SA03
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## FEATURES

- WIDE SUPPLY RANGE—16-100V
- 30A CONTINUOUS TO $60^{\circ}$ C CASE
- 3 PROTECTION CIRCUITS
- ANALOG OR DIGITAL INPUTS
- SYNCHRONIZED OR EXTERNAL OSCILLATOR
- FLEXIBLE FREQUENCY CONTROL


## APPLICATIONS

- MOTORS TO 4HP
- REACTIVE LOADS
- LOW FREQUENCY SONAR
- LARGE PIEZO ELEMENTS
- OFF-LINE DRIVERS
- C-D WELD CONTROLLER


## DESCRIPTION

The SA03 is a pulse width amplifier that can supply 3000W to the load. An internal 45 kHz oscillator requires no external components. The clock input stage divides the oscillator frequency by two, which provides the basic switching of 22.5 kHz . External oscillators may also be used to lower the switching frequency or to synchronize multiple amplifiers. Current sensing is provided for each half of the bridge giving amplitude and direction data. A shutdown input turns off all four drivers of the H bridge output. A high side current limit and the programmable low side current limit protect the amplifier from shorts to supply or ground in addition to load shorts. The H bridge output MOSFETs are protected from thermal overloads by directly sensing the temperature of the die. The 12pin hermetic MO-127 power package occupies only 3 square inches of board space.


## EXTERNAL CONNECTIONS



Case tied to pin 5. Allow no current in case. Bypassing of supplies is required. Package is Apex MO-127 (STD). See Outline Dimensions/Packages in Apex data book.

If +PWM > RAMP/-PWM then A OUT > B OUT.

* See text.


## BLOCK DIAGRAM AND TYPICAL APPLICATION




NOTES: 1. Each of the two active output transistors can dissipate 150W.
2. Unless otherwise noted: $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{C}}=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{S}}, \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ at typical specification.
3. Long term operation at the maximum junction temperature will result in reduced product life. Derate internal power dissipation to achieve high MTTF. For guidance, refer to the heatsink data sheet.
4. Guaranteed but not tested.
5. If $100 \%$ duty cycle is not required $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{MIN})}=0 \mathrm{~V}$.

## CAUTION

The SA03 is constructed from MOSFET transistors. ESD handling procedures must be observed.
The internal substrate contains beryllia (BeO). Do not break the seal. If accidentally broken, do not crush, machine, or subject to temperatures in excess of $850^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to avoid generating toxic fumes.


## GENERAL

Helpful information about power supplies, heatsinking and mounting can be found in the "General Operating Considerations" section of the Apex data book. For information on the package outline, heatsinks, and mounting hardware see the "Package Outlines" and "Accessories" section of the data book. Also see Application Note 30 on "PWM Basics."

## CLOCK CIRCUIT AND RAMP GENERATOR

The clock frequency is internally set to a frequency of approximately 45 kHz . The CLK OUT pin will normally be tied to the CLK IN pin. The clock is divided by two and applied to an RC network which produces a ramp signal at the -PWM/ RAMP pin. An external clock signal can be applied to the CLK IN pin for synchronization purposes. If a clock frequency lower than 45 kHz is chosen an external capacitor must be tied to the $-P W M / R A M P$ pin. This capacitor, which parallels an internal capacitor, must be selected so that the ramp oscillates 4 volts $p-p$ with the lower peak 3 volts above ground.

## PWM INPUTS

The full bridge driver may be accessed via the pwm input comparator. When +PWM > -PWM then A OUT > B OUT. A motion control processor which generates the pwm signal can drive these pins with signals referenced to GND.

## PROTECTION CIRCUITS

In addition to the externally programmable current limit there is also a fixed internal current limit which senses only the high side current. It is nominally set to $140 \%$ of the continuous rated output current. Should either of the outputs be shorted to ground the high side current limit will latch off the output transistors. Also, the temperature of the output transistors is continually monitored. Should a fault condition occur which raises the temperature of the output transistors to $165^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ the thermal protection circuit will activate and also latch off the output transistors. In either case, it will be necessary to remove the fault condition and recycle power to $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ to restart the circuit.

## CURRENT LIMIT

There are two load current sensing pins, I SENSE A and I SENSE B. The two pins can be shorted in the voltage mode connection but both must be used in the current mode connection (see figures $A$ and $B$ ). It is recommended that $R_{\text {LIMIT }}$ resistors be non-inductive. Load current flows in the I SENSE pins. To avoid errors due to lead lengths connect the I LIMIT/ SHDN pin directly to the $\mathrm{R}_{\text {LIMIT }}$ resistors (through the filter network and shutdown divider resistor) and connect the $\mathrm{R}_{\text {LIMIT }}$ resistors directly to the GND pin.

Switching noise spikes will invariably be found at the I SENSE pins. The


FIGURE A. CURRENT LIMIT WITH SHUTDOWN VOLTAGE MODE.


FIGURE B. CURRENT LIMIT WITH SHUTDOWN CURRENT MODE.
noise spikes could trip the current limit threshold which is only $100 \mathrm{mV} . \mathrm{R}_{\text {FILTER }}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{\text {FILTER }}$ should be adjusted so as to reduce the switching noise well below 100 mV to prevent false current limiting. The sum of the DC level plus the noise peak will determine the value. As in most switching circuits it may be difficult to determine the true noise amplitude without careful attention to grounding of the oscilloscope probe. Use the shortest possible ground lead for the probe and connect exactly at the GND terminal of the amplifier. Suggested starting values are $\mathrm{C}_{\text {FILTER }}=.01 \mathrm{uF}, \mathrm{R}_{\text {FILTER }}=5 \mathrm{k}$.

The required value of $\mathrm{R}_{\text {LIMIT }}$ in voltage mode may be calculated by:

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R_{\text {LIMIT }}=.1 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{I}_{\text {LIMIT }}
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where $R_{\text {LIMIT }}$ is the required resistor value, and $\mathrm{I}_{\text {LIMIT }}$ is the maximum desired current. In current mode the required value of each $R_{\text {LIMIT }}$ is 2 times this value since the sense voltage is divided down by 2 (see Figure $B$ ). If $R_{\text {SHDN }}$ is used it will further divide down the sense voltage. The shutdown divider network will also have an effect on the filtering circuit.

## BYPASSING

Adequate bypassing of the power supplies is required for proper operation. Failure to do so can cause erratic and low efficiency operation as well as excessive ringing at the outputs. The Vs supply should be bypassed with at least a $1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ ceramic capacitor in parallel with another low ESR capacitor of at least $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ per amp of output current. Capacitor types rated for switching applications are the only types that should be considered. The bypass capacitors must be physically connected directly to the power supply pins. Even one inch of lead length will cause excessive ringing at the outputs. This is due to the very fast switching times and the inductance of the lead connection. The bypassing requirements of the Vcc supply are less stringent, but still necessary. A $.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ to $.47 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ ceramic capacitor connected directly to the Vcc pin will suffice.

## STARTUP CONDITIONS

The high side of the all $N$ channel output bridge circuit is driven by bootstrap circuit and charge pump arrangement. In order for the circuit to produce a 100\% duty cycle indefinitely the low side of each half bridge circuit must have previously been in the ON condition. This means, in turn, that if the input signal to the SA03 at startup is demanding a $100 \%$ duty cycle, the output may not follow the command and may be in a tristate condition. The ramp signal must cross the input signal at some point to correctly determine the output state. After the ramp crosses the input signal level one time, the output state will be correct thereafter.

