



Low Power Single Chip 10BASE-FL Transceiver

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

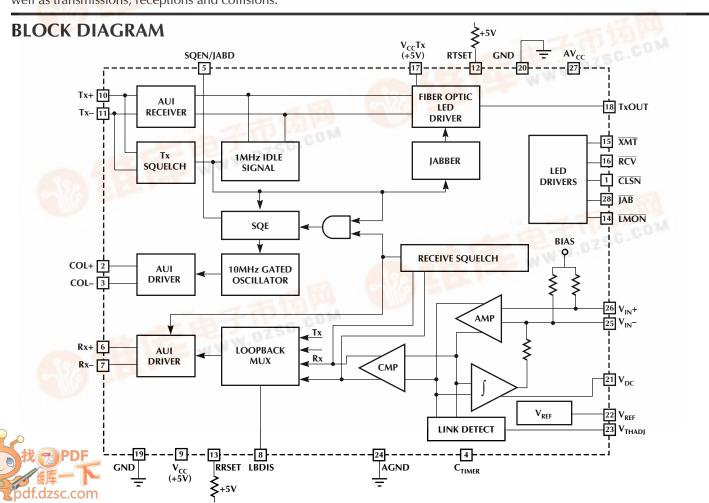
The ML4668 single-chip 10BASE-FL transceiver is a low power, high output current, plug-compatible version of the industry standard ML4663. The ML4668 offers a standard IEEE 802.3 AU interface that allows it to be directly connected to industry standard manchester encoder/ decoder chips or an AUI connector.

The ML4668 provides a highly integrated solution that requires a minimal number of external components, and is compliant to the IEEE 802.3 10BASE-FL standard. The transmitter offers a 100mA maximum current drive output that directly drives a fiber optic LED transmitter. The receiver offers a highly stable fiber optic data quantizer capable of accepting input signals as low as $2mV_{P-P}$ with a 55dB dynamic range.

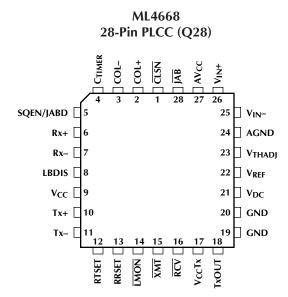
The transmitter automatically inserts 1MHz signal during idle time and removes this signal on reception. Low Light is continuously monitored for both activity as well as power level. Five LED status indicators monitor error conditions as well as transmissions, receptions and collisions.

FEATURES

- Single chip solution for 10BASE-FL internal or external Medium Attachment Units (MAUs)
- Incorporates an AU interface
- Highly stable data quantizer with 55dB input dynamic range
- Input sensitivity as low as 2mV_{P-P}
- Up to 100mA maximum current driven fiber optic LED driver for accurate launch power
- Single +5 volt supply
- No crystal or clock required
- Five network status LED outputs



