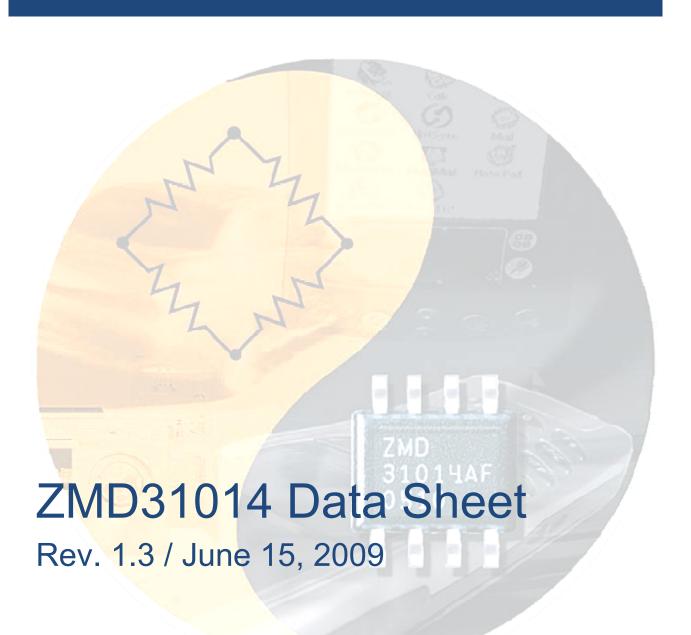


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Brief Description

The $\mathsf{RBic}_{\mathsf{iLite}}^{\mathsf{TM}}$ is a CMOS integrated circuit for highly accurate amplification and analog-to-digital conversion of differential and half-bridge input signals. The $\mathsf{RBic}_{\mathsf{iLite}}^{\mathsf{TM}}$ can compensate the measured signal for offset, $\mathsf{1}^{\mathsf{st}}$ and $\mathsf{2}^{\mathsf{nd}}$ order span, and $\mathsf{1}^{\mathsf{st}}$ and $\mathsf{2}^{\mathsf{nd}}$ order temperature (Tco and Tcg). It is well-suited for sensor-specific correction of bridge sensors. Digital compensation of signal offset, sensitivity, temperature drift, and nonlinearity is accomplished via an internal digital signal processor running a correction algorithm with calibration coefficients stored in a non-volatile EEPROM.

The $\mathsf{RBic}_{\mathsf{iLite}}^{\mathsf{TM}}$ is adjustable to nearly all piezoresistive bridge sensors. Measured and corrected bridge values are provided at digital output pins, which can be configured as $\mathsf{I}^2\mathsf{C}$ or SPI. The digital $\mathsf{I}^2\mathsf{C}$ interface can be used for a simple PC-controlled calibration procedure to program calibration coefficients into an on-chip EEPROM. The calibrated $\mathsf{RBic}_{\mathsf{iLite}}^{\mathsf{TM}}$ and a specific sensor are mated digitally: fast, precise, and without the cost overhead associated with trimming by external devices or laser trimming.

Integrated diagnostics functions make the ${\rm RBic_{iLite}}^{\rm TM}$ particularly well-suited for safety-critical applications.

Characteristics

- High accuracy (±0.1% FSO @ -25 to +85°C; ±0.25% FSO @ -40 to +125°C)
- Wide supply voltage capability: 2.7V to 5.5V
- Current consumption as low as 70µA depending on programmed sample rate
- Low-power Sleep Mode (<2µA @ 25°C)
- 2nd order charge-balancing analog-to-digital converter provides low noise, 14-bit data at sample rates exceeding 2kHz
- Operation temperature: -40°C to +125°C
- Small SOP8 package

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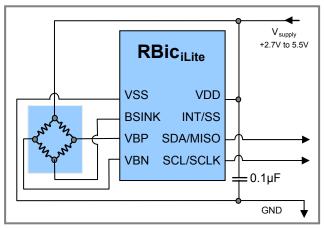
Benefits

- Simple PC-controlled configuration and single-pass digital calibration via I²C interface – quick, precise, and low cost; SPI option for measurement mode
- Eliminates need for external trimming components
- On-chip diagnostic features add safety to the application (e.g., EEPROM signature, bridge connection checks, bridge short detection).
- Low-power Sleep Mode lengthens battery life
- Enables multiple sensor networks

Features

- Fast power-up to data output response: 3ms at 4MHz
- Digital compensation of sensor offset, sensitivity, temperature drift, and non-linearity
- Eight programmable analog gain settings combine with a digital gain term; accommodates bridges with spans <1mV/V and high offset
- Internal or optional external temperature compensation for sensor correction and for corrected temperature output
- 48-bit customer ID field for module traceability

Example Application Circuits

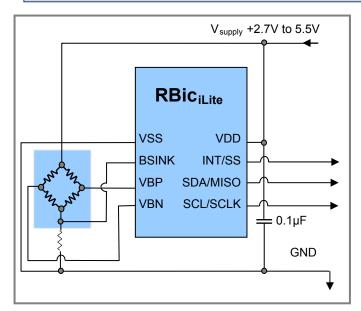


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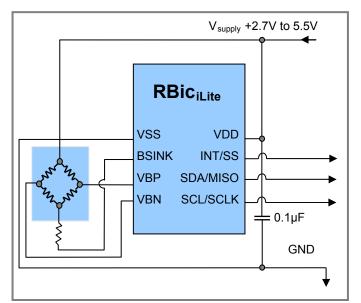


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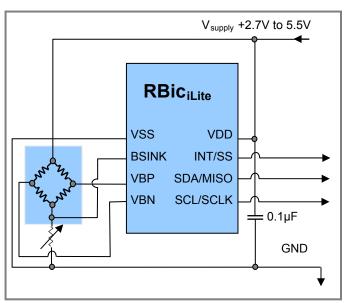
Example 2: Bridge TC Used for External Temperature

TC of bridge divides with low TC tail device to provide a measurement of bridge temperature used for correction. Bsink drives the bridge to ground during bridge measurement for maximum span.



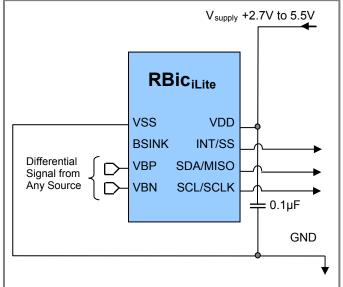
Example 4: External Temp and Low-Power Option

Current is applied to bridge only during measurement. TC resistor voltage divides with TC of bridge for external temperature.



Example 3: RTD Used for External Temperature

For low TC bridges, a resistive temperature device (RTD) can be used as the tail device to measure bridge temperature. Bsink drives the bridge to ground during bridge measurement for maximum span.



Example 5: Generic Differential A2D Converter

iLite has many PreAmp_Gain settings available and makes an excellent 14-bit analog-to-digital converter with I²C or SPI output for any differential signal source.

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1 IC Characteristics

1.1. Absolute Maximum Ratings

Table 1.1 ZMD31014 RBic_{iLite}™ Maximum Ratings

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Analog Supply Voltage	V_{DD}	-0.3		6.0	V
Voltages at Analog I/O – In Pin	V _{INA}	-0.3		V _{DD} +0.3	V
Voltages at Analog I/O – Out Pin	V _{OUTA}	-0.3		V _{DD} +0.3	V
Storage Temperature Range (≥10 hours)	T _{STOR}	-50		150	°C
Storage Temperature Range (<10 hours)	T _{STOR<10h}	-50		170	°C

1.2. Recommended Operating Conditions

Table 1.2 ZMD31014 RBic_{iLite}™ Recommended Operating Conditions

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Analog Supply Voltage to Gnd	V_{DD}	2.7		5.5	V
Ambient Temperature Range ^{1, 2}	T _{AMB}	-40		125	°C
CM Voltage Range ³	V _{IN}	1		V _{DD} -1.2	V
External Capacitance between V _{DD} and Gnd	C _{VDD}	100	220	470	nF
Pull-up on SDA and SCL	R _{PU}	1			kΩ
Bridge Resistance	R _{BR}	0.2		100	kΩ

¹ Note that the maximum calibration temperature is 85°C.

² If buying die, designers should use caution not to exceed maximum junction temperature by proper package selection.

³ Both BP and BN input voltage must be within the specified range. In Half-Bridge Mode, this requirement applies only to the BP input (gain 1.5 and 3). In this mode, BN is connected internally to VDD/2.

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1.3. Electrical Parameters

Table 1.3 ZMD31014 RBic_{iLite}™Electrical Parameters

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	OL CONDITIONS		TYP	MAX	UNITS			
SUPPLY									
	I _{DD}	At minimum update rate (1MHz clock)	70	120					
Update Mode Supply Current (See section 1.4.1)		At maximum update rate (4MHz clock). See section 1.4 for more details. Minimum current is achieved at slow update rates.		2000	2500	μА			
Sleep Mode Supply Current	1	-40°C to +85°C		0.5	5	μΑ			
(See section 1.4.2)	I _{sndby}	-40°C to +125°C		0.5	32				
Power-On-Reset Level	POR		1.6		2.1	V			
	A	ANALOG FRONT END (AFE)							
Leakage Current Pins VBP,VBN	I _{IN_LEAK}	Sensor connection and short checks must be disabled.			±20	nA			
	ANALO	G-TO-DIGITAL CONVERTER (ADC)							
Resolution	r _{ADC}			14		Bits			
Temperature Resolution					11	Bits			
Integral Nonlinearity (INL) ¹	INL _{ADC}	Based on ideal slope	-4		+4	LSB			
Differential Nonlinearity ² (DNL)	DNL _{ADC}		-1		+1	LSB			
	I ² C Interface & SPI Interface								
Voltage Level Low	V_{low}			0	0.2	V_{DD}			
Voltage Level High	V_{high}		8.0	1		V_{DD}			

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS		
TOTAL SYSTEM								
Frequency Variation	f _{var}	All timing in the specification is subject to this variation.			±15	%		
Start-Up-Time ^{3, 4, 5}		@ 4MHz(EEPROM locked) @ 4MHz(EEPROM unlocked)		2.8 7.3	3.2 8.4	ma		
(Power-up to data ready)	t _{STA}	@ 1MHz(EEPROM locked) @ 1MHz(EEPROM unlocked)		6.0 10.4	6.9 12	ms		
Response Time 3, 4, 5	f	@ 4MHz		0.5		ms		
(Time to data ready)	f _{meas}	@ 1MHz		1.6		1115		
Overall Linearity Error 6,7	E _{LIND}	Within 5% to 95% of full-scale differential input.			±0.05	%FSO ⁸		
Overall Ratiometricity Error ⁶	RE _{out}	± 10% VDD		±0.025	±0.1	%FSO		
Overall Absolute Error ⁶	AC _{out}	-25°C to +85°C			±0.1	%FSO		
Overall Absolute EIIOI	ACout	-40°C to +125°C			±0.25	%FSO		

¹ Measured at highest PreAmp_Gain setting and -1/2 to 1/2 A2D_Offset setting.

² Parameter not tested during production test but guaranteed by design.

³ In Update Rate Mode at fastest update rate.

⁴ See section 3.1 for more details.

⁵ Parameter indirectly tested during production test.

⁶ Bridge input to digital output.

⁷ For applications where Vdd <3.5V using A2D offsets 15/16, 7/8, 1/8, or 1/16, a slight overall linearity improvement of 0.015% FSO can be achieved.

⁸ Percent full-scale output.



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1.4. Current Consumption

1.4.1. Update Mode Current Consumption

Figure 1.1 Update Mode Current Consumption with Minimum Update Rate

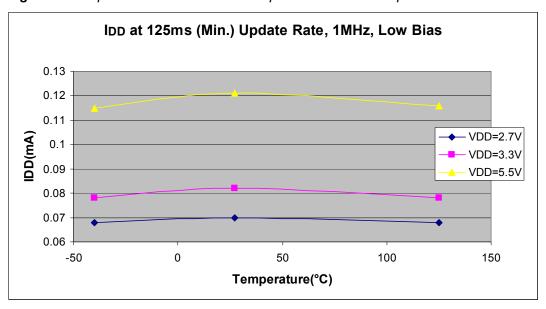
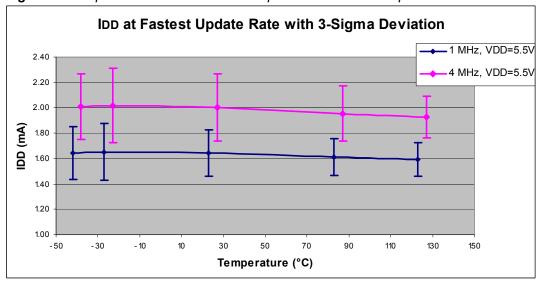


Figure 1.2 Update Mode Current Consumption with Maximum Update Rate



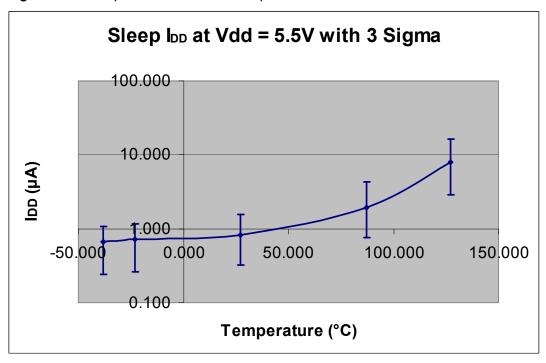
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1.4.2. Sleep Mode Current Consumption

Figure 1.3 Sleep Mode Current Consumption



1.5. Analog Input versus Output Resolution

 $\mathsf{RBic}_{\mathsf{iLite}}^{\mathsf{TM}}$ has a fully differential chopper-stabilized preamplifier with 8 programmable gain settings through a 14-bit analog-to-digital converter (ADC). The resolution of the output depends on the input span (bridge sensitivity) and the analog gain setting programmed. Analog gains available are 1.5, 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 96, and 192. *

Table 1.4 gives the guaranteed minimum resolution for a given bridge sensitivity range for the eight analog gain settings. At higher analog gain settings, there will be higher output resolution, but the ability of the ASIC to handle large offsets decreases. This is expected because the offset is also amplified by the analog gain and can therefore saturate the ADC input.

