LOW POWER

FM IF



Low Power Narrowband FM IF

The MC3371 and MC3372 perform single conversion FM reception and consist of an oscillator, mixer, limiting IF amplifier, quadrature discriminator, active filter, squelch switch, and meter drive circuitry. These devices are designed for use in FM dual conversion communication equipment. The MC3371/MC3372 are similar to the MC3361/MC3357 FM IFs, except that a signal strength indicator replaces the scan function controlling driver which is in the MC3361/MC3357. The MC3371 is designed for the use of parallel LC components, while the MC3372 is designed for use with either a 455 kHz ceramic discriminator, or parallel LC components.

These devices also require fewer external parts than earlier products. The MC3371 and MC3372 are available in dual-in-line and surface mount packaging.

- Wide Operating Supply Voltage Range: V_{CC} = 2.0 to 9.0 V
- Input Limiting Voltage Sensitivity of -3.0 dB
- Low Drain Current: I_{CC} = 3.2 mA, @ V_{CC} = 4.0 V, Squelch Off
- Minimal Drain Current Increase When Squelched
- Signal Strength Indicator: 60 dB Dynamic Range
- Mixer Operating Frequency Up to 100 MHz
- Fewer External Parts Required than Earlier Devices

MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Pin	Symbol	Value	Unit
Power Supply Voltage	4	V _{CC} (max)	10	Vdc
RF Input Voltage (V _{CC} \ge 4.0 Vdc)	16	V16	1.0	Vrms
Detector Input Voltage	8	V8	1.0	Vpp
Squelch Input Voltage (V _{CC} ≥ 4.0 Vdc)	12	V12	6.0	Vdc
Mute Function	14	V ₁₄	-0.7 to 10	Vpk
Mute Sink Current	14	114	50	mA
Junction Temperature	-	Тj	150	°C
Storage Temperature Range	-	T _{stg}	-65 to +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.



Device	Operating Temperature Range	Package
MC3371D		SO-16
MC3371DTB		TSSOP-16
MC3371P	$T_{A} = -30^{\circ} \text{ to } +70^{\circ}\text{C}$	Plastic DIP
MC3372D		SO-16
MC3372DTB		TSSOP-16
MC3372P		Plastic DIP



RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Rating	Pin	Symbol	Value	Unit
$\begin{array}{c c} \mbox{Supply Voltage} & (@\ T_A = 25^\circ C) \\ & (-30^\circ C \leqslant T_A \leqslant +75^\circ C) \end{array}$	4	VCC	2.0 to 9.0 2.4 to 9.0	Vdc
RF Input Voltage	16	V _{rf}	0.0005 to 10	mVrms
RF Input Frequency	16	f _{rf}	0.1 to 100	MHz
Oscillator Input Voltage	1	V _{local}	80 to 400	mVrms
Intermediate Frequency	-	f _{if}	455	kHz
Limiter Amp Input Voltage	5	V _{if}	0 to 400	mVrms
Filter Amp Input Voltage	10	V _{fa}	0.1 to 300	mVrms
Squelch Input Voltage	12	V _{sq}	0 or 2	Vdc
Mute Sink Current	14	l _{sq}	0.1 to 30	mA
Ambient Temperature Range	-	Т _А	-30 to +70	°C

AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (V_{CC} = 4.0 Vdc, f_0 = 58.1125 MHz, df = ±3.0 kHz, f_{mod} = 1.0 kHz, 50 Ω source, f_{local} = 57.6575 MHz, V_{local} = 0 dBm, T_A = 25°C, unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Pin	Symbol	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Input for 12 dB SINAD Matched Input – (See Figures 11, 12 and 13) Unmatched Input – (See Figures 1 and 2)	-	VSIN	-	1.0 5.0	_ 15	μVrms
Input for 20 dB NQS	-	V _{NQS}	-	3.5	-	μVrms
Recovered Audio Output Voltage $V_{rf} = -30 \text{ dBm}$	_	AFO	120	200	320	mVrms
Recovered Audio Drop Voltage Loss Vrf = -30 dBm , V _{CC} = 4.0 V to 2.0 V	-	AF _{loss}	-8.0	-1.5	_	dB
Meter Drive Output Voltage (No Modulation) $V_{rf} = -100 \text{ dBm}$ $V_{rf} = -70 \text{ dBm}$ $V_{rf} = -40 \text{ dBm}$	13	M _{Drv} MV1 MV2 MV3	_ 1.1 2.0	0.3 1.5 2.5	0.5 1.9 3.1	Vdc
Filter Amp Gain $R_{s} = 600 \Omega$, $f_{s} = 10 \text{ kHz}$, $V_{fa} = 1.0 \text{ mVrms}$	_	AV(Amp)	47	50	_	dB
Mixer Conversion Gain V _{ff} = -40 dBm, R _L = 1.8 k Ω	_	A _{V(Mix)}	14	20	_	dB
Signal to Noise Ratio V _{rf} = -30 dBm	-	s/n	36	67	_	dB
Total Harmonic Distortion $V_{ff} = -30 \text{ dBm}, \text{BW} = 400 \text{ Hz} \text{ to } 30 \text{ kHz}$	-	THD	-	0.6	3.4	%
Detector Output Impedance	9	ZO	-	450	-	Ω
Detector Output Voltage (No Modulation) $V_{ff} = -30 \text{ dBm}$	9	DVO	-	1.45	_	Vdc
Meter Drive $V_{rf} = -100 \text{ to } -40 \text{ dBm}$	13	MO	_	0.8	_	μA/dB
Meter Drive Dynamic Range RF _{In} IF _{In} (455 kHz)	13	MVD		60 80		dB
Mixer Third Order Input Intercept Point f1 = 58.125 MHz f2 = 58.1375 MHz	-	ITO _{Mix}	_	-22	_	dBm
Mixer Input Resistance	16	R _{in}	_	3.3	_	kΩ
Mixer Input Capacitance	16	C _{in}	_	2.2	_	pF

Characteristic	Pin	Symbol	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Drain Current (No Input Signal)	4					mA
Squelch Off, V _S q = 2.0 Vdc Squelch On, V _S q = 0 Vdc		lcc1	-	3.2	4.2	
Squelch On, V _{Sq} = 0 Vdc		lcc2	-	3.6	4.8	
Squelch Off, $V_{CC} = 2.0$ to 9.0 V		dlcc1	-	1.0	2.0	
Detector Output (No Input Signal)	9	V9				Vdc
DC Voltage, $V8 = V_{CC}$			0.9	1.6	2.3	
Filter Output (No Input Signal)	11					Vdc
DC Voltage		V11	1.5	2.5	3.5	
Voltage Change, V_{CC} = 2.0 to 9.0 V		dV11	2.0	5.0	8.0	
Trigger Hysteresis	-	Hys	34	57	80	mV





Figure 2. MC3372 Functional Block Diagram and Test Fixture Schematic



TYPICAL CURVES

(Unmatched Input)















MC3371 PIN FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

OPERATING CONDITIONS V_{CC} = 4.0 Vdc, RF_{In} = 100 μ V, f_{mod} = 1.0 kHz, f_{dev} = 3.0 kHz. MC3371 at f_{RF} = 10.7 MHz (see Figure 11).