PIN CONNECTION



PIN DESCRIPTION

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION	PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1	CLSN	Indicates that a collision is taking place. Active low LED driver, open collector. Event is extended with internal timer for visibility.	15	XMT	Indicates that transmission is taking place. Active low LED driver, open collector. Event is extended with internal timer for visibility.
2 3	COL+ COL-	Gated 10MHz oscillation used to indicate a collision, SQE test, or jabber. Balanced differential line driver outputs that meet AUI specifications.	16	RCV	Indicates that the transceiver is receiving a frame from the optical input. Active low LED driver, open collector. Event is extended with internal timer for visibility.
4	C _{TIMER}	A capacitor from this pin to V _{CC} determines the Link Monitor	17	V _{CC} Tx	+5 volt supply for fiber optic LED driver.
-		response time.	18	TxOUT	Fiber optic LED driver output.
5	sqen/jabd	SQE Test Enable, Jabber Disable. When tied low, SQE test is disabled,	19	GND	Ground Reference.
		when tied high SQE test is enabled. When tied to 2.0V both SQE test and Jabber are disabled.	20	GND	Ground Reference.
			21	V_{DC}	An external capacitor on this pin
6 7	Rx+ Rx–	Manchester encoded receive data output to the local device. Balanced differential line driver outputs that meet AUI specifications.			integrates an error signal which nulls the offset of the input amplifier. If the DC feedback loop is not being used, this pin should be connected to V _{REF} .
8	LBDIS	Loopback Disable. When this pin is tied to V_{CC} , the AUI transmit pair	22	V _{REF}	A 2.5V reference with respect to GND.
		data is not looped back to the AUI receive pair, and collision is disabled. When this pin is tied to GND	23	V _{THADJ}	This input pin sets the link monitor threshold.
		(normal operation) or left floating, the	24	AGND	Analog Filtered Ground.
		AUI transmit pair data is looped back to the AUI receiver pair, except during collision.	25	V_{IN} -	This input pin should be capacitively coupled to the input source or to filtered AV _{CC} . (The
9 10 11	V _{CC} Tx+ Tx-	+5 volt power input. Balanced differential line receiver inputs that meet AUI specifications. These inputs may be transformer or capacitively coupled. The Tx input pins are internally DC biased for AC coupling.	26	V _{IN} +	input resistance is approximately 1.3k Ω .) This input pin should be capacitively coupled to the input source or to filtered AV _{CC} . (The input resistance is approximately 1.3k Ω .)
12	RTSET	Sets the current driven output of the	27	AV _{CC}	Analog Filtered +5 volts.
		transmitter.	28	JAB	Jabber network status LED. When in
13	RRSET	A 1% 61.9k Ω resistor tied from this pin to V _{CC} sets the biasing currents for internal nodes.			the Jabber state, this pin will be low and the transmitter will be disabled. In the Jabber "OK" state this pin will
14	<u>Imon</u>	Link Monitor "Low Light" LED status output. This pin is pulled low when the voltage on the V _{IN} +, V _{IN} - inputs exceed the minimum threshold set by the V _{THADJ} pin, and there are transitions on V _{IN} +, V _{IN} - indicating an idle signal or active data. If either the voltage on the V _{IN} +, V _{IN} - inputs fall below the minimum threshold or transitions cease on V _{IN} +, V _{IN} -, LMON will go high. Active low LED driver, open collector.			be high. Active low LED, open collector.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Absolute maximum ratings are those values beyond which the device could be permanently damaged. Absolute maximum ratings are stress ratings only and functional device operation is not implied.

Power Supply Voltage Range

RRSET, RTSET, JAB, CLSN, XMT, RCV, LMON 60mA

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Unless otherwise specified, T_A = Operating Temperature Range, V_{CC} = $V_{CC}Tx$ = 5V ± 5% (Note 1)

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
I _{CC}	Power Supply Current I _{CC} : While Transmitting	$V_{CC} = 5V$, RTSET = 115 Ω (Note 2)			140	mA
V _{OL}	LED Drivers: V _{OL}	I _{OL} = 10mA (Note 3)			0.8	V
I _{OUT}	Transmit Peak Output Current	$RTSET = 115\Omega$ (Note 4)	44	52	57	mA
V_{SQ}	Transmit Squelch Voltage Level (Tx+, Tx–)		-300	-250	-200	mV
V_{DO}	Differential Output Voltage (Rx±, COL±)		±550		±1200	mV
V_{CM}	Common Mode Output Voltage (Rx±, COL±)			4.0		V
V _{DOO}	Differential Output Voltage Imbalance (Rx±, COL±)				±40	mV
V _{SQE}	SQE/JABD	SQE Test Disable Both Disabled Both Enabled	1.5 V _{CC} – 0.5		0.3 V _{CC} – 2	V V V
V _{LBTH}	LBDIS Threshold	Disabled Enabled	V _{CC} – 0.1		1	V V
V _{TXCM}	Common Mode Voltage (Tx+, Tx-)			3.5		V
V _{INCM}	Common Mode Voltage (V _{IN} +, V _{IN} –)			1.65		V
V _{REF}	Reference Voltage		2.30	2.45	2.60	V
I _{REF}	V _{REF} Output Source Current				5	mA
A _V	Amplifier Gain			100		V/V
V _{ISR}	Input Signal Range		2		1600	mV _{P-P}
V _{THADJ}	External Voltage at V _{THADJ} to Set V _{TH}		0.5		2.7	V
V _{OFF}	Input Offset	$V_{DC} = V_{REF}$ (DC loop inactive)		3		mV
V _N	Input Referred Noise	50MHz BW		25		μV
R _{IN}	Input Resistance	V _{IN} +, V _{IN} -	0.8	1.3	2.0	kΩ
I _{TH}	Input Bias Current of V _{THADJ}		-200	10	+200	μΑ
V _{TH}	Input Threshold Voltage	$V_{THADJ} = V_{REF}$ (Note 5)	5	6	7	mV _{P-P}
Н	Hysteresis			20		%

