



TA2022

STEREO 90W (4Ω) CLASS-T™ DIGITAL AUDIO AMPLIFIER DRIVER USING DIGITAL POWER PROCESSING (DPP™) TECHNOLOGY

Technical Information

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The TA2022 is a 90W (4Ω) continuous average per channel Class-T Digital Audio Power Amplifier IC using Tripath's proprietary Digital Power Processing (DPP™) technology. Class-T amplifiers offer both the audio fidelity of Class-AB and the power efficiency of Class-D amplifiers.

APPLICATIONS

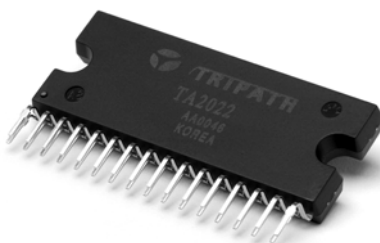
- DVD Players
- Mini/Micro Component Systems
- Home Theater
- Powered Speakers

BENEFITS

- Fully integrated solution with internal FETs
- Dramatically improves efficiency versus Class-AB amplifiers
- Signal fidelity equal to high quality linear amplifiers
- High dynamic range compatible with digital media such as CD and DVD

FEATURES

- Class-T architecture
- High Power
 - 100W @ 4Ω, 1.0% THD+N
 - 90W @ 4Ω, 0.1% THD+N
 - 60W @ 8Ω, 0.1% THD+N
- "Audiophile" Sound Quality
 - 0.015% THD+N @ 70W 4Ω
 - 0.015% THD+N @ 45W 8Ω
 - 0.10% IHF-IM @ 25W 4Ω
- High Efficiency
 - 92% @ 88W 8Ω
 - 87% @ 125W 4Ω
- Dynamic Range = 102 dB
- Mute Input
- Integrated Gate Drive Supply
- Over-current protection
- Over and under-voltage protection
- Single ended outputs
- Outputs can be operated in bridged mode
- 32-pin SSIP package



ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Note 1)

| SYMBOL | PARAMETER | Value | UNITS |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|--------|
| VPP, VNN | Supply Voltage (VPP1, VPP2, VNN1, VNN2) | +/- 40 | V |
| V5 | Positive 5V Bias Supply | 6 | V |
| | Voltage at Input Pins (pins 18, 19, 23, 24, 26, 28-32) | -0.3V to (V5+0.3V) | V |
| VN10 | Voltage for low-side FET drive | VNN+13 | V |
| T _{STORE} | Storage Temperature Range | -55° to 150° | C |
| T _A | Operating Free-air Temperature Range (Note 2) | -40° to 85° | C |
| T _J | Junction Temperature | 150° | C |
| ESD _{HB} | ESD Susceptibility – Human Body Model (Note 3) All pins (except pin 27) Pin 27 | 4000 1500 | V V |
| ESD _{MM} | ESD Susceptibility – Machine Model (Note 4) All pins | 200 | V |

Note 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur.

See the table below for Operating Conditions.

Note 2: This is a target specification. Characterization is still needed to validate this temperature range.

Note 3: Human body model, 100pF discharged through a 1.5KΩ resistor.

Note 4: Machine model, 220pF – 240pF discharged through all pins.

OPERATING CONDITIONS (Note 5)

| SYMBOL | PARAMETER | MIN. | TYP. | MAX. | UNITS |
|----------|---|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| VPP, VNN | Supply Voltage (VPP1, VPP2, VNN1, VNN2) | +/- 12 | +/-31 | +/- 36 | V |
| V5 | Positive 5 V Bias Supply | 4.5 | 5 | 5.5 | V |
| VN10 | Voltage for FET drive (Volts above VNN) | 9 | 11 | 12 | V |

Note 5: Recommended Operating Conditions indicate conditions for which the device is functional.

See Electrical Characteristics for guaranteed specific performance limits.

THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

| SYMBOL | PARAMETER | VALUE | UNITS |
|-----------------|--|-------|-------|
| θ _{JC} | Junction-to-case Thermal Resistance | 1.0° | C/W |
| θ _{JA} | Junction-to-ambient Thermal Resistance (still air) | 20° | C/W |

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (Notes 6, 7)

$T_A = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. See Application/Test Circuit on page 8. Unless otherwise noted, the supply voltage is $V_{PP} = |V_{NN}| = 31\text{V}$.

| SYMBOL | PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN. | TYP. | MAX. | UNITS |
|----------------|---|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|--|
| I_q | Quiescent Current (No load, Mute = 0V) | $V_{PP} = +31\text{V}$ $V_{NN} = -31\text{V}$ (Note 8) $V_5 = 5\text{V}$ (Note 9) $V_{N10} = 11\text{V}$ (Note 10) | | 20 55 45 65 | 60 80 | mA mA mA mA |
| I_{MUTE} | Mute Supply Current (No load, Mute = 5V) | $V_{PP} = +31\text{V}$ $V_{NN} = -31\text{V}$ (Note 8) $V_5 = 5\text{V}$ (Note 9) | | 0.5 2 20 | 25 | mA mA mA |
| V_{IH} | High-level input voltage (MUTE) | $I_{IH} = \text{See Mute Control Section}$ | 3.5 | | | V |
| V_{IL} | Low-level input voltage (MUTE) | $I_{IL} = \text{See Mute Control Section}$ | | | 1.0 | V |
| V_{OH} | High-level output voltage (HMUTE) | $I_{OH} = 3\text{mA}$ | 4.0 | | | V |
| V_{OL} | Low-level output voltage (HMUTE) | $I_{OL} = 3\text{mA}$ | | | 0.5 | V |
| V_{OFFSET} | Output Offset Voltage | No Load, MUTE = Logic low 0.1% R_{FBA} , R_{FBB} , R_{FBC} resistors | -750 | | 750 | mV |
| I_{OC} | Over Current Sense Threshold | TBD | 7 | 8 | | A |
| $I_{VPPSENSE}$ | VPPSENSE Threshold Currents | Over-voltage turn on (muted) Over-voltage turn off (mute off) Under-voltage turn off (mute off) Under-voltage turn on (muted) | 138 154 79 62 | 162 154 79 72 | 178 87 | μA μA μA μA |
| $V_{VPPSENSE}$ | Threshold Voltages with $R_{VPPSENSE} = 249\text{K}\Omega$ (Note 11, Note 12) | Over-voltage turn on (muted) Over-voltage turn off (mute off) Under-voltage turn off (mute off) Under-voltage turn on (muted) | 36.5 40.9 22.2 17.8 | 42.8 40.9 22.2 20.4 | 47.3 24.4 | V V V V |
| $I_{VNSENSE}$ | VNSENSE Threshold Currents | Over-voltage turn on (muted) Over-voltage turn off (mute off) Under-voltage turn off (mute off) Under-voltage turn on (muted) | 152 169 86 65 | 174 169 86 77 | 191 95 | μA μA μA μA |
| $V_{VNSENSE}$ | Threshold Voltages with $R_{VNSENSE} = 249\text{K}\Omega$ (Note 11, Note 12) | Over-voltage turn on (muted) Over-voltage turn off (mute off) Under-voltage turn off (mute off) Under-voltage turn on (muted) | -36.2 -40.8 -20.2 -14.8 | -42.1 -40.8 -20.2 -17.9 | -46.8 -22.6 | V V V V |

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS - SINGLE ENDED (Notes 6, 7)

$T_A = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. Unless otherwise noted, the supply voltage is $V_{PP} = |V_{NN}| = 31\text{V}$, the input frequency is 1kHz and the measurement bandwidth is 20kHz. See Application/Test Circuit on Page 8.

| SYMBOL | PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN. | TYP. | MAX. | UNITS |
|--------------------|---|--|------|------------------------------|------|------------------|
| P _{OUT} | Output Power (Continuous Average/Channel) (Note 13) | VPP = VNN = +/-31V, R _L = 4Ω THD+N = 0.1% THD+N = 1.0% THD+N = 10% VPP = VNN = +/-35V, R _L = 8Ω THD+N = 0.1% THD+N = 10% | 80 | 90 100 125 60 88 | | W W W W |
| THD + N | Total Harmonic Distortion Plus Noise | P _{OUT} = 70W/Channel, R _L = 4Ω VPP = VNN = +/-31V P _{OUT} = 45W/Channel, R _L = 8Ω VPP = VNN = +/-35V | | 0.015 0.015 | | % % |
| IHF-IM | IHF Intermodulation Distortion | 19kHz, 20kHz, 1:1 (IHF), R _L = 4Ω P _{OUT} = 25W/Channel | | 0.1 | | % |
| SNR | Signal-to-Noise Ratio | A-Weighted 0dB = 90W/Channel, R _L = 4Ω | | 102 | | dB |
| CS | Channel Separation | 0dB = 25W, R _L = 4Ω | | 83 | | dB |
| A _V | Amplifier Gain | P _{OUT} = 10W/Channel, R _L = 4Ω, See Application / Test Circuit | | 18.1 | | V/V |
| A _{ERROR} | Channel to Channel Gain Error | P _{OUT} = 10W/Channel, R _L = 4Ω See Application / Test Circuit | | | 0.5 | dB |
| η | Power Efficiency | P _{OUT} = 88W/Channel, R _L = 8Ω P _{OUT} = 125W/Channel, R _L = 4Ω | | 92 87 | | % % |
| I _{SLOAD} | Source Current | P _{OUT} = 125W/Channel, R _L = 4Ω VPP = +31V VNN = -31V V5 = 5V | | 4.59 4.61 45 | | A A mA |
| e _{NOUT} | Output Noise Voltage | A-Weighted, input AC grounded | | 150 | | μV |

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS – BRIDGED TIED LOAD (Notes 6, 7)

T_A = 25 °C. Unless otherwise noted, the supply voltage is VPP=|VNN|=30V, the input frequency is 1kHz and the measurement bandwidth is 20kHz.

| SYMBOL | PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN. | TYP. | MAX. | UNITS |
|-------------------|---|--|------|------------|------|--------|
| P _{OUT} | Output Power (Continuous Average) (Note 13) | VPP = VNN = +/-30V, R _L = 8Ω THD+N = 0.1% THD+N = 10% | | 150 235 | | W W |
| THD + N | Total Harmonic Distortion Plus Noise | P _{OUT} = 100W, R _L = 8Ω | | 0.05 | | % |
| IHF-IM | IHF Intermodulation Distortion | 19kHz, 20kHz, 1:1 (IHF), R _L = 8Ω P _{OUT} = 25W | | 0.10 | | % |
| η | Power Efficiency | P _{OUT} = 225W, R _L = 8Ω | | 87 | | % |
| SNR | Signal-to-Noise Ratio | A-Weighted, R _L = 8Ω 0dB = 150W | | 104 | | dB |
| e _{NOUT} | Output Noise Voltage | A-Weighted, input AC grounded | | 220 | | μV |

Note 6: Minimum and maximum limits are guaranteed but may not be 100% tested.

Note 7: For operation in ambient temperatures greater than 25°C, the device must be derated based on the maximum junction temperature and the thermal resistance determined by the mounting technique.

Note 8: This specification includes the current draw from the internal buck regulator. If an external floating supply is used, instead of the internal buck regulator, the quiescent current draw of the VNN supply will be approximately 20mA.

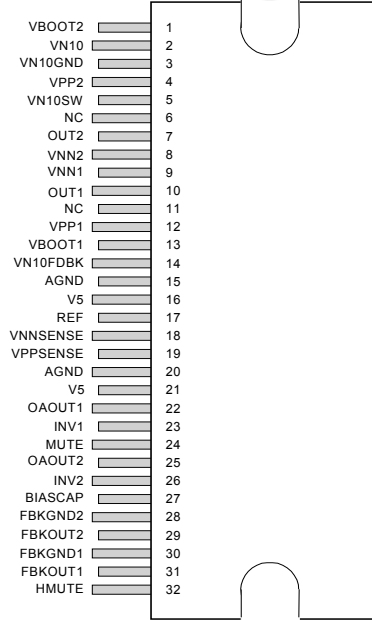
Note 9: This specification includes the current draw from both the TA2022 and the external feedback biasing.

