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SA676 Low-voltage mixer FM IF system Rev. 3 – 19 July 2012

**Product data sheet** 

## 1. General description

The SA676 is a low-voltage monolithic FM IF system incorporating a mixer/oscillator, two limiting intermediate frequency amplifiers, quadrature detector, logarithmic Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI), voltage regulator and audio and RSSI op amps. The SA676 is available in a 20-pin SSOP (Shrink Small Outline Package).

The SA676 was designed for cordless telephone applications in which efficient and economic integrated solutions are required and yet high performance is desirable. Although the product is not targeted to meet the stringent specifications of high performance cellular equipment, it will exceed the needs for analog cordless phones. The minimal amount of external components and absence of any external adjustments makes for a very economical solution.

## 2. Features and benefits

- Low power consumption: 3.5 mA typical at 3 V
- Mixer input to > 100 MHz
- Mixer conversion power gain of 17 dB at 45 MHz
- XTAL oscillator effective to 100 MHz (LC oscillator or external oscillator can be used at higher frequencies)
- 102 dB of IF amplifier/limiter gain
- 2 MHz IF amp/limiter small signal bandwidth
- Temperature compensated logarithmic Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI) with a 70 dB dynamic range
- Low external component count; suitable for crystal/ceramic/LC filters
- Audio output internal op amp
- RSSI output internal op amp
- Internal op amps with rail-to-rail outputs
- ESD protection exceeds 2000 V HBM per JESD22-A114 and 1000 V CDM per JESD22-C101
- Latch-up testing is done to JEDEC Standard JESD78 Class II, Level B

## 3. Applications

Cordless telephones



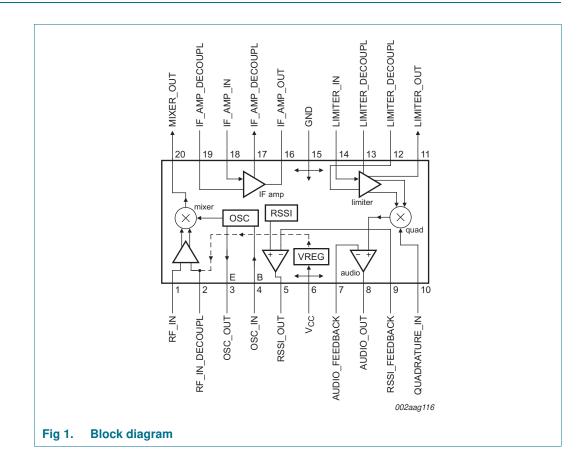
## 4. Ordering information

#### Table 1. Ordering information

 $T_{amb} = -40 \ ^{\circ}C \ to \ +85 \ ^{\circ}C$ 

| Type number | Topside | Package |  |          |
|-------------|---------|---------|--|----------|
|             | mark    | Name    | Description  | Version  |
| SA676DK/01  | SA676DK | SSOP20  | plastic shrink small outline package; 20 leads;<br>body width 4.4 mm | SOT266-1 |

