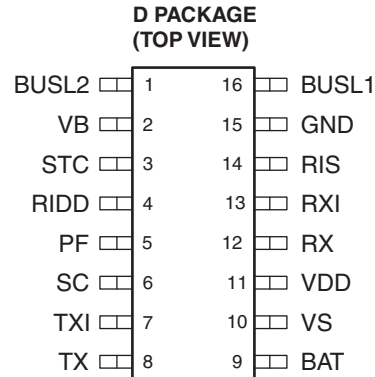


METER-BUS TRANSCEIVER

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FEATURES

- **Meter-Bus Transceiver (for Slave) Meets Standard EN1434-3**
- **Receiver Logic With Dynamic Level Recognition**
- **Adjustable Constant-Current Sink via Resistor**
- **Polarity Independent**
- **Power-Fail Function**
- **Module Supply Voltage Switch**
- **3.3-V Constant Voltage Source**
- **Remote Powering**
- **Up to 9600 Baud in Half Duplex for UART Protocol**
- **Slave Power Support**
 - Supply From Meter-Bus via Output VDD
 - Supply From Meter-Bus via Output VDD or From Backup Battery
 - Supply From Battery – Meter-Bus Active for Data Transmission Only



DESCRIPTION

TSS721A is a single chip transceiver developed for Meter-Bus standard (EN1434-3) applications.

The TSS721A interface circuit adjusts the different potentials between a slave system and the Meter- Bus master. The connection to the bus is polarity independent and supports full galvanic slave isolation with optocouplers.

The circuit is supplied by the master via the bus. Therefore, this circuit offers no additional load for the slave battery. A power-fail function is integrated.

The receiver has dynamic level recognition, and the transmitter has a programmable current sink.

A 3.3-V voltage regulator, with power reserve for a delayed switch off at bus fault, is integrated.

Table 1. ORDERING INFORMATION⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

T _A	PACKAGE		ORDERABLE PART NUMBER
0°C to 70°C	SOIC – D	Reel of 2500	TSS721ADR

(1) For the most current package and ordering information, see the Package Option Addendum at the end of this document, or see the TI web site at www.ti.com.

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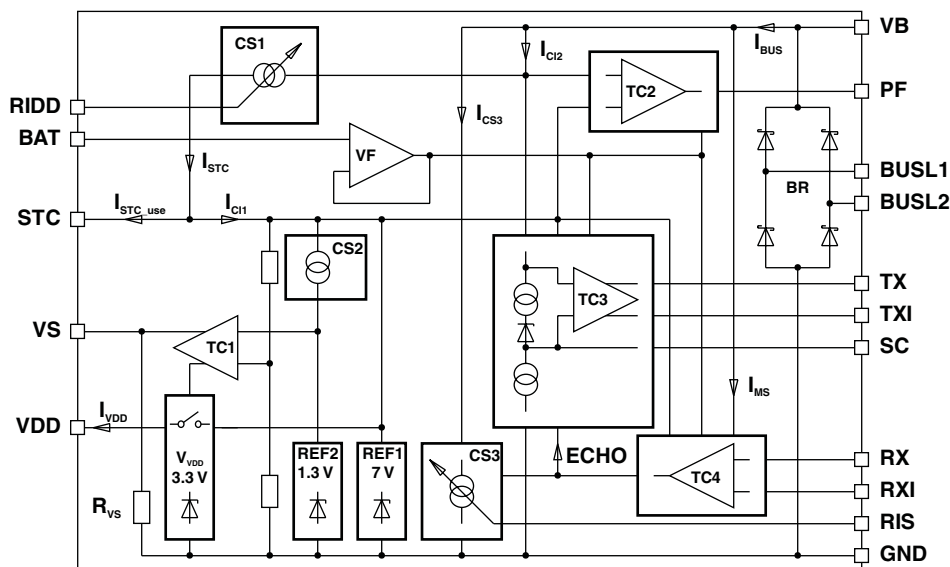