Output Current

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TXOUT	120mA
Junction Temperature	150°C
Storage Temperature Range	
Lead Temperature (Soldering)	
Thermal Resistance $(\theta_{ A})$	

OPERATING CONDITIONS

Supply Voltage (V _{CC})	5V ± 5%
LED on Current	10mA
RRSET	61.9kΩ ± 1%
RTSET	$115\Omega \pm 1\%$

AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
Fransmit		·		·	
F _{TXIDF}	Transmit Idle Frequency	0.85		1.25	MHz
P _{TXDC}	Transmit Idle duty Cycle	45		55	%
t _{TXNPW}	Transmit Turn-On Pulse Width		20		ns
t _{TXODY}	Transmit Turn-On Delay			200	ns
t _{TXLP}	Transmit loopback Start-up Delay			500	ns
t _{TXFPW}	Transmit Turn-Off Pulse Width		180		ns
t _{TXSOI}	Transmit Turn-Off Start of Idle	400		2100	ns
t _{TXSDY}	Transmit Steady State Propagation Delay		15	50	ns
t _{TXJ}	Transmit Jitter into 31 Ω Load			±1.5	ns
Receive	·	I		L	1
F _{RXSFT}	Receive Squelch Frequency Threshold	2.51		4.5	MHz
t _{RXODY}	Receive Turn-On Delay			285	ns
t _{RXFX}	Last Bit Received to Slow Decay Output	230	300		ns
t _{RXSDY}	Receive Steady State Propagation Delay		15	50	ns
t _{RXJ}	Receive Jitter			±1.5	ns
t _{AR}	Differential Output Rise Time 20% to 80% (Rx±, COL±)		4		ns
t _{AF}	Differential Output Fall Time 20% to 80% (Rx±, COL±)		4		ns
Collision				ŀ	4
t _{CPSQE}	Collision Present to SQE Assert	0		350	ns
t _{SQEXR}	Time for SQE to Deactivate After Collision	0		700	ns
F _{CLF}	Collision Frequency	8.5		11.5	MHz
P _{CLPDC}	Collision Pulse Duty Cycle	40	50	60	%
tsqedy	SQE Test Delay (Tx Inactive to SQE)	0.6		1.6	μs
t SQETD	SQE Test Duration	0.5	1.0	1.5	μs
Jabber ar	nd LED Timing	I			
t _{JAD}	Jabber Activation Delay	20	70	150	ms
t _{JRT}	Jabber Reset Unjab Time	250	450	750	ms
t _{JSQE}	Delay from Outputs Disabled to Collision Oscillator On		100		ns
t _{LED}	RCV, CLSN, XMT On Time	8	16	32	ms
t _{LLPH}	Low Light Present to LMON High	3	5	10	μs
t _{LLCL}	Low Light Present to IMON Low	250		750	ms

Note 1: Limits are guaranteed by 100% testing, sampling, or correlation with worst-case test conditions.

Note 2: This dose not include the current from the AUI pull-down resistors, or LED status outputs.

Note 3: LED drivers can sink up to 20mA, but V_{OL} will be higher.
Note 4: Does not include pre-bias current for fiber optic LED which would typically be 3mA.

Note 5: Threshold for switching from Link Fail to Link Pass (Low Light).

