AM radio / FM IF stereo system IC BA1442A

The BA1442A is an AM radio and FMIF stereo system IC developed for radio cassette players. The FM circuit is comprised of a differential IF amplifier, a double-balance type quadrature detector, and a PLL-type stereo MPX circuit. The AM circuit is comprised of a local oscillator circuit, a double-balance type mixer, an IF amplifier, a detector circuit, and an AGC circuit.

Applications

Radio cassette players

Features

- The FM output "S" curve characteristic can be used for upper heterodyne (inverted "S") operation.
- 2) Audio high cut and low cut can be used to improve the AM fidelity.
- 3) A reference voltage supply is provided to ensure good frequency stability in the shortwave bands.
- 4) Good FM stability.
- 5) The "S" curve characteristic of the FM detector can be used for upper heterodyne ("N" curve) operation.
- Built-in damping resistor (3.3k Ω) for the quadrature coil.
- The FM MPX uses a Laser Locked Loop, making adjustment of the VCO and addition of external components unnecessary.
- 8) Built-in forced monaural function for the MPX (VCO stops, LED off).
- 9) VCO for the MPX switches off during AM operation.
- 10) The stereo indicator pin has a fixed drive current, and a current limiting resistor is not required.
- 11) Few external components required.

●Absolute maximum ratings (Ta = 25℃)

Parameter	Symbol	Limits	Unit
Supply voltage	Vcc	9.0	v
Power dissipation	Pd	550*1	mW
Operating temperature	Topr	-25~75	ĉ
Storage temperature	Tstg	-55~125	Ċ

*1 Reduced by 5.5mW for each increase in Ta of 1°C over 25°C.

Recommended operating conditions ($Ta = 25^{\circ}C$)

Parameter	Symbol	Limit	Unit
Supply voltage	Vcc	3.8~8.0*2	V
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*2 For basic operation at Ta = 25°C.

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Pin No.	Pin name	Function	Input/output circuit
6	AM/FM detect output	Connected to FM LPF and next-stage MPX	
7	MPX input	Input the IFM detect output	
8	MPX input	Input the detect output after AM low cut	
9	AM audio high cut Forced monaural	Connected to a capacitor. Forced monaural at 2.2V and above.	
10	Stereo indicator	Connected to an LED of other storeo indicator. Fixed drive current (10mA)	
11	L channel output	Connected to following stage power amplifier	Vcc
12	R channel output	Connected to following stage power amplifier	
13	AM power supply (band switch)	AM mode when power supply is connected	

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•Electrical characteristics (Unless otherwise specified, Ta = 25°C, Vcc = 5V,

FM IF MPX : fin = 10.7MHz, 400Hz modulation, 22.5kHz dev (30%), 19kHz 7.5kHz dev (10%) AM : fin = 1000kHz, fm = 400Hz 30%)

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	Conditions	Measuremen Circuit
Circuit current 1	lcc1	9	13	18	mA	FM mode, no input	
Circuit current 2	ICC2	9	13	18	mA	AM mode, no input	
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Detector output voltage	Vo	50	75	105	mVrms	$V_{IN}=100$ dB μ V, mono	
-3dB limiting sensitivity	L.S	26	30	34	dB µ V	mono	
Signal to noise ratio	S/N	64	70	_	dB	V_{IN} =100dB μ V, mono	
Channel balance	C.B	-2	0	+2	dB	$V_{IN} = 100 dB \mu V$, mono	
AM rejection ratio	AMR	30	40	-	dB	AM : V _{IN} =60dB μV, mod=30%、400Hz	
Channel separation	SEP	32	45	—	dB	VIN=100dB µ V, main	
Total harmonic distortion	THD	_	0.1	0.8	%	ViN=100dB µ V, main	
Stereo indicator current	L	8	10	12	mA	Vi∾=100dB µ V, main	
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Detector output voltage	V٥	50	75	105	mVrrms	VIN=68dB μ V	
Sensitivity	Q.S	19	23	27	dBµV	Input for an S/N of 20dB	
Signal to noise ratio	S/N	44	52	-	dB	Vev=68dB μ V	
Total harmonic distortion	THD	_	0.8	2.0	%	VIN=68dB μV	



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•Technical reference materials (Unless otherwise specified, $Ta = 25^{\circ}C$ and $Vcc = 5V$)
Note: The values given in the table below are representative values, and are not guaranteed.

