

Features

- □ Fully integrated PLL-stabilized VCO
- Frequency range from 380 MHz to 450 MHz
- □ Single-ended RF output
- \Box FSK through crystal pulling allows modulation from DC to 40 kbit/s
- \Box High FSK deviation possible for wideband data transmission
- Wide power supply range from 1.95 V to 5.5 V
- **u** Very low standby current
- On-chip low voltage detector
- \Box High over-all frequency accuracy
- \Box FSK deviation and center frequency independently adjustable
- □ Adjustable output power range from -12 dBm to $+10$ dBm
- □ Adjustable current consumption from 3.4 mA to 10.6 mA
- □ Conforms to EN 300 220 and similar standards
- □ 8-pin Small Outline Integrated Circuit (SOIC)

Ordering Information

Application Examples Pin Description

- \Box General digital data transmission
- □ Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS)
- □ Remote Keyless Entry (RKE)
- **Low-power telemetry**
- Alarm and security systems
- Garage door openers
- □ Home automation

General Description

The TH72011 FSK transmitter IC is designed for applications in the European 433 MHz industrial-scientificmedical (ISM) band, according to the EN 300 220 telecommunications standard; but it can also be used in any other country with similar frequency bands.

The transmitter's carrier frequency f_c is determined by the frequency of the reference crystal f_{ref} . The integrated PLL synthesizer ensures that each RF value, ranging from 380 MHz to 450 MHz, can be achieved by using a crystal with a reference frequency according to: $f_{ref} = f_o/N$, where N = 32 is the PLL feedback divider ratio.

Document Content

1 Theory of Operation

1.1 General

As depicted in Fig.1, the TH72011 transmitter consists of a fully integrated voltage-controlled oscillator (VCO), a divide-by-32 divider (div32), a phase-frequency detector (PFD) and a charge pump (CP). An internal loop filter determines the dynamic behavior of the PLL and suppresses reference spurious signals. A Colpitts crystal oscillator (XOSC) is used as the reference oscillator of a phase-locked loop (PLL) synthesizer. The VCO's output signal feeds the power amplifier (PA). The RF signal power P_{out} can be adjusted in four steps from $P_{out} = -11$ dBm to +10 dBm, either by changing the value of resistor RPS or by varying the voltage V_{PS} at pin PSEL. The open-collector output (OUT) can be used either to directly drive a loop antenna or to be matched to a 50Ohm load. Bandgap biasing ensures stable operation of the IC at a power supply range of 1.95 V to 5.5 V.

1.2 Block Diagram

Fig. 1: Block diagram with external components

2 Functional Description

2.1 Crystal Oscillator

A Colpitts crystal oscillator with integrated functional capacitors is used as the reference oscillator for the PLL synthesizer. The equivalent input capacitance CRO offered by the crystal oscillator input pin ROI is about 18pF. The crystal oscillator is provided with an amplitude control loop in order to have a very stable frequency over the specified supply voltage and temperature range in combination with a short start-up time.

2.2 FSK Modulation

FSK modulation can be achieved by pulling the crystal oscillator frequency. A CMOScompatible data stream applied at the pin FSKDTA digitally modulates the XOSC via an integrated NMOS switch. Two external pulling capacitors CX1 and CX2 allow the FSK deviation ' f and the center frequency f_c to be adjusted independently. At $FSKDTA = 0$, $CX2$ is connected in parallel to CX1 leading to the lowfrequency component of the FSK spectrum (f_{min}) ; while at FSKDTA = 1, CX2 is deactivated and the XOSC is set to its high frequency f_{max} .

An external reference signal can be directly ACcoupled to the reference oscillator input pin ROI. Then the transmitter is used without a crystal. Now the reference signal sets the carrier frequency and may also contain the FSK (or FM) modulation.

2.3 Crystal Pulling

A crystal is tuned by the manufacturer to the required oscillation frequency f_0 at a given load capacitance CL and within the specified calibration tolerance. The only way to pull the oscillation frequency is to vary the effective load capacitance CL_{eff} seen by the crystal.

Figure 3 shows the oscillation frequency of a crystal as a function of the effective load capacitance. This capacitance changes in accordance with the logic level of FSKDTA around the specified load capacitance. The figure illustrates the relationship between the external pulling capacitors and the frequency deviation.

