

# **TLE4929C Crankshaft Sensor**

# **Fully Programmable Crankshaft Sensor**

# <span id="page-0-1"></span>**Applications**

The TLE4929C is an active Hall sensor ideally suited for crankshaft applications and similar industrial applications, such as speedometer or any speed-sensor with high accuracy and low jitter capabilities.

# <span id="page-0-2"></span>**Features**

- Differential Hall speed sensor to measure speed and position of tooth/pole wheels
- Switching point in middle of the tooth enables backward compatibility
- Robustness over magnetic stray-field due to differential sensing principle
- Digital output signal with programmable output-protocol including diagnosis interface
- Direction detection and Stop-Start-Algorithm
- High accuracy and low jitter
- High sensitivity enable large air gap
- End-of-line programmable to adapt engine parameters
- Can be used as a differential Camshaft sensor
- Automotive operating temperature range

#### <span id="page-0-0"></span>**Figure 1 Typical Application Circuit**

# <span id="page-0-3"></span>**Description**

The TLE4929C comes in a RoHs compliant three-pin package, qualified for automotive usage. It has two

integrated capacitors on the lead frame (**[Figure 1](#page-0-0)**). These capacitors increase the EMC resistivity of the device. A pull-up resistor R<sub>Load</sub> is mandatory on the output pin and determines the maximum current flowing through the output transistor.

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# <span id="page-1-0"></span>**1 General Characteristics**

## <span id="page-1-1"></span>**1.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings**

#### <span id="page-1-2"></span>**Table 2 Absolute Maximum Ratings**



1) Guaranteed by design

2) ESD susceptibility, HBM according to EIA/JESD 22-A114B

*Note: Stresses above the max values listed here may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability. Maximum ratings are absolute ratings; exceeding only one of these values may cause irreversible damage to the integrated circuit.*



# <span id="page-2-0"></span>**1.2 Operating Range**

All parameters specified in the following sections refer to these operating conditions unless otherwise specified.

# <span id="page-2-1"></span>**Table 3 General Operating Conditions**





# **Table 3 General Operating Conditions** (cont'd)





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*Note: In the operating range the functions given in the functional description are fulfilled.*



# <span id="page-5-1"></span>**2 Electrical and Magnetic Characteristics**

All values specified at constant amplitude and offset of input signal, over operating range, unless otherwise specified. Typical values correspond to  $VS = 5$  V and  $T_{Amb} = 25^{\circ}C$ 

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**Minimum Field Change during Start up to generate Output Switching**

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#### **Table 4 Electrical and Magnetic Parameters** (cont'd)





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1) Value of capacitor: 1.8 nF±10%; ceramic: X8R; maximum voltage: 50 V

2) Application parameter, IC does not increase the rise time (max. value), Values are calculated and not tested

3) Smallest setting is not recommended for harsh environment: long tooth, long notch, vibration, run-out of targetwheel.

4) Parameter not subject to productive test. Verified by characterization in the laboratory based on jitter-measurement > 1000 falling edges.

5) Parameter not subject to productive test. Verified by laboratory characterization / design.

*Note: The listed Electrical and magnetic characteristics are ensured over the operating range of the integrated circuit. Typical characteristics specify mean values expected over the production spread. If not other specified, typical characteristics apply at*  $T_{Amb}$  *= 25°C and V<sub>S</sub> = 5 V.* 





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# <span id="page-9-1"></span>**3 Functional Description**

# <span id="page-9-2"></span>**3.1 Definition of the Magnetic Field Direction**

The magnetic field of a permanent magnet exits from the north pole and enters the south pole. If a north pole is attached to the backside of the High End Crankshaft Sensor, the field at the sensor position is positive, as shown in **[Figure 3](#page-9-0)**.



