

Low-Current Superhet Remote Control Receiver

Description

The U4311B-FS is a monolithic integrated circuit in bipolar technology for low-current UHF remote control super-heterodyne receivers in amplitude- or frequencymodulated mode. Typical applications are keyless car lock-, alarm- or tele-control remote indication systems. Especially for automotive applications, it supports a superhet design with about 1 mA total current consumption as required by the car manufacturers.

Features

- Usable for amplitude- and frequency-modulated transmission systems
- Extremely low quiescent current (approximately 1 mA in standby mode due to wake-up concept)
- Wide power supply voltage range 3 to 13 V
- Sensitive IF amplifier for 10.7-MHz operating frequency
- Logarithmic AM demodulator
- FM demodulator
- Monoflop output to wake up a microcontroller
- High-performance operational amplifier to realize a data recovering filter
- Non-inverting clamping comparator with amplitudedepending hysteresis for data regeneration

Block Diagram

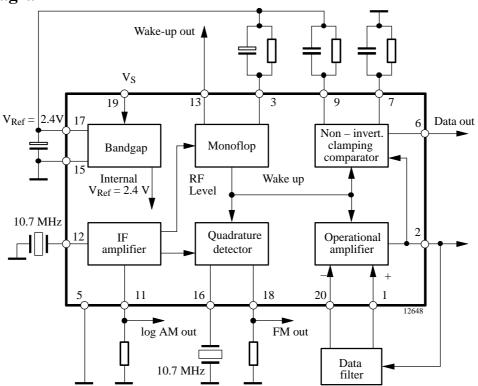


Figure 1. Block diagram

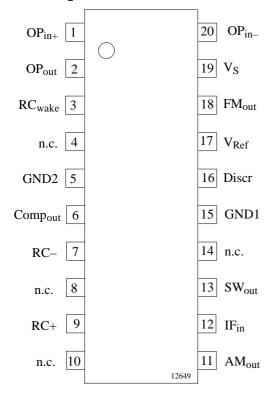
Ordering Information

Extended Type Number	Package	Remarks
U4311B-MFSG3	SSO20	Ambient temperature up to +105°C

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Pin Description



Pin	Symbol	Function
1	OP _{in+}	OP amplifier non-inverted input
2	OP _{out}	OP amplifier output
3	RC_{wake}	RC wake-up reset time
4	n.c.	Not connected
5	GND2	Ground of the logical circuits
6	Compout	Comparator output
7	RC-	Comparator time constant
8	n.c.	Not connected
9	RC+	Comparator time constant
10	n.c.	Not connected
11	AM _{out}	AM current output
12	IF _{in}	IF input
13	SW _{out}	Wake-up output
14	n.c.	Not connected
15	GND1	Ground of the analog circuits
16	Discr	FM discriminator tank
17	V _{Ref}	Reference voltage
18	FM _{out}	FM discriminator output
19	V _S	Supply voltage
20	OP _{in} _	OP amplifier inverted input

Figure 2. Pinning

Internal connections see figures 4 to 19

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameters	Symbol	Value	Unit
Supply voltage	V_{S}	13	V
Power dissipation $T_{amb} = 85^{\circ}C$	P _{tot}	400	mW
Junction temperature	T_j	125	°C
Storage temperature	T _{stg}	-55 to +125	°C
Ambient temperature for SSO20	T _{amb}	-40 to +105	°C

Thermal Resistance

Parameters		Symbol	Value	Unit
Junction ambient	SSO20	R_{thJA}	140	K/W



Electrical Characteristics

 $V_S = 5$ V, $T_{amb} = 25$ °C, $f_{in} = 10.7$ MHz; FM part: $f_{mod} = 1$ kHz, $f_{dev} = 22.5$ kHz; AM part: $f_{mod} = 1$ kHz, m = 100% unless otherwise specified

