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1. General description

The TZA3046 is a transimpedance amplifier with Automatic Gain Control (AGC), designed to be used in Fiber Channel/Gigabit Ethernet (FC/GE) fiber optic links. It amplifies the current generated by a photo detector (PIN diode or avalanche photodiode) and converts it to a differential output voltage. It offers a current mirror of average photo current for RSSI monitoring to be used in SFF-8472 compliant modules.

The low noise characteristics makes it suitable for FC/GE applications, but also for FTTx applications.

CAUTION



This device is sensitive to ElectroStatic Discharge (ESD). Therefore care should be taken during transport and handling.

2. Features

- Low equivalent input noise current, typically 126 nA (RMS)
- Wide dynamic range, typically 2.5 μA to 1.7 mA (p-p)
- Differential transimpedance of 7.5 kΩ (typical)
- Bandwidth from DC to 1050 MHz (typical)
- Differential outputs
- On-chip AGC with possibility of external control
- Single supply voltage 3.3 V, range 2.97 V to 3.6 V
- Bias voltage for PIN diode
- On-chip current mirror of average photo current for RSSI monitoring
- Identical ports available on both sides of die for easy bond layout and RF polarity selection

3. Applications

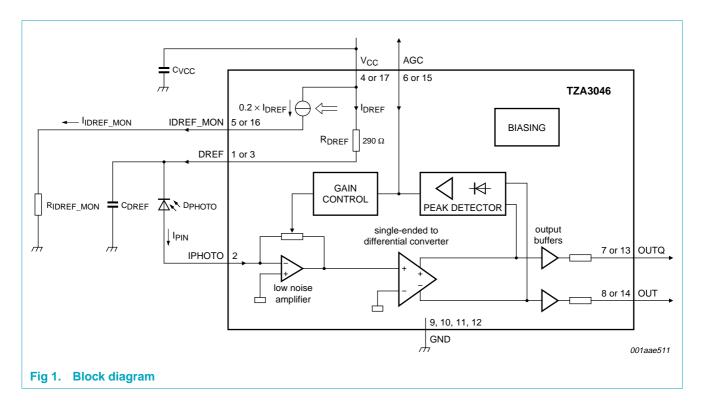
Digital fiber optic receiver modules in telecommunications transmission systems, in high-speed data networks or in FTTx systems.



4. Ordering information

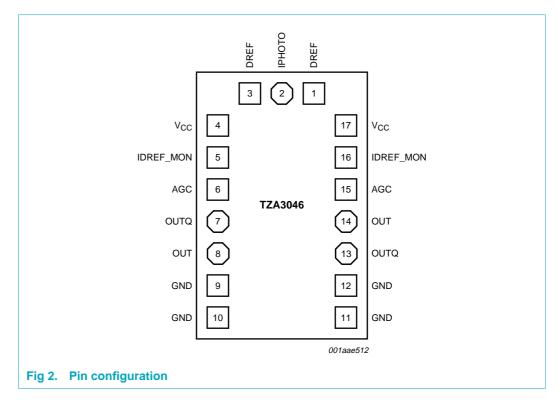
Table 1: Orderi	ng informati	on	
Type number	Package		
	Name	Description	Version
TZA3046U	-	bare die, dimensions approximately 0.82 mm \times 1.3 mm	-

5. Block diagram



6. Pinning information

6.1 Pinning



6.2 Pin description

Table 2:Bonding pad description

Bonding pad locations with respect to the center of the die (see Figure 10); X and Y are in µm.

Symbol	Pad	Х	Y	Туре	Description
DREF	1	-493.6	140	output	bias voltage output for PIN diode; connect cathode of PIN diode to pad 1 or pad 3
IPHOTO	2	-493.6	0	input	current input; anode of PIN diode should be connected to this pad
DREF	3	-493.6	-140	output	bias voltage output for PIN diode; connect cathode of PIN diode to pad 1 or pad 3
V _{CC}	4	-353.6	-278.6	supply	supply voltage; connect supply voltage to pad 4 or pad 17
IDREF_MON	5	-213.6	-278.6	output	current output for RSSI measurements; connect a resistor to pad 5 or pad 16 and ground
AGC	6	-73.6	-278.6	input	AGC voltage; use pad 6 or pad 15
OUTQ	7	66.4	-278.6	output	data output; complement of pad OUT; use pad 7 or pad 13
OUT	8	206.4	-278.6	output	data output; use pad 8 or pad 14 [1]
GND	9	346.4	-278.6	ground	ground; connect together pads 9, 10, 11 and pad 12 as many as possible
GND	10	486.4	-278.6	ground	ground; connect together pads 9, 10, 11 and pad 12 as many as possible

