HCPL-9000/-0900, -9030/-0930, HCPL-9031/-0931, -900J/-090J, HCPL-901J/-091J, -902J/-092J

High Speed Digital Isolators

Data Sheet







Description

The HCPL-90xx and HCPL-09xx CMOS digital isolators feature high speed performance and excellent transient immunity specifications. The symmetric magnetic coupling barrier gives these devices a typical pulse width distortion of 2 ns, a typical propagation delay skew of 4 ns and 100 Mbaud data rate, making them the industry's fastest digital isolators.

The single channel digital isolators (HCPL-9000/-0900) features an active-low logic output enable. The dual channel digital isolators are configured as unidirectional (HCPL-9030/-0930) and bi-directional (HCPL-9031/-0931), operating in full duplex mode making it ideal for digital fieldbus applications.

The quad channel digital isolators are configured as unidirectional (HCPL-900J/-090J), two channels in one direction and two channels in opposite direction (HCPL-901J/-091J), and one channel in one direction and three channels in opposite direction (HCPL-902J/-092J). These high channel density make them ideally suited to isolating data conversion devices, parallel buses and peripheral interfaces.

They are available in 8-pin PDIP, 8-pin Gull Wing, 8-pin SOIC packages, and 16-pin SOIC narrow-body and wide-body packages. They are specified over the temperature range of -40°C to +100°C.

Features

- +3.3V and +5V TTL/CMOS compatible
- 3 ns max. pulse width distortion
- 6 ns max. propagation delay skew
- 15 ns max. propagation delay
- High speed: 100 MBd
- 15 kV/µs min. common mode rejection
- Tri-state output (HCPL-9000/-0900)
- 2500 V RMS isolation
- UL1577 and IEC 61010-1 approved

Applications

- Digital fieldbus isolation
- Multiplexed data transmission
- Computer peripheral interface
- High speed digital systems
- Isolated data interfaces
- Logic level shifting

CAUTION: It is advised that normal static precautions be taken in handling and assembly of this component to prevent damage and/or degradation which may be induced by ESD.

Selection Guide

Device Number	Channel Configuration	Package
HCPL-9000	Single	8-pin DIP (300 Mil)
HCPL-0900	Single	8-pin Small Outline
HCPL-9030	Dual	8-pin DIP (300 Mil)
HCPL-0930	Dual	8-pin Small Outline
HCPL-9031	Dual, Bi-Directional	8-pin DIP (300 Mil)
HCPL-0931	Dual, Bi-Directional	8-pin Small Outline
HCPL-900J	Quad	16-pin Small Outline, Wide Body
HCPL-090J	Quad	16-pin Small Outline, Narrow Body
HCPL-901J	Quad, 2/2, Bi-Directional	16-pin Small Outline, Wide Body
HCPL-091J	Quad, 2/2, Bi-Directional	16-pin Small Outline, Narrow Body
HCPL-902J	Quad, 1/3, Bi-Directional	16-pin Small Outline, Wide Body
HCPL-092J	Quad, 1/3, Bi-Directional	16-pin Small Outline, Narrow Body

Ordering Information

HCPL-09xx and HCPL-90xx are UL Recognized with 2500 $\rm V_{rms}$ for 1 minute per UL1577.

	Option	n					
Part number	RoHS Compliant	Non RoHS Compliant	 Package	Surface Mount	Gull Wing	Tape & Reel	Quantity
HCPL-9000	-000E	No option	300mil DIP-8				50 per tube
HCPL-9030 HCPL-9031	-300E	-300		Х	Х		50 per tube
TICI L-9031	-500E	-500		Х	Х	Х	1000 per reel
HCPL-0900	-000E	No option	SO-8 _	Х			100 per tube
HCPL-0930 HCPL-0931	-500E	-500	_ 50-0 -	Х		Х	1500 per reel
HCPL-900J	-000E	No option	Wide Body	Х			50 per tube
HCPL-901J HCPL-902J	-500E	-500	SO-16	Х		Х	1000 per reel
HCPL-090J	-000E	No option	Narrow Body	Χ			50 per tube
HCPL-091J HCPL-092J -500E -500	-500	SO-16	Х		Х	1000 per reel	

To order, choose a part number from the part number column and combine with the desired option from the option column to form an order entry.

