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# Differential PECL/ECL/LVPECL/LVECL Receiver/Driver

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## General Description

The MAX9321B low-skew differential receiver/driver is designed for clock and data distribution. The differential input can be adapted to accept a single-ended input by connecting the on-chip  $V_{BB}$  supply to an input as a reference voltage.

The MAX9321B features ultra-low propagation delay (172ps) and part-to-part skew (20ps) with 24mA maximum supply current, making this device ideal for clock buffering or repeating. For interfacing to differential PECL and LVPECL signals, these devices operate over a +3.0V to +5.5V supply range, allowing high-performance clock and data distribution in systems with a nominal 3.3V or 5.0V supply. For differential ECL and LVECL operation, this device operates from a -3.0V to -5.5V supply.

The MAX9321B is offered in industry-standard 8-pin SO and TSSOP packages.

## Features

- ◆ Improved Second Source of the MC10EP16D
- ◆ +3.0V to +5.5V Differential PECL/LVPECL Operation
- ◆ -3.0V to -5.5V Differential ECL/LVECL Operation
- ◆ Low 17mA Supply Current
- ◆ 20ps Part-to-Part Skew
- ◆ 172ps Propagation Delay
- ◆ Minimum 300mV Output at 3GHz
- ◆ Output Low for Open Input
- ◆ ESD Protection >2kV (Human Body Model)
- ◆ On-Chip Reference for Single-Ended Input

## Applications

- Precision Clock Buffer
- Low-Jitter Data Repeater

## Ordering Information

| PART         | TEMP RANGE     | PIN-PACKAGE |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| MAX9321BESA  | -40°C to +85°C | 8 SO        |
| MAX9321BEUA* | -40°C to +85°C | 8 TSSOP     |

\*Future product—contact factory for availability.

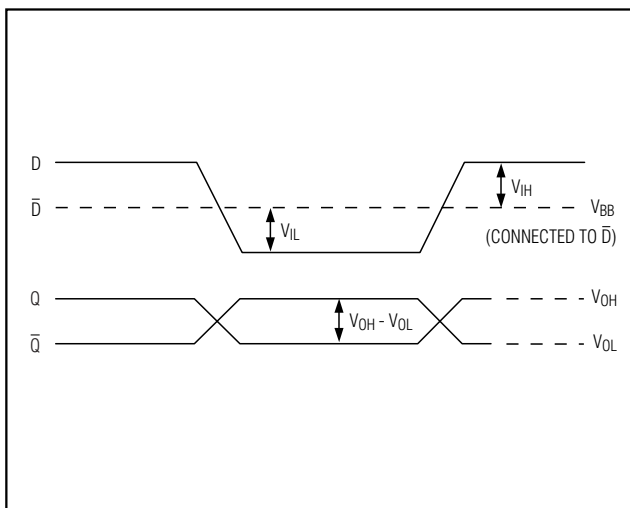
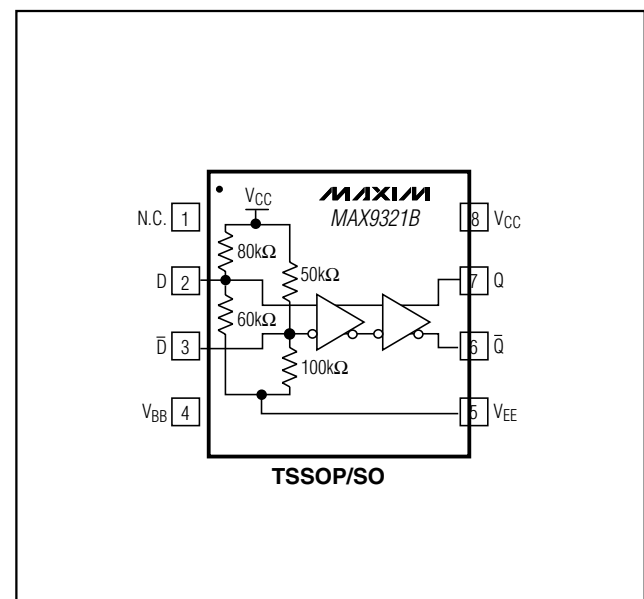