Note 10: This is the current draw of the VN10 pin if an external “floating” 11V supply is used instead of the internal buck regulator

- Note 11: These supply voltages are calculated using the IVPPSENSE AND IVNNSSENSE values shown in the Electrical Characteristics table. The typical voltage values shown are calculated using a RVPPSENSE and RVNNSSENSE value of 249kohm without any tolerance variation. The minimum and maximum voltage limits shown include either a +1% or -1% (+1% for Over-voltage turn on and Under-voltage turn off, -1% for Over-voltage turn off and Under-voltage turn on) variation of RVPPSENSE or RVNNSSENSE off the nominal 249kohm value. These voltage specifications are examples to show both typical and worst case voltage ranges for a given RVPPSENSE and RVNNSSENSE resistor value of 249kohm. Please refer to the Application Information section for a more detailed description of how to calculate the over and under voltage trip voltages for a given resistor value.
- Note 12: The fact that the over-voltage turn on and over-voltage turn off specifications exceed the absolute maximum of +/-40V for the TA2022 does not imply that the part will work at these elevated supply voltages. It also does not imply that TA2022 is tested or guaranteed at these supply voltages. The supply voltages are simply a calculation based on the process spread of the $I_{VPPSENSE}$ and $I_{VNNSSENSE}$ currents (see Note 11). The supply voltage must be maintained below the absolute maximum of +/-40V or permanent damage to the TA2022 may occur.
- Note 13: The supply voltage limitation for 4 ohm single ended (+/-31V), or 8 ohm bridged (+/-30V), is based on the current limit protection circuitry. The current limit circuitry may be activated during large output excursions if the recommended supply voltage ranges are exceeded. This will result in the amplifier being muted.

TA2022 PINOUT

32-pin SSIP Package
(Front View)

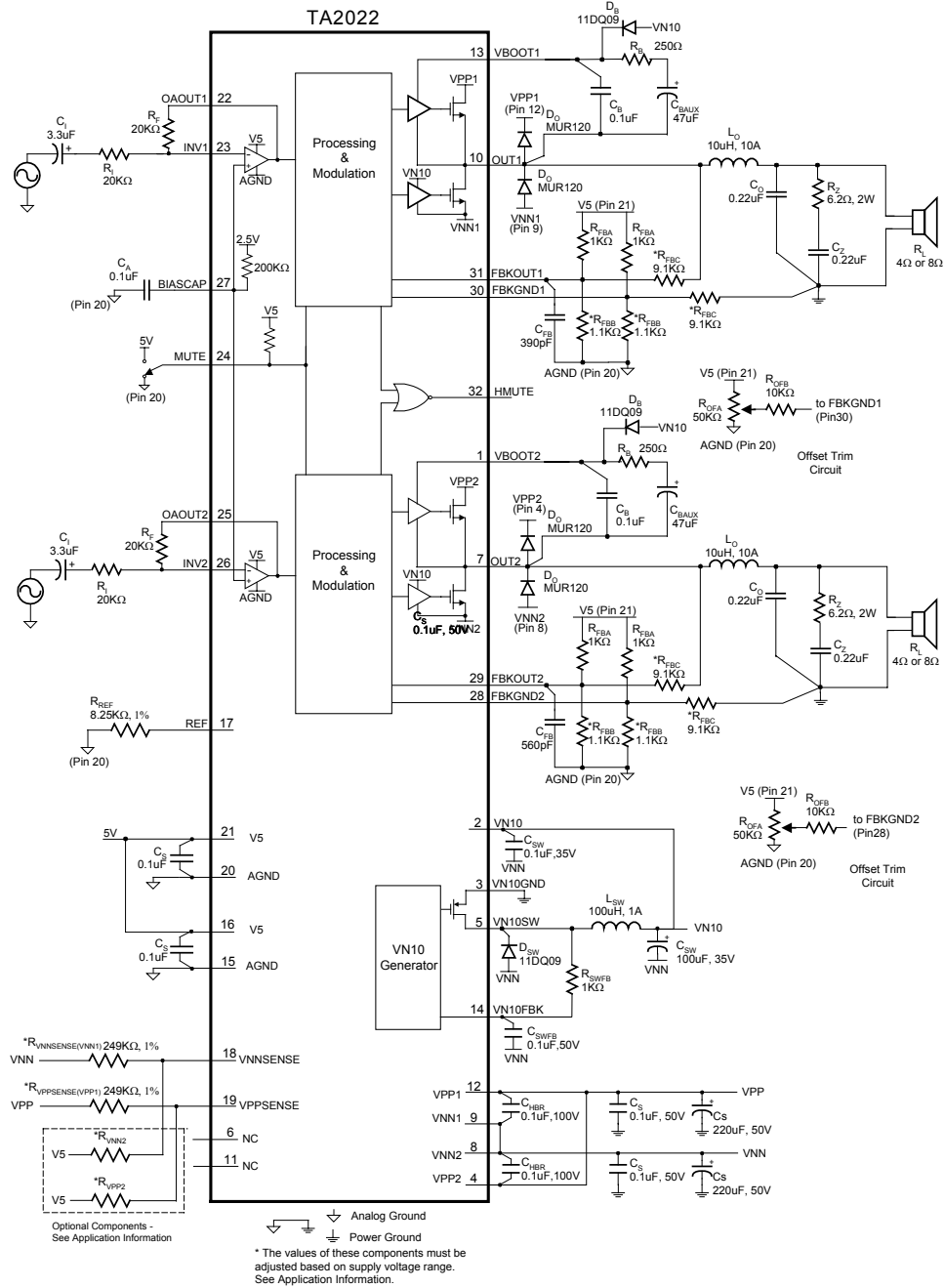


PIN DESCRIPTION

| Pin | Function | Description |
|--------|------------------|---|
| 1, 13 | VBOOT2, VBOOT1 | Bootstrap voltages for gate drive of high side MOSFET's |
| 2 | VN10 | "Floating" supply input. Normally connected to the output of onboard VN10 buck converter. This voltage must be stable and referenced to VNN. |
| 3 | VN10GND | Power ground for onboard VN10 generator. Electrically tied to the TA2022 case. |
| 4, 12 | VPP2, VPP1 | Positive power supply input pins. |
| 5 | VN10SW | Switching output voltage for onboard VN10 generator (buck converter). |
| 6 | NC | Not connected internally. May be connected to pin 7 without any loss of functionality or performance. |
| 7, 10 | OUT2, OUT1 | Power amplifier outputs. |
| 8, 9 | VNN2, VNN1 | Negative power supply inputs. |
| 11 | NC | Not connected internally. May be connected to pin 10 without any loss of functionality or performance. |
| 14 | VN10FDBK | Feedback for onboard VN10 generator (nominally 11V above VNN) |
| 15, 20 | AGND | Analog Ground. |
| 16, 21 | V5 | 5V power supply input. |
| 17 | REF | Used to set internal bias currents. The pin voltage is typically 1.1V. |
| 18 | VNNSENSE | Negative supply voltage sense input. This pin is used for both over and under voltage sensing for the VNN supply. |
| 19 | VPPSENSE | Positive supply voltage sense input. This pin is used for both over and under voltage sensing for the VPP supply. |
| 22, 25 | OAOUT1, OAOUT2 | Outputs of Input Stage op amps. |
| 23, 26 | INV1, INV2 | Inverting inputs of Input Stage op amps. |
| 24 | MUTE | Logic input. A logic high puts the amplifier in mute mode. Ground pin if not used. Please refer to the section, Mute Control, in the Application Information. |
| 27 | BIASCAP | Bandgap reference times two (typically 2.5VDC). Used to set the common mode voltage for the input op amps. This pin is not capable of driving external circuitry. |
| 28, 29 | FBKGND2, FBKOUT2 | Output voltage differential feedback for channel 2. |
| 30, 31 | FBKGND1, FBKOUT1 | Output voltage differential feedback for channel 1. |
| 32 | HMUTE | Logic Output. A logic high indicates both amplifiers are muted, due to the mute pin state, or a "fault" such as an overcurrent, undervoltage, or overvoltage condition. |

APPLICATION / TEST CIRCUIT

Application / Test Diagram



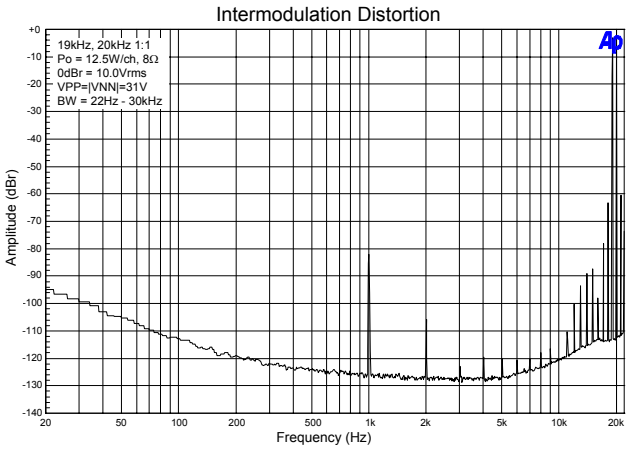
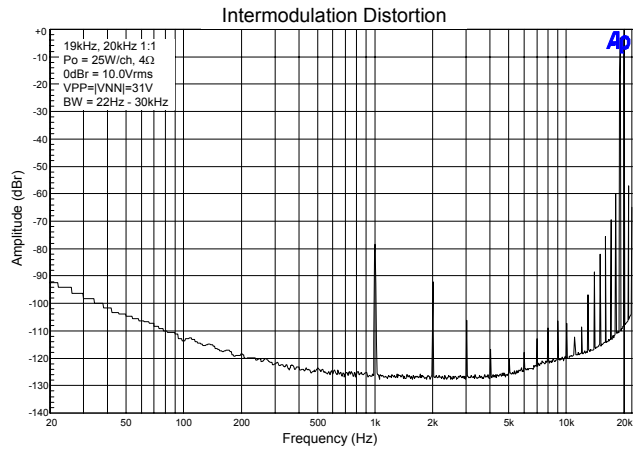
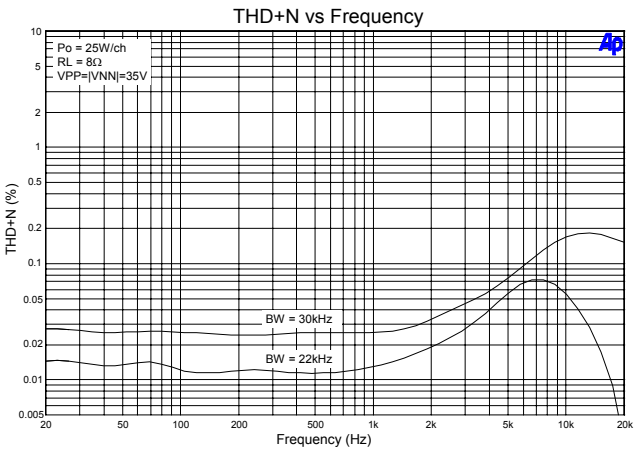
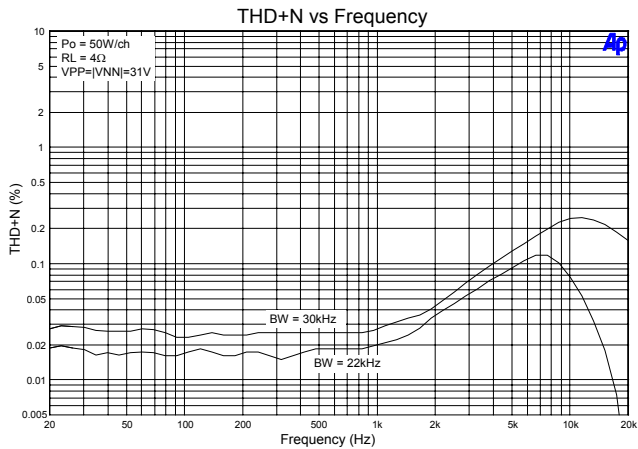
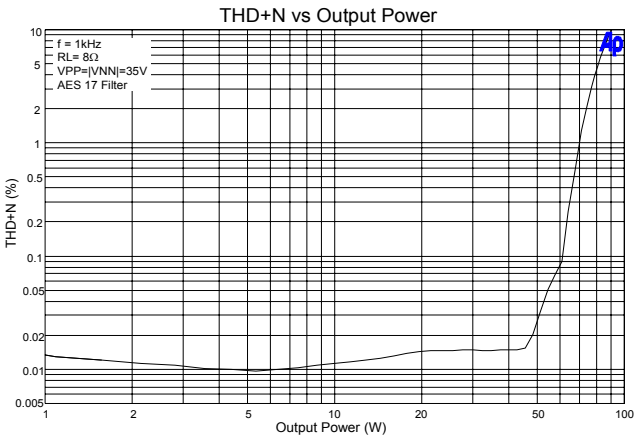
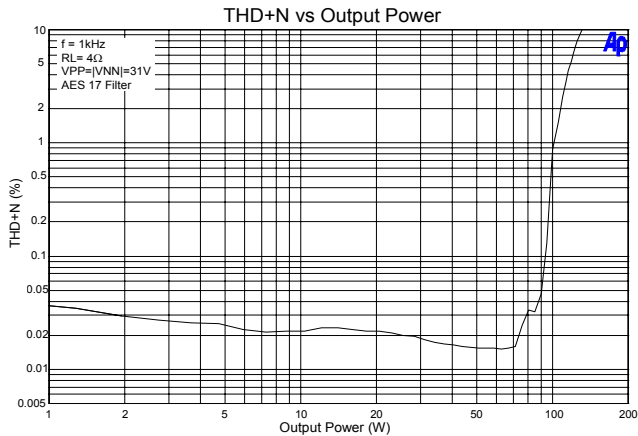
EXTERNAL COMPONENTS DESCRIPTION (Refer to the Application/Test Circuit)

