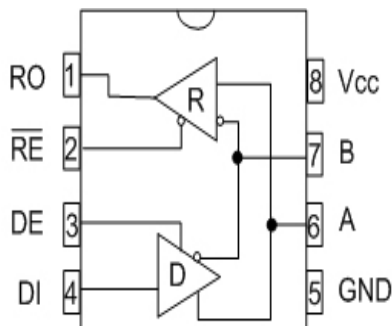


## Enhanced Low Power Half-Duplex RS-485 Transceivers

- +5V Only
- Low Power BiCMOS
- Driver/Receiver Enable for Multi-Drop configurations
- Low Power Shutdown Mode (SP1481E)
- Enhanced ESD Specifications:
  - ±15KV Human Body Model
  - ±15KV IEC61000-4-2 Air Discharge



Now Available in Lead Free Packaging

### DESCRIPTION

The SP1481E and the SP1485E are a family of half-duplex transceivers that meet the specifications of RS-485 and RS-422 serial protocols with enhanced ESD performance. The ESD tolerance has been improved on these devices to over  $\pm 15\text{KV}$  for both Human Body Model and IEC61000-4-2 Air Discharge Method. These devices are pin-to-pin compatible with Exar's SP481 and SP485 devices as well as popular industry standards. As with the original versions, the SP1481E and the SP1485E feature Exar's BiCMOS design allowing low power operation without sacrificing performance. The SP1481E and SP1485E meet the requirements of the RS-485 and RS-422 protocols up to 20Mbps under load. The SP1481E is equipped with a low power Shutdown mode.

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these ratings or any other above those indicated in the operation sections of the specifications below is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods of time may affect reliability.

$V_{CC}$ .....+7V

### Input Voltages

Logic.....-0.3V to ( $V_{CC}$ +0.5V)  
Drivers.....-0.3V to ( $V_{CC}$ +0.5V)  
Receivers..... $\pm 15V$

### Output Voltages

Logic.....-0.3V to ( $V_{CC}$ +0.5V)  
Drivers..... $\pm 15V$   
Receivers.....-0.3V to ( $V_{CC}$ +0.5V)  
Storage Temperature.....-65°C to +150°C

### Power Dissipation per Package

8-pin NSOIC (derate 6.60mW/°C above +70°C).....550mW

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

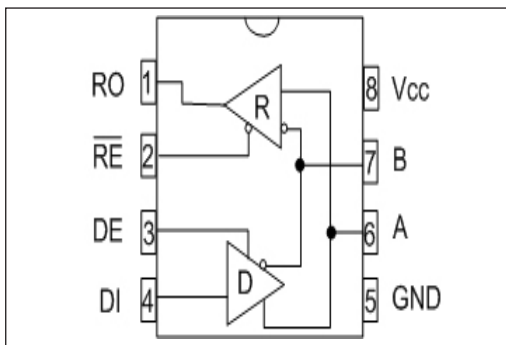
$T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$  and  $V_{CC}$  = 5V  $\pm$  5% unless otherwise noted.