Figure 1. Switching with Single-Ended Inputs

## Pin Configuration



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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

|   |  |  |                 |
|---|--|--|-----------------|
| V <sub>CC</sub> to V <sub>EE</sub> .....            | 6.0V   | Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance with<br>500 LFPM Airflow                  |                 |
| D or $\bar{D}$ .....                                | V <sub>EE</sub> - 0.3V to V <sub>CC</sub> + 0.3V | 8-Pin TSSOP .....  | +155°C/W        |
| D or $\bar{D}$ with the Other Input Floating .....  | V <sub>CC</sub> - 5.0V to V <sub>CC</sub> + 0.3V | 8-Pin SO .....   | +99°C/W         |
| D to $\bar{D}$ .....                                | ±3.0V  | Junction-to-Case Thermal Resistance  |                 |
| Continuous Output Current .....                     | 50mA   | 8-Pin TSSOP .....  | +39°C/W         |
| Surge Output Current.....                           | 100mA  | 8-Pin SO .....   | +40°C/W         |
| V <sub>BB</sub> Sink/Source Current .....           | ±0.6mA   | Operating Temperature Range .....  | -40°C to +85°C  |
| Continuous Power Dissipation (T <sub>A</sub> +70°C) |  | Junction Temperature .....   | +150°C          |
| 8-Pin TSSOP (derate 4.5mW/°C above +70°C) .....     | 362mW  | Storage Temperature Range .....  | -65°C to +150°C |
| 8-Pin SO (derate 5.9mW/°C above +70°C).....         | 471mW  | ESD Protection   |                 |
| Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance in Still Air |  | Human Body Model (D, $\bar{D}$ , Q <sub>-</sub> , $\bar{Q}$ <sub>-</sub> ) ..... | >2kV            |
| 8-Pin TSSOP .....                                   | +221°C/W   | Soldering Temperature (10s).....   | +300°C          |
| 8-Pin SO .....                                      | +170°C/W   |  |                 |

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

## DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(V<sub>CC</sub> - V<sub>EE</sub> = 3.0V to 5.5V, outputs loaded with 50Ω ±1% to V<sub>CC</sub> - 2.0V. Typical values are at V<sub>CC</sub> - V<sub>EE</sub> = 5.0V, V<sub>IHD</sub> = V<sub>CC</sub> - 1V, V<sub>ILD</sub> = V<sub>CC</sub> - 1.5V, unless otherwise noted.) (Notes 1, 2, 3)