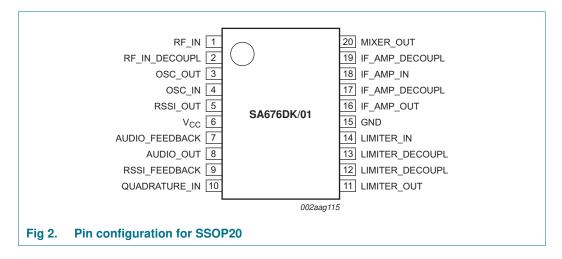
## 5. Block diagram



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## 6. Pinning information

#### 6.1 Pinning



## 6.2 Pin description

#### Table 2.Pin description

| ·               |     |  |
|-----------------|-----|--|
| Symbol          | Pin | Description                                |
| RF_IN           | 1   | RF input                                   |
| RF_IN_DECOUPL   | 2   | RF input decoupling pin                    |
| OSC_OUT         | 3   | oscillator output                          |
| OSC_IN          | 4   | oscillator input                           |
| RSSI_OUT        | 5   | RSSI output                                |
| V <sub>CC</sub> | 6   | positive supply voltage                    |
| AUDIO_FEEDBACK  | 7   | audio amplifier negative feedback terminal |
| AUDIO_OUT       | 8   | audio amplifier output                     |
| RSSI_FEEDBACK   | 9   | RSSI amplifier negative feedback terminal  |
| QUADRATURE_IN   | 10  | quadrature detector input terminal         |
| LIMITER_OUT     | 11  | limiter amplifier output                   |
| LIMITER_DECOUPL | 12  | limiter amplifier decoupling pin           |
| LIMITER_DECOUPL | 13  | limiter amplifier decoupling pin           |
| LIMITER_IN      | 14  | limiter amplifier input                    |
| GND             | 15  | ground; negative supply                    |
| IF_AMP_OUT      | 16  | IF amplifier output                        |
| IF_AMP_DECOUPL  | 17  | IF amplifier decoupling pin                |
| IF_AMP_IN       | 18  | IF amplifier input                         |
| IF_AMP_DECOUPL  | 19  | IF amplifier decoupling pin                |
| MIXER_OUT       | 20  | mixer output                               |

## 7. Functional description

The SA676 is an IF signal processing system suitable for second IF systems with input frequency as high as 100 MHz. The bandwidth of the IF amplifier and limiter is at least 2 MHz with 90 dB of gain. The gain/bandwidth distribution is optimized for 455 kHz, 1.5 k $\Omega$  source applications. The overall system is well-suited to battery operation as well as high performance and high quality products of all types.

The input stage is a Gilbert cell mixer with oscillator. Typical mixer characteristics include a noise figure of 7.0 dB, conversion gain of 17 dB, and input third-order intercept of -10 dBm. The oscillator will operate in excess of 100 MHz in L/C tank configurations. Hartley or Colpitts circuits can be used up to 100 MHz for crystal configurations.

The output impedance of the mixer is a 1.5 k $\Omega$  resistor permitting direct connection to a 455 kHz ceramic filter. The input resistance of the limiting IF amplifiers is also 1.5 k $\Omega$ . With most 455 kHz ceramic filters and many crystal filters, no impedance matching network is necessary. The IF amplifier has 44 dB of gain and 5.5 MHz bandwidth. The IF limiter has 58 dB of gain and 4.5 MHz bandwidth.

To achieve optimum linearity of the log signal strength indicator, there must be a 12 dBV insertion loss between the first and second IF stages. If the IF filter or interstage network does not cause 12 dBV insertion loss, a fixed or variable resistor or an L pad for simultaneous loss and impedance matching can be added between the first IF output (IF\_AMP\_OUT) and the interstage network. The overall gain will then be 90 dB with 2 MHz bandwidth.

The signal from the second limiting amplifier goes to a Gilbert cell quadrature detector. One port of the Gilbert cell is internally driven by the IF. The other output of the IF is AC-coupled to a tuned quadrature network. This signal, which now has a 90° phase relationship to the internal signal, drives the other port of the multiplier cell.

The demodulated output of the quadrature drives an internal op amp. This op amp can be configured as a unity gain buffer, or for simultaneous gain, filtering, and second-order temperature compensation if needed. It can drive an AC load as low as 10 k $\Omega$  with a rail-to-rail output.

A log signal strength indicator completes the circuitry. The output range is greater than 70 dB and is temperature compensated. This signal drives an internal op amp. The op amp is capable of rail-to-rail output. It can be used for gain, filtering, or second-order temperature compensation of the RSSI, if needed.