^{*} For previous silicon revision A, the available analog gain settings are 1, 3, 5, 15, 24, 40, 72, and 120. See ZMD31014_AFE_Settings.xls for table values for revision A.



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Table 1.4 Minimum Guaranteed Resolution for the Analog Gain Settings

Analog Gain = 1.5							
Input	Span (n	ıV/V)	Allowed	Min.			
Min	Тур	Max	Offset (mV/V)	Guaranteed Resolution (Bits)			
289	400	529	69	12.7			
235	325	430	118	12.4			
181	250	331	168	12.1			
126	175	231	218	11.6			
90	125	165	251	11.1			
54	75	99	284	11.4			
43	60	79	294	10.0			

	Analog Gain = 3							
Input	Span (r	nV/V)	Allowed	Min.				
Min	Тур	Max	Offset (mV/V)	Guaranteed Resolution (Bits)				
145	200	265	34	12.7				
123	170	225	54	12.5				
101	140	185	74	12.2				
80	110	145	94	11.9				
58	80	106	114	11.4				
36	50	66	134	10.7				
22	30	40	147	10				

ANALOG GAIN = 6							
Input	Span (r	nV/V)	Allowed	Min.			
Min	Тур	Max	Offset (mV/V)	Guaranteed Resolution (Bits)			
65	90	119	24	12.6			
61	85	112	27	12.5			
51	70	93	37	12.2			
43	60	79	44	12.0			
40	55	73	47	11.9			
36	50	66	50	11.7			
29	40	53	57	11.4			

	ANALOG GAIN = 12							
In	put S	Span (n	ıV/V)	Allowed	Min.			
M	lin	Тур	Max	Offset (mV/V)	Guaranteed Resolution (Bits)			
3	86	50	66	9	12.7			
3	80	42	56	14	12.5			
2	25	34	45	19	12.2			
1	9	26	34	24	11.8			
1	3	18	24	30	11.3			
	7	10	13	35	10.4			
	6	8	11	36	10.1			

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ANALOG GAIN = 24							
Input	Span (r	nV/V)	Allowed	Min.			
Min	Тур	Max	Offset (mV/V)	Guaranteed Resolution (Bits)			
18.1	25.0	33.1	4.3	12.7			
15.2	21.0	27.8	6.9	12.5			
12.3	17.0	22.5	9.6	12.2			
9.4	13.0	17.2	12.2	11.8			
6.5	9.0	11.9	14.9	11.3			
3.6	5.0	6.6	17.5	10.4			
2.9	4.0	5.3	18.2	10.1			

ANALOG GAIN = 48								
Input S	Span (n	ıV/V)	Allowed	Min.				
Min	Тур	Max	Offset (mV/V)	Guaranteed Resolution (Bits)				
8.7	12.0	15.9	0.4	12.7				
7.2	10.0	13.2	1.7	12.4				
5.8	8.0	10.6	2.9	12.1				
4.3	6.0	7.9	4.2	11.7				
2.9	4.0	5.3	5.4	11.1				
2.2	3.0	4.0	6.7	10.7				
1.4	2.0	2.6	7.3	10.1				

	ANALOG GAIN = 96								
Input	Span (r	nV/V)	Allowed	Min.					
Min	Тур	Max	Max Offset (mV/V) R						
4.3	6.0	7.9	1.2	12.7					
2.9	4.0	5.3	2.6	12.1					
1.8	2.5	3.3	3.6	11.4					
1.4	2.0	2.6	3.9	11.1					
1.2	1.6	2.1	4.2	10.8					
0.9	1.3	1.7	4.3	10.5					
0.7	1.0	1.3	4.5	10.1					

ANALOG GAIN = 192								
Input S	Span (n	ıV/V)	Allowed	Min.				
Min	Тур	Max	Offset (mV/V)	Guaranteed Resolution (Bits)				
1.81	2.50	3.31	1.0	12.4				
1.45	2.00	2.65	1.3	12.1				
1.08	1.50	1.98	1.6	11.7				
0.90	1.25	1.65	1.8	11.4				
0.72	1.00	1.32	1.9	11.1				
0.51	0.70	093	2.1	10.6				
0.36	0.50	0.66	2.3	10.1				



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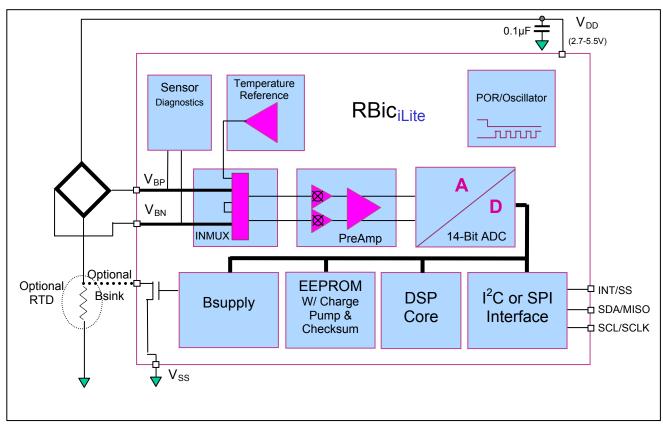
2 Circuit Description

2.1. Signal Flow and Block Diagram

The RBic_{iLite} TM uses a charge-balancing ADC that provides low noise 14-bit samples. The system clock can operate at 1MHz (lower power, better noise performance) or 4MHz (faster sample rates). The PreAmp nulls its offset over temperature and offers a wide range of selectable analog gain settings. The on-chip digital signal processor (DSP) core uses coefficients stored in EEPROM to precisely calibrate/condition the amplified differential input signal. Temperature can be measured from an internal temperature sensor or externally using a tail device (RTD or low-TC resistor) in series with the bridge. The measured temperature can be calibrated and output as well as used to compensate for temperature effects of the sensor bridge.

Direct interfacing to μP controllers is facilitated via I²C digital protocol or optional SPI. I²C is used as the calibration interface and can be used in the final application. SPI is only supported for end applications.

Figure 2.1 RBic_{iLite}TM Block Diagram



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2.2. Analog Front End

2.2.1. Preamplifier (PreAmp)

The preamplifier is a chopper-stabilized two-stage design. The first stage instrumentation-type amplifier has an internal auto-zero (AZ) function in order to prevent the second stage from being overdriven by the amplified offset. The overall chopper guarantees that the whole PreAmp has negligible offset.

There are eight analog gain settings selectable in EEPROM. The polarity of the gain can be changed by shifting the chopper phase between input and output by 180 degrees via the EEPROM setting Gain_Polarity. Changing the polarity can help prevent board layout crossings in cases where the sensor chip layout does not match the RBic_{il.ite} TM pad/pin layout. When using external temperature measurements, see Table 2.6 and the subsequent note regarding using the Gain_Polarity feature for bridges with high TC and regarding required A2D_Offset settings for Gain_Polarity settings.

PreAmp_Gain for the bridge measurement is controlled by bits [6:4] in EEPROM Word $0F_{HEX}$ (B_Config register). PreAmp_Gain for temperature is set by bits [6:4] in Word 10_{HEX} (T_Config register). These 3 bits are referred to as [G2:G0]. See section 2.2.3 for recommended temperature measurements settings.

Table 2.1 Preamplifier Gain Control Signals †

G2	G1	G0	PreAmp_Gain
0	0	0	1.5
1	0	0	3
0	0	1	6
1	0	1	12
0	1	0	24
1	1	0	48
0	1	1	96
1	1	1	192

Gain Polarity for the bridge is controlled by bit [7] (Gain_Polarity) in the B_Config register. Gain Polarity for the temperature measurement is controlled by bit [7] in the T_Config register.

Table 2.2 Gain Polarity Control Signal

Gain_Polarity	Overall Gain
0	(-1) * GAIN
1	(+1) * GAIN

[†] For previous silicon revision A, the available analog gain settings are 1 (G2:G0=000); 3 (G2:G0=100); 5 (G2:G0=001); 15 (G2:G0=101); 24 (G2:G0=010); 40 (G2:G0=011); 72 (G2:G0=110); and 120 (G2:G0=111).

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Before a measurement conversion is started, the PreAmp has a phase called nulling. During the nulling phase, the PreAmp measures its internal offset so that it can be removed during the measurement. It is especially useful at higher gains where a small offset could cause the PreAmp to saturate. If bit [12] of the configuration register is set to one, then the nulling feature is disabled as shown in Table 2.3. At lower PreAmp gains, nulling can adversely affect the linearity and ratiometricity of the part, so the recommended setting for this bit is zero for gains of 6 or higher and one for all other gains.

Table 2.3 Disable Nulling Control Signal

Disable_Nulling	Effect		
0	Nulling is on		
1	Nulling is off		

2.2.2. Analog-to-Digital Converter

A 14-bit 2^{nd} order charge-balancing analog-to-digital converter (ADC, A2D) is used to convert signals coming from the PreAmp. By default, each conversion is split into a 9-bit coarse conversion and a 5-bit fine conversion. During the coarse conversion, the amplified signal is integrated (averaged). One coarse conversion covers exactly 4 chopper periods of the PreAmp. A configurable setting stored in EEPROM allows quadrupling the period of the coarse conversion. In Table 3.7, see the LongInt bit in EEPROM words B_Config (0F_{HEX}) and T_Config (10_{HEX}). When LongInt = 1, the conversion is performed as 11 bits coarse + 3 bits fine. The advantage of this mode is more noise suppression; however, sampling rates will fall significantly because A2D conversion periods are quadrupled.

An auto-zero (AZ) measurement is performed periodically and subtracted from all ADC results used in calculations. This compensates for any drift of offset vs. temperature. The ADC uses switched capacitor technique and complete full-differential architecture to increase its stability and noise immunity.

Part of the switched capacitor network is a 4-bit digital-to-analog conversion (DAC) function, which allows adding or subtracting a defined offset value resulting in an A2D_Offset shift. This allows for a rough compensation of the bridge offset, which allows a higher PreAmp_Gain to be used and consequently more end resolution of the measured signal. Table 2.4 shows the A2D_Offset adjustment. Using this function, the ADC input range can be shifted in order to optimize the coverage of the sensor signal and sensor offset values as large as the sensor span can be processed without losing resolution.

The A2D_Offset setting for the bridge is controlled by bits [3:0] in Word $0F_{HEX}$ (B_Config). The A2D_Offset setting for temperature is set by bits [3:0] in Word 10_{HEX} (T_Config). These 4 bits are referred to as [Z3:Z0]. See section 2.2.3 for A2D_Offset requirements for temperature measurements.

Table 2.4 A2D_Offset Signals

Z 3	Z2	Z1	Z0	Auto-Zero Output Count of A2D (+/- 250 Codes)	A2D Input Range [VREF]	A2D_Offset
1	1	1	1	15360	-15/16 to 1/16	15/16
1	1	1	0	14336	-7/8 to 1/8	7/8
1	1	0	1	13312	-13/16 to 3/16	13/16

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Z 3	Z2	Z 1	ZO	Auto-Zero Output Count of A2D (+/- 250 Codes)	A2D Input Range [VREF]	A2D_Offset
1	1	0	0	12288	-3/4 to 1/4	3/4
1	0	1	1	11264	-11/16 to 5/16	11/16
1	0	1	0	10240	-5/8 to 3/8	5/8
1	0	0	1	9216	-9/16 to 7/16	9/16
1	0	0	0	8192 -1/2 to 1/2		1/2
0	1	1	1	7168	-7/16 to 9/16	7/16
0	1	1	0	6144	-3/8 to 5/8	3/8
0	1	0	1	5120	-5/16 to 11/16	5/16
0	1	0	0	4096	-1/4 to 3/4	1/4
0	0	1	1	3072	-3/16 to 13/16	3/16
0	0	1	0	2048	-1/8 to 7/8	1/8
0	0	0	1	1024	-1/16 to 15/16	1/16
0	0	0	0	0 [‡]	0 to 16/16	0

Figure 2.2 shows a functional diagram of the ADC. The A/D block at the right side is assumed to be an ideal differential ADC. The summing node B models the offset voltage, which is caused by the tolerance of process parameters and other influences including temperature and changes of power supply. The summing node A adds a voltage, which is controlled by the digital inputs Z3, Z2, Z1, and Z0. This internal digital-to-analog converter (DAC, D2A) uses binary-weighted capacitors, which are part of the switched capacitor network of the ADC. This DAC function allows optimal adjustment of the input voltage range of the ADC to the amplified output voltage range of the sensor. All signals in this diagram are shown as single-ended for simplicity in understanding the concept; all signals are actually differential. An auto-zero reading is accomplished by short-circuiting the differential ADC input.