Parameter	Symbol	Тур.	Unit	Conditions
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IF input impedance	Zı	330	Ω	1pin、f=10.7MHz
Quadrature impedance	Z4	3.3	kΩ	4pin、f=10.7MHz
Detector output impedance	Ze	5	kΩ	6pin、f=400Hz
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Stereo indicator on sensitivity	⊿f	2.8	kHzdev	Degree of 19kHz modulation for $I_{10} \ge 1$ mA
Stereo hysteresis	Hys	2	dB	8pin、fi≥19kHz、12.5mVrms
Capacitor charging	C.R	±5.26	%	8pin、fin=19kHz、12.5mVrms
MPX input impedance	Z7	20	kΩ	7pin、f=400Hz
MPX input impedance	Ze	100	kΩ	8pin、f=400Hz
MPX output impedance	Z11.12	5	kΩ	11,12pin、f=400Hz
19kHz carrier leak	CL19	-30	dB	De-emphasis = 50 μ S
38kHz carrier leak	CL35	56	dB	De-emphasis = 50 μ S
Input/output voltage gain	Gv	6	dB	7pin、f=400Hz
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Total harmonic distortion	THD	1.5	%	VIN=68dB µ V, mod=80%
Mixer input impedance	Z18	10	kΩ	18pin、f=1000kHz
Mixer output impedance	Z17	100	kΩ	17pin、f=455kHz
IF input impedance	Z16	3	kΩ	16pin、1==455kHz

Circuit operation

- 1) The FM IF amplifier is a three-stage differential amplifier. The gain of this stage is approximately 60dB. The bias for the first-stage amplifier is taken from the bypass filter (pin 2). This improves the FM stability of the first-stage amplifier by reducing noise. The input impedance is set by a resistor on the chip (330Ω) , and can be connected to a ceramic filter.
- The FM detector circuit is comprised of a quadrature detector. The IF amplified signal is input to the detector via a limiter amplifier with a gain of 13dB.
- 3) The AM mixer circuit is a double-balance type mixer, and has been designed for low local-oscillator leakage. The mixer input is via the antenna coil and has the VREG bias added to it. If you lower the mixer conversion gain for mid- to high-strength electric fields, AGC will operate, and for high-strength electric fields, the input shunt AGC gives good strong-input characteristics.
- 4) The AM local oscillator circuit consists of a differential positive feedback loop. To improve the frequency stability, particularly in the SW band, the circuit is operated with bias referenced to Vreg. To improve the startup characteristics, a 100Ω resistor is inserted in series with the tank circuit.
- 5) The AM IF amplifier consists of two-stage differential amplifier. Both amplifiers use capacitors to block DC, so bypass capacitors are not necessary. The first stage amplifier has AGC. The gain of this stage is 47dB, and the input impedance is $3k \Omega$.
- 6) AM detector circuit
- A built-in envelope detector that uses a minute current serves as the AM detector. External components are not required.

7) AM AGC circuit

AGC is applied to the input shunt, mixer, and IF circuits. The AGC reduces the mixer and IF circuit current, and according the DC level of the detector output, reduces the gain to control the output at a fixed level. In addition, an input shunt is provided to prevent distortion caused by strong input signals. The AGC pin is also used as the MPX PLL filter pin. For this reason, when there is no input, the AGC voltage becomes V_{REG} (pin 19), and when there is a strong input signal, it is about V_{REG} - 0.2V.
8) AM/FM detector circuits

There is one pin for both detector outputs (pin 6), and the AM / FM switching is done internally. The output impedance is $5k \Omega$, and the DC output is 1.3V.