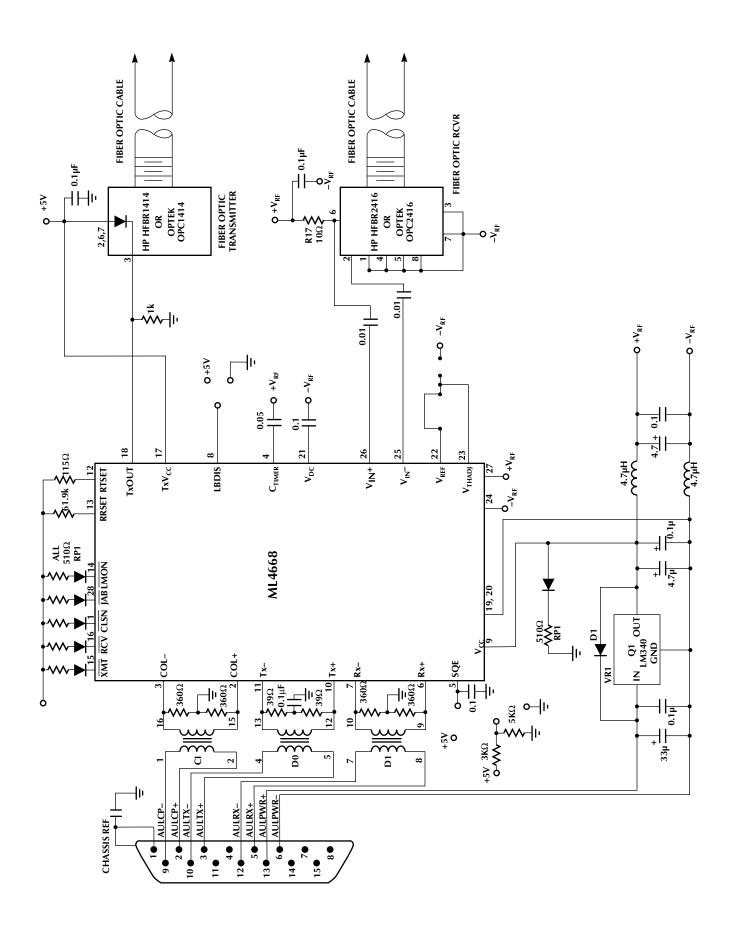


Figure 1. ML4668 Schematic Diagram

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

Figure 1 shows a schematic diagram of the ML4668 in an internal or external 10BASE-FL MAU. On one side of the transceiver is the AU interface and the other is the fiber optic interface. The AU interface is AC coupled when used in an external transceiver or an internal transceiver. The AU interface for an external transceiver includes isolation transformers, some biasing resistors, and a voltage regulator for power.

The fiber optic side of the transceiver requires an external fiber optic transmitter and fiber optic receiver. The transmitter uses a current driven output that directly drives the fiber optic transmitter. The receive side of the transceiver accepts the data after passing through a fiber optic receiver, which consists of a module containing a pin diode and a transimpedance amplifier.

AU INTERFACE

The AU interface consists of 3 pairs of signals: DO, CI and DI (Figure 1). The DO pair contains transmit data from the DTE which is received by the transceiver and sent out onto the fiber optic cable. The DI pair contains valid data that has been either received from the fiber optic cable or looped back from the DO, and output through the DI pair to the DTE. The CI pair indicates whether a collision has occurred. It is an output that oscillates at 10MHz if a collision, Jabber or SQE Test has taken place, otherwise it remains idle.

When the transceiver is external, these three pairs are AC coupled through isolation transformers, while an internal transceiver may be capacitively coupled. Tx+, Tx- is internally DC biased (shifted up in voltage) for the proper common mode input voltage.

The two $39\Omega 1\%$ resistors (or one $78\Omega 1\%$ resistor) tied to the Tx+ and Tx- pins will provide the proper termination. The CI and DI pair, which are output from the transceiver to the AUI cable, require 360Ω pull down resistors when terminated with a 78Ω load. However, on a DTE card, CI and DI do not need 78Ω terminating resistors. This also means that the pull down resistors on CI and DI can be $1k\Omega$ or greater depending upon the particular Manchester encoder/decoder chip used. Using higher value pull down resistors as in a DTE card will save power. Refer to Application Note 13 for a more detailed explanation of the AUI pull-down resistors.

The AUI drivers are capable of driving the full 50 meters of cable length and have a rise and fall time of typically 4ns. In the idle state, the outputs go to the same voltage to prevent DC standing current in the isolation transformers.

TRANSMISSION

The transmit function consists of detecting the presence of data from the AUI DO input (Tx+, Tx-) and driving that data onto the fiber optic LED transmitter. A positive signal on the Tx+ lead relative to the Tx- lead of the DO circuit will result in no current, hence the fiber optic LED is in a low light condition. When Tx+ is more negative than Tx-, the ML4668 will sink current into the chip and the fiber optic LED will light up.