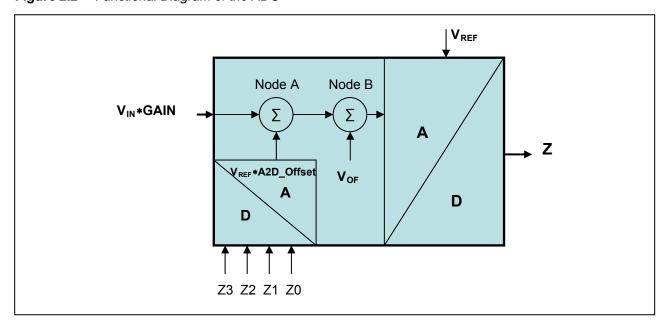
[‡] A setting of 0000_{BIN} for the A2D offset can only be used for temperature measurements. If it is used for bridge measurements, it could lead to the auto-zero saturating which results in poor performance of the IC.

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Figure 2.2 Functional Diagram of the ADC



Digital representation of the input voltage as a signed number requires calculating the difference Z_{SENSOR} - Z_{AUTOZERO} .

$$Z_{SENSOR} = 2^{14} * (GAIN * V_{IN} / V_{DD} + A2D_Offset + V_{OFF} / V_{REF})$$
 (1)

$$Z_{AUTOZERO} = 2^{14} * (A2D_Offset + V_{OFF} / V_{REF})$$
 (2)

where

GAIN PreAmp_Gain (B_Config or T_Config bits [6:4]) (See Table 2.1)

A2D_Offset Zero Shift of ADC (B_Config or T_Config bits [3:0]) (See Table 2.4)

 V_{REF} ~ V_{DD} Supply Voltage to RBic_{iLite} TM

 V_{IN} Input Voltage = $(V_{BP}-V_{BN})$ in differential mode;

= $(V_{BP}-V_{DD}/2)$ in half-bridge mode

V_{OFF} Small random offset voltage that varies part-to-part and with temperature. The periodic

auto-zero cycle will subtract this error.

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The digital output Z as a function of the analog input of the analog front-end (including the PreAmp) can be described as

$$Z = Z_{SENSOR} - Z_{AUTOZERO}$$

$$Z = 2^{14} * (GAIN * V_{IN} / V_{REF})$$
With $V_{REF} = V_{HIGHREF} - V_{LOWREF} \approx V_{DD}$ (See Figure 2.4)

2.2.3. Temperature Measurement

The temperature signal can come from an internal measurement of the die temperature or externally for cases in which a more direct measurement of the sensor bridge is needed. In either case, the temperature signal can be corrected with offset, span, and 2nd order non-linearity coefficients. This corrected temperature can then be read on the digital output I²C or SPI with either an 8 or 11 bit resolution. The raw temperature reading (internal or external) can also be used to compensate the sensor bridge reading. 1st order Tco and Tcg, and 2nd order Tco and Tcg coefficients are available to correct sensor bridge offset and span variations with temperature.

2.2.3.1. Internal Temperature Reference

The internal temperature sensor is a bridge-type sensor using resistors with different TC values. Table 2.5 shows the characteristic parameters.

 Table 2.5
 Parameters of the Internal Temperature Sensor Bridge

Parameter	Min	Тур	Max	Units
Sensitivity	0.28	0.38	0.5	mV/V/K
Offset voltage	-75		65	mV/V
Nonlinearity (-20 to 80°C) first order fit			2	°C
Nonlinearity (-20 to 80°C) second-order fit			0.25	°C
Bridge resistance	15	20	25	kΩ

NOTE: The T_CONFIG register description is given in section 2.2.5. Certain fields within this EEPROM field are programmed to default settings on the production test. In particular, the A2D_OFFSET and PREAMP_GAIN fields should be left at their default values; otherwise temperature measurements may saturate. Section 2.2.5 gives the details of how PreAmp_Gain and A2D_Offset Mode are configured for temperature measurements.

2.2.3.2. External Temperature Reference

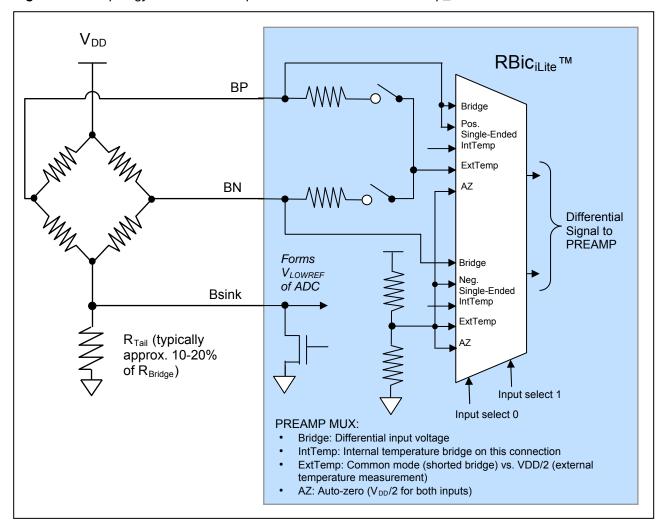
External temperature must be measured with a tail device in series with the bridge. If the sensor bridge being measured has a TC, then the tail device used should be a low TC resistor. If the sensor bridge is a low TC bridge, then the tail device used should be a high TC resistor (linear RTD such as the Vishay/Dale PTFT series). During temperature measurement, the common mode (shorted bridge input) of the sensor is measured vs. VDD/2 generated from an internal voltage divider (half bridge). The Figure 2.3 outlines the topology used as well as some of the details of the PreAmp Mux.

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Figure 2.3 Topology of External Temperature Tail Device and PreAmp_Mux.



During temperature measurements, the bridge inputs are shorted together through a resistive voltage divider and compared against VDD/2 generated from an internal resistive voltage divider.

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Table 2.6 Tail Device Selection Based on Bridge TC¹

Bridge TC	Tail Device to Use	Comments
Large positive (1500 to 6000) PPM/°K	Low TC (<100 PPM/°K) The following recommendations for the ratio R_{TAIL}/R_{BR} depend on the supply voltage: 2.7V: $R_{TAIL}/R_{BR} < 10\%$ 5.5 V: $R_{TAIL}/R_{BR} < 20\%$	T_Config[Gain_Polarity]=0 (negative gain) The recommend PreAmp_Gain depends on both the voltage supply and Bridge TC; if the Bridge TC drops below 2000 PPM/°K then the tail resistance might need to be increased to 30% of the bridge.
Large negative (-6000 to -1500) PPM/°K	Low TC (<100 PPM/°K) The following recommendations for the ratio R_{TAIL}/R_{BR} depend on the supply voltage: 2.7V: $R_{TAIL}/R_{BR} < 10\%$ 5.5 V: $R_{TAIL}/R_{BR} < 20\%$	T_Config[Gain_Polarity]=1 (positive gain) The recommend PreAmp_Gain depends on both the voltage supply and Bridge TC; if the Bridge TC drops below 2000 PPM/°K then the tail resistance might need to be increased to 30% of the bridge.
Low TC (-1500 < TC < 1500) PPM/°K	High TC resistor in 5% to 20% range of bridge resistance (linear RTD such as the Vishay/Dale PTFT series/PT100 or PT1000 depending on the bridge resistor)	T_Config[Gain_Polarity]=1 (positive gain) If tail resistances are on the low end (5%), then a higher PreAmp_Gain such as 12 or 24 might be required.

¹ Use the Excel™ spreadsheet *iLite_Ext_Temperaturemeasurement.xl*s for calculating the ratio R_{TAIL}/R_{BR} and the applicable PreAmp Gain.

NOTE: External temperature measurements should always be made in the [-1/16,15/16] A2D_Offset Mode if T_Config[Gain_Polarity]=1 (positive gain) or in the [-15/16,1/16] A2D_ Offset Mode if T_Config[Gain_Polarity]=0 (negative gain). Ensure that the PreAmp_Gain setting is not too high, which will cause saturation of the ADC during temp measurements.

2.2.4. Bridge Supply (Bsink)

RBic_{iLite}TM provides a Bsink (Bridge Sink) pin to drive the bottom of the sensor bridge. Internal to the RBic_{iLite}TM, Bsink is driven by a large NMOS pull-down ($R_{DS(ON)}\approx20\Omega$). There will be some IR drop across this device, but the Bsink node also forms the bottom reference of the ADC. Therefore, any ratiometricity error this IR drop would normally cause is cancelled out. Bsink should always be enabled when measuring the differential voltage of the BP/BN pins. In the configuration shown in Figure 2.3, Bsink should be disabled during the measurement of external temperature.

Bsink is turned on $190\mu s/50\mu s$ (depending on 1MHz or 4MHz clock setting) prior to the start of a conversion to allow settling time for the bridge and the internal front-end (PreAmp and ADC) path. The entire conversion is then performed, and Bsink is then turned off. This can achieve significant power savings when used in

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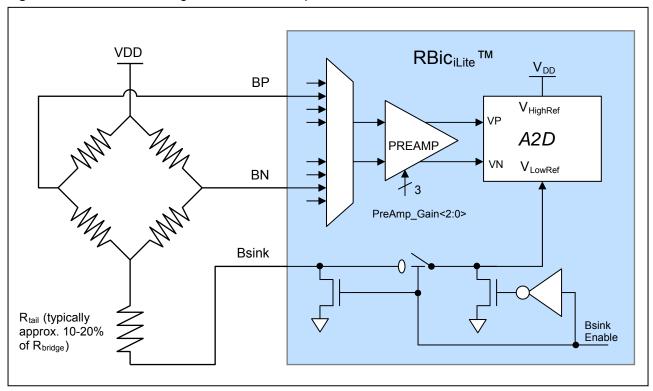


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conjunction with slower update rates. For example, a $2.5 \mathrm{k}\Omega$ bridge would consume 2mA with a constant 5V bias. However, if used with the Bsink feature at an update rate of 6.35ms, the same bridge would draw on average only $112\mu\mathrm{A}$ since it would be biased on only 5.6% of the time. Savings at slower update rates can be even more significant.

When temperature is measured externally with a "tail device" in series with the bridge as shown above in Figure 2.3, current to the bridge is never completely cut off. Because keeping the tail resistance near 10% - 20% of bridge resistance is recommended, not much bridge current is saved when Bsink is turned off. The topology shown in Figure 2.4 below can also be used.

Figure 2.4 Low Power Bridge with External Temperature



For the configuration in Figure 2.4, Bsink would be enabled for external temperature measurements as well. When no measurement is being performed, Bsink is off and there will be no current through the bridge. Bridge power consumption will be minimized. The draw back to this topology is the bridge bias will vary with temperature. This variation with bias will show up as a strong Tcg component even if the bridge being used has no inherent Tcg. However, since 1st and 2nd order Tcg correction coefficients are available; this Tcg variation can be removed through calibration.

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2.2.5. Analog Front-End Configuration

As shown in Figure 2.5, the analog front-end (AFE) has much flexibility/configurability in how its measurement is performed. The preferred settings for the AFE configuration are typically different for a bridge reading than for a temperature reading. The EEPROM contains two words for configuring the AFE for each measurement: B Config $(0F_{HEX})$ and T_Config (10_{HEX}) .

Figure 2.5 Format for AFE Configuration Registers B_Config and T_Config

Res	served [[2:0]	Disable Nulling	PreAmp Mix [1:0]	 	Bsink	Longint	Gain_Polarity	Pre.	Amp_([2:0]	Gain	A	2D_Off	fset [3:	0]
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

The B_Config register is loaded from EEPROM and written to the AFE configuration register just before a measurement of the bridge begins. The T_Config register is loaded from EEPROM and written to the AFE configuration register immediately before a temperature measurement begins. For more details, refer to Table 3.7, EEPROM words 0F_{HEX} (B Config) and 10_{HEX} (T Config), in section 3.6.

2.3. Digital Signal Processor

A digital signal processor (DSP) is used for processing the converted differential signal as well as performing temperature correction and computing the temperature value for digital output.

2.3.1. Digital Core

The digital core reads correction coefficients from EEPROM and can correct for the following:

- Signal offset (Offset_B term)
- 2. Signal gain (Gain_B term)
- 3. Temperature coefficient of the bridge offset 1st order (Tco term)
- 4. Temperature coefficient of the bridge gain 1st order (Tcg term)
- 5. Second-order non-linearity of signal (SOT bridge term)
- 6. Second-order non-linearity of Tco (SOT tco term)
- 7. Second-order non-linearity of Tcg (SOT_tcg term)

See sections 3.7 and 3.8 for a full discussion of calibration and correction math.

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2.3.2. Normal Operation Mode

Two operation modes are available for normal operation: Update Rate Mode (continuous conversion at a selectable update rate) or Sleep Mode (low power). (See section 3.1.) Both modes can operate in either I²C digital output or SPI digital output. These selections are made in configuration registers of the EEPROM.

2.3.3. **EEPROM**

The EEPROM array contains the calibration coefficients for gain and offset, etc., and the configuration bits, such as output mode, update rate, etc. When programming the EEPROM, an internal charge pump voltage is used; therefore a high voltage supply is not needed. (See section 3.5 for instructions on programming the EEPROM.)

Important: After the ZMD_Config_1 or ZMD_Config_2 EEPROM word has been changed, the IC must be power cycled for the changes to be loaded.

