



Low Voltage Compander

The MC33110 contains two variable gain circuits configured for compressing and expanding the dynamic range of an audio signal. One circuit is configured as an expander, while the other circuit can be configured as a compressor or expander. Each circuit has a full wave rectifier to provide average value information to a variable gain cell located in either the input stage or the feedback path. An internal, temperature stable bandgap reference provides the necessary precision voltages and currents required.

The MC33110 will operate from a supply voltage of 2.1 to 7.0 V, over a temperature range of -40 to 85°C . The device is designed to accommodate an 80 dB dynamic range from -60 dB to 20 dB, referenced to 100 mVrms.

Applications include cordless telephone, CB, walkie-talkie, most voice RF links, and any application where the signal-to-noise ratio can be improved by reducing the transmitted dynamic range. Other applications include speakerphone and voice activated intercom, dictating machine, standard telephone, etc.

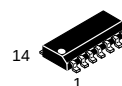
The MC33110 is packaged in a 14 pin DIP for through-the-hole applications and an SO-14 surface mount.

- Operating Supply Voltage: 2.1 to 7.0 V
- No Precision External Components Required
- 80 dB Dynamic Range Compressed to 40 dB, Re-expandable to 80 dB
- Unity Gain Level: 100 mVrms
- Adjustable Response Time
- Ambient Operating Temperature: -40 to 85°C
- Temperature Compensated Reference
- Applications Include Cordless Phone, CB Radio, Speakerphone, etc.

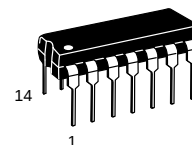
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SEMICONDUCTOR TECHNICAL DATA

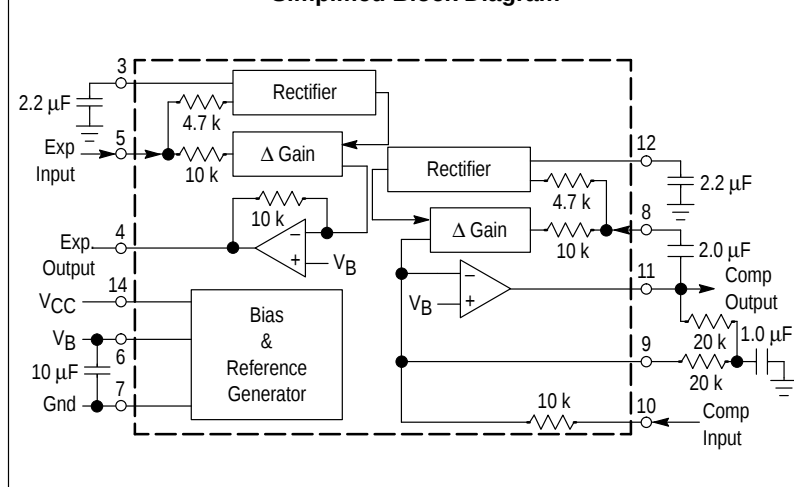


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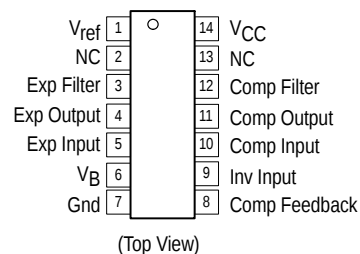


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Simplified Block Diagram



PIN CONNECTIONS



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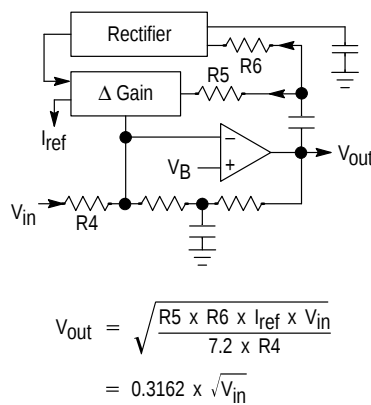
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MC33110D	$T_A = -40$ to 85°C	SO-14
MC33110P		Plastic DIP

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PIN DESCRIPTION

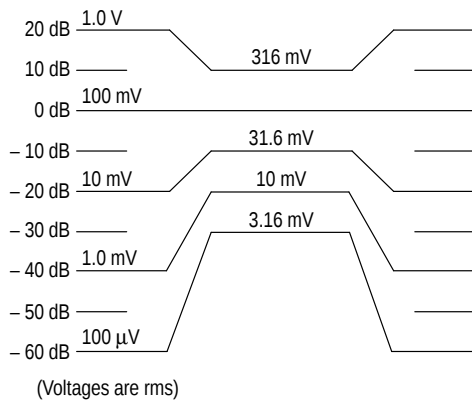
Name	Pin	Description
V _{ref}	1	Normally this pin is not used and is left open. It can be used to make limited adjustments to the 0 dB level. Any noise or leakage at this pin will affect the 0 dB level and gain tracking.
NC	2, 13	No connection. These pins are not internally connected.
Expander Filter	3	Connect to an external capacitor to filter the full wave rectifier's output. This capacitor affects attack and decay times, as well as low frequency accuracy.
Expander Output	4	Output of the expander amplifier.
Expander Input	5	The input impedance is nominally 3.2 kΩ. Nominal signal range is 3.16 mVrms to 316 mVrms. Must be capacitor coupled to the signal source.
V _B	6	An internal reference voltage, nominally V _{CC} /2. This is an ac ground and must be well filtered to obtain high power supply rejection and low crosstalk.
Ground	7	Connect to a clean power supply ground.
Compressor Feedback	8	Input to the compressor variable gain stage and rectifier. Normally the signal is supplied by the compressor's output (Pin 11). Input impedance is nominally 3.2 kΩ.
Inverting Input	9	Inverting input to the compressor amplifier. Normally, this is connected to the compressor's output through a filtered dc feedback path.
Compressor Input	10	The input impedance is nominally 10 kΩ. Nominal signal range is 100 μVrms to 1.0 Vrms. Must be capacitor coupled to the signal source.
Compressor Output	11	Output of the compressor amplifier.
Compressor Filter	12	Connect to an external capacitor to filter the full wave rectifier's output. This capacitor affects attack & decay times, and low frequency accuracy.
V _{CC}	14	Power supply pin. Connect to a power supply providing between 2.1 V and 7.0 V. Nominal current consumption is 3.5 mA.

Compressor



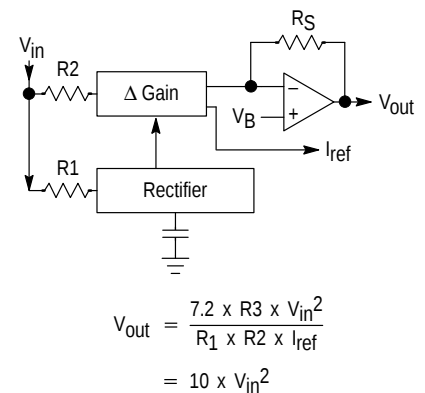
Transfer Functions

Compression



Expansion

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MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
V _{CC} Supply Voltage	V _{CC}	12, -0.5	Vdc
High Input Voltage (Pin 5 & 10)	V _{IH}	V _{CC} + 0.5	Vdc
Low Input Voltage	V _{IL}	-0.5	Vdc
Output Source Current (Pin 4 & 11)	I _{O+}	Self-Limiting	
Output Sink Current	I _{O-}	20	mA
Junction Temperature	T _J	-65, 150	°C

NOTES: 1. Devices should not be operated at these values. The "Recommended Operating Conditions" table provides conditions for actual device operation.
2. ESD data available upon request.

