



## ST3237E

±15KV ESD-PROTECTED, 1μA, 3 TO 5.5V, 250KBPS,  
RS-232 TRANSCEIVER WITH STAND-BY

- EDS PROTECTION FOR RS-232 I/O PINS:  
±15KV HUMAN BODY MODEL  
±8KV IEC 1000-4-2 CONTACT DISCHARGE
- 1μA LOW POWER SHUTDOWN WITH  
RECEIVERS ACTIVE
- GUARENTEED DATA RATE  
250Kbps (Normal Operation)  
1Mbps (Very High Speed Operation)
- GUARANTEED SLEW RATE RANGE  
6V/μs (Normal Operation)  
24V/μs (Very High Speed Operation)
- 0.1μF EXTERNAL CAPACITORS
- FLOW-THROUGH PINOUT
- AVAILABLE IN SO-28, SSOP-28 AND  
TSSOP28
- LOW SUPPLY CURRENT 300μA

### DESCRIPTION

The ST3237E is a 3V to 5.5V powered EIA/TIA-232 and V.28/V.24 communication interfaces high data-rate capability and enhanced electrostatic discharge (ESD) protection at ±8KV using IEC1000-4-2 contact discharge and ±15kV using Human Body Model (HBM). The other pins are protected with standard ESD protection at ±2kV using HBM method. The ST3237C is a transceiver (5 drivers, 3 receivers) for fast modem applications.

The device has a proprietary low-dropout transmitter output stage providing true RS-232



performance from a 3V to 5.5V supply using a dual charge pump. The device is guaranteed to run at data rates of 250Kbps in the normal operation mode and 1Mbps in the very high speed operation mode while maintaining RS-232 output levels.

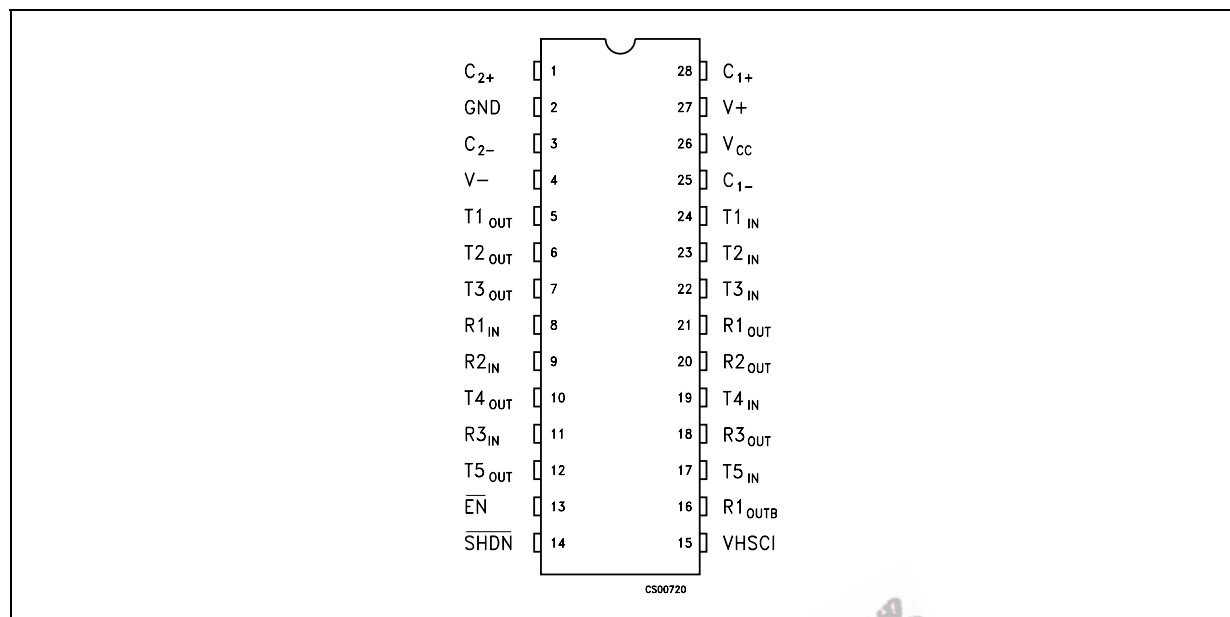
### ORDERING CODES

Type	Temperature Range	Package	Comments
ST3237ECD	0 to 70 °C	SO-28 (Tube)	27parts per tube / 12tube per box
ST3237EBD	-40 to 85 °C	SO-28 (Tube)	27parts per tube / 12tube per box
ST3237ECDR	0 to 70 °C	SO-28 (Tape & Reel)	1000 parts per reel
ST3237EBDR	-40 to 85 °C	SO-28 (Tape & Reel)	1000 parts per reel
ST3237ECPR	0 to 70 °C	SSOP-28 (Tape & Reel)	1350 parts per reel
ST3237EBPR	-40 to 85 °C	SSOP-28 (Tape & Reel)	1350 parts per reel
ST3237ECTR (*)	0 to 70 °C	TSSOP28 (Tape & Reel)	2500 parts per reel
ST3237EBTR	-40 to 85 °C	TSSOP28 (Tape & Reel)	2500 parts per reel