| PARAMETERS                                                                               | MIN. | TYP. | MAX.      | UNITS   | CONDITIONS                                                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|-----------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SP1481E/SP1485E DRIVER</b>                                                            |      |      |           |         |                                                                                                                        |
| <b>DC Characteristics</b>                                                                |      |      |           |         |                                                                                                                        |
| Differential Output Voltage                                                              | 3.5  |      | $V_{CC}$  | Volts   | Unloaded; R = $\infty$ ; see Figure 1                                                                                  |
| Differential Output Voltage                                                              | 2    |      | $V_{CC}$  | Volts   | with load; R = 50 $\Omega$ ; (RS-422);<br>see Figure 1                                                                 |
| Differential Output Voltage                                                              | 1.5  |      | $V_{CC}$  | Volts   | with load; R = 27 $\Omega$ ; (RS-485);see Figure 1                                                                     |
| Change in Magnitude of Driver<br>Differential Output Voltage for<br>Complimentary States |      |      | 0.2       | Volts   | R = 27 $\Omega$ or R = 50 $\Omega$ ; see Figure 1                                                                      |
| Driver Common-Mode<br>Output Voltage                                                     |      |      | 3         | Volts   | R = 27 $\Omega$ or R = 50 $\Omega$ ; see Figure 1                                                                      |
| Input High Voltage                                                                       | 2.0  |      |           | Volts   | Applies to DE, DI, $\overline{RE}$                                                                                     |
| Input Low Voltage                                                                        |      |      | 0.8       | Volts   | Applies to DE, DI, $\overline{RE}$                                                                                     |
| Input Current                                                                            |      |      | $\pm 10$  | $\mu A$ | Applies to DE, DI, $\overline{RE}$                                                                                     |
| Driver Short-Circuit Current                                                             |      |      |           |         |                                                                                                                        |
| $V_{OUT}$ = HIGH                                                                         |      |      | $\pm 250$ | mA      | -7V $\leq V_O \leq$ +12V                                                                                               |
| $V_{OUT}$ = LOW                                                                          |      |      | $\pm 250$ | mA      | -7V $\leq V_O \leq$ +12V                                                                                               |
| <b>SP1481E/SP1485E DRIVER</b>                                                            |      |      |           |         |                                                                                                                        |
| <b>AC Characteristics</b>                                                                |      |      |           |         |                                                                                                                        |
| Maximum Data Rate                                                                        | 20   |      |           | Mbps    | $\overline{RE}$ = 5V, DE = 5V; R <sub>DIFF</sub> = 54 $\Omega$ ,<br>C <sub>L1</sub> = C <sub>L2</sub> = 100pF          |
| Driver Input to Output                                                                   |      | 20   | 30        | ns      | t <sub>PLH</sub> ; R <sub>DIFF</sub> = 54 $\Omega$ , C <sub>L1</sub> = C <sub>L2</sub> = 100pF;<br>see Figures 3 and 5 |
| Driver Input to Output<br>(SP1485EMN ONLY)                                               |      | 20   | 40        | ns      | t <sub>PLH</sub> ; R <sub>DIFF</sub> = 54 $\Omega$ , C <sub>L1</sub> = C <sub>L2</sub> = 100pF;<br>See Figures 3 and 5 |
| Driver Input to Output                                                                   |      | 20   | 30        | ns      | t <sub>PHL</sub> ; R <sub>DIFF</sub> = 54 $\Omega$ , C <sub>L1</sub> = C <sub>L2</sub> = 100pF;<br>see Figures 3 and 5 |
| Driver Input to Output<br>(SP1485EMN ONLY)                                               |      | 20   | 40        | ns      | t <sub>PHL</sub> ; R <sub>DIFF</sub> = 54 $\Omega$ , C <sub>L1</sub> = C <sub>L2</sub> = 100pF;<br>see Figures 3 and 5 |
| Driver Skew                                                                              |      | 3    | 5         | ns      | see Figures 3 and 5,<br>t <sub>SKEW</sub> =  t <sub>PLH</sub> - t <sub>PHL</sub>                                       |
| Driver Rise or Fall Time                                                                 |      | 8    | 20        | ns      | From 10% to 90%; R <sub>DIFF</sub> = 54 $\Omega$ ,<br>C <sub>L1</sub> = C <sub>L2</sub> = 100pF; see Figures 3 & 6     |
| Driver Enable to Output High                                                             |      | 40   | 70        | ns      | C <sub>L</sub> = 100pF; see Figures 4 & 6; S <sub>2</sub> closed                                                       |
| Driver Enable to Output Low                                                              |      | 40   | 70        | ns      | C <sub>L</sub> = 100pF; see Figures 4 & 6; S <sub>1</sub> closed                                                       |
| Driver Disable Time from Low                                                             |      | 40   | 70        | ns      | C <sub>L</sub> = 100pF; see Figures 4 & 6; S <sub>1</sub> closed                                                       |
| Driver Disable Time from High                                                            |      | 40   | 70        | ns      | C <sub>L</sub> = 100pF; see Figures 4 & 6; S <sub>2</sub> closed                                                       |