<span id="page-9-0"></span>**Figure 3 Definition of the Positive Magnetic Field Direction**

# <span id="page-9-3"></span>**3.2 Block Diagram**



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# <span id="page-9-4"></span>**3.3 Basic Operation**

The basic operation of the TLE4929C is to transpose the magnetic field produced by a spinning target wheel into speed pulses with directional information at the output pin. The pulse width indicates forward or backward direction information and can be adjusted in EEPROM-options. It is also possible to parameterize output switching without direction information like it is requested for differential CAM-shaft sensors.The correspondence between field polarity and output polarity can be set according to the application needs as



well. By definition a magnetic field is considered as positive if the magnetic North Pole is placed at the rear side of the sensor, see **[Figure 3](#page-9-0)**.

For understanding the operation four different phases have to be considered:

- Power-on phase
	- starts after supply release
	- $-$  lasts  $t_{\text{power-on}}$  (power-on time)
	- IC loads configuration and settings from EEPROM and initializes state machines and signal path
	- output is locked HIGH
- Initial phase (**[Figure 5](#page-11-0)** "uncalibrated mode")
	- starts after Power-on phase
	- lasts one clock cycle
	- IC enables output switching, extrema detection and threshold adaption
- Calibration phase 1 (**[Figure 5](#page-11-0)** "calibrated mode")
	- starts after Initial phase
	- lasts until the sensor has observed 3 mangetic edges (maximum 4 magnetic edges) and is able to perform the most likely final threshold update needed for transition to "Calibration Phase 2".
	- IC performs fast adaptation of the threshold according to the application magnetic field
	- initial and second switching (uncalibrated mode)of the output is performed according to the detected field change of the differential magnetic field
	- length of the output-pulse is derived from the center Hall probe (direction signal) sampled at the zerocrossing of the differential outer Hall probes (speed signal)
	- length of the very first pulse is "forward-pulse" according to choosen protocol in EEPROM (direction information is not valid at this time)
- Calibration phase 2
	- starts after "Calibration Phase 1"
	- lasts until the sensor has reached final offset-calibration which is minimum 5 teeth / maximum 64 teeth (pole-pairs) according to choosen alorithm in EEPROM
	- IC performs slow and accurate adaptation of the threshold according to the application magnetic field
	- output switching (calibrated mode) is performed according to magnetic zero-crossing of the differential magnetic field
	- length of the output-pulse is derived from the center Hall probe (direction signal) sampled at the zerocrossing of the differential outer Hall probes (speed signal)
- Running phase
	- starts after "Calibration Phase 2"
	- lasts indefinitely if no special condition is triggered (see **[Chapter 3.7](#page-18-0)**)
	- performs a filter algorithm in order to maintain superior phase accuracy and improved jitter
	- output switches according to the threshold value, according to the hidden hysteresis algorithm and according to the choosen output-protocol





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## <span id="page-12-0"></span>**3.3.1 Power-on Phase**

The operation in Power-on Phase is to refresh the trimming coefficients and algorithm settings from the EEPROM and to allow the signal path to stabilize.

If an unrecoverable error is found at EEPROM refresh, the output will remain locked HIGH during the entire operation.

# <span id="page-12-1"></span>**3.3.2 Initial Phase**

The magnetic field is measured by three chopped Hall probes. From the outer Hall probes located at a distance of 2.5mm a differential magnetic field is measured which is named "speed" in this datasheet. From the center Hall probe the "direction" signal is derived. Both signals are converted to a digital value via an ADC.

# <span id="page-12-2"></span>**3.3.3 Calibration Phase**

The adaptation of the threshold to the magnetic field is performed in Calibration Phase. This adaptation is done based on the field values set by teeth and notches (or based on poles on the pole wheel). These variations in the magnetic field are followed by a local extrema detection state machine in the IC. During Calibration Phase the IC permanently monitors the magnetic signal. First and second switching is performed when the speed-path recognized a certain change of magnetic field and the polarity meets the switching criterion derived from the EEPROM. The third and further pulse of the output is performed at "zero-crossing" of the speed path. "Zero crossing" is the 50%-value between detected minimum and detected maximum - also known as "offset".

# <span id="page-12-3"></span>**3.3.4 Running Phase**

According to the choosen algorithm in EEPROM an avaerage of 5 to 58 pulses is used to do an offset-calculation and an offset-update.