Figure 1. Functional Schematic

Table 2. Terminal Functions

TERMINAL		DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.	
BUSL2	1	Meter-Bus
VB	2	Differential bus voltage after rectifier
STC	3	Support capacitor
RIDD	4	Current adjustment input
PF	5	Power fail output
SC	6	Sampling capacitor
TXI	7	Data output inverted
TX	8	Data output
BAT	9	Logic level adjust
VS	10	Switch for bus or battery supply output
VDD	11	Voltage regulator output
RX	12	Data input
RXI	13	Data input inverted
RIS	14	Adjust input for modulation current
GND	15	Ground
BUSL1	16	Meter-Bus

Data Transmission, Slave to Master

The device uses current modulation to transmit information from the slave to the master while the bus voltage remains constant. The current source CS3 modulates the bus current and the master detects the modulation. The constant current source CS3 is controlled by the inverted input RXI or the non-inverted input RX. The current source CS3 can be programmed by an external resistor R_{RIS} . The modulation supply current I_{MS} flows in addition to the current source CS3 during the modulation time.

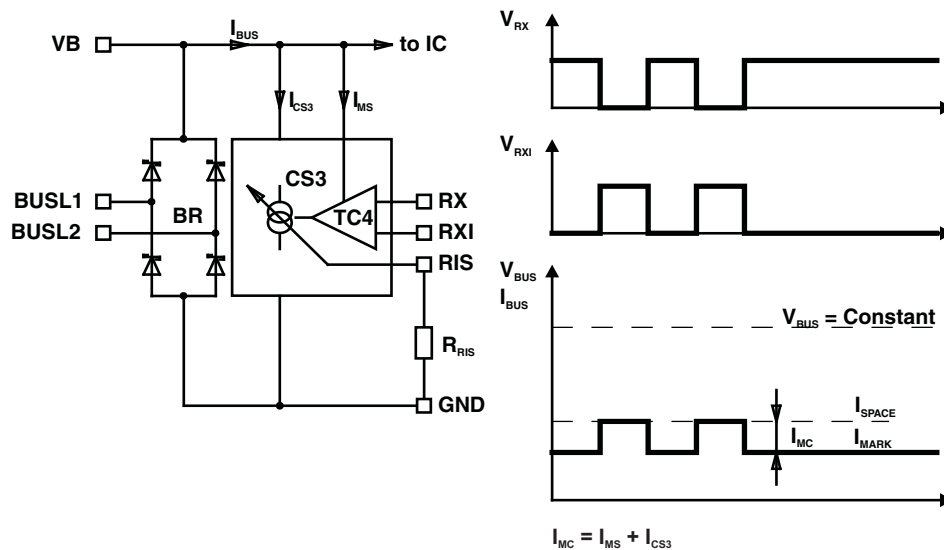


Figure 3. Data Transmission, Slave to Master

Because the TSS721A is configured for half-duplex only, the current modulation from RX or RXI is repeated concurrently as ECHO on the outputs TX and TXI. If the slave, as well as the master, is trying to send information via the lines, the added signals appear on the outputs TX and TXI, which indicates the data collision to the slave (see [Figure 1](#)).

The bus topology requires a constant current consumption by each connected slave.

To calculate the value of the programming resistor R_{RIS} , use the formula shown in [Figure 4](#).

