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TLE4998C3C

1 Overview

1.1 Features

- SPC (Short PWM Code) protocol with enhanced interface features based on SENT (Single Edge Nibble Transmission, defined by SAE J2716)
- 20-bit Digital Signal Processing (DSP)
- Digital temperature compensation
- 16-bit overall resolution
- · Operates within automotive temperature range
- Low drift of output signal over temperature and lifetime
- Programmable parameters stored in EEPROM with single-bit error correction:
 - SPC protocol modes: synchronous transmission, dynamic range selection, ID selection mode
 - SPC unit time
 - Magnetic range and sensitivity (gain), polarity of the output slope
 - Offset
 - Bandwidth
 - Clamping levels
 - Customer temperature compensation coefficients
 - Memory lock
- Re-programmable until memory lock
- Supply voltage 4.5 5.5 V (4.1 16 V extended range)
- Operation between -200 mT and +200 mT within three ranges
- · Reverse-polarity and overvoltage protection for all pins
- Output short-circuit protection
- On-board diagnostics (overvoltage, EEPROM error, start up)
- Output of internal magnetic field values and temperature
- · Programming and operation of multiple sensors with common power supply
- Two-point calibration of magnetic transfer function without iteration steps
- High immunity against mechanical stress, EMC, ESD
- Package with two capacitors: 47nF (VDD to GND) and 4.7nF (OUT to GND)

Туре	Marking	Ordering Code	Package
TLE4998C3C	98C3C	SP000481482	PG-SSO-3-92







Overview

1.2 Target Applications

- Robust replacement of potentiometers
 - No mechanical abrasion
 - Resistant to humidity, temperature, pollution and vibration
- Linear and angular position sensing in automotive applications such as pedal position, suspension control, throttle position, headlight levelling, and steering torque sensing
- Sensing of high current for battery management, motor control, and electronic fuses

1.3 Pin Configuration

Figure 1 shows the location of the Hall element in the chip and the distance between Hall probe and the surface of the package.



Figure 1 TLE4998x3C Pin Configuration and Hall Cell Location

Table 1	TLE4998C3C Pin	Definitions and	Functions

Pin No.	Symbol	Function			
1	VDD	Supply voltage / programming interface			
2	GND	Ground			
3	OUT	Output / programming interface			



General

2 General

2.1 Block Diagram

Figure 2 shows a simplified block diagram.



Figure 2 Block diagramm

2.2 Functional Description

The linear Hall IC TLE4998C3C has been designed specifically to meet the requirements of highly accurate angle and position detection as well as for current measurement applications. Two capacitors are integrated on the lead frame, making this sensor especially suitable for applications with demanding EMC requirements.

The sensor provides a digital SPC (Short PWM Code) signal, based on the standardized SENT (Single Edge Nibble Transmission, SAE J2716) protocol. The SPC protocol allows transmissions initiated by the ECU. Two further operation modes are available:

- "range selection" for dynamical switching of the measurement range during operation
- "ID selection" to build a bus system with up to 4 ICs on a single output line and a common supply, which can be individually accessed by the ECU.

Each transmission sequence contains an adjustable number of nibbles representing the magnetic field, the temperature value and a status information of the sensor. The



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interface is further described in **Chapter 12**. The output stage is an open-drain driver pulling the output pin to low only. Therefore, the high level needs to be obtained by an external pull-up resistor. This output type has the advantage that the receiver may use an even lower supply voltage (e.g. 3.3 V). In this case the pull-up resistor must be connected to the given receiver supply.

The IC is produced in BiCMOS technology with high voltage capability, and it also has reverse-polarity protection.

Digital signal processing using a 16-bit DSP architecture together with digital temperature compensation guarantee excellent long-time stability compared to analog compensation methods.

While the overall resolution is 16 bits, some internal stages work with resolutions up to 20 bits.

2.3 Principle of Operation

- A magnetic flux is measured by a Hall-effect cell
- The output signal from the Hall-effect cell is converted from analog to digital
- The chopped Hall-effect cell and continuous-time A/D conversion ensure a very low and stable magnetic offset
- A programmable low-pass filter to reduce noise
- The temperature is measured and A/D converted, too
- Temperature compensation is done digitally using a second-order function
- Digital processing of output value is based on zero field and sensitivity value
- The output value range can be clamped by digital limiters
- The final output value is represented by the data nibbles of the SPC protocol



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2.4 Transfer Functions

The examples in **Figure 3** show how different magnetic field ranges can be mapped to the desired output value ranges.

