

10.7 Gbps Active Back-Termination, Differential Laser Diode Driver

ADN2525

FEATURES

Up to 10.7 Gbps operation Very low power: 670 mW (IBIAS = 40 mA, IMOD = 40 mA) Typical 24 ps rise/fall times Full back-termination of output transmission lines Compatible with XMD-MSA TOSA Drives TOSAs with resistances ranging from 5 Ω to 50 Ω PECL-/CML-compatible data inputs Bias current range: 10 mA to 100 mA Differential modulation current range: 10 mA to 80 mA Automatic laser shutdown (ALS) 3.3 V operation Compact 3 mm × 3 mm LFCSP Voltage input control for bias and modulation currents XFP-compliant bias current monitor Optical evaluation board available

APPLICATIONS

SONET OC-192 optical transceivers SDH STM-64 optical transceivers 10 Gb Ethernet optical transceivers XFP/X2/XENPAK/XPAK/MSA 300 optical modules SR and VSR optical links

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The ADN2525 laser diode driver is designed for direct modulation of packaged laser diodes having a differential resistance ranging from 5 Ω to 50 $Ω$. The active back-termination technique provides excellent matching with the output transmission lines while reducing the power dissipation in the output stage. The back-termination in the ADN2525 absorbs signal reflections from the TOSA end of the output transmission lines, enabling excellent optical eye quality to be achieved even when the TOSA end of the output transmission lines is significantly misterminated. The small package provides the optimum solution for compact modules where laser diodes are packaged in low pin-count optical subassemblies.

The modulation and bias currents are programmable via the MSET and BSET control pins. By driving these pins with control voltages, the user has the flexibility to implement various average power and extinction ratio control schemes, including closed-loop control and look-up tables. The automatic laser shutdown (ALS) feature allows the user to turn on/off the bias and modulation currents by driving the ALS pin with the proper logic levels.

The product is available in a space-saving 3 mm \times 3 mm LFCSP specified from −40°C to +85°C.

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

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REVISION HISTORY

3/05-Revision 0: Initial Version

SPECIFICATIONS

VCC = VCC_{MIN} to VCC_{MAX}, T_A = −40°C to +85°C, 50 Ω differential load resistance, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are specified at 25° C, IMOD = 40 mA.

Table 1.

See notes on next page.

¹ Refers to the voltage between the pin for which the compliance voltage is specified and GND.
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THERMAL SPECIFICATIONS

Table 2.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Table 3.

Stresses above those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only; functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

ESD CAUTION

ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Electrostatic charges as high as 4000 V readily accumulate on the human body and test equipment and can discharge without detection. Although this product features proprietary ESD protection circuitry, permanent damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy electrostatic discharges. Therefore, proper ESD precautions are recommended to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

PIN CONFIGURATION AND FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS

Note that the exposed pad on the bottom of the package must be connected to the VCC or GND plane.

| Pin No. | Mnemonic | I/O | Description |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------|---|
| | MSET | Input | Modulation Current Control Input |
| | NC. | N/A | No Connect-Leave Floating |
| 3 | ALS | Input | Automatic Laser Shutdown |
| 4 | GND | Power | Negative Power Supply |
| 5 | VCC | Power | Positive Power Supply |
| 6 | IMODN | Output | Modulation Current Negative Output |
| | IMODP | Output | Modulation Current Positive Output |
| 8 | VCC | Power | Positive Power Supply |
| 9 | GND | Power | Negative Power Supply |
| 10 | IBIAS | Output | Bias Current Output |
| 11 | IBMON | Output | Bias Current Monitoring Output |
| 12 | BSET | Input | Bias Current Control Input |
| 13 | VCC | Power | Positive Power Supply |
| 14 | DATAP | Input | Data Signal Positive Input |
| 15 | DATAN | Input | Data Signal Negative Input |
| 16 | VCC | Power | Positive Power Supply |
| Exposed Pad | Pad | Power | Connect to GND or VCC |

Table 4. Pin Function Description

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

 $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, VCC = 3.3 V, unless otherwise noted.

