

Stereo ADC with Microphone Preamplifier

DESCRIPTION

The WM8737L is a low power stereo audio ADC designed specifically for portable applications such as minidisc and memory audio / voice recorders.

The device offers three sets of stereo inputs, which can be configured for line-level signals, for internal or table-top microphones, or for DC measurement (battery monitor). A programmable gain amplifier can be used for automatic level control (ALC) with user programmable hold, attack and decay times. The device also has a selectable high pass filter to remove residual DC offsets.

If the signal source is mono, the WM8737L can run in mono mode, saving power. It can also mix two channels to mono, either in the analogue or the digital domain.

Master or slave mode clocking schemes are offered. Stereo 24-bit multi-bit sigma-delta ADCs are used with digital audio output word lengths from 16-32 bits, and sampling rates from 16kHz to 96kHz supported.

The device is controlled via a 2 or 3 wire serial interface. The interface provides access to all features including gain controls, analogue or digital mono mixing, and power management facilities. The device is supplied in a leadless 5x5mm QFN package.

FEATURES

- SNR 97dB ('A' weighted @ 3.3V, 48kHz, normal power mode)
- THD –84dB (at –1dB, 3.3V, normal power mode)
- Complete Stereo / Mono Microphone Interface
- Programmable microphone preamp
- Automatic Level Control
- Low-noise microphone bias voltage
- Configurable Power / Performance
- Low Power Mode
	- 8.5mW at AVDD = 1.8V (stereo, mic preamps off)
	- $20mW$ at AVDD = $3.3V$ (stereo, mic preamps off)
- Low Supply Voltages
- Analogue 1.8V to 3.6V
- Digital core: 1.42V to 3.6V
- Digital I/O: 1.8V to 3.6V
- 256fs / 384fs or USB master clock rates: 12MHz, 24MHz
- Audio sample rates: 16, 22.05, 24, 32, 44.1, 48, 88.2, 96kHz generated internally from master clock
- 32-pin QFN package, 5 x 5 x 0.9mm

APPLICATIONS

- Memory Audio / Voice Recorders
- Minidisc Recorders
- Portable Digital Music Systems

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Note:

Reel Quantity = 3,500

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Absolute Maximum Ratings are stress ratings only. Permanent damage to the device may be caused by continuously operating at or beyond these limits. Device functional operating limits and guaranteed performance specifications are given under Electrical Characteristics at the test conditions specified.

ESD Sensitive Device. This device is manufactured on a CMOS process. It is therefore generically susceptible to damage from excessive static voltages. Proper ESD precautions must be taken during handling and storage of this device.

Wolfson tests its package types according to IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020B for Moisture Sensitivity to determine acceptable storage conditions prior to surface mount assembly. These levels are:

- MSL1 = unlimited floor life at <30°C / 85% Relative Humidity. Not normally stored in moisture barrier bag.
- MSL2 = out of bag storage for 1 year at <30°C / 60% Relative Humidity. Supplied in moisture barrier bag.

MSL3 = out of bag storage for 168 hours at <30°C / 60% Relative Humidity. Supplied in moisture barrier bag.

Notes:

- 1. Analogue and digital grounds must always be within 0.3V of each other.
- 2. All digital and analogue supplies are completely independent from each other.

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Notes:

1. DBVDD must be greater than or equal to DCVDD.

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Test Conditions

 $DCVDD = 1.5V$, AVDD = MVDD = 3.3V, T_A = +25°C, 1kHz -1dBFS signal, Normal Power Mode, fs = 48kHz, PGA gain = 0dB, 24bit audio data, unless otherwise stated. Microphone preamplifier at maximum bias (default) and gain 13dB, unless otherwise stated.

Test Conditions

DCVDD = 1.5V, AVDD = MVDD = 3.3V, T_A = +25°C, 1kHz -1dBFS signal, Normal Power Mode, fs = 48kHz, PGA gain = 0dB, 24bit audio data, unless otherwise stated.

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TERMINOLOGY

- 1. Signal-to-noise ratio (dB) for the microphone preamplifiers, quoted SNR is the ratio of the rms voltages of the fullscale output at the L/RACOUT pins and the noise observed at these pins with no input signals. This figure indicates only the microphone preamplifier noise and does **not** account for additional noise that will be added by the PGAs and ADCs in obtaining the final digitised result. For the line inputs, quoted SNR is the ratio of the rms code ranges as measured at the ADC output for a full-scale output signal and the noise observed with no input. This figure combines the PGA and ADC noise contributions. (No Auto-zero or Auto-mute function is employed in achieving these results).
- 2. Dynamic range (dB) DR measures the ratio in the ADC output between the full-scale signal power and all power contributed by noise and spurious tones in the specified bandwidth. Normally THD+N is measured at 60dB below full scale (to reduce any distortion components to negligible levels) and the measurement is then corrected by adding the 60dB to its magnitude. (e.g. THD+N @ -60dB= -32dB, DR= 60 + |-32| = 92dB).
- 3. Total Harmonic Distortion and Noise (dB) THD+N is a ratio of the rms values of (Noise + Distortion) and Signal.
- 4. Channel Separation (dB) Also known as Cross-Talk. This is a measure of the amount one channel is isolated from the other. Normally measured by sending a full scale signal down one channel and measuring how much of this signal appears at the output of the other channel.
- 5. Hold Time is the length of time between a signal detected by the ALC as being too quiet and beginning to ramp up the gain. It does not apply to ramping down the gain when the signal is too loud, which happens without a delay.
- 6. Ramp-up and Ramp-Down times are defined as the time it takes for the PGA to sweep across 90% of its gain range.
- 7. All hold, ramp-up and ramp-down times scale proportionally with MCLK