Before data will be transmitted onto the fiber optic cable from the AUI interface, it must exceed the squelch requirements for the DO pair. The Tx squelch circuit serves the function of preventing any noise from being transmitted onto the fiber. This circuit rejects signals with pulse widths less than typically 20ns (negative going), or with levels less than –250mV. Once Tx squelch circuit has unsquelched, it looks for the start of idle signal to turn on the squelch circuit again. The transmitter turns on the squelch again when it receives an input signal at Tx+, Tx– that is more positive than –250mV for more than approximately 180ns.

At the start of a packet transmission, no more than 2 bits are received from the DO circuit, and are not transmitted onto the fiber optic cable. The difference between start-up delays (bit loss plus steady-state propagation delay) for any two packets that are separated by 9.6µs or less will not exceed 200ns.

FIBER OPTIC LED DRIVER

The output stage of the transmitter is a current mode switch which develops the output light by sinking current through the LED into the TxOUT pin. Once the current requirement for the LED is determined, the RTSET resistor is selected. The following equation is used to select the correct RTSET resistor:

$$\mathsf{RTSET} = \left(\frac{52\mathsf{mA}}{\mathsf{I}_{\mathsf{OUT}}}\right) 115\Omega$$

The ML4668 transmitter output will drive up to 100mA, which requires RTSET to equal 60Ω . The transmitter enters the idle state when it detects start of idle on Tx+ and Tx- input pins. After detection, transmitter switches to a 1MHz output idle signal.

The output current is switched through the TxOUT pin during the on cycle and the V_{CC}Tx pin during the off cycle as shown in figure 2. Since the sum of the current in these two pins is constant, V_{CC}Tx should be connected as close as possible to the V_{CC} connection for the LED.

If not driving an optical LED directly, a differential output can be generated by tying resistors from $V_{CC}Tx$ and TxOUT to V_{CC} as shown in figure 3. The minimum voltage on these two pins should not be less than $V_{CC} - 2V$.

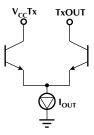


Figure 2. Fiber Optic LED Driver Structure.

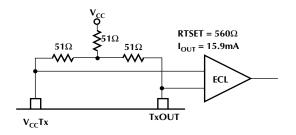


Figure 3. Converting Optical LED Driver Output to Differential ECL.

RECEPTION

The input to the transceiver comes from a fiber optic receiver (Figure 1). At the start of packet reception no more than 2.7 bits are received from the fiber cable, and are not transmitted onto the DI circuit. The receive squelch will reject frequencies lower than 2.51MHz.

While in the unsquelch state, the receive squelch circuit looks for the start of idle signal at the end of the packet. Start of idle occurs when the input signal remains idle for more than 160ns. When start of idle is detected, the receive squelch circuit returns to the squelch state and the start of idle signal is output on the DI circuit (Rx+, Rx–).

COLLISION

Whenever the receiver and the transmitter are active at the same time the chip will activate the collision output, except when loopback is disabled (LBDIS = V_{CC}). The collision output is a differential square wave matching the AUI specifications and capable of driving a 78 Ω load. The frequency of the square wave is 10MHz ± 15% with a 60/40 to 40/60 duty cycle. The collision oscillator also is activated during SQE Test and Jabber.

LOOPBACK

The loopback function emulates a 10BASE-T transceiver whereby the transmit data sent by the DTE is looped back over the AUI receive pair. Some LAN controllers use this loopback information to determine whether a MAU is connected by monitoring the carrier sense while transmitting. The software can use this loopback information to determine whether a MAU is connected to the DTE by checking the status of carrier sense after each packet transmission.

When data is received by the chip while transmitting, a collision condition exits. This will cause the collision oscillator to turn on and the data on the DI pair will follow V_{IN} +, V_{IN} -. After a collision is detected, the collision oscillator will remain on until either DO or V_{IN} +, V_{IN} - go idle.

Loopback can be disabled by strapping LBDIS to V_{CC} . In this mode the chip operates as a full duplex transmitter and receiver, and collision detection is disabled. A loopback through the transceiver can be accomplished by tying the fiber transmitter to the receiver.