Figure 12. Worst-Case Rise Time Distribution $(VCC = 3.07 V, IBIAS = 100 mA, IMOD = 80 mA, T_A = 85°C)$

Figure 15. Filtered SONET OC192 Optical Eye Diagram (for Reference) (PRBS31 Pattern, $P_{AV} = -2$ dBm, $ER = 7$ dB, 17% Mask Margin, NEC NX8341UJ TOSA)

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41% Mask Margin, NEC NX8341UJ TOSA)

THEORY OF OPERATION

As shown in [Figure 1](#page-0-1), the ADN2525 consists of an input stage and two voltage-controlled current sources for bias and modulation. The bias current is available at the IBIAS pin. It is controlled by the voltage at the BSET pin and can be monitored at the IBMON pin. The differential modulation current is available at the IMODP and IMODN pins. It is controlled by the voltage at the MSET pin. The output stage implements the active back-match circuitry for proper transmission line matching and power consumption reduction. The ADN2525 can drive a load having differential resistance ranging from 5 Ω to 50 Ω. The excellent back-termination in the ADN2525 absorbs signal reflections from the TOSA end of the output transmission lines, enabling excellent optical eye quality to be achieved even when the TOSA end of the output transmission lines is significantly misterminated.

INPUT STAGE

The input stage of the ADN2525 converts the data signal applied to the DATAP and DATAN pins to a level that ensures proper operation of the high speed switch. The equivalent circuit of the input stage is shown in [Figure 17](#page-8-1).

The DATAP and DATAN pins are terminated internally with a 100 Ω differential termination resistor. This minimizes signal reflections at the input, which could otherwise lead to degradation in the output eye diagram. It is not recommended to drive the

ADN2525 with single-ended data signal sources.

The ADN2525 input stage must be ac-coupled to the signal source to eliminate the need for matching between the commonmode voltages of the data signal source and the input stage of the driver (see [Figure 18\)](#page-8-2). The ac-coupling capacitors should have an impedance less than 50 Ω over the required frequency range. Generally, this is achieved using 10 nF to 100 nF capacitors.

BIAS CURRENT

The bias current is generated internally using a voltage-to-current converter consisting of an internal operational amplifier and a transistor, as shown in [Figure 19](#page-8-3).

Figure 19. Voltage-to-Current Converter Used to Generate IBIAS

The voltage-to-current conversion factor is set at 100 mA/V by the internal resistors, and the bias current is monitored using a current mirror with a gain equal to 1/100. By connecting a 1 k Ω resistor between IBMON and GND, the bias current can be monitored as a voltage across the resistor. A low temperature coefficient precision resistor must be used for the IBMON resistor (R_{IBMON}). Any error in the value of R_{IBMON} due to tolerances, or drift in its value over temperature, contributes to the overall error budget for the IBIAS monitor voltage. If the IBMON voltage is being connected to an ADC for A/D conversion, RIBMON should be placed close to the ADC to minimize errors due to voltage drops on the ground plane.

The equivalent circuits of the BSET, IBIAS, and IBMON pins are shown in [Figure 20](#page-9-1), [Figure 21](#page-9-2), and [Figure 22](#page-9-3).

Figure 22. Equivalent Circuit of the IBMON Pin

The recommended configuration for BSET, IBIAS, and IBMON is shown in [Figure 23.](#page-9-4)

Figure 23. Recommended Configuration for the BSET, IBIAS, and IBMON Pins

The circuit used to drive the BSET voltage must be able to drive the 1 kΩ input resistance of the BSET pin. For proper operation of the bias current source, the voltage at the IBIAS pin must be between the compliance voltage specifications for this pin over supply, temperature, and bias current range (see [Table 1](#page-2-1)). The maximum compliance voltage is specified for only two bias current levels (10 mA and 100 mA), but it can be calculated for any bias current by

 $V_{COMPLIANCE_MAX}(V) = VCC (V) - 0.75 - 4.4 \times IBIAS (A)$

See the [Applications Information](#page-12-1) section for examples of headroom calculations.

The function of the inductor L is to isolate the capacitance of the IBIAS output from the high frequency signal path. For recommended components, see [Table 6.](#page-12-2)

AUTOMATIC LASER SHUTDOWN (ALS)

The ALS pin is a digital input that enables/disables both the bias and modulation currents, depending on the logic state applied, as shown in [Table 5](#page-9-5).

The ALS pin is compatible with 3.3 V CMOS and TTL logic levels. Its equivalent circuit is shown in [Figure 24](#page-9-6).