Notes:

- 1. All performance measurements are done with a 20kHz low pass filter, and where noted an A-weight filter. Failure to use such a filter will result in higher THD+N and lower SNR and Dynamic Range readings than are found in the Electrical Characteristics. The low pass filter removes out of band noise; although this is not audible, it may affect dynamic specification values.
- 2. VMID and VREF are each to be decoupled to a clean analogue ground with 10uF and 0.1uF capacitors placed as close to the device package as possible. Smaller capacitors may reduce performance. VREFP should be connected to VREF and VREFN should be connected to AGND using short PCB traces. It is not recommended to connect other components to VMID or VREF in case of noise injection to the internal references of the device.

POWER CONSUMPTION

The power consumption of the WM8737L depends on the following factors.

- Supply voltages: Reducing the supply voltages also reduces supply currents, and therefore results in significant power savings (at the cost of reduced maximum SNR and THD performance).
- Operating mode: Power consumption is lower when microphone pre-amps are not used. It can be also reduced in mono or analogue mix-to-mono modes by switching off unused PGAs and ADCs via the power management register.

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Table 1 Supply Current Consumption (see also "Power Management" section)

Notes:

1. $T_A = +25^{\circ}$ C, Slave Mode, fs = 48kHz, MCLK = 12.288 MHz (256fs), 24-bit data

2. All figures are quiescent, with no signal.

SIGNAL TIMING REQUIREMENTS

Figure 1 System Clock Timing Requirements

Test Conditions

DBVDD = 3.3V, DCVDD = 1.42 to 3.6V, DGND = 0V, T_A = +25°C, Slave Mode fs = 48kHz, MCLK = 256fs, 24-bit data, unless otherwise stated.

AUDIO INTERFACE TIMING – MASTER MODE

Figure 2 Digital Audio Data Timing – Master Mode (see Control Interface)

Test Conditions

DBVDD = 3.3V, DCVDD = 1.42 to 3.6V, DGND = 0V, T_A = +25°C, Slave Mode, fs = 48kHz, MCLK = 256fs, 24-bit data, unless otherwise stated.

AUDIO INTERFACE TIMING – SLAVE MODE

Figure 3 Digital Audio Data Timing – Slave Mode

Test Conditions

DBVDD = 3.3V, DCVDD = 1.42 to 3.6V, DGND = 0V, T_A = +25°C, Slave Mode, fs = 48kHz, MCLK = 256fs, 24-bit data, unless otherwise stated.

CONTROL INTERFACE TIMING – 3-WIRE MODE

Figure 4 Control Interface Timing – 3-Wire Serial Control Mode

Test Conditions

DBVDD = 3.3V, DCVDD = 1.42 to 3.6V, DGND = 0V, T_A = +25°C, Slave Mode, fs = 48kHz, MCLK = 256fs, 24-bit data, unless otherwise stated.

CONTROL INTERFACE TIMING – 2-WIRE MODE

Figure 5 Control Interface Timing – 2-Wire Serial Control Mode

Test Conditions

DBVDD = 3.3V, DCVDD = 1.42 to 3.6V, DGND = 0V, T_A = +25°C, Slave Mode, fs = 48kHz, MCLK = 256fs, 24-bit data, unless otherwise stated.

DEVICE DESCRIPTION

INTRODUCTION

The WM8737L is a low power analogue to digital converter (ADC) designed for audio recording. Its features, performance and low power consumption make it ideal for recordable CD players, MP3 players, portable MD players and PDAs.

The device includes three stereo analogue inputs with a multiplexer to select between inputs. Each input can be used as either a line level input or as a microphone input with on-chip microphone preamplifiers. A programmable gain amplifier provides additional gain or attenuation, and can be used for automatic level control (ALC), keeping the recording volume constant. It is also possible to use the WM8737L as a mono device, or to mix the two channels to mono, either in the analogue or in the digital domain.

The ADC is of a high quality using a multi-bit high-order oversampling architecture delivering high SNR at low power consumption. It can operate at oversampling rates of 64fs (low power mode) or 128fs (normal power mode), allowing users to design for low power consumption or high performance. The ADC also includes a digital high pass filter to remove unwanted DC components from the audio signal. This filter may be turned off for DC measurements.

The output from the ADC is available on a configurable digital audio interface. It supports a number of audio data formats including I²S, DSP Mode, Left justified and Right justified, and can operate in master or slave modes.

The WM8737L master clock can be either an industry standard 256/384 fs clock or a 12MHz/24MHz USB clock. Sample rates of 16kHz, 22.05kHz, 24kHz, 32kHz, 44.1kHz, 48kHz, 88.2kHz and 96kHz can be generated directly from the master clock, without an external PLL. The digital filters are optimised for each sample rate.

The WM8737L can be controlled through a 2 wire or 3 wire MPU control interface. It is fully compatible and an ideal partner for a range of industry standard microprocessors, controllers and DSPs.

The design of the WM8737L has minimised power consumption without compromising performance. It can operate at very low voltages, can power off parts of the circuitry under software control and includes standby and power off modes.