The EEPROM array is arranged as twenty 16-bit words. Three words are dedicated to the customer serial number for module traceability. The integrity of the contents of the EEPROM array is ensured by a 16-bit signature word which is checked after each power-on of the device. The signature word is automatically updated whenever the Start NOM command (starts Normal Operating Mode; see section 3.5) is executed after EEPROM contents have been changed.

After calibration is completed and all coefficients are written to EEPROM, the user can lock the EEPROM so that no further writes can occur (see section 3.6 regarding EEP_Lock, bits [15:13] of EEPROM word 02_{HEX}).

IMPORTANT: Care must be taken when performing this function. After the command to lock EEPROM, the next command must be Start NOM so that the EEPROM checksum is calculated and written. If the part is power cycled instead, the lock will take effect, and the checksum will be wrong. In this case, the part will always output a diagnostic state, and since the EEPROM is permanently locked, it can never be recovered.

2.3.4. Digital Interface – I²C

The IC can communicate via an addressable two-wire (I²C) interface. Commands are available for the following:

- Sending calibration commands in Command Mode
- Starting measurements in Sleep Mode
- Reading data

The RBic_{il.ite} TM uses an I²C-compatible communication protocol with support for the bit rates listed in Table 2.7.

Supported I²C Bit Rates Table 2.7

Clock Setting	Bit Rates
4MHz	400kHz or 100kHz
1MHz	100kHz

See section 2.3.6 for clock setting details.

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[§] For more details, refer to http://www.standardics.nxp.com/literature/books/i2c/pdf/i2c.bus.specification.pdf or other websites for this specification

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 I^2C is the protocol used during calibration (Command Mode). The RBic_{iLite} TM I^2C slave address (00_{HEX} to 7F_{HEX}) is selected by bits [9:3] of EEPROM word 02_{HEX}. If the communication lock pattern Comm_lock (bits [5:3], EEPROM word 02_{HEX}) is programmed to 011, the device will respond only to this address. Otherwise, the device will respond to all I^2C addresses. The factory setting for I^2C slave address is 28_{HEX} with Comm_lock set.

When programmed as an I²C device, the INT/SS pin operates as an interrupt. The INT pin rises when new output data is ready and falls when the next I²C communication occurs. It is most useful if the part is configured in Sleep Mode to indicate to the system that a new conversion is ready.

See Figure 2.6 for the I^2C timing diagram and Table 2.8 for definitions of the parameters shown in the timing diagram.

Table 2.8 PC Parameters

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
SCL clock frequency	f _{SCL}	100		400	kHz
Start condition hold time relative to SCL edge	t _{HDSTA}	0.1			μS
Minimum SCL clock low width ¹	t _{LOW}	0.6			μS
Minimum SCL clock high width ¹	t _{HIGH}	0.6			μS
Start condition setup time relative to SCL edge	t _{SUSTA}	0.1			μS
Data hold time on SDA relative to SCL edge	t _{HDDAT}	0			μS
Data setup time on SDA relative to SCL edge	t _{SUDAT}	0.1			μS
Stop condition setup time on SCL	t _{susto}	0.1			μS
Bus free time between stop condition and start condition	t _{BUS}	2			μS

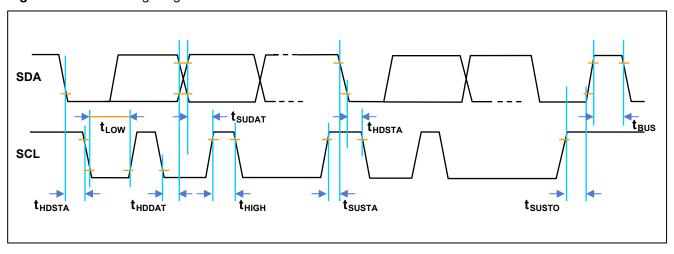
¹ Combined low and high widths must equal or exceed minimum SCL period.

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Figure 2.6 PC Timing Diagram



(See section 3.1 for data transmission details.)

2.3.5. Digital Interface - SPI

SPI is available only as half duplex (read-only from the RBic_{iLite}TM). SPI cannot be used in the calibration environment (Command Mode) because it does not support receiving commands. SPI speeds of up to 200kHz can be supported in 1MHz Mode, and up to 800kHz can be supported in 4MHz Mode. See Figure 2.7 for the SPI timing diagram and Table 2.9 for definitions of the parameters shown in the timing diagram.

Table 2.9 SPI Parameters

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
SCLK clock frequency (4MHz clock)	f _{SCL}	50		800	kHz
SCLK clock frequency (1MHz clock)	f _{SCL}	50		200	kHz
SS drop to first clock edge	t _{HDSS}	2.5			μS
Minimum SCLK clock low width	t _{LOW}	0.6			μs¹
Minimum SCLK clock high width	t _{HIGH}	0.6			μs¹
Clock edge to data transition	t _{CLKD}	0		0.1	μS
Rise of SS relative to last clock edge	t _{suss}	0.1			μs
Bus free time between rise and fall of SS	t _{BUS}	2			μS

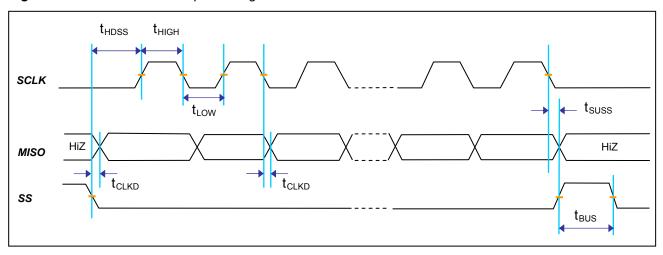
¹ Combined low and high widths must equal or exceed minimum SCLK period.

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Figure 2.7 SPI Bus Data Output Timing



(See section 3.1 for data transmission details.)

2.3.6. Clock Generator / Power-On Reset (CLKPOR)

The $\mathsf{RBic}_{\mathsf{iLite}}^{\mathsf{TM}}$ has an internal 4MHz temperature compensated oscillator that provides the time base for all operations. This oscillator feeds into a 4:1 post scalar that can optionally form the clock source for the device. Using ClkSpeed (bit 3 of EEPROM word $\mathsf{01}_{\mathsf{HEX}}$; see section 3.6) the user can select a 4MHz clock or a 1MHz digital core clock for the $\mathsf{RBic}_{\mathsf{iLite}}^{\mathsf{TM}}$. If the fast response times and sampling periods provided by the 4MHz clock are not needed, then choosing the 1MHz clock will result in better noise performance.

If the power supply exceeds \approx 1.9V, the reset signal de-asserts and the clock generator starts working at the selected frequency (approximately 1MHz or 4MHz). The exact value only influences the conversion cycle time. To minimize the oscillator error as the V_{DD} voltage changes, an on-chip regulator supplies the oscillator block.

2.4. Diagnostic Features

The $\mathsf{RBic}_{\mathsf{iLite}}^\mathsf{TM}$ offers a full suite of diagnostic features to ensure robust system operation in the most "mission-critical" applications. The diagnostic states are indicated by a transmission of the status of the 2 MSBs of the bridge high byte data.

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Table 2.10 2 MSB of Data Packet Encoding

Status Bits (2 MSBs of Output Packet)	Definition
00	Normal operation, good data packet
01	Device in Command Mode
10	Stale data: Data that has already been fetched since the last measurement cycle.
	Note : If a data fetch is performed before or during the first measurement after power-on reset, then "stale" will be returned, but this data is actually invalid because the first measurement has not been completed.
11	Diagnostic condition exists

When the two MSBs are 11, one of the following faults listed below is indicated.

- Invalid EEPROM signature
- Loss of bridge positive or negative
- Bridge input short
- · Loss of bridge source
- Loss of bridge sink (not valid for the example application circuits shown in Figure 4.2 and Figure 4.3)
- Loss of tail resistor

All diagnostics are detected in the next measurement cycle and reported in the subsequent data fetch except for loss of tail resistor, which is detected in the next temperature measurement and reported in the subsequent data fetch. Once a diagnostic is reported, the diagnostic status bits will not change unless both the cause of the diagnostic is fixed and a power-on-reset is performed.

2.4.1. EEPROM Integrity

The contents of the EEPROM are protected by a 16-bit signature generated by a multiple input shift register (MISR). This signature is generated and stored in EEPROM (word 12_{HEX}) upon leaving Command Mode if an EEPROM write has occurred. This signature is re-generated and checked for a match after Power-On-Reset prior to entering Normal Operation Mode. If the generated signature fails to match, the part will output a diagnostic state on the output. The customer ID fields (words 00_{HEX} , $0E_{\text{HEX}}$, and 13_{HEX}) are not included in the signature.

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2.4.2. Sensor Connection Check

Four dedicated comparators constantly check the range of the bridge inputs (BP/BN) to ensure they are within the envelope of 0.15*VDD to 0.85*VDD during all conversions. The two sensor inputs have switched ohmic paths to ground and if not driven, would discharge during the fine conversion phase. If any of the connections to the bridge break, this mechanism will detect it and put the ASIC in a diagnostic state. This diagnostic feature can be enabled/disabled with bit 0 of Diag_cfg (bits [2:1] of EEPROM word 02_{HEX}).

2.4.3. Sensor Short Check

If a short occurs between BP/BN (bridge inputs), it would normally produce a mid-range output signal and therefore would not be detected as a fault. If enabled via bit 1 of Diag_cfg (bits [2:1] of EEPROM word 02_{HEX}), the sensor short diagnostic detects BP/BN shorts. After the measurement cycle of the bridge, it will deliberately pull the BP bridge input to ground for 8μ sec with a 1MHz clock or 2μ sec with a 4MHz clock. At the end of this 8μ sec/ 2μ sec window, it will check to see if the BN input "followed" it down below the 15%VDD comparator check point. If so, a short must exist between BP/BN, and the part will output a diagnostic state. The bridge will have a minimum recovery time of 100 μ sec for a 1MHz clock or 25 μ sec for a 4MHz clock prior to the next measurement.

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3 Functional Description

3.1. General Working Mode

See Figure 3.1 for an overview of the general working mode of the $RBic_{iLite}^{TM}$. There are three types of commands as detailed in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 Command Types

Туре	Description	Communication Supported	Reference Sections
Data Fetch (DF)	Used to fetch data in any mode	I ² C and SPI	Sections 3.2.2 and 3.3.2
Measurement Request (MR)	Used to start measurements in Sleep Mode	I ² C and SPI	Sections 3.1.2, 3.3.1, and 3.4.1
Calibration Commands	Used to calibrate part in Command Mode	I ² C Only	Section 3.5

On system power-on reset (POR), the $RBic_{iLite}^{TM}$ wakes as an I^2C device regardless of the digital protocol programmed in EEPROM. It then waits for a $Start_CM$ command for Gtartangeta Gt

If instead during the power-on sequence, the command window expires without receiving a Start_CM, the device will immediately assume its programmed output mode (I²C or SPI) and start performing the required A2D conversions (Temp, AZ, Bridge). When Update Mode has been selected, the first corrected data will be written to the digital interface within 6ms of power-on with a 1MHz clock and the EEPROM locked.

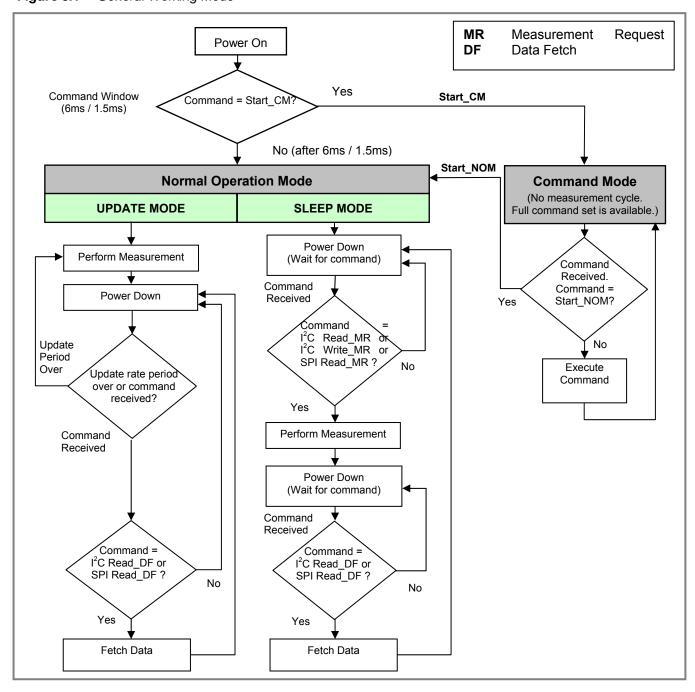
Operation after the power-on sequence depends on whether the part is programmed in Sleep Mode or in Update Mode. In Sleep Mode, the part waits for commands from the master before taking measurements. In Update Mode, data is taken at a fixed, selectable rate. More detail is given about Update Mode and Sleep Mode in sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 respectively.

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Figure 3.1 General Working Mode



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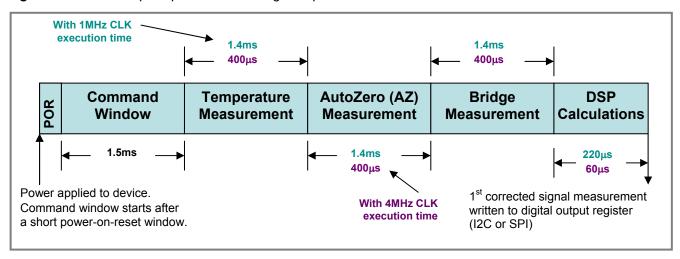


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3.1.1. Update Mode

In Update Mode, the digital core will perform measurements and correction calculations at a selectable update rate and update the I²C/SPI output register. The power-on measurement sequence for the Update Mode is shown in Figure 3.2.