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Symbol	Pad	Х	Y	Туре	Description
GND	11	486.4	278.6	ground	ground; connect together pads 9, 10, 11 and pad 12 as many as possible
GND	12	346.4	278.6	ground	ground; connect together pads 9, 10, 11 and pad 12 as many as possible
OUTQ	13	206.4	278.6	output	data output; complement of pad OUT; use pad 7 or pad 13
OUT	14	66.4	278.6	output	data output; use pad 8 or pad 14 [1]
AGC	15	-73.6	278.6	input	AGC voltage; use pad 6 or pad 15
IDREF_MON	16	-213.6	278.6	output	current output for RSSI measurements; connect a resistor to pad 5 or pad 16 and ground
V _{CC}	17	-353.6	278.6	supply	supply voltage; connect supply voltage to pad 4 or pad 17

Table 2: Bonding pad description ... continued

[1] These pads go HIGH when current flows into pad IPHOTO.

7. **Functional description**

The TZA3046 is a TransImpedance Amplifier (TIA) intended for use in fiber optic receivers for signal recovery in FC/GE or FTTx applications. It amplifies the current generated by a photo detector (PIN diode or avalanche photodiode) and converts it to a differential output voltage.

The most important characteristics of the TZA3046 are high receiver sensitivity, wide dynamic range and large bandwidth. Excellent receiver sensitivity is achieved by minimizing transimpedance amplifier noise.

The TZA3046 has a wide dynamic range to handle the signal current generated by the PIN diode which can vary from 2.5 µA to 1.7 mA (p-p). This is implemented by an AGC loop which reduces the preamplifier feedback resistance so that the amplifier remains linear over the whole input range. The AGC loop hold capacitor is integrated on-chip, so an external capacitor is not required.

The bandwidth of TZA3046 is optimized for FC/GE application. It works from DC onward due to the absence of offset control loops. Therefore the amount of Consecutive Identical Digits (CID) will not effect the output waveform. A differential amplifier converts the output of the preamplifier to a differential voltage.

7.1 PIN diode connections

The performance of an optical receiver is largely determined by the combined effect of the transimpedance amplifier and the PIN diode. In particular, the method used to connect the PIN diode to the input (pad IPHOTO) and the layout around the input pad strongly influences the main parameters of a transimpedance amplifier, such as sensitivity, bandwidth, and PSRR.

Sensitivity is most affected by the value of the total capacitance at the input pad. Therefore, to obtain the highest possible sensitivity the total capacitance should be as low as possible.

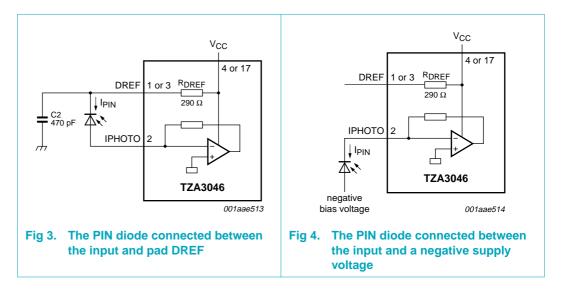
The parasitic capacitance can be minimized through:

- 1. Reducing the capacitance of the PIN diode. This is achieved by proper choice of PIN diode and typically a high reverse voltage.
- 2. Reducing the parasitics around the input pad. This is achieved by placing the PIN diode as close as possible to the TIA.

The PIN diode can be biased with a positive or a negative voltage. Figure 3 shows the PIN diode biased positively, using the on-chip bias pad DREF. The voltage at DREF is derived from V_{CC} by a low-pass filter comprising internal resistor R_{DREF} and external capacitor C2 which decouples any supply voltage noise. The value of external capacitor C2 affects the value of PSRR and should have a minimum value of 470 pF. Increasing this value improves the value of PSRR. The current through R_{DREF} is measured and sourced at pad IDREF_MON, see Section 7.3.

If the biasing for the PIN diode is done external to the IC, pad DREF can be left unconnected. If a negative bias voltage is used, the configuration shown in Figure 4 can be used. In this configuration, the direction of the signal current is reversed to that shown in Figure 3. It is essential that in these applications, the PIN diode bias voltage is filtered to achieve the best sensitivity.

For maximum freedom on bonding location, 2 outputs are available for DREF (pads 1 and 3). These are internally connected. Both outputs can be used if necessary. If only one is used, the other can be left open.