INPUT SIGNAL PATH

The signal path consists of a multiplexer switch to select between three sets of analogue inputs, followed by a microphone boost preamplifier with selectable gain settings of 13dB, 18dB, 28dB and 33dB.

The microphone preamplifier feeds into a PGA (programmable gain amplifier) via an external capacitor which removes dc offsets that could otherwise produce zipper noise when the PGA gain changes. Alternatively, for line input signals, the microphone preamplifier can be bypassed to reduce power consumption and noise. The PGA gain can be controlled either by the user or by the on-chip ALC function (see Automatic Level Control).

The output signal from each PGA (left and right) enters an ADC where it is digitised. The two channels can also be mixed in the analogue domain and digitised in one ADC while the other ADC is switched off to reduce power consumption (see "Power Management" section). The mono-mix signal appears on both digital output channels.

LEFT AND RIGHT CHANNEL SIGNAL INPUTS

The WM8737L has two sets of low capacitance ac coupled analogue inputs, LINPUT1, LINPUT2, LINPUT3 and RINPUT1, RINPUT2, RINPUT3, The LINSEL and RINSEL control bits select between them. These inputs can be configured as microphone or line inputs by enabling or disabling the microphone preamplifier. All inputs have high impedance when the preamplifier is used and their impedance is between 1.8k Ω and 50k Ω (depending on PGA gain) if the preamplifier is bypassed.

The microphone preamplifier has very high gain settings. Care should be taken to prevent the input signal to the microphone preamplifier from exceeding the supply rails which will saturate the microphone preamplifier and may cause the preamplifier to oscillate. This is more likely to happen at the higher gain settings of +28dB and +33dB. The input signal should be limited to prevent the input signal from exceeding the supply rails and saturating the microphone preamplifier.

The signal inputs are internally high-impedance biased to the reference voltage, VREF. Whenever line inputs are muted or the device is placed into standby mode 2 (see "Power Management" section), the inputs stay biased to VREF. This reduces any audible clicks that may otherwise be heard when changing inputs or awakening from standby.

DC MEASUREMENT

For dc measurements (battery voltage monitoring for example), the LINPUT1 and/or RINPUT1 pins can be taken directly into the respective ADC, bypassing the microphone preamplifier and PGA.

In dc mode the ADC output is mid-scale for L/RINPUT1 voltage AGND and full-scale for L/RINPUT voltage 1.7 x AVDD. Note that L/RINPUT1 must not exceed AVDD and so a voltage divider will be required to bring the battery voltage into range.

Table 2 Input Software Control

The internal VREF input bias may cause unwanted loading of any potential divider connected to L/RINPUT1 for the purpose of dc measurement. In this case, the internal bias sources can be disabled by setting the appropriate bits of register R10 to zero.

Table 3 DC Measurement Bias Control

MICROPHONE PREAMPLIFER BYPASS AND BIAS CONTROL

When the Left or Right microphone preamplifier is disabled the user has two options for driving the corresponding Left or Right PGA.

Default operation is to close a preamplifier bypass switch that connects the PGA input directly to the L/RINPUT1/2/3 multiplexer output.

If the application has only a single left or right line level signal source and hence does not require the multiplexer or microphone preamplifier, then better PGA gain accuracy and THD+N performance are obtained by disabling the multiplexer and bypass switch and driving the PGA directly via the L/RACIN pin. The multiplexer and switch are disabled by setting to zero the appropriate L/RBYPEN bit in register R9. The L/RINPUT1/2/3 pads remain biased to VREF. These bits should be set to 1 if the multiplexer is required (always required when the microphone preamplifier is enabled).

The user can also adjust the microphone preamplifier bias settings to optimise THD+N versus supply current consumption for their application. Default is full bias for best THD+N performance, but the user can reduce the bias to 75%, 50% or 25% of default by programming MBCTRL[1:0] in register R9.

REGISTER ADDRESS	BIT	LABEL	DEFAULT	DESCRIPTION
R9 (09h)	3	RBYPEN	1	Right channel bypass enable
Microphone Preamplifiers Control				0: Bypass switch is always open. RINPUT1/2/3 high-impedance biased to AVDD/2. RPGA input is RACIN pin.
				1: Close bypass switch when right mic preamp is disabled.
	\mathcal{P}	LBYPEN	1	Left channel bypass enable
				0: Bypass switch is always open. LINPUT1/2/3 high-impedance biased to AVDD/2. LPGA input is LACIN pin.
				1: Close bypass switch when left mic preamp is disabled.
	1:0	MBCTRL[1:0]	11	Bias control for left and right microphone preamplifiers
				00: bias 25%
				$01:$ bias 50%
				10: bias 75%
				11: nominal (100%) bias

Table 4 Microphone Preamplifier Control

MONO-MIXING

The WM8737L can operate as a stereo or mono device, or the two channels can be mixed to mono in either the analogue domain (before the ADC) or in the digital domain (after the ADC). In all mono and mono-mix modes unused circuitry can be switched off to save power (see "Power Management" section). 3D stereo enhancement (See "3D Stereo Enhancement" section) is automatically disabled in all mono and mono-mix modes.

In analogue mono-mix mode, the signals are mixed in the Left ADC and the Right ADC automatically switches to dc measurement mode on pin RINPUT1. If dc measurement mode is not required then the Right ADC can be powered down by setting bit 2 (ADCR) in the power management register R6. Note that the high pass filter must be disabled if d.c. measurements are required.