Figure 3.2 Power-Up Sequence and Timing for Update Mode with EEPROM Locked **



If the part is programmed for the fastest update rate, conversions will continue to happen after the power-up sequence. If the RBic $_{\text{iLite}}$ is not in the fastest update rate, the part will power down after writing to the digital output register. The duration of the power-down period is determined by the Update_Rate setting (bits [7:6] in EEPROM word 01_{HEX}; see section 3.6) and the digital core clock speed (see section 2.3.6). See Table 3.2 and Table 3.3 for the update rates. After the power-down period has expired, the RBic $_{\text{iLite}}$ will power up; take another *bridge* reading followed by calculations; write to the digital output register; and power down. Temperature and Auto-Zero (AZ) are slower moving quantities but must be updated periodically. When the part is configured in Update Mode, these two quantities are measured periodically (referred to as special measurements).

As illustrated in Figure 3.3, valid data output to the digital register occurs after the measurement and the DSP calculations are complete. At this point the master can fetch the data in I²C or SPI with a Read_DF command. Specifics of the Read_DF command are given in sections 3.2 and 3.3. After a valid output has been read by the master, the status bits are set to "stale," indicating that the measurement has not been updated since the last Read_DF. This mode allows the application to simply read the digital output at any time and be assured the data is no older than the selected update period. See Table 2.10 for more information on the status bits. The chip should be polled at a frequency slower than 20% more of the update rate period listed in Table 3.2 and Table 3.3.

^{**} When EEPROM is not locked, the command window is 4.5ms longer (= 6ms). All time values shown are typical; for the worst case values, multiply by 1.15 (nominal frequency ±15%).

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In I²C Mode only, the INT/SS pin will assume the INT (interrupt) function. Instead of polling until a "valid" response is received, the application can look for a rise on the INT pin. This will indicate that the measurement and calculations are complete and new valid data is ready to be read on the I²C interface.

Table 3.2 Update Rate Settings (Normal Integration Mode: 9 Coarse + 5 Fine) ¹

Update_Rate	Update Period/1MHz Clock	Update Period/4MHz Clock	Measurement Cycles between Special Measurements (Temperature or AZ)
00 ²	1.6ms	0.5ms	255
01	5.0ms	1.5ms	127
10	25.0 ms	6.5ms	31
11	125.0ms	32.0ms	15

¹ All time values shown are typical; for worst case values, multiply by 1.15 (nominal frequency ±15%).

Table 3.3 Update Rate Settings (Long Integration Mode: 10 Coarse + 5 Fine) ¹

Update_Rate	Update Period/1MHz Clock	Update Period/4MHz Clock	Number of Measurement Cycles between Special Measurements (Temperature or AZ)
00 ²	5ms	1.5ms	255
01	8.5ms	2.5ms	127
10	30.0 ms	7.5ms	31
11	130.0ms	33.0ms	15

¹ All time values shown are typical; for worst case values, multiply by 1.15 (nominal frequency ±15%).

² With the fastest update rate setting, there is no power down period between measurements.

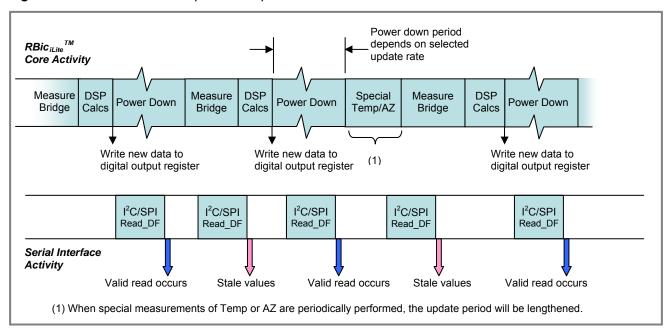
² With the fastest update rate setting, there is no power down period between measurements.

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Figure 3.3 Measurement Sequence in Update Mode



The benefit of slower update rates is power savings. If the update period is increased, the device will be powered down for longer periods of time, so power consumption will be reduced. When a special measurement occurs, a BP/BN (bridge) measurement will occur directly afterward. The update period during this special measurement will be increased by one conversion time over the standard measurement period.

3.1.2. Sleep Mode

In Sleep Mode, after the command window, the RBic_{iLite}TM will power down until the master sends a Read_MR (either I²C or SPI) or a Write_MR (I²C only). Specifics on the Read_MR and Write_MR commands are given in sections 3.2.1, 3.3.1, and 3.4.1. A Read_MR or Write_MR wakes the RBic_{iLite}TM and starts a measurement cycle. If the command is Read_MR, the part performs temperature, auto-zero (AZ), and a bridge measurement followed by the DSP correction calculations (see Figure 3.4). If the command is Write_MR, the part measures only the bridge and performs the correction calculations using previously measured temperature and auto-zero data (see Figure 3.5). Valid values are then written to the digital output register, and the RBic_{iLite}TM powers down again.

Following a measurement sequence and before the next measurement can be performed, the master must send a Read_DF command, which will fetch the data as 2, 3 or 4 bytes (see section 3.2.2), without waking the RBic_{iLite}TM. When a Read_DF is performed, the data packet returned will be the last measurement made with the status bits set to "valid." See Table 2.10 for more information on the status bits. After the Read_DF is completed, the status bits will be set to "stale." The next Read_MR or Write_MR will wake the part again and start a new measurement cycle. If a Read_DF is sent while the measurement cycle is still in progress, then the status bits of the packet will read as "stale." The chip should be polled at a frequency slower than 20% more than the Sleep

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Mode response times listed in Table 3.4 and 1 All time values shown are typical; for worst case values, multiply by 1.15 (nominal frequency ±15%).

Table 3.5.

Note: Data is considered invalid from system power-on reset (POR) until the first measured data is written to the digital register. Sending an I²C Write_MR as the first command after power-on delivers invalid data; even though the status bits report it as "valid". This is due to the correction calculations being performed with an uninitialized temperature and Auto-Zero value.

In I^2C Mode only, the INT/SS pin will assume the INT (interrupt) function. Instead of polling until a "valid" response is received, the application can look for a rise on the INT pin. This will indicate that the measurement and calculations are complete, and new valid data is ready to be read on the I^2C interface.

Table 3.4 Sleep Mode Response Times (Normal Integration Mode: 9 Coarse + 5 Fine) ¹

Measurement Request Response/1MHz Clock		Response/4MHz Clock
Read MR	4.5ms	1.5ms
Write MR	1.5 ms	0.5ms

¹ All time values shown are typical; for worst case values, multiply by 1.15 (nominal frequency ±15%).

Table 3.5 Sleep Mode Response Times (Long Integration Mode: 10 Coarse + 5 Fine) ¹

Measurement Request	Response/1MHz Clock	Response/4MHz Clock
Read MR	12ms	4.5ms
Write MR	5.5 ms	1.5ms

¹ All time values shown are typical; for worst case values, multiply by 1.15 (nominal frequency ±15%).

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Figure 3.4 Power-on Sequence in Sleep Mode for ²C or SPI Read_MR (Typical Timing Values^{††})

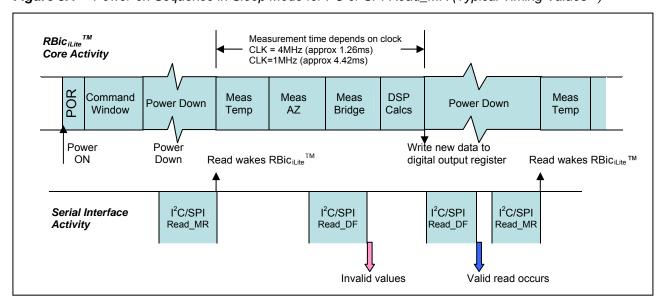
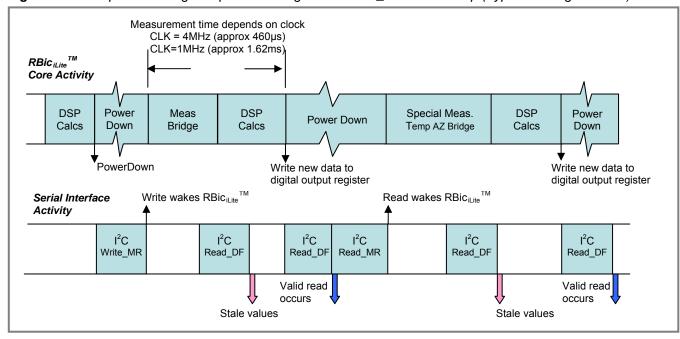


Figure 3.5 Sequence during Sleep Mode Using an ²C Write MR to Wake Up (Typical Timing Values^{††})



^{††} All time values shown are typical; for worst case values, multiply by 1.15 (nominal frequency ±15%).

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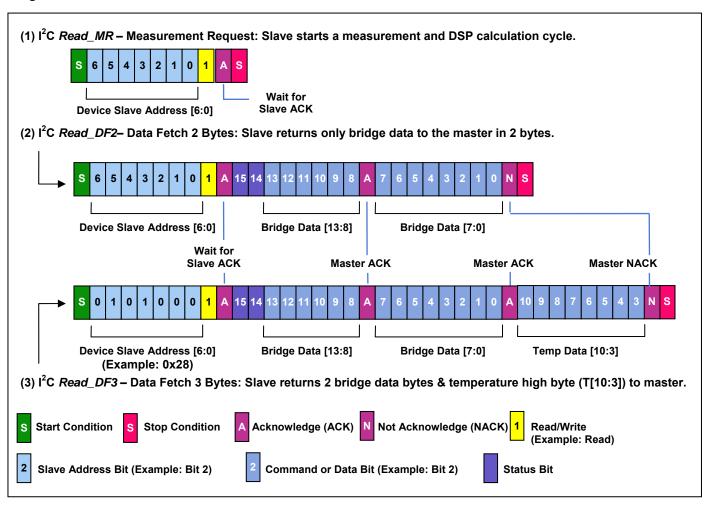


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3.2. RBic_{iLite}TM I²C Read Operations

For read operations, the I²C master command starts with the 7bit slave address with the 8th bit =1 (READ). The RBic_{iLite} TM as the slave sends an acknowledge (ACK) indicating success. The RBic_{iLite} has four I²C read commands: Read_MR, Read_DF2, Read_DF3, and Read_DF4. Figure 3.6 shows the structure of the measurement packet for three of the four I²C read commands, which are explained in sections 3.2.1 and 3.2.2.

Figure 3.6 Leasurement Packet Reads



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3.2.1. I²C Read_MR (Measurement Request)

The Read_MR (see example 1 in Figure 3.6) communication contains only the slave address and the READ bit (1) sent by the master. After the RBic_{iLite} responds with the slave ACK, the master must create a stop condition. This is only used in Sleep Mode (see section 3.1.2) to wake up the device and start a complete measurement cycle (including the special measurements) followed by the DSP calculations and writing the results to the digital output register.

Note: The I²C Read_MR function can also be accomplished using the I²C Read_DF2 or Read_DF3 command and ignoring the "stale" data that will be returned.

3.2.2. I²C Read_DF (Data Fetch)

For Data Fetch commands, the number of data bytes returned by the $RBic_{iLite}$ TM is determined by when the master sends the NACK and stop condition. For the Read_DF3 data fetch command (Data Fetch 3 Bytes; see example 3 in Figure 3.6), the $RBic_{iLite}$ returns three bytes in response to the master sending the slave address and the READ bit (1): two bytes of bridge data with the two status bits as the MSBs and then 1 byte of temperature data (8-bit accuracy). After receiving the required number of data bytes, the master sends the NACK and stop condition to terminate the read operation.

For the Read_DF4 command, the master delays sending the NACK and continues reading an additional final byte to acquire the full corrected 11-bit temperature measurement. In this case, the last 5 bits of the final byte of the packet are undetermined and should be masked off in the application.

The Read_DF2 command is used if corrected temperature is not required. The master terminates the READ operation after the two bytes of bridge data (see example 2 in Figure 3.6).

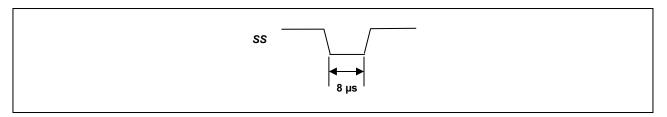
3.3. SPI Read Operations

The SPI interface of RBic $_{iLite}^{TM}$ can be programmed for falling-edge MISO change or rising-edge MISO change (see SPI_Polarity, bit 0 of EEPROM word 02_{HEX} , in section 3.6).

3.3.1. SPI Read_MR (Measurement Request)

A special SPI Read_MR command is used for waking up the part in Sleep Mode (see section 3.1.2). It performs a measurement cycle including the special measurements and a correction calculation. The SPI Read_MR command only requires that the SS line be dropped low for a minimum of 8µs then raised high again. The rise of SS will trigger the part to power up and perform the measurements.