Example 1:

HCPL-9031-500E to order product of 300mil DIP Gull Wing Surface Mount package in Tape and Reel in RoHS compliant.

Example 2:

HCPL-0900 to order product of SO-8 package in tube packaging and non RoHS compliant.

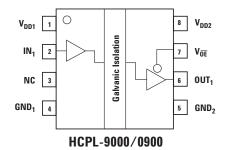
Option datasheets are available. Contact your Avago sales representative or authorized distributor for information.

Pin Description

Symbol	Description
V _{DD1}	Power Supply 1
V _{DD2}	Power Supply 2
IN _x	Logic Input Signal
OUT _x	Logic Output Signal
GND ₁	Power Supply Ground 1
GND ₂	Power Supply Ground 2
\overline{V}_{OE}	Logic Output Enable (Single Channel), Active Low
NC	Not Connected

Functional Diagrams

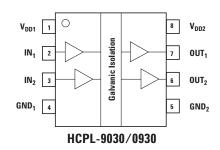
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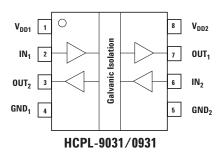


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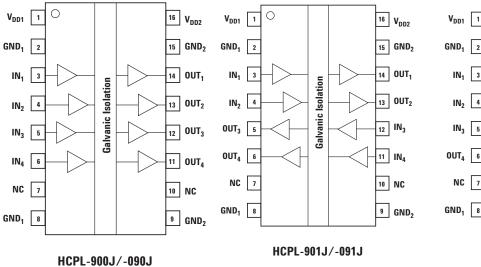
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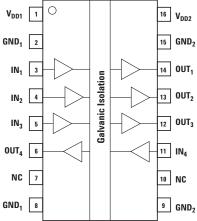
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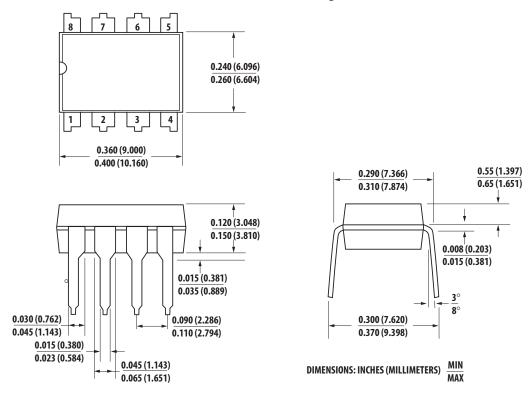




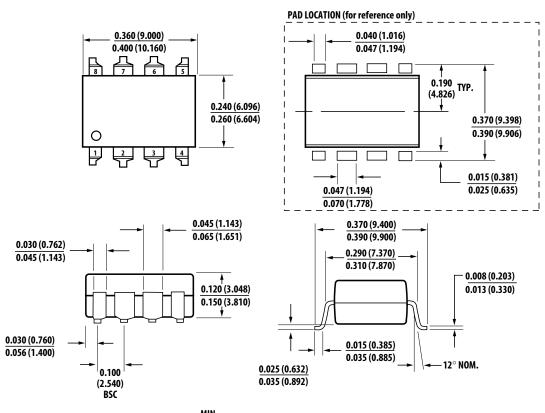
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Package Outline Drawings

HCPL-9000, HCPL-9030 and HCPL-9031 Standard DIP Packages



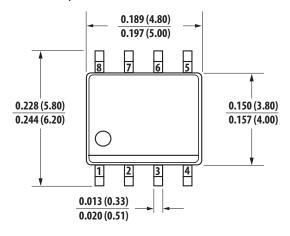
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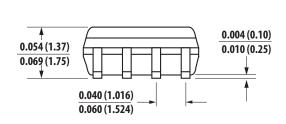