## PIN DESCRIPTION

PIN N°	SYMBOL	NAME AND FUNCTION
1	C <sub>2</sub> +	Positive Terminal of Inverting Charge Pump Capacitor
2	GND	Ground
3	C <sub>2</sub> -	Negative Terminal of Inverting Charge Pump Capacitor
4	V-	-5.5V Generated by the Charge Pump
5	T1 <sub>OUT</sub>	First Transmitter Output Voltage
6	T2 <sub>OUT</sub>	Second Transmitter Output Voltage
7	T3 <sub>OUT</sub>	Third Transmitter Output Voltage
8	R1 <sub>IN</sub>	First Receiver Input Voltage
9	R2 <sub>IN</sub>	Second Receiver Input Voltage
10	T4 <sub>OUT</sub>	Fourth Transmitter Output Voltage
11	R3 <sub>IN</sub>	Third Receiver Input Voltage
12	T5 <sub>OUT</sub>	Fifth Transmitter Output Voltage
13	EN	Receiver Enable, Active Low
14	SHDN	Shutdown Control, Active Low
15	VHSCI	Very High Speed Control Input. Connected to GND for normal operation; connected to VCC for 1Mbps transmission rates.
16	R1 <sub>OUTB</sub>	Non Inverting Complementary Receiver Output. Always Active.
17	T5 <sub>IN</sub>	Fifth Transmitter Input Voltage
18	R3 <sub>OUT</sub>	Third Receiver Output Voltage
19	T4 <sub>IN</sub>	Fourth Transmitter Input Voltage
20	R2 <sub>OUT</sub>	Second Receiver Output Voltage
21	R1 <sub>OUT</sub>	First Receiver Output Voltage
22	T3 <sub>IN</sub>	Third Transmitter Input Voltage
23	T2 <sub>IN</sub>	Second Transmitter Input Voltage
24	T1 <sub>N</sub>	First Transmitter Input Voltage
25	C <sub>1</sub> -	Negative Terminal of Voltage-Doubler Charge Pump Capacitor
26	V <sub>CC</sub>	Supply Voltage
27	V+	5.5V Generated by the Charge Pump
28	C <sub>1</sub> +	Positive Terminal of Voltage-Doubler Charge Pump Capacitor

## PIN CONFIGURATION



## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
$V_{CC}$	Supply Voltage	-0.3 to 6	V
V+	Doubled Voltage Terminal	-0.3 to 7	V
V-	Inverted Voltage Terminal	0.3 to -7	V
$V+ +  V- $		13	V
$T_{IN}$	Transmitter Input Voltage Range	-0.3 to 6	V
SHDN, EN		-0.3 to 6	V
VHSCI	Very High Speed Control Input	-0.3 to ( $V_{CC} + 0.3$ )	V
$R_{IN}$	Receiver Input Voltage Range	$\pm 25$	V
$T_{OUT}$	Transmitter Output Voltage Range	$\pm 13.2$	V
$R_{OUT}, R_{OUTB}$	Receiver Output Voltage Range	-0.3 to ( $V_{CC} + 0.3$ )	V
$t_{SHORT}$	Short Circuit Duration on $T_{OUT}$ (one at a time)	Continuous	
$T_{stg}$	Storage Temperature Range	-65 to 150	°C

Absolute Maximum Ratings are those values beyond which damage to the device may occur. Functional operation under these condition is not implied. V+ and V- can have a maximum magnitude of +7V, but their absolute addition can not exceed 13 V.

## SHUTDOWN AND ENABLE CONTROL TRUTH TABLE

SHDN	EN	T-OUT	R-OUT	R-OUTB
0	0	High Z	Active	Active
0	1	High Z	High Z	Active
1	0	Active	Active	Active
1	1	Active	High Z	Active

**ESD PERFORMANCE: TRANSMITTER OUTPUTS, RECEIVER INPUTS**

Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
ESD	ESD Protection Voltage	Human Body Model	±15			kV
ESD	ESD Protection Voltage	IEC-1000-4-2 Contact Discharge	±8			kV

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

( $C_1 - C_4 = 0.1\mu\text{F}$ ,  $V_{CC} = 3\text{V}$  to  $5.5\text{V}$ ,  $T_A = -40$  to  $85^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

Typical values are referred to  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ )

Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$I_{\text{SUPPLY}}$	$V_{CC}$ Power Supply Current	SHDN= $V_{CC}$ No Load		0.3	1	mA
$I_{\text{SHDN}}$	Shutdown Supply Current	SHDN=GND $V_{T\_IN}$ =GND or $V_{CC}$		1	5	$\mu\text{A}$

**LOGIC INPUT ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

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Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$V_{\text{TIL}}$	Input Logic Threshold Low (Note 1)	T-IN, VHSCI, EN, SHDN			0.8	V
$V_{\text{TIH}}$	Input Logic Threshold High	T-IN, VHSCI, EN, SHDN $V_{CC} = 3.3\text{V}$	2			V
		$V_{CC} = 5\text{V}$	2.4			
$I_{\text{IL}}$	Input Leakage Current	T-IN, VHSCI, EN, SHDN			± 1.0	$\mu\text{A}$
$V_{\text{HYS}}$	Transmitter Input Hysteresis			0.25		V

Note 1: Transmitter input hysteresis is typically 250mV

**TRANSMITTER ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

( $C_1 - C_4 = 0.1\mu\text{F}$  tested at  $3.3\text{V} \pm 10\%$ ,  $V_{CC} = 3\text{V}$  to  $5.5\text{V}$ ,  $T_A = -40$  to  $85^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

Typical values are referred to  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ )

Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$V_{\text{TOUT}}$	Output Voltage Swing	All Transmitter outputs are loaded with $3\text{K}\Omega$ to GND	± 5	± 5.4		V
$R_{\text{TOUT}}$	Transmitter Output Resistance	$V_{CC} = 0\text{V}$ $V_{\text{OUT}} = \pm 2\text{V}$	300	10M		$\Omega$
$I_{\text{SC}}$	Output Short Circuit Current			± 60		mA
$I_{\text{TOL}}$	Output Leakage Current	$V_{CC} = 0\text{V}$ or $3.3\text{V}$ to $5.5\text{V}$ $V_{\text{OUT}} = \pm 12\text{V}$ Transmitters Disable			± 25	$\mu\text{A}$