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V _{CC} Supply Voltage	V _{CC}	2.1	—	7.0	Vdc
Input Voltage Range Compressor, 2.1 V < V _{CC} < 7.0 V Expander, V _{CC} = 2.1 V Expander, 3.0 V < V _{CC} < 7.0 V	V _{IR}	0 0 0	— — —	1.0 0.25 0.316	Vrms
Input Frequency	F _{in}	100	—	20 k	Hz
Output Load Compressor (Pin 11, V _O = 100 mV) Expander (Pin 4, V _O = 100 mV)	R _L	300 150	— —	∞ ∞	Ω
Ambient Temperature	T _A	-40	—	85	°C

All limits are not necessarily functional concurrently.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (V_{CC} = 5.0 V, f = 1.0 kHz, unless otherwise noted, T_A = 25°C, see Figure 1)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
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POWER SUPPLY

Power Supply Current V _{CC} = 5.0 V V _{CC} = 2.1 V	I _{CC}	— —	3.5 3.3	5.5 —	mA
V _B Voltage V _{CC} = 5.0 V 2.1 V < V _{CC} < 7.0 V	V _B	2.4 —	2.5 V _{CC} /2	2.6 —	Vdc

COMPRESSOR

0 dB Gain V _{in} = 100 mVrms, Pin 1 = Open	G _(CO)	-1.5	0	1.5	dB
Gain Tracking @ V _{in} = 1.0 Vrms, output relative to G _(CO) @ V _{in} = 10 mVrms, output relative to G _(CO) @ V _{in} = 1.0 mVrms, output relative to G _(CO) @ V _{in} = 100 μVrms, output relative to G _(CO)	G _t	9.0 — — -31	10 -10 -20 -30	11 — — -29	dB
Total Harmonic Distortion V _{in} = 100 mVrms, f = 1.0 kHz	THD	0	0.1	1.5	%
Power Supply Rejection f = 1.0 kHz, C _{VB} = 10 μF, V _{in} = -20 dB	PSRR	—	22	—	dB
Attack Time (Capacitor @ Pin 12 = 2.2 μF)	t _a (C)	—	6.0	—	ms
Decay Time (Capacitor @ Pin 12 = 2.2 μF)	t _d (C)	—	20	—	ms
Input Impedance Pin 10 Pin 8	R _{in}	— —	10 3.2	— —	kΩ

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS ($V_{CC} = 5.0 \text{ V}$, $f = 1.0 \text{ kHz}$, unless otherwise noted, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, see Figure 1)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
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COMPRESSOR

Peak Output Current	Pin 11	I_{pk}	—	0.3	—	mA
Output Offset		V_{OO}	—150	0	150	mVdc
Pin 11, with respect to Pin 6, NO SIGNAL			—	50	—	
Change from NO SIGNAL to 1.0 Vrms at Input						

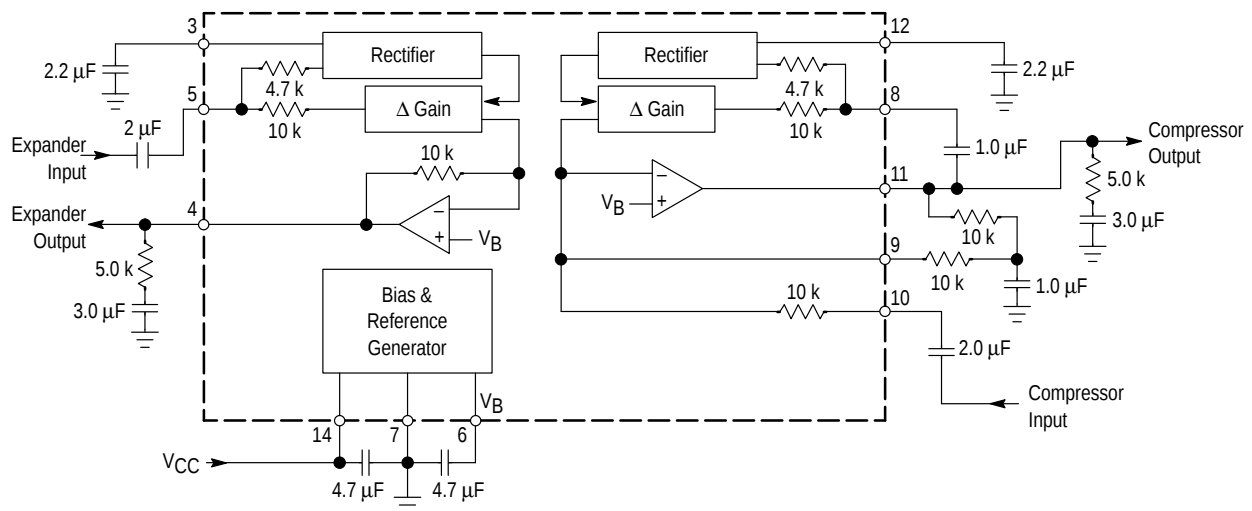
EXPANDER

0 dB Gain (V _{in} = 100 mVrms, Pin 1 = open)	G _(EO)	−1.5	0	1.5	dB
Gain Tracking @ V _{in} = 316 mVrms, output relative to G _(EO) @ V _{in} = 31.6 mVrms, output relative to G _(EO) @ V _{in} = 10 mVrms, output relative to G _(EO) @ V _{in} = 3.16 mVrms, output relative to G _(EO)	G _t	19 − − −61	+ 20 − 20 − 40 − 60	21 − − −59	dB
Total Harmonic Distortion V _{in} = 100 mVrms, f = 1.0 kHz	THD	0	0.06	1.5	%
Power Supply Rejection (f = 1.0 kHz, C _{VB} = 10 μF)	PSRR	−	37	−	dB
Attack Time (Capacitor @ Pin 3 = 2.2 μF)	t _a (E)	−	19	−	ms
Decay Time (Capacitor @ Pin 3 = 2.2 μF)	t _d (E)	−	20	−	ms
Input Impedance Pin 5	R _{in}	−	3.2	−	kΩ
Peak Output Current Pin 4	I _{pk}	−	1.0	−	mA
Output Offset Pin 4, with respect to Pin 6, NO SIGNAL Change from NO SIGNAL to 316 mVrms at Input	V _{OO}	−150 −	0 25	150 −	mVdc