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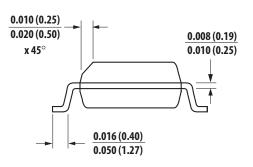
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HCPL-0900, HCPL-0930 and HCPL-0931 Small Outline SO-8 Package

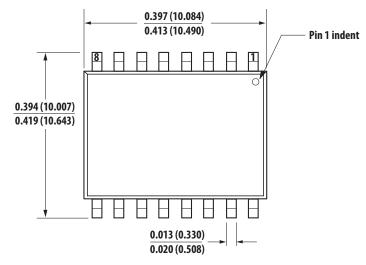


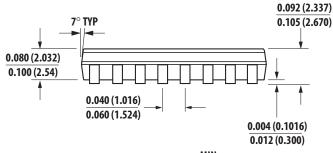


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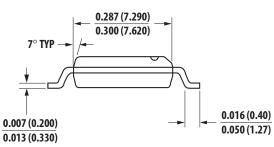


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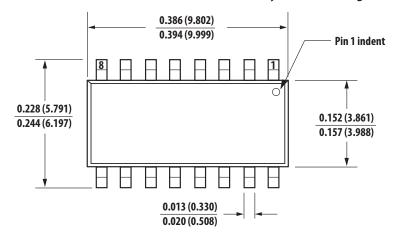


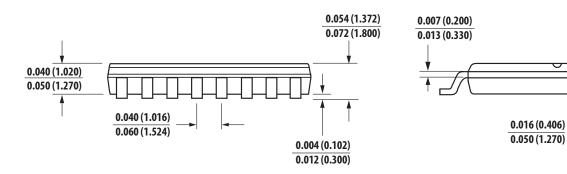


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HCPL-090J, HCPL-091J and HCPL-092J Narrow Body SOIC-16 Package





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Package Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units	Test Conditions
Capacitance (Input-Output)[1]	C _{I-O}				pF	f = 1 MHz
Single Channel	10		1.1			
Dual Channel			2.0			
Quad Channel			4.0			
Thermal Resistance	θ_{JCT}				°C/W	Thermocouple located at
8-Pin PDIP	<i>JC1</i>		54			center underside of package
8-Pin SOIC			144			
16-Pin SOIC Narrow Body			41			
16-Pin SOIC Wide Body			28			
Package Power Dissipation	P _{PD}				mW	
8-Pin PDIP	. 5			150		
8-Pin SOIC				150		
16-Pin SOIC Narrow Body				150		
16-Pin SOIC Wide Body				150		

Notes:

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^{1.} Single and dual channels device are considered two-terminal devices: pins 1-4 shorted and pins 5-8 shorted. Quad channel devices are considered two-terminal devices: pins 1-8 shorted and pins 9-16 shorted.

Insulation and Safety Related Specifications

Parameters	Condition	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
Barrier Impedance					Ω∥pF
Single Channel			>1014 3		
Dual Channel			>1014 3		
Quad Channel			>1014 7		
Creepage Distance (External)					mm
8-Pin PDIP		7.04			
8-Pin SOIC		4.04			
16-Pin SOIC Narrow Body		4.03			
16-Pin SOIC Wide Body		8.08			
Leakage Current	240 V _{RMS} 60 Hz		0.2		μΑ

IEC61010-1 Insulation Characteristics*

		HCPL-0900	HCPL-9000	
		HCPL-0930	HCPL-9030	
		HCPL-090J	HCPL-900J	
		HCPL-091J	HCPL-901J	
Description	Symbol	HCPL-092J	HCPL-902J	Units
Installation classification per DIN VDE 0110/1.89, Table 1				
for rated mains voltage ≤ 150 Vrms		I – III	I – IV	
for rated mains voltage ≤ 300 Vrms			I – III	
Pollution Degree (DIN VDE 0110/1.89)		2	2	
Maximum Working Insulation Voltage	VIORM	150	300	Vrms

Soldering Profile

The recommended reflow soldering conditions are per JEDEC Standard J-STD-020 (latest revision).