**RECEIVER ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

(C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>4</sub> = 0.1μF tested at 3.3V±10%, V<sub>CC</sub> = 3V to 5.5V, T<sub>A</sub> = -40 to 85°C, unless otherwise specified.  
Typical values are referred to T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C)

Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
I <sub>OL</sub>	Output Leakage Current	Receiver Disabled $\overline{\text{EN}}=\text{V}_{\text{CC}}$		± 0.05	± 10	μA
V <sub>OL</sub>	Output Voltage Low	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 1mA			0.4	V
V <sub>OH</sub>	Output Voltage High	I <sub>OUT</sub> = -1mA	V <sub>CC</sub> -0.6	V <sub>CC</sub> -0.1		V
V <sub>RIN</sub>	Receiver Input Voltage Operating Range		-25		25	V
V <sub>RIL</sub>	RS-232 Input Threshold Low	T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C V <sub>CC</sub> = 3.3V	0.6	1.1		V
		T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C V <sub>CC</sub> = 5V	0.8	1.5		
V <sub>RIH</sub>	RS-232 Input Threshold High	T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C V <sub>CC</sub> = 3.3V		1.5	2.4	V
		T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C V <sub>CC</sub> = 5V		1.2	2.4	
V <sub>RIHYS</sub>	Input Hysteresis			0.3		V
R <sub>RIN</sub>	Input Resistance	T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C	3	5	7	KΩ

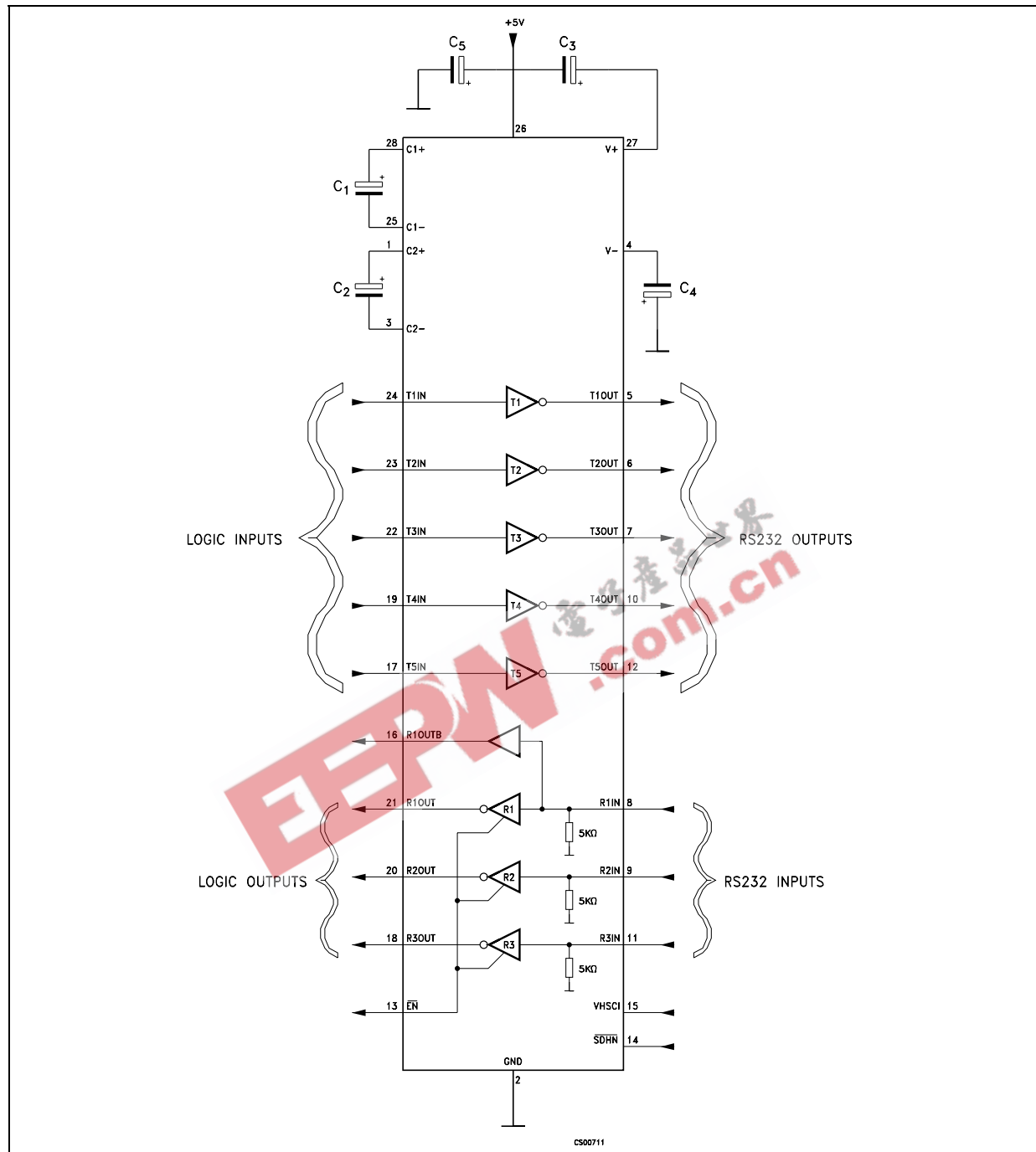
**TIMING CHARACTERISTICS**

(C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>4</sub> = 0.1μF tested at 3.3V±10%, V<sub>CC</sub> = 3V to 5.5V, T<sub>A</sub> = -40 to 85°C, unless otherwise specified.  
Typical values are referred to T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C)

Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
D <sub>R</sub>	Maximum Data Rate	R <sub>L</sub> = 3KΩ C <sub>L</sub> = 1000pF one transmitter switching VHSCI=GND	250			Kbps
		R <sub>L</sub> = 3KΩ C <sub>L</sub> = 250pF one transmitter switching VHSCI=V <sub>CC</sub> V <sub>CC</sub> = 3 to 4.5V	1000			Kbps
		R <sub>L</sub> = 3KΩ C <sub>L</sub> = 1000pF one transmitter switching VHSCI=V <sub>CC</sub> V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 to 5.5V	1000			Kbps
t <sub>PHLR</sub> t <sub>PLHR</sub>	Propagation Delay Input to Output	R <sub>IN</sub> to R <sub>OUT</sub> C <sub>L</sub> = 150pF		0.15		μs
t <sub>PHLR</sub> t <sub>PLHR</sub>	Propagation Delay Input to Output	R <sub>L</sub> = 3kΩ C <sub>L</sub> = 1000pF VHSCI=V <sub>CC</sub> VHSCI=GND		400 1000		ns ns
t <sub>T_SKEW</sub>	Transmitter Skew	t <sub>PHL</sub> - t <sub>TLH</sub>   VHSCI=GND		300		ns
		t <sub>PHL</sub> - t <sub>TLH</sub>   VHSCI=V <sub>CC</sub>		50		ns
t <sub>R_SKEW</sub>	Receiver Skew	t <sub>PHL</sub> - t <sub>TLH</sub>		100		ns
t <sub>OER</sub>	Receiver Output Enable Time	Normal Operation		50		ns
t <sub>ODR</sub>	Receiver Output Disable Time	Normal Operation		120		ns
S <sub>RT</sub>	Transition Slew Rate	T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C R <sub>L</sub> = 3 to 7KΩ V <sub>CC</sub> = 3.3V measured from +3V to -3V or -3V to +3V C <sub>L</sub> = 150pF to 1000pF VHSCI=GND C <sub>L</sub> = 150pF to 1000pF VHSCI=V <sub>CC</sub> C <sub>L</sub> = 150pF to 2500pF VHSCI=GND	6 24 4		30 150 30	V/μs V/μs V/μs

Transmitter Skew is measured at the transmitter zero cross points

## APPLICATION CIRCUITS

CAPACITANCE VALUE ( $\mu\text{F}$ )

$V_{CC}$	C1	C2	C3	C4	Cbypass
3.0 to 3.6	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.1
3.1 to 3.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
4.5 to 5.5	0.047	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.1
3.0 to 5.5	0.22	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (unless otherwise specified  $T_j = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

Figure 1 : LOW Level Receiver Output Current

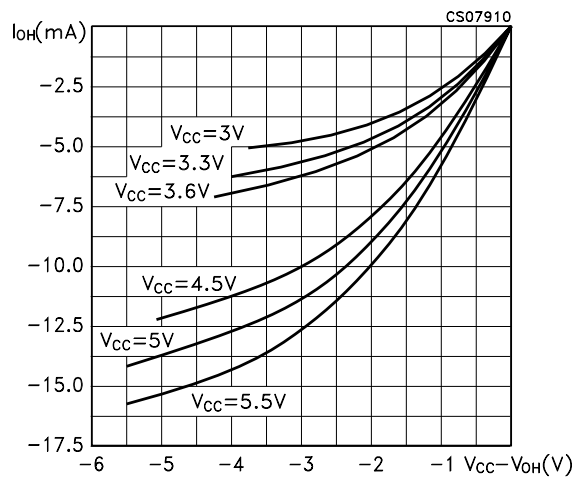
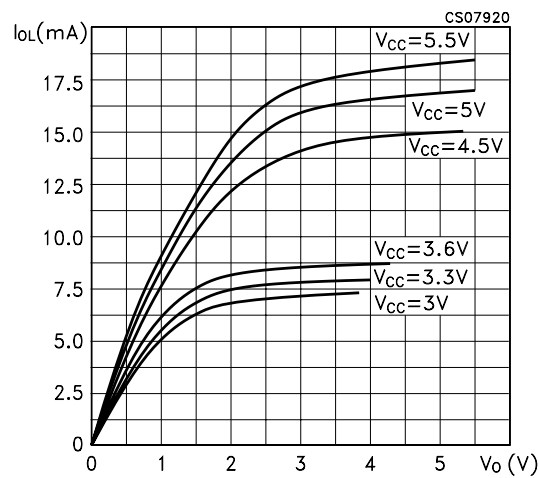
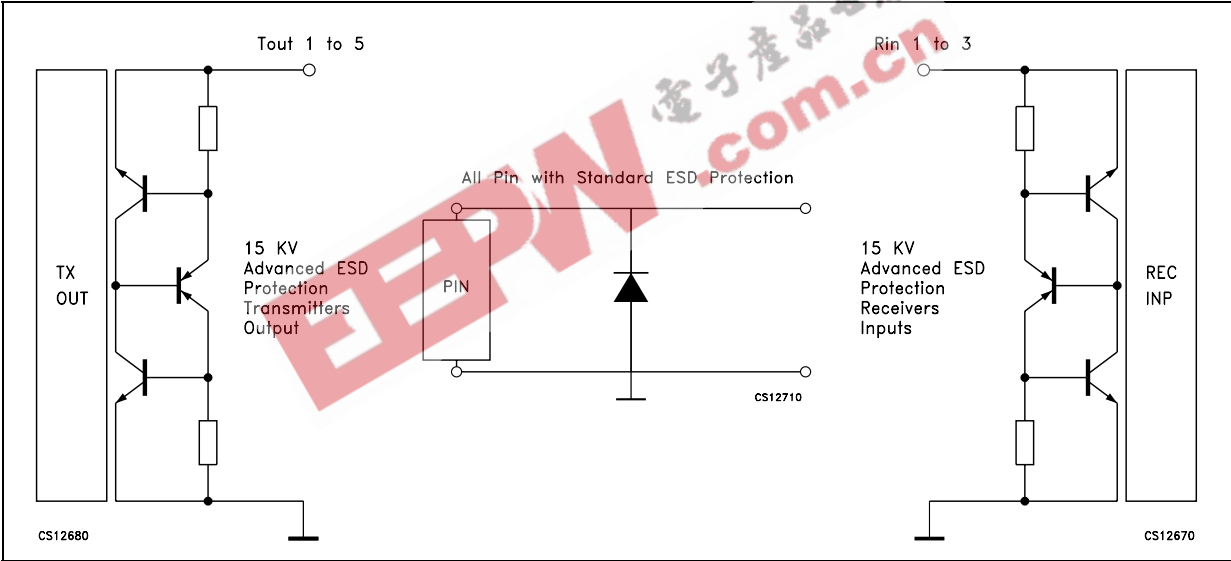