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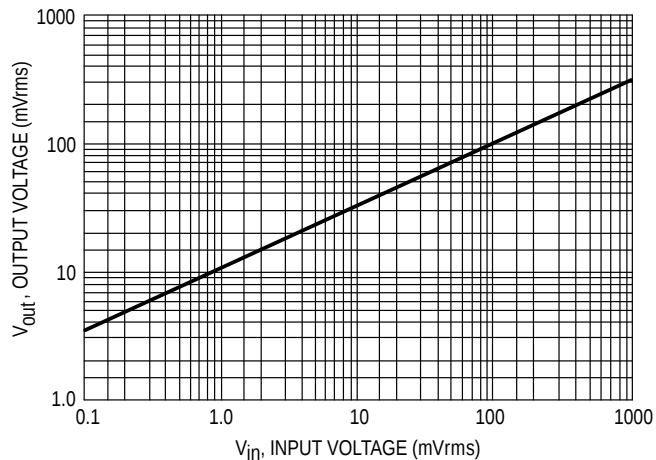
Gain (Pin 10 to Pin 4; Pin 11 capacitor coupled to Pin 5) $V_{CC} = 7.0 \text{ V}$, $V_{in} = 1.0 \text{ Vrms}$ $V_{CC} = 3.0 \text{ V}$, $V_{in} = 1.0 \text{ Vrms}$ $V_{CC} = 2.1 \text{ V}$, $V_{in} = 31.6 \text{ mVrms}$	A_v	—2.5 —2.5 —2.5	0 0 0	2.5 2.5 2.5	dB
Channel Separation	CS	43	48	—	dB
Expander to Compressor, output measured at Pin 11 V_{in} @ Pin 5 = 316 mVrms, $f = 1.0 \text{ kHz}$ V_{in} @ Pin 5 = 316 mVrms, $f = 10 \text{ kHz}$		—	68	—	
Compressor to Expander, output measured at Pin 4 V_{in} @ Pin 10 = 1.0 Vrms, $f = 1.0 \text{ kHz}$ V_{in} @ Pin 10 = 1.0 Vrms, $f = 10 \text{ kHz}$		65	107	—	
		—	114	—	

Figure 1. Test Circuit



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Figure 2. Compressor Transfer Characteristics



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Figure 3. Expander Transfer Characteristics

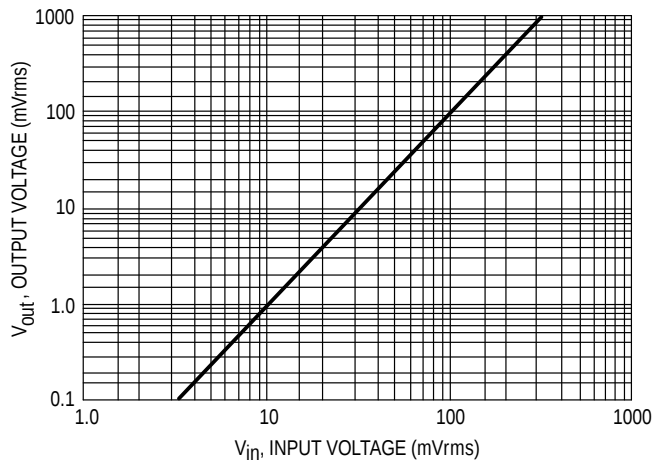


Figure 4. Compressor Transfer Characteristics

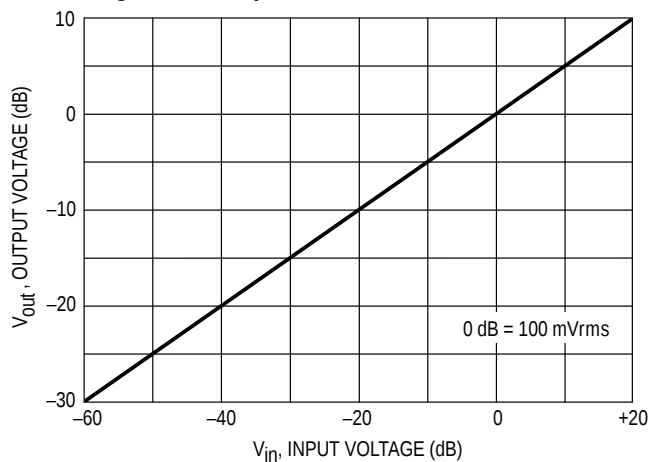


Figure 5. Expander Transfer Characteristics

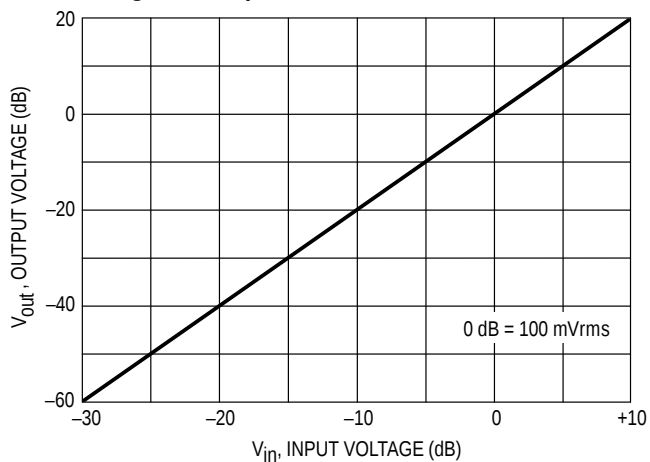


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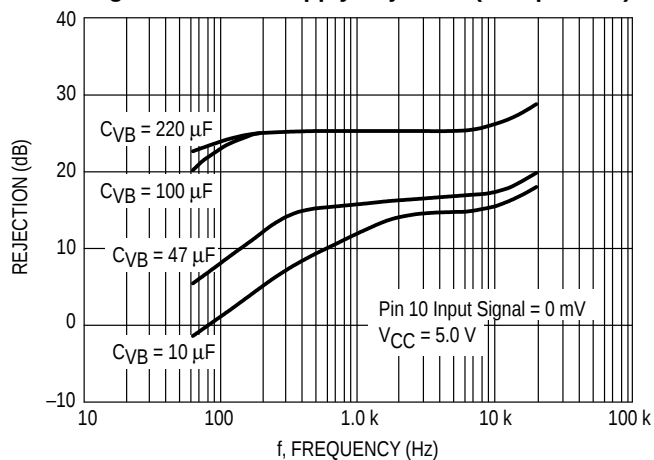
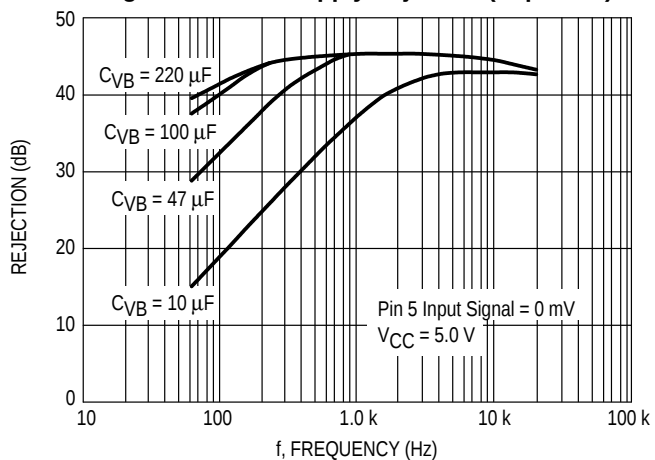
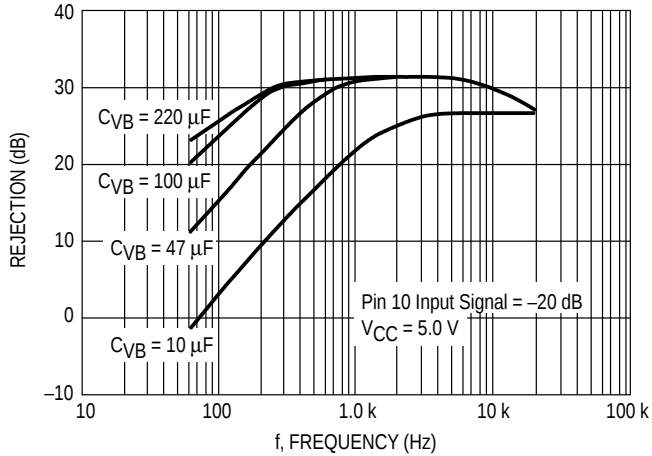