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9) The FM MPX circuit uses a PLL to recover the stereo. For FM, the input from pin 7 is switched by the decoder and output on pin 11 (L channel) and pin 12 (R channel). In the case of AM, the input is from pin 8, and this is output through to pins 11 and 12. The audio fidelity is improved by the low-pass filter comprised of the capacitor connected between pins 6 and 8 and the input impedance of pin 8 (20k Ω). The input/output gain for both AM and FM is about 6dB. The VCO has been laser trimmed on the chip to set its time constant. External components and re-adjustment are not required.



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Frequence	cy data				
Band	Frequency band	Nominal frequency	Tracking point	IF	Local oscillator frequency
MW	520~1750kHz	530~1710kHz	600, 1400kHz	455kHz	Upper side
FM	87~109.5MHz	87.6~108MHz	(92), 104MHz	10.7MHz	Upper side

Part No.	Name	Code/manufacturer	Remarks
Z1	Band page filter	BPMB6A	88~108MHz
21	Band-pass filter	Soshin Electric Co., Ltd.	$Z_{IN}=75\Omega$, $Z_{OUT}=75\Omega$
L1	FM RF coil		Printed coil
L2	FM OSC coil	FEM10C-2F6 Sumida Electric Co., Ltd.	$\begin{array}{c c} (1) - (3) & 2 & \frac{1}{2}T \\ \hline \\ (3) & $
L3	MW bar antenna		Vc 1 S LT S GND 4 LT LB Clear Red Blue Yellow Vreg LT LB Core: \$ 10 x 60mm (material: NIL) Yreg Vreg LT LB Core: \$ 10 x 60mm (material: NIL)
			Wire type: UDATC 5/0.07 Winding method: solenoid Inductance (1 - 4) = 554 μ H
			Distributed capacitance = $5.5pF$ (max.) Q= 310 ± 100 (500kHz) \cdot 280 ±100 (1000kHz)
L4	MW OSC coil	2157—JPS029 Sumida Electric Co., Ltd. A7BRS-12445X	VC
		Toko Co., Ltd.	Inductance = 256μ H \pm 6% min., variable (796kHz) No load Q = 90min. (796kHz) Distributed capacitance (1 - 3)= 7.5pF (max.)

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Part No.	Name	Code/manufacturer	Remarks
T1	FMIFT	0236 – JPS – 101 Sumida Electric Co., Ltd. A119ACS-19197N Toko Co., Ltd.	Vcc 3 $(1-2)$ 8T 2 $(2-3)$ 5T (2-3) 5T (3-6) 3T Wire type: ϕ 0.10MUEV Tuning frequency = 10.7MHz±3% min., variable No load Q = 60 min. (10.7MHz) Primary power supply impedance (1 - 3) = 14.6k Ω (10.7MHz) Secondary power supply impedance (4 - 6) =408 Ω (10.7MHz)
T2	AM IFT	2150—JPS—025 Sumida Electric Co., Ltd. A7MCS-12446X Toko Co., Ltd.	IC (3) (455 KHz)
тз	FM detector coil	0236—JPS—101 Sumida Electric Co., Ltd. A119ACS-19197N Toko Co., Ltd.	Vcc 3 4 3 -2 8T 2 - 3 5T 2 - 3 5T 3 - 6 3T Wire type: $\neq 0.10$ MUEV Tuning frequency = 10.7MHz±3% min., variable No load Q = 60 min. (10.7MHz) Primary power supply impedance (1 - 3) = 14.6k Ω (10.7MHz) Secondary power supply impedance (4 - 6) = 408 Ω (10.7MHz)
CF1	FM ceramic filter	FFE1070MA11FBL	3 dB bandwidth = 280kHz \pm 50kHz Input loss = 6.0 (2.7) dB Max.
CF2	AM ceramic filter	TDK Co., Ltd. FFD455—MB TDK Co., Ltd.	3dB bandwidth = 10kHz±3kHz Input loss = 5.0 (2.5) dB Max.
VC	Polivariable capacitor	VCB48E Alps Co., Ltd.	StagesMax. variable capacitanceMin. capacitanceAllowable capacitance $AM-2$ (O) (A)82pF 160pF $3.7^{+0.5}_{-1}$ pF \pm (1pF+2%) $FM-2$ 20×2 $3.1^{+0.5}_{-1}$ pF \pm (0.4pF+2%)

Selection of external components

Pin 1 : FM ceramic filter (CF₁)

The input impedance of pin 1 is 330Ω , so it should be connected to a ceramic filter that has an output impedance of 330Ω . Connect the earth point of the ceramic filter to the input side GND. In addition, the connection distance between the ceramic filter and pin 1 should be as short as possible.