- Polarity Mode:
 - **Bipolar**: Magnetic fields can be measured in both orientations. The limit points do not necessarily have to be symmetrical around the zero field point
 - Unipolar: Only north- or south-oriented magnetic fields are measured
- · Inversion: The gain can be set to both positive and negative values





Examples of Operation



Maximum Ratings

3 Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Symbol	Limit	Values	Unit	Notes
		min.	max.		
Storage temperature	T _{ST}	- 40	150	°C	
Junction temperature	TJ	- 40	170 ¹⁾	°C	
Voltage on V_{DD} pin with respect to ground	V _{DD}	-18	18	V	2)
Supply current @ overvoltage V _{DD} max.	I _{DDov}	-	15	mA	
Reverse supply current @ V _{DD} min.	I _{DDrev}	-1	0	mA	
Voltage on output pin with respect to ground	V _{OUT}	-1 ³⁾	18 ⁴⁾	V	
Magnetic field	B _{MAX}	-	unlimited	Т	
ESD protection	V _{ESD}	-	8	kV	According HBM JESD22-A114-B ⁵⁾

Table 2Absolute Maximum Ratings

¹⁾ For limited time of 96 h. Depends on customer temperature lifetime cycles. Please ask for support by Infineon

²⁾ Higher voltage stress than absolute maximum rating, e.g. 150% in latch-up tests is not applicable. In such cases, $R_{series} \ge 100 \Omega$ for current limitation is required

 $^{3)}$ I_{DD} can exceed 10 mA when the voltage on OUT is pulled below -1 V (-5 V at room temperature)

⁴⁾ $V_{\text{DD}} = 5 \text{ V}$, open drain permanent low, for max. 10 minutes

⁵⁾ 100 pF and 1.5 k Ω

Note: Stresses above those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not implied.

Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.



Operating Range

4 Operating Range

The following operating conditions must not be exceeded in order to ensure correct operation of the TLE4998C3C. All parameters specified in the following sections refer to these operating conditions, unless otherwise indicated.

Parameter	Symbol	Limit Values		Unit	Notes	
		min.	max.			
Supply voltage	V _{DD}	4.5	5.5	V		
		4.1 ¹⁾	16 ²⁾	V	Extended range	
Output pull-up voltage ³⁾	V _{pull-up}	-	18	V		
Load resistance ³⁾	RL	1	-	kΩ		
Output current ³⁾	I _{OUT}	0	5	mA		
Junction temperature	TJ	- 40	125 150 ⁴⁾	°C	For 5000 h For 1000 h not additive	

Table 3Operating Range

¹⁾ For reduced output accuracy

 $^{2)}~$ For supply voltages > 12 V, a series resistance $R_{series} \geq$ 100 Ω is recommended

³⁾ Output protocol characteristics depend on these parameters, R_L must be according to max. output current

⁴⁾ For reduced magnetic accuracy; extended limits are taken for characteristics

Keeping signal levels within the limits specified in this table ensures operation without overload conditions.



5 Electrical, Thermal, and Magnetic Parameters

Parameter	Symbol	Limit Values			Unit	Notes	
		min.	typ.	max.			
VDD-GND capacitor	C _{VDD}	-	47	-	nF	Ceramic	
OUT-GND capacitor	CL	-	4.7	-	nF	Ceramic	
SPC transmission time	t _{SPC}	-	-	1	ms	Unit time 3µs ¹⁾	
Supply current	I _{DD}	3	6	8	mA		
Output current @ OUT shorted to supply lines	I _{OUTsh}	-	95	-	mA	V _{OUT} = 5 V, max. 10 minutes	
Thermal resistance	R _{thJA}	-	190	-	K/W	Junction to air	
	R _{thJC}	-	41	-	K/W	Junction to case	
Power-on time ²⁾	t _{Pon}	-	0.7 15	2 20	ms	$\leq \pm 5\%$ target out value $\leq \pm 1\%$ target out value	
Power-on reset level	V _{DDpon}	-	3.6	4	V		
Output impedance	Z _{OUT}	20	40	70	kΩ	3)	
Output fall time	t _{fall}	2	-	4	μs	V_{OUT} 4.5 V to 0.5 V $^{4)}$	
Output rise time	t _{rise}	-	20	-	μs	V_{OUT} 0.5 V to 4.5 V $^{4)5)}$	
Output low saturation voltage	V _{OUTsat}	-	0.3 0.2	0.6 0.4	V	I _{OUTsink} = 5 mA I _{OUTsink} = 2.2 mA	
Output noise (rms)	<i>OUT</i> _{noise}	-	1	2.5	LSB ₁₂	6)	