In stereo and mono modes the Left/Right ADC data appear at the corresponding Left/Right Channel outputs. In digital mono-mix mode the mixed data appears on both the Left and Right Channel outputs. In analogue mono-mix mode the MONOUT bit controls whether the Right channel output presents the data from the Right ADC (dc measurement) or a copy of the Left Channel (mixed) output.

Table 5 Mono Mixing Control

Note: In stereo mode (R5) 00, Bit 1 must always be set to 0.

MICROPHONE BIAS

The MICBIAS output provides a low noise reference voltage suitable for biasing electret type microphones and the associated external resistor biasing network. The output voltage is derived from VREF and is programmable in three steps from 0.75 \times AVDD to 1.2 \times AVDD, as shown below. Supply voltage MVDD must be at least 170mV higher than the desired MICBIAS voltage to ensure correct MICBIAS operation.

Table 6 MICBIAS Control

The internal MICBIAS circuitry is shown below. MVDD is a separate power supply pin used only for MICBIAS and the microphone preamplifiers. When MICBIAS < AVDD, then MVDD can be tied to AVDD. However, when MICBIAS = $1.2 \times$ AVDD, then MVDD must be large enough to generate this output voltage, i.e. it must be higher than AVDD.

Note: The maximum voltage for MVDD of 3.6V must be observed.

Figure 6 Microphone Bias Schematic

Note that the maximum source current capability for MICBIAS is 3mA. The external biasing resistors therefore must be large enough to limit the MICBIAS current to 3mA. Please refer to the "Applications Information" section for recommended external components.

PGA CONTROL

The Left and Right PGAs match the input signal levels to the ADC input ranges. The PGA gain is logarithmically adjustable from –97dB to +30dB in 0.5dB steps. Each PGA can be controlled either by the user or by the ALC function (see "Automatic Level Control" section). When ALC is enabled for one or both channels then writing to the corresponding PGA gain control register has no effect. The gain is independently adjustable on both Right and Left Line Inputs. By setting the LVU or RVU bits whilst programming the PGA gain, both channels can be simultaneously updated. The inputs can also be muted under software control. The PGA control register maps are shown in Table 7.

Table 7 PGA Software Control

ZERO-CROSS DETECTION

To avoid zipper or click noises, it is preferable to change the microphone preamplifier and PGA gains only when the input signal is at zero. The WM8737L has built-in zero-cross detectors to achieve this. This function is enabled by setting the LMZC, LPZC, RMZC and RPZC bits. The zero-cross detection feature includes a programmable time-out, selected by writing to LZCTO[1:0] and RZCTO[1:0]. If no zero crossing occurs within the time-out period then the WM8737L changes the PGA or microphone preamplifier gains when the time-out elapses.

REGISTER ADDRESS	BIT	LABEL	DEFAULT	DESCRIPTION
R ₂ (02h) Audio Path Left	3	LMZC	None (first gain change would overwrite!)	Left Mic preamp Zero-Cross Enable 0: Change gain immediately 1: Change gain on zero crossing only
	$\overline{2}$	LPZC	1	Left PGA Zero-Cross Enable 0: Change gain immediately 1: Change gain on zero crossing only
	1:0	LZCTO[1:0]	11	Left Zero-Cross Time-Out $00:256$ /fs 01:512/fs 10: 1024/fs 11: 2048/fs (42.67ms at 48kHz) This timeout applies to both the PGA and mic preamp zero-cross watchdog timers.
R3 (03h) Audio Path Right	3	RMZC	None	Right Mic preamp Zero-Cross Enable Same as LMZC but for right channel
	$\overline{2}$	RPZC	1	Right PGA Zero-Cross Enable Same as LMZC but for right channel
	1:0	RZCTO[1:0]	11	Right Zero-Cross Time-Out Same as LMZC but for right channel

Table 8 Zero-Cross Detection Control

ANALOGUE TO DIGITAL CONVERTER (ADC)

The WM8737L uses a multi-bit, oversampled sigma-delta ADC for each channel. The use of multi-bit feedback and high oversampling rates reduces the effects of jitter and high frequency noise. The ADC full-scale input level is proportional to AVDD. With a 3.3V supply voltage the full scale level is 1.0 Volt rms (+/-1.414 Volts peak). Any voltage greater than full-scale will overload the ADC and cause distortion.

ADC THD+N VERSUS POWER CONTROL

The ADCs can be operated in 'normal mode', which offers best THD+N performance at the cost of highest power dissipation, or in 'low power mode' which offers significant power savings at the cost of slightly reduced THD+N performance. The ADCs operating mode is controlled by the LP bit in register R5. USB mode is not compatible with low power mode, so the LP bit must be set to 0 if USB mode is selected.

See the 'Power Consumption' section for power requirements in both modes.

Table 9 ADC Power Control

ADC DIGITAL FILTER

The ADC filters perform true 24 bit signal processing to convert the raw multi-bit oversampled data from the ADC to the correct sampling frequency to be output on the digital audio interface. The digital filter path is illustrated below.

Figure 7 ADC Digital Filter

The ADC digital filters contain a digital high pass filter, selectable via software control. The high-pass filter response is detailed in the "Digital Filter Characteristics" section. When the high-pass filter is enabled the dc offset is continuously calculated and subtracted from the input signal. By setting HPOR, the last calculated d.c. offset value is maintained but still subtracted from the input.