**Remark:** dBV =  $20\log V_O/V_I$ .

## 8. Limiting values

| Table 3.<br>In accorda | Limiting values<br>nce with the Absolute Maxir | num Rating System (IEC | 60134). |      |      |
|------------------------|--|------------------------|---------|------|------|
| Symbol                 | Parameter                                      | Conditions             | Min     | Max  | Unit |
| V <sub>CC</sub>        | supply voltage                                 |                        | -       | 7    | V    |
| T <sub>stg</sub>       | storage temperature                            |                        | -65     | +150 | °C   |
| T <sub>amb</sub>       | ambient temperature                            | operating              | -40     | +85  | °C   |

## 9. Thermal characteristics

| Table 4.             | Thermal characteristics                              |                     |     |      |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|-----|------|
| Symbol               | Parameter  | Conditions          | Max | Unit |
| Z <sub>th(j-a)</sub> | transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient | SA676DK/01 (SSOP20) | 117 | K/W  |

## **10. Static characteristics**

#### Table 5.Static characteristics

V<sub>CC</sub> = 3 V; T<sub>amb</sub> = 25 °C; unless specified otherwise.

| Symbol          | Parameter      | Conditions | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| V <sub>CC</sub> | supply voltage |            | 2.7 | -   | 7.0 | V    |
| I <sub>CC</sub> | supply current |            | -   | 3.5 | 5.0 | mA   |

## **11. Dynamic characteristics**

#### Table 6. Dynamic characteristics

 $T_{amb} = 25 \, ^{\circ}C$ ;  $V_{CC} = 3 \, V$ ; unless specified otherwise. RF frequency = 45 MHz + 14.5 dBV RF input step-up. IF frequency = 455 kHz; R17 = 2.4 k $\Omega$  and R18 = 3.3 k $\Omega$ . RF level = -45 dBm; FM modulation = 1 kHz with  $\pm$ 5 kHz peak deviation. Audio output with de-emphasis filter and C-message weighted filter. Test circuit <u>Figure 9</u>. The parameters listed below are tested using automatic test equipment to assure consistent electrical characteristics. The limits do not represent the ultimate performance limits of the device. Use of an optimized RF layout will improve many of the listed parameters.