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Parameters	Test Co	nditions / Pins	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Characteristics			1				
Supply-voltage range		Pin 19	V _S	3		12	V
Quiescent supply current		Pin 19	I_q		1	1.3	mA
Active supply current		Pin 19	Iact		2.8	3.6	mA
Bandgap							
Regulated voltage		Pin 17	V _{Ref}	2.3	2.4	2.5	V
Output current		Pin 17	I _{Ref}			5	mA
Source resistance		Pin 17	R _{Ref}		2.3	5	Ω
External capacitor		Pin 17	C_{Ref}	10			μF
Power-supply rejection ratio	f = 50 Hz	Pin 17	psrr		60		dB
IF amplifier							•
Input resistance		Pin 12	R _{in}	180	330	520	Ω
Input capacitance		Pin 12	Cin		5		pF
Typical internal 3 dB frequency	IF level 70	OdBμV Pins 12 and 18	f _{3dB}	8		12	MHz
-3 dB limiting point		Pin 12	V _{FM3dB}		30		dBμV
Recovered data voltage		Pin 18	V _{FMout}	50	130	230	mV
FM detector output resistance		Pin 18	R _{FMout}		50		kΩ
AM rejection ratio	m = 30%	Pins 12 and 18	AM_{rr}		25		dB
Maximum AM input voltage		Pin 12	V _{AMmax}		90		dBμV
AM quiescent current		Pin 11	I _{AMout}	10	22	37	μΑ
Maximum AM current		Pin 11	I _{AMoutmax}		100		μΑ
Operational amplifier							
Gain-bandwidth product		Pins 1, 2 and 20	f _t	3	4	6.5	MHz
Excess phase		Pins 1, 2 and 20	δ		80		degree
Open loop gain		Pins 1, 2 and 20	g ₀	50	70	95	dB
Output voltage range		Pin 2	$\Delta V_{ m out}$		1.55		V
Common mode input voltage		Pins 1 and 20	V _{in}	0.7		1.7	V
Input offset voltage		Pins 1 and 20	V _{os}	-2.5	0	+2.5	mV
Maximum output current		Pin 2	I _{out}			5	mA
Common-mode rejection ratio		Pin 1 and 20	cmrr	65	85		dB
Total harmonic distortion		mV, f = 33 kHz, circuit Pin 2	thd		1	3	%

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Electrical Characteristics (continued)

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Parameters	Test Conditions / Pins	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Power-supply rejection ratio	f = 50 Hz Pin 2	psrr	65	85		dB
Clamping comparator						
Typical common-mode input voltage range	Pin 2	V _{cmvr}	0.8		1.6	V
Maximum distortion voltage	$\begin{aligned} &V_{signal} = 100 \text{ mV}, \\ &R+=R-=50 \text{ k}\Omega, \\ &C+=C-=200 \text{ nF}, \\ &f_{disto} = 50 \text{ Hz}, \\ &f_{signal} = 1 \text{ kHz} \end{aligned}$	$V_{ m dmax}$			200	mV
Output voltage	$\begin{array}{c} V_2 > \left(V_7 + V_9\right)/2 \\ (10\text{-}k\Omega \text{ load to } V_{Ref}) \\ \text{Pin 6} \end{array}$	V _{cout}		V _{Ref}		V
Output voltage	$\begin{array}{c} V_2 < (V_7 + V_9 \) \ /2 \\ (10\text{-}k\Omega \ load \ to \ V_{Ref}) \\ Pin \ 6 \end{array}$	V _{cout}	0	150	250	mV
Wake-up circuit				•		
Minimum wake-up level	Pin 12	V _{in}		40		dBμV 1)
Internal charging resistor	Pin 3	R _{int}		1.5		kΩ
Threshold voltage	Pin 3	V _{th}		1.6		V
Output switch current	Pin 13	I_{SW}	180	250	550	μΑ
Output switch voltage	Pin 13	V_{SW}			5.5	V 2)
External wake-up resistor	Pins 3 and 17	R _{WU}	22			kΩ
External wake-up capacitor	Pins 3 and 17	C_{WU}			10	μF
Hold time (± 30%)		t _h	$\approx 1.5 \times R_{WU} \times C_{WU}$		s 3)	
Delay time (± 30%)		t _d	\approx C _{WU} × 0.75 k Ω			s 3)

- 1) Measured at Pin 9, (12) referred to 330 Ω
- 2) Protected by a Z-diode, see figure 13
- 3) Valid for 0.1 μ F \leq CWU \leq 10 μ F and 22 $k\Omega$ \leq RWU \leq 680 $k\Omega$



Circuit Description

General Functions

The integrated circuit U4311B-FS includes the following functions: IF amplifier, FM demodulator, wake-up circuit with monoflop, operational amplifier, non-inverting data comparator and voltage regulator.