The output data format can be programmed by the user to accommodate stereo or monophonic recording on both inputs. The polarity of the output signal can also be changed under software control. The software control is shown below.

REGISTER ADDRESS	BIT	LABEL	DEFAULT	DESCRIPTION
R5 (05h)	0	ADCHPD	0	ADC High Pass Filter Enable (Digital)
ADC Control				1: Disable High Pass Filter
				0: Enable High Pass Filter
	4	HPOR	0	Store dc offset
				0. Present offset maintained
				1: Continuously update offset
	6:5	POLARITY	00	00: Polarity not inverted
				01: L polarity invert
				10: R polarity invert
				11: L and R polarity invert

Table 10 ADC Control

ADC MAXIMUM OUTPUT CODES

The ADC output codes are limited by the digital gain of the stage following the 3D enhancement filters. This limits the max full scale positive output to 7F7FFFh and full scale negative to 808000h. To get the maximum positive output code (7FFFFFh) and negative code (800000h) from the ADC, the 3D enhancement filters should be bypassed. This can be done by first setting register R13 (0Dh) to 1_110x_xxxx (1C0h), where x_xxxx represents the required values for the ALC in the application, and then setting register R28 (1Ch) to 0_0000_0100 (004h).

Note that the above sequence uses test bits that are not documented and the use of these test bits, other than as described above, is not recommended and is not supported.

3D STEREO ENHANCEMENT

The WM8737L has a 3D stereo enhancement function for use in applications where the natural separation between stereo channels is low. The function is activated by the 3DEN bit, and artificially increases the separation between the left and right channels. The 3DDEPTH setting controls the degree of stereo expansion. Additionally, one of four filter characteristics can be selected for the 3D processing, using the 3DFILT control bits.

When 3D enhancement is enabled (and/or the tone control for playback) it may be necessary to attenuate the signal by 6dB to avoid limiting. This is a user selectable function, enabled by setting DIV2.

Note: The 3D enhancement function is not supported at sample frequencies of 88.2kHz, 88.235kHz, and 96kHz. When using these sample frequencies the 3D enhancement function should be bypassed by first setting register R13 (ODh) to 1 110x xxxx (1C0h), where x xxxx represents the required values for the ALC in the application, and then setting register R28 (1Ch) to 0_0000_0100 (004h).

Note that the above sequence uses test bits that are not documented and the use of these test bits, other than as described above, is not recommended and is not supported.

Table 11 Stereo Enhancement Control

AUTOMATIC LEVEL CONTROL (ALC)

The WM8737L has an automatic level control that aims to keep a constant recording volume irrespective of the input signal level. This is achieved by continuously adjusting the PGA gain so that the signal level at the ADC input remains constant. A digital peak detector monitors the ADC output and changes the PGA gain if necessary.

Figure 8 ALC Operation

The ALC function is enabled using the ALCSEL[1:0] control bits in register R12. When enabled, the recording volume can be programmed between -3dB and -18dB (relative to ADC full scale) using the ALCL[3:0] register bits in register R12.

R13 and R14 bits HLD[3:0], DCY[3:0] and ATK[3:0] control the hold, decay and attack times, respectively:

Hold time is the time delay between the peak level detected being below target and the PGA gain beginning to ramp up. It can be programmed in power-of-two (2^n) steps, e.g. 2.67ms, 5.33ms, 10.67ms etc. up to 43.7ms. Alternatively, the hold time can also be set to zero. The hold time only applies to gain ramp-up, there is no delay before ramping the gain down when the signal level is above target.

Decay time (Gain Ramp-Up) is the time that it takes for the PGA gain to ramp up across 90% of its range (e.g. from –15dB up to 25.5 dB). The time it takes for the recording level to return to its target value therefore depends on both the decay time and on the gain adjustment required. If the gain adjustment is small, it will be shorter than the decay time. The decay time can be programmed in power-of-two (2^n) steps, from 33.6ms, 67.2ms, 134.4ms etc. to 34.41s.

Attack time (Gain Ramp-Down) is the time that it takes for the PGA gain to ramp down across 90% of its range (e.g. from 25.5dB down to -15dB gain). The time it takes for the recording level to return to its target value therefore depends on both the attack time and on the gain adjustment required. If the gain adjustment is small, it will be shorter than the attack time. The attack time can be programmed in power-of-two (2^n) steps, from 8.4ms, 16.8ms, 33.6ms etc. to 8.6s.

When operating in stereo, the peak detector takes the maximum of left and right channel peak values, and any new gain setting is applied to both left and right PGAs, so that the stereo image is preserved. However, the ALC function can also be enabled on one channel only. In this case, only one PGA is controlled by the ALC mechanism, while the other channel runs independently with its PGA gain set through the control register.

When one ADC channel is unused or used for dc measurement, the peak detector disregards that channel. The ALC function can operate in digital mono mix mode (MONOMIX = 10), but not in analogue mono mix mode (MONOMIX = 01).

Table 12 ALC Control

PEAK LIMITER

To prevent clipping when a large signal occurs just after a period of quiet, the ALC circuit includes a limiter function. If the ADC input signal exceeds 87.5% of full scale (–1.16dBFS), the PGA gain is ramped down at the maximum attack rate (as when ATK = 0000), until the signal level falls below 87.5% of full scale. This function is automatically enabled whenever the ALC is enabled.