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameters	Symbol	Min.	Max.	Units			
Storage Temperature	T _s	-55	150	°C			
Ambient Operating Temperature[1]	T _A	-55	125	°C			
Supply Voltage	V_{DD1}, V_{DD2}	-0.5	7	V			
Input Voltage	V _{IN}	-0.5	V _{DD1} +0.5	V			
Voltage Output Enable (HCPL-9000/-0900)	V _{OE}	-0.5	V _{DD2} +0.5	V			
Output Voltage	V _{OUT}	-0.5	V _{DD2} +0.5	V			
Output Current Drive	I _{OUT}		10	mA			
Lead Solder Temperature (10s)			260	°C			
ESD 2 k	SD 2 kV Human Body Model						

Notes

Recommended Operating Conditions

Parameters	Symbol	Min.	Max.	Units	
Ambient Operating Temperature	T _A	-40	100	°C	
Supply Voltage	V_{DD1}, V_{DD2}	3.0	5.5	V	
Logic High Input Voltage	V _{IH}	2.4	V _{DD1}	V	
Logic Low Input Voltage	V _{IL}	0	0.8	V	
Input Signal Rise and Fall Times	t _{IR} , t _{IF}		1	μs	

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^{1.} Absolute Maximum ambient operating temperature means the device will not be damaged if operated under these conditions. It does not guarantee performance.

3.3V operation: Electrical Specifications

Test conditions that are not specified can be anywhere within the recommended operating range.

All typical specifications are at $T_A = +25$ °C, $V_{DD1} = V_{DD2} = +3.3$ V.

est Conditions	Units	Max.	Тур.	Min.	Symbol	Parameter
_N = 0V	mA				I _{DD1}	Quiescent Supply Current 1
•		0.01	0.008		55.	HCPL-9000/-0900
		0.01	0.008			HCPL-9030/-0930
		2.0	1.5			HCPL-9031/-0931
		0.02	0.018			HCPL-900J/-090J
		4.0	3.3			HCPL-901J/-091J
		2.0	1.5			HCPL-902J/-092J
$_{N} = 0V$	mA				I _{DD2}	Quiescent Supply Current 2
		4.0	3.3			HCPL-9000/-0900
		4.0	3.3			HCPL-9030/-0930
		2.0	1.5			HCPL-9031/-0931
		8.0	5.5			HCPL-900J/-090J
		4.0	3.3			HCPL-901J/-091J
		6.0	3.0			HCPL-902J/-092J
	μΑ	10		-10	I _{IN}	Logic Input Current
$_{UT}$ = -20 μ A, V_{IN} = V_{IH}	V		$V_{_{\mathrm{DD2}}}$	$V_{DD2} - 0.1$	V _{OH}	Logic High Output Voltage
$_{\rm UT}$ = -4 mA, $V_{\rm IN}$ = $V_{\rm IH}$	V		V _{DD2} -0.5	0.8*V _{DD2}		
$_{UT}$ = 20 μ A, V_{IN} = V_{IL}	V	0.1	0		V _{OL}	Logic Low Output Voltage
$_{\rm UT}$ = 4 mA, $V_{\rm IN}$ = $V_{\rm IL}$	V	0.8	0.5			
						Switching Specifications
= 15 pF	MBd		110	100		Maximum Data Rate
	MHz	50			fmax	Clock Frequency
	ns	18	12		t _{PHL}	Propagation Delay Time to Logic Low Output
	ns	18	12		t _{PLH}	Propagation Delay Time toLogic High Output
	ns			10	t _{PW}	Pulse Width
	ns	3	2		PWD	Pulse Width Distortion[1]
						$ t_{\scriptscriptstylePHL} - t_{\scriptscriptstylePLH} $
	ns	6	4		t _{PSK}	Propagation Delay Skew[2]
	ns	4	2		t _R	Output Rise Time (10 – 90%)
	ns	4	2		t _F	Output Fall Time (10 – 90%)
				nel)	Single Chann	Propagation Delay Enable to Output (
	ns	5	3		t _{PHZ}	High to High Impedance
	ns	5	3		t _{PLZ}	Low to High Impedance
	ns	5	3			High Impedance to High
	ns	5	3			High Impedance to Low
	ns	3	2			Channel-to-Channel Skew
						(Dual and Quad Channels)
_m = 1000V	kV/μs		18	15	CM _H CM _L	Common Mode Transient Immunity (Output Logic High or Logic Low) ^[3]
= 1000	ns ns ns	5 5	3 3 2	15	$\begin{aligned} &\mathbf{t}_{\text{PZH}} \\ &\mathbf{t}_{\text{PZL}} \\ &\mathbf{t}_{\text{CSK}} \\ & \mathbf{CM}_{\text{H}} \end{aligned}$	High Impedance to High High Impedance to Low Channel-to-Channel Skew (Dual and Quad Channels) Common Mode Transient Immunity