The 10.7-MHz IF signal from the front end passes the integrated IF amplifier which operates for amplitude- or frequency-modulated signals to either a logarithmic AM demodulator which was implemented to avoid settling-time problems effected by use of an automatic gain control system or a quadrature detector for FM. A data-shaping filter — advantageously realized with the internal high-performance operational amplifier — reduces system bandwidth to an optimized compromise regarding transmission distance and data recognition. Thus, an optimal bit-error rate can be achieved without any further active component.

The comparator connected to the output of the filter has a level-dependent hysteresis and clamps its reference voltage to the signal's minimum and maximum peaks as described later.

Without IF-input signal — in normal mode — only the IF amplifier and the AM demodulator which operates as a level-strength indicator are activated. If the level of the IF

signal increases, the entire circuitry is turned on by the wake-up circuit. This signal is externally available at Pin 13 and can be used to wake up a microcontroller. After an adjustable reset time, determined by the monoflop time constant, the integrated circuit returns to sleep mode. In this case, typically 1-mA supply current is required. An external resistor matched at Pin 3 to ground blocks the wake-up circuit and enables the complete functionally at lower IF level as can be seen in figures 24 and 27, but supply current increases up to typically 2.8 mA.

Function of the Clamping Comparator

The output signal of the operational amplifier is fed to the input of the non-inverting comparator and two peak detectors (Q1 and Q2, figure 3). Their time constants are distinguished by RC+ and RC-. The component's value must be adapted to the transmission code. The time constant should be large compared to the bit rate for optimized noise and hum suppression. To compensate the input transistor's base-emitter-voltage differences, these two signals are buffered by Q3 and Q4. The mean value is used as comparator threshold, the difference of the peak values controls the hysteresis. This clamping comparator operates as a data regenerator.

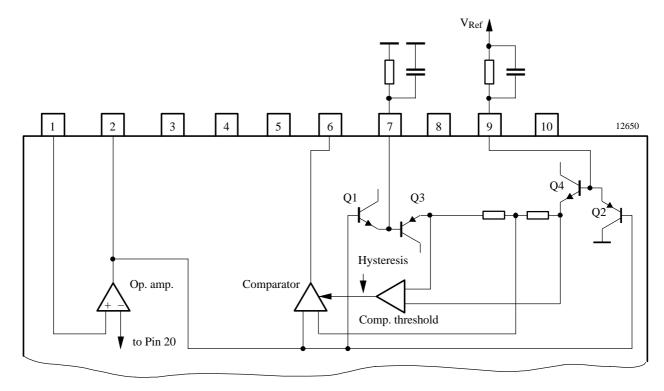


Figure 3. Principle function of the clamping comparator

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Internal Pin Circuitry

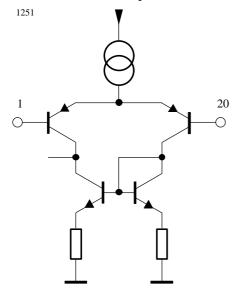


Figure 4. Pin 1 OP_{in+}

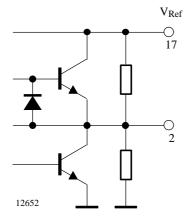


Figure 5. Pin 2 OP_{out}

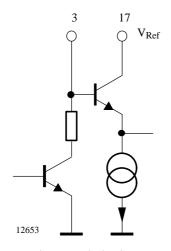


Figure 6. Pin 3 RC_{wake}



Figure 7. Pin 5 GND2

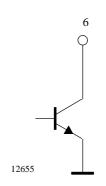


Figure 8. Pin 6 Compout

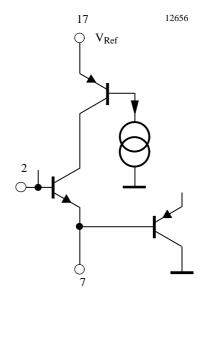


Figure 9. Pin 7 RC-



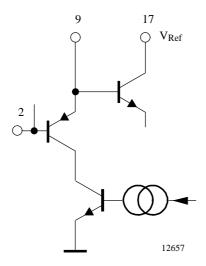


Figure 10. Pin 9 RC+

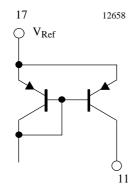


Figure 11. Pin 11 AMout

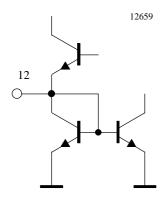


Figure 12. Pin 12 IF_{in}

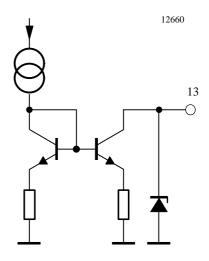


Figure 13. Pin 13 SW_{out}



Figure 14. Pin 15 GND1

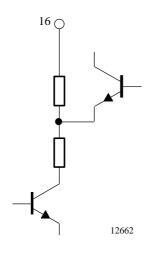


Figure 15. Pin 16 Discr

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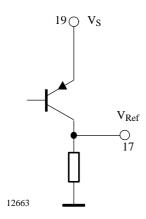