It can also be seen that the pulling sensitivity increases with the reduction of CL. Therefore, applications with a high frequency deviation require a low load capacitance. For narrow band FSK applications, a higher load capacitance could be chosen in order to reduce the frequency drift caused by the tolerances of the chip and the external pulling capacitors. Fig. 3: Crystal pulling characteristic

2.4 Output Power Selection

The transmitter is provided with an output power selection feature. There are four predefined output power steps and one off-step accessible via the power selection pin PSEL. A digital power step adjustment was chosen because of its high accuracy and stability. The number of steps and the step sizes as well as the corresponding power levels are selected to cover a wide spectrum of different applications.

The implementation of the output power control logic is shown in figure 4. There are two matched current sources with an amount of about 8 µA. One current source is directly applied to the PSEL pin. The other current source is used for the generation of reference voltages with a resistor ladder. These reference voltages are defining the thresholds between the power steps. The four comparators deliver thermometer-coded control signals depending on the voltage level at the pin PSEL. In order to have a certain amount of ripple tolerance in a noisy environment the comparators are provided with a little hysteresis of about 20 mV. With these control signals, weighted current sources of the power amplifier are switched on or off to set the desired output power level (Digitally Controlled Current Source). The LOCK signal and the output of the low voltage detector are gating this current source.

Fig. 4: Block diagram of output power control circuitry

There are two ways to select the desired output power step. First by applying a DC voltage at the pin PSEL, then this voltage directly selects the desired output power step. This kind of power selection can be used if the transmission power must be changed during operation. For a fixed-power application a resistor can be used which is connected from the PSEL pin to ground. The voltage drop across this resistor selects the desired output power level. For fixed-power applications at the highest power step this resistor can be omitted. The pin PSEL is in a high impedance state during the "TX standby" mode.

2.5 Lock Detection

The lock detection circuitry turns on the power amplifier only after PLL lock. This prevents from unwanted emission of the transmitter if the PLL is unlocked.

2.6 Low Voltage Detection

The supply voltage is sensed by a low voltage detect circuitry. The power amplifier is turned off if the supply voltage drops below a value of about 1.85 V. This is done in order to prevent unwanted emission of the transmitter if the supply voltage is too low.

2.7 Mode Control Logic

The mode control logic allows two different modes of operation as listed in the following table. The mode control pin ENTX is pulleddown internally. This guarantees that the whole circuit is shut down if this pin is left floating.

2.8 Timing Diagrams

After enabling the transmitter by the ENTX signal, the power amplifier remains inactive for the time t_{on} , the transmitter start-up time. The crystal oscillator starts oscillation and the PLL locks to the desired output frequency within the time duration t_{on}. After successful PLL lock, the LOCK signal turns on the power amplifier, and then the RF carrier can be FSK modulated.

Fig. 5: Timing diagram for FSK modulation

3 Pin Definition and Description

4 Electrical Characteristics

4.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

4.2 Normal Operating Conditions

4.3 Crystal Parameters

4.4 DC Characteristics

all parameters under normal operating conditions, unless otherwise stated; typical values at $T_A = 23$ °C and $V_{CC} = 3$ V

4.5 AC Characteristics

all parameters under normal operating conditions, unless otherwise stated; typical values at T_A = 23 °C and V_{CC} = 3 V; test circuit shown in Fig. 18, f_c = 433.92 MHz

1) output matching network tuned for 5V supply

4.6 Output Power Steps

5 Typical Operating Characteristics

5.1 DC Characteristics

Fig. 6: Standby current limits

Fig. 7: Supply current in power step 0

Fig. 8: Supply current in power step 1

Fig. 9: Supply current in power step 2

Fig. 10: Supply current in power step 3

Fig. 11: Supply current in power step 4

5.2 AC Characteristics

x Data according to test circuit in Fig. 18

Fig. 12: Output power in step 1

Fig. 13: Output power in step 2

Fig. 14: Output power in step 3

Fig. 15: Output power in step 4

Fig. 16: RF output signal with PLL reference spurs

Fig. 17: Single sideband phase noise

6 Test Circuit

Fig. 18: Test circuit for FSK with 50 : matching network

6.1 Test circuit component list to Fig. 18

Note 1: value depending on crystal parameters

Note 2: for high-power applications high-Q wire-wound inductors should be used

7 Package Information

Fig. 19: SOIC8 (Small Outline Integrated Circuit)

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- x CECC00802
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