

ESD Protection Diode





ESD Introduction

ESD is the discharge of static electricity. Static electricity is an excess or deficiency of electrons on one surface with respect to another surface or to ground. A surface exhibiting an excess of electrons is negatively charged, and an electron deficient surface is positively charged. Static electricity is measured in terms of voltage (volts) and charge (coulombs).

Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) frequently occurs in nature, as well in Manufacturing environments and in-use finished electronic equipments.

The Discharge occurs at our fingertips when our body is electrically charged and is in close proximity of contact points attached to electronics devices.

The latest IC technology is becoming more sensitive to these events due to the extreme complexity of circuits, and the size of the semiconductor structures used so, circuit designers must provide an effective ESD Protection.



Implications of ESD on IC industry

Major reliability threat in IC industry :

- -Cause of approximately 1/3 of IC failures
- -ESD protection is very challenging against rapidly changing technologies

Standard model is used to characterize ESD :

- Human Body Model (HBM)
- Machine Model (MM)
- Charged Device Model (CDM)

ESD control is indispensable throughout devices' life :

- Eliminating static charges from the workplaces
- Proper handling from manufacturing, shipping and field handling
- On-chip protection (clamp input voltage and bypass ESD current)



ESD Requirements (U.S.A.)

Human Body Model

+/- 2 kV Required by most customers Waivers given at 1 KV in some cases +/- 4 kV Delco (Auto Manufacturer)

+/- 8 kV On Special Automotive Pins (Power Outputs)

Machine Model

No Standard for reliable testing Waivers given to 100 V in some cases



Protection Schemes

The solutions for avoiding or reducing ESD failures

- 1) identifying and rectifying possible ESD sources
- 2) identifying and undertaking adequate prevention measures while handling the ESD sensitive devices
- 3) incorporating built-in ESD protection networks in devices
- 4) providing awareness and training to users at all levels.

Two ways to reduce IC failures under ESD conditions :

The first approach focuses on reducing the amount of ESD induced charges and redistributing them through proper handling of devices and controlling the handling environments.

The second approach is to implement on-chip protection circuits in order to improve the circuit robustness against ESD events by improving ESD performance of the individual circuit components.



Typical Generated ESD Voltages

Examples of Static Generation Typical Voltage Levels				
Means of Generation	10-25% RH	65-90% RH		
Walking across carpet	35,000V	1,500V		
Walking across vinyl tile	12,000V	250V		
Worker at bench	6,000V	100V		
Poly bag picked up from bench	20,000V	1,200V		
Chair with urethane foam	18,000V	1,500V		



International ESD Models

The ESD events are modeled under several industry standards, where the Most representatives and accepted are:

- IEC 61000-4-2 (Recognized internationally)
- MIL STD 883
- JEDEC A114 and A115

Standard	Model	C, pF	R, Ohms
IEC61000-4-2	HBM	150	330
MIL STD 883	HBM	100	1500
JEDEC A115	MM	200	0



Human Body Model (HBM)





Machine Model (MM)

Typical MM Current Waveform





Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) IEC 61000-4-2



LEVEL	Test Voltage Air Discharge (kV)	Test Voltage Contact Discharge (k∀)	First Peak Current (A)	Peak Current at 30ns (A)	Peak Current at 60ns (A)
1	2	2	7.5	4	2
2	4	4	15	8	4
3	8	6	22.5	12	6
4	15	8	30	16	8



Electrical Fast Transient (EFT) IEC 61000-4-4



	Peak Amplitude			
	Power Supply Port		rt I/O, Signal, Data & Control Lines	
Level	V _{oc} (kV)	I _{sc} (A)	V _{oc} (kV)	I _{sc} (A)
1	0.5	10	0.25	5
2	1	20	0.5	10
3	2	40	1	20
4	4	80	2	40

EFT Burst



Surge immunity (Lighting) IEC 61000-4-5





Transient Suppression

- Constant advances in semiconductor process technologies make the design of protection very challenging.
- Protection circuit must *divert transient current and clamp transient voltage* below the failure threshold of the protected





ESD Testing Setup





Contact Discharge Tip



Air Discharge Tip















ESD Protection Diode Application Field

Digital Photography	Gadgets	Game Controllers	Graphics & Sound	Input Devices
•Digital Photo Frames	•PDA	•Gaming Pads	•Audio headsets	•Mice
•Digital Cameras	•GPS	•Joysticks	•Microphones	•Wireless Keyboard
•Portable Web cams	•NES	 Steering Wheels 	•Speakers	•Remote Control
•Web cams		•PS2/PSP/XBOX	•TV Tuners	•Digitizing Tablets
			•Video Capture	•Trackballs
Modems	Networking	Portable Audio	Storage	Printers
& Telephony		Video		& Scanners
•56K USB Modems	 Bluetooth Adapters 	•I-Pods	•CDRW/CDROM/HD	•Inkjet
•Cable Modems	Direct Connect	•MD Players	•DVD Drivers	•LaserJet
•Internet Telephony	•USB Ethernet	•MP3 Players	•Ext FloppyDr	•Photo Printers
•ISDN Modems	•USB Phone Line Network		•Flash Readers	•Card Scanners
•XDSI Moderns	 USB Wireless Network 		•Removable Disks Dr	•USB Film Scanners
			•Solid State Drivers	•Flatbed scanners





ESD Protection Diode for Ethernet





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Gigabit Ethernet Protection



AFE0514 SOT-563





ESD Protection Diode for Ethernet





AFE0505 SOT-23-6L



AFE0524 SOT-143







ESD Protection for Cell Phone / Smart Phone





AFE0514 SOT-563







ESD Protection Diode for Cell Phone / Smart Phone





AFE0521 SOD-523





AFE0572 SOD-723







ESD Protection Diode for Cell Phone / Smart Phone







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ESD Protection Diode for LCD TV/DVD/Set-Top Box





AFE6V8UD DFN-10



AFE6V8UH MSOP-10L







ESD Protection Diode for Notebook / iPad







AFE6V8UD DFN-10 (HDMI)

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AFE0505 SOT-23-6L (IEEE1284)





IEEE 1394 Firewire Protection

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