Table 4 Electrical Characteristics

1) Transmission time depends on the data values being sent and on int. RC oscillator frequ. variation of +/- 20%

²⁾ Response time to set up output data at power on when a constant field is applied. The first value given has a ± 5% error, the second value has a ± 1% error. Measured with 640-Hz low-pass filter

³⁾ Output impedance is measured $\Delta V_{OUT}/\Delta I_{OUT}$ (ΔV_{OUT} =12V ... 2.6V) at V_{DD} = 5V, open-drain high state

⁴⁾ For V_{DD} = 5 V, R_L = 2.2 k Ω , C_L = 4.7 nF (in package), at room temperature, not considering condensator tolerance or influence of external circuitry



 $^{5)}\,$ Depends on external $\rm R_L$ and $\rm C_L$



 $^{6)}\,$ Range 100 mT, Gain 2.23, internal LP filter 244 Hz, B = 0 mT, T = 25 °C $\,$

Calculation of the Junction Temperature

The internal power dissipation P_{TOT} of the sensor increases the chip junction temperature above the ambient temperature.

The power multiplied by the total thermal resistance R_{thJA} (Junction to Ambient) added to T_A leads to the final junction temperature. R_{thJA} is the sum of the addition of the two components, *Junction to Case* and *Case to Ambient*.

$$\begin{split} R_{\text{thJA}} &= R_{\text{thJC}} + R_{\text{thCA}} \\ T_{\text{J}} &= T_{\text{A}} + \Delta T \\ \Delta T &= R_{\text{thJA}} \times \mathsf{P}_{\text{TOT}} = R_{\text{thJA}} \times \left(V_{\text{DD}} \times I_{\text{DD}} + V_{\text{OUT}} \times I_{\text{OUT}} \right) \quad I_{DD}, I_{OUT} > 0, if direction is into IC \end{split}$$

Example (assuming no load on Vout):

- $V_{\text{DD}} = 5 \text{ V}$ - $I_{\text{DD}} = 8 \text{ mA}$ - $\Delta T = 190 \text{ [K/W] x (5 [V] x 0.008 [A] + 0 [VA]) = 7.6 \text{ K}$

For moulded sensors, the calculation with R_{th,IC} is more adequate.

Magnetic Parameters

Parameter	Symbol	Limit Values			Unit	Notes	
		min.	typ.	max.			
Sensitivity	<i>S</i> ¹)	± 8.2	-	± 245	LSB ₁₂ / mT	Programmable ²⁾	
Sensitivity drift	ΔS	-	± 80	± 150	ppm/	3)	
					°C	See Figure 4	
Magnetic field range	MFR	± 50	$\pm 100^{4)}$	± 200	mT	Programmable ⁵⁾	
Integral nonlinearity	INL	-	± 0.05	± 0.1	%MFR	6)8)	
Magnetic offset	B _{OS}	-	-	± 400	μT	7)8)	
Magnetic offset drift	ΔB_{OS}	-	± 1	± 5	μT / °C	Error band ⁸⁾	
Magnetic hysteresis	B _{HYS}	-	-	10	μT	9)	

Table 5	Magnetic Characteristics
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¹⁾ Defined as $\triangle OUT / \Delta B$

²⁾ Programmable in steps of 0.024%

³⁾ For any 1st and 2nd order polynomial, coefficient within definition in Chapter 8. Valid for characterization at 0h



- ⁴⁾ This range is also used for temperature and offset pre-calibration of the IC
- ⁵⁾ Depending on offset and gain settings, the output may already be saturated at lower fields
- ⁶⁾ Gain setup is 1.0
- $^{7)}\,$ In operating temperature range and over lifetime
- $^{8)}$ Measured at ± 100 mT range
- ⁹⁾ Measured in 100 mT range, Gain = 1, room temperature



Figure 4 Sensitivity drift



6 Signal Processing

The signal flow diagram in **Figure 5** shows the signal path and data-processing algorithm.



