twisted pair generally perform well in short point-to-point applications while Twin-Coax is good for short and long applications. When using ribbon cable, it is recommended to place a ground line between each differential pair to act as a barrier to noise coupling between adjacent pairs. For Twin-Coax cable applications, it is recommended to utilize a shield on each cable pair. All extended point-to-point applications should also employ an overall shield surrounding all cable pairs regardless of the cable type. This overall shield results in improved transmission parameters such as faster attainable speeds, longer distances between transmitter and receiver and reduced problems associated with EMS or EMI.

The high-speed transport of LVDS signals has been demonstrated on several types of cables with excellent results. However, the best overall performance has been seen when using Twin-Coax cable. Twin-Coax has very low cable skew and EMI due to its construction and double shielding. All of the design considerations discussed here and listed in the supplemental application notes provide the subsystem communications designer with many useful guidelines. It is recommended that the designer assess the tradeoffs of each application thoroughly to arrive at a reliable and economical cable solution.

**BOARD LAYOUT:** To obtain the maximum benefit from the noise and EMI reductions of LVDS, attention should be paid

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to the layout of differential lines. Lines of a differential pair should always be adjacent to eliminate noise interference from other signals and take full advantage of the noise canceling of the differential signals. The board designer should also try to maintain equal length on signal traces for a given differential pair. As with any high speed design, the impedance discontinuities should be limited (reduce the numbers of vias and no 90 degree angles on traces). Any discontinuities which do occur on one signal line should be mirrored in

the other line of the differential pair. Care should be taken to ensure that the differential trace impedance match the differential impedance of the selected physical media (this impedance should also match the value of the termination resistor that is connected across the differential pair at the receiver's input). Finally, the location of the CHANNEL LINK TxOUT/ RxIN pins should be as close as possible to the board edge so as to eliminate excessive pcb runs. All of these considerations will limit reflections and crosstalk which adversely effect high frequency performance and EMI.

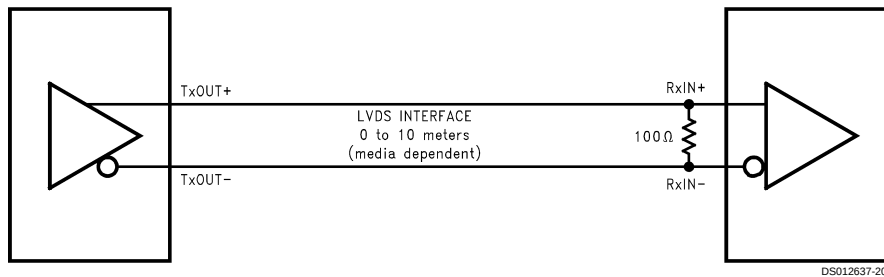


FIGURE 18. LVDS Serialized Link Termination

**UNUSED INPUTS:** All unused inputs at the TxW inputs of the transmitter must be tied to ground. All unused outputs at the RxOUT outputs of the receiver must then be left floating.

**TERMINATION:** Use of current mode drivers requires a terminating resistor across the receiver inputs. The CHANNEL LINK chipset will normally require a single 100Ω resistor between the true and complement lines on each differential pair of the receiver input. The actual value of the termination resistor should be selected to match the differential mode characteristic impedance (90Ω to 120Ω typical) of the cable. Figure 18 shows an example. No additional pull-up or pull-down resistors are necessary as with some other differential technologies such as PECL. Surface mount resistors are recommended to avoid the additional inductance that accompanies leaded resistors. These resistors should be placed as close as possible to the receiver input pins to reduce stubs and effectively terminate the differential lines.

**DECOUPLING CAPACITORS:** Bypassing capacitors are needed to reduce the impact of switching noise which could limit performance. For a conservative approach three parallel-connected decoupling capacitors (Multi-Layered Ceramic type in surface mount form factor) between each  $V_{CC}$  and the ground plane(s) are recommended. The three capacitor values are 0.1 μF, 0.01μF and 0.001 μF. An example is shown in Figure 19. The designer should employ wide traces for power and ground and ensure each capacitor has its own via to the ground plane. If board space is limiting the number of bypass capacitors, the PLL  $V_{CC}$  should receive the most filtering/bypassing. Next would be the LVDS  $V_{CC}$  pins and finally the logic  $V_{CC}$  pins.