Figure 7. Power Supply Rejection (Expander)



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Figure 8. Power Supply Rejection (Compressor)



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Figure 9. Power Supply Rejection (Expander)

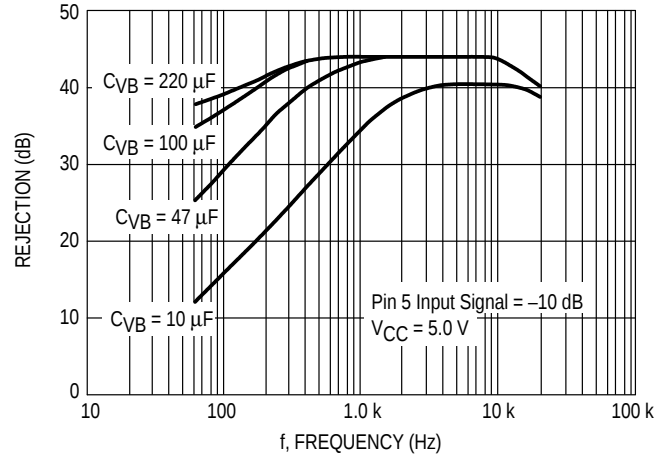


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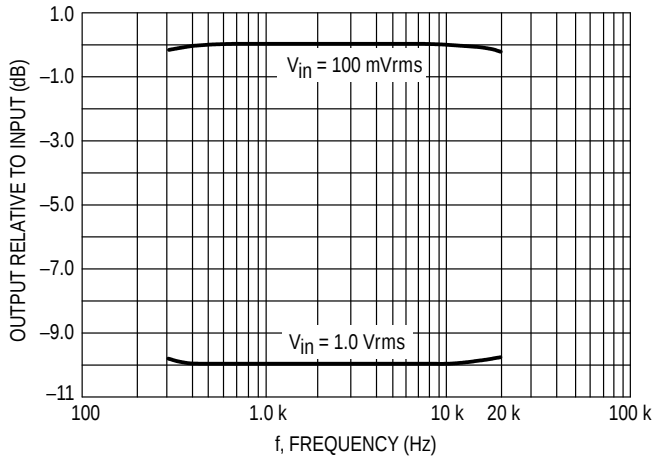


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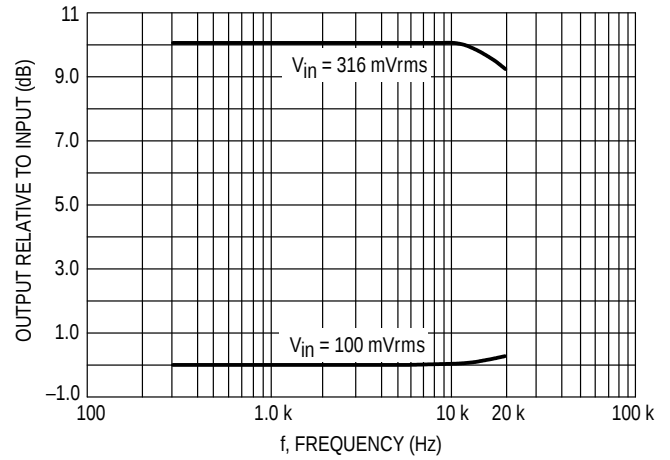


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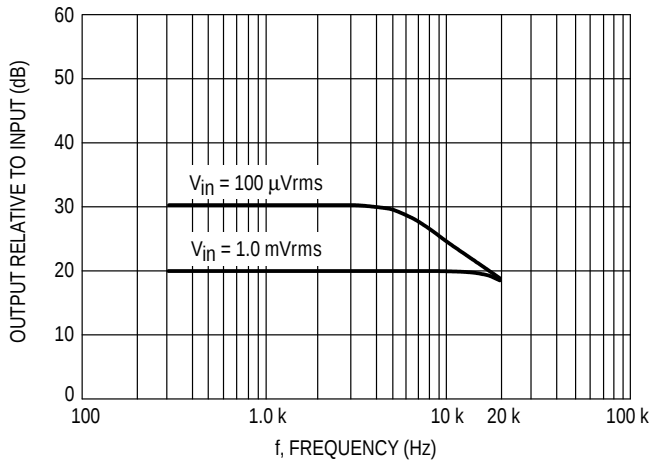


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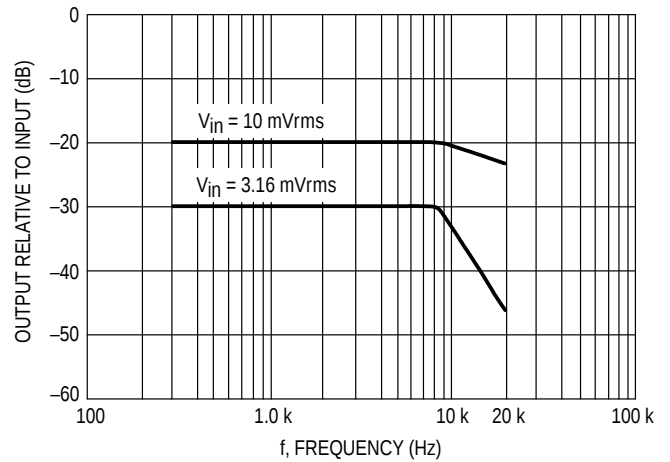


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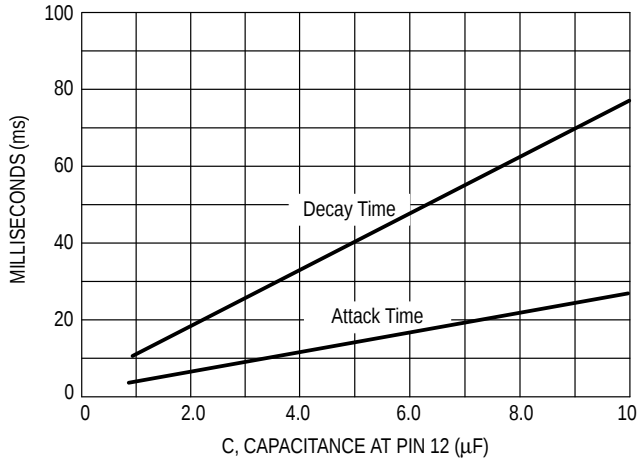