Figure 5 Signal Processing Flow

Magnetic Field Path

- The analog output signal of the chopped Hall-effect cell is converted to a digital signal in the continuous-time A/D converter. The range of the chopped A/D converter can be set in several steps either by EEPROM settings or dynamically by the master in the dynamic range mode (see Table 6). This gives a suitable level for the A/D converter
- After the A/D conversion, a digital low-pass filter reduces the bandwidth (Table 10)
- A multiplier amplifies the value depending on the gain (see **Table 8**) and temperature compensation settings
- The offset value is added (see Table 9)
- A limiter reduces the resulting signal to 16 bits (see **Chapter 12**) and feeds the Protocol Generation stage

Temperature Compensation

(Details are listed in **Chapter 8**)

• The output signal of the temperature cell is also A/D converted



- The temperature is normalized by subtraction of the reference temperature T₀ value (zero point of the quadratic function)
- The linear path is multiplied with the TC₁ value
- In the quadratic path, the temperature difference to T₀ is squared and multiplied with the TC₂ value
- Both path outputs are added together and multiplied with the Gain value from the EEPROM

6.1 Magnetic Field Ranges

The working range of the magnetic field defines the input range of the A/D converter. It is always symmetrical around the zero field point. Any two points in the magnetic field range can be selected to be the end points of the output value. The output value is represented within the range between the two points.

In the case of fields higher than the range values, the output signal may be distorted. In case of synchronous mode and ID selection mode the range must be set accordingly (R=0/1/3) before the calibration of offset and gain.

Range	Range in mT ¹⁾	Parameter R		
Low	± 50	3		
Mid	± 100	1 ²⁾		
High	± 200	0		

Table 6 Range Setting

 Ranges do not have a guaranteed absolute accuracy. The temperature pre-calibration is performed in the mid range (100 mT)

²⁾ Setting R = 2 is not used, internally changed to R = 1

Table 7 Range

Parameter	Symbol	Limit Values		Unit	Notes
		min.	max.		
Register size	R		2	bit	



6.2 Gain Setting

The overall sensitivity is defined by the range and the gain setting. The output of the ADC is multiplied with the Gain value.

Table	8	Gain
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Parameter	arameter Symbol Limit Values		/alues	Unit	Notes	
		min.	max.			
Register size	G	15		bit	Unsigned integer value	
Gain range	Gain	- 4.0	3.9998	-	1)2)	
Gain quantization steps	∆Gain	244.14		ppm	Corresponds to 1/4096	

 For Gain values between - 0.5 and + 0.5, the numerical accuracy decreases To obtain a flatter output curve, it is advisable to select a higher range setting

²⁾ A gain value of +1.0 corresponds to typical 32 LSB₁₂/mT sensitivity (100 mT range, not guaranteed). It is crucial to do a final calibration of each IC within the application using the Gain/OUT_{OS} value

The Gain value can be calculated by:

$$Gain = \frac{(G - 16384)}{4096}$$

6.3 Offset Setting

Offset quantization

steps

The offset value corresponds to an output value with zero field at the sensor.

Table 9 Offse	et			
Parameter	Symbol	Limit V	alues	Unit
		min.	max.	
Register size	OS		15	bit
Offset range	OUT _{OS}	-16384	16383	LSB ₁₂

 ΔOUT_{OS}

¹⁾ Infineon pre-calibrates the samples at zero field to 50% output value (100 mT range), but does not guarantee the value. Therefore it is crucial to do a final calibration of each IC within the application

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The offset value can be calculated by:

$$OUT_{\rm OS} = OS - 16384$$

Notes

1)

LSB₁₂

Unsigned integer value



6.4 DSP Input Low-Pass Filter

A digital low-pass filter is placed between the Hall A/D converter and the DSP, and can be used to reduce the noise level. The low-pass filter has a constant DC amplification of 0 dB (Gain of 1), which means that its setting has no influence on the internal Hall ADC value.

The bandwidth can be set to any of 8 values.

Note: Parameter LP	Cutoff frequency in Hz (-3dB point) ¹⁾
0	80
1	240
2	440
3	640
4	860
5	1100
6	1390
7	off

Table 10 Low Pass Filter Setting

¹⁾ As this is a digital filter running with an RC-based oscillator, the cutoff frequency may vary within ±20%

Table 11 Low-Pass Filter

Parameter	Symbol	Limit	Values	Unit	Notes
		min.	max.		
Register size	LP		3	bit	
Corner frequency variation	Δf	- 20	+ 20	%	

Note: In range 7 (filter off), the output noise increases.



Figure 6 shows the filter characteristics as a magnitude plot (the highest setting is marked). The "off" position would be a flat 0 dB line. The update rate after the low-pass filter is 16 kHz.



Figure 6 DSP Input Filter (Magnitude Plot)



6.5 Clamping

The clamping function is useful for separating the output range into an operating range and error ranges. If the magnetic field is exceeding the selected measurement range, the output value OUT is limited to the clamping values. Any value in the error range is interpreted as an error by the sensor counterpart.