(Note: If ATK = 0000, then the limiter makes no difference to the operation of the ALC. It is designed to prevent clipping when long attack times are used.)

NOISE GATE

When the signal is very quiet and consists mainly of noise, the ALC function may cause "noise pumping", i.e. loud hissing noise during silence periods. The WM8737L has a noise gate function that prevents noise pumping by comparing the signal level at the LINPUT1/2/3 and/or RINPUT1/2/3 pins against a noise gate threshold, NGTH. The noise gate cuts in when:

Signal level at ADC [dB] < NGTH [dB] + PGA gain [dB] + Mic preamp gain [dB]

This is equivalent to:

Signal level at input pin [dB] < NGTH [dB]

When the noise gate is triggered, the PGA gain is held constant (preventing it from ramping up as it would normally when the signal is quiet).

The table below summarises the noise gate control register. The NGTH control bits set the noise gate threshold with respect to the ADC full-scale range. The threshold is adjusted in 6dB steps. Levels at the extremes of the range may cause inappropriate operation, so care should be taken with set–up of the function. Note that the noise gate only works in conjunction with the ALC function, and always operates on the same channel(s) as the ALC (left, right, both, or none).

REGISTER ADDRESS	BIT	LABEL	DEFAULT	DESCRIPTION
R ₁₁ (0Bh)	0	NGAT	0	Noise gate function enable
Noise Gate				$1 =$ enable
Control				$0 =$ disable
	4:2	NGTH[2:0]	000	Noise gate threshold (with respect to
				ADC output level)
				000: -78dBFS
				$001: -72$ dBfs
				\ldots 6 dB steps
				110: -42dBFS
				111: -30dBFS

Table 13 Noise Gate Control

DIGITAL AUDIO INTERFACE

The digital audio interface uses three pins:

- ADCDAT: ADC data output
- ADCLRC: ADC data alignment clock
- BCLK: Bit clock, for synchronisation

The digital audio interface takes the data from the internal ADC digital filters and places it on ADCDAT and ADCLRC. ADCDAT is the formatted digital audio data stream output from the ADC digital filters with left and right channels multiplexed together. ADCLRC is an alignment clock that indicates whether Left or Right channel data is present on the ADCDAT line. ADCDAT and ADCLRC are synchronous with the BCLK signal with each data bit transition signified by a BCLK high to low transition. ADCDAT is always an output. BCLK and ADCLRC may be inputs or outputs depending whether the device is in master or slave mode (see Master and Slave Mode Operation, below).

Four different audio data formats are supported:

- Left justified
- Right justified
- \cdot I^2S
- DSP mode

All four of these modes are MSB first. They are described in Audio Data Formats, below. Refer to the Electrical Characteristic section for timing information.

MASTER AND SLAVE MODE OPERATION

The WM8737L can be configured as either a master or slave mode device. As a master device the WM8737L generates BCLK and ADCLRC and thus controls sequencing of the data transfer on ADCDAT. In slave mode, the WM8737L responds with data to clocks it receives over the digital audio interface. The mode can be selected by writing to the MS bit (see Table 14). Master and slave modes are illustrated below.

Figure 9a Master Mode **Figure 9b** Slave Mode

AUDIO DATA FORMATS

In Left Justified mode, the MSB is available on the first rising edge of BCLK following an ADCLRC transition. The other bits up to the LSB are then transmitted in order. Depending on word length, BCLK frequency and sample rate, there may be unused BCLK cycles before each ADCLRC transition.

In Right Justified mode, the LSB is available on the last rising edge of BCLK before an ADCLRC transition. All other bits are transmitted before (MSB first). Depending on word length, BCLK frequency and sample rate, there may be unused BCLK cycles after each ADCLRC transition.

Figure 11 Right Justified Audio Interface (assuming n-bit word length)

In I^2S mode, the MSB is available on the second rising edge of BCLK following an ADCLRC transition. The other bits up to the LSB are then transmitted in order. Depending on word length, BCLK frequency and sample rate, there may be unused BCLK cycles between the LSB of one sample and the MSB of the next.

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Figure 12 I² S Justified Audio Interface (assuming n-bit word length)

In DSP mode, the left channel MSB is available on either the $1st$ or $2nd$ rising edge of BCLK (selectable by LRP) following a rising edge of ADCLRC. Right channel data immediately follows left channel data. Depending on word length, BCLK frequency and sample rate, there may be unused BCLK cycles between the LSB of the right channel data and the next sample.

Figure 13 DSP Mode A Mater Mode

Figure 14 DSP Mode B, Master Mode Audio Interface

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Figure 15 DSP Mode A Slave Mode

Figure 16 DSP Mode B Slave Mode

AUDIO INTERFACE CONTROL

The register bits controlling audio format, word length and master/slave mode are summarised below. Note that dynamically changing the software format may cause erroneous operation of the interfaces and is therefore not recommended.

All ADC data is signed 2's complement. The length of the digital audio data is programmable at 16/20/24 or 32 bits, as shown below. The ADC digital filters process data using 24 bits. If the WM8737L is programmed to output 16 or 20 bit data then it strips the LSBs from the 24 bit data. If the device is programmed to output 32 bits then it packs the LSBs with zeros.

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Table 14 Audio Data Format Control

Note: Right Justified mode does not support 32-bit data. If WL=11 in Right justified mode, the actual word length is 24 bits.