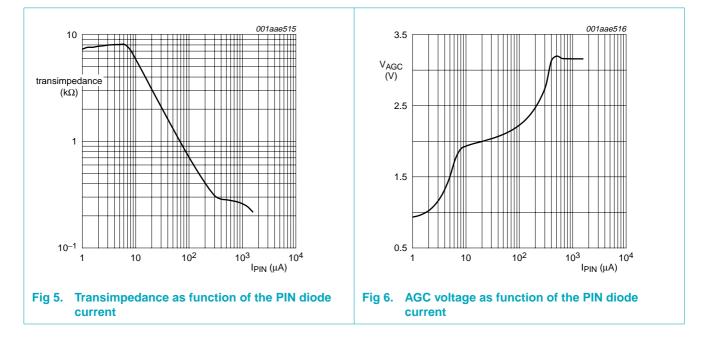
7.2 Automatic gain control

The TZA3046 transimpedance amplifier can handle input currents from 2.5 μ A to 1.7 mA which is equivalent to a dynamic range of 56 dB (electrical equivalent with 28 dB optical). At low input currents, the transimpedance must be high to obtain enough output voltage, and the noise should be low enough to guarantee a minimum bit error rate. At high input currents however, the transimpedance should be low to prevent excessive distortion at the output stage. To achieve the dynamic range, the gain of the amplifier depends on the level of the input signal. This is achieved in the TZA3046 by an AGC loop.

The AGC loop comprises a peak detector and a gain control circuit. The peak detector detects the amplitude of the signal and stores it in a hold capacitor. The hold capacitor voltage is compared to a threshold voltage. The AGC is only active when the input signal level is larger than the threshold level and is inactive when the input signal is smaller than the threshold level.

When the AGC is inactive, the transimpedance is at its maximum. When the AGC is active, the feedback resistor value of the transimpedance amplifier is reduced, reducing its transimpedance, to keep the output voltage constant. Figure 5 shows the transimpedance as function of the input current.

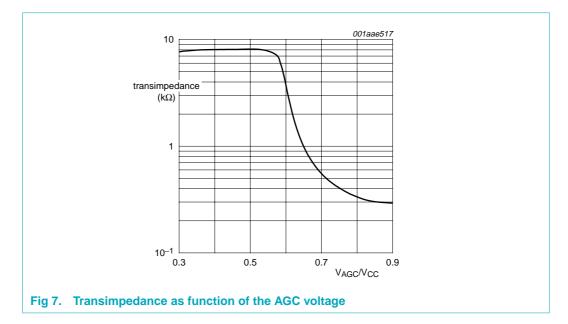
To reduce sensitivity to offsets and output loads, the AGC detector senses the output just before the output buffer. Figure 6 shows the AGC voltage as function of the input current.



For applications where the transimpedance is controlled by the TIA it is advised to leave the AGC pads unconnected to achieve fast attack and decay times.

The AGC function can be overruled by applying a voltage to pad AGC. In this configuration, connecting pad AGC to ground gives maximum transimpedance and connecting it to V_{CC} gives minimum transimpedance. This is depicted in Figure 7. The AGC voltage should be derived from the V_{CC} for proper functioning.

For maximum freedom on bonding location, 2 pads are available for AGC (pads 6 and 15). These pads are internally connected. Both pads can be used if necessary.



7.3 Monitoring RSSI via IDREF_MON

To facilitate RSSI monitoring in modules (e.g. SFF-8472 compliant SFP modules), a current output is provided. This output gives a current which is 20 % of the average DREF current through the 290 Ω bias resistor. By connecting a resistor to the IDREF_MON output, a voltage proportional to the average input power can be obtained.

The RSSI monitoring is implemented by measuring the voltage over the 290 Ω bias resistor. This method is preferred over a simple current mirror because at small photo currents the voltage drop over the resistor is very small. This gives a higher bias voltage yielding better performance of the photodiode.

For maximum freedom on bonding location, 2 pads are available for IDREF_MON (pads 5 and 16). These pads are internally connected. Both pads can be used if necessary. If only one is used, the other can be left open.

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8. Limiting values

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V _{CC}	supply voltage		-0.5	+3.8	V
Vn	voltage on any other	pad			
	pin	IPHOTO	-0.5	+2.0	V
		OUT, OUTQ	-0.5	V _{CC} + 0.5	V
		AGC, IDREF_MON	-0.5	V _{CC} + 0.5	V
		DREF	-0.5	V _{CC} + 0.5	V
I _n current on any othe pin	current on any other	pad			
	pin	IPHOTO	-4.0	+4.0	mA
		OUT, OUTQ	-10	+10	mA
		AGC, IDREF_MON	-0.2	+0.2	mA
		DREF	-4.0	+4.0	mA
P _{tot}	total power dissipation		-	300	mW
T _{amb}	ambient temperature		-40	+85	°C
Tj	junction temperature		-	150	°C
T _{stg}	storage temperature		-65	+150	°C