SQE TEST FUNCTION (SIGNAL QUALITY ERROR)

The SQE test function allows the DTE to determine whether the collision detect circuitry is functional. After each transmission, during the inter packet gap time, the collision oscillator will be activated for typically 1µs. The SQE test will not be activated if the chip is in the low light state, or the jabber on state.

For SQE to operate, the SQEN pin must be tied to V_{CC} . This allows the MAU to be interfaced to a DTE. The SQE test can be disabled by tying the SQEN pin to ground, for a repeater interface.

JABBER FUNCTION REQUIREMENTS

The Jabber function prevents a babbling transmitter from bringing down the network. Within the transceiver is a Jabber timer that starts at the beginning of each transmission and resets at the end of each transmission. If the transmission last longer than 20ms the Jabber logic disables the transmitter and turns on the collision signal COL+, COL-. When Tx+ and Tx- finally go idle, a second timer measures 0.5 seconds of idle time before the transmitter is enabled and collision is turned off. Even though the transmitter is disabled during Jabber, the 1MHz idle signal is still transmitted.

LED DRIVERS

The ML4668 has five LED drivers. The LED driver pins are active low, and the LEDs are normally off (except for LMON). The LEDs are tied to their respective pins through a 500Ω resistor to 5V.

The \overline{XMT} , \overline{RCV} and \overline{CLSN} pins have pulse stretchers on them which enables the LEDs to be visible. When transmission or reception occurs, the LED \overline{XMT} , \overline{RCV} or \overline{CLSN} status pins will activate low for several milliseconds. If another transmit, receive or collision conditions occurs before the timer expires, the LED timer will reset and restart the timing. Therefore rapid events will leave the LEDs continuously on. The JAB and LMON LEDs do not have pulse stretchers on them since their conditions occur long enough for the eye to see.

LOW LIGHT CONDITION

The $\overline{\text{LMON}}$ LED output is used to indicate a low light condition. $\overline{\text{LMON}}$ is activated low when both the receive power exceeds the Link Monitor threshold and there are transitions on V_{IN}+, V_{IN}- less than 3µs apart. If either one of these conditions do not exist, $\overline{\text{LMON}}$ will go high.

INPUT AMPLIFIER

The V_{IN+}, V_{IN}– input signal is fed into a limiting amplifier with a gain of about 100 and input resistance of $1.3k\Omega$. Maximum sensitivity is achieved through the use of a DC restoration feedback loop and AC coupling the input. When AC coupled, the input DC bias voltage is set by an on-chip network at about 1.7V. These coupling capacitors, in conjunction with the input impedance of the amplifier, establish a high pass filter with 3dB corner frequency, f_L, at

$$f_{\rm L} = \frac{1}{2\pi 1300\,\rm C} \tag{1}$$

Since the amplifier has a differential input, two capacitors of equal value are required. If the signal driving the input is single ended, one of the coupling capacitors can be tied to AV_{CC} (Figure 1).

The internal amplifier has a lowpass filter built-in to band limit the input signal which in turn will improve the signal to noise ratio.

Although the input is AC coupled, the offset voltage *within* the amplifier will be present at the amplifier's output. This is represented by V_{OS} in Figure 4. In order to reduce this error, a DC feedback loop is incorporated. This negative feedback loop nulls the offset voltage, forcing V_{OS} to be zero. Although the capacitor on V_{DC} is non-critical, the pole it creates can effect the stability of the feedback loop. To avoid stability problems, the value of this capacitor should be at least 10 times larger than the input coupling capacitors.

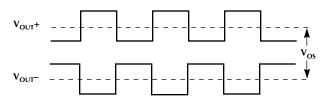


Figure 4.

The comparator is a high-speed, differential zero crossing detector that slices and accurately digitizes the receive signal. The output of the comparator is fed in parallel into both the receive squelch circuit and the loopback MUX.