Figure 2 : HIGH Level Receiver Output Current



ESD PROTECTION



Note: The High ESD protected pins are the I/O RS232 line, transmitter out and receiver in. The other pins guarantee  $\pm 2\text{KV}$  HBM ESD protection versus ground by means of diodes.

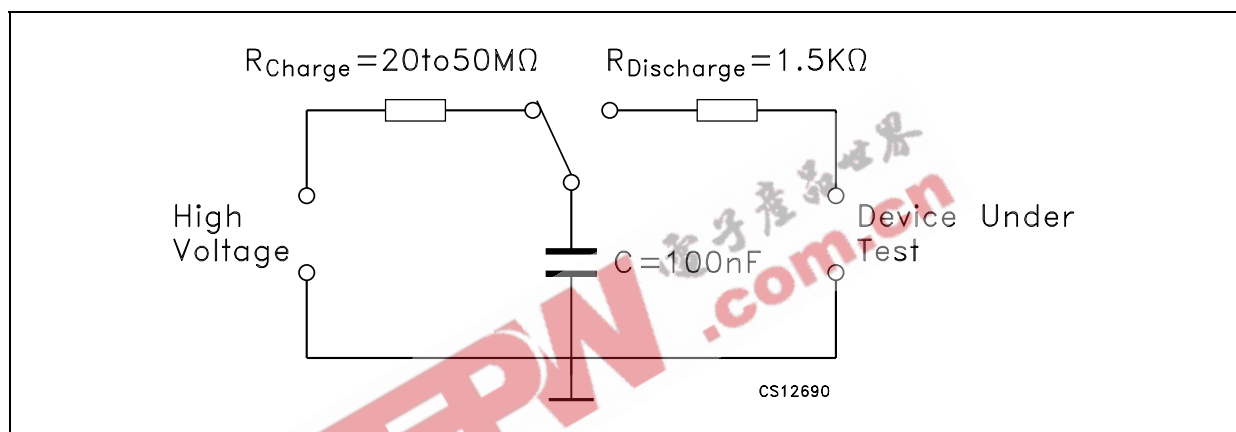
### APPLICATION NOTE

This application note describes the procedure for determining the susceptibility and the test method to verify ST ESD advanced protection on RS-232 or RS485 I/O device.

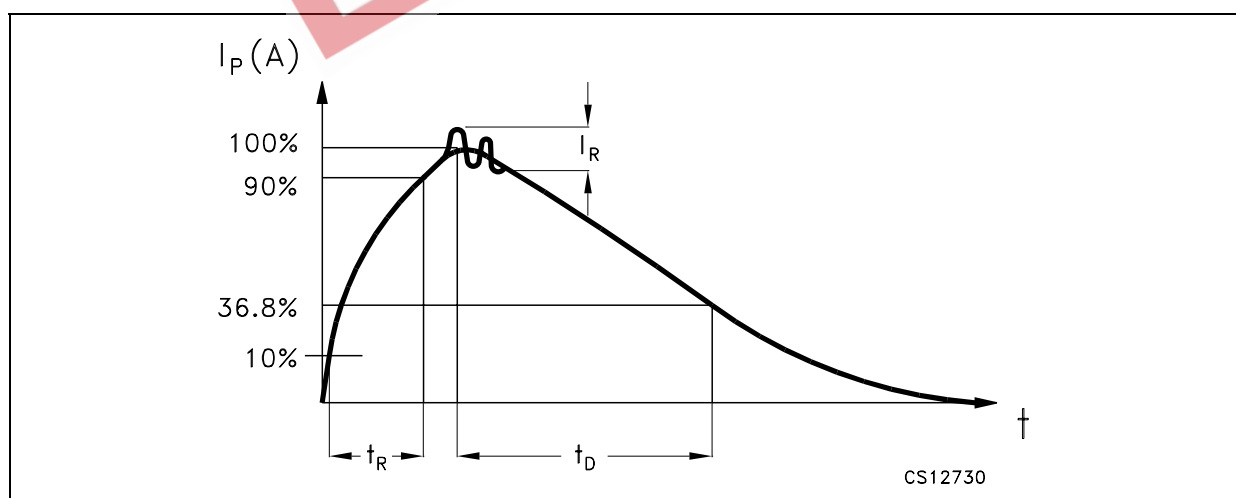
Static electricity is defined as an electrical charge caused by an imbalance of electrons on the surface of a material. This imbalance of electrons produces an electric field that can be measured and that can influence other objects at a distance. Electrostatic discharge is defined as the transfer of charge between bodies at different electrical potentials. Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can change the electrical characteristics of a semiconductor device, degrading or destroying it. Any input or output port (I/O) allows access communication with other pieces of equipment by external connectors. These connectors are directly linked by the I/O pins of RS-232 or RS485 interface. ST provides the E-series by advanced high ESD protection structure. The protection functionality is tested in two different conditions:

The first model is used to simulate the HUMAN BODY MODEL (HBM) event. A similar discharge can occur from a charged conductive object, such as a metallic tool or fixture. The model used to characterize this event is known as the Machine Model. A Human Body Model circuit and waveform is presented in Figures below.