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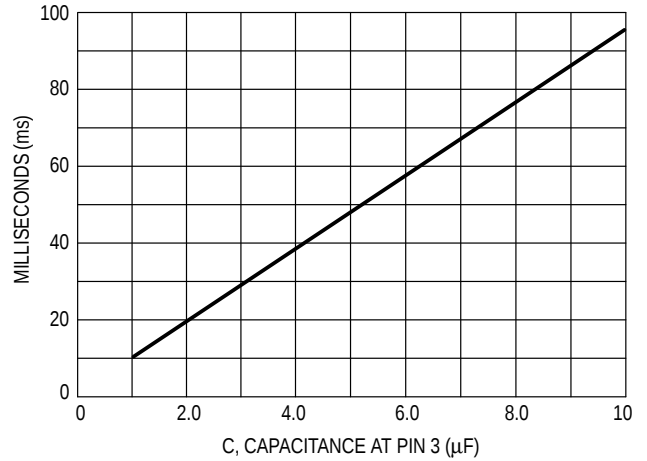


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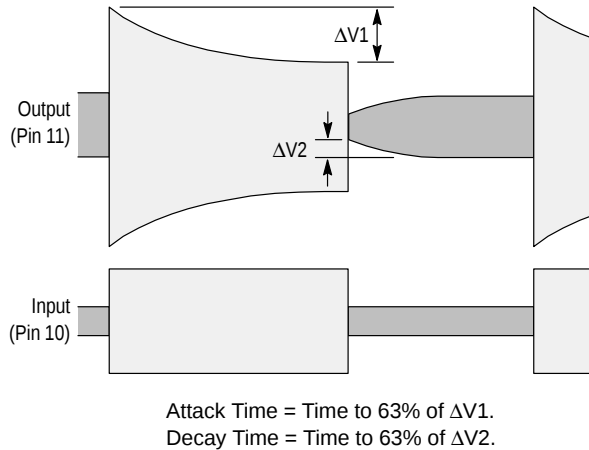


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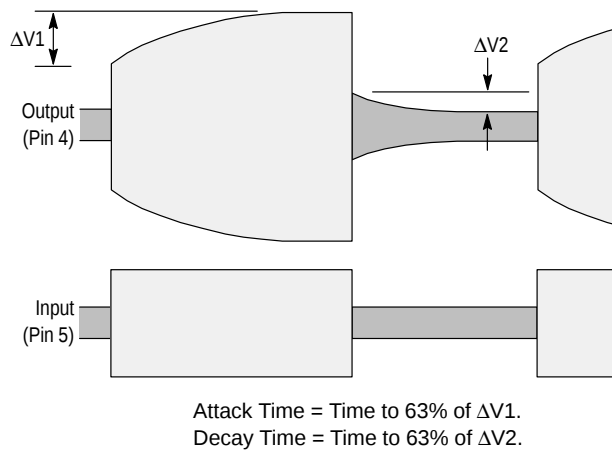


Figure 18. Maximum Input Signal

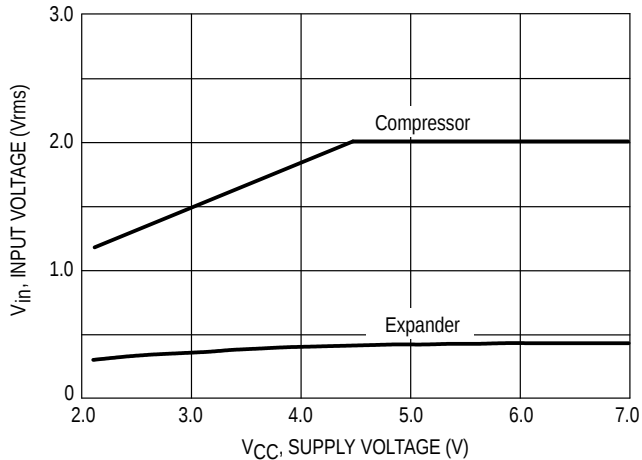
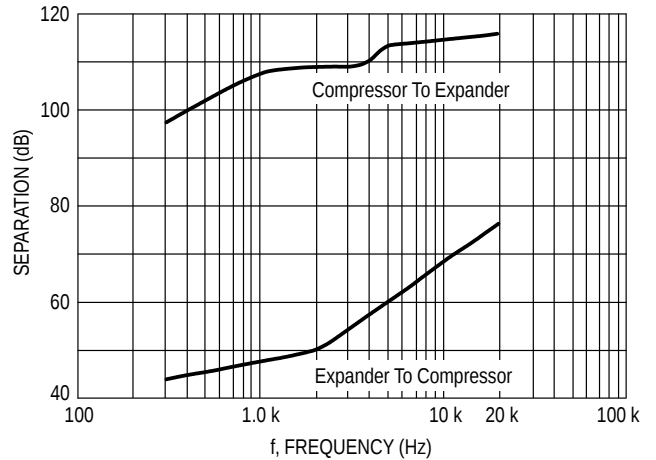
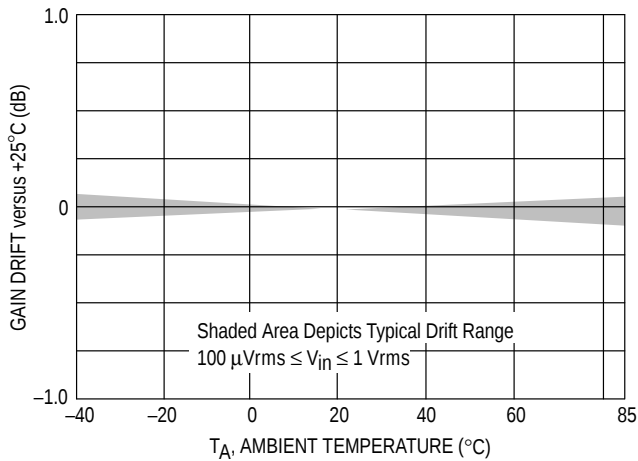


Figure 19. Channel Separation



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Figure 20. Compressor Gain Tracking versus Temperature



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Figure 21. Expander Gain Tracking versus Temperature