# SPECIFICATIONS (continued)

T<sub>MIN</sub> to T<sub>MAX</sub> and V<sub>CC</sub> = 5V ± 5% unless otherwise noted

| PARAMETERS                                               | MIN.  | TYP. | MAX.  | UNITS | CONDITIONS                                                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SP1481E/SP1485E RECEIVER</b>                          |       |      |       |       |                                                                                                      |
| <b>DC Characteristics</b>                                |       |      |       |       |                                                                                                      |
| Differential Input Threshold                             | -0.2  |      | +0.2  | Volts | -7V ≤ V <sub>CM</sub> ≤ +12V                                                                         |
| Differential Input Threshold (SP1485EMN ONLY)            | -0.4  |      | +0.4  | Volts | -7V ≤ V <sub>CM</sub> ≤ +12V                                                                         |
| Input Hysteresis                                         |       | 20   |       | mV    | V <sub>CM</sub> = 0V                                                                                 |
| Output Voltage High                                      | 3.5   |      |       | Volts | I <sub>O</sub> = -4mA, V <sub>ID</sub> = +200mV                                                      |
| Output Voltage Low                                       |       |      | 0.4   | Volts | I <sub>O</sub> = +4mA, V <sub>ID</sub> = -200mV                                                      |
| Three-State (High Impedance)                             |       |      |       |       |                                                                                                      |
| Output Current                                           |       |      | ±1    | μA    | 0.4V ≤ V <sub>O</sub> ≤ 2.4V; RE = 5V                                                                |
| Input Resistance                                         | 12    | 15   |       | kΩ    | -7V ≤ V <sub>CM</sub> ≤ +12V                                                                         |
| Input Current (A, B); V <sub>IN</sub> = 12V              |       |      | +1.0  | mA    | DE = 0V, V <sub>CC</sub> = 0V or 5.25V, V <sub>IN</sub> = 12V                                        |
| Input Current (A, B); V <sub>IN</sub> = -7V              |       |      | -0.8  | mA    | DE = 0V, V <sub>CC</sub> = 0V or 5.25V, V <sub>IN</sub> = -7V                                        |
| Short-Circuit Current                                    | 7     |      | 95    | mA    | 0V ≤ V <sub>O</sub> ≤ V <sub>CC</sub>                                                                |
| <b>SP1481E/SP1485E RECEIVER</b>                          |       |      |       |       |                                                                                                      |
| <b>AC Characteristics</b>                                |       |      |       |       |                                                                                                      |
| Maximum Data Rate                                        | 20    |      |       | Mbps  | RE = 0V, DE = 0V                                                                                     |
| Receiver Input to Output                                 |       | 25   | 70    | ns    | t <sub>PLH</sub> ; R <sub>DIFF</sub> = 54Ω, C <sub>L1</sub> = C <sub>L2</sub> = 100pF; Figures 3 & 7 |
| Receiver Input to Output                                 |       | 25   | 70    | ns    | t <sub>PHL</sub> ; R <sub>DIFF</sub> = 54Ω, C <sub>L1</sub> = C <sub>L2</sub> = 100pF; Figures 3 & 7 |
| Diff. Receiver Skew  t <sub>PLH</sub> - t <sub>PHL</sub> |       | 5    | 10    | ns    | R <sub>DIFF</sub> = 54Ω; C <sub>L1</sub> = C <sub>L2</sub> = 100pF; Figures 3 & 7                    |
| Receiver Enable to Output Low                            |       | 45   | 70    | ns    | C <sub>RL</sub> = 15pF; Figures 2 & 8; S <sub>1</sub> closed                                         |
| Receiver Enable to Output High                           |       | 45   | 70    | ns    | C <sub>RL</sub> = 15pF; Figures 2 & 8; S <sub>2</sub> closed                                         |
| Receiver Disable from Low                                |       | 45   | 70    | ns    | C <sub>RL</sub> = 15pF; Figures 2 & 8; S <sub>1</sub> closed                                         |