### HUMAN BODY MODEL CIRCUIT



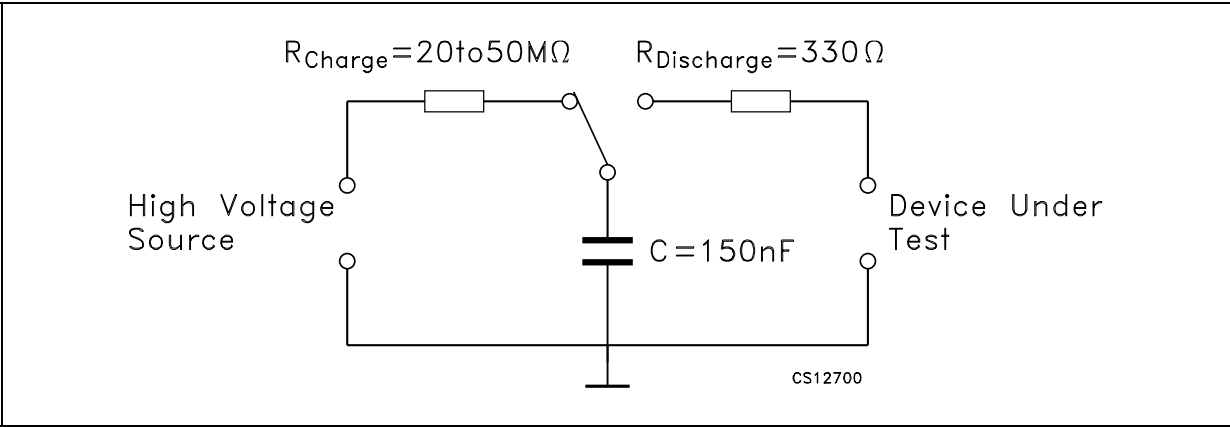
### HUMAN BODY MODEL CURRENT WAVEFORM



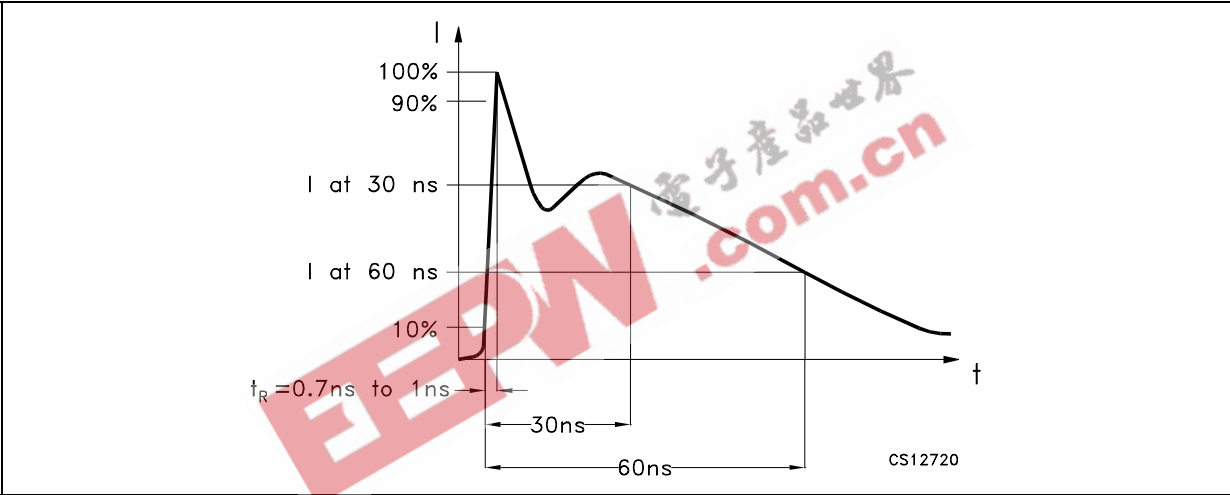
The second model is IEC 1000-4-2 and is used to simulate the reaction of the device on equipment when subjected to electrostatic discharges, which may occur from personnel to objects near vital instrumentation. Direct (Contact) and indirect (Air Gap) applications of discharges to the equipment under test (EUT) are possible. Test characteristics are shown in circuit, waveform and table below.