| Components | Description |
|------------|---|
| R_I | Inverting input resistance to provide AC gain in conjunction with R_F . This input is biased at the BIASCAP voltage (approximately 2.5VDC). |
| R_F | Feedback resistor to set AC gain in conjunction with R_I . Please refer to the Amplifier Gain paragraph, in the Application Information section. |
| C_I | AC input coupling capacitor which, in conjunction with R_I , forms a highpass filter at $f_c = 1/(2\pi R_I C_I)$. |
| R_{FBA} | Feedback divider resistor connected to V5. This resistor is normally set at 1k Ω . |
| R_{FBB} | Feedback divider resistor connected to AGND. This value of this resistor depends on the supply voltage setting and helps set the TA2022 gain in conjunction with R_I , R_F , R_{FBA} , and R_{FBC} . Please see the Modulator Feedback Design paragraphs in the Application Information Section. |
| R_{FBC} | Feedback resistor connected from either the OUT1(OUT2) to FBKOUT1(FBKOUT2) or speaker ground to FBKGND1(FBKGND2). The value of this resistor depends on the supply voltage setting and helps set the TA2022 gain in conjunction with R_I , R_F , R_{FBA} , and R_{FBB} . It should be noted that the resistor from OUT1(OUT2) to FBKOUT1(FBKOUT2) must have a power rating of greater than $P_{DISS} = V_{PP}^2 / (2R_{FBC})$. Please see the Modulator Feedback Design paragraphs in the Application Information Section. |
| C_{FB} | Feedback delay capacitor that both lowers the idle switching frequency and filters very high frequency noise from the feedback signal, which improves amplifier performance. The value of C_{FB} should be offset between channel 1 and channel 2 so that the idle switching difference is greater than 40kHz. Please refer to the Application / Test Circuit. |
| R_{OFA} | Potentiometer used to manually trim the DC offset on the output of the TA2022. |
| R_{OFB} | Resistor that limits the manual DC offset trim range and allows for more precise adjustment. |
| R_{REF} | Bias resistor. Locate close to pin 17 and ground at pin 20. |
| C_A | BIASCAP decoupling capacitor. Should be located close to pin 27 and grounded at pin 20. |
| D_B | Bootstrap diode. This diode charges up the bootstrap capacitors when the output is low (at VNN) to drive the high side gate circuitry. Schottky or fast recovery diode rated at least 200mA, 90V, 50nS is recommended for the bootstrap circuitry. In addition, the bootstrap diode must be able to sustain the entire VPP-VNN voltage. Thus, for most applications, a 90V (or greater) diode should be used. |
| C_B | High frequency bootstrap capacitor, which filters the high side gate drive supply. This capacitor must be located as close to pin 13 (VBOOT1) or pin 1n (VBOOT2) for reliable operation. The other side of C_B should be connected directly to the OUT1 (pin 10) or OUT2 (pin 7). Please refer to the Application / Test Circuit. |
| C_{BAUX} | Bulk bootstrap capacitor that supplements C_B during “clipping” events, which result in a reduction in the average switching frequency. |
| R_B | Bootstrap resistor that limits C_{BAUX} charging current during TA2022 power up (bootstrap supply charging). |

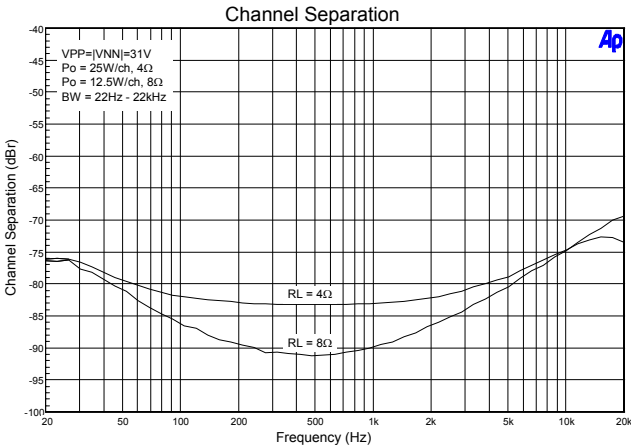
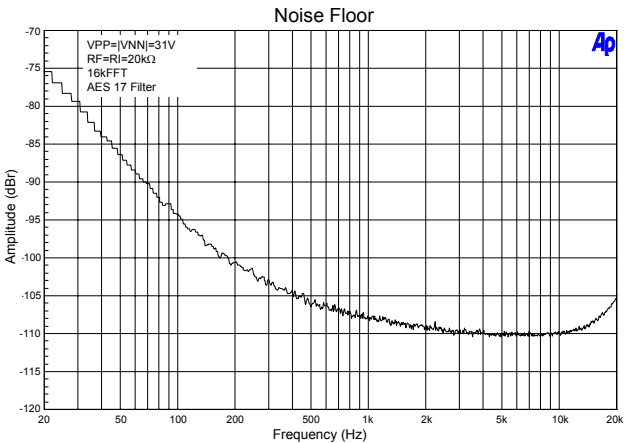
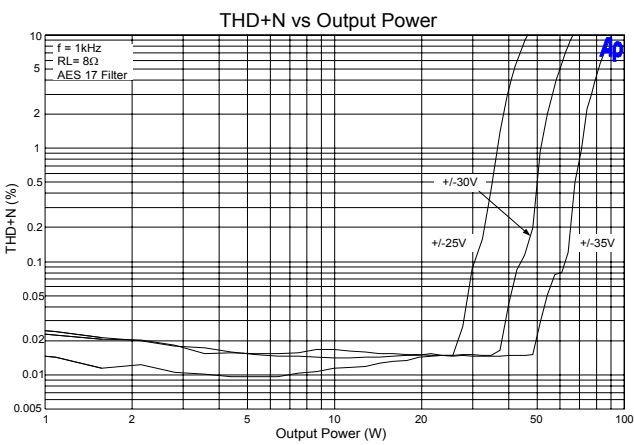
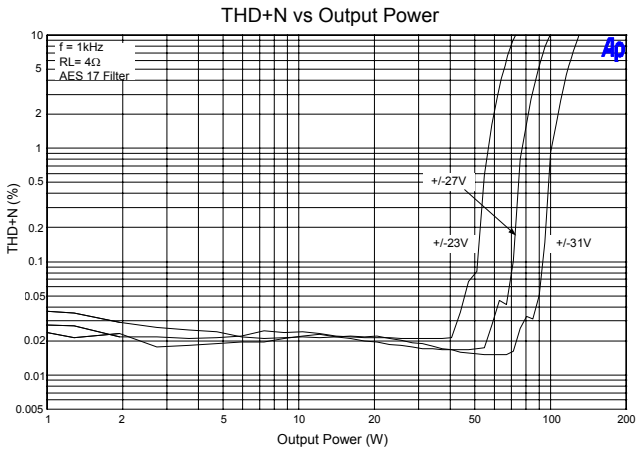
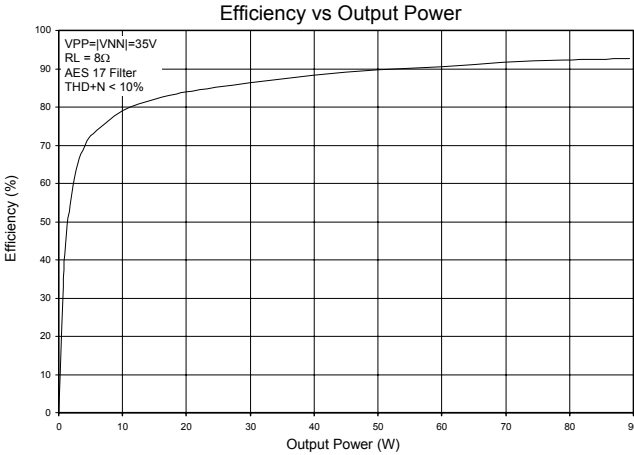
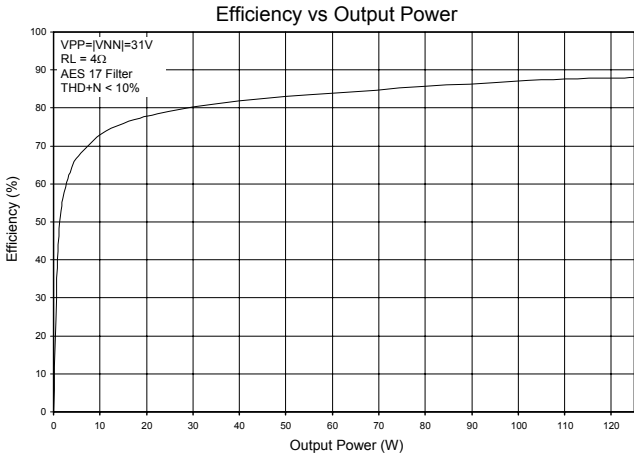
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| C_{SW} | VN10 generator filter capacitors. The high frequency capacitor (0.1uF) must be located close to pin 2 (VN10) to maximize device performance. The value of the bulk capacitor should be sized appropriately such that the VN10 voltage does not overshoot with respect to VNN during TA2022 turn on. Tripath recommends using a value of 100 μ F for the bulk capacitor. |
| L_{SW} | VN10 generator filter inductor. This inductor sized appropriately so that L_{SW} does not saturate. If the recommended inductor value of 100 μ H is not used, the VN10 may overshoot with respect to VNN during TA2022 turn on. |
| D_{SW} | Flywheel diode for the internal VN10 buck converter. This diode also prevents VN10SW from going more than one diode drop negative with respect to VNN. This Diode can be a Fast Recovery, Switching or Shottky, but must be rated at least 200mA, 30V, 50nS. |
| C_{SWFB} | VN10 generator feedback capacitor. This capacitor, in conjunction with R_{SWFB} , filters the VN10 feedback signal such that the loop is unconditionally stable. |
| R_{SWFB} | VN10 generator feedback resistor. This resistor sets the nominal VN10 voltage. With R_{SWFB} equal to 1k Ω , the internally VN10 voltage will typically be 11V above VNN. |
| C_S | Supply decoupling for the power supply pins. For optimum performance, these components should be located close to the TA2022 and returned to their respective ground as shown in the Application/Test Circuit. |
| $R_{VNNSENSE}$ | Overvoltage and undervoltage sense resistor for the negative supply (VNN). Please refer to the Electrical Characteristics Section for the trip points as well as the hysteresis band. Also, please refer to the Over / Under-voltage Protection section in the Application Information for a detailed discussion of the internal circuit operation and external component selection. |
| $R_{VPPSENSE}$ | Overvoltage and undervoltage sense resistor for the positive supply (VPP). Please refer to the Electrical Characteristics Section for the trip points as well as the hysteresis band. Also, please refer to the Over / Under-voltage Protection section in the Application Information for a detailed discussion of the internal circuit operation and external component selection. |
| C_{HBR} | Supply decoupling for the high current Half-bridge supply pins. These components must be located as close to the device as possible to minimize supply overshoot and maximize device reliability. These capacitors should have good high frequency performance including low ESR and low ESL. In addition, the capacitor voltage rating must be twice the maximum VPP voltage. |
| C_Z | Zobel capacitor, which in conjunction with R_Z , terminates the output filter at high frequencies. Use a high quality film capacitor capable of sustaining the ripple current caused by the switching outputs. |
| R_Z | Zobel resistor, which in conjunction with C_Z , terminates the output filter at high frequencies. The combination of R_Z and C_Z minimizes peaking of the output filter under both no load conditions or with real world loads, including loudspeakers which usually exhibit a rising impedance with increasing frequency. The recommended power rating is 2 watts. |
| D_O | Fast Recovery diodes that minimize overshoots and undershoots of the outputs with respect to power ground during switching transitions as well as output shorts to ground. For maximum effectiveness, these diodes must be located close to the output pins and returned to their respective VPP and VNN. Also, they should be rated with a maximum Forward Voltage of 1V at 10A. Please see Application/Test Circuit for VPP and VNN return pins. |

