AFE79xx Quad-Channel RF Transceiver With Feedback Path

1 Features

- Quad RF sampling 12-GSPS transmit DACs
- Quad RF sampling 3-GSPS receive ADCs
- Dual RF sampling 3-GSPS feedback ADCs (AFE792x only)
- Maximum RF signal bandwidth:
  - TX/FB: 1200 MHz (AFE7920/88) or 400 MHz (AFE7989) or 800MHz (AFE7921)
  - RX: 600 MHz (AFE7920/88) or 400 MHz (AFE7921/AFE7989)
- Digital Step Attenuators (DSA):
  - TX: 40 dB range, 1-dB analog and 0.125-dB digital steps
  - RX: 25 dB range, 0.5-dB steps
  - FB: 25 dB range, 0.5-dB steps
- Single or dual-band DUC/DDCs (AFE7920/88 only) for TX and RX
- Dual NCOs for fast frequency switching
- Supports TDD operation with fast switching between TX and RX
- Internal PLL/VCO to generate DAC/ADC clocks
- Optional external CLK at DAC or ADC rate
- SerDes data interface:
  - JESD204B and JESD204C compliant
  - 8 SerDes transceivers up to 29.5 Gbps
  - 8b/10b and 64b/66b encoding
  - 12-bit, 16-bit, 24-bit, and 32-bit resolution
  - Subclass 1 multi-device synchronization
- Package: 17-mm × 17-mm FCBGA, 0.8-mm pitch

2 Applications

- Macro remote radio unit (RRU)
- Active antenna system mMIMO (AAS)
- Small cell base station
- Repeater
- Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS)

3 Description

The AFE79xx is a family of high performance, wide bandwidth multi-channel transceivers, integrating four RF sampling transmitter chains, four RF sampling receiver chains, and up to two RF sampling digitizing auxiliary chains (feedback paths). The high dynamic range of the transmitter and receiver chains allows the device to generate and receive 3G, 4G, and 5G signals from wireless base stations, while the wide bandwidth capability of the AFE79xx devices is designed for multi-band 4G and 5G base stations.

Each receiver chain includes a 25-dB range DSA (Digital Step Attenuator), followed by a 3-GSPS ADC (analog-to-digital converter). Each receiver channel has an analog peak power detector and various digital power detectors to assist an external or internal autonomous automatic gain controller, and RF overload detectors for device reliability protection. The single or dual digital down converters (DDC) provide up to 600 MHz of combined signal BW. In TDD mode, the receiver channel can be configured to dynamically switch between the traffic receiver (TDD RX) and wideband feedback receiver (TDD FB), with the capability of re-using the same analog input for both purposes.

Each transmitter chain includes a single or dual digital up converters (DUCs) supporting up to 1200-MHz combined signal bandwidth. The output of the DUCs drives a 12-GSPS DAC (digital to analog converter) with a mixed mode output option to enhance 2nd or 3rd Nyquist operation. The DAC output includes a variable gain amplifier (TX DSA) with 40-dB range and 1-dB analog and 0.125-dB digital steps.

The feedback path includes an 25-dB range DSA driving a 3-GSPS RF sampling ADC, followed by a DDC with up to 1200-MHz bandwidth.

Device Information[(1)]