Figure 16. Pin 17 V_{Ref}

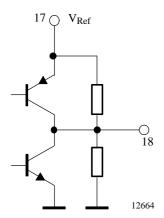


Figure 17. Pin 18 FM_{out}



Figure 18. Pin 19 V_S

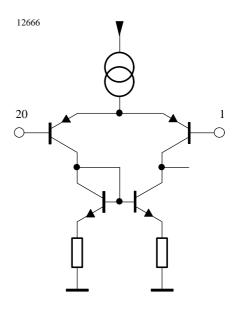


Figure 19. Pin 20 OP_{in-}



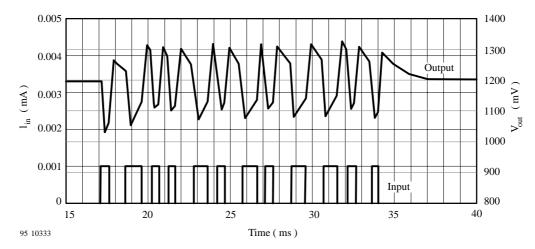


Figure 20. Time domain response of 2-kHz Bessel lowpass data filter

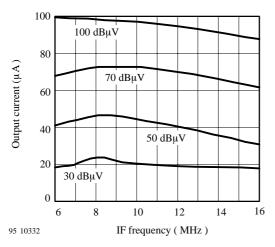


Figure 21. IF-frequency response

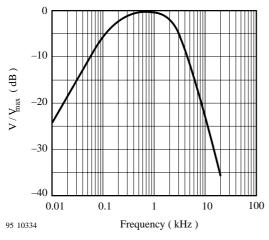


Figure 22. Frequency response of 2-kHz Bessel lowpass data filter

Data-Recovering Filter

The test circuit in figures 23 and 26 includes an example of a data-recovering filter realized with the components R₁, R₂, C₁, C₂, C₃. It is of a second-order Bessel type with lowpass characteristic, a 3-dB cut-off frequency of 2 kHz and an additional highpass characteristic for suppressing dc and low-frequency ac components. Simulation of time domain and frequency response can be seen in figures 20 and 22. This filter gives a typical application of a 1-kBaud Manchester-code amplitude-modulated transmission.

The capacitor C_2 is responsible for the highpass cut-off frequency. in order to a correct pulse response, this highpass cut-off frequency should be as low as possible. Figure 20 shows the transient response and the influence of the dc component. The first pulses might be wrong if the highpass cut-off frequency is too low. For this reason, some burst bits must be transmitted before the real data transmission starts. On the other hand, if the cut-off frequency is too high, roof shaping of the rectangle pulses at the operational amplifier output might cause problems.

The lowpass cut-off frequency and the maximum transimpedance V_{out}/I_{in} are distinguished by the further external elements. Careful design of the data filter enables optimized transmission range. For designing other filter parameters, please refer to filter design handbooks/ programs or request Atmel Wireless & Microcontrollers for support.

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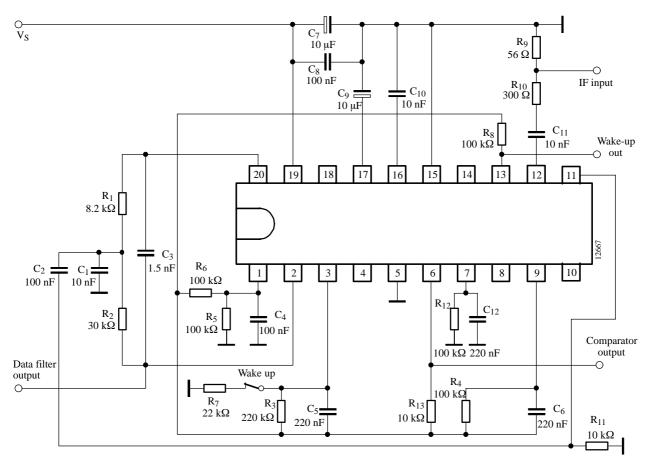