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| L_O | Output inductor, which in conjunction with C_O , demodulates (filters) the switching waveform into an audio signal. Forms a second order filter with a cutoff frequency of $f_C = 1/(2\pi\sqrt{L_O C_O})$ and a quality factor of $Q = R_L C_O / \sqrt{L_O C_O}$. These inductors must be rated at least 10A with high linearity. Please see Output Filter Design section for details. |
| C_O | Output capacitor, which, in conjunction with L_O , demodulates (filters) the switching waveform into an audio signal. Forms a second order low-pass filter with a cutoff frequency of $f_C = 1/(2\pi\sqrt{L_O C_O})$ and a quality factor of $Q = R_L C_O / \sqrt{L_O C_O}$. Use a high quality film capacitor capable of sustaining the ripple current caused by the switching outputs. Electrolytic capacitors should not be used. |

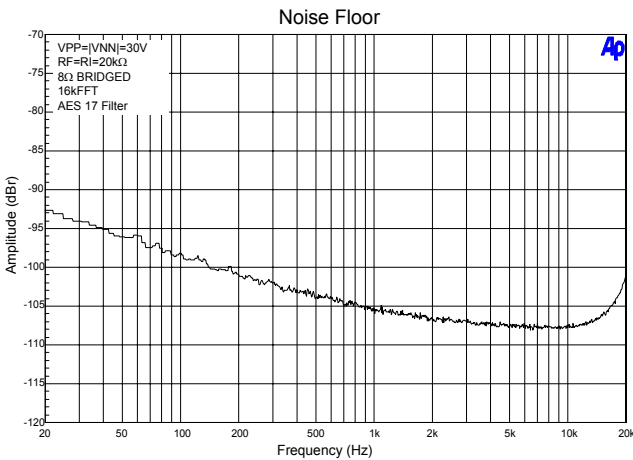
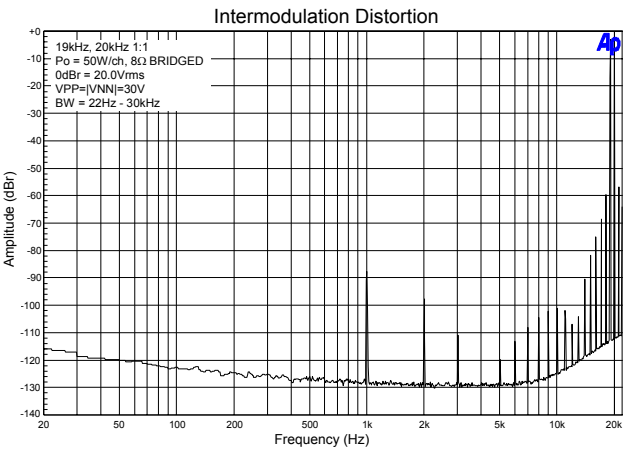
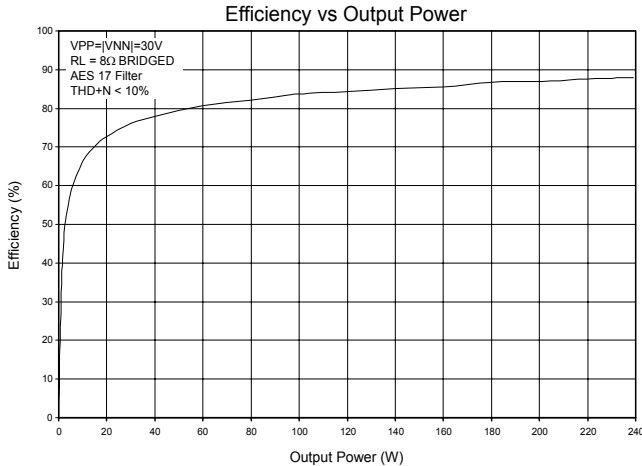
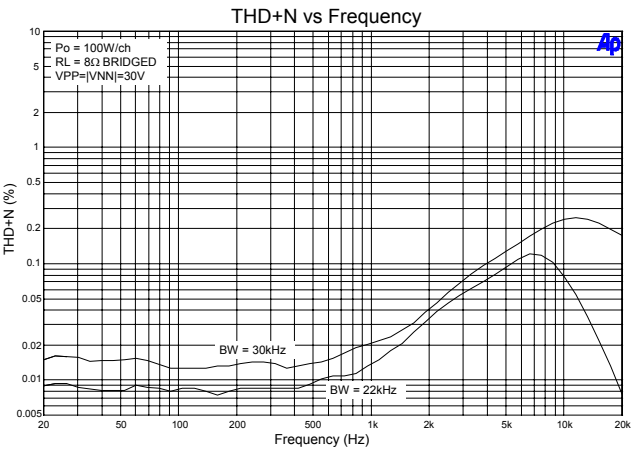
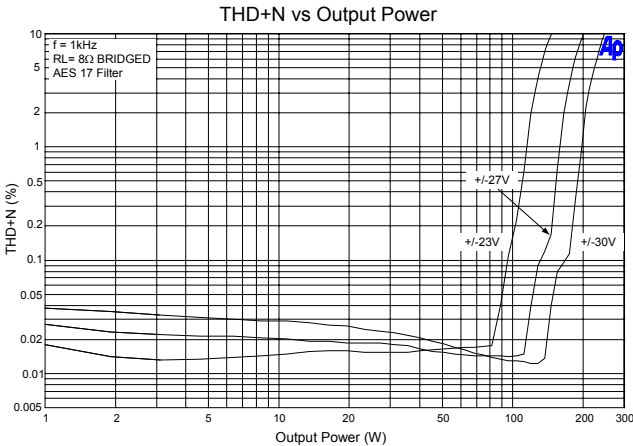
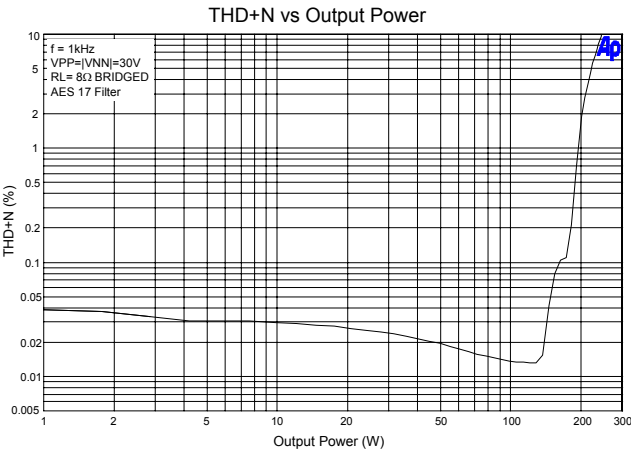
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APPLICATION INFORMATION

TA2022 Basic Amplifier Operation

The TA2022 has three major operational blocks: the signal processor, the MOSFET driver, and the power MOSFETs. The signal processor is a 5V CMOS block that amplifies the audio input signal and converts the audio signal to a switching pattern. This switching pattern is spread spectrum with a typical idle switching frequency of about 650kHz. The switching patterns for the two channels are not synchronized and the idle switching frequencies should differ by at least 40kHz to avoid increasing the audio band noise floor. The idle frequency difference can be accomplished by offsetting the value of C_{FB} for each channel. Typical values of C_{FB} are 390pF for channel 1 and 560pF for channel 2.

The MOSFET driver level-shifts the signal processor's 5V switching patterns to the power supply voltages and drives the power MOSFETs. The MOSFET driver includes a switching power supply integrated to generate the VN10 supply. The VN10 supply powers the low side gate drivers as well provides the charging current need for the "bootstrapped" supplies (VBOOT1 and VBOOT2) that power the high side MOSFET drivers. VN10 must be stable (regulated) at 10V to 12V above VNN. The VN10 circuitry shown in the Application / Test Circuit typically produces 11V above VNN.

The power MOSFETs are N-channel devices configured in half-bridges and are used to supply power to the output load. The outputs of the power MOSFETs (OUT1 and OUT2) must be low pass filtered to remove the high frequency switching pattern. A residual voltage from the switching pattern will remain on the speaker outputs when the recommended output LC filter is used, but this signal is outside of the audio band and will not affect audio performance.

Circuit Board Layout

The TA2022 is a power (high current) amplifier that operates at relatively high switching frequencies. The output of the amplifier switches between VPP and VNN at high speeds while driving large currents. This high-frequency digital signal is passed through an LC low-pass filter to recover the amplified audio signal. Since the amplifier must drive the inductive LC output filter and speaker loads, the amplifier outputs can be pulled above the supply voltage and below ground by the energy in the output inductance. To avoid subjecting the TA2022 to potentially damaging voltage stress, it is critical to have a good printed circuit board layout. It is recommended that Tripath's layout and application circuit be used for all applications and only be deviated from after careful analysis of the effects of any changes. Please refer to the TA2022 evaluation board document, EB-TA2022, available on the Tripath website, at www.tripath.com.

The following components are important to place near their associated TA2022 pins and are ranked in order of layout importance, either for proper device operation or performance considerations.

- The capacitors C_{HBR} provide high frequency bypassing of the amplifier power supplies and will serve to reduce spikes across the supply rails. C_{HBR} should be kept within 1/8" (3mm) of the VNN(8,9) and VPP(4,12) pins. Please note that both VNN1 and VPP1 as well as VNN2 and VPP2 must be decoupled separately. In addition, the voltage rating for C_{HBR} should be 100V as this capacitor is exposed to the full supply range, VPP-VNN.
- D_O , fast recovery PN junction diodes minimize undershoots of the outputs with respect to power ground during switching transitions and abnormal load conditions

such as output shorts to ground. For maximum effectiveness, these diodes must be located close to the output pins and returned to their respective VNN1(2). Please see Application/Test Circuit for ground return pin.

- C_{FB} removes very high frequency components from the amplifier feedback signals and lowers the output switching frequency by delaying the feedback signals. In addition, the value of C_{FB} is different for channel 1 and channel 2 to keep the average switching frequency difference greater than 40kHz. This minimizes in-band audio noise.
- To minimize noise pickup and minimize THD+N, R_{FBC} should be located as close to the TA2022 as possible. Make sure that the routing of the high voltage feedback lines is kept far away from the input op amps or significant noise coupling may occur. It is best to shield the high voltage feedback lines by using a ground plane around these traces as well as the input section.
- C_B provides high frequency bypassing for the bootstrap supplies. Very high currents are present on these supplies.
- C_{SW} provides high frequency bypassing for the VN10 generator circuit. Very high currents are present on these supplies.
- C_{SWFB} filters the feedback signal (VN10FDBK) for the hysteretic VN10 buck converter. The feedback signal is noise sensitive and the trace from C_{SWFB} to VNN should be kept short.
- D_{SW} is the flywheel diode for the VN10 buck converter and prevents VN10SW(pin 5) from going more than one diode drop below VNN.