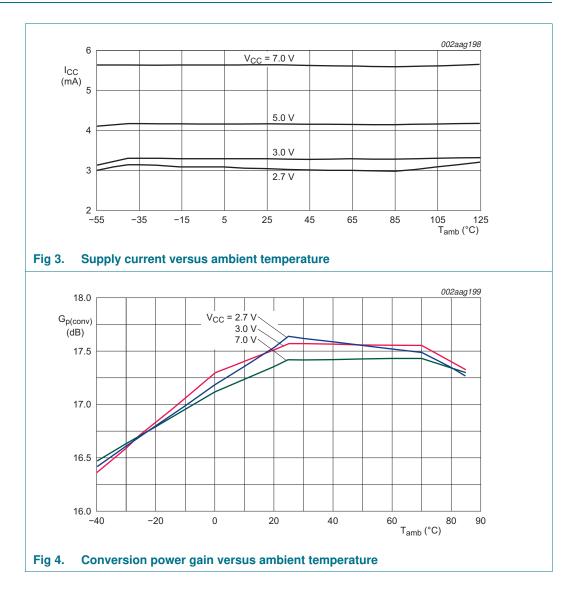
| Symbol                 | Parameter                            | Conditions   | Min  | Тур | Max | Unit |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------|-----|-----|------|
| Mixer/osci             | llator section (external LO = 220 m  | V RMS value)   |      |     |     |      |
| f <sub>i</sub>         | input frequency                      |  | -    | 100 | -   | MHz  |
| f <sub>osc</sub>       | oscillator frequency                 |  | -    | 100 | -   | MHz  |
| NF                     | noise figure                         | at 45 MHz  | -    | 7.0 | -   | dB   |
| IP3 <sub>I</sub>       | input third-order intercept point    | 50 Ω source;<br>f1 = 45.0 MHz; f2 = 45.06 MHz;<br>input RF level = $-52$ dBm | -    | -10 | -   | dBm  |
| G <sub>p(conv)</sub>   | conversion power gain                | matched 14.5 dBV step-up   | 10   | 17  | -   | dB   |
|                        |                                      | 50 $\Omega$ source   | -    | 2.5 | -   | dB   |
| R <sub>i(RF)</sub>     | RF input resistance                  | single-ended input   | -    | 8   | -   | kΩ   |
| C <sub>i(RF)</sub>     | RF input capacitance                 |  | -    | 3.0 | 4.0 | pF   |
| R <sub>o(mix)</sub>    | mixer output resistance              | MIXER_OUT pin  | 1.25 | 1.5 | -   | kΩ   |
| IF section             |                                      |  |      |     |     |      |
| G <sub>amp(IF)</sub>   | IF amplifier gain                    | 50 $\Omega$ source   | -    | 44  | -   | dB   |
| G <sub>lim</sub>       | limiter gain                         | 50 Ω source  | -    | 58  | -   | dB   |
| $\alpha_{AM}$          | AM rejection                         | 30 % AM 1 kHz  | -    | 50  | -   | dB   |
| V <sub>o(aud)</sub>    | audio output voltage                 | gain of two  | 60   | 120 | -   | mV   |
| SINAD                  | signal-to-noise-and-distortion ratio | IF level –110 dBm  | -    | 17  | -   | dB   |
| THD                    | total harmonic distortion            |  | -    | -55 | -   | dB   |
| S/N                    | signal-to-noise ratio                | no modulation for noise  | -    | 60  | -   | dB   |
| V <sub>o(RSSI)</sub>   | RSSI output voltage                  | IF; R9 = 2 kΩ  | [1]  |     |     |      |
|                        |                                      | IF level = -110 dBm  | -    | 0.5 | 0.9 | V    |
|                        |                                      | IF level = -50 dBm   | -    | 1.7 | 2.2 | V    |
| $\alpha_{RSSI(range)}$ | RSSI range                           |  | -    | 70  | -   | dB   |
| Z <sub>i(IF)</sub>     | IF input impedance                   | IF_AMP_IN pin  | 1.3  | 1.5 | -   | kΩ   |
| Z <sub>o(IF)</sub>     | IF output impedance                  | IF_AMP_OUT pin   | -    | 0.3 | -   | kΩ   |
| Z <sub>i(lim)</sub>    | limiter input impedance              | LIMITER_IN pin   | 1.3  | 1.5 | -   | kΩ   |
| Z <sub>o(lim)</sub>    | limiter output impedance             | LIMITER_OUT pin  | -    | 0.3 | -   | kΩ   |
| V <sub>o(RMS)</sub>    | RMS output voltage                   | LIMITER_OUT pin  | -    | 130 | -   | mV   |
| RF/IF secti            | ion (internal LO)                    |  |      |     |     |      |
| SINAD                  | signal-to-noise-and-distortion ratio | avatamı DE laval 114 dBm   | -    | 12  | _   | dB   |

[1] The generator source impedance is 50 Ω, but the SA676 input impedance at IF\_AMP\_IN (pin 18) is 1500 Ω. As a result, IF level refers to the actual signal that enters the SA676 input (IF\_AMP\_IN, pin 18), which is about 21 dB less than the 'available power' at the generator.

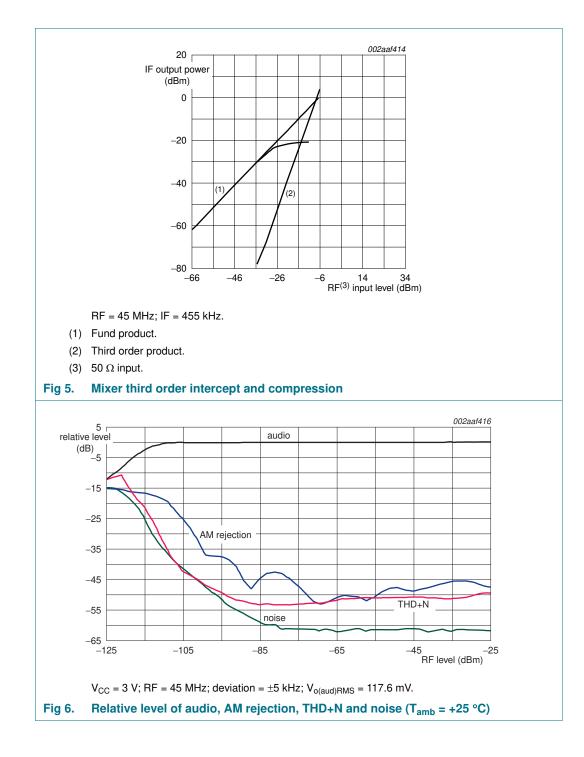
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## 12. Performance curves