Figure 3.7 SPI Read_MR



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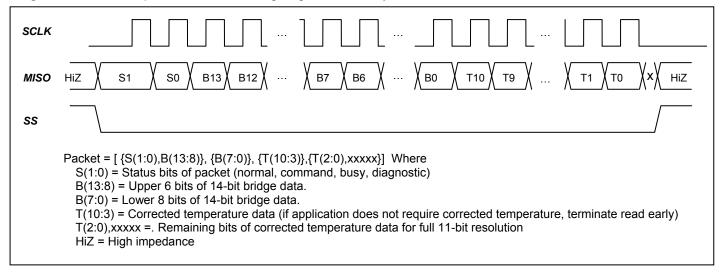
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Note: The SPI Read_MR function can also be accomplished using the SPI Read_DF command (see section 3.3.2) and ignoring the "stale" data that will be returned.

3.3.2. SPI Read_DF (Data Fetch)

For simplifying explanations and illustrations, only falling edge SPI polarity will be discussed in the following sections. The SPI interface will have data change after the falling edge of SCLK. The master should sample MISO on the rise of SCLK. The entire output packet is 4 bytes (32 bits). The high bridge data byte comes first, followed by the low bridge data byte. Then 11 bits of corrected temperature (T[10:0]) are sent: first the T[10:3] byte and then the {T[2:0],xxxxx} byte. The last 5 bits of the final byte are undetermined and should be masked off in the application. If the user only requires the corrected bridge value, the read can be terminated after the 2nd byte. If the corrected temperature is also required but only at an 8-bit resolution, the read can be terminated after the 3rd byte is read.

Figure 3.8 SPI Output Packet with Falling Edge SPI_Polarity



3.4. I²C Write Operations

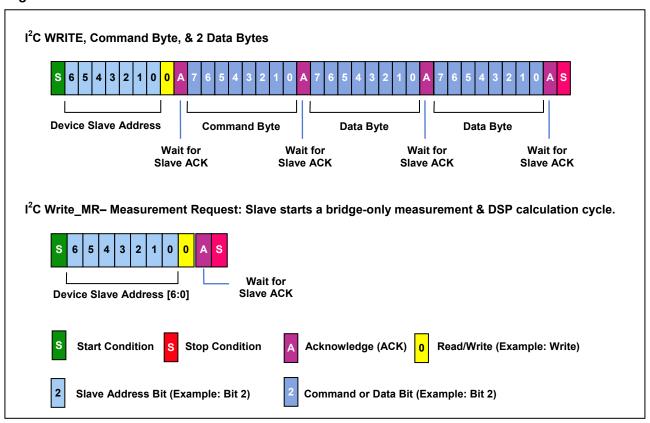
For write operations, the I^2C master command starts with the 7-bit slave address with the 8^{th} bit =0 (WRITE). The RBic_{iLite} TM as the slave sends an acknowledge (ACK) indicating success. The RBic_{iLite} has two general I^2C write command formats: I^2C WRITE and I^2C Write_MR. Figure 3.9 shows the structure of the write packet for the two I^2C write commands, which are explained in sections 3.4.1 and 3.4.2.

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Figure 3.9 PC Measurement Packet Writes



3.4.1. I²C Write MR (Measurement Request)

Write_MR is a special I^2C write operation, which only includes the 7-bit slave address and the WRITE bit (0). This command can only be sent in Sleep Mode (see section 3.1.2). It wakes up the part and starts a measurement cycle for the bridge values only (no special measurement) and a DSP calculation based on former AZ and Temperature values. After finishing the calculation with valid results written to the digital register, the RBic_{iLite} TM powers down again and a Read_DF (see section 3.2.2) is required to read the valid values. See Figure 3.9 for an illustration of Write MR.

Note: The I²C Write_MR function can also be accomplished using the I²C WRITE command with "don't care" data in Sleep Mode.

3.4.2. Command Mode I²C Write Operations

With the exception of the I²C Write_MR command, write operations typically only occur in Command Mode (see section 3.1) and are only supported for the I²C protocol. Command Mode write commands to the RBic_{iLite}TM are in 32-bit packets. After the write command byte (7-bit slave address followed by 0 for write), the next (2nd) byte is

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considered the command byte, and the subsequent two bytes form a 16-bit data field. See Figure 3.9 for an illustration of the Command Mode I²C WRITE command sequence.

Note: If data is not needed for the command, all zeros must be supplied as data to complete the 32-bit packet.

3.5. Command/Data Pair Encoding in Command Mode

In Command Mode (see section 3.1), the master uses the I^2C protocol to send 4-byte commands to the $RBic_{iLite}^{TM}$ (see section 3.4.2). Table 3.6 shows the available commands with their description and encodings.

Note: Only the commands listed in Table 3.6 are valid for the RBic $_{iLite}^{TM}$ in Command Mode. Other encodings might cause unpredictable results. If data is not needed for the command, zeros must be supplied as data to complete the 32-bit packet.

Table 3.6 Command List and Encodings

Command Byte 8 Command Bits (Hex)	Third and Fourth Bytes 16 Data Bits(Hex)	Description	Processing Time ^{‡‡} 4MHz/1MHz
00 _{HEX} to 13 _{HEX}	0000 _{HEX}	EEPROM Read of addresses 00_{HEX} to 13_{HEX} . After this command has been sent and executed, a data fetch of three bytes must be performed. The first byte will be a response byte, which should be a $5A_{HEX}$, and then the next two bytes will be the EEPROM data.	10µs
40 _{HEX} to 53 _{HEX}	YYYY _{HEX} (Y= data)	Write to EEPROM addresses 00_{HEX} to 13_{HEX} . If the command is an EEPROM write, then the 16 bits of data sent will be written to the address specified in the 6 LSBs of the command byte.	15ms
80 _{HEX}	0000 _{HEX}	Start_NOM => Ends Command Mode and transitions to Normal Operation Mode. When a Start_NOM command is executed, a flag is checked to see if EEPROM was programmed during Command Mode. If so, the device will regenerate the checksum and update the signature EEPROM word.	15ms if EEPROM signature is updated; 10µs otherwise
A0 _{HEX}	0000 _{HEX}	Start_CM => Start Command Mode; used to enter Command Mode. Start_CM is only valid during the power-on command window.	10µs

^{‡‡} All time values shown are typical; for worst case values, multiply by 1.15 (nominal frequency ±15%).

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In Command Mode, the INT/SS pin operates as an interrupt by rising when a command has finished executing. With this form of positive acknowledgement, the master does not need to poll the $RBic_{iLite}^{TM}$ to determine if the command was received and completed. This is particularly useful for commands that take the $RBic_{iLite}^{TM}$ longer to complete, such as EEPROM programming. If needed, a response byte of $5A_{HEX}$ can be fetched after a command has been executed. In the case of an EEPROM read, this byte is included as the first byte of the data fetch

3.6. EEPROM Bits

Table 3.7 provides a summary of the EEPROM contents, which determine $RBic_{iLite}^{TM}$ operation, including communication, and store the calibration coefficients and the customer ID. The $RBic_{iLite}^{TM}$ EEPROM contains twenty 16-bit words. See section 3.4.2 for instructions for writing to the EEPROM in Command Mode via the I²C interface.

Table 3.7 EEPROM Word/Bit Assignments §§

EEPROM Word	Bit Range	IC Default	Description	Note
		SSSS SSSS _{BIN}		
	7:0	X coor- dinate on wafer test		Customer ID word 0 (combines with EEPROM words
00 _{HEX}	12:8	S SSSS _{BIN}	Cust_ID0	0E _{HEX} and 13 _{HEX} to form the customer ID).
OUHEX		Wafer number		Programmed with the X coordinate on wafer test, the wafer number, and the 3 LSBs of lot number as the default values.
	15:13	SSS _{BIN}		
		3 LSBs of lot number		

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Default setting bits with the designation "s" indicate that the bit is set at the factory to a value determined at final test/programming.

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EEPROM Word	Bit Range	IC Default	Description	Note						
				Bits in the ZMD_Config_1 EEPROM word control the following settings. <i>Important:</i> IC must be power-cycled after changes to this word.						
	2:0	001 _{BIN}	ZMDI Reserved	Must preserve factory settings.						
	3	1 _{BIN}	ClkSpeed	Digital Core Clock Frequency 0 = 4MHz 1 = 1MHz						
	4	Овім	Comm_Type	Serial Communication Type 0 = I ² C 1 = SPI						
	5	O _{BIN}	Sleep_Mode	Normal Operation Mode 0 = Update Mode 1 = Sleep Mode						
01 _{HEX}	7:6 01 _{BIN}		Update_Rate	The following time values are typical; for worst case values, multiply by 1.15 (nominal frequency $\pm 15\%$). 1MHz Clock 4MHz Clock 00 = 1.6ms 00 = 0.5ms 01 = 5.0ms 01 = 1.5ms 10 = 25.0ms 10 = 6.5ms 11 = 125.0ms 11 = 32.0ms						
	8	0 _{BIN}	ZMDI Reserved	Must preserve factory settings.						
	9	О вім	SOT_curve	Type of second-order curve correction on bridge. If set to 0, the bridge SOT will correct for a parabolic curve. If set to 1, the bridge SOT will correct for an S-shaped curve.						
	11:10	00 _{BIN}	TC_Sign	TC_Sign[0] = 1, Tco is a negative number. TC_Sign[1] = 1, Tcg is a negative number.						
	15:12	0000 вім	SOT_Sign	SOT_Sign[0] =1, SOT_bridge is negative. SOT_Sign[1] =1, SOT_tco is negative. SOT_Sign[2] =1, SOT_tcg is negative. SOT_Sign[3] =1, SOT_T is negative.						

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EEPROM Word	Bit Range	IC Default	Description	Note					
			ZMD_Config_2	Bits in the ZMD_Config_2 EEPROM word control the following settings. <i>Important:</i> IC must be power-cycled after changes to this word.					
	0	О вім	SPI_Polarity	Configure clock polarity of SPI interface 0 = MISO changes on SCLK negative edge. 1 = MISO changes on SCLK positive edge.					
	2:1 00 _{BIN} Diag_cfg		Diag_cfg	2-bit diagnostic configuration field. Diag_cfg[0] enables sensor connection check. Diag_cfg[1] enables sensor short checking.					
			Slave_Addr	I^2C slave address (default = 28_{HEX}). Valid range is 00_{HEX} to $7F_{HEX}$.					
02 _{HEX}	12:10	011 _{BIN} ***	Comm_lock	Communications address lock 011 => locked All other => unlocked When communication is locked, I ² C communication will only respond to its programmed address. Otherwise if communication is unlocked, I ² C will respond to any address.					
	15:13	000вім	EEP_Lock	EEPROM lock 011 = locked All other = unlocked When EEPROM is locked, the internal charge pump is disabled and the EEPROM can never be programmed again. NOTE: Next command must be Start_NOM so that the signature is calculated and written to EEPROM before power down.					
03 _{HEX}	15:0	0000 _{HEX}	Offset_B	Signed 16-bit offset for bridge correction.					
04	14:0 2000 _{HEX} Gain_B		Gain_B	15-bit magnitude of bridge gain. Always positive. Unity is 2000 _{HEX} .					
04 _{HEX}	15	O _{BIN}	Gain8x_B	Multiple Gain_B by 8 0 = Gain_B x 1 1 = Gain_B x 8					

^{***} The Comm_lock is set to 000_{BIN} during wafer test for parts manufactured in workweek (ww) ≥13/2009.

^{†††} Caution: If the part is power cycled instead, the lock will take effect, and the checksum will be permanently wrong. In this case, the part will always output a diagnostic state.

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EEPROM Word	Bit Range	IC Default	Description	Note
05 _{HEX}	15:0	0000 _{HEX}	Tcg	Coefficient for temperature correction of bridge gain term. Tcg = 16-bit magnitude of Tcg term with sign determined by TC_Sign[1].
06 _{HEX}	15:0	0000 _{HEX}	Тсо	Coefficient for temperature correction of bridge offset term. Tco = 16-bit magnitude of Tco term with sign determined by TC_Sign[0].
07 _{HEX}	15:0	0000 _{HEX}	SOT_tco	2 nd order term applied to Tco. This term is a 16-bit magnitude with sign determined by SOT_Sign[1].
08 _{HEX}	15:0	0000 _{HEX}	SOT_tcg	2 nd order term applied to Tcg. This term is a 16-bit magnitude with sign determined by SOT_Sign[2].
09 _{HEX}	15:0	0000 _{HEX}	SOT_bridge	2 nd order term applied to the bridge measurement. This term is a 16-bit magnitude with sign determined by SOT_Sign[0]. SOT_curve selects parabolic or S- shaped fit.
0A _{HEX}	15:0	0000 _{HEX}	Offset_T	Temperature offset correction coefficient.
	14:0	2000 _{HEX}	Gain_T	Temperature gain correction coefficient.
0B _{HEX}	15	0 _{HEX}	Gain8x_T	Multiple Gain_T by 8 0 = Gain_T x 1 1 = Gain_T x 8
0C _{HEX}	15:0	0000 _{HEX}	SOT_T	2 nd order term applied to the temperature reading. This term is a 16-bit magnitude with sign determined by SOT_Sign[3]. Always a parabolic fit.
0D _{HEX}	15:0	0000 _{HEX}	T _{SETL}	Stores raw temperature reading at the temperature at which low calibration points were taken.
0E _{HEX}	15:0	O0ss _{HEX} Set to Y coordinate (ss) at the factory.	Cust_ID1	Customer ID word 1 (combines with EEPROM words 00_{HEX} and 13_{HEX} to form the customer ID). Programmed with the Y coordinate of wafer location as the default.