In general, to enable placement as close to the TA2022, and minimize PCB parasitics, the capacitors listed above should be surface mount types, located on the “solder” side of the board.

Some components are not sensitive to location but are very sensitive to layout and trace routing.

- To maximize the damping factor and reduce distortion and noise, the modulator feedback connections should be routed directly to the pins of the output inductors, L_O . This was done on the EB-TA2022 board.
- The output filter capacitor, C_O , and zobel capacitor, C_Z , should be star connected with the load return. The output ground feedback signal should be taken from this star point. This is suggested by the routing on the Application/Test schematic, but, for space/layout reasons, this was not fully implemented on the EB-2022.
- The modulator feedback resistors, R_{FBA} and R_{FBB} should all be grounded and attached to 5V together. These connections will serve to minimize common mode noise via the differential feedback. Please refer to the EB-TA2022 evaluation board for more information.

TA2022 Grounding

Proper grounding techniques are required to maximize TA2022 functionality and performance. Parametric parameters such as THD+N, Noise Floor and crosstalk can be adversely affected if proper grounding techniques are not implemented on the PCB layout.

The following discussion highlights some recommendations about grounding both with respect to the TA2022 as well as general “audio system” design rules.

The TA2022 is divided into two sections: the input section, which spans pin 15 through pin 32, and the output (high power) section, which spans pin 1 through pin 14. On the TA2022 evaluation board, the ground is also divided into distinct sections, one for the input and one for the output. To minimize ground loops and keep the audio noise floor as low as possible, the input and output ground must be only connected at a single point. Depending on the system design, the single point connection may be in the form of a ferrite bead or a PCB trace.

The analog grounds, pin 15 and pin 20 must be connected locally at the TA2022 for proper device functionality. On the TA2022 evaluation board, Tripath has used an analog ground plane to minimize the impedances between pin 15 and pin 20 as well as the other analog ground connections, such as V5 supply bypassing, and feedback divider networks. The ground for the V5 power supply should connect directly to pin 20. Additionally, any external input circuitry such as preamps, or active filters, should be referenced to pin 20.

For the power section, Tripath has traditionally used a “star” grounding scheme. Thus, the load ground returns and the power supply decoupling traces are routed separately back to the power supply. In addition, any type of shield or chassis connection would be connected directly to the ground star located at the power supply. These precautions will both minimize audible noise and enhance the crosstalk performance of the TA2022.

The TA2022 incorporates a differential feedback system to minimize the effects of ground bounce and cancel out common mode ground noise. As such, the feedback from the output ground for each channel needs to be properly sensed. This can be accomplished by connecting the output ground “sensing” trace directly to the star formed by the output ground return, output capacitor, C_O , and the zobel capacitor, C_Z . Refer to the Application / Test Circuit for a schematic description.

Pin 3, VN10GND, is used for the VN10 buck converter. Pin 3 can be connected to the main power supply decoupling ground trace (or plane) without any loss in functionality or reduction of performance. This pin is electrically shorted to the copper heat sink (case) of the TA2022. Even if the internal VN10 regulator is not being used, VN10GND should still be connected to PGND.

TA2022 Amplifier Gain

The gain of the TA2022 is the product of the input stage gain and the modulator gain. Please refer to the sections, Input Stage Design, and Modulator Feedback Design, for a complete explanation of how to determine the external component values.

$$A_{VTA2022} = A_{VINPUTSTAGE} * A_{VMODULATOR}$$

$$A_{VTA2022} \approx -\frac{R_F}{R_I} \left(\frac{R_{FBC} * (R_{FBA} + R_{FBB})}{R_{FBA} * R_{FBB}} + 1 \right)$$

For example, using a TA2022 with the following external components,

$$\begin{aligned} R_I &= 20k\Omega \\ R_F &= 20k\Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{FBA} &= 1\text{k}\Omega \\ R_{FBB} &= 1.13\text{k}\Omega \\ R_{FBC} &= 9.09\text{k}\Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$A_{VTA2022} \approx -\frac{20\text{k}\Omega}{20\text{k}\Omega} \left(\frac{9.09\text{k}\Omega * (1.0\text{k}\Omega + 1.13\text{k}\Omega)}{1.0\text{k}\Omega * 1.13\text{k}\Omega} + 1 \right) = 18.13 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{V}}$$

Input Stage Design

The TA2022 input stage is configured as an inverting amplifier, allowing the system designer flexibility in setting the input stage gain and frequency response. Figure 1 shows a typical application where the input stage is a constant gain inverting amplifier. The input stage gain should be set so that the maximum input signal level will drive the input stage output to 4Vpp.

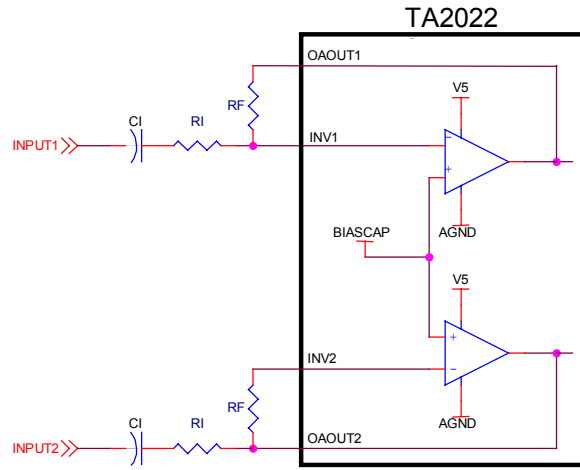


Figure 1: Input Stage

The gain of the input stage, above the low frequency high pass filter point, is that of a simple inverting amplifier: It should be noted that the input opamps are biased at approximately 2.5VDC. Thus, the polarity of C_I must be followed as shown in Figure 1 for a standard ground referenced input signal

$$A_{VINPSTAG} = -\frac{R_F}{R_I}$$

Input Capacitor Selection

C_I can be calculated once a value for R_I has been determined. C_I and R_I determine the input low frequency pole. Typically this pole is set below 10Hz. C_I is calculated according to:

$$C_I = \frac{1}{2\pi f_P R_I}$$

where:

R_I = Input resistor value in ohms.

f_P = Input low frequency pole (typically 10Hz or below).

Modulator Feedback Design

The modulator converts the signal from the input stage to the high-voltage output signal. The optimum gain of the modulator is determined from the maximum allowable feedback level for the modulator and maximum supply voltages for the power stage. Depending on the maximum supply voltage, the feedback ratio will need to be adjusted to maximize performance. The values of R_{FBA} , R_{FBB} and R_{FBC} (see explanation below) define the gain of the modulator. Once these values are chosen, based on the maximum supply voltage, the gain of the modulator will be fixed even with as the supply voltage fluctuates due to current draw.

For the best signal-to-noise ratio and lowest distortion, the maximum modulator feedback voltage should be approximately 4Vpp. This will keep the gain of the modulator as low as possible and still allow headroom so that the feedback signal does not clip the modulator feedback stage.

Figure 2 shows how the feedback from the output of the amplifier is returned to the input of the modulator. The input to the modulator (FBKOUT1/FBK GND1 for channel 1) can be viewed as inputs to an inverting differential amplifier. R_{FBA} and R_{FBB} bias the feedback signal to approximately 2.5V and R_{FBC} scales the large OUT1/OUT2 signal to down to 4Vpp.

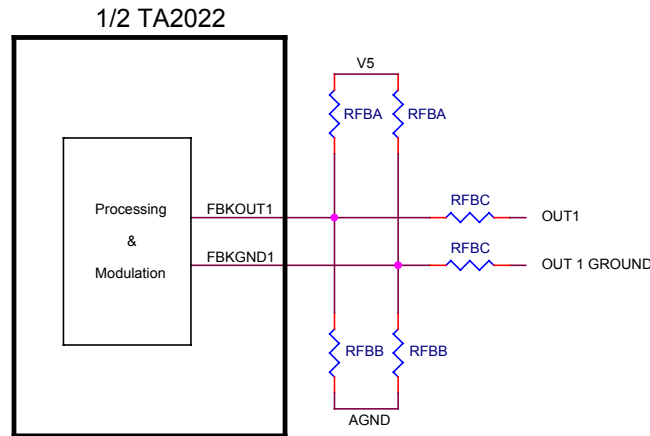


Figure 2: Modulator Feedback

The modulator feedback resistors are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{FBA} &= \text{User specified, typically } 1K\Omega \\
 R_{FBB} &= \frac{R_{FBA} * V_{PP}}{(V_{PP} - 4)} \\
 R_{FBC} &= \frac{R_{FBA} * V_{PP}}{4} \\
 A_{V - \text{MODULATOR}} &\approx \frac{R_{FBC} * (R_{FBA} + R_{FBB})}{R_{FBA} * R_{FBB}} + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

The above equations assume that $V_{PP}=|V_{NN}|$.

For example, in a system with $VPP_{MAX}=36V$ and $VNN_{MAX}=-36V$,

$$R_{FBA} = 1k\Omega, 1\%$$

$$R_{FBB} = 1.125k\Omega, \text{ use } 1.13k\Omega, 1\%$$

$$R_{FBC} = 9.0k\Omega, \text{ use } 9.09k\Omega, 1\%$$

The resultant modulator gain is:

$$A_{V - MODULATOR} \approx \frac{9.09k \Omega * (1.0k \Omega + 1.13k \Omega)}{1.0k \Omega * 1.13k \Omega} + 1 = 18.13V/V$$

Mute

The mute pin must be driven to a logic low or logic high state for proper operation. The state of the mute pin is “latched in” to minimize the effects of noise on this pin, which could cause the TA2022 to switch state unintentionally. Controlling the mute pin with a push-pull output from a microcontroller, or a physical switch between V5 and AGND, works well as both solutions have low impedance drive capability. In some cases, it may be desirable to drive the mute pin with an alternative approach. When the device is in mute, the pin must be “pulled low” via approximately 1kohm to overcome the internal latch and change the TA2022 state (i.e. out of mute). When the device is not in mute, the mute pin must be “pulled high” via approximately 2kohm to overcome the internal latch and change the TA2022 state (i.e. into mute). Figure 3 shows a simple control circuit that buffers a Mute Control signal that is not capable of driving the Mute pin of the TA2022 directly. When the Mute Control signal is high, the Mute pin will be driven low and the TA2022 will be on. If the Mute Control signal is low, the 2k resistor will pull the Mute pin high and the TA2022 will be muted.

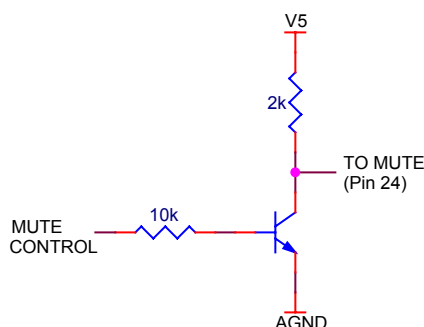


Figure 3: Low impedance drive for Mute Pin

To ensure proper device operation, including minimization of turn on/off transients that can result in undesirable audio artifacts, Tripath recommends that the TA2022 device be muted prior to power up or power down of the 5V supply. The “sensing” of the V5 supply can be easily accomplished by using a “microcontroller supervisor” or equivalent to drive the TA2022 mute pin high when the V5 voltage is below 4.5V. This will ensure proper operation of the TA2022 input circuitry. A micro-controller supervisor such as the MCP101-450 from Microchip Corporation has been used by Tripath to implement clean power up/down operation.