Pin 2 : FM IF bypass

This pin is used to ensure stable FM, and it is normally connected to pin 19 (Vreg). If it is not possible to achieve stable FM, ground pin 2 via a 0.01 μ F capacitor. The earth point in this case will be on the GND side of the FM ceramic filter.

Pin 3 : Power supply bypass capacitors (C_7 and C_8) C₇ should be a capacitor with good high-frequency characteristics. Connect it between the base of the legs of pin 3 (Vcc) and pin 5 (GND). The purpose of C_8 is ripple prevention, and it can be connected a little further away.

Pin 4 : FM quadrature detector phase-shift coil (T3) A Pins 3 and 4 are connected internally by a $3.3k \Omega$ damping resistor. The earth point for the phase-shift coil should be Voc, so ensure that it is at the same voltage as pin 3 (Vcc).

Pin 6 : FM detector low-pass filter capacitor (C₁₁) This capacitor smooths the 2 \times 10.7MHz (21.4MHz) signal generated by FM quadrature detection, and prevents leakage of the 10.7MHz signal. The output impedance of pin 6 (5k Ω) and C₁₁ form a low-pass filter. Connect the earth point to a GND other than the input side GND. If you do not do this, the input carrier will return from the output, and may result in poor stability. If the capacitor is too large, poor separation will result. Pin 7 : FM detector output coupling capacitor (C₉)

Input for the FM detector output to the MPX. The input impedance of pin 7 (100k Ω) and C₈ form a high-pass filter. If the value of C₉ is too low, poor bass region separation will result.

Pin 8 : AM detector output coupling capacitor (C₁₀) Input for the AM detector output to the MPX. The input impedance of pin 8 ($20k \Omega$) and C₁₀ form a high-pass filter and improves the AM fidelity. Characteristic curves for different values of C₁₀ are given in the graph in Fig. 1.



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Fig. 1 AM fidelity characteristics

Pin 9: AM high-cut capacitor (C12)

The input impedance of pin 9 (8k Ω) and C₁₂ form a low-pass filter. To prevent beat from occurring between carrier leak from the detector output pin and the input signal, connect a capacitor of about 1000pF, even if not using high-cut. Connect the earth point to a GND other than the input side GND. Characteristic curves for different values of C12 are given in the graph in Fig. 2.



Fig. 2 AM fidelity characteristics

Pin 9: Forced monaural (SW1)

If the voltage on pin 9 goes to 2.2V or higher in FM mode, forced monaural operation starts (VCO stops, the stereo indicator goes off, and audio output goes monaural). Do not apply a voltage to pin 9 that is higher than the voltage on pin 3 (Vcc). Also, when in AM mode, the AM detector output is output on pin 9, so use a switch to switch pin 9 open circuit in AM mode, as shown in the application circuit example. If you change the voltage on pin 9 during AM operation, the AGC characteristics will be disturbed.

Pin 10: Stereo indicator The pin 10 current is fixed at 10mA, so an external current-limiting resistor is not required. If you wish to reduce the brightness of the LED, connect a resistor in parallel to reduce the current. If you do not wish to use stereo indication, connect pin 10 directly to the power supply, however, the current consumption is that same as that when stereo indication is used. The withstanding voltage of pin 10 is 9V, so use caution when con-



necting it to power sources other than the IC power

Pins 11 and 12

supply.

De-emphasis capacitors (C11 and C12)

The output impedance of pins 11 and 12 (5k Ω), and C₁₁ and C₁₂ set the de-emphasis time constant (50 μ sec. for 0.01 μ F, and 75usec. for 0.015 μ F). Do not connect C₁₁ and C₁₂ if composite (voice multiplex etc.) signal processing will be performed at the following stage.