| Receiver Disable from High                               |       | 45   | 70    | ns    | C <sub>RL</sub> = 15pF; Figures 2 & 8; S <sub>2</sub> closed                                         |
| <b>SP1481E</b>                                           |       |      |       |       |                                                                                                      |
| <b>Shutdown Timing</b>                                   |       |      |       |       |                                                                                                      |
| Time to Shutdown                                         | 50    | 200  | 600   | ns    | RE = 5V, DE = 0V                                                                                     |
| Driver Enable from Shutdown to Output High               |       | 40   | 100   | ns    | C <sub>L</sub> = 100pF; See Figures 4 & 6; S <sub>2</sub> closed                                     |
| Driver Enable from Shutdown to Output Low                |       | 40   | 100   | ns    | C <sub>L</sub> = 100pF; See Figures 4 & 6; S <sub>1</sub> closed                                     |
| Receiver Enable from Shutdown to Output High             |       | 300  | 1000  | ns    | C <sub>L</sub> = 15pF; See Figures 2 & 8; S <sub>2</sub> closed                                      |
| Receiver Enable from Shutdown to Output Low              |       | 300  | 1000  | ns    | C <sub>L</sub> = 15pF; See Figures 2 & 8; S <sub>1</sub> closed                                      |
| <b>POWER REQUIREMENTS</b>                                |       |      |       |       |                                                                                                      |
| Supply Voltage                                           | +4.75 |      | +5.25 | Volts |                                                                                                      |
| Supply Current                                           |       |      |       |       |                                                                                                      |
| SP1481E/1485E                                            |       | 900  |       | μA    | RE, DI = 0V or V <sub>CC</sub> ; DE = V <sub>CC</sub>                                                |
| No Load                                                  |       | 600  |       | μA    | RE = 0V, DI = 0V or 5V; DE = 0V                                                                      |
| SP1481E                                                  |       |      |       |       |                                                                                                      |
| Shutdown Mode                                            |       |      | 10    | μA    | DE = 0V, RE = V <sub>CC</sub>                                                                        |
| <b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND MECHANICAL</b>                      |       |      |       |       |                                                                                                      |
| Operating Temperature                                    |       |      |       |       |                                                                                                      |
| Commercial (C)                                           | 0     |      | +70   | °C    |                                                                                                      |
| Industrial (E)                                           | -40   |      | +85   | °C    |                                                                                                      |
| (M)                                                      | -40   |      | +125  | °C    |                                                                                                      |
| Storage Temperature                                      | -65   |      | +150  | °C    |                                                                                                      |
| Package                                                  |       |      |       |       |                                                                                                      |
| NSOIC (N)                                                |       |      |       |       |                                                                                                      |