If turn-on and/or turn-off noise is still present with a TA2022 amplifier, the cause may be other circuitry external to the TA2022. While the TA2022 has circuitry to suppress turn-on and turn-off transients, the combination of power supply and other audio circuitry with the TA2022 in a particular application may exhibit audible transients. One solution that will completely eliminate turn-on and turn-off pops and clicks is to use a relay to connect/disconnect that amplifier from the speakers with the appropriate timing during power on/off.

TA2022 Output Capability

The TA2022 can output two channels at 100 watts each into a 4ohm load at 1% THD+N. The maximum amplifier output power is determined by a number of factors including the TA2022 junction temperature, the load impedance and the power supply voltage.

Tripath does not recommend driving loads below 4 ohm single ended as the amplifier efficiency will be seriously reduced and the amplifier may prematurely current limit.

Bridging the TA2022

The TA2022 can be bridged by returning the signal from OAOUT1 to the input resistor at INV2. OUT1 will then be a gained version of OAOUT1, and OUT2 will be a gained and inverted version of OAOUT1 (see Figure 3). When the two amplifier outputs are bridged, the apparent load impedance seen by each output is halved, so the minimum recommended impedance for bridged operation is 8 ohms. Due to the internal current limit setting, the maximum supply voltage recommended for bridged operation is $\pm 30V$. Bridged operation into loads below 8ohms is possible, but, as mentioned above, the amplifier efficiency will be reduced and the amplifier may prematurely current limit. The TA2022 is capable of 150W into 8 ohms bridged at 0.1% THD+N.

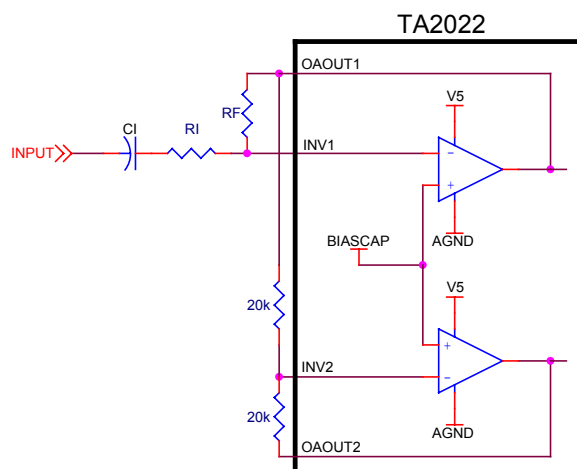


Figure 4: Input Stage Setup for Bridging

The switching outputs, OUT1 and OUT2, are not synchronized, so a common inductor may not be used with a bridged TA2022. For this same reason, individual zobel networks must be applied to each output to load each output and lower the Q of each common mode differential LC filter.

Output Voltage Offset

The output offset voltage of the TA2022 is largely determined by the matching of the respective R_{FBA} , R_{FBB} , and R_{FBC} networks for FBKOUT1(FBKOUT2) and FBKGND1 (FBKOUT2). Thus, the intrinsic offset of the TA2022 can be altered by the external feedback network resistor matching. To minimize the nominal untrimmed offset voltage, 1% tolerance resistors are recommended.

In most applications, the output offset voltage will need to be trimmed via an external circuit (either passive or active). The output offset voltage of the TA2022 can be nulled by modifying the modulator feedback as shown in Figure 4. Potentiometer R_{OFA} is used to trim the effective resistance seen by the output ground, and therefore the output offset. $ROFB$ limits the trim range.

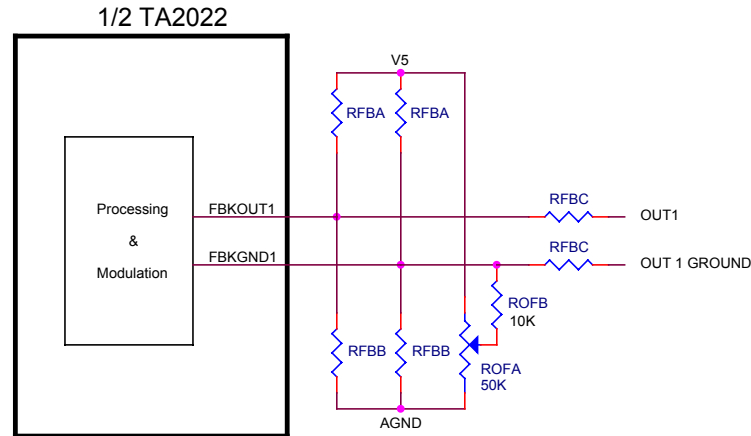


Figure 5: Manual Output Offset Trim Circuit

A DC servo can also be used to automatically null any offset voltage. The TA2022 evaluation board incorporates a DC servo. Please refer to the TA2022 evaluation board document, EB-TA2022, available on the Tripath website, at www.tripath.com.

Current Protection Design

Although the over-current (loc) trip point is internally fixed, there are external components that can affect output current levels during a short circuit event. Referring to the Application/Test diagram these include the output inductor (L_o), output diodes (D_o) and supply bypassing (C_s).

The two output inductors, L_o , directly impact the peak output current levels reached during short circuit events. For this reason they must be rated at least 10A regardless of the systems maximum operating current, ensuring the inductor does not saturate which could lead to switching currents passing unimpeded to the load. When this occurs, the loc may be forced to trip on average current levels instead of peak current levels, directly impacting the current levels seen by the load and potentially causing damage to the TA2022. Please refer to the Output Filter Design section for more details on the inductor requirements and figure 6 for comparison of load currents with an unsaturated and saturated inductor.

The four output diodes, D_o , minimize overshoots and undershoots with respect to the supply rails V_{PP} and V_{NN} . In order for these diodes to work properly they must have a low Forward Voltage rating at 10A. We recommend a Fast Recovery diode or Ultra-Fast PN Rectifier diode with a V_f rating of 1V at 10A, or better. Also, These should be placed close to their respective output pins to maximum effectiveness.

The two bulk supply voltage capacitors, C_s , will absorb the current generated when the diodes (D_o) conduct. We recommend that a high frequency capacitor designed for low impedance and high ripple currents be used. Tripath recommends an impedance of $.1\Omega$ or better at 100kHz and a ripple current rating of 1Arms at 100kHz. For maximum effectiveness, Tripath recommends that these capacitors be placed close to their respective supply pins.

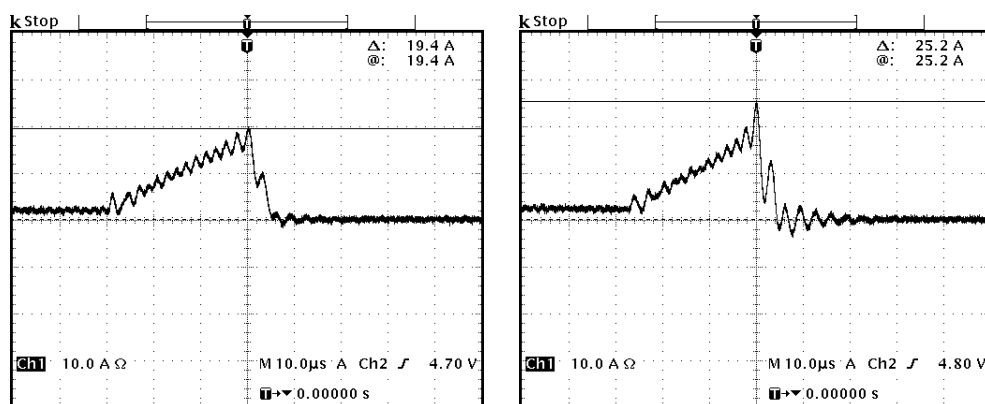


Figure 6: Short circuit load current with unsaturated toroidal inductor and saturated bobbin inductor (shielded)

Output Filter Design

Tripath amplifiers generally have a higher switching frequency than PWM implementations allowing the use of higher cutoff frequency filters, reducing the load dependent peaking/drooping in the 20kHz audio band. This is especially important for applications where the end customer may attach any speaker to the amplifier (as opposed to a system where speakers are shipped with the amplifier), since speakers are not purely resistive loads and the impedance they present changes over frequency and from speaker model to speaker model. An RC network, or “zobel” (R_Z , C_Z) must be placed at the filter output to control the impedance “seen” by the TA2022. The TA2022 works well with a 2nd order, 107kHz LC filter with $L_O = 10\mu\text{H}$ and $C_O = 0.22\mu\text{F}$ and $R_Z = 6.2\Omega/2\text{W}$ and $C_Z = 0.22\mu\text{F}$. Some applications may require a more aggressive filter to reduce out of band noise. Below are some proven filter combinations:

- 49.5kHz 2nd order filter
 $L_O = 22\mu\text{H}$
 $C_O = .47\mu\text{F}$
 $R_Z = 8\Omega$
 $C_Z = .47\mu\text{F}$
- 33.6kHz 2nd order filter
 $L_O = 33\mu\text{H}$
 $C_O = .68\mu\text{F}$
 $R_Z = 6.2\Omega$
 $C_Z = .68\mu\text{F}$
- 65kHz 4th order filter
 $L_{O1} = 15\mu\text{H}$
 $C_{O1} = 1\mu\text{F}$
 $L_{O2} = 10\mu\text{H}$
 $C_{O2} = .22\mu\text{F}$
 $R_Z = 10\Omega$
 $C_Z = .47\mu\text{F}$

Output inductor selection is a critical design step. The core material and geometry of the output filter inductor affects the TA2022 distortion levels, efficiency, over-current protection, power dissipation and EMI output. The inductor should have low loss at 700kHz with 80Vpp. It should be reiterated that regardless of the systems maximum operating current, a 10A rating is required to ensure that peak current conditions will not cause the inductor to saturate. During a short circuit event the inductor current increases very quickly in a saturated core (see figure 6), compromising the current protection scheme. A 10A rating is sufficient to ensure that current increases through the inductor are linear, and provides a safety margin

for the TA2022. There are two types of inductors available in the 10A range that offers some EMI containment: they are the toroidal type and the bobbin (shielded) type inductor.

In bobbin construction, a ferrite shield is placed around the core of a bobbin inductor to help contain radiated emissions. This shield can reduce the amount of energy the inductor can store in the core by reducing the air gap, which can lower the peak current capability of the inductor. Typically, a 7-10A shielded bobbin inductor will not have the peak current capability necessary to ensure that the core will not saturate during short circuit events; this is why they are not recommended for use with the TA2022. Also it should be noted that shielded bobbin construction is not as effective as toroidal construction for EMI containment.

Tripath recommends that the customer use a toroidal inductor with a Carbonyl-E core for all applications of the TA2022. This core has a high peak current capability due to its low- μ Carbonyl-E metal powder. A distributed air gap increases its' energy storage capability, which allows for a small footprint and high current capability. Carbonyl-E toroidal iron powder cores have low loss and good linearity. The toroidal shape is ideal for EMI containment. Also, EMI can be further contained by sizing the toroid to accept a full layer of windings. This aids in shielding the electric field. Tripath recommends:

- Micrometals (www.micrometals.com) Type-2 (Carbonyl-E) toroidal iron powder cores. The specific core Tripath initially verified and used on the EB-TA2022 was a T94-2 (23.9mm outer diameter) wound to 11uH with 19AWG wire. Since then Tripath has determined that much smaller Carbonyl-E toroids will not saturate during high current events. Tripath has also used T68-2 (17.5mm outer diameter) and the T60-2B/60(15.2mm outer diameter) cores wound to 11uH with 22AWG with good success. If a smaller core is required, core outer diameters as small as 15.2mm (T60-2) work well, but core temperature effects should be tested. The T60-2 core did not saturate during short circuit testing, but maximum core temperatures must be considered and multiple layer winding must be used to achieve 11uH. Multiple winding can increase winding capacitance, which may cause ringing and increased radiated emissions. Bank winding techniques can minimize this effect. It should be noted that at core temperatures above 130C the single build wire used by most inductor manufacturers should be replaced with a heavy build wire. Micrometals does not provide winding services, but many companies purchase directly from them and provide completely finished inductors. Pulse Engineering has assigned a part number for the T68-2 wound with 44 turns of 22 AWG single build wire. The part number is PA0291.
- Amidon Inc./American Cores type-06 (Carbonyl-E) toroidal iron powder cores. Tripath has used T690-06 (17.5mm outer diameter) cores wound to 11uH with good success. Amidon carries type-06 cores in the 23.9mm to 15.2mm outer diameter range. They have assigned a part number for the T690-06 wound with 44 turns of 22 AWG single build wire. This part is approved by Tripath and is 690064422.