The following rules have to be verified before applying a computed update to the threshold register:

- Compatibility between threshold update sign and magnetic edge
- Threshold update has to be large enough in order not to be discarded (minimum\_update)
- Threshold update is limited to a maximum value based on field amplitude but also based on comparison with absolute field value (maximum\_update)
- Computed threshold update is always halved before being applied
- Threshold update is filtered in order to discourage consecutive updates in opposite direction (consecutive\_upd\_req)

Typically the offset is updated after one complete revolution of the target wheel which is effectively 58 teeth.

<b>Parameter</b>	Symbol	<b>Values</b>			Unit   Note or Test Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.	
Offset update algorithm	58 teeth		58	$\overline{\phantom{a}}$	one revolution of a 60-2 target
	32 teeth		32	$\overline{\phantom{0}}$	one revolution of a 32-teeth /pole-pair target
	5 times the same sign for offset-update			$\overline{\phantom{0}}$	suggested for wheels with different number of teeth or for large run-out.

<span id="page-12-4"></span>**Table 5 Available offset update algorithm to be choosen in EEPROM**



# <span id="page-13-0"></span>**3.3.5 Averaging Algorithm**

To calculate the threshold within the Running Phase, valid maxima and minima are averaged to reduce possible offset-updates. Each offset-update gives an increased jitter which has to be avoided.

# <span id="page-13-1"></span>**3.3.6 Direction Detection**

Direction is calculated from the amplitude-value of direction-signal sampled at zero-crossing of speedchannel. For each pole-pair or pair of tooth and notch two digital values are generated for detecting the direction. Subtracting the second value from the first value the direction is determined by its sign. According to EEPROM-setting a positive sign is direction forward or direction backward. Negative sign of directiondifference the opposite

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<span id="page-13-3"></span>**Figure 6 Direction Detection Principle: TLE4929C-XAN-M28 issues forward-pulses at each middle of tooth** 





<span id="page-14-2"></span>**Figure 7 Direction Detection Principle: Rotation Direction Forward And Backward**

# <span id="page-14-1"></span>**3.3.7 Direction Detection Threshold**

To recognize a change in rotational direction of the target wheel a threshold (**[Figure 8](#page-14-0)**) is used. The peak to peak signal of direction is averaged over the last teeth and is used as 100% value. Whenever a new minimum or a new maximum is measured a threshold of 25% is calculated.



<span id="page-14-0"></span>**Figure 8 Direction Threshold Level**

At a constant direction the next sample-point is expected to have another 100% signal amplitude. In the case of a rotational direction change the same value as before is expected. To distinguish between these two cases a virtual threshold of 25% is taken into account. Using EEPROM these 25% can be programmed to 12.5% (direction change criterion).



## <span id="page-15-1"></span>**3.4 Hysteresis Concept**



<span id="page-15-0"></span>**Figure 9 Hidden Hysteresis in protocol-variant without direction detection**

The prefered switching behavior for crankshaft application in terms of hysteresis is called hidden adaptive hysteresis. For reason of long notches or long teeth there is the EEPROM possibility to go for visible hysteresis as well. Another EEPROM possibility is fixed hysteresis which allows robustness against metalic flakes attached by the back-bias-magnet.

Hidden adaptive hysteresis means, the output always switches at the same level, centered between upper and lower hysteresis. These hysteresis thresholds needs to be exceeded and are used to enable the output for the next following switching event. For example, if the differential magnetic field crosses the lower hysteresis level, then the output is able to switch at the zero crossing. Next following upper hysteresis needs to be exceeded again in order to enable for the next switching. Furthermore the function of half hysteresis maintains switching whenever the upper hysteresis level is not exceeded, but the lower hysteresis level is crossed again, then the output is allowed to switch, so that no edge is lost. However, this causes additional phase error, see **[Figure 9](#page-15-0)**.