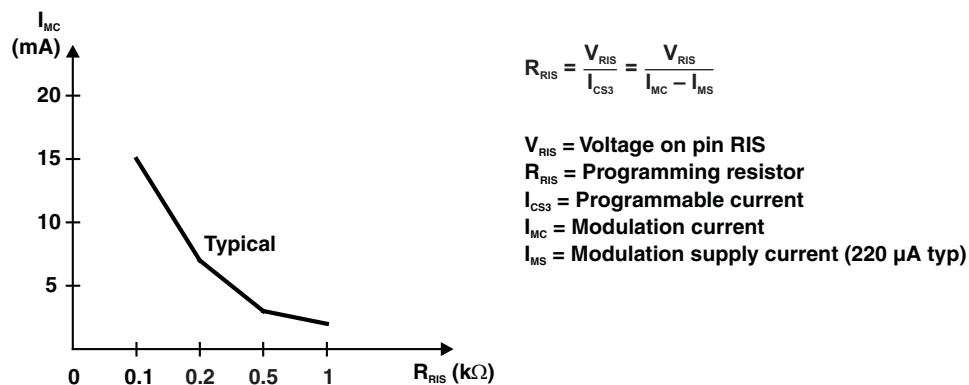


Figure 4. Calculate Programming Resistor R_{RIS}

Slave Supply, 3.3 V

The TSS721A has an internal 3.3-V voltage regulator. The output power of this voltage regulator is supplied by the storage capacitor C_{STC} at pin STC. The storage capacitor C_{STC} at pin STC is charged with constant current I_{STC_use} from the current source CS1. The maximum capacitor voltage is limited to REF1. The charge current I_{STC} has to be defined by an external resistor at pin RIDD.

The adjustment resistor R_{RIDD} can be calculated using [Equation 2](#).

$$R_{RIDD} = 25 \frac{V_{RIDD}}{I_{STC}} = 25 \frac{V_{RIDD}}{I_{STC_use} + I_{IC1}} \quad (2)$$

Where,

- I_{STC} = current from current source CS1
- I_{STC_use} = charge current for support capacitor
- I_{IC1} = internal current
- V_{RIDD} = voltage on pin RIDD
- R_{RIDD} = value of adjustment resistor

The voltage level of the storage capacitor C_{STC} is monitored with comparator TC1. Once the voltage V_{STC} reaches V_{VDD_on} , the switch S_{VDD} connects the stabilized voltage V_{VDD} to pin VDD. VDD is turned off if the voltage V_{STC} drops below the V_{VDD_off} level.

Voltage variations on the capacitor C_{STC} create bus current changes (see [Figure 5](#)).

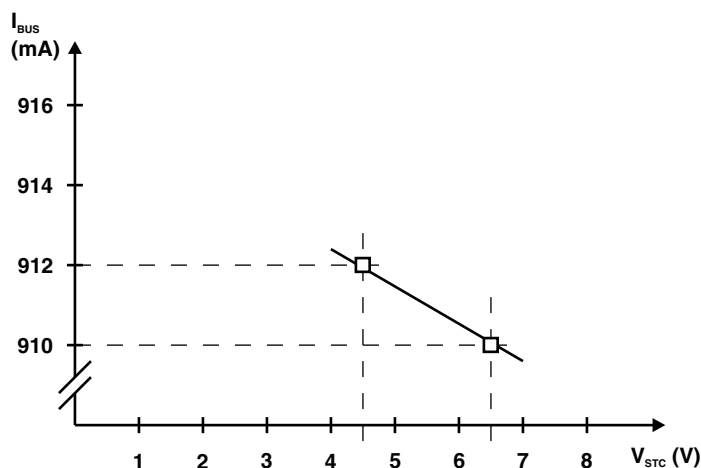


Figure 5. Single Mode Bus Load

At a bus fault the shut down time of VDD (t_{off}) in which data storage can be performed depends on the system current I_{VDD} and the value of capacitor C_{STC} . See [Figure 6](#), which shows a correlation between the shutdown of the bus voltage V_{BUS} and V_{DD_off} and t_{off} for dimensioning the capacitor.

The output VS is meant for slave systems that are driven by the bus energy, as well as from a battery should the bus line voltage fail. The switching of VS is synchronized with VDD and is controlled by the comparator TC1. An external transistor at the output VS allows switching from the Meter-Bus remote supply to battery.