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EEPROM Word	Bit Range	IC Default	Description	Note							
			B_Config Register	Front-end configuration word for measurement of BP/BN (Bridge).							
	3:0	1000 _{BIN}	A2D_Offset [3:0]	A2D_Offset [3:0]							
0F _{HEX}	6:4	010 _{BIN}	PreAmp_Gain [2:0]	PreAmp_Gain [2:0] GAIN 000 1.5 100 3 001 6 101 12 010 24 110 48 011 96 111 192							
	7	1 _{BIN}	Gain_Polarity	Gain polarity: 0=negative gain, 1=positive gain							
	8	1 він	LongInt	If 1, selects long integration period (11-coarse+3 fine), which results in lower noise, slower conversion; otherwise, the conversion is done as (9 coarse + 5 fine).							
	9	1 _{BIN}	Bsink	If 1, Bsink pull-down will be enabled during the measurement.							
	11:10	10 _{BIN}	PreAmp_Mux [1:0]	PreAmp_Mux [1:0] Measurement 10 Bridge 11 Half-bridge input							
	12	0 вім (Must be 0 if using PreAmp Gain≥6)	Disable_Nulling	Disable Nulling 0 = Nulling On 1 = Nulling Off (Use this setting if PreAmp gain <6.)							
	15:13	000 віл	ZMDI Reserved	Must preserve factory settings.							

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EEPROM Word	Bit Range	IC Default	Description	Note						
			T_Config Register	Front-end configuration word for temperature measurement						
	3:0	DO NOT CHANGE if using internal temperature. Trimmed at test to avoid saturation.	A2D_Offset [3:0]	A2D_Offset [3:0]						
	6:4	001 _{BIN} (DO NOT CHANGE if using internal temperature.)	PreAmp_ Gain[2:0]	PreAmp_Gain [2:0] GAIN 000 1.5 100 3 001 6 101 12 010 24 110 48 011 96 111 192						
10 _{HEX}	7	1 _{BIN} (DO NOT CHANGE if using internal temperature.)	Gain_Polarity	Gain polarity; 0 = negative, 1= positive gain.						
	8	О вім	LongInt	If 1, selects long integration period (11-coarse + 3 fine), for lower noise, slower conversion; otherwise, the conversion is (9 coarse + 5 fine).						
	9	O BIN (DO NOT CHANGE if using internal temperature.)	Bsink	If 1, Bsink pull-down will be enabled during the measurement.						
	11:10	01 _{BIN}	PreAmp_Mux [1:0]	PreAmp_Mux [1:0] Measurement 00 Ext. Temperature 01 Internal Temperature						
	12	0 _{BIN} (Must be 0 if using a Pre- Amp Gain ≥ 6)	Disable_Nulling	Disable Nulling 0 = Nulling On 1 = Nulling Off (Use this setting if PreAmp gain <6.)						
	15:13	000 _{BIN}	ZMDI Reserved	Must preserve factory settings.						

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EEPROM Word	Bit Range	IC Default	Description	Note
11 _{HEX}	7:0	SSSS SSSS BIN (DO NOT CHANGE)	Osc_Trim	Must preserve factory settings.
	15:8		Unused	
12 _{HEX}	15:0	-	Signature	Generated through a linear feedback shift register (LFSR). Signature checked on power-up to ensure EEPROM contents integrity.
13 _{HEX}	15:0	MSB of Lot Number	Cust_ID2	Customer ID word 2 (combines with EEPROM words $00_{\rm HEX}$ and $0E_{\rm HEX}$ to form customer ID). Programmed with the MSB of the lot number as the default.

3.7. Calibration Sequence

Although the $RBic_{iLite}^{TM}$ can work with many different sources of differential signals, assume a pressure bridge for the following discussion on calibration.

Calibration essentially involves collecting raw signal and temperature data from the device for different known pressures and temperatures. This raw data can then be processed by the calibration master (assumed to be a PC), and the calculated calibration coefficients can then be written to EEPROM.

ZMDI can provide software and hardware with samples to perform the calibration. Below is a brief overview of the steps involved in calibrating an RBic_{iLite}TM. See *ZMD31014_RBic_iLite_Development_Kit_revX.X.pdf* for a complete description and detailed examples.

There are three main steps to calibration:

- Assigning a unique identification to the IC. This identification is programmed in EEPROM and can be
 used as an index into a database stored on the calibration PC. This database will contain all the raw
 values of bridge readings and temperature readings for that part, as well as the known pressure and
 temperature the bridge was exposed to. This unique identification can be stored in the three 16-bit
 EEPROM registers dedicated to customer ID.
- 2. Data collection. Data collection involves getting uncorrected data from the bridge at different known pressures and temperatures. This data is then stored on the calibration PC using the unique identification of the device as the index to the database.
- 3. Coefficient calculation and storage in EEPROM. After enough data points have been collected to calculate all the desired coefficients, then the coefficients can be calculated by the calibrating PC and written to the EEPROM of the device.

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Step 1 - Assigning Unique Identification

Assigning a unique identification number is as simple as using the EEPROM WRITE command (see section 3.5) to write the identification number to Cust_ID0 (EEPROM word 00_{HEX}), Cust_ID1 (EEPROM word $0E_{HEX}$), and Cust_ID2 (EEPROM word 13_{HEX}); see section 3.6). These three 16-bit registers allow for more than 280 trillion unique devices.

Step 2 - Data Collection

The number of unique points (pressure and/ or temperature) at which calibration must be performed depends on the requirements of the application and the behavior of the resistive bridge in use. The minimum number of points required is equal to the number of bridge coefficients to be corrected. The available calibration methods and the required number of points for each are listed below:

- 1. 2-point calibration can be used if only a gain and offset term are needed for a bridge with no temperature compensation for either term.
- 2. 3-point calibration would be used to obtain 1st order compensation for either a Tco or Tcg term but not both.
- 3. 3-point calibration could also be used to obtain 2nd order correction for the bridge (SOT_bridge) but no temperature compensation of the bridge output.
- 4. 4-point calibration would be used to obtain 1st order compensation for both Tco and Tcg.
- 5. 4-point calibration could also be used to obtain 1st order compensation for either Tco or Tcg (but not both) and a 2nd order correction for the bridge measurement.
- 6. 5-point calibration could be used to obtain both 1st order Tco correction and 1st order Tcg correction, plus a 2nd order correction that could be applied to one and only one of the following: 2nd order Tco (SOT_tco); 2nd order Tcg (SOT_tcg); or 2nd order bridge.
- 7. There are many options for a 6-point calibration; however, the most likely would be for both 1st and 2nd order correction of Tco and Tcg.
- 8. 7-point calibration would have all three 2nd order terms applied: SOT_tco, SOT_tcg, and SOT_bridge.

Step 3 - Coefficient Calculations

The math to perform the coefficient calculation is complicated and will not be discussed in detail. There is a rough overview in section 3.8. ZMDI will provide software (DLLs) to perform the coefficient calculation. After the coefficients are calculated, the final step is to write them to the EEPROM of the RBic_{iLife} TM.

3.8. Calibration Math

3.8.1. Bridge Signal Compensation

SOT_curve (bit 9 in EEPROM word 01_{HEX} ; see section 3.6) selects whether second-order equations compensate for sensor nonlinearity with a parabolic or S-shaped curve.

The correction formula for the differential signal reading is represented as a two step process depending on the SOT_curve setting.

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Equations for the parabolic SOT curve setting (SOT curve = 0):

ZB = Gain_B
$$[1 + \Delta T(SOT_tcg*\Delta T + Tcg)]*[BR_Raw + Offset_B - 2000_{HEX} + \Delta T(SOT_tco*\Delta T + Tco)] + 2000_{HEX}$$
 (4)

$$B = ZB*(1+SOT bridge *ZB)$$
 (5)

Equations for the S-shaped SOT curve setting (SOT curve = 1):

ZB = Gain_B [1 +
$$\Delta$$
T(SOT tcg* Δ T + Tcg)]*[BR_Raw + Offset_B + Δ T(SOT tco* Δ T + Tco)] (6)

$$B = ZB*(1+SOT_bridge*|ZB|) + 2000_{HEX}$$
(7)

Where

B = Corrected bridge reading output via I^2C or SPI

ZB = Intermediate result in the calculations

BR_Raw = Raw bridge reading from ADC after AZ correction

Gain_B = Bridge gain term

Offset_B = Bridge offset term

Tcg = Temperature coefficient gain term
Tco = Temperature coefficient offset term

T_Raw = Raw temperature reading, internal or external depending EEPROM selection

T_{SETL} = T_Raw reading at which low calibration was performed (typically 25°C)

 $\Delta T = (T_Raw - T_{SETL})$

SOT_tcg = Second-order term for Tcg non-linearity
SOT_tco = Second-order term for Tco non-linearity
SOT_bridge = Second-order term for bridge non-linearity
2000_{HEX} = Converts result to the unsigned domain

3.8.2. Temperature Signal Compensation

Temperature is measured either internally or externally. Temperature correction contains both linear gain and offset terms as well as a second-order term to correct for any non-linearities. For temperature, second-order compensation for nonlinearity is always parabolic. Again, the correction formula is best represented as a two step process as follows:

$$\mathbf{ZT} \qquad = \text{ Gain T*[T Raw + Offset T]} \tag{8}$$

$$T = ZT * (1+SOT_T * ZT)$$
 (9)

Where:

Gain_T = Gain coefficient for temperature

T_Raw = Raw temperature reading, internal or external depending EEPROM selection

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Offset_T = Offset coefficient for temperature

SOT_T = Second-order term for temperature source non-linearity

3.8.3. Limits Imposed on Coefficient Ranges

There are range limits on some of the calibration coefficients that will be enforced by software and DLLs provided by ZMDI. These limits ensure the integrity of the internal calculations and would only limit the most extreme cases of sensor correction. The limits are outlined in Table 3.8.

 Table 3.8
 Restrictions on Coefficient Ranges

Coefficient	Valid Range	Comment
Gain_B, Gain_T	When Gain8x=0: 2000 to 7FFF When Gain8x=1: 400 to 7FFF	A gain less than unity (attenuating) implies the range of interest is being clipped in the A2D. In this case, a lower PreAmp_Gain should be chosen. Gains greater than 7FFF (≈4.0) can cause overflow in the internal calculations. If digital gains greater than 4.0 are needed for the bridge, use the Gain8x feature.
Offset_B, Offset_T	Positive offset (0 to 1FFF) Negative offset (E000 to FFFF)	Offsets are a signed number that is added to the result of a 14-bit A2D conversion. Although the EEPROM register is 16-bits wide, the coefficient cannot exceed the range of a signed 14-bit number.
SOT_B, SOT_T	Positive SOT (0 to 7FFF) Negative SOT (0 to 3FF)	Positive SOTs greater than 7FFF can cause overflow in the internal math. Negative SOTs greater in magnitude than 3FF are invalid because the function becomes double definite.

3.8.4. Interpretation of Binary Numbers for Correction Coefficients

BR_Raw should be interpreted as a signed number in the set [-8192,8191] with a resolution of 1 when the Offset Mode is [-1/2.1/2].

T_Raw should be interpreted as an unsigned number in the set [0,16383] with a resolution of 1.

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3.8.4.1. Gain_B and Gain_T Interpretation

Gain_B and Gain_T should be interpreted as a number in the set [0,4). 2000_{HEX} represents unity. Bit 14 has a weight of 2, and each subsequent bit has a weighting of ½ the previous bit. Bit 15 scales Gain_B or Gain_T by an additional factor of 8. This allows Gain B or Gain T to be a number in the range [0,32).

Table 3.9 Gain B Weightings

Bit Position	Weighting
15	Gain8x
14	2
13	1
12	2 ⁻¹
1	2 ⁻¹²
0	2 ⁻¹³

Examples:

The binary number: 0100 1010 0110 0010 = 2.3245 The binary number: 1101 1000 1001 0110 = 22.146

3.8.4.2. Offset B and Offset T Interpretation

Offset B and Offset T are 16-bit signed binary numbers in two's complement form. The MSB has a weighting of -32768. The following bits then have a weighting of: 16384, 8192, 4096 ...

Table 3.10 Offset_B Weightings

Bit Position	Weighting
15	-32768
14	16384
13	8192
1	2 ¹ = 2
0	2 ⁰ = 1

For example, the binary number 1111 1111 1111 1100 = -4.

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3.8.4.3. Tco Interpretation

Tco is specified as having a 16-bit magnitude with its sign determined by TC_Sign (bits [11:10] of EEPROM word 01_{HEX} ; see section 3.6).

3.8.4.4. Tcg Interpretation

Tcg is specified as having a 16-bit magnitude with its sign determined by TC_Sign (bits [11:10] of EEPROM word 01_{HEX} ; see section 3.6).

3.8.4.5. SOT_tco, SOT_tcg, SOT_bridge, and SOT_T Interpretation

All SOT_terms are specified as having a 16-bit magnitude with the sign determined by SOT_Sign (bits [15:12] of EEPROM word 01_{HEX} ; see section 3.6).

SOT_curve selects parabolic or S-shaped fit for the bridge compensation. For temperature compensation, parabolic is always used.