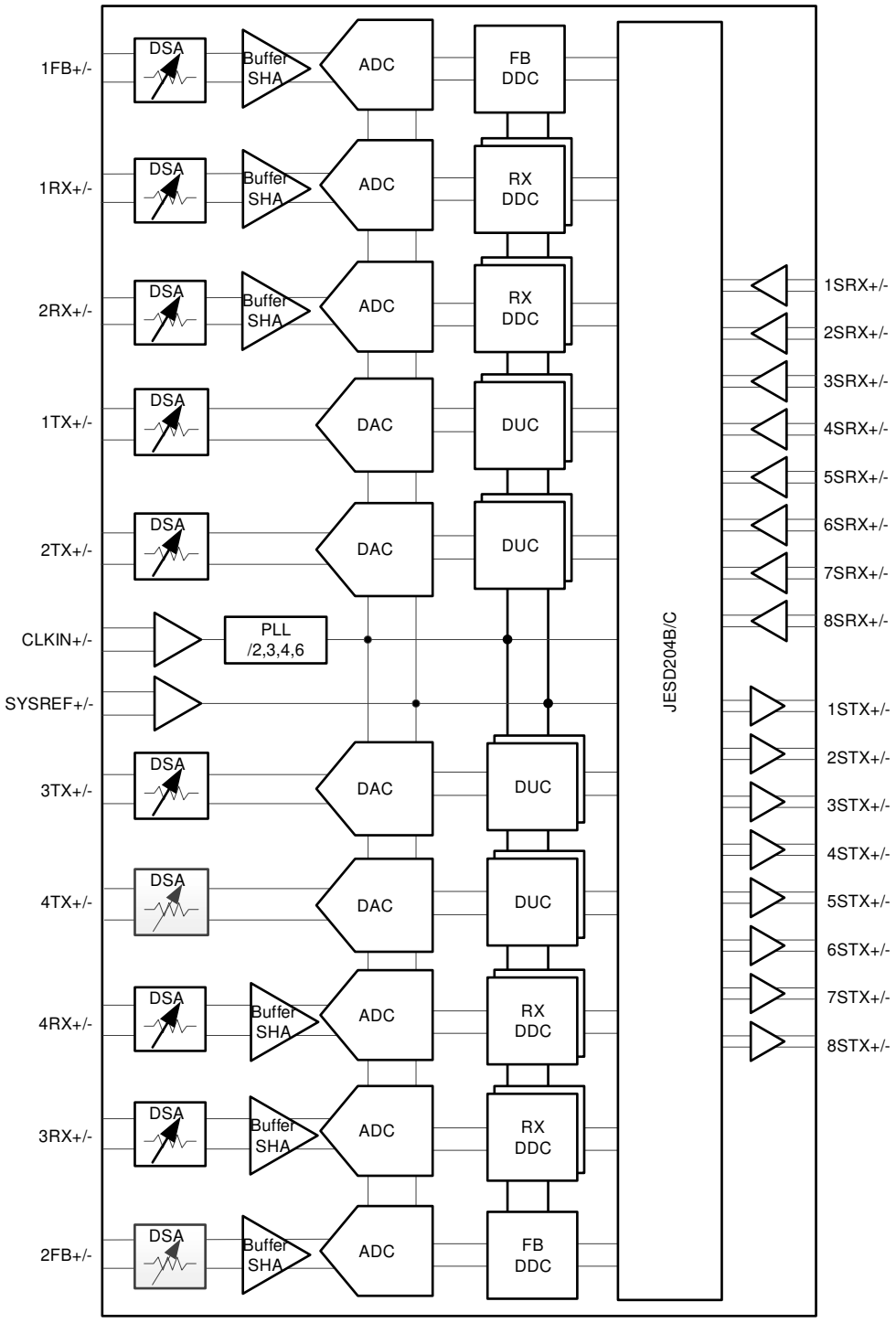
PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE
AFE7989	FC-BGA	17.00 mm × 17.00 mm
AFE7920	FC-BGA	17.00 mm × 17.00 mm
AFE7988	FC-BGA	17.00 mm × 17.00 mm
AFE7921	FC-BGA	17.00 mm × 17.00 mm

(1) For more information, see *Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information*.

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4 Functional Block Diagram

4.1 AFE7920/AFE7921 Functional Block Diagram



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4.2 AFE7988/89 Functional Block Diagram