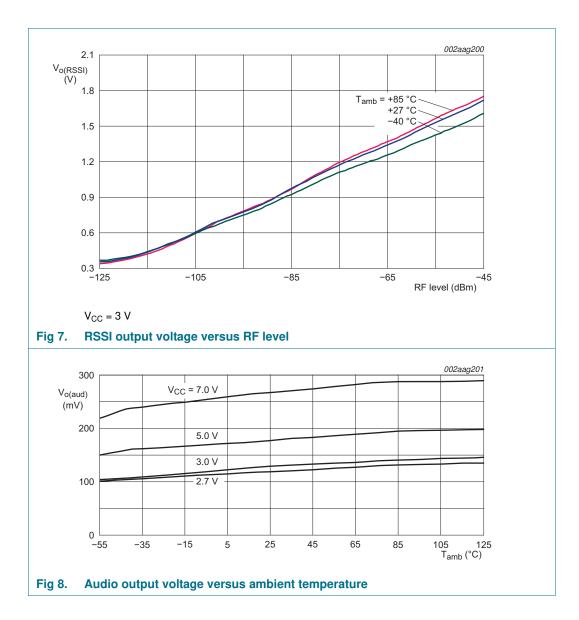


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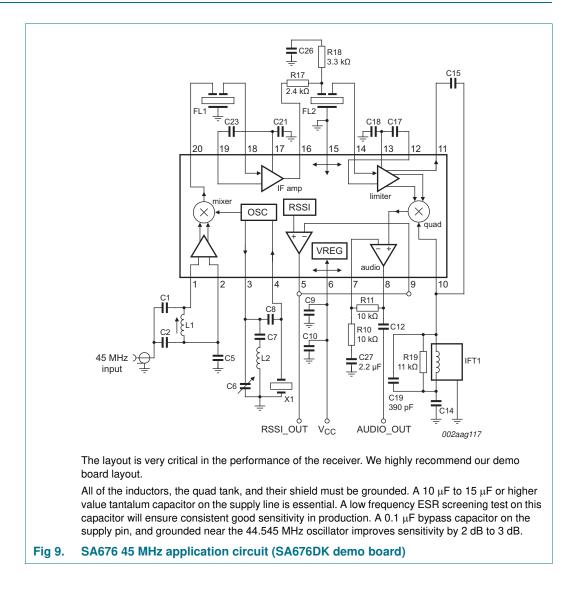


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## **13. Application information**



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| Component                               | Description  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| C1                                      | 51 pF NPO ceramic  |  |  |  |
| C2                                      | 220 pF NPO ceramic   |  |  |  |
| C5, C9, C14, C17,<br>C18, C21, C23, C26 | 100 nF $\pm$ 10 % monolithic ceramic                       |  |  |  |
| C6                                      | 5 pF to 30 pF trim cap                                     |  |  |  |
| C7                                      | 1 nF ceramic   |  |  |  |
| C8, C15                                 | 10.0 pF NPO ceramic  |  |  |  |
| C10                                     | 10 μF tantalum (minimum)[1]                                |  |  |  |
| C12                                     | 2.2 $\mu F \pm$ 10 % tantalum                              |  |  |  |
| C19                                     | 390 pF $\pm$ 10 % monolithic ceramic                       |  |  |  |
| C27                                     | 2.2 μF tantalum  |  |  |  |
| FL1, FL2 <sup>[2]</sup>                 | ceramic filter Murata CFUKF455KB4X-R0                      |  |  |  |
| IFT1                                    | 330 μH Toko 303LN-1130                                     |  |  |  |
| L1                                      | 30 nH Coilcraft UNI-10/14204J08S                           |  |  |  |
| L2                                      | ).8 μH nominal Toko 292CNS-T1038Z                          |  |  |  |
| X1                                      | 44.545 MHz crystal ICM4712701                              |  |  |  |
| R5 <sup>[3]</sup>                       | not used in application board                              |  |  |  |
| R10                                     | 8.2 k $\Omega\pm$ 5 % $^{1}\!\!/_{4}$ W carbon composition |  |  |  |
| R11                                     | 10 k $\Omega\pm5$ % $^{1}\!\!/_{4}$ W carbon composition   |  |  |  |
| R17                                     | 2.4 k $\Omega\pm$ 5 % $^{1}\!\!/_{4}$ W carbon composition |  |  |  |
| R18                                     | 3.3 k $\Omega\pm$ 5 % $^{1}\!\!/_{4}$ W carbon composition |  |  |  |
| R19                                     | 11 k $\Omega\pm5$ % $^{1}\!/_{4}$ W carbon composition     |  |  |  |