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PWD is defined as |t_{pHL}-t_{pH}|. %PWD is equal to the PWD divided by the pulse width.
 t_{pSK} is equal to the magnitude of the worst case difference in t_{pHL} and/or t_{pLH} that will be seen between units at 25°C.
 CM_H is the maximum common mode voltage slew rate that can be sustained while maintaining V_{OUT} > 0.8V_{DD2}. CM_L is the maximum common mode included that can be sustained while maintaining V_{OUT} < 0.8V. The common mode voltage slew rates apply to both rising and falling common mode included.

5V operation: Electrical Specifications

Test conditions that are not specified can be anywhere within the recommended operating range.

All typical specifications are at $T_A = +25$ °C, $V_{DD1} = V_{DD2} = +5.0$ V.

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Test Conditions
Quiescent Supply Current 1	I _{DD1}				mA	$V_{IN} = 0V$
HCPL-9000/-0900			0.012	0.018		
HCPL-9030/-0930			0.012	0.018		
HCPL-9031/-0931			2.5	3.0		
HCPL-900J/-090J			0.024	0.036		
HCPL-901J/-091J			5.0	6.0		
HCPL-902J/-092J			2.5	3.0		
Quiescent Supply Current 2	I _{DD2}				mA	$V_{IN} = 0V$
HCPL-9000/-0900			5.0	6.0		
HCPL-9030/-0930			5.0	6.0		
HCPL-9031/-0931			2.5	3.0		
HCPL-900J/-090J			8.0	12.0		
HCPL-901J/-091J			5.0 6.0	6.0		
HCPL-902J/-092J		10	6.0	9.0	Δ.	
Logic Input Current	I _{IN}	-10		10	μΑ	
Logic High Output Voltage	V _{OH}	V _{DD2} -0.1	$V_{_{\mathrm{DD2}}}$		V	$I_{OUT} = -20 \mu A, V_{IN} = V_{IH}$
		0.8*V _{DD2}	$V_{DD2} - 0.5$		V	$I_{OUT} = -4 \text{ mA}, V_{IN} = V_{IH}$
Logic Low Output Voltage	V_{OL}		0	0.1	V	$I_{OUT} = 20 \mu A, V_{IN} = V_{IL}$
			0.5	0.8	V	$I_{OUT} = 4 \text{ mA}, V_{IN} = V_{IL}$
Switching Specifications						
Maximum Data Rate		100	110		MBd	$C_L = 15 \text{ pF}$
Clock Frequency	fmax			50	MHz	
Propagation Delay Time to Logic Low Output	t _{PHL}		10	15	ns	
Propagation Delay Time to Logic High Output	t _{PLH}		10	15	ns	_
Pulse Width	t _{PW}	10			ns	
Pulse Width Distortion[1]	PWD		2	3	ns	
$ t_{PHL} - t_{PLH} $						
Propagation Delay Skew ^[2]	t _{PSK}		4	6	ns	
Output Rise Time (10 – 90%)	t _R		1	3	ns	
Output Fall Time (10 – 90%)	t _F		1	3	ns	
Propagation Delay Enable to Output	(Single Chani	nel)				
High to High Impedance	t _{PH7}	•	3	5	ns	
Low to High Impedance	t _{PLZ}		3	5	ns	
High Impedance to High	t _{PZH}		3	5	ns	
High Impedance to Low	t _{PZL}		3	5	ns	
Channel-to-Channel Skew	t _{CSK}		2	3	ns	
(Dual and Quad Channels)						
Common Mode Transient Immunity (Output Logic High or Logic Low) ^[3]	CM _H CM _L	15	18		kV/μs	$V_{cm} = 1000V$
Notes:						