Power On/Off

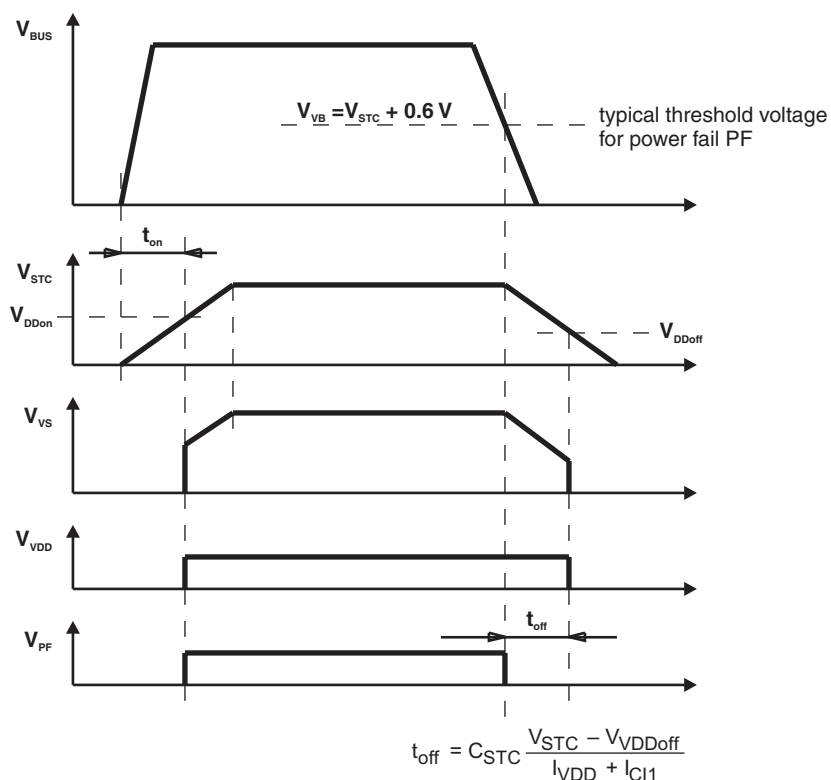


Figure 6. Power On/Off Timing

Power Fail Function

Because of the rectifier bridge BR at the input, BUSL1, and BUSL2, the TSS721A is polarity independent. The pin VB to ground (GND) delivers the bus voltage V_{VB} less the voltage drop over the rectifier BR. The voltage comparator TC2 monitors the bus voltage. If the voltage $V_{VB} > V_{STC} + 0.6 \text{ V}$, then the output PF = 1. The output level PF = 0 (power fail) provides a warning of a critical voltage drop to the microcontroller to save the data immediately.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

V_{MB}	Voltage, BUSL1 to BUSL2		± 50 V
V_I	Input voltage range	RX and RXI	–0.3 V to 5.5 V
		BAT	–0.3 V to 5.5 V
T_J	Operating junction temperature range		–25°C to 150°C
T_A	Operating free-air temperature range		–25°C to 85°C
T_{STG}	Storage temperature range		–65°C to 150°C
	Power derating factor, junction to ambient		8 mW/°C

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS⁽¹⁾

		MIN	MAX	UNIT	
V _{MB}	Bus voltage, BUSL2 – BUSL1	Receiver	10.8	42	V
		Transmitter	12	42	
V _I	Input voltage	VB (receive mode)	9.3		V
		BAT ⁽²⁾	2.5	3.8	
R _{RIDD}	RIDD resistor		13	80	kΩ
R _{RIS}	RIS resistor		100		Ω
T _A	Operating free-air temperature		–25	85	°C

(1) All voltage values are measured with respect to the GND terminal unless otherwise noted.