Doing an adaptive hysteresis gives advantage at small airgap (large signal) to have big hysteresis. Compared with fixed hysteresis a small vibration cannot cause additional switching. According **[Figure 10](#page-16-0)** the adaptive hysteresis is calculated as 25% of the differential Speed-signal peak to peak. The minimum hysteresis is





<span id="page-16-0"></span>**Figure 10 Adaptive Hysteresis**

# <span id="page-16-1"></span>**3.5 Rotational Direction Definition and Edge Polarity Definition**

TLE4929C has EEPROM-options to change the position of the output-protocol. In the application the switching point is either the middle of the tooth or the middle of the notch (magnetic encoder wheel: middle of north pole or middle of south pole). From magnetic point of view it is zero crossing of the differential speed signal: Either rising edge or falling edge. The EEPROM-Bit "EDGE\_POLAR" parametrizes the sensor to one of the edges.

Further there is an option to issue "forward"-pulses either in CW rotational direction or CCW rotational direction: "FORWARD\_DEF".

Both EEPROM-bits are independent from each other.



<span id="page-16-2"></span>**Figure 11 Signal output in setting "EDGE\_POLAR = 0" and "FORWARD\_DEF" = 0**





<span id="page-17-2"></span>**Figure 12 Signal output in setting "EDGE\_POLAR = 1" and "FORWARD\_DEF" = 1**



<span id="page-17-3"></span>**Figure 13 Signal output in setting "EDGE\_POLAR = 1" and "FORWARD\_DEF" = 0**



<span id="page-17-0"></span>**Figure 14 Signal output in setting "EDGE\_POLAR = 0" and "FORWARD\_DEF" = 1**

The TLE4929C-XAN-M28 is preprogrammed and has locked EEPROM. In **[Figure 14](#page-17-0)** the behavior is pictured when following conditions are met:

- Backbias magnet is attached with magnetic north pole to the back of TLE4929C-XAN-M28. (pictured in left part of **[Figure 3](#page-9-0)**.
- Forward-pulses (crank forward pulse-length = 45µsec) are issued when toothed wheel moves from package-pin 3 ("Q") to packape-pin 1 ("VDD").
- Backard-pulses (crank reverse pulse-length = 90µsec) are issued when toothed wheel moves from package-pin 1("VDD") to packape-pin 3 ("Q").
- The pulse is issued in the middle of the tooth of the toothed wheel.

# <span id="page-17-1"></span>**3.6 System Watchdog**

The system watchdog is monitoring following parts in the digital core and at the output:

- Finding valid maximum in the speed signal
- Finding valid minimum in the speed signal
- Finding valid zero-crossing of the speed signal
- Monitoring the switching of the output

As long the speedsignal and the corresponding output switching is fine the system watchdog will reset itself automatically at every output-switching. As soon the system watchdog detects valid maximum, valid minimum and valid zero-crossing without a switching event at the output the system watchdog will increase its counter. Switching of the output sets the counter to zero. When the counter reaches its limit the offset will be reset.



The advantage of this system watchdog is to avoid "flat line" behavior at the output. Once there happened a massive event in the sensing system (i.e. hit on the tooth, sudden air gap jump, ...) TLE4929C is able to recover itself.

The system watchdog can be enabled by EEPROM setting.

# <span id="page-18-0"></span>**3.7 Stop Start Watchdog**

The Stop Start Watchdog allows TLE4929C to stay calibrated as much as possible during stand-still of the target wheel and a possible temperature-drift of 60K. It can be enabled by EEPROM-option.

Basically the Stop Start Watchdog is a time-out of 1.4 seconds. After 1.4 seconds of less signal-change in the speed channel as actual DNC (crankshaft wheel stopped) the Stop Start Watchdog will enter active state. No output switching is enabled during active watchdog state. After a signal-change in speed channel above DNC within 1.4 seconds (crankshaft wheel rotates) the TLE4929C will use known signal-amplitude and perform output-switching with the new switching threshold at the new temperature.

At standstill of the target wheel the stop start watchdog will enable TLE4929C to not issue any wrong pulse at the output:

- No additional pulses
- No missing pulses
- No false rotational direction information

Combining the System Watchdog and the Stop Start Watchdog an immunity to vibration can be added to the Stop-Start-behavior.