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PWD is defined as |t_{PHL}-t_{PLH}|. %PWD is equal to the PWD divided by the pulse width.
 t_{PSK} is equal to the magnitude of the worst case difference in t_{PHL} and/or t_{PLH} that will be seen between units at 25°C.
 CM_H is the maximum common mode voltage slew rate that can be sustained while maintaining V_{OUT} > 0.8V_{DD2}. CM_L is the maximum common mode included that can be sustained while maintaining V_{OUT} < 0.8V. The common mode voltage slew rates apply to both rising and falling common mode included.

Mixed 5V/3.3V or 3.3V/5V operation: Electrical Specifications

Test conditions that are not specified can be anywhere within the recommended operating range.

All typical specifications are at $T_A = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $V_{DD1} = +5.0 \text{V}$, $V_{DD2} = +3.3 \text{V}$.

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Test Conditions
HCPL-9000/-0900	I _{DD1}		0.012	0.018		
HCPL-9030/-0930	DDT		0.012	0.018		
HCPL-9031/-0931			2.5	3.0		
HCPL-900J/-090J			0.024	0.036		
HCPL-901J/-091J			5.0	6.0		
HCPL-902J/-092J			2.5	3.0		
Quiescent Supply Current 2	l _{DD2}				mA	$V_{IN} = 0V$
HCPL-9000/-0900			5.0	6.0		
HCPL-9030/-0930			5.0	6.0		
HCPL-9031/-0931			2.5	3.0		
HCPL-900J/-090J			8.0	12.0		
HCPL-901J/-091J			5.0	6.0		
HCPL-902J/-092J			6.0	9.0		
Logic Input Current	I _{IN}	-10		10	μΑ	
Logic High Output Voltage	V _{OH}	$V_{DD2}-0.1$	V_{DD2}		V	$I_{OUT} = -20 \mu A, V_{IN} = V_{IH}$
		0.8*V _{DD2}	$V_{DD2} - 0.5$		V	$I_{OUT} = -4 \text{ mA}, V_{IN} = V_{IH}$
Logic Low Output Voltage	V _{oL}		0	0.1	V	$I_{OUT} = 20 \mu A, V_{IN} = V_{IL}$
	_		0.5	0.8	V	$I_{OUT} = 4 \text{ mA}, V_{IN} = V_{IL}$
Switching Specifications						
Maximum Data Rate		100	110		MBd	$C_L = 15 \text{ pF}$
Clock Frequency	fmax			50	MHz	
Propagation Delay Time to Logic	t _{PHL}		12	18	ns	
Low Output	FILE					
Propagation Delay Time to Logic	t _{PLH}		12	18	ns	_
High Output	PLH					
Pulse Width	t _{PW}	10			ns	
Pulse Width Distortion ^[1]	PWD		2	3	ns	_
$ t_{PHL} - t_{PLH} $						
Propagation Delay Skew ^[2]	t _{PSK}		4	6	ns	
Output Rise Time (10 – 90%)	t _R		2	4	ns	
Output Fall Time (10 – 90%)	t _F		2	4	ns	
Propagation Delay Enable to Output	t (Single Chan	nel)				
High to High Impedance	t _{PHZ}		3	5	ns	
Low to High Impedance	t _{PLZ}		3	5	ns	
High Impedance to High	t _{PZH}		3	5	ns	
High Impedance to Low	t _{PZL}		3	5	ns	
Channel-to-Channel Skew	t _{CSK}		2	3	ns	
(Dual and Quad Channels)						
Common Mode Transient Immunity (Output Logic High or Logic Low)[1]	CM _H	15	18		kV/μs	$V_{cm} = 1000V$
Notes:	<u>=</u>					