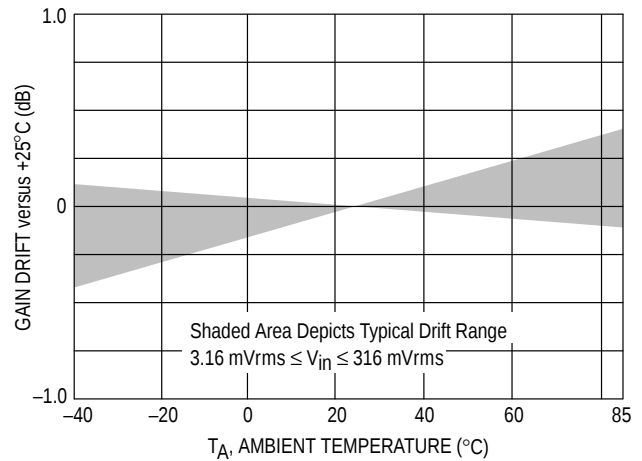


Figure 22. Compressor THD versus Temperature

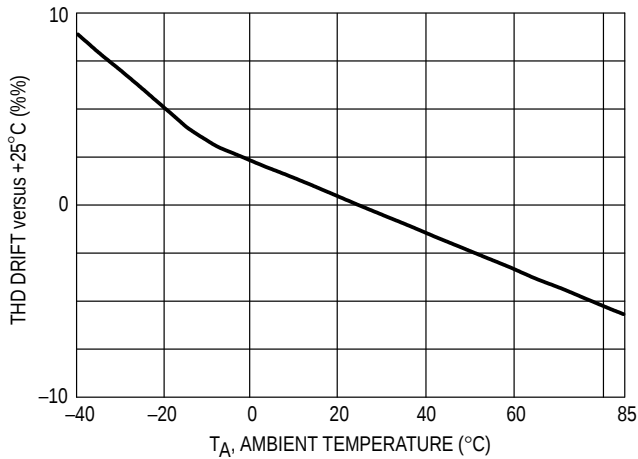
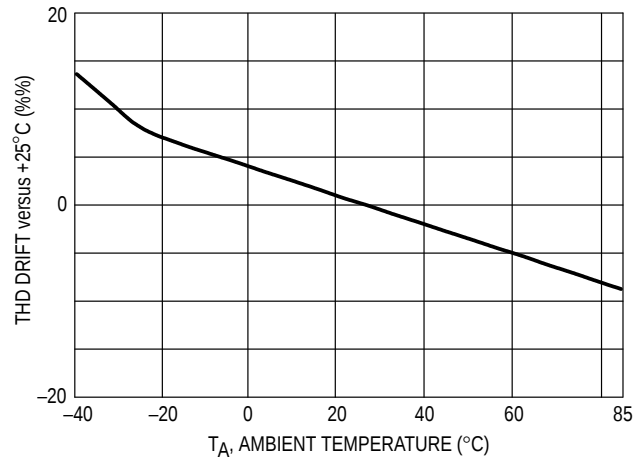


Figure 23. Expander THD versus Temperature



FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

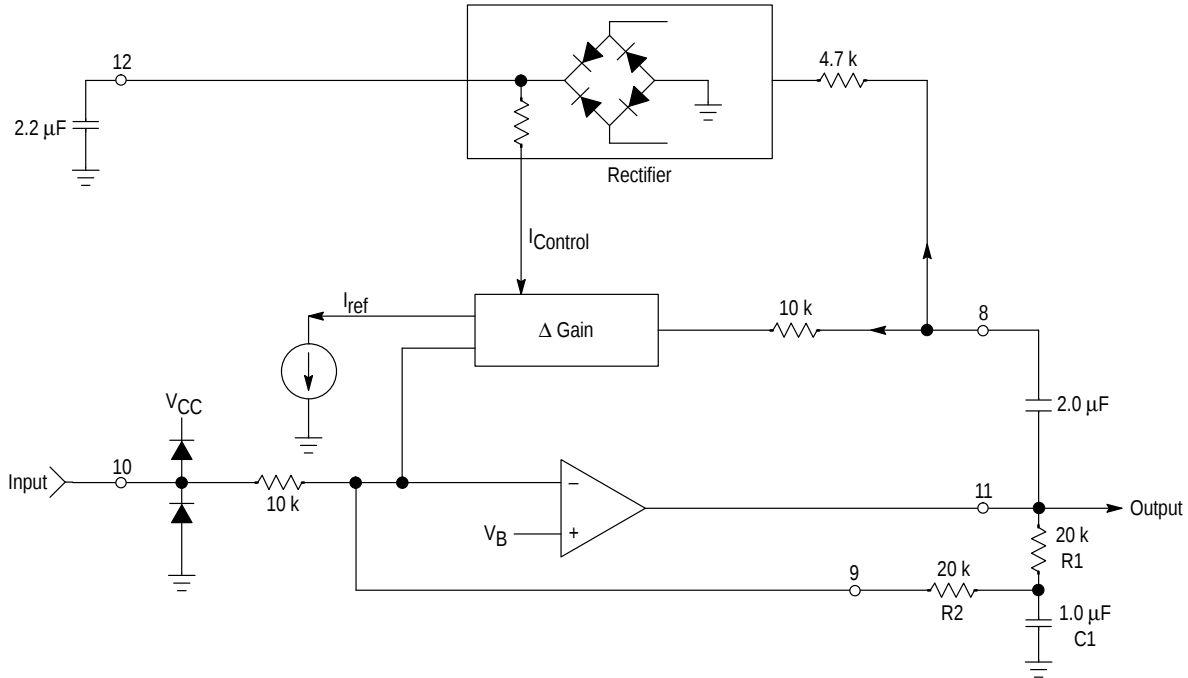
Introduction

The MC33110 compander (COMpressor and exPANDER) is composed of two variable gain circuits which provide compression and expansion of the signal dynamic range. The compressor will take a signal with an 80 dB dynamic range (100 μV to 1.0 Vrms), and reduce that to a 40 dB dynamic range by attenuating strong signals, while amplifying low level signals. The expander does the opposite in that the 40 dB signal range is increased to a dynamic range of 80 dB by amplifying strong signals and attenuating

low level signals. The 0 dB level is internally set at 100 mVrms — that is the signal level which is neither amplified nor attenuated. Both circuits contain the necessary precision full wave rectifier, variable gain cell, and temperature compensated references required for accurate and stable performance.

Note: All dB values mentioned in this data sheet, unless otherwise noted, are referred to 100 mVrms.

Figure 24. Compressor



Compressor

The compressor is an operational amplifier with a fixed input resistor and a variable gain cell in its feedback path as shown in Figure 24.

The amplifier output is sampled by the precision rectifier which, in turn, supplies a DC signal ($I_{Control}$), representative of the rectifier's AC signal, to the variable gain cell. The reference current (I_{ref}) is an internally generated precision current. The effective impedance of the variable gain cell varies with the ratio of the two currents, and decreases as $I_{Control}$ increases, thereby providing compression. The output is related to the input by the following equation:

$$V_{out} = 0.3162 \times \sqrt{V_{in}} \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

In terms of dB levels, the relationship is:

$$V_{out}(\text{dB}) = 0.5 \times V_{in}(\text{dB}) \quad (\text{Equation 2})$$

where 0 dB = 100 mVrms (see Figure 2 and 4).

The inputs and output are internally biased at V_B ($V_{CC}/2$), and must therefore be capacitor coupled to external circuitry. Pin 10 input impedance is nominally 10 k Ω ($\pm 20\%$), and the maximum functional input signal is shown in Figure 18. Bias currents required by the op amp and the variable gain cell are internally supplied. Due to clamp diodes at the input (to V_{CC} and ground), the input signal must be maintained between the supply rails. If the input signal goes more than 0.5 V above V_{CC} or below ground, excessive currents will flow and distortion will show up at the output.