9. Characteristics

Table 4: Characteristics

Typical values at $T_j = 25 \degree C$ and $V_{CC} = 3.3 V$; minimum and maximum values are valid over the entire ambient temperature range and supply voltage range; all voltages are measured with respect to ground; unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
V _{CC}	supply voltage		2.97	3.3	3.6	V
I _{CC}	supply current	AC-coupled; $R_{L(dif)} = 100 \Omega$; excluding I_{DREF} and I_{IDREF_MON}	-	21	23	mA
P _{tot}	total power dissipation	$V_{CC} = 3.3 V$	-	70	76	mW
Tj	junction temperature		-40	-	+125	°C
T _{amb}	ambient temperature		-40	+25	+85	°C
R _{tr}	small-signal transresistance	measured differentially; AC-coupled, $R_{L(dif)} = 100 \ \Omega$	5.5	7.5	10.5	kΩ
f _{-3dB(h)}	high frequency –3 dB point	C _{PIN} = 0.5 pF	800	1050	-	MHz
I _{n(rms)(itg)(tot)}	total integrated RMS noise current over bandwidth	referenced to input; C _{PIN} = 0.5 pF; f _{-3dB(min)} = 875 MHz	<u>[1]</u> -	126	164	nA
Automatic gai	n control loop: pad AGC					
t _{att}	attack time	AGC pad unconnected	-	14	-	μs
t _{decay}	decay time	AGC pad unconnected	-	40	-	μs
V _{th(AGC)} (p-p)	peak-to-peak AGC threshold voltage	referenced to output; measured differentially	-	125	-	mV
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Table 4: Characteristics ...continued

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Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Мах	Unit
Bias voltage: pa	d DREF						
R _(DREF-VCC)	resistance between pin DREF and pin V _{CC}	tested at DC level; T _{amb} = 25 °C		260	290	320	Ω
TC _{RDREF}	temperature coefficient of R_{DREF}			-	0.33	-	Ω/°C
Input: pad IPHO	ТО						
I _{IPHOTO(p-p)}	peak-to-peak current on pad IPHOTO		<u>[2][3]</u>	-1000	+1700	-	μΑ
V _{bias(i)}	input bias voltage			700	850	1000	mV
Monitor: pad IDF	REF_MON						
V _{mon}	monitor voltage			0	-	$V_{CC}-0.4$	V
I _{IDREF_MON} /I _{DREF}	monitor current ratio	ratio I _{IDREF_MON} / I _{DREF}		19.5	20	20.5	%
I _{offset(mon)}	monitor offset current	T _{amb} = 25 °C		0	10	20	μA
TC _{I(offset)} mon	temperature coefficient of monitor offset current			-	30	-	nA/∘C
Data outputs: pa	ds OUT and OUTQ						
V _{O(cm)}	common mode output voltage	AC-coupled; $R_{L(dif)}$ = 100 Ω		-	V _{CC} – 1.2	-	V
V _{o(dif)(p-p)}	peak-to-peak differential	AC-coupled; $R_{L(dif)} = 100 \Omega$					
	output voltage	I_{PIN} = 2.5 μ A (p-p) \times R _{tr}		14	19	-	mV
		I _{PIN} = 100 μA (p-p)		-	120	-	mV
		I _{PIN} = 1500 μA (p-p)	[4]	-	325	600	mV
R _{O(dif)}	differential output resistance	tested at DC level		-	100	-	Ω
tr	rise time	20 % to 80 %; I _{PIN} = 100 μA (p-p)		-	150	-	ps
t _f	fall time	80 % to 20 %; I _{PIN} = 100 μA (p-p)		-	150	-	ps

[1] Guaranteed by design.

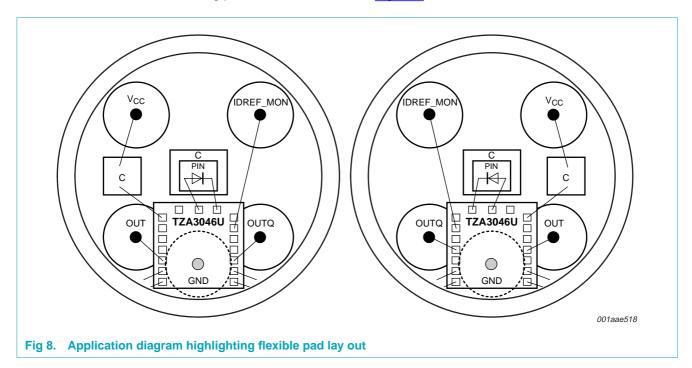
[2] Max input current is guaranteed for $BER < 10^{-10}$

[3] Max input current is guaranteed for $T_{amb} = 25^{\circ}$

[4] Max value of 500 mV belongs to I_{PIN} = 1250 μ A (p-p)

10. Application information

For maximum freedom on bonding location, 2 outputs are available for OUT and OUTQ. The outputs should be used in pairs: pad 14 with pad 7 or pad 8 with pad 13. Pad 8 is internally connected with pad 14, pad 7 is internally connected with pad 13. The device is guaranteed with only one pair used. The other pair should be left open. Two examples of the bonding possibilities are shown in Figure 8.