		Internal Equivalent		
Pin	Symbol	Circuit	Description	Waveform
1	OSC1		The base of the Colpitts oscillator. Use a high impedance and low capacitance probe or a "sniffer" to view the wave– form without altering the frequency. Typical level is 450 mVpp.	188m); 28m s
2	OSC2	$OSC2 \rightarrow 2$ $\downarrow 200$ $\downarrow \mu A$	The emitter of the Colpitts oscillator. Typical signal level is 200 mVpp. Note that the signal is somewhat distorted compared to that on Pin 1.	100m ² ; 20ns
3	MX _{Out}	V _{CC} ⁴ V _{CC} ³ MixerOut	Output of the Mixer. Riding on the 455 kHz is the RF carrier component. The typical level is approximately 60 mVpp.	$\wedge \wedge \prime$
4	Vcc	1.5 k 100 μΑ Ξ	Supply Voltage –2.0 to 9.0 Vdc is the operating range. V _{CC} is decoupled to ground.	20xC 500ns
5	IFIn	$ \begin{array}{c} $	Input to the IF amplifier after passing through the 455 kHz ceramic filter. The signal is attenuated by the filter. The typical level is approximately 50 mVpp.	\sim
6 7	DEC1 DEC2	DEC2 →	IF Decoupling. External 0.1 μ F capacitors connected to V _{CC} .	20mC 500m s%
8	Quad Coil	Quad Coil VCC + 10 ± 50 μA	Quadrature Tuning Coil. Composite (not yet demodulated) 455 kHz IF signal is present. The typical level is 500 mVpp.	

MC3371 PIN FUNCTION DESCRIPTION (continued)

 $\textbf{OPERATING CONDITIONS} \ \forall_{CC} = 4.0 \ \forall dc, \ \mathsf{RF}_{In} = 100 \ \mu \forall, \ \mathsf{f}_{mod} = 1.0 \ \mathsf{kHz}, \ \mathsf{f}_{dev} = 3.0 \ \mathsf{kHz}. \ \mathsf{MC3371} \ at \ \mathsf{f}_{RF} = 10.7 \ \mathsf{MHz} \ (see \ \mathsf{Figure 11}).$

Pin	Symbol	Internal Equivalent Circuit	Description	Waveform
9	RA		Recovered Audio. This is a composite FM demodulated output having signal and carrier component. The typical level is 1.4 Vpp.	500w;7 200x=%
		PA _{Out} 9 100 μΑ	The filtered recovered audio has the carrier component removed and is typically 800 mVpp.	500=; 200=15
10	Filln	10 FilterIn VCC Θ 30 μA	Filter Amplifier Input	
11	FilOut	V _{CC} 240 μA 11 FilterOut	Filter Amplifier Output. The typical signal level is 400 mVpp.	2004;7 200,15
12	Sq _{In}	Sq _{In} 12 5q _{In} 12 12 μA	Squelch Input. See discussion in application text.	28m; 20ns

MC3371 PIN FUNCTION DESCRIPTION (continued)

 $\textbf{OPERATING CONDITIONS} \ \ V_{CC} = 4.0 \ \ \ Vdc, \ \ RF_{In} = 100 \ \mu V, \ \ f_{mod} = 1.0 \ \ kHz, \ \ f_{dev} = 3.0 \ \ kHz. \ \ MC3371 \ at \ \ f_{RF} = 10.7 \ \ MHz \ (see \ \ Figure \ 11).$

		Internal Equivalent		
Pin	Symbol	Circuit	Description	Waveform
13	RSSI	VCC \$1.8 k Bias + 13 RSSIOut	RSSI Output. Referred to as the Received Signal Strength Indicator or RSSI. The chip sources up to 60 μA over the linear 60 dB range. This pin may be used many ways, such as: AGC, meter drive and carrier triggered squelch circuit.	
14	MUTE	40 k = =	Mute Output. See discussion in application text.	
15	Gnd	Gnd 15	Ground. The ground area should be continuous and unbroken. In a two– sided layout, the component side has the ground plane. In a one–sided layout, the ground plane fills around the traces on the circuit side of the board and is not interrupted.	
16	MIX _{In}	MixerIn 3.3 k =	Mixer Input – Series Input Impedance: @ 10 MHz: 309 – j33 Ω @ 45 MHz: 200 – j13 Ω	

*Other pins are the same as pins in MC3371.

MC3372 PIN FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

OPERATING CONDITIONS V_{CC} = 4.0 Vdc, RF_{In} = 100 μ V, f_{mod} = 1.0 kHz, f_{dev} = 3.0 kHz. MC3372 at f_{RF} = 45 MHz (see Figure 13).