| PARAMETER   | SYMBOL                              | CONDITIONS   | -40°C                  |     |                        | +25°C                   |     |                         | +85°C                   |     |                         | UNITS |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------|
|   |                                     |  | MIN                    | TYP | MAX                    | MIN                     | TYP | MAX                     | MIN                     | TYP | MAX                     |       |
| <b>DIFFERENTIAL INPUT (D, <math>\bar{D}</math>)</b> |                                     |  |                        |     |                        |                         |     |                         |                         |     |                         |       |
| Single-Ended Input High Voltage                     | V <sub>IH</sub>                     | V <sub>BB</sub> connected to $\bar{D}$ (V <sub>IL</sub> for V <sub>BB</sub> connected to D), Figure 1          | V <sub>CC</sub> - 1.21 |     | V <sub>CC</sub>        | V <sub>CC</sub> - 1.145 |     | V <sub>CC</sub>         | V <sub>CC</sub> - 1.085 |     | V <sub>CC</sub>         | V     |
| Single-Ended Input Low Voltage                      | V <sub>IL</sub>                     | V <sub>BB</sub> connected to $\bar{D}$ (V <sub>IH</sub> for V <sub>BB</sub> connected to D), Figure 1 (Note 4) | V <sub>EE</sub>        |     | V <sub>CC</sub> - 1.61 | V <sub>EE</sub>         |     | V <sub>CC</sub> - 1.545 | V <sub>EE</sub>         |     | V <sub>CC</sub> - 1.485 | V     |
| High Voltage of Differential Input                  | V <sub>IHD</sub>                    |  | V <sub>EE</sub> + 1.2  |     | V <sub>CC</sub>        | V <sub>EE</sub> + 1.2   |     | V <sub>CC</sub>         | V <sub>EE</sub> + 1.2   |     | V <sub>CC</sub>         | V     |
| Low Voltage of Differential Input                   | V <sub>ILD</sub>                    |  | V <sub>EE</sub>        |     | V <sub>CC</sub> - 0.1  | V <sub>EE</sub>         |     | V <sub>CC</sub> - 0.1   | V <sub>EE</sub>         |     | V <sub>CC</sub> - 0.1   | V     |
| Differential Input Voltage                          | V <sub>IHD</sub> - V <sub>ILD</sub> |  | 0.1                    |     | 3.0                    | 0.1                     |     | 3.0                     | 0.1                     |     | 3.0                     | V     |
| Input High Current                                  | I <sub>IH</sub>                     |  |                        |     | 150                    |                         |     | 150                     |                         |     | 150                     | μA    |
| D Input Low Current                                 | I <sub>ILD</sub>                    | V <sub>CC</sub> - V <sub>EE</sub> ≤ 3.8V   | -100                   |     | +100                   | -100                    |     | +100                    | -100                    |     | +100                    | μA    |
|   |                                     | V <sub>CC</sub> - V <sub>EE</sub> ≥ 3.8V   | -140                   |     | +140                   | -140                    |     | +140                    | -140                    |     | +140                    |       |
| $\bar{D}$ Input Low Current                         | I <sub><math>\bar{I}</math>LD</sub> | V <sub>CC</sub> - V <sub>EE</sub> ≤ 3.8V   | -150                   |     | +150                   | -150                    |     | +150                    | -150                    |     | +150                    | μA    |
|   |                                     | V <sub>CC</sub> - V <sub>EE</sub> ≥ 3.8V   | -175                   |     | +175                   | -175                    |     | +175                    | -175                    |     | +175                    |       |

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## DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

( $V_{CC} - V_{EE} = 3.0V$  to  $5.5V$ , outputs loaded with  $50\Omega \pm 1\%$  to  $V_{CC} - 2.0V$ . Typical values are at  $V_{CC} - V_{EE} = 5.0V$ ,  $V_{IHD} = V_{CC} - 1V$ ,  $V_{ILD} = V_{CC} - 1.5V$ , unless otherwise noted.) (Notes 1, 2, 3)

| PARAMETER                              | SYMBOL            | CONDITIONS                       | -40°C            |                  |     | +25°C            |                  |     | +85°C            |                  |     | UNITS |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----|------------------|------------------|-----|------------------|------------------|-----|-------|
|  |                   |                                  | MIN              | TYP              | MAX | MIN              | TYP              | MAX | MIN              | TYP              | MAX |       |
| <b>DIFFERENTIAL OUTPUT (Q, Q̄)</b>     |                   |                                  |                  |                  |     |                  |                  |     |                  |                  |     |       |
| Single-Ended Output High Voltage       | $V_{OH}$          | Figure 1                         | $V_{CC} - 1.135$ | $V_{CC} - 0.885$ |     | $V_{CC} - 1.07$  | $V_{CC} - 0.82$  |     | $V_{CC} - 1.01$  | $V_{CC} - 0.76$  |     | V     |
| Single-Ended Output Low Voltage        | $V_{OL}$          | Figure 1                         | $V_{CC} - 1.935$ | $V_{CC} - 1.68$  |     | $V_{CC} - 1.87$  | $V_{CC} - 1.62$  |     | $V_{CC} - 1.81$  | $V_{CC} - 1.56$  |     | V     |
| Differential Output Voltage            | $V_{OH} - V_{OL}$ | Figure 1                         | 550              | 820              |     | 550              | 820              |     | 550              | 820              |     | mV    |
| <b>REFERENCE (<math>V_{BB}</math>)</b> |                   |                                  |                  |                  |     |                  |                  |     |                  |                  |     |       |
| Reference Voltage Output               | $V_{BB}$          | $I_{BB} = \pm 0.5mA$<br>(Note 5) | $V_{CC} - 1.51$  | $V_{CC} - 1.31$  |     | $V_{CC} - 1.445$ | $V_{CC} - 1.245$ |     | $V_{CC} - 1.385$ | $V_{CC} - 1.185$ |     | V     |
| <b>POWER SUPPLY</b>                    |                   |                                  |                  |                  |     |                  |                  |     |                  |                  |     |       |
| Supply Current                         | $I_{EE}$          | (Note 6)                         | 16               | 24               |     | 17               | 24               |     | 18               | 24               |     | mA    |

## AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

( $V_{CC} - V_{EE} = 3.0V$  to  $5.5V$ , outputs loaded with  $50\Omega \pm 1\%$  to  $V_{CC} - 2V$ , input frequency  $\leq 1.5GHz$ , input transition time = 125ps (20% to 80%),  $V_{IHD} = V_{EE} + 1.2V$  to  $V_{CC}$ ,  $V_{ILD} = V_{EE}$  to  $V_{CC} - 0.15V$ ,  $V_{IHD} - V_{ILD} = 0.15V$  to  $3.0V$ . Typical values are at  $V_{CC} - V_{EE} = 5V$ ,  $V_{IHD} = V_{CC} - 1V$ ,  $V_{ILD} = V_{CC} - 1.5V$ , unless otherwise noted.) (Notes 1, 7)

| PARAMETER                          | SYMBOL                     | CONDITIONS                                 | -40°C |     |     | +25°C |     |     | +85°C |     |     | UNITS    |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|----------|
|                                    |                            |  | MIN   | TYP | MAX | MIN   | TYP | MAX | MIN   | TYP | MAX |          |
| Differential Input-to-Output Delay | $t_{PLHD}$ ,<br>$t_{PHLD}$ | Figure 2                                   | 145   | 184 | 235 | 145   | 172 | 245 | 130   | 167 | 230 | ps       |
| Part-to-Part Skew                  | $t_{SKPP}$                 | (Note 8)                                   |       | 25  | 90  |       | 20  | 100 |       | 20  | 100 | ps       |
| Added Random Jitter                | $t_{RJ}$                   | $f_{IN} = 1.5GHz$ , clock pattern (Note 9) |       | 1.7 | 2.8 |       | 1.7 | 2.8 |       | 1.7 | 2.8 | ps (RMS) |
|                                    |                            | $f_{IN} = 3.0GHz$ , clock pattern (Note 9) |       | 0.6 | 1.5 |       | 0.6 | 1.5 |       | 0.6 | 1.5 |          |

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## AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

( $V_{CC} - V_{EE} = 3.0V$  to  $5.5V$ , outputs loaded with  $50\Omega \pm 1\%$  to  $V_{CC} - 2V$ , input frequency  $\leq 1.5GHz$ , input transition time =  $125ps$  (20% to 80%),  $V_{IHD} = V_{EE} + 1.2V$  to  $V_{CC}$ ,  $V_{ILD} = V_{EE}$  to  $V_{CC} - 0.15V$ ,  $V_{IHD} - V_{ILD} = 0.15V$  to  $3.0V$ . Typical values are at  $V_{CC} - V_{EE} = 5V$ ,  $V_{IHD} = V_{CC} - 1V$ ,  $V_{ILD} = V_{CC} - 1.5V$ , unless otherwise noted.) (Notes 1, 7)

| PARAMETER                                 | SYMBOL     | CONDITIONS   | -40°C |     |     | +25°C |     |     | +85°C |     |     | UNITS       |
|---|------------|--|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-------------|
|   |            |  | MIN   | TYP | MAX | MIN   | TYP | MAX | MIN   | TYP | MAX |             |
| Added Deterministic Jitter                | $t_{DJ}$   | 3.0Gpbs<br>2 <sup>23</sup> - 1 PRBS pattern<br>(Note 9)      |       | 57  | 80  |       | 57  | 80  |       | 57  | 80  | ps<br>(P-P) |
| Switching Frequency                       | $f_{MAX}$  | $V_{OH} - V_{OL} \geq 300mV$ ,<br>clock pattern,<br>Figure 2 | 3.0   |     |     | 3.0   |     |     | 3.0   |     |     | GHz         |
|   |            | $V_{OH} - V_{OL} \geq 550mV$ ,<br>clock pattern,<br>Figure 2 | 2.0   |     |     | 2.0   |     |     | 2.0   |     |     |             |
| Output Rise/<br>Fall Time<br>(20% to 80%) | $t_R, t_F$ | Figure 2   | 65    | 112 | 135 | 65    | 118 | 135 | 65    | 121 | 135 | ps          |