When no AC signals are present at the input, the variable gain cell will attempt to set such a high gain that the circuit may become unstable. For this reason resistors R1 and R2,

and capacitor C1 are added to provide DC stability. The pole formed by R1, R2 and C1 should have a pole frequency no more than 1/10th of the lowest frequency of interest. The pole frequency is calculated from:

$$f = \frac{R1 + R2}{2\pi \times R1 \times R2 \times C1} \quad (\text{Equation 3})$$

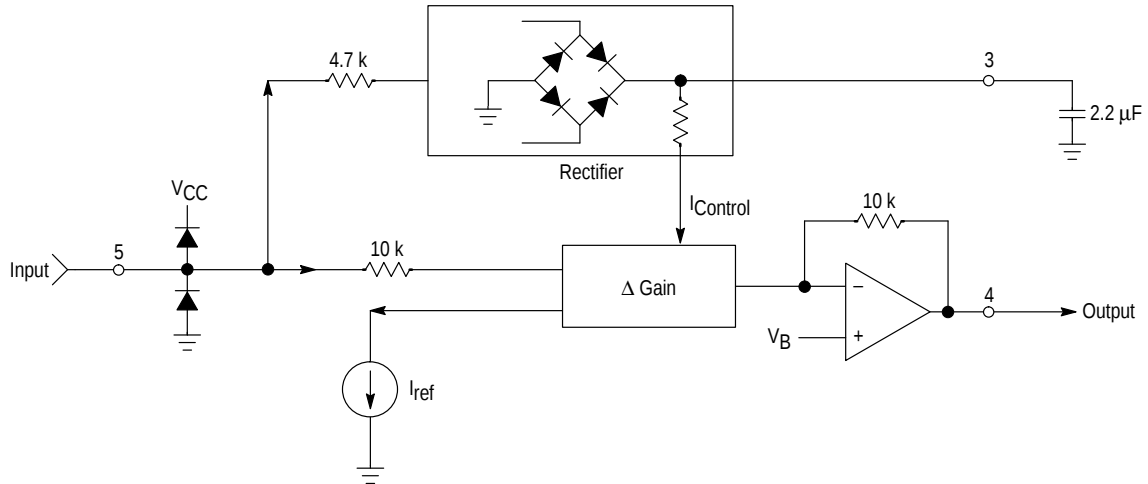
for the component values shown, the pole frequency is ≈ 16 Hz.

Likewise, the capacitor between Pins 11 and 8 should be selected such that, in conjunction with the input impedance at Pin 8 ($\approx 3200 \Omega$, $\pm 20\%$), the resulting pole frequency is no more than 1/10 of the lowest frequency of interest. With the components shown, the pole frequency is < 30 Hz. This pole frequency is calculated from:

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi \times 3.2 \text{ k} \times C} \quad (\text{Equation 4})$$

The output of the rectifier is filtered by the capacitor at Pin 12, which, in conjunction with an internal 10 k resistor, provides the time constant for the attack and decay times. Figure 14 and 16 indicate how the times vary with the capacitor value. The attack time for the compressor is always faster than the decay time due to the fact that the rectifier is fed from the output rather than the input. Since the output is initially larger than expected (immediately after the input has increased), the external capacitor is charged more quickly during the initial part of the time constant. When the input is decreased, the time constant is closer to that calculated by $t = RC$. If the attack and decay times are decreased by using a smaller capacitor, performance at low frequencies will degrade.

Figure 25. Expander



Expander

The expander is an operational amplifier with a fixed feedback resistor and a variable gain cell in its input path as shown in Figure 25.

The input signal is sampled by the precision rectifier which, in turn, supplies a dc signal ($I_{Control}$), representative of the ac input signal, to the variable gain cell. The reference current (I_{ref}) is an internally generated precision current. The effective impedance of the variable gain cell varies with the ratio of the two currents, and decreases as $|I_{Control}|$ increases, thereby providing expansion. The output is related to the input by the following equation:

$$V_{out} = 10 \times (V_{in})^2 \quad (\text{Equation 5})$$

In terms of dB levels, the relationship is:

$$V_{out(dB)} = 2.0 \times V_{in(dB)} \quad (\text{Equation 6})$$

where 0 dB = 100 mVrms (see Figure 3 and 5).

The inputs and output are internally biased at $V_B (V_{CC}/2)$, and must therefore be capacitor coupled to external circuitry. The input impedance at Pin 5 is nominally 3.2 kΩ ($\pm 20\%$), and the maximum functional input signal is shown in Figure 18. Bias currents required by the op amp and the variable gain cell are internally supplied. Due to clamp diodes

at the input (to V_{CC} and ground), the input signal must be maintained between the supply rails. If the input signal goes more than 0.5 V above V_{CC} or below ground, excessive currents will flow, and distortion will show up at the output.

The output of the rectifier is filtered by the capacitor at Pin 3, which, in conjunction with an internal 10 k resistor, provides the time constant for the attack and decay times. Figure 15 and 17 indicate how the times vary with the capacitor value. If the attack and decay times are decreased by using a smaller capacitor, performance at low frequencies will degrade.

Power Supply

The MC33110 requires a power supply voltage between 2.1 V and 7.0 V, and a nominal current of 3.5 mA. The supply voltage should be well filtered and free of ripple. A minimum of 4.7 μF in parallel with a 0.01 μF capacitor is recommended for filtering and RF bypass.

V_B (Pin 6) is an internally generated mid supply reference, and is used internally as an ac ground. The external capacitor at Pin 6 filters this voltage, and its value affects the power supply noise rejection as shown in Figures 6 through 9. This reference voltage may be used to bias external circuitry as long as the current draw is limited to <10 μA.

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Among the basic reasons for the original development of compander type circuits was to improve the signal-to-noise ratio of long distance telecom circuits, and of voice circuits which are transmitted over RF links (CBs, walkie-talkies, cordless phones, etc.). Since much of the noise heard at the receiving end of a transmission is due to noise picked up, for example, in the airway portion of the RF link, the compressor was developed to increase the low-level signals at the transmitting end. Then any noise picked in the RF link would be a smaller percentage of the transmitted signal level. At the receiving end, the signal is then expanded back to its original level, retaining the same high signal-to-noise ratio. While the above explanation indicates it is not necessary to attenuate strong signals (at the transmitting end), a benefit of doing this is the reduced dynamic range which must be handled by the

The MC33110 compander is not limited to RF or long distance telephony applications. It can be used in any system requiring an improved signal-to-noise ratio such as telephones, speakerphones, tape recorders, digital recording, and many others.

Should the application require it, the MC33110 can be configured as two expanders by reconfiguring the compressor side as shown in Figure 26.

This circuit will provide the same performance as the expander at Pins 3 through 5.

If switching power supplies are used, there will usually be spikes of 0.5 V or greater at frequencies of 50 kHz to 1.0 MHz. These spikes are generally more difficult to reduce because of their greater energy content. In extreme cases, a

The PC board tracks supplying V_{CC} and ground to the MC33110 should preferably not be at the tail end of the bus distribution, after passing through a maze of digital circuitry. The analog circuitry containing the MC33110 should be close to the power supply, or the connector where the supply voltages enter the board. If V_{CC} is supplying considerable current to other parts of the board, then it is preferable to have dedicated lines from the supply or connector directly to the MC33110 and associated circuitry.

Although this device is intended for use in the audio frequency range, the amplifiers have a bandwidth of ≈ 300 kHz, and can therefore oscillate at frequencies outside the voiceband should there be excessive stray capacitance or other unintended feedback loops. A solid ground plane is

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strongly recommended to minimize coupling of any digital noise into the analog section. Use of wire wrapped boards should definitely be avoided.