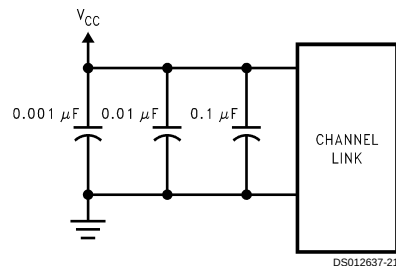


FIGURE 19. CHANNEL LINK Decoupling Configuration

**CLOCK JITTER:** The CHANNEL LINK devices employ a PLL to generate and recover the clock transmitted across the LVDS interface. The width of each bit in the serialized LVDS data stream is one-seventh the clock period. For example, a 40 MHz clock has a period of 25 ns which results in a data bit width of 3.57 ns. Differential skew ( $\Delta t$  within one differential pair), interconnect skew ( $\Delta t$  of one differential pair to another) and clock jitter will all reduce the available window for sampling the LVDS serial data streams. Care must be taken to ensure that the clock input to the transmitter be a clean low noise signal. Individual bypassing of each  $V_{CC}$  to ground will minimize the noise passed on to the PLL, thus creating a low jitter LVDS clock. These measures provide more margin for channel-to-channel skew and interconnect skew as a part of the overall jitter/skew budget.

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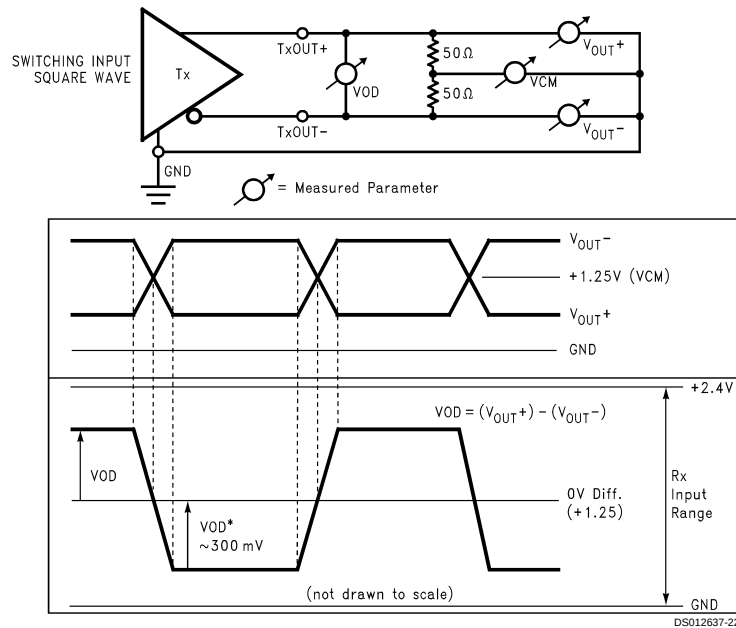
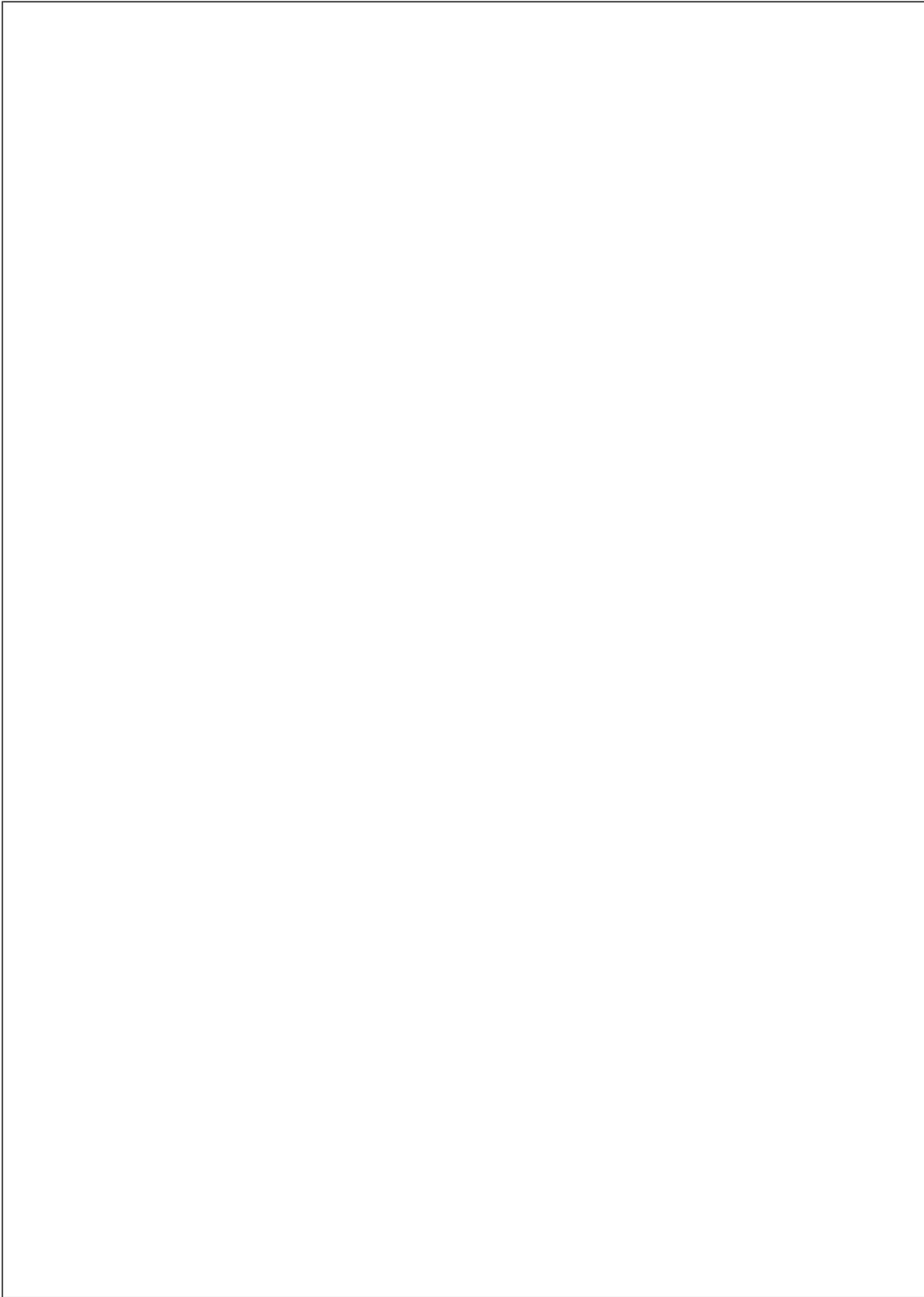