**Note 1:** Measurements are made with the device in thermal equilibrium.

**Note 2:** Current into a pin is defined as positive. Current out of a pin is defined as negative.

**Note 3:** DC parameters production tested at  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ . Guaranteed by design and characterization over the full operating temperature range.

**Note 4:** Maximum differential input voltage limit of  $\pm 3V$  also applies to single-ended use.

**Note 5:** Use  $V_{BB}$  as a reference for inputs on the same device only.

**Note 6:** All pins open except  $V_{CC}$  and  $V_{EE}$ .

**Note 7:** Guaranteed by design and characterization. Limits are set at  $\pm 6\sigma$ .

**Note 8:** Measured between outputs of different parts at the signal crossing points under identical conditions for a same-edge transition.

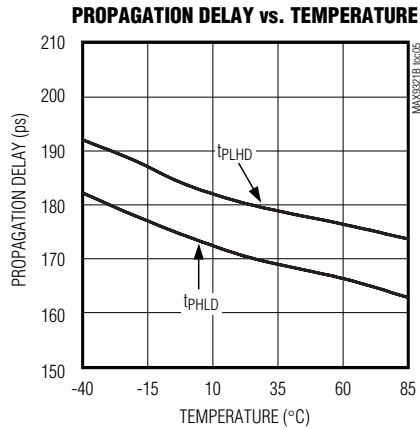
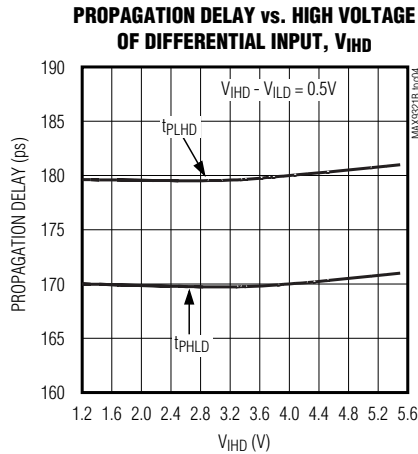
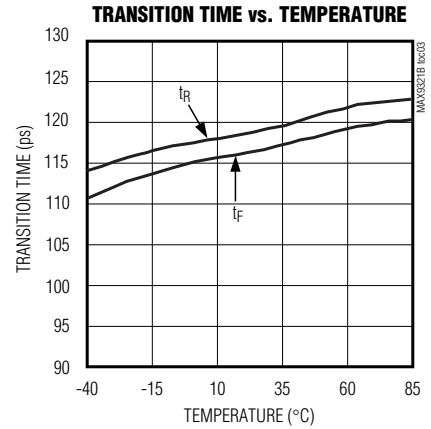
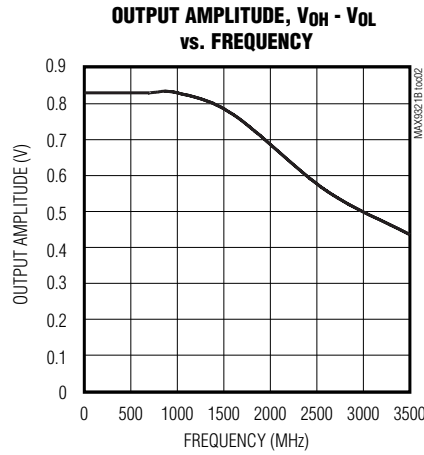
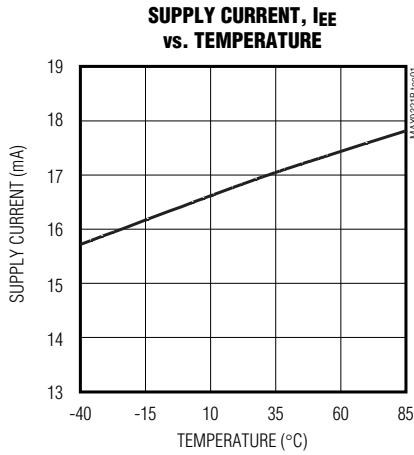
**Note 9:** Device jitter added to the input signal.