SP1481E and SP1485E  
Pinout (Top View)

## PIN FUNCTION

Pin 1 – RO – Receiver Output.

Pin 2 –  $\overline{RE}$  – Receiver Output Enable Active LOW.

Pin 3 – DE – Driver Output Enable Active HIGH.

Pin 4 – DI – Driver Input.

Pin 5 – GND – Ground Connection.

Pin 6 – A – Driver Output/Receiver Input Non-inverting.

Pin 7 – B – Driver Output/Receiver Input Inverting.

Pin 8 – Vcc – Positive Supply  $4.75V < V_{cc} < 5.25V$ .

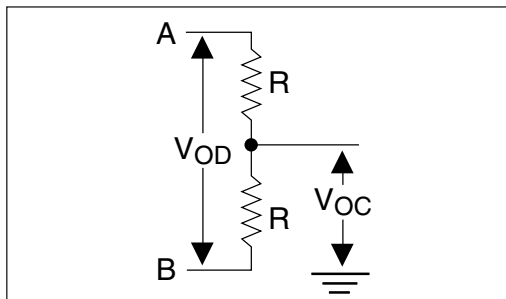


Figure 1. RS-485 Driver DC Test Load Circuit

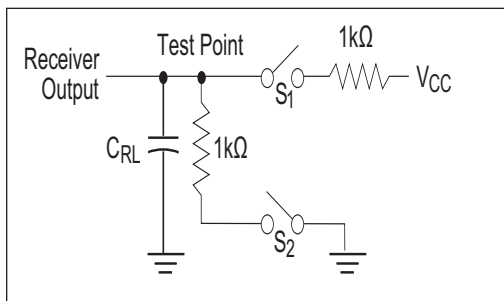


Figure 2. Receiver Timing Test Load Circuit

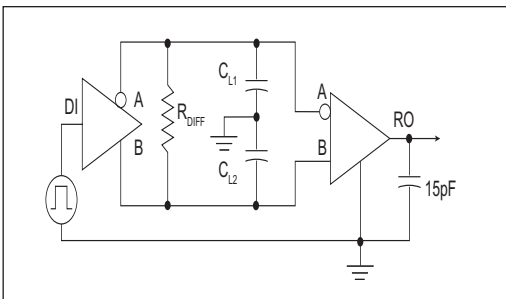


Figure 3. RS-485 Driver/Receiver Timing Test Circuit

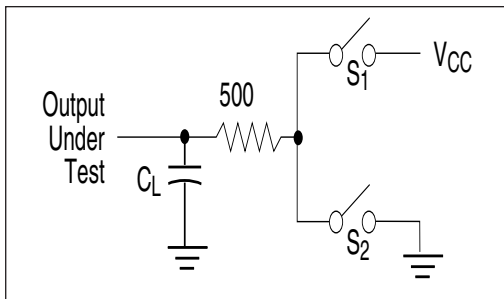


Figure 4. RS-485 Driver Timing Test Load #2 Circuit

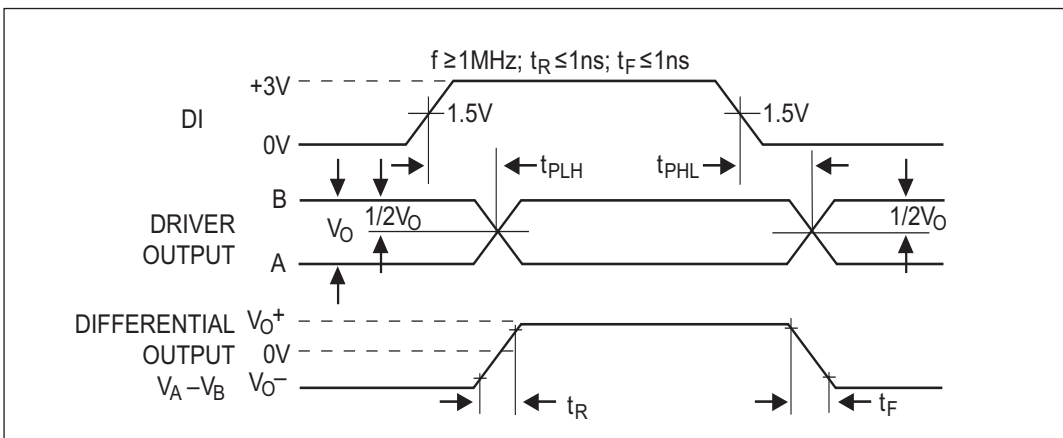


Figure 5. Driver Propagation Delays

| INPUTS          |    |    |                | OUTPUTS |   |
|-----------------|----|----|----------------|---------|---|
| $\overline{RE}$ | DE | DI | LINE CONDITION | B       | A |
| X               | 1  | 1  | No Fault       | 0       | 1 |
| X               | 1  | 0  | No Fault       | 1       | 0 |
| X               | 0  | X  | X              | Z       | Z |
| X               | 1  | X  | Fault          | Z       | Z |

Table 1. Transmit Function Truth Table

| INPUTS          |    | OUTPUTS     |   |
|-----------------|----|-------------|---|
| $\overline{RE}$ | DE | A - B       | R |
| 0               | 0  | +0.2V       | 1 |
| 0               | 0  | -0.2V       | 0 |
| 0               | 0  | Inputs Open | 1 |
| 1               | 0  | X           | Z |