Pin	Symbol	Internal Equivalent Circuit	Description	Waveform
5	IF _{In}	IF _{In} 5 6 ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ 53 k	IF Amplifier Input	
6	DEC1	DEC → Go µA =	IF Decoupling. External 0.1 μF capacitors connected to V _{CC} .	20mg 20ms
7	IFOut	V _{CC} 7 IF _{Out} 50 μA = 120 μA	IF Amplifier Output Signal level is typically 300 mVpp.	500m = %
8	QuadIn	Quad _{In} V _{CC} = 10 = 50 μA	Quadrature Detector Input. Signal level is typically 150 mVpp.	50mC 500mrtj
9	RA	VCC 200 9 RAOut	Recovered Audio. This is a composite FM demodulated output having signal and carrier components. Typical level is 800 mVpp.	200m ^{(*}) 200,44
		Ο. Ξ	The filtered recovered audio has the carrier signal removed and is typically 500 mVpp.	560m; 200,#5%





Figure 10. MC3372 Circuit Schematic



CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The MC3371 and MC3372 are low power narrowband FM receivers with an operating frequency of up to 60 MHz. Its low voltage design provides low power drain, excellent sensitivity, and good image rejection in narrowband voice and data link applications.

This part combines a mixer, an IF (intermediate frequency) limiter with a logarithmic response signal strength indicator, a quadrature detector, an active filter and a squelch trigger circuit. In a typical application, the mixer amplifier converts an RF input signal to a 455 kHz IF signal. Passing through an external bandpass filter, the IF signal is fed into a limiting amplifier and detection circuit where the audio signal is recovered. A conventional quadrature detector is used.

The absence of an input signal is indicated by the presence of noise above the desired audio frequencies. This "noise band" is monitored by an active filter and a detector. A squelch switch is used to mute the audio when noise or a tone is present. The input signal level is monitored by a meter drive circuit which detects the amount of IF signal in the limiting amplifier.

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

The oscillator is an internally biased Colpitts type with the collector, base, and emitter connections at Pins 4, 1 and 2 respectively. This oscillator can be run under crystal control. For fundamental mode crystals use crystal characterized parallel resonant for 32 pF load. For higher frequencies, use 3rd overtone series mode type crystals. The coil (L2) and resistor RD (R13) are needed to ensure proper and stable operation at the LO frequency (see Figure 13, 45 MHz application circuit).

The mixer is doubly balanced to reduce spurious radiation. Conversion gain stated in the AC Electrical Characteristics table is typically 20 dB. This power gain measurement was made under stable conditions using a 50 Ω source at the input and an external load provided by a 455 kHz ceramic filter at the mixer output which is connected to the V_{CC} (Pin 4) and IF input (Pin 5). The filter impedance closely matches the 1.8 k Ω internal load resistance at Pin 3 (mixer output). Since the input impedance at Pin 16 is strongly influenced by a 3.3 kΩ internal biasing resistor and has a low capacitance, the useful gain is actually much higher than shown by the standard power gain measurement. The Smith Chart plot in Figure 17 shows the measured mixer input impedance versus input frequency with the mixer input matched to a 50 Ω source impedance at the given frequencies. In order to assure stable operation under matched conditions, it is necessary to provide a shunt resistor to ground. Figures 11, 12 and 13 show the input networks used to derive the mixer input impedance data.

Following the mixer, a ceramic bandpass filter is recommended for IF filtering (i.e. 455 kHz types having a bandwidth of ± 2.0 kHz to ± 15 kHz with an input and output impedance from 1.5 k Ω to 2.0 k Ω). The 6 stage limiting IF

amplifier has approximately 92 dB of gain. The MC3371 and MC3372 are different in the limiter and quadrature detector circuits. The MC3371 has a 1.8 k Ω and a 51 k Ω resistor providing internal dc biasing and the output of the limiter is internally connected, both directly and through a 10 pF capacitor to the quadrature detector; whereas, in the MC3372 these components are not provided internally. Thus, in the MC3371, no external components are necessary to match the 455 kHz ceramic filter, while in the MC3372, external 1.8 k Ω and 51 k Ω biasing resistors are needed between Pins 5 and 7, respectively (see Figures 12 and 13).