FIGURE 20. Single-Ended and Differential Waveforms

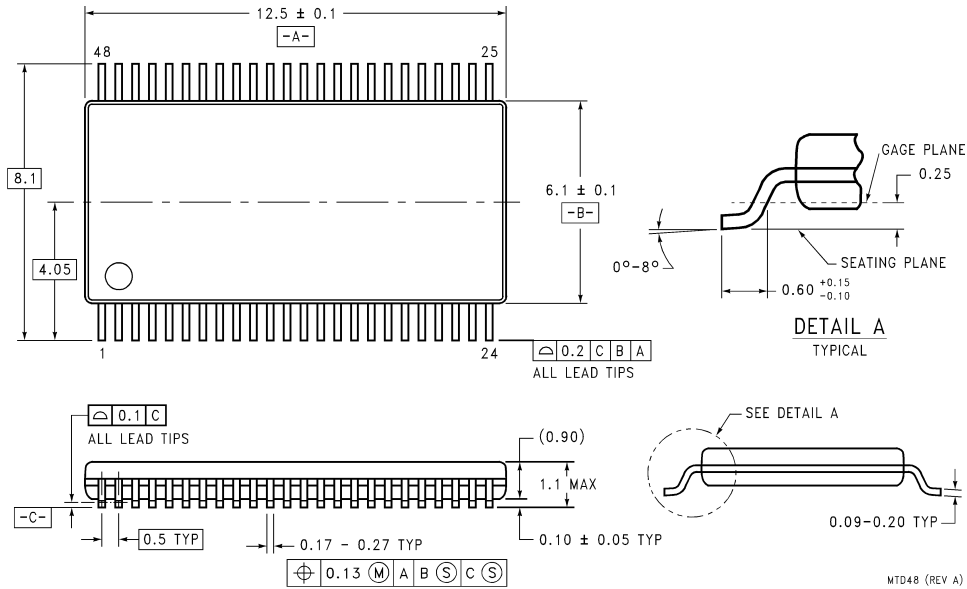
**COMMON MODE vs. DIFFERENTIAL MODE NOISE MARGIN:** The typical signal swing for LVDS is 300 mV centered at +1.2V. The CHANNEL LINK receiver supports a 100 mV threshold therefore providing approximately 200 mV of differential noise margin. Common mode protection is of more importance to the system's operation due to the differential data transmission. LVDS supports an input voltage range of Ground to +2.4V. This allows for a  $\pm 1.0V$  shifting of the center point due to ground potential differences and common mode noise.

**POWER SEQUENCING AND POWERDOWN MODE:** Outputs of the CHANNEL LINK transmitter remain in TRI-STATE® until the power supply reaches 3V. Clock and data outputs will begin to toggle 10 ms after  $V_{CC}$  has reached 4.5V and the Powerdown pin is above 2V. Either device may be placed into a powerdown mode at any time by asserting the Powerdown pin (active low). Total power dissipation for each device will decrease to 5  $\mu W$  (typical).

The CHANNEL LINK chipset is designed to protect itself from accidental loss of power to either the transmitter or receiver. If power to the transmit board is lost, the receiver clocks (input and output) stop. The data outputs (RxOUT) retain the states they were in when the clocks stopped. When the receiver board loses power, the receiver inputs are shorted to  $V_{CC}$  through an internal diode. Current is limited (5 mA per input) by the fixed current mode drivers, thus avoiding the potential for latchup when powering the device.



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