Figure 23. AM test circuit with 2-kHz Bessel lowpass data filter

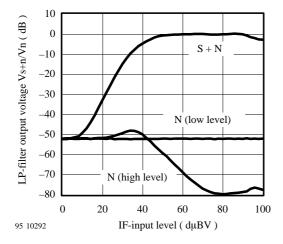


Figure 24. Signal-to-noise ratio AM

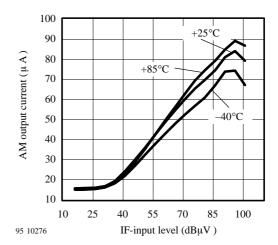


Figure 25. AM-demodulator characteristic vs. temperature



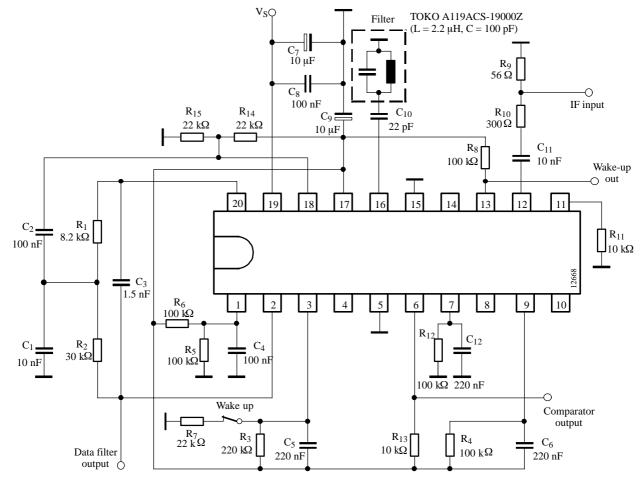
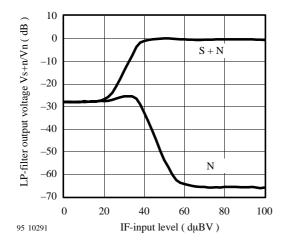
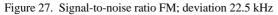


Figure 26. FM test circuit with 2-kHz Bessel lowpass data filter





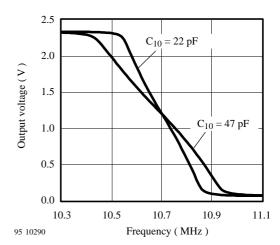


Figure 28. FM-discriminator characteristic

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Application

The U4311B-FS is well-suited to implement UHF remote control or data transmission systems, based on a low-current superheterodyne receiver concept. SAW-devices may be used in the transmitter's as well as in the receiver local oscillator. The front end should be a discrete circuit application with low-current UHF transistors such as S822T or S852T (Vishay Telefunken). The frequency of the local oscillator can be determined either by coaxial resonators or SAW devices. Due to the large

SAW-resonator, tolerance an IF bandwidth — and in a FM system additionally the discriminator amplitude characteristic (see figure 28) — of 300 kHz or higher is proposed. As the circuit needs only 3.0 V supply voltage for operation, the front end may be a stacked design in order to achieve a total receiver current consumption of approximately 1 mA. Figure 29 shows a principle receiver concept diagram.

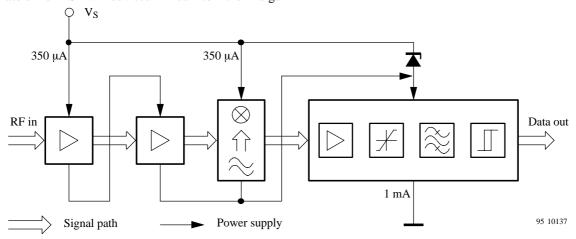
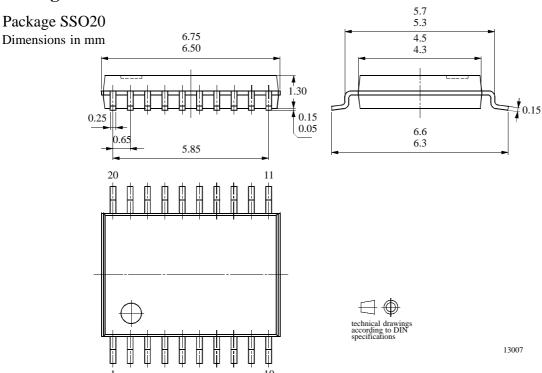


Figure 29. Principle diagram of a UHF remote control receiver

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