Table 2. Receive Function Truth Table

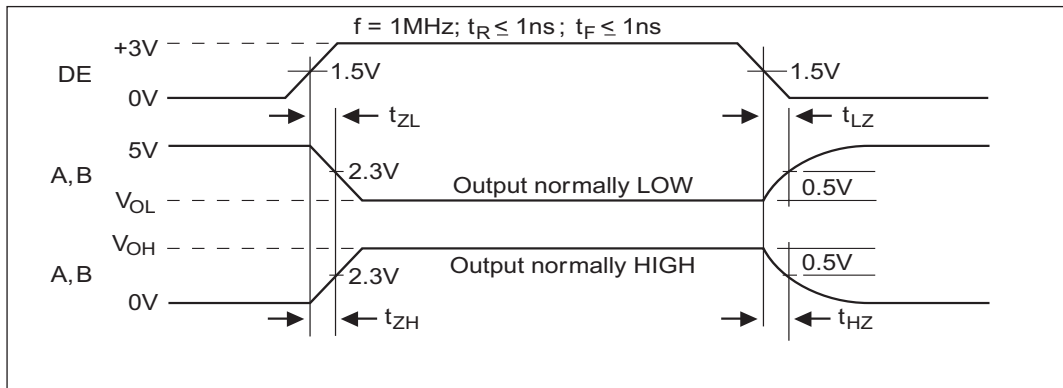


Figure 6. Driver Enable and Disable Times

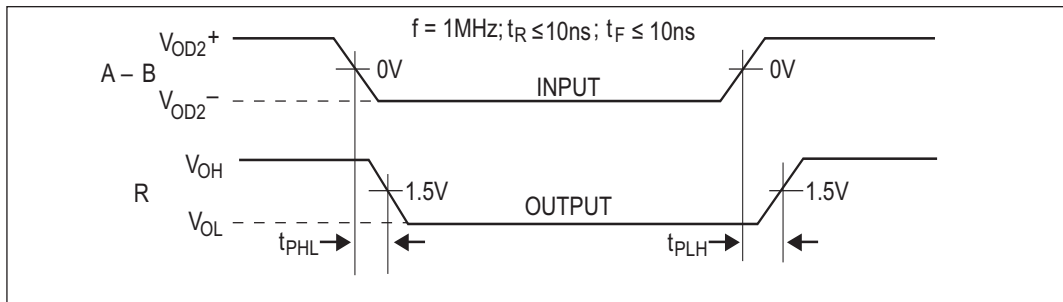


Figure 7. Receiver Propagation Delays

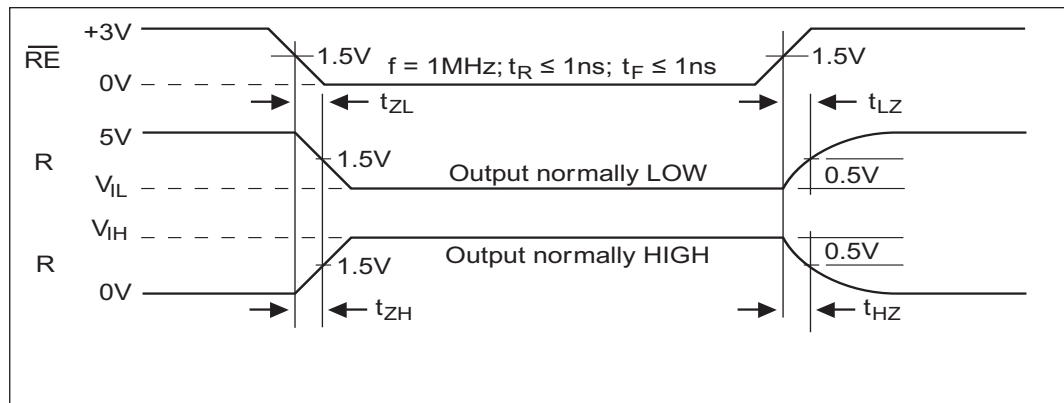


Figure 8. Receiver Enable and Disable Times

## DESCRIPTION

The SP1481E and SP1485E are half-duplex differential transceivers that meet the requirements of RS-485 and RS-422. Fabricated with a Exar proprietary BiCMOS process, these products require a fraction of the power of older bipolar designs.