(2) $V_{BAT(max)} \leq V_{STC} - 1$ V

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS⁽¹⁾

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
ΔV_{BR}	Voltage drop at rectifier BR $I_{BUS} = 3$ mA			1.5	V
ΔV_{CS1}	Voltage drop at current source CS1 $R_{RIDD} = 13$ k Ω			1.8	V
I_{BUS}	BUS current $V_{STC} = 6.5$ V, $I_{MC} = 0$ mA	$R_{RIDD} = 13$ k Ω		3	mA
		$R_{RIDD} = 30$ k Ω		1.5	
ΔI_{BUS}	BUS current accuracy $\Delta V_{BUS} = 10$ V, $I_{MC} = 0$ mA, $R_{RIDD} = 13$ k Ω to 30 k Ω			2	%
I_{CC}	Supply current $V_{STC} = 6.5$ V, $I_{MC} = 0$ mA, $V_{BAT} = 3.8$ V, $R_{RIDD} = 13$ k Ω ⁽²⁾			650	μ A
I_{CI1}	CI1 current $V_{STC} = 6.5$ V, $I_{MC} = 0$ mA, $V_{BAT} = 3.8$ V, $R_{RIDD} = 13$ k Ω , $V_{BUS} = 6.5$ V, RX/RXI = off ⁽²⁾			350	μ A
I_{BAT}	BAT current	–0.5		0.5	μ A
$I_{BAT} + I_{VDD}$	BAT plus VDD current $V_{BUS} = 0$ V, $V_{STC} = 0$ V	–0.5		0.5	μ A
V_{VDD}	VDD voltage $-I_{VDD} = 1$ mA, $V_{STC} = 6.5$ V	3.1		3.4	V
R_{VDD}	VDD resistance $-I_{VDD} = 2$ to 8 mA, $V_{STC} = 4.5$ V			5	Ω
V_{STC}	STC voltage $V_{DD} = \text{on}$, $V_S = \text{on}$ $V_{DD} = \text{off}$, $V_S = \text{off}$ $I_{VDD} < I_{STC_use}$		5.6	6.4	V
			3.8	4.3	
			6.5	7.5	
I_{STC_use}	STC current $V_{STC} = 5$ V	$R_{RIDD} = 30$ k Ω	0.65	1.1	mA
		$R_{RIDD} = 13$ k Ω	1.85	2.4	
V_{RIDD}	RIDD voltage $R_{RIDD} = 30$ k Ω	1.23		1.33	V
V_{VS}	VS voltage $V_{DD} = \text{on}$, $I_{VS} = -5$ μ A	$V_{STC} - 0.4$		V_{STC}	V
R_{VS}	VS resistance $V_{DD} = \text{off}$	0.3		1	M Ω
V_{PF}	PF voltage $V_{STC} = 6.5$ V	$V_{VB} = V_{STC} + 0.8$ V, $I_{PF} = -100$ μ A	$V_{BAT} - 0.6$	V_{BAT}	V
		$V_{VB} = V_{STC} + 0.3$ V, $I_{PF} = 1$ μ A	0	0.6	
		$V_{VB} = V_{STC} + 0.3$ V, $I_{PF} = 5$ μ A	0	0.9	

(1) All voltage values are measured with respect to the GND terminal, unless otherwise noted.

(2) Inputs RX/RXI and outputs TX/TXI are open, $I_{CC} = I_{CI1} + I_{CI2}$

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS⁽¹⁾ (continued)

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
t_{on} Turn-on time	$C_{STC} = 50 \mu F$, Bus voltage slew rate: 1 V/ μs			3	s

RECEIVER SECTION ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS⁽¹⁾

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V_T	See Figure 2	MARK – 8.2		MARK – 5.7	V
V_{SC} SC voltage				V_{VB}	V
$I_{SCcharge}$ SC charge current	$V_{SC} = 24 V$, $V_{VB} = 36 V$	–15		–40	μA
$I_{SCdischarge}$ SC discharge current	$V_{SC} = V_{VB} = 24 V$	0.3		$-0.033 \times I_{SCcharge}$	μA
V_{OH} High-level output voltage (TX, TXI)	$I_{TX}/I_{TXI} = -100 \mu A$ (see Figure 2)	$V_{BAT} - 0.6$		V_{BAT}	V
V_{OL} Low-level output voltage (TX, TXI)	$I_{TX}/I_{TXI} = 100 \mu A$	0		0.5	V
	$I_{TX} = 1.1 mA$	0		1.5	
I_{TX} I_{TXI} TX, TXI current	$V_{TX} = 7.5$, $V_{VB} = 12 V$, $V_{STC} = 6 V$, $V_{BAT} = 3.8 V$			10	μA