IEC 1000-4-2 CIRCUIT



IEC 1000-4-2 CURRENT WAVEFORM

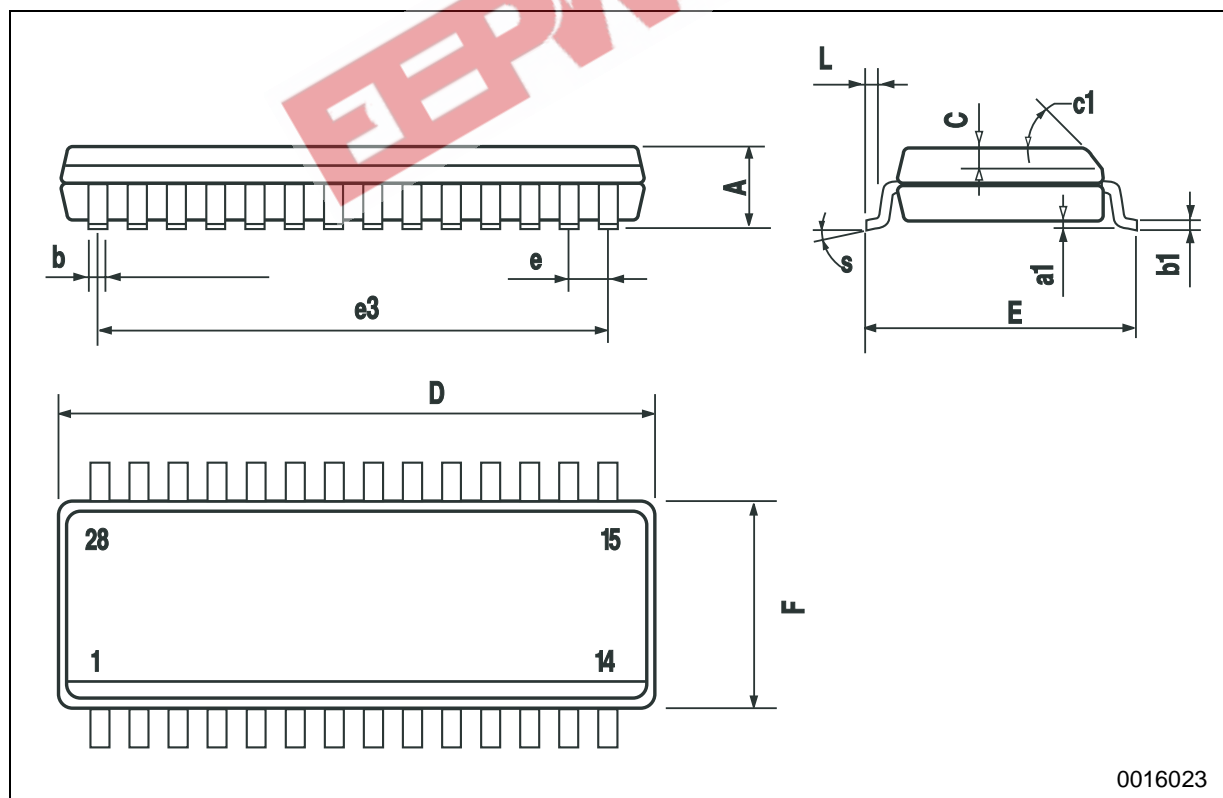


CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ESD GENERATOR

Level	Indicated Voltage	First Peak Current of Discharge ( $\pm 10\%$ )	Rise Time With Discharge Switch	Current at 30 ns ( $\pm 30\%$ )	Current at 60 ns ( $\pm 30\%$ )
1	2 KV	7.5 A	0.7 to 1 ns	4 A	2 A
2	4 KV	15 A	0.7 to 1 ns	8 A	4 A
3	6 KV	22.5 A	0.7 to 1 ns	12 A	6 A
4	8 KV	30 A	0.7 to 1 ns	16 A	8 A

## SO-28 MECHANICAL DATA

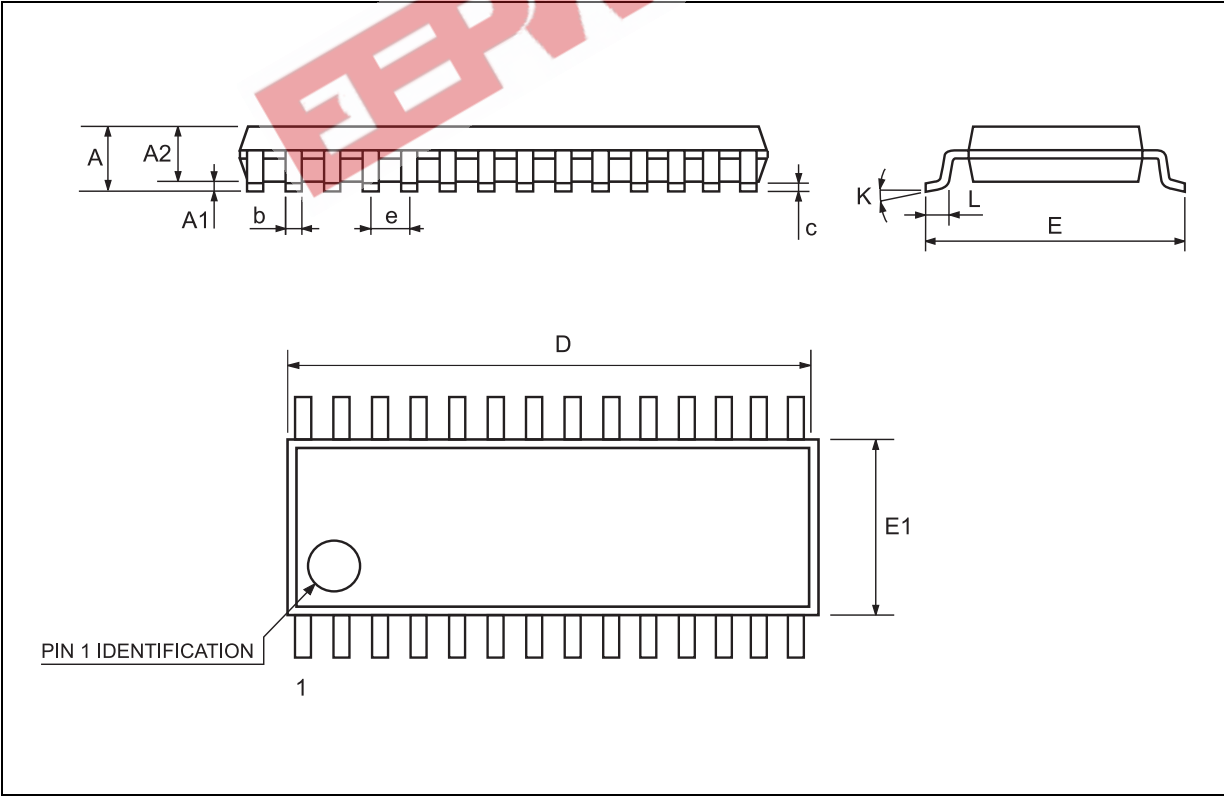
DIM.	mm.			inch		
	MIN.	TYP	MAX.	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.
A			2.65			0.104
a1	0.1		0.3	0.004		0.012
b	0.35		0.49	0.014		0.019
b1	0.23		0.32	0.009		0.012
C		0.5			0.020	
c1	45° (typ.)					
D	17.70		18.10	0.697		0.713
E	10.00		10.65	0.393		0.419
e		1.27			0.050	
e3		16.51			0.650	
F	7.40		7.60	0.291		0.300
L	0.50		1.27	0.020		0.050
S	8° (max.)					