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## Typical Operating Characteristics

( $V_{CC} = 5V$ ,  $V_{EE} = 0V$ , input transition time = 125ps (20% to 80%),  $V_{IHD} = V_{CC} - 1V$ ,  $V_{ILD} = V_{CC} - 1.5V$ ,  $f_{IN} = 1.5GHz$ , outputs loaded with  $50\Omega$  to  $V_{CC} - 2V$ ,  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.)



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## Pin Description

| PIN | NAME            | FUNCTION  |
|-----|-----------------|---|
| 1   | N.C.            | No Connection   |
| 2   | D               | Noninverting Differential Input. 80k $\Omega$ pullup to V <sub>CC</sub> , 60k $\Omega$ pulldown to V <sub>EE</sub> .  |
| 3   | $\bar{D}$       | Inverting Differential Input. 50k $\Omega$ pullup to V <sub>CC</sub> and 100k $\Omega$ pulldown to V <sub>EE</sub> .  |
| 4   | V <sub>BB</sub> | Reference Output Voltage. Connect to the inverting or noninverting input to provide a reference for single-ended operation. When used, bypass with a 0.01 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor to V <sub>CC</sub> ; otherwise leave open.                |
| 5   | V <sub>EE</sub> | Negative Supply Voltage   |
| 6   | $\bar{Q}$       | Inverting Output. Typically terminate with 50 $\Omega$ resistor to V <sub>CC</sub> - 2V.  |
| 7   | Q               | Noninverting Output. Typically terminate with 50 $\Omega$ resistor to V <sub>CC</sub> - 2V.   |
| 8   | V <sub>CC</sub> | Positive Supply Voltage. Bypass from V <sub>CC</sub> to V <sub>EE</sub> with 0.1 $\mu$ F and 0.01 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitors. Place the capacitors as close to the device as possible with the smaller value capacitor closest to the device. |

### Detailed Description

The MAX9321B low-skew differential receiver/driver is designed for clock and data distribution. For interfacing to differential PECL/LVPECL signals, this device operates over a +3.0V to +5.5V supply range, allowing high-performance clock and data distribution in systems with a nominal 3.3V or 5V supply. For differential ECL/LVECL operation, this device operates from a -3.0V to -5.5V supply.

### Inputs

The differential input can be configured to accept a single-ended input. This is accomplished by connecting the on-chip reference voltage, V<sub>BB</sub>, to an input as a reference. For example, the differential input is converted to a noninverting, single-ended input by connecting V<sub>BB</sub> to  $\bar{D}$  and connecting the single-ended input to D. An inverting input is obtained by connecting V<sub>BB</sub> to D and connecting the single-ended input to  $\bar{D}$ .

When using the V<sub>BB</sub> reference output, bypass it with a 0.01 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor to V<sub>CC</sub>. If the V<sub>BB</sub> reference is not used, it can be left open. The V<sub>BB</sub> reference can source or sink 0.5mA. Use V<sub>BB</sub> only for an input on the same device as the V<sub>BB</sub> reference.

The maximum magnitude of the differential input from D to  $\bar{D}$  is 3.0V. This limit also applies to the difference between any reference voltage input and a single-ended input.

The differential input has bias resistors that drive the output to a differential low when the inputs are open. The inverting input is biased with a 50k $\Omega$  pullup to V<sub>CC</sub> and a 100k $\Omega$  pulldown to V<sub>EE</sub>. The noninverting input is biased with an 80k $\Omega$  pullup to V<sub>CC</sub> and a 60k $\Omega$  pulldown to V<sub>EE</sub>.

Specifications for the high and low voltage of the differential input (V<sub>IHD</sub> and V<sub>ILD</sub>) and the differential input voltage (V<sub>IHD</sub> - V<sub>ILD</sub>) apply simultaneously (V<sub>ILD</sub> cannot be higher than V<sub>IHD</sub>).