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 CM_H is the maximum common mode voltage slew rate that can be sustained while maintaining V_{OUT} > 0.8V_{DD2}. CM_L is the maximum common mode input voltage that can be sustained while maintaining V_{OUT} < 0.8V. The common mode voltage slew rates apply to both rising and falling common mode

Applications Information

Power Consumption

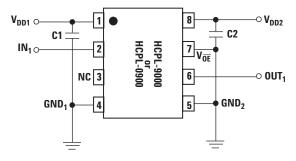
The HCPL-90xx and HCPL-09xx CMOS digital isolators achieves low power consumption from the manner by which they transmit data across isolation barrier. By detecting the edge transitions of the input logic signal and converting this to a narrow current pulse, which drives the isolation barrier, the isolator then latches the input logic state in the output latch. Since the current pulses are narrow, about 2.5 ns wide, the power consumption is independent of mark-to-space ratio and solely dependent on frequency.

The approximate power supply current per channel is: I(Input) = 40(f/fmax)(1/4) mA

where f = operating frequency, fmax = 50 MHz.

Signal Status on Start-up and Shut Down

To minimize power dissipation, the input signals to the channels of HCPL-90xx and HCPL-09xx digital isolators are differentiated and then latched on the output side of the isolation barrier to reconstruct the signal. This could result in an ambiguous output state depending on power up, shutdown and power loss sequencing. Therefore, the designer should consider the inclusion of an initialization signal in this start-up circuit. Initialization consists of toggling the input either high then low or low then high.



Note: C1, C2 = 47 nF ceramic capacitors

Figure 1. Functional Diagram of Single Channel HCPL-0900 or HCPL-0900.

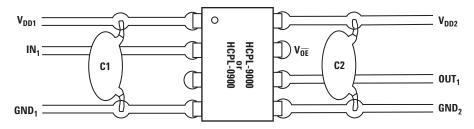


Figure 2. Recommended Printed Circuit Board Layout.

Bypassing and PC Board Layout

The HCPL-90xx and HCPL-09xx digital isolators are extremely easy to use. No external interface circuitry is required because the isolators use high-speed CMOS IC technology allowing CMOS logic to be connected directly to the inputs and outputs. As shown in Figure 1, the only external components required for proper operation are two 47 nF ceramic capacitors for decoupling the power supplies. For each capacitor, the total lead length between both ends of the capacitor and the power-supply pins should not exceed 20 mm. Figure 2 illustrates the recommended printed circuit board layout for the HCPL-9000 or HCPL-0900. For data rates in excess of 10MBd, use of ground planes for both GND₁ and GND₂ is highly recommended.

Propagation Delay, Pulse Width Distortion and Propagation Delay Skew

Propagation Delay is a figure of merit, which describes how quickly a logic signal propagates through a system as illustrated in Figure 3.

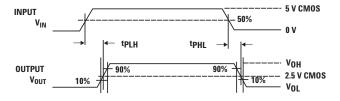


Figure 3. Timing Diagrams to Illustrate Propagation Delay, $\mathbf{t}_{_{PLH}}$ and $\mathbf{t}_{_{PHL}}.$

The propagation delay from low to high, t_{PLH} , is the amount of time required for an input signal to propagate to the output, causing the output to change from low to high. Similarly, the propagation delay from high to low, t_{PHL} , is the amount of time required for the input signal to propagate to the output, causing the output to change from high to low.