Power Supplies

The TA2022 requires the split supply rails VPP1(VPP2) and VNN1(VNN2), and V5. It also uses some additional voltages, VN10, VBOOT1 and VBOOT2 that are generated internally. The selection of components for the switching regulator is shown in the Application / Test Diagram.

Minimum and Maximum Supply Voltage Operating Range

The TA2022 can operate over a wide range of power supply voltages from +/-12V to +/-36V. In order to optimize operation for either the low or high range, the user must select the proper

values for $R_{VNNSENSE}$, $R_{VPPSENSE}$, R_{FBA} , R_{FBB} , and R_{FBC} . Please refer to the Modulator Feedback Design and Over/Under-voltage Protection sections for more additional information.

VN10 Supply

The TA2022 has an internal hysteretic buck converter, which, in conjunction with a few passive components, generates the necessary floating power supply for the MOSFET driver stage (nominally 11V with the external components shown in Application / Test Circuit). The performance curves shown in the data sheet as well as efficiency measurements were done using the internal VN10 generator. Tripath recommends that the internal VN10 generator be used.

In some cases, though, a designer may wish to use an external VN10 generator. The specification for VN10 quiescent current (65mA typical, 80mA maximum) in the Electrical Characteristics section states the amount of current needed when an external floating supply is used. If the internal VN10 generator is not used, Tripath recommends shorting VN10SW(pin 5) to VN10GND(pin 3) and VN10FDBK(pin 14) to VN10GND(pin 3). VN10GND should still be connected to the system power (high current) ground star for noise reasons.

The external VN10 supply must be able to source a maximum of 80mA into the VN10 pin. Thus, a positive supply must be used. In addition, this supply must be referenced to the VNN rail. If the external VN10 supply does not track fluctuations in the VNN supply or is not able to source current into the VN10 pin, the TA2022 will, at the very least, not work, but more likely, be permanently damaged.

Figure 7 shows a simple circuit for an external VN10 supply. Though simple, there is one problem with this circuit; the maximum input voltage of the 7810. If the maximum input voltage of the 7810 is exceeded (typically this voltage is 35V), then the 7810 will be damaged which will likely cause damage to the TA2022. Thus, this circuit should only be used where the VNN power supply is well regulated even under heavy load conditions (including the effects of power supply pumping).

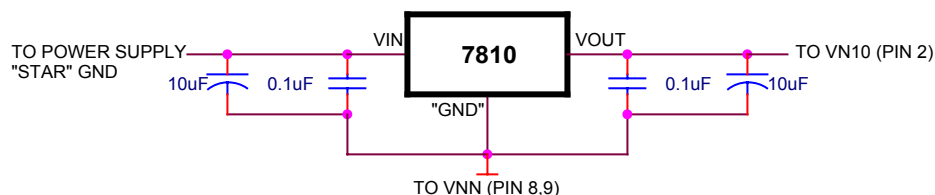


Figure 7: Simple External VN10 Supply

Figure 8 shows a much more robust VN10 supply. In this case, the maximum supply differential the LM317 experiences is the input voltage minus the output voltage. The maximum differential specification is 40V for the LM317. When used as the VN10 supply for the TA2022, the maximum differential the LM317 will experience is 25V, even at maximum operating voltage of 36V for the TA2022. As configured, VOUT will be about 10.63V above VNN.

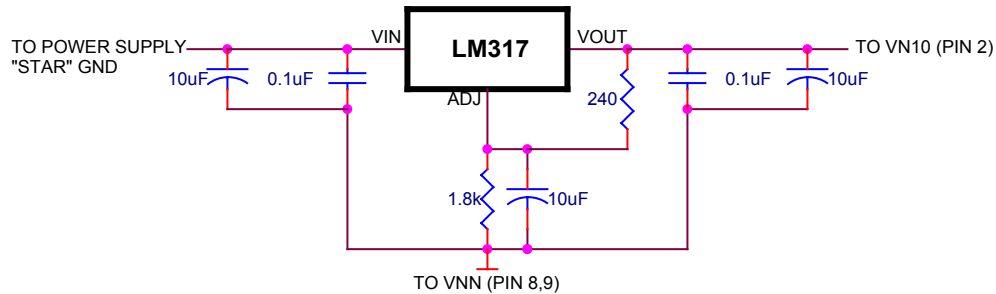


Figure 8: Robust External VN10 Supply

It should be noted that the maximum power dissipation for either Figure 6 or Figure 7 is:

$$P_{\text{DMAX}} = (V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{OUT}}) \times I_{\text{OUT}} \approx (31\text{V} - 11\text{V}) \times 80\text{mA}(\text{max.}) = 1.6\text{W}$$

Thus, the LM7810 or LM317 must be sufficiently heat sunked to sustain 80mA in the system ambient temperature. In the case where multiple TA2022's are run off the same VN10 generator, the power dissipation may be prohibitively large for the linear regulator in conjunction with allowable heat sink. In these cases, a more sophisticated scheme using an additional transformer secondary winding referenced to VNN may be necessary to minimize the linear regulator power dissipation.

Protection Circuits

The TA2022 is guarded against over-current, over / under-voltage and over-temperature conditions. If the device goes into an over-current or over / under-voltage condition, the HMUTE goes to a logic HIGH indicating a fault condition. When this occurs, the amplifier is muted, all outputs are TRI-STATED, and will float to approximately 2.5VDC.

Over-Current Protection

An over-current fault occurs if more than approximately 8 amps of current flows from any of the amplifier output pins. This can occur if the speaker wires are shorted together or if one side of the speaker is shorted to ground. An over-current fault sets an internal latch that can only be cleared if the MUTE pin is toggled or if the part is powered down. See the over-current curves in the Typical Characteristics section for more information.

Over/Under Voltage Protection

The TA2022 has built-in over and under voltage protection for both the VPP and VNN supply rails. The nominal operating voltage will typically be chosen as the supply "center point." This allows the supply voltage to fluctuate, both above and below, the nominal supply voltage.

VPPSENSE (pin 19) performs the over and undervoltage sensing for the positive supply, VPP. VNNSENSE (pin 18) performs the same function for the negative rail, VNN. In the simplest implementation, the supply is done via a single, external resistor per sense pin. This scheme is referred to as the "single resistor" sense circuit. Figure 9 shows the single resistor sense circuit.

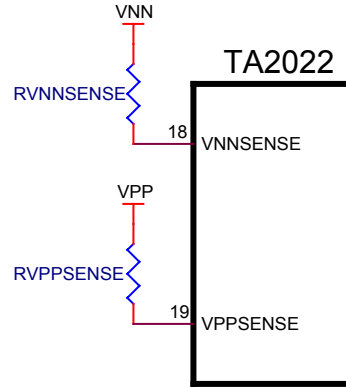


Figure 9: Single Resistor sense circuit

When the current through $R_{VPPSENSE}$ (or $R_{VNNSENSE}$) goes below or above the values shown in the Electrical Characteristics section (caused by changing the power supply voltage), the TA2022 will be muted. $VPPSENSE$ is internally biased at 2.5V and $VNNSENSE$ is biased at 1.25V. For the “single resistor” sense case (as shown in the Application / Test Diagram), these bias points must be taken into consideration when calculating the $R_{VPPSENSE}$ or $R_{VNNSENSE}$ resistor.

Once the supply comes back into the supply voltage operating range (as defined by the supply sense resistors), the TA2022 will automatically be unmuted and will begin to amplify. There is a hysteresis range on both the $VPPSENSE$ and $VNNSENSE$ pins. If the amplifier is powered up in the hysteresis band the TA2022 will be muted. Thus, the usable supply range is the difference between the over-voltage turn-off and under-voltage turn-off for both the VPP and VNN supplies. It should be noted that there is a timer of approximately 200mS with respect to the over and under voltage sensing circuit. Thus, the supply voltage must be outside of the user defined supply range for greater than 200mS for the TA2022 to be muted.

The equation for calculating $R_{VPPSENSE}$ is as follows:

$$R_{VPPSENSE} = \frac{VPP - 2.5V}{I_{VPPSENSE}}$$

The equation for calculating $R_{VNNSENSE}$ is as follows:

$$R_{VNNSENSE} = \frac{1.25V - VNN}{I_{VNNSENSE}}$$

where $I_{VPPSENSE}$ or $I_{VNNSENSE}$ can be any of the currents shown in the Electrical Characteristics table for $VPPSENSE$ and $VNNSENSE$, respectively.

Example: Nominal supply voltage – +/-32.5V +/-10%

From this information, a value of $R_{VPPSENSE}$ and $R_{VNNSENSE}$ can be calculated using the above formulas.

$$VPP_{MAX} = 32.5V \times 1.1 = 35.75V \quad \text{use } 36V$$

$$VNN_{MAX} = -32.5V \times 1.1 = -35.75V \quad \text{use } -36V$$

$$R_{VPPSENSE} = \frac{36V - 2.5V}{138 \mu A} = 242.75 \text{ k}\Omega \quad \text{use } 243 \text{ k}\Omega, 1\%$$

where $I_{VPPSENSE}$ is the minimum over-voltage turn off current for VPPSENSE.

$$R_{VNNSENSE} = \frac{1.25V - -36V}{152 \mu A} = 245.1 \text{ k}\Omega \quad \text{use } 249 \text{ k}\Omega, 1\%$$

where $I_{VNNSENSE}$ is the minimum over-voltage turn off current for VNNSENSE.

Using the resistor values from above, the actual minimum over voltage turn off points will be:

$$VPP_{MIN_OV_TUR \ N_OFF} = 243 \text{ k}\Omega \times 138 \mu A + 2.5V = 36.03V$$

$$VNN_{MIN_OV_TUR \ N_OFF} = 1.25V - 249 \text{ k}\Omega \times 152 \mu A = -36.60V$$

The other three trip points can be calculated using the same formula but inserting the appropriate $I_{VPPSENSE}$ (or $I_{VNNSENSE}$) current value. As stated earlier, the usable supply range is the difference between the minimum overvoltage turn off and maximum under voltage turn-off for both the VPP and VNN supplies.

$$VPP_{RANGE} = VPP_{MIN_OV_TUR \ N_OFF} - VPP_{MAX_UV_TUR \ N_OFF}$$

$$VNN_{RANGE} = VNN_{MIN_OV_TUR \ N_OFF} - VNN_{MAX_UV_TUR \ N_OFF}$$

Using the resistor values from above, and the maximum under voltage trip currents shown in the Electrical Characteristics table, the maximum under voltage turn off points will be:

$$VPP_{MAX_UV_TUR \ N_OFF} = 243 \text{ k}\Omega \times 87 \mu A + 2.5V = 23.64V$$

$$VNN_{MAX_UV_TUR \ N_OFF} = 1.25V - 249 \text{ k}\Omega \times 95 \mu A = -22.41V$$

and the resultant supply ranges will be:

$$VPP_{RANGE} = 36.03 - 23.64V = 12.39V$$

$$VNN_{RANGE} = -36.60 - -22.41V = -14.19V$$

It should also be noted that the tolerance of the $R_{VPPSENSE}$ (or $R_{VNNSENSE}$) resistors will effect the trip voltages and thus, the usable supply range. To minimize the additional variance Tripath recommends 1% tolerance resistors.