The RS-485 standard is ideal for multi-drop applications and for long-distance interfaces. RS-485 allows up to 32 drivers and 32 receivers to be connected to a data bus, making it an ideal choice for multi-drop applications. Since the cabling can be as long as 4,000 feet, RS-485 transceivers are equipped with a wide (-7V to +12V) common mode range to accommodate ground potential differences. Because RS-485 is a differential interface, data is virtually immune to noise in the transmission line.

### Drivers

The driver outputs of the SP1481E and SP1485E are differential outputs meeting the RS-485 and RS-422 standards. The typical voltage output swing with no load will be 0 Volts to +5 Volts. With worst case loading of 54 $\Omega$  across the differential outputs, the drivers can maintain greater than 1.5V voltage levels. The drivers of the SP1481E, and SP1485E have an enable control line which is active HIGH. A logic HIGH on DE (pin 3) will enable the differential driver outputs. A logic LOW on DE (pin 3) will tri-state the driver outputs.

The transmitters of the SP1481E and SP1485E will operate up to at least 20Mbps.

### Receivers

The SP1481E and SP1485E receivers have differential inputs with an input sensitivity as low as  $\pm 200\text{mV}$ . Input impedance of the receivers is typically 15k $\Omega$  (12k $\Omega$  minimum). A wide common mode range of -7V to +12V allows for large ground potential differences between systems. The receivers of the SP1481E and SP1485E have a tri-state enable control pin.

A logic LOW on  $\overline{\text{RE}}$  (pin 2) will enable the receiver, a logic HIGH on  $\overline{\text{RE}}$  (pin 2) will disable the receiver.

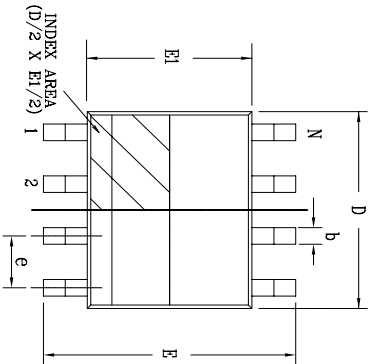
The receiver for the SP1481E and SP1485E will operate up to at least 20Mbps. The receiver for each of the two devices is equipped with the fail-safe feature. Fail-safe guarantees that the receiver output will be in a HIGH state when the input is left unconnected.

### Shutdown Mode SP1481E

The SP1481E is equipped with a Shutdown mode. To enable the Shutdown state, both the driver and receiver must be disabled simultaneously.

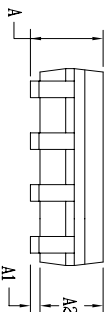
A logic LOW on DE (pin 3) and a logic HIGH on  $\overline{\text{RE}}$  (pin 2) will put the SP1481E into Shutdown mode. In Shutdown, supply current will drop to typically 1 $\mu\text{A}$ .

| REVISION HISTORY |                                      |          |       |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| REV.             | DESCRIPTION                          | DATE     | APP'D |
| A                | DRAWING ORIGINATOR                   | 09/16/05 | JL    |
| B                | DRAWING FORMAT MODIFICATION          | 07/19/06 | JL    |
| C                | CHANGE DRAWING LOGO AND COMPANY NAME | 11/16/07 | JL    |

