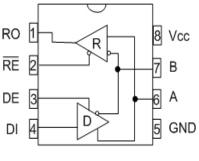


# Enhanced Low Power Half-Duplex RS-485 Transceivers

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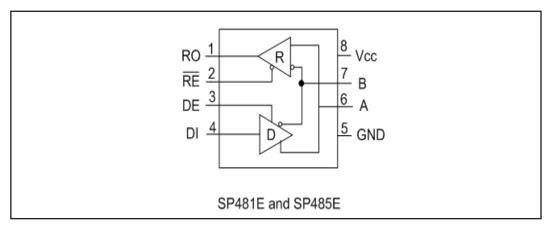
- Low Power BiCMOS
- Driver / Receiver Enable for Multi-Drop configurations
- Low Power Shutdown mode (SP481E)
- Enhanced ESD Specifications:
  +/-15kV Human Body Model
  +/-15kV IEC1000-4-2 Air Discharge
  +/-8kV IEC1000-4-2 Contact Discharge
- Available in RoHS Compliant, Lead Free Packaging.



SP481E and SP485E Pinout (Top View)

## DESCRIPTION

The **SP481E** and **SP485E** are a family of half-duplex transceivers that meet the specifications of RS-485 and RS-422 serial protocols with enhanced ESD performance. The ESD tolerance has been improved on these devices to over ±15kV for both Human Body Model and IEC1000-4-2 Air Discharge Method. These devices are pin-to-pin compatible with **Exar's** SP481 and SP485 devices as well as popular industry standards. As with the original versions, the **SP481E** and **SP485E** feature **Exar's** BiCMOS design allowing low power operation without sacrificing performance. The **SP481E** and **SP485E** meet the requirements of the RS-485 and RS-422 protocols up to 10Mbps under load. The **SP481E** is equipped with a low power shutdown mode.



## **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these ratings or any other above those indicated in the operation sections of the specifications below is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods of time may affect reliability.

V <sub>cc</sub>	+7V
Input Voltages	
Logic	0.3V to (Vcc + 0.5V)
	0.3V to (Vcc + 0.5V)
Receivers	+/-15V

Output Voltages
Logic0.3V to (Vcc + 0.5V)
Drivers+/-15V
Receivers0.3V to (Vcc + 0.5V)
Storage Temperature65°C to +150°C
Power Dissipation
3-pin NSOIC550mW
(derate 6.60mW/°C above +70°C)
B-pin PDIP1000mW
(derate 11.8mW/ºC above +70°C)

## **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

$T_{_{MIN}}$ to $T_{_{MAX}}$ and $V_{_{CC}}$ = +5.0V +/-5% unless otherwise noted.				ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS		
PARAMETERS	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNITS	CONDITIONS	
SP481E/SP485E DRIVER						
DC Characteristics						
Differential Output Voltage	GND		Vcc	Volts	Unloaded; $R = \infty$ ; see Figure 1	
Differential Output Voltage	2		Vcc	Volts	With Load; R = $50\Omega$ (RS-422); see Figure 1	
Differential Output Voltage	1.5		Vcc	Volts	With Load; R = $27\Omega$ (RS-485); see Figure 1	
Change in Magnitude of Driver Differential Output Voltage for Complimentary states			0.2	Volts	R = $27\Omega$ or R = $50\Omega$ ; see Figure 1	
Driver Common Mode Output Voltage			3	Volts	R = $27\Omega$ or R = $50\Omega$ ; see Figure 1	
Input High Voltage	2.0			Volts	Applies to DE, DI, RE	
Input Low Voltage			0.8	Volts	Applies to DE, DI, RE	
Input Current			+/-10	μA	Applies to DE, DI, RE	
Driver Short Circuit Current						
V <sub>out</sub> = HIGH			+/-250	mA	$-7V \le V_0 \le +12V$	
V <sub>OUT</sub> = LOW			+/-250	mA	$-7V \le V_0 \le +12V$	
SP481E/SP485E DRIVER						
AC Characteristics						
Max. Transmission Rate	10			Mbps	$\overline{\text{RE}}$ = 5V, DE = 5V; R <sub>DIFF</sub> = 54Ω, C <sub>L1</sub> = C <sub>L2</sub> = 100pF	
Driver Input to Output, t <sub>PLH</sub>		30	60	ns	See Figures 3 & 5, $R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$ ,	
Driver Input to Output, t <sub>PLH</sub> (SP485EMN ONLY)		30	80	ns	$C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100 \text{pF}$	
Driver Input to Output, t <sub>PHL</sub>		30	60	ns	See Figures 3 & 5, $R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$ , $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100 pF$	
Driver Input to Output, t <sub>PHL</sub> (SP485EMN ONLY)		30	80	ns		
Driver Skew		5	10	ns	see Figures 3 and 5, t <sub>skew</sub> =  t <sub>DPHL</sub> - t <sub>DPLH</sub>	
Driver Rise or Fall Time		15	40	ns	From 10%-90%; R <sub>DIFF</sub> = 54 $\Omega$ C <sub>L1</sub> = C <sub>L2</sub> = 100pF; see Figures 3 and 6	