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TRANSMITTER SECTION ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS⁽¹⁾

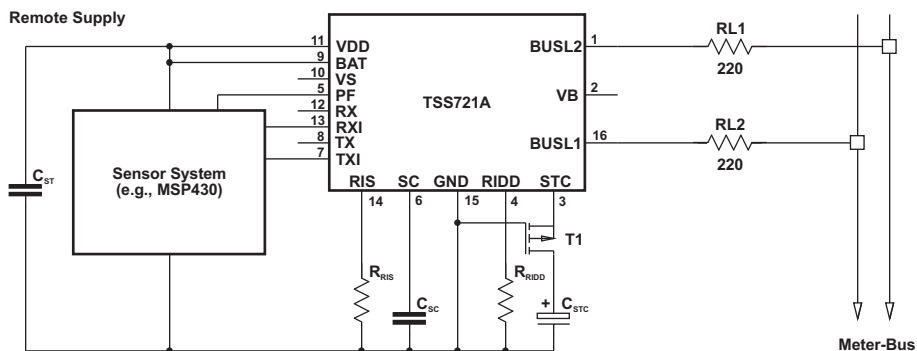
over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
I_{MC} MC voltage	$R_{RIS} = 100 \Omega$	11.5		19.5	mA
V_{RIS} RIS voltage	$R_{RIS} = 100 \Omega$	1.4		1.7	V
	$R_{RIS} = 1000 \Omega$	1.5		1.8	
V_{IH} High-level input voltage (RX, RXI)	See Figure 3 , see ⁽²⁾	$V_{BAT} - 0.8$		5.5	V
V_{IL} Low-level input voltage (RX, RXI)	See Figure 3	0		0.8	V
I_{RX} RX current	$V_{RX} = V_{BAT} = 3 V$, $V_{VB} = V_{STC} = 0 V$	–0.5		0.5	μA
	$V_{RX} = 0 V$, $V_{BAT} = 3 V$, $V_{STC} = 6.5 V$	–10		–40	
I_{RXI} RXI current	$V_{RXI} = V_{BAT} = 3 V$, $V_{VB} = V_{STC} = 0 V$	10		40	μA
	$V_{RXI} = V_{BAT} = 3 V$, $V_{STC} = 6.5 V$	10		40	

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(2) $V_{IH}(\max) = 5.5 V$ is valid only when $V_{STC} \geq 6.5 V$.

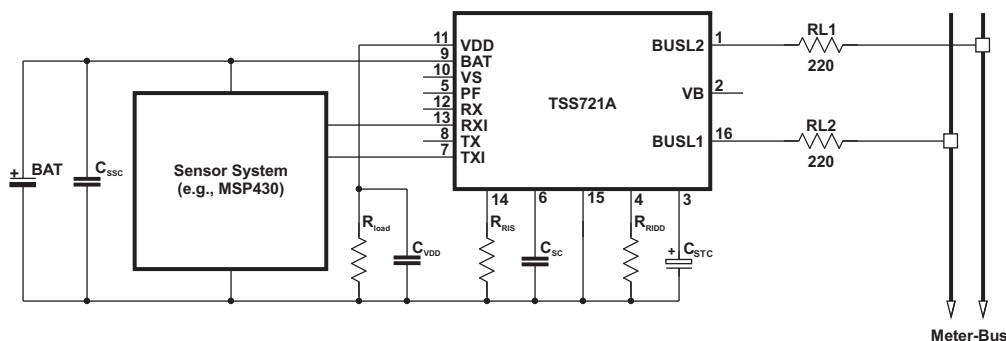
APPLICATION INFORMATION



$R_{RIDD} = 30 \text{ k}\Omega$	$C_{STC} \leq 220 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$	single load 1UL
$R_{RIDD} = 13 \text{ k}\Omega$	$C_{STC} \leq 470 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$	double load 2UL

NOTE: Transistor T1 should be a BSS84.