As a matter of completeness, the formulas below include the effect of resistor tolerance assuming a known value of $R_{VPPSENSE}$ or $R_{VNNSENSE}$.

$$VPP_{MIN_OV_TUR \ N_OFF} = (R_{VPPSENSE} \times I_{TRIP}) \div (1 + TOL / 100) + 2.5V$$

$$VPP_{MAX_UV_TUR \ N_OFF} = (R_{VPPSENSE} \times I_{TRIP}) \times (1 + TOL / 100) + 2.5V$$

$$VNN_{MIN_OV_TUR \ N_OFF} = 1.25 - (R_{VNNSENSE} \times I_{TRIP}) \div (1 + TOL / 100)$$

$$V_{NN_MAX_UV_TUR_N_OFF} = 1.25 - (R_{V_{NN}SENSE} \times I_{TRIP}) \times (1 + TOL / 100)$$

Using a value of 243kΩ for $R_{V_{PP}SENSE}$ and a value of 249kΩ for $R_{V_{NN}SENSE}$, assuming 5% tolerance, along with the appropriate value of I_{TRIP} , the trip voltages and supply ranges can be calculated.

$$V_{PP_MIN_OV_TUR_N_OFF} = (243k\Omega \times 138\mu A) \div (1 + 5 / 100) + 2.5V = 34.44V$$

$$V_{PP_MAX_UV_TUR_N_OFF} = (243k\Omega \times 87\mu A) \times (1 + 5 / 100) + 2.5V = 24.70V$$

$$V_{PP_RANGE} = 34.44 - 24.70V = 9.74V$$

$$V_{NN_MIN_OV_TUR_N_OFF} = 1.25 - (249k\Omega \times 152\mu A) \div (1 + 5 / 100) = -34.80V$$

$$V_{NN_MAX_UV_TUR_N_OFF} = 1.25 - (249k\Omega \times 95\mu A) \times (1 + 5 / 100) = -23.59V$$

$$V_{NN_RANGE} = -34.80 - -23.59V = -11.21V$$

Thus, by using 5% resistors, the supply range for the VPP has been reduced by 2.65V while the VNN range has been reduced by approximately 3.0V (as compared to resistors with no tolerance variation). In actuality, if a 5% resistor was to be used, then the initial value of $R_{V_{PP}SENSE}$ and $R_{V_{NN}SENSE}$ would have had to be adjusted such that the minimum over voltage turn off points would have never been less than +/-36V as defined by the supply voltage and tolerance specification.

It should be noted that the values for $V_{V_{PP}SENSE}$ and $V_{V_{NN}SENSE}$ shown in the Electrical Characteristics table were calculated using a value of 249kΩ for both $R_{V_{PP}SENSE}$ and $R_{V_{NN}SENSE}$. In addition, for the maximum and minimum values, as opposed to the typical ones, a 1% tolerance resistor value around 249kΩ was chosen to show the effect on supply range. Thus, the minimum and maximum values would be “worst case” assuming a supply voltage of 5V for the input section of the TA2022.

The entire discussion thus far has been for the “one resistor” sense circuit. This configuration requires a single resistor from either $V_{PP}SENSE$ or $V_{NN}SENSE$ to the respective power supply. While the simplest configuration, in terms of external components, there are some drawbacks to this configuration. The first drawback is that the range for V_{PP_RANGE} and V_{NN_RANGE} are asymmetric due to the different internal bias voltages of $V_{PP}SENSE$ and $V_{NN}SENSE$. A second issue is that current through $R_{V_{PP}SENSE}$ or $R_{V_{NN}SENSE}$ will change if the V5 voltage is not exactly 5V, since the bias voltages of pin 18 and pin 19 are set by resistor dividers between V5 and AGND.

With an additional resistor per supply sense pin (2 resistors per $V_{PP}SENSE$ or $V_{NN}SENSE$), the drawbacks of the “one resistor” sense circuit can be eliminated. In addition, the calculations of the sense resistors are actually more straightforward for the “two resistor” sense circuit as opposed to the “one resistor” scheme. Figure 10 shows the proper connection for the “two resistor” sense circuit for both the $V_{PP}SENSE$ and $V_{NN}SENSE$ pins.

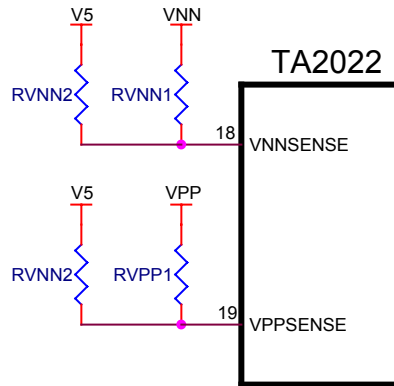


Figure 10: Two Resistor sense circuit

The equation for calculating R_{VPP1} is as follows:

$$R_{VPP1} = \frac{VPP}{I_{VPPSENSE}}$$

$$\text{Set } R_{VPP2} = R_{VPP1} .$$

The equation for calculating $R_{VNNSENSE}$ is as follows:

$$R_{VNN1} = \frac{VNN}{I_{VNNSENSE}}$$

$$\text{Set } R_{VNN2} = 3 \times R_{VNN1} .$$

$I_{VPPSENSE}$ or $I_{VNNSENSE}$ can be any of the currents shown in the Electrical Characteristics table for VPPSENSE and VNNSENSE, respectively.

Example: Nominal supply voltage – +/-32.5V +/-10%

From this information, a value of R_{VPP1} , R_{VPP2} , R_{VNN1} , and R_{VNN2} can be calculated using the above formulas.

$$VPP_{MAX} = 32.5V \times 1.1 = 35.75V \quad \text{use } 36V$$

$$VNN_{MAX} = -32.5V \times 1.1 = -35.75V \quad \text{use } -36V$$

$$R_{VPP1} = \frac{36V}{138 \mu A} = 260.87 \text{ k}\Omega \quad \text{use } 261\text{k}\Omega, 1\%$$

$$\text{Set } R_{VPP2} = 261\text{k}\Omega, 1\% .$$

where $I_{VPPSENSE}$ is the minimum over-voltage turn off current for VPPSENSE.

$$R_{VNN2} = \frac{36V}{152 \mu A} = 236.84 \text{ k}\Omega \quad \text{use } 237 \text{ k}\Omega, 1\%$$

$$\text{Set } R_{VNN2} = 715 \text{ k}\Omega, 1\% .$$

where $I_{VNNSENSE}$ is the minimum over-voltage turn off current for VNNSENSE.

The two additional resistors, R_{VPP2} and R_{VNN2} compensate for the internal bias points. Thus, R_{VPP1} and R_{VNN1} can be used for the direct calculation of the actual VPP and VNN trip voltages without considering the effect of R_{VPP2} and R_{VNN2} .

Using the resistor values from above, the actual minimum over voltage turn off points will be:

$$VPP_{MIN_OV_TUR \ N_OFF} = 261 \text{ k}\Omega \times 138 \mu A = 36.02V$$

$$VNN_{MIN_OV_TUR \ N_OFF} = -237 \text{ k}\Omega \times 152 \mu A = -36.24V$$

The other three trip points can be calculated using the same formula but inserting the appropriate $I_{VPPSENSE}$ (or $I_{VNNSENSE}$) current value. As stated earlier, the usable supply range is the difference between the minimum overvoltage turn off and maximum under voltage turn-off for both the VPP and VNN supplies.

$$VPP_{RANGE} = VPP_{MIN_OV_TUR \ N_OFF} - VPP_{MAX_UV_TUR \ N_OFF}$$

$$VNN_{RANGE} = VNN_{MIN_OV_TUR \ N_OFF} - VNN_{MAX_UV_TUR \ N_OFF}$$

Using the resistor values from above, and the maximum under voltage trip currents shown in the Electrical Characteristics table, the maximum under voltage turn off points will be:

$$VPP_{MAX_UV_TUR \ N_OFF} = 261 \text{ k}\Omega \times 87 \mu A = 22.71V$$

$$VNN_{MAX_UV_TUR \ N_OFF} = -237 \text{ k}\Omega \times 95 \mu A = -22.51V$$

and the resultant minimum supply ranges will be:

$$VPP_{RANGE} = 36.02 - 22.71V = 13.31V$$

$$VNN_{RANGE} = -36.24 - -22.51V = -13.73V$$

By adding a total of 2 additional resistors (1 for VPPSENSE and 1 for VNNSENSE), the minimum supply range is now about 3% different as opposed to 13% for the “single resistor” sense case. In addition, the VPP range has been increased by nearly one volt. This represents a 7% improvement in supply range for VPP. As in the single resistor case, the tolerance of the R_{VPP1} and R_{VPP2} (or R_{VNN1} and R_{VNN2}) resistors will affect the trip voltages and thus, the usable supply range. As the nominal supply voltage is decreased, the effect of R_{VPP2} and R_{VNN2} becomes more pronounced. To minimize the additional variance Tripath recommends 1% tolerance resistors. It is possible to calculate the effect of resistor tolerances for the “two resistor” sense circuit, but ultimately, 1% resistors should be used for the sense circuit in all, but the tightest regulated supply schemes.

Over Temperature Protection

An over-temperature fault occurs if the junction temperature of the part exceeds approximately 165°C. The thermal hysteresis of the part is approximately 30°C, therefore the fault will automatically clear when the junction temperature drops below 135°C.

HMUTE (pin 32)

The HMUTE pin is a 5V logic output that indicates various fault conditions within the device. These conditions include: over-current, overvoltage and undervoltage. The HMUTE output is capable of directly driving an LED through a series 2kΩ resistor.

Heat Sink Requirements

In most applications it will be necessary to fasten the TA2022 to a heat sink. The determining factor is that the 150°C maximum junction temperature, $T_{J(MAX)}$ cannot be exceeded, as specified by the following equation:

$$P_{DISS} = \frac{(T_{J(MAX)} - T_A)}{\theta_{JA}}$$

where:

P_{DISS} = maximum power dissipation

T_{JMAX} = maximum junction temperature of TA2022

T_A = operating ambient temperature

θ_{JA} = junction-to-ambient thermal resistance

$\theta_{JA} = \theta_{JC} + \theta_{CS} + \theta_{SA}$

Example:

What size heat sink is required to operate the TA2022 at 80W per channel continuously in a 70°C ambient temperature?

P_{DISS} is determined by:

$$\text{Efficiency} = \eta = \frac{P_{OUT}}{P_{IN}} = \frac{P_{OUT}}{P_{OUT} - P_{DISS}}$$

$$P_{DISS} \text{ (per channel)} = \frac{P_{OUT}}{\eta} - P_{OUT} = \frac{90}{0.85} - 90 = 15.88 \text{ W}$$

Thus, P_{DISS} for two channels = 31.76W

$$\theta_{JA} = \frac{(T_{J(MAX)} - T_A)}{P_{DISS}} = \frac{150 - 70}{31.76} = 2.52^\circ\text{C/W}$$

The θ_{JC} of the TA2022 is 1.0°C/W, so a heat sink of 1.32°C/W is required for this example (assuming a $\theta_{CS} = 0.2^\circ\text{C/W}$). In actual applications, other factors such as the average P_{DISS} with a music source (as opposed to a continuous sine wave) and regulatory agency testing requirements will help determine the size of the heat sink required.

Performance Measurements of the TA2022

The TA2022 operates by generating a high frequency switching signal based on the audio input. This signal is sent through a low-pass filter (external to the Tripath amplifier) that

recovers an amplified version of the audio input. The frequency of the switching pattern is spread spectrum in nature and typically varies between 100kHz and 1MHz, which is well above the 20Hz – 20kHz audio band. The pattern itself does not alter or distort the audio input signal, but it does introduce some inaudible components.

The measurements of certain performance parameters, particularly noise related specifications such as THD+N, are significantly affected by the design of the low-pass filter used on the output as well as the bandwidth setting of the measurement instrument used. Unless the filter has a very sharp roll-off just beyond the audio band or the bandwidth of the measurement instrument is limited, some of the inaudible noise components introduced by the TA2022 amplifier switching pattern will degrade the measurement.

One feature of the TA2022 is that it does not require large multi-pole filters to achieve excellent performance in listening tests, usually a more critical factor than performance measurements. Though using a multi-pole filter may remove high-frequency noise and improve THD+N type measurements (when they are made with wide-bandwidth measuring equipment), these same filters degrade frequency response. The TA2022 Evaluation Board uses the Application/Test Circuit of this data sheet, which has a simple two-pole output filter and excellent performance in listening tests. Measurements in this data sheet were taken using this same circuit with a limited bandwidth setting in the measurement instrument.

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