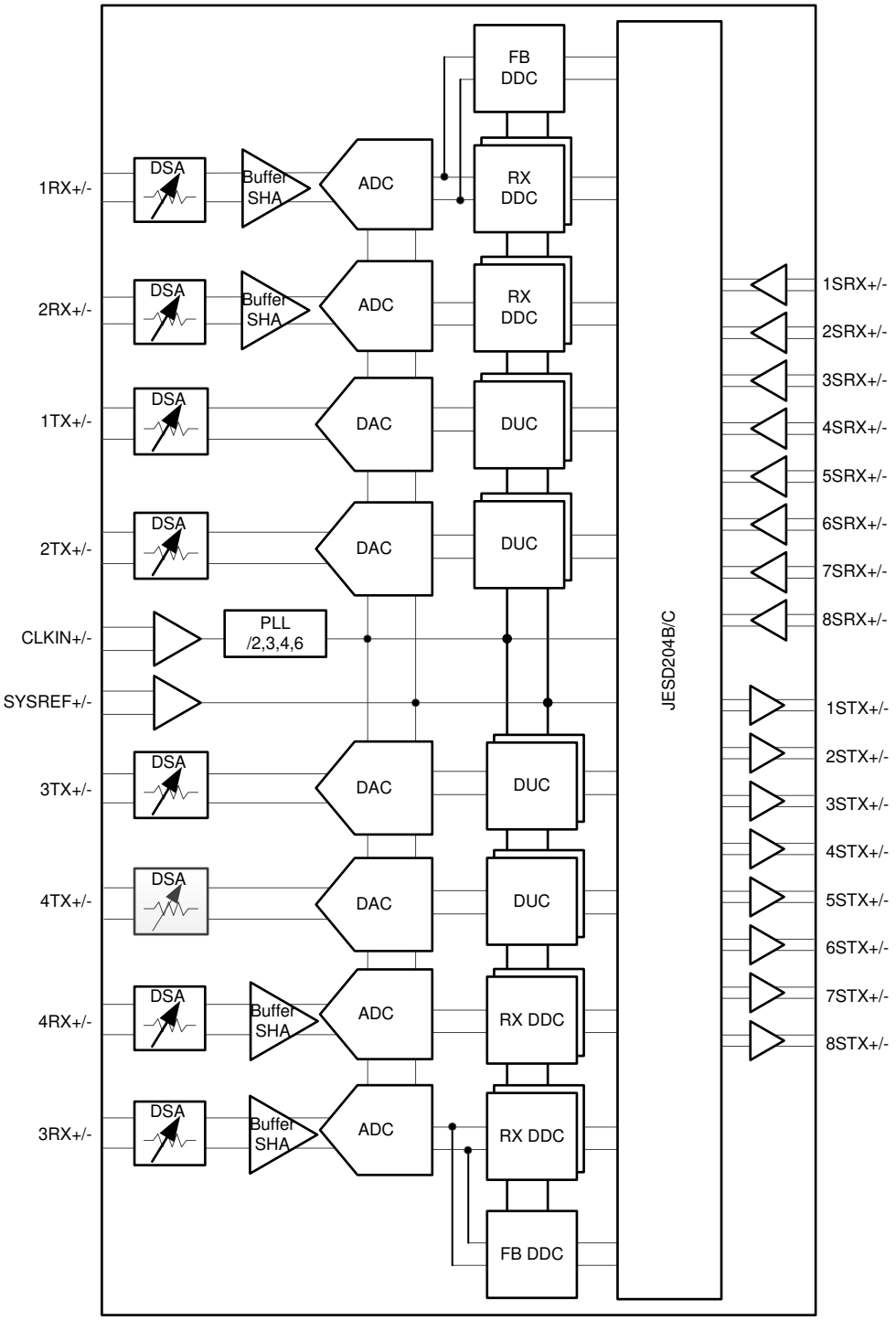


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5 Revision History

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Changes from Revision B (April 2020) to Revision C	Page
• Changed AFE7921 device status from advanced information to production data	1
• Changed AFE7921 maximum TX/FB RF signal bandwidth from 400MHz to 800MHz.	1

Changes from Revision A (February 2020) to Revision B	Page
• Changed AFE7988 device status from advanced information to production data	1

Changes from Original (December 2019) to Revision A	Page
• Changed AFE7920 device status from advanced information to production data	1

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6 Device and Documentation Support

6.1 Device Support

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AFE7988	Click here	Click here	Click here	Click here	Click here
AFE7989	Click here	Click here	Click here	Click here	Click here

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6.7 Glossary

SLYZ022 — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

7 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.