### Outputs

Output levels are referenced to V<sub>CC</sub> and are considered PECL/LVPECL or ECL/LVECL, depending on the level of the V<sub>CC</sub> supply. With V<sub>CC</sub> connected to a positive supply and V<sub>EE</sub> connected to GND, the output is PECL/LVPECL. The output is ECL/LVECL when V<sub>CC</sub> is connected to GND and V<sub>EE</sub> is connected to a negative supply.

A single-ended input of at least V<sub>BB</sub>  $\pm$ 100mV or a differential input of at least  $\pm$ 100mV switches the outputs to the V<sub>OH</sub> and V<sub>OL</sub> levels specified in the *DC Electrical Characteristics* table.

### Applications Information

#### Supply Bypassing

Bypass V<sub>CC</sub> to V<sub>EE</sub> with high-frequency surface-mount ceramic 0.1 $\mu$ F and 0.01 $\mu$ F capacitors in parallel as close to the device as possible, with the 0.01 $\mu$ F value capacitor closest to the device. Use multiple parallel ground vias for low inductance. When using the V<sub>BB</sub> reference output, bypass it with a 0.01 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor to V<sub>CC</sub> (if the V<sub>BB</sub> reference is not used, it can be left open).

#### Traces

Input and output trace characteristics affect the performance of the MAX9321B. Connect each signal of a differential input or output to a 50 $\Omega$  characteristic impedance trace. Minimize the number of vias to prevent impedance discontinuities. Reduce reflections by maintaining the 50 $\Omega$  characteristic impedance through connectors and

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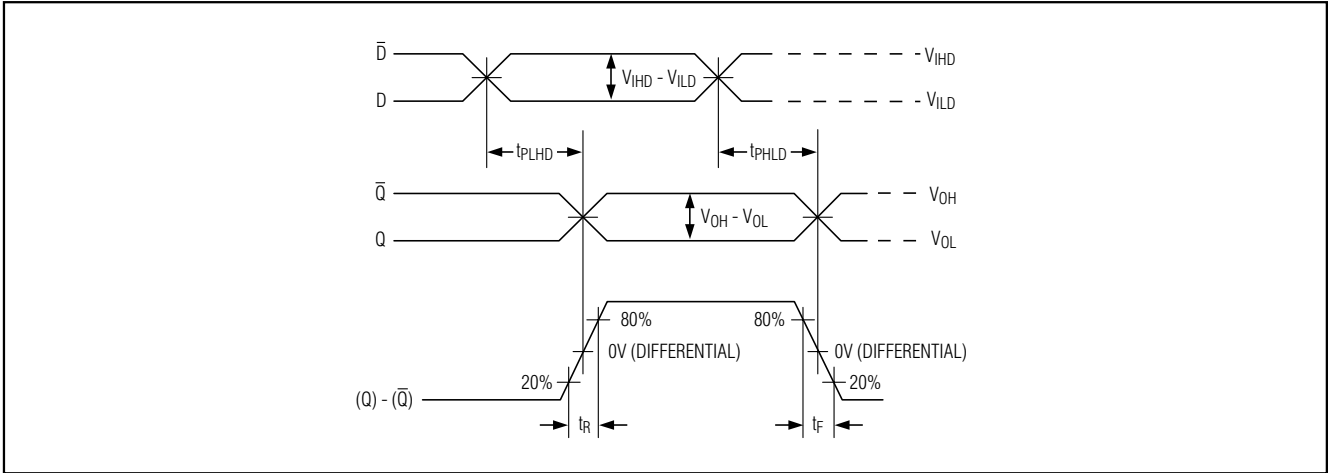


Figure 2. Differential Transition Time and Propagation Delay Timing Diagram

across cables. Reduce skew within a differential pair by matching the electrical length of the traces.

### Output Termination

Terminate outputs through  $50\Omega$  to  $V_{CC} - 2V$  or use an equivalent Thevenin termination. When a single-ended signal is taken from the differential output, terminate both outputs. For example, when Q is used as a single-ended output, terminate both Q and  $\bar{Q}$ .

### Chip Information

TRANSISTOR COUNT: 162

### Package Information

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