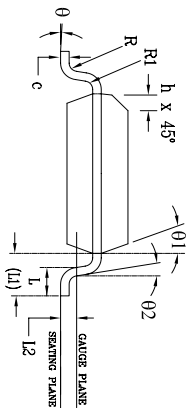


Top View

| 8 Pin SOICN JEDEC MS-012 Variation AA |                                    |     |      |           |     |                                        |     |     |     |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|------|-----------|-----|----------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| SYMBOLS                               | DIMENSIONS IN MM<br>(Control Unit) |     |      |           |     | DIMENSIONS IN INCH<br>(Reference Unit) |     |     |     |
|                                       | MIN                                | NOM | MAX  | MIN       | NOM | MAX                                    | MIN | NOM | MAX |
| A                                     | 1.35                               | —   | 1.75 | 0.053     | —   | 0.069                                  |     |     |     |
| A1                                    | 0.10                               | —   | 0.25 | 0.004     | —   | 0.010                                  |     |     |     |
| A2                                    | 1.25                               | —   | 1.65 | 0.049     | —   | 0.065                                  |     |     |     |
| b                                     | 0.31                               | —   | 0.51 | 0.012     | —   | 0.020                                  |     |     |     |
| c                                     | 0.17                               | —   | 0.25 | 0.007     | —   | 0.010                                  |     |     |     |
| E                                     | 6.00 BSC                           |     |      | 0.236 BSC |     |                                        |     |     |     |
| E1                                    | 3.90 BSC                           |     |      | 0.154 BSC |     |                                        |     |     |     |
| e                                     | 1.27 BSC                           |     |      | 0.050 BSC |     |                                        |     |     |     |
| h                                     | 0.25                               | —   | 0.50 | 0.010     | —   | 0.020                                  |     |     |     |
| L                                     | 0.40                               | —   | 1.27 | 0.016     | —   | 0.050                                  |     |     |     |
| L1                                    | 1.04 REF                           |     |      | 0.041 REF |     |                                        |     |     |     |
| L2                                    | 0.25 BSC                           |     |      | 0.010 BSC |     |                                        |     |     |     |
| R                                     | 0.07                               | —   | —    | 0.003     | —   | —                                      |     |     |     |
| R1                                    | 0.07                               | —   | —    | 0.003     | —   | —                                      |     |     |     |
| θ                                     | 0°                                 | —   | 8°   | 0°        | —   | 8°                                     |     |     |     |
| θ1                                    | 5°                                 | —   | 15°  | 5°        | —   | 15°                                    |     |     |     |
| θ2                                    | 0°                                 | —   | —    | 0°        | —   | —                                      |     |     |     |
| D                                     | 4.90 BSC                           |     |      | 0.193 BSC |     |                                        |     |     |     |
| N                                     | 8                                  |     |      | 8         |     |                                        |     |     |     |



Side View



Front View

|                                                                                     |                |                         |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------|
|  |                | <b>EXAR CORPORATION</b> |               |
| Packaging Approval:                                                                 |                | Drawing No: 8-PIN SOICN |               |
| By: JL                                                                              | Date: 11/16/07 | Revision: C             | Sheet: 1 OF 1 |

## ORDERING INFORMATION

| Model               | Temperature Range    | Package           |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| SP1481ECN-L.....    | 0°C to +70°C .....   | 8-pin Narrow SOIC |
| SP1481ECN-L/TR..... | 0°C to +70°C .....   | 8-pin Narrow SOIC |
| SP1481EEN-L.....    | -40°C to +85°C ..... | 8-pin Narrow SOIC |
| SP1481EEN-L/TR..... | -40°C to +85°C ..... | 8-pin Narrow SOIC |
| SP1485ECN-L.....    | 0°C to +70°C .....   | 8-pin Narrow SOIC |
| SP1485ECN-L/TR..... | 0°C to +70°C .....   | 8-pin Narrow SOIC |
| SP1485EEN-L.....    | -40°C to +85°C ..... | 8-pin Narrow SOIC |
| SP1485EEN-L/TR..... | -40°C to +85°C ..... | 8-pin Narrow SOIC |
| SP1485EMN-L.....    | -40°C to +125°C..... | 8-pin Narrow SOIC |
| SP1485EMN-L/TR..... | -40°C to +125°C..... | 8-pin Narrow SOIC |

| DATE     | REVISION | DESCRIPTION                                                                      |
|----------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 03/08/07 | J        | Legacy Sipex Datasheet                                                           |
| 06/16/09 | 1.0.0    | Convert to Exar format, update ordering information and change revision to 1.0.0 |
| 08/03/10 | 1.0.1    | Remove SP1485EMN option.                                                         |
| 10/27/10 | 1.0.2    | Reactivate SP1485EMN option per PCN # 07-0502-01                                 |
| 05/24/13 | 1.0.3    | Correct type errors per PCN 13-0503-01 ECN: 1322-01 5/29/13                      |

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