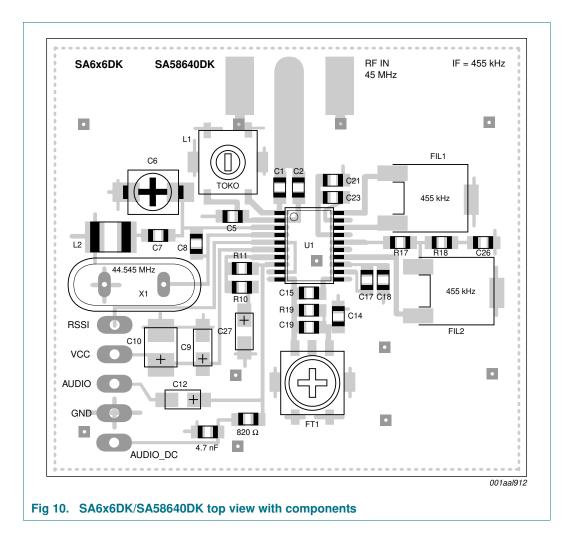
#### Table 7. SA676DK demo board component list

[1] This value can be reduced when a battery is the power source.

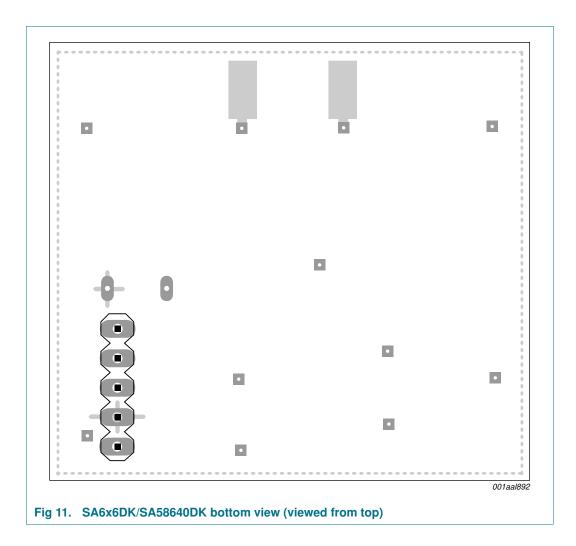
[2] This is a 30 kHz bandwidth 455 kHz ceramic filter. All the characterization and testing are done with this wideband filter. A more narrowband 15 kHz bandwidth 455 kHz ceramic filter that may be used as an alternative selection is Murata CFUKG455KE4A-R0.

[3] R5 can be used to bias the oscillator transistor at a higher current for operation above 45 MHz. Recommended value is 22 k $\Omega$ , but should not be below 10 k $\Omega$ .