Since many applications of the MC33110 compander involve voice transmission over RF links, care must be taken

in the design of the product to keep RF signals out of the MC33110 and associated circuitry. This involves proper layout of the PC boards, the physical arrangement of the boards, shielding, proper RF ground, etc.

GLOSSARY

Attack Time — The settling time for a circuit after its input signal has been increased.

Attenuation — A decrease in magnitude of a communication signal, usually expressed in dB.

Bandwidth — The range of information carrying frequencies of a communication system.

Channel Separation — The ability of one circuit to reject outputting signals which are being processed by another circuit. Also referred to as crosstalk, it is usually expressed in dB.

Companer — A contraction of the words compressor and expander. A compander is composed of two circuits, one of each kind.

Compressor — A circuit which compresses or reduces the dynamic range of a signal by attenuating strong signals and amplifying low level signals.

dB — A power or voltage measurement unit, referred to another power or voltage. It is generally computed as:

$10 \times \log (P_1/P_2)$ for power measurements, and

$20 \times \log (V_1/V_2)$ for voltage measurements.

dBm — An indication of signal power. 1.0 mW across 600 Ω or 0.775 V rms, is typically defined as 0 dBm for telecom applications. Any voltage level is converted to dBm by:

$\text{dBm} = 20 \times \log (V_{\text{rms}}/0.775)$, or

$\text{dBm} = [20 \times \log (V_{\text{rms}})] + 2.22$.

dBm — Indicates a dBm measurement relative to 1.0 pW power level into 600 Ω . Generally used for noise measurements, 0 dBm = - 90 dBm.

dBnC — Indicates a dBm measurement using a C-message weighting filter.

Decay Time — The settling time for a circuit after its input signal has been decreased.

Expander — A circuit which expands or increases the dynamic range of a signal by amplifying strong signals and attenuating low level signals.

Gain — The change in signal amplitude (increase or decrease) after passing through an amplifier, or other circuit stage. Usually expressed in dB, an increase is a positive number and a decrease is a negative number.

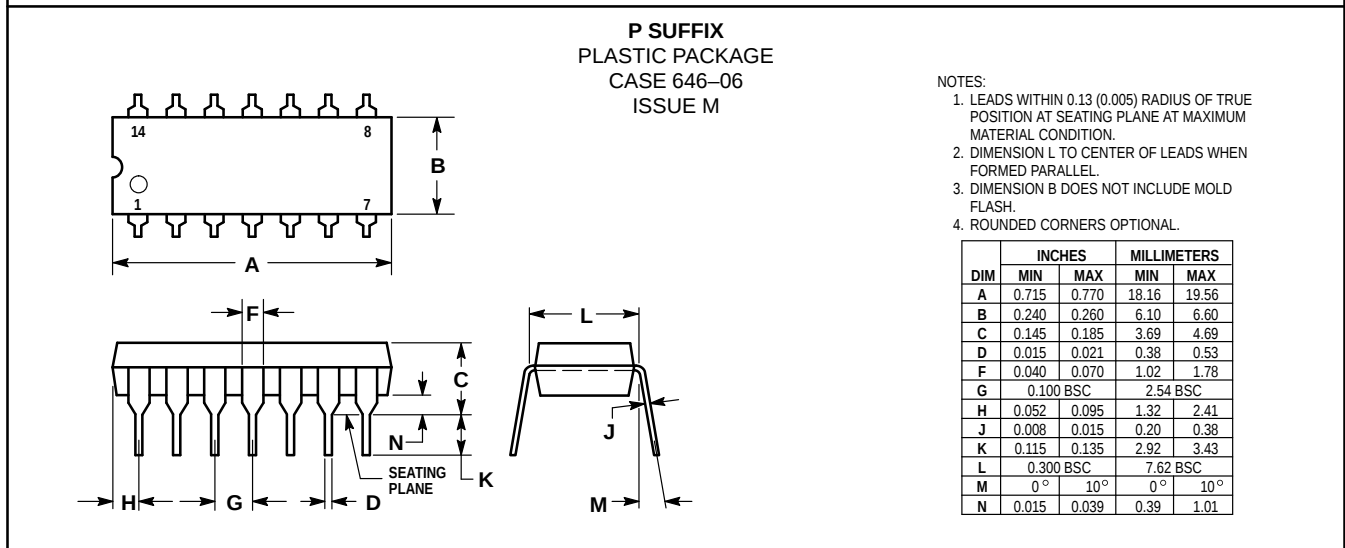
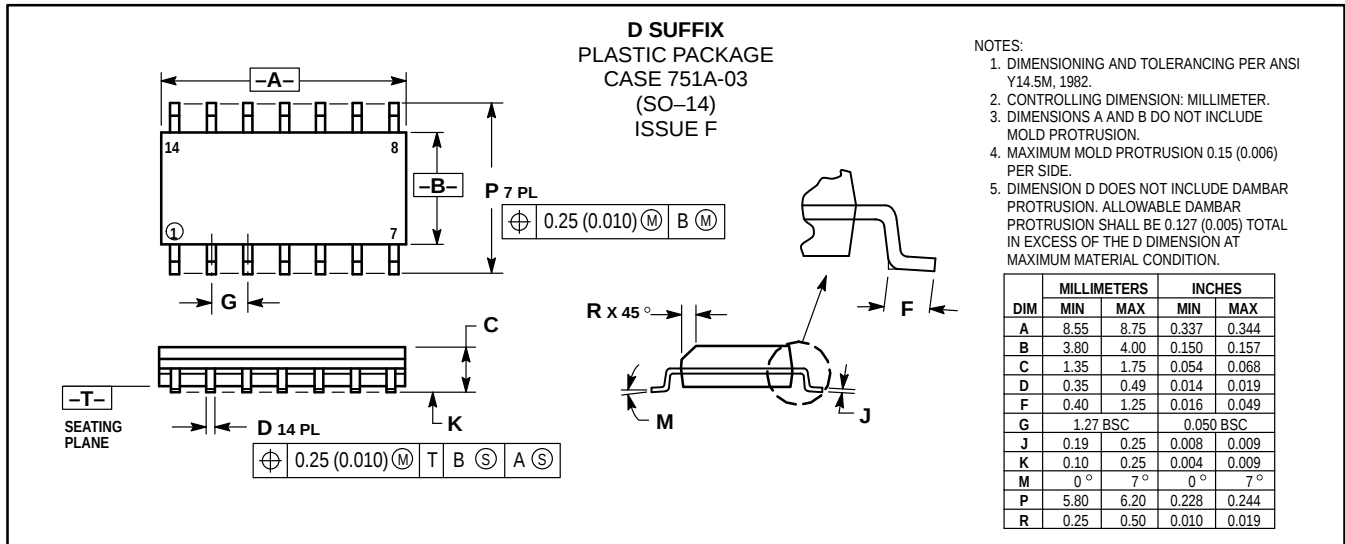
Power Supply Rejection Ratio — The ability of a circuit to reject outputting noise, or ripple, which is present on the power supply lines. PSRR is usually expressed in dB.

Signal-to-Noise Ratio — The ratio of the desired signal to unwanted signals (noise) within a defined frequency range. The larger the number, the better.

Voiceband — That portion of the audio frequency range used for transmission across the telephone system. Typically, it is 300 to 3400 Hz.

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