To prevent any communication problems on the Audio Interface, the interface is disabled (ADCDAT tristated and floating) when the WM8737L starts up. Once the Audio Interface and sample rates have been programmed, the audio interface can be activated under software control by setting the AI bit (see "Power Management" section).

MASTER CLOCK AND AUDIO SAMPLE RATES

The master clock (MCLK) is used to operate the digital filters and the noise shaping circuits. The WM8737L supports a wide range of master clock frequencies, and can generate many commonly used audio sample rates directly from the master clock.

There are two clocking modes:

- 'Normal' mode supports master clocks of $128f_s$, $192f_s$, $256f_s$, $384f_s$, and their multiples
- USB mode supports 12MHz or 24MHz master clocks. This mode is intended for use in systems with a USB interface, and eliminates the need for an external PLL to generate another clock frequency for the audio ADC.

Table 15 Clocking and Sample Rate Control

The clocking of the WM8737L is controlled using the CLKDIV2, USB, and SR control bits. Setting the CLKDIV2 bit divides MCLK by two internally. The USB bit selects between 'Normal' and USB mode. Each combination of the SR4 to SR0 control bits selects one sample rate (see next page). The digital filter characteristics are automatically adjusted to suit the MCLK and sample rate selected (see Digital Filter Characteristics).

Since all sample rates are generated by dividing MCLK, their accuracy depends on the accuracy of MCLK. If MCLK changes, the sample rates change proportionately. Note that some sample rates (e.g. 44.1kHz in USB mode) are approximated, i.e. they differ from their target value by a very small amount. This is not audible, as the maximum deviation is only 0.27% (48.0214kHz instead of 48kHz in USB mode - for comparison, a half-tone step corresponds to a 5.9% change in pitch).

In slave mode, it is possible to autodetect the audio clock rate ratio, instead of programming it. The WM8737L can autodetect the following clock ratios:

- CLKDIV2 = 0: MCLK = $128f_s$, 192 f_s , 256 f_s , or 384 f_s subject to MCLK < 40 MHz
- $CLKDIV2 = 1$: MCLK = 256f_s, 384f_s, 512f_s, 768f_s, 1024f_s, 1536f_s, subject to MCLK < 40MHz

Table 16 Master Clock and Sample Rates

Note 1: The 3D enhancement is not supported at sample frequencies of 88.2kHz, 88.235kHz, and 96kHz. When using these sample frequencies the 3D enhancement function should be bypassed by first setting register R13 (0Dh) to 1_110x_xxxx (1C0h), where x_xxxx represents the required values for the ALC in the application, and then setting register R28 (1Ch) to 0_0000_0100 (004h).

Note that the above sequence uses test bits that are not documented and the use of these test bits, other than as described above, is not recommended and is not supported.

CONTROL INTERFACE

SELECTION OF CONTROL MODE

The WM8737L is controlled by writing to registers through a serial control interface. A control word consists of 16 bits. The first 7 bits (B15 to B9) are address bits that select which control register is accessed. The remaining 9 bits (B8 to B0) are register bits, corresponding to the 9 bits in each control register. The control interface can operate as either a 3-wire or 2-wire MPU interface. The MODE pin selects the interface format.

Table 17 Control Interface Mode Selection

3-WIRE SERIAL CONTROL MODE

In 3-wire mode, every rising edge of SCLK clocks in one data bit from the SDIN pin. A rising edge on CSB latches in a complete control word consisting of the last 16 bits.

Figure 17 3-Wire Serial Control Interface

2-WIRE SERIAL CONTROL MODE

The WM8737L supports software control via a 2-wire serial bus. Many devices can be controlled by the same bus, and each device can be identified by one of two 7-bit address (this is not the same as the 7-bit address of each register in the WM8737L).

The WM8737L interface can be written to only and cannot be read back. The controller indicates the start of data transfer with a high to low transition on SDIN while SCLK remains high. This indicates that a device address and data will follow. All devices on the 2-wire bus respond to the start condition and shift in the next eight bits on SDIN (7-bit address + Read/Write bit, MSB first). If the device address received matches the address of the WM8737L and the R/W bit is '0', indicating a write, then the WM8737L responds by pulling SDIN low on the next clock pulse (ACK). If the address is not recognised or the R/W bit is '1', the WM8737L returns to the idle condition and wait for a new start condition and valid address.

Once the WM8737L has acknowledged a correct address, the controller sends the first byte of control data (B15 to B8, i.e. the WM8737L register address plus the first bit of register data). The WM8737L then acknowledges the first data byte by pulling SDIN low for one clock pulse. The controller then sends the second byte of control data (B7 to B0, i.e. the remaining 8 bits of register data), and the WM8737L acknowledges again by pulling SDIN low.

The transfer of data is complete when there is a low to high transition on SDIN while SCLK is high. After receiving a complete address and data sequence the WM8737L returns to the idle state and waits for another start condition. If a start or stop condition is detected out of sequence at any point during data transfer (i.e. SDIN changes while SCLK is high), the device jumps to the idle condition.

Figure 18 2-Wire Serial Control Interface

The WM8737L has two possible device addresses, which can be selected using the CSB pin.