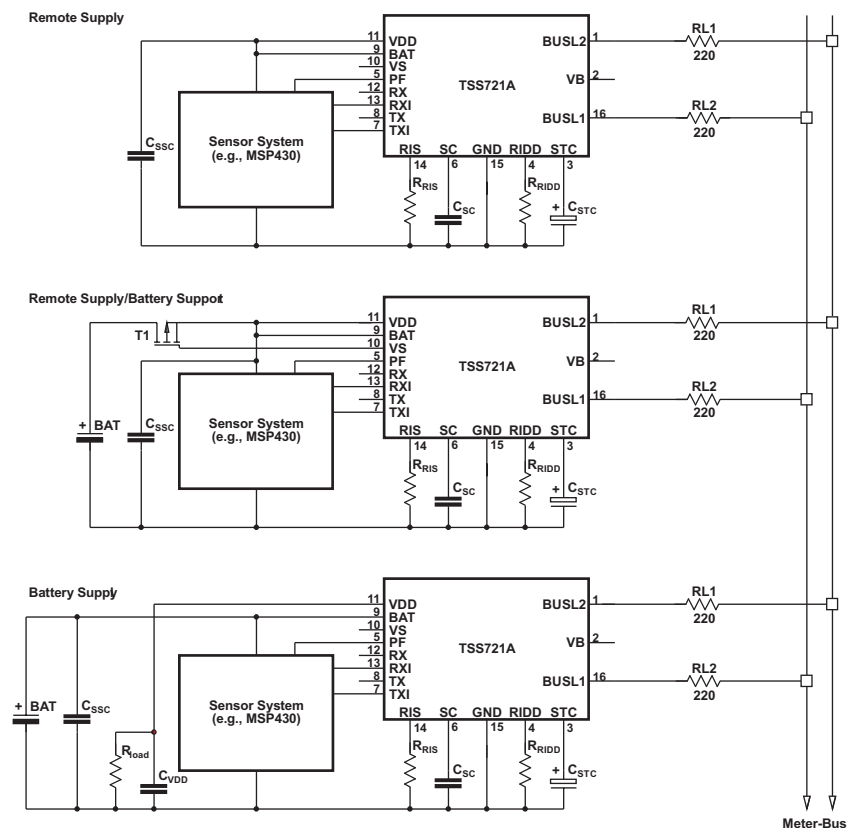
Figure 7. Basic Application Circuit Using Support Capacitor $C_{STC} > 50 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$



C_{SSC} - system stabilising capacitor
 C_{STC} - support capacitor
 C_{SC} - sampling capacitor
 C_{VDD} - stabilising capacitor (100 nF)
 $C_{STC}:C_{VDD} \geq 4:1$

R_{RIDD} - slave-current adjustment resistor
 R_{RIS} - modulation-current resistor
 $RL1, RL2$ - protection resistors
 R_{load} - discharge resistor (100 k Ω recommended)

Figure 8. Basic Application Circuit for Supply From Battery



NOTE: R_{DSon} of the transistor T1 (BSS84) at low battery voltage must be considered during application design.