Figure 24. Equivalent Circuit of the ALS Pin

MODULATION CURRENT

The modulation current can be controlled by applying a dc voltage to the MSET pin. This voltage is converted into a dc current by using a voltage-to-current converter using an operational amplifier and a bipolar transistor, as shown in [Figure 25](#page-9-7).

Figure 25. Generation of Modulation Current on the ADN2525

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This dc current is switched by the data signal applied to the input stage (DATAP and DATAN pins) and gained up by the output stage to generate the differential modulation current at the IMODP and IMODN pins.

The output stage also generates the active back-termination, which provides proper transmission line termination. Active back-termination uses feedback around an active circuit to synthesize a broadband termination resistance. This provides excellent transmission line termination, while dissipating less power than a traditional resistor passive back-termination. No portion of the modulation current flows in the active backtermination resistance. All of the preset modulation current IMOD, the range specified in [Table 1](#page-2-1), flows in the external load. The equivalent circuits for MSET, IMODP, and IMODN are shown in [Figure 26](#page-10-1) and [Figure 27.](#page-10-2) The two 25 Ω resistors in [Figure 27](#page-10-2) are not real resistors; they represent the active backtermination resistance.

Figure 26. Equivalent Circuit of the MSET Pin

Figure 27. Equivalent Circuit of the IMODP and IMODN Pins

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The recommended configuration of the MSET, IMODP, and IMODN pins is shown in [Figure 28](#page-10-3). See [Table 6](#page-12-2) for recommended components.

Figure 28. Recommended Configuration for the MSET, IMODP, and IMODN Pins

The ratio between the voltage applied to the MSET pin and the differential modulation current available at the IMODP and IMODN pins is a function of the load resistance value, as shown in [Figure 29](#page-10-0).

Using the resistance of the TOSA, the user can calculate the voltage range that should be applied to the MSET pin to generate the required modulation current range (see the example in the [Applications Information](#page-12-1) section).

The circuit used to drive the MSET voltage must be able to drive the 1 k Ω resistance of the MSET pin. To be able to drive 80 mA modulation currents through the differential load, the output stage of the ADN2525 (the IMODP and IMODN pins) must be ac-coupled to the load. The voltages at these pins have a dc component equal to VCC and an ac component with single-ended, peak-to-peak amplitude of IMOD \times 25 Ω . This is the case even if the load impedance is less than 50 Ω differential, because the transmission line characteristic impedance sets the peak-to-peak amplitude. For proper operation of the output stage, the voltages at the IMODP and IMODN pins must be between the compliance voltage specifications for this pin over supply, temperature, and modulation current range, as shown in [Figure 30](#page-11-2). See the [Applications Information](#page-12-1) section for examples of headroom calculations.

Figure 30. Allowable Range for the Voltage at IMODP and IMODN

LOAD MISTERMINATION

Due to its excellent S22 performance, the ADN2525 can drive differential loads that range from 5 Ω to 50 Ω . In practice, many TOSAs have differential resistance less than 50 Ω . In this case, with 50 Ω differential transmission lines connecting the ADN2525 to the load, the load end of the transmission lines are misterminated. This mistermination leads to signal reflections back to the driver. The excellent back-termination in the ADN2525 absorbs these reflections, preventing their reflection back to the load. This enables excellent optical eye quality to be achieved, even when the load end of the transmission lines is significantly misterminated. The connection between the load and the ADN2525 must be made with 50 Ω differential (25 Ω) single-ended) transmission lines so that the driver end of the transmission lines is properly terminated.

POWER CONSUMPTION

The power dissipated by the ADN2525 is given by

$$
P = VCC \times \left(\frac{V_{MSET}}{13.5} + I_{SUPPLY}\right) + V_{IBIAS} \times IBIAS
$$

where:

VCC is the power supply voltage.

IBIAS is the bias current generated by the ADN2525.

VMSET is the voltage applied to the MSET pin.

ISUPPLY is the sum of the current that flows into the VCC, IMODP, and IMODN pins of the ADN2525 when IBIAS = IMOD = 0 expressed in amps (see [Table 1](#page-2-1)).

VIBIAS is the average voltage on the IBIAS pin.