Further details are available on request.

# <span id="page-18-1"></span>**3.8 Serial Interface**

The serial interface is used to set parameter and to program the sensor IC, it allows writing and reading of internal registers. Data transmission to the IC is done by supply voltage modulation, by providing the clock timing and data information via only one line. Data from the IC are delivered via the output line, triggered by as well clocking the supply line. In normal application operation the interface is not active, for entering that mode a certain command right after power-on is required.

A detailed interface document (TLE4929C EEPROM Programming Guide) is available on request, containing the description of electrical timing and voltage requirements, but as well the information about the data protocol, available registers and addresses.

# <span id="page-18-2"></span>**3.8.1 Data Transmission**

Commands to the sensor are sent by modulating the supply voltage between two levels  $V_{DD,high}$  and  $V_{DD,low}$ . They are sent in series of 17 pulses corresponding to 16 bit words, with MSB transmitted first and LSB last, respectively the stop bit. Each of the 16 pulses is coded by the duty cycle as logical "0" or "1". Logical "1" is represented by a duty cycle of 2/3 of the period on V<sub>DD,high</sub>, logical "0" is represented by a duty cycle of 1/3 at *V*<sub>DD,high</sub>. This forms the bit information and acts also as serial interface clock. Data transmission from the device is represented by the state of the output, high for logical "1" and low for logical "0". Recommended period length is 100µs per bit.

End of word is indicated by a long "low" supply (> 750 ms, first 30 ms should be >  $V_{DD,high}$ , remaining time < *V*<sub>DD low</sub>). Please note, that for transmission of 16 data bits in total 17 pulses on *V*<sub>DD</sub> are necessary. If more than 16 input bits are transmitted the output bits are irrelevant (transmission buffer empty), whereas the input bits remain valid and start overwriting the previously transmitted bits. In any case the last 17 transmitted bits are interpreted as transmitted data word (16 bit) + 1 stop bit.





<span id="page-19-0"></span>**Figure 15 Serial Protocol**



**EEPROM Description**

# <span id="page-20-0"></span>**4 EEPROM Description**

Several options of TLE4929C can be programmed via an EEPROM to optimize the sensor algorithm to the individual target wheel and application requirements. The EEPROM memory is organized in 2 customer lines, wherein each line is composed of 16 data bits and additional 6 bits for error detection and correction, based on ECC (Error Correction Code). For more detailed information about EEPROM access and programming an additional document is available on request.

#### <span id="page-20-1"></span>**Table 7 Temperature-Compensation for used magnetic material**



#### <span id="page-20-2"></span>**Table 8 EEPROM Address 0x0**



#### <span id="page-20-3"></span>**Table 9 Functional Description Address 0x0**



#### <span id="page-20-4"></span>**Table 10 EEPROM Address 0x1**





# **EEPROM Description**



## <span id="page-21-0"></span>**Table 11 Functional Description Address 0x1**



**Package Information**

# <span id="page-22-0"></span>**5 Package Information**

Pure tin covering (green lead plating) is used. The product is RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) compliant and marked with letter G in front of the data code marking and may contain a data matrix code on the rear side of the package (see also information note 136/03). Please refer to your key account team or regional sales if you need further information.

The specification for soldering and welding is defined in the latest revision of application note "Recommendation for Handling and Assembly of Infineon PG-SSO Sensor Packages".



<span id="page-22-2"></span>**Distance to the Branded Side**

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#### **Package Information**

# <span id="page-23-0"></span>**5.1 Package Outline**



<span id="page-23-1"></span>**Figure 17 PG-SSO-3-5x (Plastic Green Single Slim Outline), Package Dimensions**



**Package Information**

# <span id="page-24-0"></span>**5.2 Marking and Data Matrix Code**



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# <span id="page-24-1"></span>**5.3 Packing Information**



<span id="page-24-3"></span>**Figure 19 PG-SSO-3-5x Ammopack**



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