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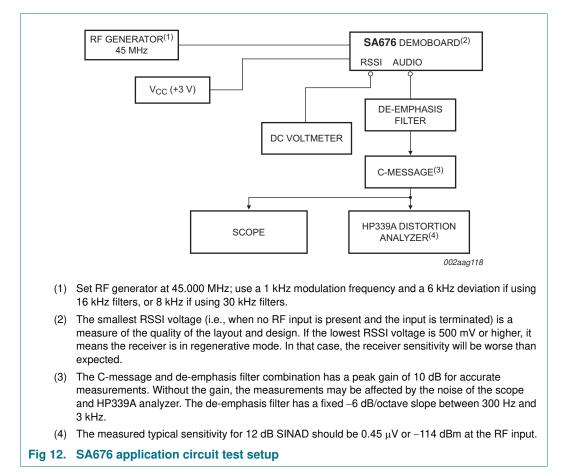


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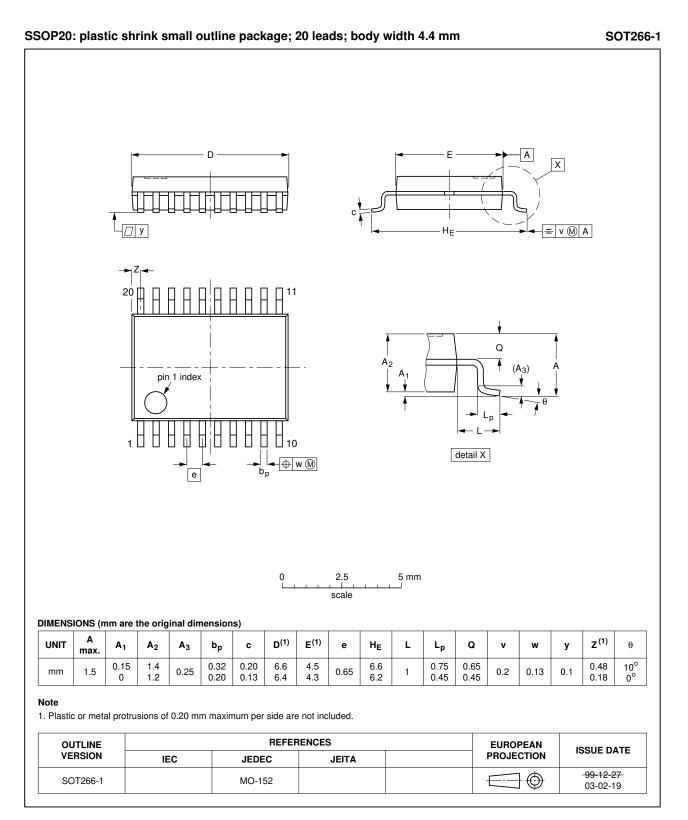
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## 14. Test information



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## 15. Package outline



#### Fig 13. Package outline SOT266-1 (SSOP20)

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## 16. Soldering of SMD packages

This text provides a very brief insight into a complex technology. A more in-depth account of soldering ICs can be found in Application Note *AN10365 "Surface mount reflow soldering description"*.

#### 16.1 Introduction to soldering

Soldering is one of the most common methods through which packages are attached to Printed Circuit Boards (PCBs), to form electrical circuits. The soldered joint provides both the mechanical and the electrical connection. There is no single soldering method that is ideal for all IC packages. Wave soldering is often preferred when through-hole and Surface Mount Devices (SMDs) are mixed on one printed wiring board; however, it is not suitable for fine pitch SMDs. Reflow soldering is ideal for the small pitches and high densities that come with increased miniaturization.

#### 16.2 Wave and reflow soldering

Wave soldering is a joining technology in which the joints are made by solder coming from a standing wave of liquid solder. The wave soldering process is suitable for the following:

- Through-hole components
- Leaded or leadless SMDs, which are glued to the surface of the printed circuit board

Not all SMDs can be wave soldered. Packages with solder balls, and some leadless packages which have solder lands underneath the body, cannot be wave soldered. Also, leaded SMDs with leads having a pitch smaller than ~0.6 mm cannot be wave soldered, due to an increased probability of bridging.

The reflow soldering process involves applying solder paste to a board, followed by component placement and exposure to a temperature profile. Leaded packages, packages with solder balls, and leadless packages are all reflow solderable.