Pulse Width Distortion, PWD, is the difference between t_{PHL} and t_{PLH} and often determines the maximum data rate capability of a transmission system. PWD can be expressed in percent by dividing the PWD (in ns) by the minimum pulse width (in ns) being transmitted. Typically, PWD on the order of 20-30% of the minimum pulse width is tolerable.

Propagation Delay Skew, t_{PSK}, and Channel-to-Channel Skew, t_{CSK}, are critical parameters to consider in parallel data transmission applications where synchronization of signals on parallel data lines is a concern. If the parallel data is being sent through channels of the digital isolators, differences in propagation delays will cause the data to arrive at the outputs of the digital isolators at different times. If this difference in propagation delay is large enough, it will limit the maximum transmission rate at which parallel data can be sent through the digital isolators.

 t_{PSK} is defined as the difference between the minimum and maximum propagation delays, either t_{PLH} or t_{PHL} , among two or more devices which are operating under the same conditions (i.e., the same drive current, supply voltage, output load, and operating temperature). t_{CSK} is defined as the difference between the minimum and maximum propagation delays, either t_{PLH} or t_{PHL} , among two or more channels within a single device (applicable to dual and quad channel devices) which are operating under the same conditions.

As illustrated in Figure 4, if the inputs of two or more devices are switched either ON or OFF at the same time, t_{PSK} is the difference between the minimum propagation delay, either t_{PLH} or t_{PHL} , and the maximum propagation delay, either t_{PLH} or t_{PHL} .

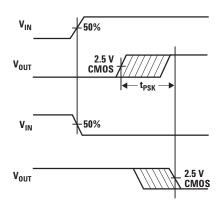


Figure 4. Timing Diagrams to Illustrate Propagation Delay Skew.

As mentioned earlier, $t_{\rm psk'}$ can determine the maximum parallel data transmission rate. Figure 5 shows the timing diagram of a typical parallel data transmission application with both the clock and data lines being sent through the digital isolators. The figure shows data and clock signals at the inputs and outputs of the digital isolators. In this case, the data is clocked off the rising edge of the clock.

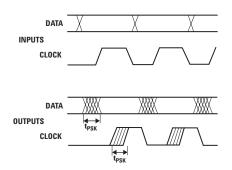


Figure 5. Parallel Data Transmission.

Propagation delay skew represents the uncertainty of where an edge might be after being sent through a digital isolator. Figure 5 shows that there will be uncertainty in both the data and clock lines. It is important that these two areas of uncertainty not overlap, otherwise the clock signal might arrive before all of the data outputs have settled, or some of the data outputs may start to change before the clock signal has arrived. From these considerations, the absolute minimum pulse width that can be sent through digital isolators in a parallel application is twice $t_{\rm PSK}$. A cautious design should use a slightly longer pulse width to ensure that any additional uncertainty in the rest of the circuit does not cause a problem.

Figure 6 shows the minimum pulse width, rise and fall time, and propagation delay enable to output waveforms for HCPL-9000 or HCPL-0900.

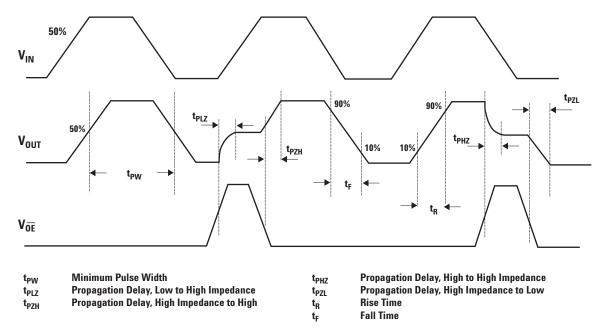


Figure 6. Timing Diagrams to Illustrate the Minimum Pulse Width, Rise and Fall Time, and Propagation Delay Enable to Output Waveforms for HCPL-9000 or HCPL-0900.