Considering $V_{\text{BSET}}/IBIAS = 10$ as the conversion factor from VBSET to IBIAS, the dissipated power becomes

$$
P=VCC\times\left(\frac{V_{MSET}}{13.5}+I_{\textnormal{SUPPLY}}\right)+\frac{V_{BSET}}{10}\times V_{IBIAS}
$$

To ensure long-term reliable operation, the junction temperature of the ADN2525 must not exceed 125°C, as specified in

[Table 2](#page-3-2). For improved heat dissipation, the module's case can be used as heat sink, as shown in [Figure 31](#page-11-3). A compact optical module is a complex thermal environment, and calculations of device junction temperature using the package θ_{JA} (junction-toambient thermal resistance) do not yield accurate results.

The following procedure can be used to estimate the IC junction temperature:

- Trop is the temperature at top of package in $°C$.
- T $_{\text{PAD}}$ is the temperature at package exposed paddle in $^{\circ}$ C.
- T_J is the IC junction temperature in \degree C.
- P is the power dissipation in W.
- \bullet θ _{J-TOP} is the thermal resistance from IC junction to package top.
- θ_{J-PAD} is the thermal resistance from IC junction to package exposed pad.

Figure 32. Electrical Model for Thermal Calculations

T_{TOP} and T_{PAD} can be determined by measuring the temperature at points inside the module, as shown in [Figure 31.](#page-11-3) The thermocouples should be positioned to obtain an accurate measurement of the package top and paddle temperatures. Using the model shown in [Figure 32,](#page-11-4) the junction temperature can be calculated by

$$
T_{J} = \frac{P \times (\theta_{J-PAD} \times \theta_{J-TOP}) + T_{TOP} \times \theta_{J-PAD} + T_{PAD} \times \theta_{J-TOP}}{\theta_{J-PAD} + \theta_{J-TOP}}
$$

where:

θJ-TOP and *θJ-PAD* are given in [Table 2](#page-3-2).

P is the power dissipated by the ADN2525.

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION **TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT**

[Figure 33](#page-12-3) shows the typical application circuit for the ADN2525. The dc voltages applied to the BSET and MSET pins control the bias and modulation currents. The bias current can be monitored as a voltage drop across the 1 k Ω resistor connected between the IBMON pin and GND. The ALS pin allows the user to turn on/off the bias and modulation currents, depending on the logic level applied to the pin. The data signal source must be connected to the DATAP and DATAN pins of the ADN2525 using 50 Ω transmission lines. The modulation current outputs, IMODP and IMODN, must be connected to the load (TOSA) using 50 Ω differential (25 Ω single-ended) transmission lines. [Table 6](#page-12-2) shows recommended components for the ac-coupling interface between the ADN2525 and TOSA. For up-to-date component recommendations, contact sales.

Working with a TOSA laser sample, the circuit in [Figure 33](#page-12-3) delivers the optical performance shown in [Figure 15](#page-7-0) and [Figure 16](#page-7-1). For additional applications information and optical eye performance of other laser samples, contact ADI sales or see the ADN2525 application notes at [www.analog.com.](http://www.analog.com/)

LAYOUT GUIDELINES

Due to the high frequencies at which the ADN2525 operates, care should be taken when designing the PCB layout to obtain optimum performance. Controlled impedance transmission lines must be used for the high speed signal paths. The length of the transmission lines must be kept to a minimum to reduce losses and pattern-dependent jitter. The PCB layout must be symmetrical, both on the DATAP and DATAN inputs and on the IMODP and IMODN outputs, to ensure a balance between the differential signals. All VCC and GND pins must be connected to solid copper planes by using low inductance connections. When the connections are made through vias, multiple vias can be connected in parallel to reduce the parasitic inductance. Each GND pin must be locally decoupled with high quality capacitors. If proper decoupling cannot be achieved using a single capacitor, the user can use multiple capacitors in parallel for each GND pin. A 20 μF tantalum capacitor must be used as a general decoupling capacitor for the entire module. For guidelines on the surface-mount assembly of the ADN2525, see Amkor Technology® Application Notes for Surface Mount Assembly of Amkor's MicroLeadFrame® (MLF) Packages.

Table 6.

Figure 33. Typical ADN2525 Application Circuit

DESIGN EXAMPLE

This design example covers:

- Headroom calculations for IBIAS, IMODP, and IMODN pins.
- Calculation of the typical voltage required at the BSET and MSET pins to produce the desired bias and modulation currents.

This design example assumes that the resistance of the TOSA is 25 Ω , the forward voltage of the laser at low current is $V_F = 1$ V, $IBIAS = 40 \text{ mA}$, $IMOD = 60 \text{ mA}$, and $VCC = 3.3 \text{ V}$.