1 **Test information**

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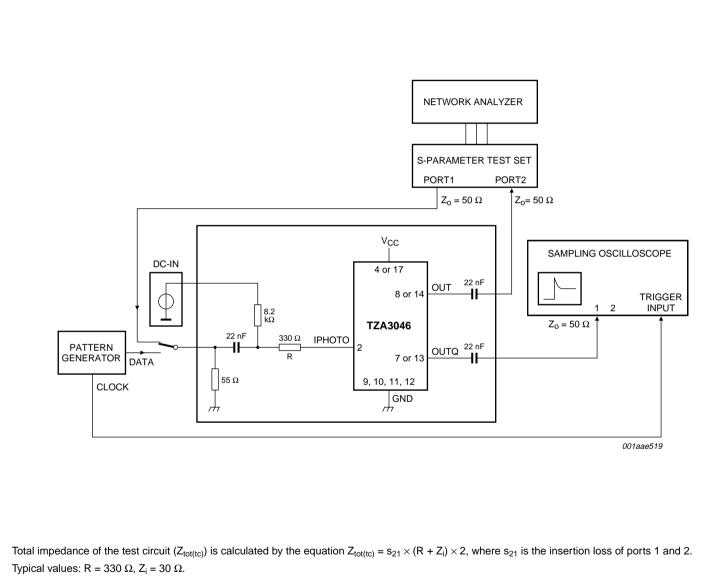


Fig 9. Test circuit

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12. Bare die information

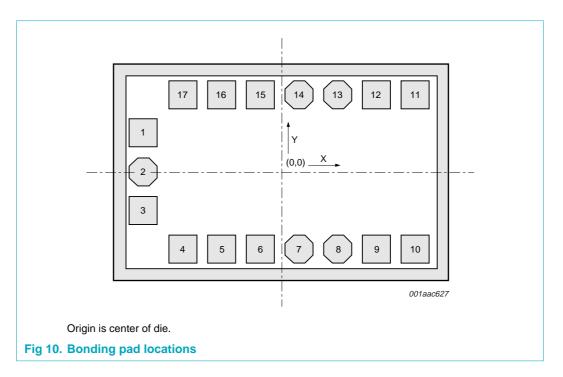


Table 5: Physical characteristics of the bare die

Parameter	Value
Glass passivation	$0.3\mu\text{m}$ PSG (PhosphoSilicate Glass) on top of 0.8 μm silicon nitride
Bonding pad dimension	minimum dimension of exposed metallization is 90 μ m × 90 μ m (pad size = 100 μ m × 100 μ m) except pads 2 and 3 which have exposed metallization of 80 μ m × 80 μ m (pad size = 90 μ m × 90 μ m)
Metallization	2.8 μm AlCu
Thickness	380 μm nominal
Die dimension	820 μm $ imes$ 1300 μm (± 20 μm ²)
Backing	silicon; electrically connected to GND potential through substrate contacts
Attach temperature	< 440 °C; recommended die attach is glue
Attach time	< 15 s

13. Package outline

Not applicable.

14. Handling information

14.1 General

Inputs and outputs are protected against electrostatic discharge in normal handling. However, to be completely safe you must take normal precautions appropriate to handling MOS devices; see *JESD625-A and/or IEC61340-5*.

14.2 Additional information

Pad IPHOTO has limited protection to ensure good RF performance. This pad should be handled with extreme care.

15. Abbreviations

Table 6.	Abbreviations
Acronym	Description
BER	Bit Error Rate
FTTx	Fiber To The "x"
OC3	Optical Carrier level 3 (155.52 Mbit/s)
PIN	Positive Intrinsic Negative
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio
RSSI	Received Signal Strength Indicator
SDH	Synchronous Digital Hierarchy
SFP	Small Form-factor Pluggable
SONET	Synchronous Optical NETwork
STM1	Synchronous Transport Module 1 (155.52 Mbit/s

16. Revision history

Table 7. Revision hist	7. Revision history						
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17.1 Data sheet status

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