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Orderable Device	Status (1)	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan (2)	Lead finish/ Ball material (6)	MSL Peak Temp (3)	Op Temp (°C)	Device Marking (4/5)	Samples
AFE7920IABJ	ACTIVE	FCBGA	ABJ	400	90	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	SNAGCU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 85	AFE7920I	Samples
AFE7921IABJ	ACTIVE	FCBGA	ABJ	400	90	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	SNAGCU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 85	AFE7921I	Samples
AFE7988IABJ	ACTIVE	FCBGA	ABJ	400	90	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	SNAGCU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 85	AFE7988I	Samples
AFE7989IABJ	ACTIVE	FCBGA	ABJ	400	90	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	SNAGCU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 85	AFE7989I	Samples

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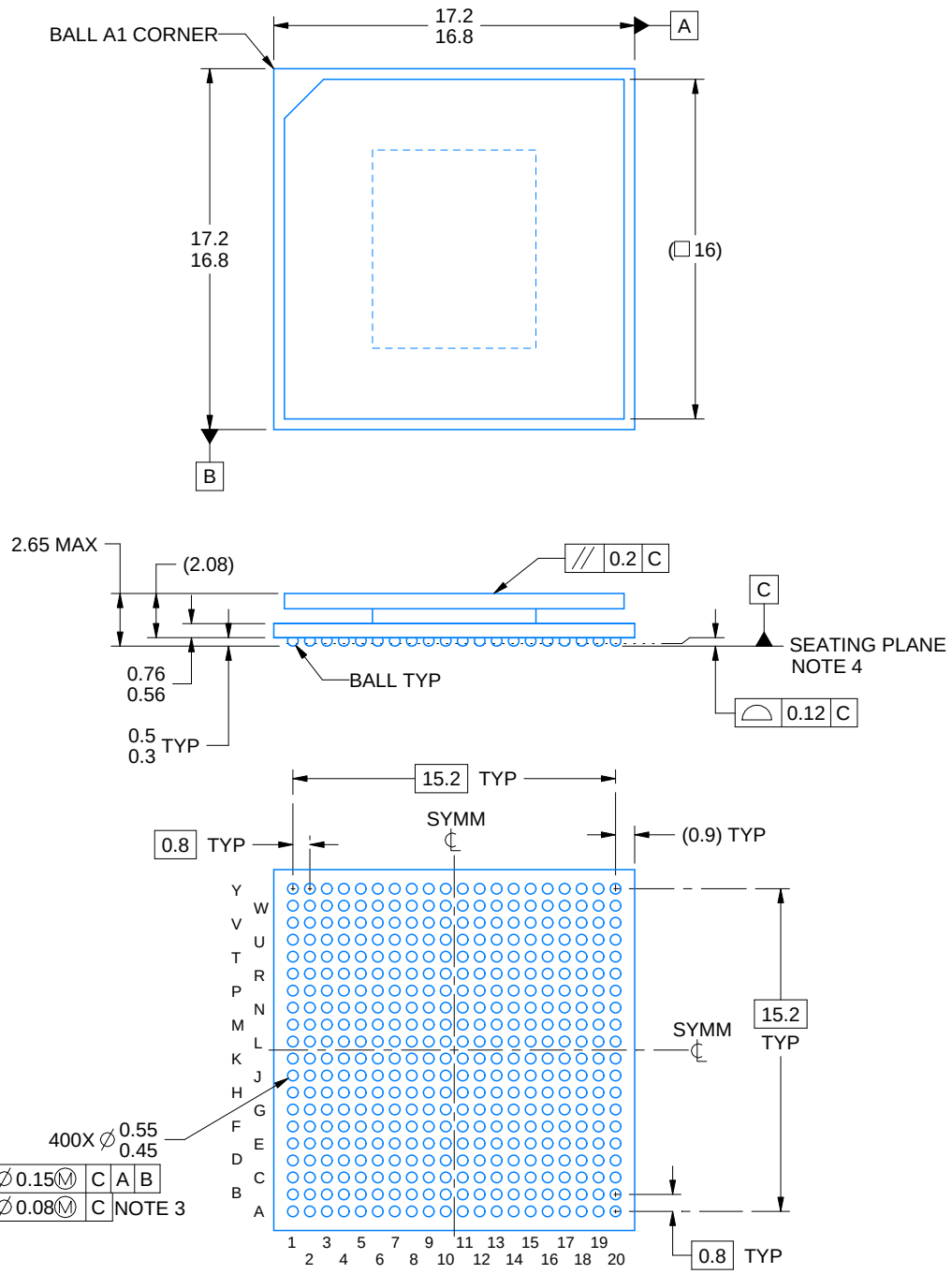
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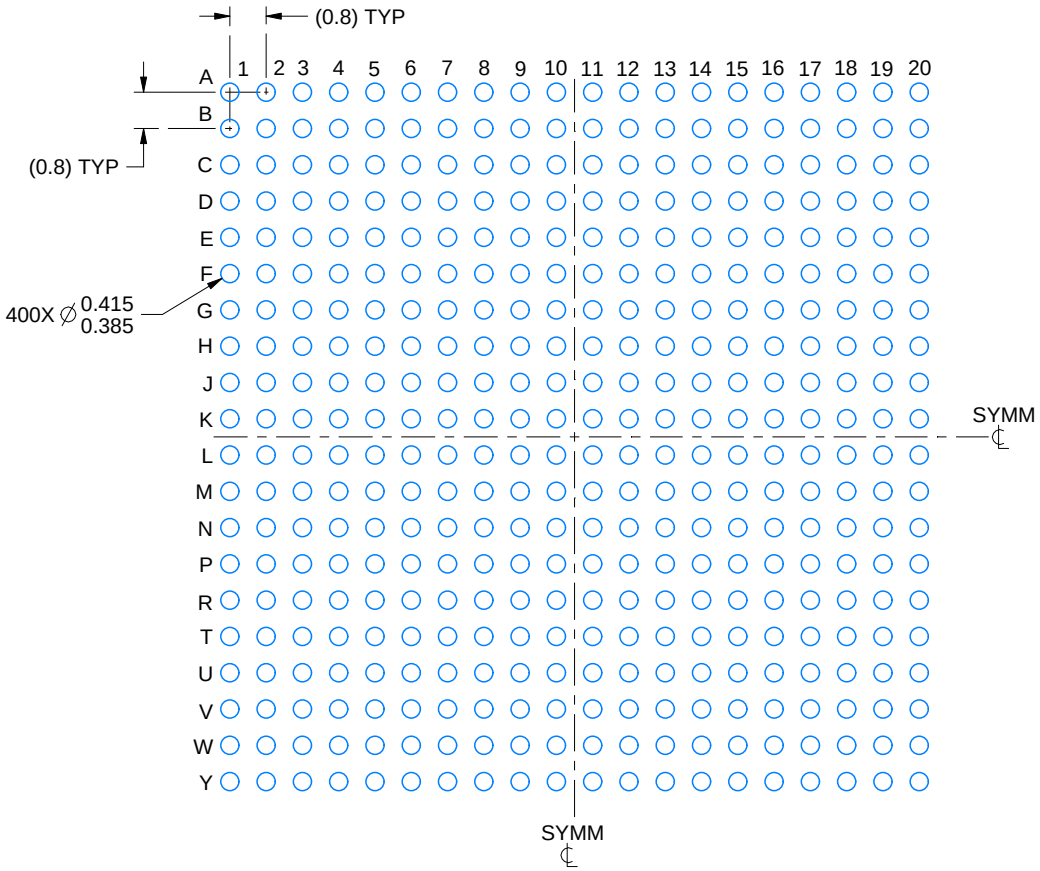
FCBGA - 2.65 mm max height