Headroom Calculations

To ensure proper device operation, the voltages on the IBIAS, IMODP, and IMODN pins must meet the compliance voltage specifications in [Table 1](#page-2-1).

Considering the typical application circuit shown in [Figure 33](#page-12-3), the voltage at the IBIAS pin can be written as

 $V_{IBIAS} = VCC - V_F - (IBIAS \times R_{TOSA}) - V_{LA}$

where:

VCC is the supply voltage.

 V_F is the forward voltage across the laser at low current.

RTOSA is the resistance of the TOSA.

VLA is the dc voltage drop across L5, L6, L7, and L8.

VLB is the dc voltage drop across L1, L2, L3, and L4.

For proper operation, the minimum voltage at the IBIAS pin should be greater than 0.6 V, as specified by the minimum IBIAS compliance specification in [Table 1](#page-2-1).

Assuming that the voltage drop across the 25 Ω transmission lines is negligible and that $V_{LA} = 0$ V, $V_F = 1$ V, and IBIAS = 40 mA,

 $V_{IBIAS} = 3.3 - 1 - (0.04 \times 25) = 1.3$ V

VIBIAS = 1.3 V > 0.6 V*, which satisfies the requirement*

The maximum voltage at the IBIAS pin must be less than the maximum IBIAS compliance specification as described by

 $V_{COMPLIANCE_MAX} = VCC - 0.75 - 4.4 \times IBIAS$ (A)

For this example:

 $V_{COMPLIANCE_MAX} = VCC - 0.75 - 4.4 \times 0.04 = 2.53$ V

VIBIAS = 1.3 V < 2.53 V*, which satisfies the requirement*

To calculate the headroom at the modulation current pins (IMODP and IMODN), the voltage has a dc component equal to VCC due to the ac-coupled configuration and a swing equal to IMOD \times 25 Ω . For proper operation of the ADN2525, the voltage at each modulation output pin should be within the normal operation region shown in [Figure 30](#page-11-2).

Assuming $V_{LB} = 0$ V and IMOD = 60 mA, the minimum voltage at the modulation output pins is equal to

$$
VCC - (IMOD \times 25)/2 = VCC - 0.75
$$

VCC − 0.75 > *VCC* − 1.1 V*, which satisfies the requirement*

The maximum voltage at the modulation output pins is equal to

 $VCC + (IMOD \times 25)/2 = VCC + 0.75$

VCC + 0.75 < *VCC* + 1.1 V*, which satisfies the requirement*

Headroom calculations must be repeated for the minimum and maximum values of the required IBIAS and IMOD ranges to ensure proper device operation over all operating conditions.

BSET and MSET Pin Voltage Calculation

To set the desired bias and modulation currents, the BSET and MSET pins of the ADN2525 must be driven with the appropriate dc voltage. The voltage range required at the BSET pin to generate the required IBIAS range can be calculated using the BSET voltage to IBIAS gain specified in [Table 1](#page-2-1). Assuming that IBIAS = 40 mA and the typical IBIAS/ V_{BSET} ratio of 100 mA/V, the BSET voltage is given by

$$
V_{BSET} = \frac{IBIAS \text{ (mA)}}{100 \text{ mA/V}} = \frac{40}{100} = 0.4 \text{ V}
$$

The BSET voltage range can be calculated using the required IBIAS range and the minimum and maximum BSET voltage to IBIAS gain values specified in [Table 1.](#page-2-1)

The voltage required at the MSET pin to produce the desired modulation current can be calculated using

$$
V_{MSET} = \frac{IMOD}{K}
$$

where *K* is the MSET voltage to IMOD ratio.

The value of K depends on the actual resistance of the TOSA. It can be read using the plot shown in [Figure 29.](#page-10-0) For a TOSA resistance of 25 Ω , the typical value of K = 120 mA/V. Assuming that $IMOD = 60$ mA and using the preceding equation, the MSET voltage is given by

$$
V_{MSET} = \frac{IMOD \text{ (mA)}}{120 \text{ mA/V}} = \frac{60}{120} = 0.5 \text{ V}
$$

The MSET voltage range can be calculated using the required IMOD range and the minimum and maximum K values. These can be obtained from the minimum and maximum curves in [Figure 29](#page-10-0).

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 $1 Z = Pb$ -free part.

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