LINK DETECT CIRCUIT AND LOW LIGHT

The link detect circuit monitors the input signal and determines when the input falls below a preset voltage level. When the input falls below a preset voltage, the ML4668 goes into the Low Light state. In the Low Light state the transmitter is disabled, but continues sending the 1MHz idle signal, the loopback is disabled, the receiver is disabled, and the LMON LED pin goes to high shutting off the LMON LED. To return to the Link Pass state, the optical receiver power must be 20% higher than the shut-off state. This built-in hysteresis adds stability to the Link Monitor circuit. Once the receiver power threshold is exceeded, the ML4668 waits 250ms to 750ms, then checks to see that Tx+. Tx– is idle and no data is being received before re-enabling the transmitter, receiver, loopback circuit, and lighting up the LMON LED.

The V_{THADJ} pin is used to adjust the sensitivity of the receiver. The ML4668 is capable of exceeding the 10BASE-FL specifications for sensitivity. The sensitivity is dependent on the layout of the PC board. A good low noise layout will exceed the 10BASE-FL specifications, while a poor layout will fail to meet the sensitivity and BER spec.

The threshold generator shifts the reference voltage at V_{THADJ} through a circuit which has a temperature coefficient matching that of the limiting amplifier. The relationship between the V_{THADJ} and the V_{TH} (the peak to peak input threshold) is:

$$V_{\mathsf{THADI}} = 408 V_{\mathsf{TH}} \tag{2}$$

In a 10BASE-FL receiver there must be less than 1 x 10⁻¹⁰ bit errors at a receive power level of -32.5dBm average. One procedure to determine the sensitivity of a receiver is to start at the lowest optical power level and gradually increase the optical power until the BER is met. In this case the Link Detect circuit must not disable the receiver (i.e. V_{THADJ} should be tied to Ground). Once the sensitivity of the receiver is determined, V_{THADJ} can be set just above the power level that meets the BER specification. This way the receiver will shut-off before the BER is exceeded.

For 10BASE-FL V_{THADJ} can be tied directly to V_{REF}. However if greater sensitivity is required the circuit in figure 5 can be used to adjust the V_{THADJ} voltage. Even if V_{REF} is tied to V_{THADJ}, it is a good idea to layout a board with these two resistors available. This will allow potential future adjustments without board revisions.

The response time of the Link Detect circuit is set by the C_{TIMER} pin. Starting from the link off state the link can be switched on if the input exceeds the set threshold for a time given by:

$$T = \frac{C_{TIMER} \times 0.7V}{700\mu A}$$
(3)

To switch the link from on to off, the above time will be doubled. A value of 0.05μ F will meet to 10BASE-FL specifications.

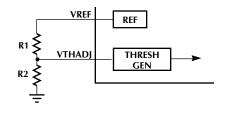


Figure 5.

TIMING DIAGRAMS

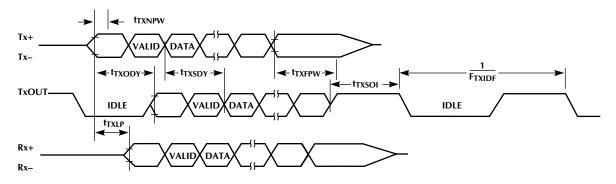


Figure 6. Transmit and Loopback Timing

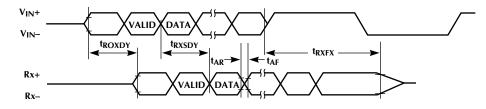


Figure 7. Receive Timing

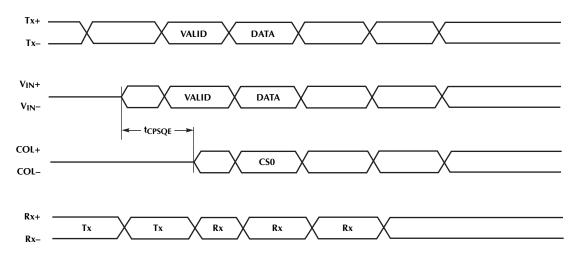


Figure 8. Collision Timing

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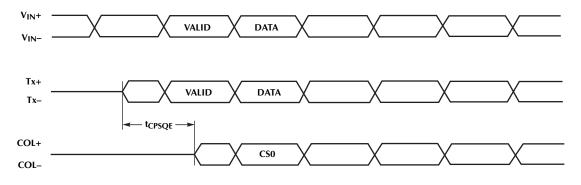
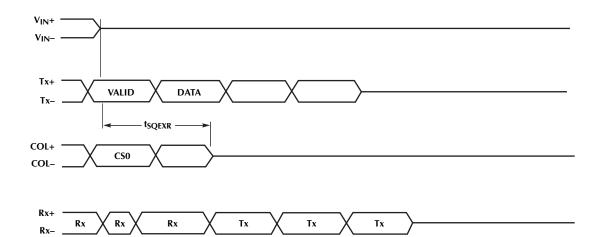
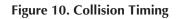