Pin 13 : AM/FM switching noise reduction filter

Pin 13 is the AM power supply pin. When power is applied, the circuit is in AM mode. By setting a CR time constant, it is possible to reduce the audible switching noise that occurs when switching between AM and FM. Choose the resistor so that the voltage drop

across the resistor is 0.5V max. with respect to the pin 3 (Vcc). Do not apply a voltage higher than the voltage on pin 3 (Vcc) to pin 13.

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Pin 14 : PLL filter (C15, C16, and R4)

PLL loop filter for the MPX. Varying the values of these components changes the capture range of the PLL, but can also result in PLL beat, or the PLL going out of lock due to temperature changes, so do not change these component values.

Pin 15 : Pilot filter and AGC filter (C17)

Pin 15 is used by both the MPX pilot filter and the AM AGC filter. Lower values for C₁₇ will result in increased THD for bass-region AM audio, and larger values will increase the time required to switch between monaural and stereo for FM. Characteristic curves for various values of C₁₇ are given in Figs. 5 to 7.



Fig. 5 Fidelity characteristics (30% modulation)



Fig. 6 Fidelity characteristics (30% modulation)



Fig. 7 Stereo eye turn on time vs. capacitor value

•Selection of external components

Pin 16: AM ceramic filter (CF2)

The input impedance of pin 16 is $3k \Omega$, so it should be connected to a ceramic filter that has an output impedance of $3k \Omega$. The connection distance between the ceramic filter and pin 16 should be as short as possible.

Pin 17 : AM IFT (T2)

The output impedance of pin 17 is $100k \Omega$. The IFT earth point is V_{CC}; make the voltage at pin 17 the same as the pin 3 (V_{CC}) potential. The connection distance between the IFT and pin 17 should be as short as possible.

Pin 18:AM antenna (L3)

The input impedance of pin 18 is $10k \Omega$. The AM antenna earth point is Vreg; make the voltage at pin 18 the same as the pin 19 (Vreg) potential. If there is a voltage drop, local oscillator leakage to the mixer output will increase.

Pin 19: Reference power supply bypass capacitors (C18 and C19)

Connect the low-frequency bypass capacitor (C_{19}) and the high-frequency bypass capacitor (C_{19}).

Pin 20 : AM oscillator coil (L4) To improve the startup oscillation characteristics, a

100 Ω resistor (built-in) is connected in series with the coil. If the shortwave oscillation startup characteristics are poor, connect an additional resistor (47 Ω to 100 Ω) in series with the coil. Make the earth point for the oscillator coil pin 19 (Vreg). The relationship between the S / N ratio and sensitivity at 20dB S / N against pin 20 oscillation voltage is shown in Fig. 9.



Fig. 9 S/N ratio and sensitivity at 20dB S/N vs. pin 20 oscillation voltage

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Pin 6 : AFC circuit

It is possible to use the pin 6 detector output DC voltage and apply AFC. Select between the BA1442A and BA1443A depending on the orientation of the local oscillator. Fig. 10 shows an application example where the BA4424N is used as the FM front end. Use the BA1442A in the case of upper heterodyne, and the BA1443A in the case of lower heterodyne.

Even if you will not use AFC, when recovering the subcarrier phase-modulated composite signal (voice-multiplexed TV) in the next stage, match the oscillator and "S" curve orientations in the same way as described above. If they are reversed, the left and right channels of the recovered audio will be reversed.



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Pin	FM	AM	Pin	FM
1	2.1	2.1	11	1.5
2	2.1	2.1	12	1.5
3	5.0	5.0	13	1.2
4	5.0	5.0	14	2.1
5	0	0	15	2.1
6	1.3	1.3	16	1.2
7	2.1	2.1	17	5.0
8	2.1	2.1	18	2.1
9	2.1	2.1	19	2.1
10	_	_	20	2.1

Pin	FM	AM
11	1.5	1.5
12	1.5	1.5
13	1.2	4.85
14	2.1	2.1
15	2.1	2.0
16	1.2	4.85
17	5.0	5.0
18	2.1	2.1
19	2.1	2.1
20	2.1	2.1

Measurement data

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Component side

External dimensions (Unit: mm)