In the MC3371, a parallel LCR quadrature tank circuit is connected externally from Pin 8 to V_{CC} (similar to the MC3361). In the MC3372, a quadrature capacitor is needed externally from Pin 7 to Pin 8 and a parallel LC or a ceramic discriminator with a damping resistor is also needed from Pin 8 to V_{CC} (similar to the MC3357). The above external quadrature circuitry provides 90° phase shift at the IF center frequency and enables recovered audio.

The damping resistor determines the peak separation of the detector and is somewhat critical. As the resistor is decreased, the separation and the bandwidth is increased but the recovered audio is decreased. Receiver sensitivity is dependent on the value of this resistor and the bandwidth of the 455 kHz ceramic filter.

On the chip the composite recovered audio, consisting of carrier component and modulating signal, is passed through a low pass filter amplifier to reduce the carrier component and then is fed to Pin 9 which has an output impedance of 450 Ω . The signal still requires further filtering to eliminate the carrier component, deemphasis, volume control, and further amplification before driving a loudspeaker. The relative level of the composite recovered audio signal at Pin 9 should be considered for proper interaction with an audio post amplifier and a given load element. The MC13060 is recommended as a low power audio amplifier.

The meter output indicates the strength of the IF level and the output current is proportional to the logarithm of the IF input signal amplitude. A maximum source current of 60 μ A is available and can be used to drive a meter and to detect a carrier presence. This is referred to as a Received Strength Signal Indicator (RSSI). The output at Pin 13 provides a current source. Thus, a resistor to ground yields a voltage proportional to the input carrier signal level. The value of this resistor is estimated by (V_{CC}(Vdc) – 1.0 V)/60 μ A; so for V_{CC} = 4.0 Vdc, the resistor is approximately 50 k Ω and provides a maximum voltage swing of about 3.0 V.

A simple inverting op amp has an output at Pin 11 and the inverting input at Pin 10. The noninverting input is connected to 2.5 V. The op amp may be used as a noise triggered squelch or as an active noise filter. The bandpass filter is designed with external impedance elements to discriminate between frequencies. With an external AM detector, the filtered audio signal is checked for a tone signal or for the presence of noise above the normal audio band. This information is applied to Pin 12.

An external positive bias to Pin 12 sets up the squelch trigger circuit such that the audio mute (Pin 14) is open or connected to ground. If Pin 12 is pulled down to 0.9 V or below by the noise or tone detector, Pin 14 is internally shorted to ground. There is about 57 mV of hyteresis at Pin 12 to prevent jitter. Audio muting is accomplished by connecting Pin 14 to the appropriate point in the audio path between Pin 9 and an audio amplifier. The voltage at Pin 14 should not be lower than -0.7 V; this can be assured by connecting Pin 14 to the point that has no dc component.

Another possible application of the squelch switch may be as a carrier level triggered squelch circuit, similar to the MC3362/MC3363 FM receivers. In this case the meter output can be used directly to trigger the squelch switch when the RF input at the input frequency falls below the desired level. The level at which this occurs is determined by the resistor placed between the meter drive output (Pin 13) and ground (Pin 15).



Figure 11. Typical Application for MC3371 at 10.7 MHz

Figure 12. Typical Application for MC3372 at 10.7 MHz





Figure 13. Typical Application for MC3372 at 45 MHz

Figure 14. RSSI Output versus RF Input



Figure 15. RSSI Output versus RF Input





Figure 17. Mixer Input Impedance versus Frequency





Figure 18. MC3371 PC Board Component View with Matched Input at 10.7 MHz

Figure 19. MC3371 PC Board Circuit or Solder Side as Viewed through Component Side



Above PC Board is laid out for the circuit in Figure 11.



Figure 20. MC3372P PC Board Component View with Matched Input at 10.7 MHz

Figure 21. MC3372P PC Board Circuit or Solder Side as Viewed through Component Side



Above PC Board is laid out for the circuit in Figure 12.

OUTLINE DIMENSIONS



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