Figure 9. Collision Timing





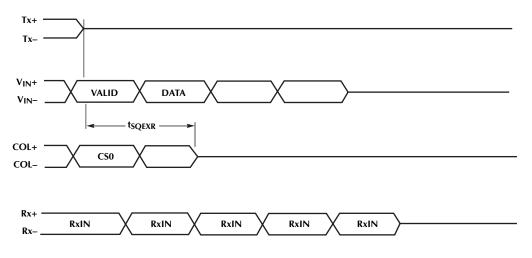


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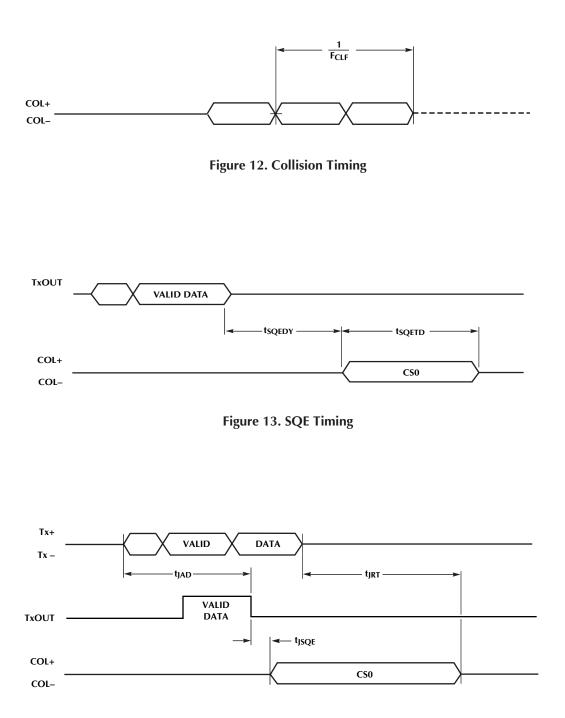


Figure 14. Jabber Timing

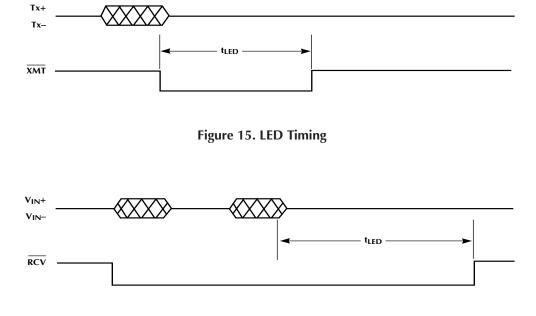


Figure 16. LED Timing

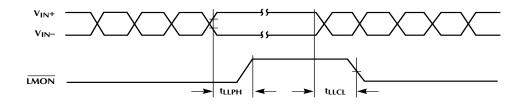
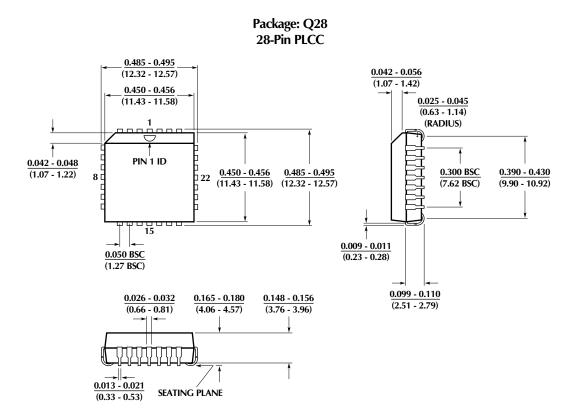


Figure 17. LED Timing

PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS inches (millimeters)



ORDERING INFORMATION

PART NUMBER	TEMPERATURE	PACKAGE		
ML4668CQ	0°C to 70°C	28-Pin PLCC (Q28)		

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