Table 18 2-Wire MPU Interface Address Selection

POWER SUPPLIES

The WM8737L can use up to four separate power supplies:

- AVDD/AGND: Analogue supply, powers all analogue functions except the microphone pre-amp and MICBIAS. AVDD can range from 1.8V to 3.6V and has the most significant impact on overall power consumption. A large AVDD improves audio quality by increasing the maximum input signal range and thus SNR.
- MVDD: Supply pin for microphone pre-amp and MICBIAS only. This separate pin makes it possible to generate MICBIAS voltages larger than AVDD up to a maximum of 3.6V. If this is not necessary, MVDD should also be tied to AVDD.
- DCVDD: Digital core supply, powers all digital functions except the audio and control interface pins. DCVDD can range from 1.42V to 3.6V, and has no effect on audio quality. The return path for DCVDD is DGND, which is shared with DBVDD.
- DBVDD: Digital buffer supply, powers the audio and control interface pins. This makes it possible to run the digital core at very low voltages, saving power, while interfacing to other digital devices using a higher voltage. DBVDD draws much less power than DCVDD, and has no effect on audio quality. The return path for DBVDD is DGND, which is shared with DCVDD.

It is possible to use the same supply voltage on all three. However, digital and analogue supplies should be routed and decoupled separately to keep digital switching noise out of the analogue signal paths.

POWER MANAGEMENT

The WM8737L has a power management register that allows users to select which functions are active. For minimum power consumption, unused functions should be disabled. To avoid any pop or click noise.

When the WM8737L is not in use, it can be put into either one of two standby modes or OFF mode.

OFF mode is achieved by writing zeros to all bits in the power management register and gives lowest power consumption, but wake-up may take several seconds if the VMID decoupling capacitor has discharged, as it must be recharged from the selectable impedance VMID source.

The output impedance of VMID can be changed to allow variable voltage stabilization time after VMID is powered on. The 300k Ω setting will ensure minimum VMID power consumption but with slow charging time, while the $2.5k\Omega$ setting will allow a more rapid charging time but with the penalty of greatly increased VMID power consumption. The default $75k\Omega$ setting is recommended for most applications.

Table 19 VMID Impedance Selection

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Standby mode 1 is achieved by powering down everything except the VMID source and gives a very low power sleep mode. Wake-up may require a few milliseconds to ensure that the VREF voltage has stabilized.

Standby mode 2 is achieved by not powering down VMID and VREF. The WM8737L can awaken instantly from standby mode 2 because VREF is already stable.

Table 20 Power Management

REGISTER MAP

Table 21 Control Register Map

DIGITAL FILTER CHARACTERISTICS

The WM8737L has four different types of digital filter characteristics to suit different MCLK and sample rates (see Master Clock and Audio Sample Rates).

Table 22 Digital Filter Characteristics

Table 23 Digital Filters Group Delay

TERMINOLOGY

- 1. Stop Band Attenuation (dB) the degree to which the frequency spectrum is attenuated (outside audio band)
- 2. Pass-band Ripple any variation of the frequency response in the pass-band region
- 3. The filter responses are shown on the following page.

Figure 19 ADC Digital Filter Frequency Response – Type A Figure 20 ADC Digital Filter Ripple – Type A

0.04

Figure 21 ADC Digital Filter Frequency Response – Type B Figure 22 ADC Digital Filter Ripple – Type B

Figure 23 ADC Digital Filter Frequency Response – Type C Figure 24 ADC Digital Filter Ripple – Type C

Figure 25 ADC Digital Filter Frequency Response – Type D Figure 26 ADC Digital Filter Ripple – Type D

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

LINE INPUT CONFIGURATION

In order to avoid clipping, the user must ensure that the input signal does not exceed AVDD. This may require a potential divider circuit in some applications. It is also recommended to remove RF interference picked up on any cables using a simple first-order RC filter, as high-frequency components in the input signal may otherwise cause aliasing distortion in the audio band. This filter must not have high output impedance at audio frequencies (e.g. use a LC filter) if PGA gain errors are to be minimised when bypassing the microphone preamplifier.

When using ac signals with no dc bias they should be coupled to the WM8737L signal inputs through a DC blocking capacitor, e.g. 470nF or 1μ F when using the microphone preamplifier, and at least 10µF if directly driving the PGA (bigger capacitance may be required at higher gains due to the low PGA input impedance at high gain).

MICROPHONE INPUT CONFIGURATION

Figure 27 Recommended Circuit for Microphone Input

For interfacing to a microphone, the ALC function should be enabled and the microphone boost switched on. Microphones held close to a speaker's mouth would normally use a lower boost setting such as 13dB, while tabletop or room microphones would need a higher boost, for example 28dB.

The recommended application circuit is shown above. R1 and R2 form part of the biasing network (refer to Microphone Bias section). R1 connected to MICBIAS is necessary only for electret type microphones that require a voltage bias. R2 should always be present to prevent the microphone input from charging to a high voltage which may damage the microphone on connection. R1 and R2 should be large so as not to attenuate the signal from the microphone, which can have source impedance greater than $2k\Omega$. C1 together with the source impedance of the microphone and the WM8737L input impedance forms an RF filter. C2 is a dc blocking capacitor to allow the microphone to be biased at a different dc voltage to the MICIN signal.

RECOMMENDED EXTERNAL COMPONENTS

Figure 28 External Components Diagram

Table 24 External Components Descriptions

PACKAGE DIMENSIONS

NOTES:
1. DIMENSION b APPLIES TO METALLIZED TERMINAL AND IS MEASURED BETWEEN 0.15 mm AND 0.30 mm FROM TERMINAL TIP.
2. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETRES.
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