

IsoLoop[®] Isolated RS-485 Evaluation Board



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About This Evaluation Board

Isolation reduces noise, eliminates ground loops, and improves safety.

The RS-485 Evaluation Board provides a complete isolated RS-485 node using the awardwinning IL3585E isolated transceiver.

The evaluation board provides screw terminal and RJ45 connections, and demonstrates best layout practices including separate ground planes and 8 mm creepage.

Termination, pull-up, and pull-down resistors can be changed to accommodate different fanouts and termination methods.

The IL3585E transceiver delivers an exceptional 2.3 V differential output into a 54 Ω load and data rates to 40 Mbps. The device is also compatible with 3.3 V input supplies for interface to standard microcontrollers without additional level shifting.

IL3585 Specification Highlights

- 3.3 / 5 V Input Supply Compatible
- 40 Mbps Data Rate
- 20 ns Propagation Delay
- 5 ns Pulse Skew
- 100 ps Jitter
- Low Quiescent Supply Current
- 2,500 V_{RMS} Isolation (1 minute)
- 20 kV/µs Transient Immunity
- 15 kV Bus ESD Protection
- Low EMC Footprint
- Thermal Shutdown Protection
- -40°C to +85°C Temperature Range
- Meets or Exceeds ANSI RS-485 and ISO 8482:1987(E)
- 16-pin Wide-Body SOIC Package
- UL1577 and IEC 61010-2001 Approved

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Evaluation Board Layout



Quick Start

- Connect V_{DD1} to a 3.3 V power supply and V_{DD2} to a 5 V supply.
- Tie "DE" high and " \overline{RE} " low to enable the input and output data.
- Connect a signal generator to the "D" input.
- Look for the complementary "A" and "B" outputs on an oscilloscope.

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Circuit Diagram



IL3585				
pin	Symbol	Description		
1	VDD1	Input power supply		
2	GND1	Input power supply ground return (pin 2 internally connected to pin 8)		
3	R	Output data from bus		
4	RE	Read data enable (R=high impedance if RE is high)		
5	DE	Drive enable		
6	D	Data input to bus		
7	NC	No internal connection		
8	GND1	Input power supply ground return (pin 8 internally connected to pin 2)		
9	GND2	Output power supply ground return (pin 9 internally connected to pin 15)		
10	ISODE	Isolated DE output for PROFIBUS applications		
11	NC	No internal connection		
12	A	Non-inverting bus line		
13	В	Inverting bus line		
14	NC	No internal connection		
15	GND2	Output power supply ground return (pin 15 internally connected to pin 9)		
16	VDD2	Output power supply		

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Cable Length

IL3585 transceivers are intended for networks up to 4,000 feet (1,200 m), although the maximum data rate decreases as cable length increases.

Cables and Connectors

Twisted pair cable helps cancel common mode noise. In noisy environments, use Shielded Twisted Pair (STP) CAT5 or CAT6 cables and shielded connectors. With shielded cables, one of the connectors should be tied to earth ground (not digital ground). For demanding applications, the other connector shield should be connected via an R-C network (typically 47 nF in parallel with 150 k Ω) to earth ground to damp AC noise induced in the shield.

Connector Board Layout Best Practices

Although not always necessary, the following connector layout precautions are best practices:

- The connector, termination resistor, and transceiver should be as close together as possible.
- Two wires from the same differential pair should be adjacent on the connector.
- A differential microstrip on the board reduces reflections if long traces are necessary.
- Use 47 nF decoupling capacitors as close as possible to transceiver V_{DD} pins, plus 10 μ F on V_{DD2} .
- Provide ground planes for both power supplies.

Network Topologies and Spurs

Configurations C and D below are examples of ideal configurations where the nodes are in a continuous line, although not necessarily straight:



Configurations A and B have long spurs that can cause reflections. Short spurs from the bus to intermediate nodes are generally necessary, however. If so, stub lengths should be less than one-sixth the electrical signal length, which is defined as:

Electrical Length = t_r / (**Propagation Delay**)

For typical values of 10 nanoseconds rise time and 78% propagation velocity, we get an electrical signal length of 2.3 meters. Thus the maximum stub length is one-sixth of the electrical length, or 39 cm.

Biasing and Termination

Inherent Fail-Safe Biasing

"Fail-safe biasing" forces a logic high state on "R" in response to an open-circuit condition between the bus "A" and "B" lines, or when no drivers are active on the bus. IL3000-Series Isolated Transceivers include internal pull-up and pull-down resistors of approximately 30 k Ω in the receiver section (R_{FS-INT} in the figure at right). These internal resistors ensure failsafe operation if there are no termination



resistors and up to four RS-485 worst-case Unit Loads of $12 \text{ k}\Omega$.

Terminate Most Networks

Below 1 Mbps or less than 1,000 feet (300 m), some networks can be unterminated, but reflections cause errors in faster or longer networks. Reflections are minimized by terminating both ends of the bus (but not every node). Two 120 Ω termination resistors are generally used to match a 60 Ω cable impedance.

External Fail-Safe Biasing Resistors

With termination, the differential voltage across the conductor pair will be close to zero with no active drivers. In this case, the idle bus is indeterminate and susceptible to noise. External fail-safe biasing resistors (R_{FS-EXT}) at one end of the bus ensure fail-safe operation with a terminated bus. Biasing should provide at least 200 mV across the conductor pair to meet the RS-485 input sensitivity specification.

The more loads on the bus, the lower the required values of the biasing resistors. The evaluation board has a 120 Ω termination resistor and 560 Ω biasing resistors for fail-safe operation for up to four Unit Loads.

R _{FS-EXT}	R _T	Loading	Nominal V _{A-B} (inactive)
Internal Only	None	Four unit loads (12 k Ω ea.)	238 mV
Internal Only	120 Ω	Four unit loads (12 k Ω ea.)	5 mV
560 Ω	120 Ω	Four unit loads (12 k Ω ea.)	254 mV
510 Ω	120 Ω	32 unit loads (12 k Ω ea.)	247 mV

The following table shows other examples:

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All transceivers have an isolation rating of 2,500 V_{RMS} (one minute), and are supplied RoHS compliant as standard. All are UL1577 and IEC61010 approved; the IL3685 is PROFIBUS compliant.

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