Key characteristics in both wave and reflow soldering are:

- · Board specifications, including the board finish, solder masks and vias
- · Package footprints, including solder thieves and orientation
- · The moisture sensitivity level of the packages
- Package placement
- Inspection and repair
- Lead-free soldering versus SnPb soldering

#### 16.3 Wave soldering

Key characteristics in wave soldering are:

- Process issues, such as application of adhesive and flux, clinching of leads, board transport, the solder wave parameters, and the time during which components are exposed to the wave
- · Solder bath specifications, including temperature and impurities

#### 16.4 Reflow soldering

Key characteristics in reflow soldering are:

- Lead-free versus SnPb soldering; note that a lead-free reflow process usually leads to higher minimum peak temperatures (see <u>Figure 14</u>) than a SnPb process, thus reducing the process window
- Solder paste printing issues including smearing, release, and adjusting the process window for a mix of large and small components on one board
- Reflow temperature profile; this profile includes preheat, reflow (in which the board is heated to the peak temperature) and cooling down. It is imperative that the peak temperature is high enough for the solder to make reliable solder joints (a solder paste characteristic). In addition, the peak temperature must be low enough that the packages and/or boards are not damaged. The peak temperature of the package depends on package thickness and volume and is classified in accordance with Table 8 and 9

#### Table 8. SnPb eutectic process (from J-STD-020C)

| Package thickness (mm) | Package reflow temperature (°C) |       |  |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|--|
|                        | Volume (mm <sup>3</sup> )       |       |  |
|                        | < 350                           | ≥ 350 |  |
| < 2.5                  | 235                             | 220   |  |
| ≥ 2.5                  | 220                             | 220   |  |

#### Table 9. Lead-free process (from J-STD-020C)

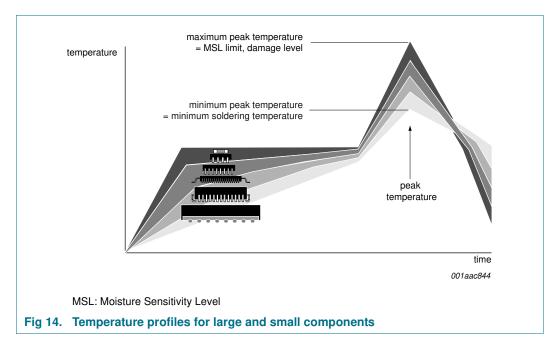
| Package thickness (mm) | Package reflow temperature (°C) |             |        |  |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------|--|
|                        | Volume (mm <sup>3</sup> )       |             |        |  |
|                        | < 350                           | 350 to 2000 | > 2000 |  |
| < 1.6                  | 260                             | 260         | 260    |  |
| 1.6 to 2.5             | 260                             | 250         | 245    |  |
| > 2.5                  | 250                             | 245         | 245    |  |

Moisture sensitivity precautions, as indicated on the packing, must be respected at all times.

Studies have shown that small packages reach higher temperatures during reflow soldering, see Figure 14.

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For further information on temperature profiles, refer to Application Note AN10365 "Surface mount reflow soldering description".

## **17. Abbreviations**

| Table 10. At | bbreviations                       |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Acronym      | Description                        |
| AM           | Amplitude Modulation               |
| CDM          | Charged-Device Model               |
| ESD          | ElectroStatic Discharge            |
| ESR          | Equivalent Series Resistance       |
| FM           | Frequency Modulation               |
| HBM          | Human Body Model                   |
| IF           | Intermediate Frequency             |
| LC           | inductor-capacitor filter          |
| LO           | Local Oscillator                   |
| RF           | Radio Frequency                    |
| RMS          | Root Mean Squared                  |
| RSSI         | Received Signal Strength Indicator |

## 18. Revision history

| Table 11. Revi | sion history |  |                       |            |
|----------------|--------------|--|-----------------------|------------|
| Document ID    | Release date | Data sheet status  | Change notice         | Supersedes |
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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
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