Figure 9. Basic Applications for Different Supply Modes

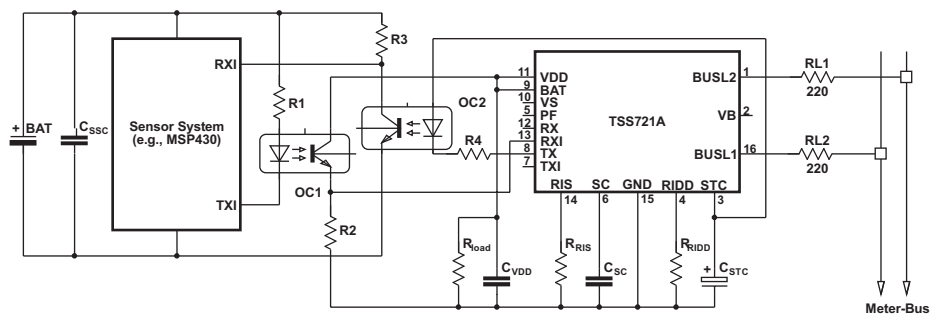


Figure 10. Basic Optocoupler Application

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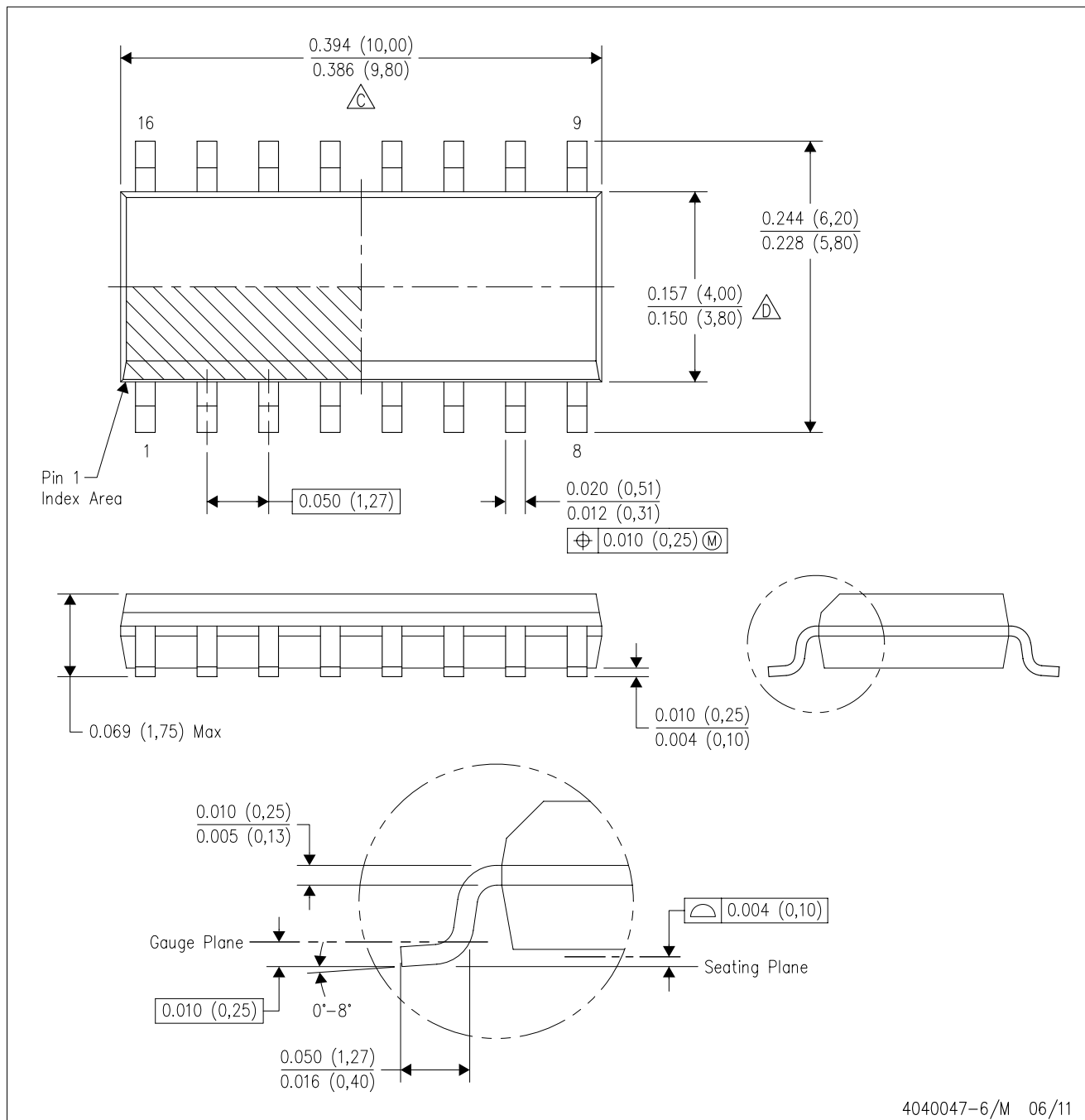
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