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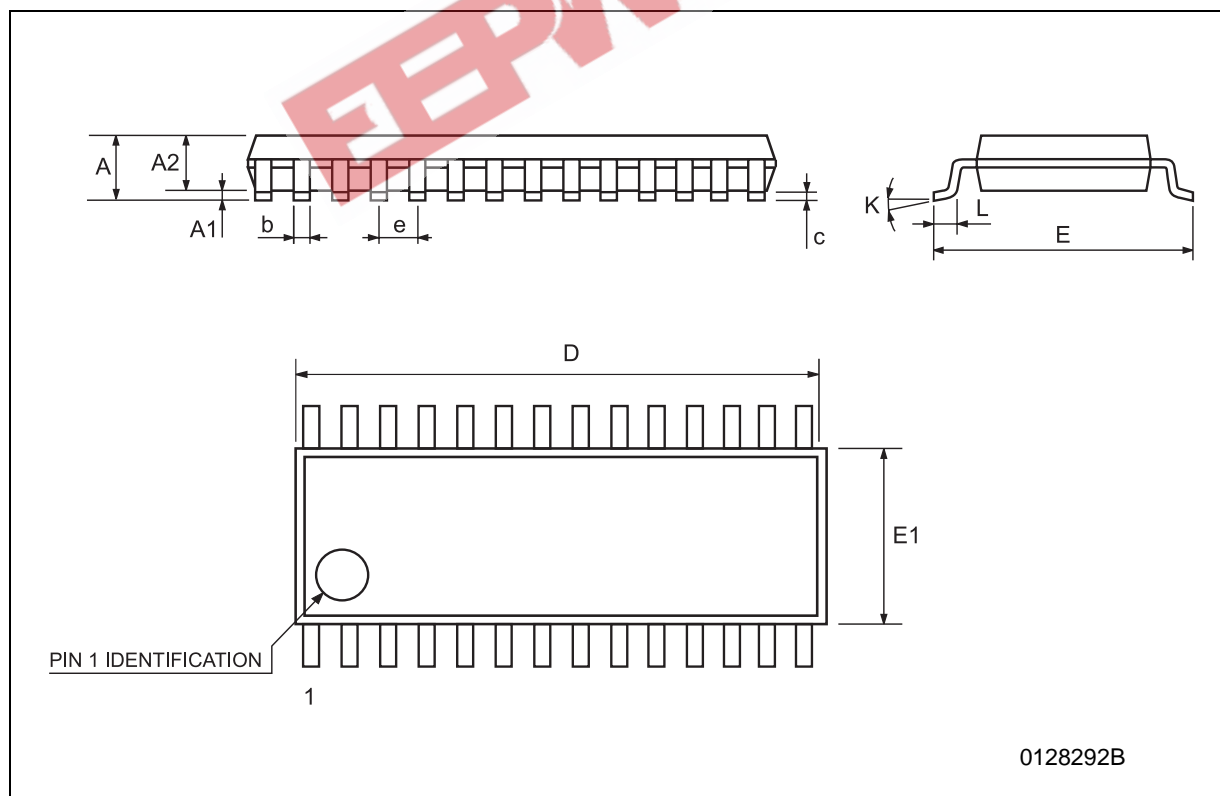
SSOP28 MECHANICAL DATA

DIM.	mm.			inch		
	MIN.	TYP	MAX.	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.
A			2			0.079
A1	0.050			0.002		
A2	1.65	1.75	1.85	0.065	0.069	0.073
b	0.22		0.38	0.009		0.015
c	0.09		0.25	0.004		0.010
D	9.9	10.2	10.5	0.390	0.402	0.413
E	7.4	7.8	8.2	0.291	0.307	0.323
E1	5	5.3	5.6	0.197	0.209	0.220
e		0.65 BSC			0.0256 BSC	
K	0°		10°	0°		10°
L	0.55	0.75	0.95	0.022	0.030	0.037



## TSSOP28 MECHANICAL DATA

DIM.	mm.			inch		
	MIN.	TYP	MAX.	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.
A			1.2			0.047
A1	0.05		0.15	0.002	0.004	0.006
A2	0.8	1	1.05	0.031	0.039	0.041
b	0.19		0.30	0.007		0.012
c	0.09		0.20	0.004		0.0079
D	9.6	9.7	9.8	0.378	0.382	0.386
E	6.2	6.4	6.6	0.244	0.252	0.260
E1	4.3	4.4	4.48	0.169	0.173	0.176
e		0.65 BSC			0.0256 BSC	
K	0°		8°	0°		8°
L	0.45	0.60	0.75	0.018	0.024	0.030



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