BALL GRID ARRAY

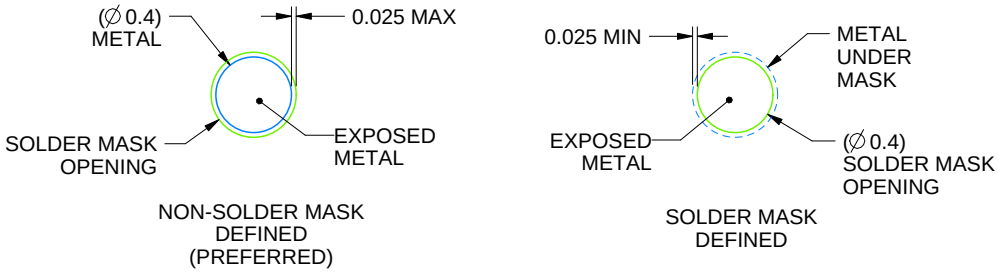


NOTES:

1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
3. Dimension is measured at the maximum solder ball diameter, parallel to primary datum C.
4. Primary datum C and seating plane are defined by the spherical crowns of the solder balls.



LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN
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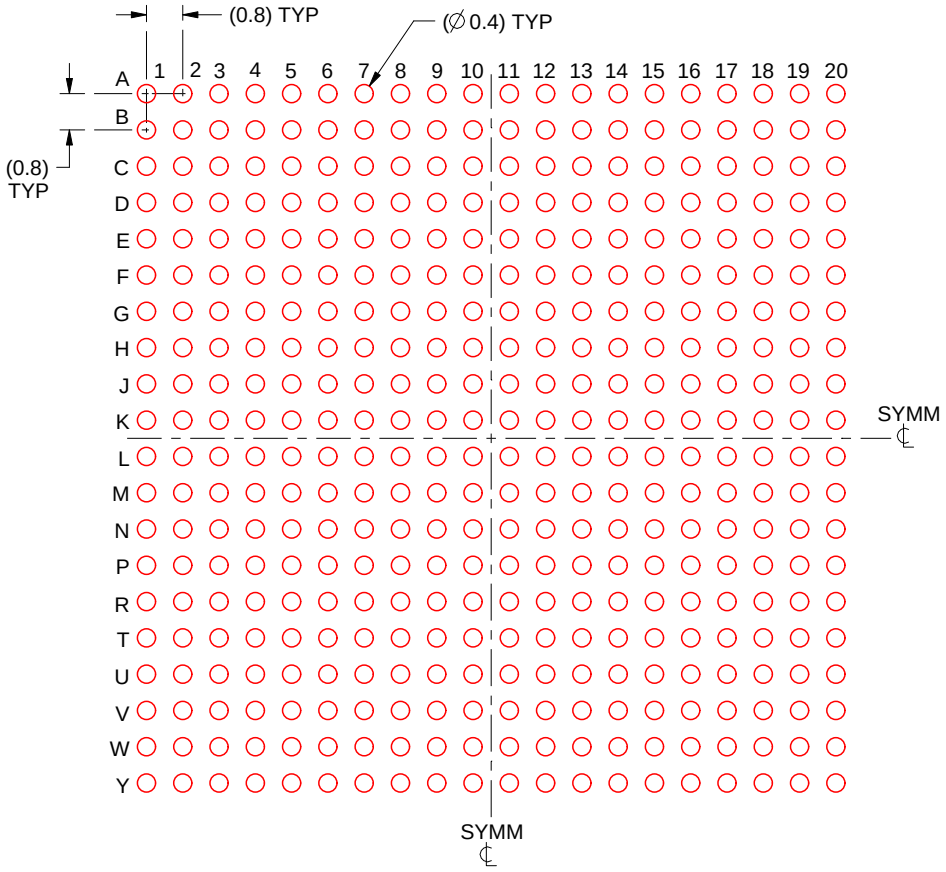


SOLDER MASK DETAILS
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5. Final dimensions may vary due to manufacturing tolerance considerations and also routing constraints. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number SPRU811 (www.ti.com/lit/spru811).



SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
BASED ON 0.15 mm THICK STENCIL
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6. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release.

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