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4 Application Circuit Examples

The digital output of the RBic $_{iLite}^{TM}$ can be read via I^2C or SPI. The RBic $_{iLite}^{TM}$ can be configured in Sleep or Update Mode for the Normal Operation Mode, which outputs the corrected measurement readings. There are several options for measuring the temperature, which are demonstrated in the following examples including the B_Config / T_Config settings for the applications. The B_Config settings for Gain_Polarity, PreAmp_Gain and A2D_Offset are given only as examples because these values must be adapted specifically to the sensor signal range.

4.1. I²C Interface – Bridge using Low Power Bsink Option and Internal Temperature Correction

This example corresponds to Example 1 given on page 2. For this application, V_{DD} is assumed to be 5V and the bridge sensor voltage is 16.5mV to 61.5mV. In this case, the B_Config register setting for PreAmp_Gain is 24, which means nulling should be on, and the A2D_Offset is $\frac{1}{2}$ to - $\frac{1}{2}$. Update Mode with a slower update rate and Bsink are enabled to save power.

For temperature correction, the internal temperature sensor is used. Use the T_Config settings that are pre-programmed in production test. (See the T_Config defaults in Table 3.7.)

NOTE: The A2D_Offset and PreAmp_Gain terms in T_Config are programmed during test to avoid saturation of the internal temperature bridge. If using internal temperature, do not change these parameters (designated with † in Table 4.1).

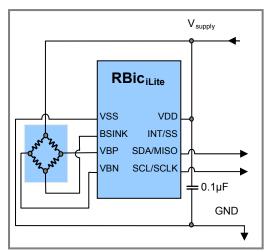


Figure 4.1 Example 1 Circuit Diagram: Bsink
Option and Internal Temperature
Correction and PC Output

Table 4.1Register Settings
Example 1

		eserv [15:13		Disable Nulling [12]	PreAmp_ Mux [11:10]		Bsink[9]	Longint[8]	Gain_Polarity[7]	PreAmp_Gain [6:4]			A2D_Offset [3:0]			et
B_Config 0F _{HEX}	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
T_Config 10 _{HEX}	0	0	0	0	0	1	0 [†]	0	1	0 [†]	0 [†]	1 [†]	†	†	†	†

[†] Reserved setting – do not change factory settings if using internal temperature. If factory trim settings have been lost, program T_Config to 149x_{HEX}.

4.2. Bridge TC Used for External Temperature

This example corresponds to Example 2 given on page 3. For this application, V_{DD} is assumed to be 5V and the bridge sensor voltage is 34mV to 59mV. In this case, the best configuration is a PreAmp_Gain of 48, (nulling should be on) and an A2D_Offset setting of -1/4 to 3/4. Long integration is selected for a low noise application. Update Mode with a slower update rate was chosen to save power, and Bsink was enabled so that the tail resistor does not influence the bridge measurement. Bsink drives the bridge to ground during bridge measurement for maximum span.

In this example, the TC of the bridge divides with the low-TC tail device to provide a measurement of bridge temperature used for correction. The PreAmp_Gain setting for T_Config depends on the Bridge TC, the voltage supply and temperature range of the application, and it is usually 3 (as shown in Table 4.2) or 6, in which case nulling should be off.

For this example, the gain polarity is positive. When measuring external temperature and the gain polarity is positive, the A2D_Offset setting for T_Config is always - 1/16 to 15/16. Bsink is disabled during the temperature measurement.

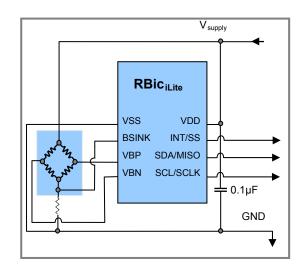


Figure 4.2 Example 2 Circuit Diagram: Bridge TC Used for External Temperature

Table 4.2 Register Settings Example 2

		serv 15:13		Disable Nulling [12]	PreAi Mu [11:	IX	Bsink[9]	Longint[8]	Gain_Polarity[7]	PreA	\mp_ [6:4]	Gain	Gain Aź		_Offs ::0]	et
B_Config 0F _{HEX}	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
T_Config 10 _{HEX}	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

4.3. RTD Used for External Temperature

This section corresponds to Example 3 given on page 3. If the bridge has a low TC, then an RTD can be used as the tail device to provide a measurement of bridge temperature. The RTD temperature dependency should be quasi-linear (for more details, refer to section 2.2.3.2). Bsink drives the bridge to ground during the bridge measurement for maximum span.

For B_Config settings in this example, Bsink = enabled; PreAmp_Gain = 24, so nulling should be on (0); and A2D Offset = -1/16 to 15/16. Long integration is selected for a low noise application.

For T_Config settings in this example, Bsink = disabled; Gain_Polarity = positive (1) because the TC of the RTD is positive; PreAmp_Gain = 3, so nulling should be off (1); and A2D Offset = -1/16 to 15/16.

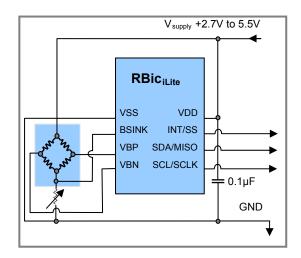


Figure 4.3 Example 3 Circuit Diagram: RTD Used for External Temperature Correction

Table 4.3Register Settings
Example 3

		eserve 15:13		Disable Nulling [12]	M	Amp_ lux :10]	Bsink[9]	Longint[8]	Gain_Polarity[7]	PreAmp_ Gain[6:4]		A2D_C [3:0		Offs :0]	et	
B_Config 0F _{HEX}	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
T_Config 10 _{HEX}	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

4.4. External Temperature and Low-Power Option

This section corresponds to Example 4 on page 3. Current is applied to the bridge only during the bridge and temperature measurements. In both B_Config and T_Config, Bsink must be enabled. The TC resistor voltage divides with the TC of the bridge for external temperature.

The setting examples for B_Config in Table 4.4 include PreAmp_Gain = 12, which means nulling should be on, and A2D_Offset = -1/8 to 7/8. The setting examples for T_Config include PreAmp_Gain = 6, which means nulling should be off, and A2D_Offset = -1/16 to 15/16.

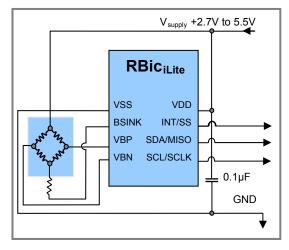


Figure 4.4 Example 4 Circuit Diagram: External Temperature and Low-Power Option

Table 4.4Register Settings
Example 4

		eserv 15:13		Disable Nulling [12]	N	Amp_ lux :10]	Bsink[9]	Longint[8]	Gain_Polarity[7]		eAm ain[6		А		Offs :0]	et
B_Config 0F _{HEX}	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
T_Config 10 _{HEX}	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

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4.5. Generic Differential A2D Converter

This section corresponds to Example 5 given on page 3. In this application, the RBic_{iLite}™ is being used as a generic differential A2D converter. The PreAmp_Mux bit in B_Config must be set to 10. The PreAmp_Gain is set to 24, which means nulling should be on, and the A2D_Offset is set to -1/2, 1/2 in this example.

For temperature correction, the internal temperature sensor is used. Use the T_Config settings that are pre-programmed in production test. (See the T_Config defaults in Table 3.7.)

NOTE: The A2D_Offset and PreAmp_Gain terms in T_Config are programmed during test to avoid saturation of the internal temperature bridge. If using internal temperature, do not change these parameters (designated with † in Table 4.5).

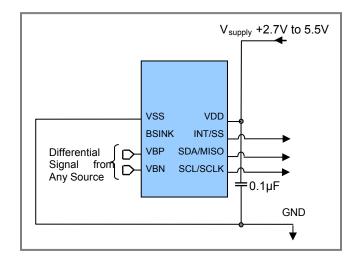


Figure 4.5 Example 5 Circuit Diagram: Generic Differential A2D Converter

Table 4.5Register Settings
Example 5

		eserv 15:13	ed	Disable Nulling [12]	М	.mp_ ux :10]	Bsink[9]	Longint[8]	Gain_Polarity[7]	PreAmp_ Gain[6:4]		А	.2D_([3:	Offse 0]	et	
B_Config 0F _{HEX}	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
T_Config 10 _{HEX}	0	0	0	0	0	1	0 [†]	0	1	0 [†]	0 [†]	1 [†]	†	†	†	†

[†] Reserved setting – do not change factory settings if using internal temperature. If factory trim settings have been lost, program T Config to 149x_{HEX}.

4.6. Half-Bridge Measurement with Internal Temperature Correction

In this application the RBic_{iLite} TM is being used as a signal conditioner for a half-bridge signal from a Honeywell HIH 4000 humidity sensor. This application shows the option of reading a single voltage (1 to 3.8V) and using the internal temperature sensor for temperature correction.

VBN is internally connected to a voltage divider as a reference ($V_{DD}/2$). In this case, the PreAmp_Mux bit in B_Config must be 11 and the PreAmp_Gain must be set to the lowest value (1.5), which means nulling should be off.

For temperature correction, the internal temperature sensor is used. Use the T_Config settings that are preprogrammed in production test. (See the T_Config defaults in Table 3.7.)

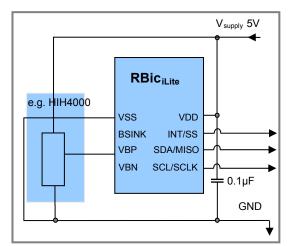


Figure 4.6 Half-Bridge Voltage Measurement with Internal Temperature Correction

NOTE: The A2D_Offset and PreAmp_Gain terms in T_Config are programmed during test to avoid saturation of the internal temperature bridge. If using internal temperature, do not change these parameters (designated with † in Table 4.6).

Table 4.6Register Settings
Example 6

	_	eserv 15:10	ed 3]	Disable Nulling [12]	PreA M [11:	ux	Bsink[9]	Longint[8]	Gain_Polarity[7]	P G	PreAmp_ Gain[6:4]		A2		Offse	et
B_Config 0F _{HEX}	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
T_Config 10 _{HEX}	0	0	0	0	0	1	0 [†]	0	1	0 [†]	0 [†]	1 [†]	†	†	†	†

[†] Reserved setting – do not change factory settings if using internal temperature. If factory trim settings have been lost, program T_Config to 149x_{HEX}.

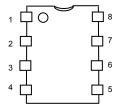


5 ESD/Latch-Up-Protection

All pins have an ESD protection of >4000V and a latch-up protection of ± 100 mA or (up to +8V / down to -4V) relative to VSS/VSSA. ESD protection referenced to the Human Body Model is tested with devices in SOP-8 packages during product qualification. The ESD test follows the Human Body Model with 1.5kOhm/100pF based on MIL 883, Method 3015.7.

6 Pin Configuration and Package

Figure 6.1 RBic_{iLite} TM Pin-Out Diagram



The standard package of the RBic_{il.ite} TM is SOP-8 (3.81mm body (150mil) wide) with lead-pitch 1.27mm (50mil).

Table 6.1 ZMD31014 Pin Assignments

Pin-No.	Name	Description
1	VSS	Ground supply
2	Bsink	Switched ground for bridge sink – optional feature for power savings and external temperature
3	VBP	Positive input for differential signal (bridge positive)
4	VBN	Negative input for differential signal (bridge negative)
5	SCL/SCLK	I ² C clock if in I ² C Mode Serial clock if in SPI Mode
6	SDA/MISO	I ² C data if in I ² C Mode Master-In-Slave-Out if in SPI Mode
7	INT/SS	Interrupt signal (conversion complete output) if in I ² C Mode Slave Select (input) if in SPI Mode
8	VDD	Supply voltage (2.7-5.5V)

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7 Test

The test program is based on this datasheet. The final parameters, which will be tested during production, are listed in the tables of section 1.

The digital part of the IC includes a scan path, which can be activated and controlled during wafer test. It guarantees failure coverage of more than 80%. Additional digital and analog tests are added to increase this coverage to over 90%. See test specification for further details.

8 Reliability

A reliability investigation according to the in-house non-automotive standard will be performed.

9 Customization

For high-volume applications that require upgraded or downgraded functionality compared to the ZMD31014, ZMDI can customize the circuit design by adding or removing certain functional blocks.

For this customization, ZMDI has a considerable library of sensor-dedicated circuitry blocks, which enable ZMD to provide a custom solution quickly. Please contact ZMDI for further information.

10 Related Documents

For the most recent revision of this document and of the related documents, please go to www.zmdi.com.

Document	File Name
ZMD31014 SSC Evaluation Kit	ZMD31014_iLite_SSC Evaluation_Kit_revX.x.pdf
ZMD31014 SSC Mass Calibration System Description	ZMD31014_SSC_Mass_Calibration_revX.x.pdf
ZMD31014 Technical Notes—Calibration DLL and SSC Terminal Communication	ZMD31014_RBic_iLite_Tech_Notes_Calib_DLL+ Terminal_Comm RevX.x.pdf.

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11 Definitions of Acronyms

Term	Description
ADC	Analog-to-Digital Converter
AFE	Analog Front-End
ACK	Acknowledge
MCU	Microprocessor
MSB	Most significant bit
NACK	Not Acknowledged
SCL	Serial Clock
SDA	Serial Data
SPI	System Packet Interface

12 Document Revision History

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1.2	May 15, 2009	Added notation for timing tolerance (nominal frequency ±15%) in section 3. In Table 2.4 "A2D_Offset Signals," added all possible configurations. Revised web address and sales contacts.
1.3	June 9, 2009	Revisions to EEPROM default values in Table 3.7.

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