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Parameter	Symbol	Limit	Values	Unit	Notes
		min.	max.		
Register size	CL,CH	1	2 x 6	bit	(063)
Clamping value low	OUT _{CL}	0	64512	LSB ₁₆	1)
Clamping value high	OUT _{CH}	1023	65535	LSB ₁₆	1) 2)
Clamping quantization steps	∆OUT _{Cx}	1024		LSB ₁₆	3)

¹⁾ For CL = 0 and CH = 63 the clamping function is disabled

²⁾ $OUT_{CL} < OUT_{CH}$ mandatory

 $^{3)}$ Quantization starts for CL at 0 LSB_{16} and for CH at 65535 LSB_{16}

The clamping values are calculated by:

Clamping value low (deactivated if CL=0):

$$OUT_{\rm CL} = {\rm CL} \cdot 64 \cdot 16$$

Clamping value high (deactivated if CH=63):

$$OUT_{\rm CH} = (\rm CH + 1) \cdot 64 \cdot 16 - 1$$



Figure 7 shows an example in which the magnetic field range between B_{min} and B_{max} is mapped to output values between 10240 LSB₁₆ and 55295 LSB₁₆.



Figure 7 Clamping Example

Note: The clamping high value must be above the low value.



Error Detection

7 Error Detection

Different error cases can be detected by the On-Board Diagnostics (OBD) and reported to the microcontroller in the status nibble (see **Chapter 12**).

7.1 Voltages Outside the Operating Range

The output signals an error condition if V_{DD} crosses the overvoltage threshold level.

Table 13Overvoltage

Parameter	Symbol	Limit Values			Unit	Notes
		min.	typ.	max.		
Overvoltage threshold	V _{DDov}	16.65	17.5	18.35	V	1)

¹⁾ Overvoltage bit activated in status nibble, output stays in "off" state (high ohmic)

7.2 EEPROM Error Correction

The parity method is able to correct a single bit in the EEPROM line. One other single bit error in another EEPROM line can also be detected, but not corrected. In an uncorrectable EEPROM failure, the open drain stage is disabled and kept in the off state permanently (high ohmic/sensor defect).



Temperature Compensation

8 Temperature Compensation

The magnetic field strength of a magnet depends on the temperature. This material constant is specific for the different magnet types. Therefore, the TLE4998C3C offers a second-order temperature compensation polynomial, by which the Hall signal output is multiplied in the DSP. There are three parameters for the compensation:

- Reference temperature T₀
- A linear part (1st order) TC₁
- A quadratic part (2nd order) TC₂

The following formula describes the sensitivity dependent on the temperature in relation to the sensitivity at the reference temperature T_0 :

$$S_{\text{TC}}(T) = 1 + TC_1 \times (T - T_0) + TC_2 \times (T - T_0)^2$$

For more information, please refer to the signal processing flow in Figure 5.

The full temperature compensation of the complete system is done in two steps:

1. Pre-calibration in the Infineon final test

The parameters TC1, TC2, T0 are set to maximally flat temperature characteristics with respect to the Hall probe and internal analog processing parts.

2. Overall system calibration

The typical coefficients TC1, TC2, T0 of the magnetic circuitry are programmed. This can be done deterministically, as the algorithm of the DSP is fully reproducible. The final setting of the TC1, TC2, T0 values depend on the pre-calibrated values.

Parameter	Symbol	Limit Values		Unit	Notes
		min.	max.		
Register size TC ₁	TL	-	9	bit	Unsigned integer values
1^{st} order coefficient TC_1	TC ₁	-1000	2500	ppm/ °C	1)
Quantization steps of TC_1	qTC ₁	15	.26	ppm/ °C	
Register size TC ₂	TQ	-	8	bit	Unsigned integer values
2^{nd} order coefficient TC_2	TC ₂	- 4	4	ppm/ °C ²	2)
Quantization steps of TC_2	qTC ₂	0.1	19	ppm/ °C ²	
Reference temp.	T ₀	- 48	64	°C	
Quantization steps of T_0	qT_0	-		°C	3)

 Table 14
 Temperature Compensation

¹⁾ Relative range to Infineon TC1 temperature pre-calibration, the maximum adjustable range is limited by the register-size and depends on specific pre-calibrated TL setting, full adjustable range: -2441 to +5355 ppm/°C

²⁾ Relative range to Infineon TC2 temperature pre-calibration, the maximum adjustable range is limited by the register-size and depends on specific pre-calibrated TQ setting, full adjustable range: -15 to +15 ppm/°C²