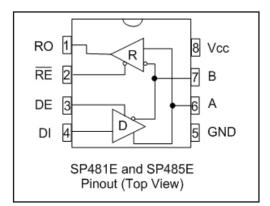
## **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

 $T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$  and  $V_{CC}$  = +5.0V +/-5% unless otherwise noted. PARAMETERS MIN. TYP. MAX. UNITS CONDITIONS SP481E/SP485E DRIVER (continued) **AC Characteristics** Driver Enable to Output High 40 70  $C_1 = 100 \text{pF}$ , see Figures 4 and 6, ns S, closed  $C_1$  = 100pF, see Figures 4 and 6, 70 Driver Enable to Output Low 40 ns S. closed  $C_1 = 100 \text{pF}$ , see Figures 4 and 6, Driver Disable Time from High 40 70 ns S<sub>a</sub> closed  $C_1 = 100 \text{pF}$ , see Figures 4 and  $\overline{6}$ . 70 Driver Disable Time from Low 40 ns S, closed SP481E/SP485E RECEIVER **DC Characteristics** Differential Input Threshold -0.2 +0.2Volts  $-7V \le V_{CM} \le +12V$  $-7V \le V_{CM} \le +12V$ **Differential Input Threshold** -0.4 +0.4Volts (SP485EMN ONLY) 20  $V_{CM} = 0V$ Input Hysteresis mV **Output Voltage High** 3.5 Volts  $I_0 = -4mA$ ,  $V_{10} = +200mV$ **Output Voltage Low** Volts I<sub>0</sub> = +4mA, V<sub>ID</sub> = +200mV 0.4 Three-State (High Impedance)  $0.4V \le V_{\odot} \le 2.4V; \overline{RE} = 5V$ +/-1 μA **Output Current**  $-7V \le V_{CM} \le +12V$ 12 15 Input Resistance kΩ  $DE = 0V, V_{CC} = 0V \text{ or } 5.25V,$ Input Current (A, B); V<sub>IN</sub> = 12V +1.0mΑ V<sub>IN</sub> = 12V DE = 0V,  $V_{cc} = 0V$  or 5.25V, Input Current (A, B); V<sub>IN</sub> = -7V -0.8 mΑ  $V_{IN} = -7V$ 7 Short Circuit Current 95 mΑ  $0V \le V_{\odot} \le V_{\odot}$ SP481E/SP485E RECEIVER **AC Characteristics** Max. Transmission Rate 10 Mbps  $\overline{RE} = 0V, DE = 0V$ 20 45 100 t<sub>PIH</sub>. See Figures 3 & 7, R<sub>DIFE</sub> = Receiver Input to Output ns  $54\Omega$ , C<sub>11</sub> = C<sub>12</sub> = 100pF Receiver Input to Output t<sub>PHI</sub> See Figures 3 & 7, R<sub>DIFE</sub> = 20 45 100 ns  $54\Omega$ ,  $C_{11} = C_{12} = 100 \text{pF}$  $\rm R_{_{DIFF}}$  = 54Ω,  $\rm C_{_{L1}}$  =  $\rm C_{_{L2}}$  = 100pF, see **Differential Receiver Skew** 13 ns Figures 3 and 7 |t<sub>PHI</sub> - t<sub>PI H</sub>| Receiver Enable to Output Low 45 70 C<sub>RI</sub> = 15pF, Figures 2 & 8; S<sub>1</sub> ns Closed Receiver Enable to Output High 70 C<sub>RL</sub> = 15pF, Figures 2 & 8; S<sub>2</sub> 45 ns Closed Receiver Disable from LOW 70 45 C<sub>RI</sub> = 15pF, Figures 2 & 8; S<sub>1</sub> ns Closed C<sub>RL</sub> = 15pF, Figures 2 & 8; S<sub>2</sub> Receiver Disable from High 45 70 ns Closed

# **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

PARAMETERS	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNITS	CONDITIONS
SP481E					
Shutdown Timing					
Time to Shutdown	50	200	600	ns	RE = 5V, DE = 0V
Driver Enable from Shutdown to Output High		40	100	ns	$C_L = 100 pF$ ; See Figures 4 and 6; $S_2$ Closed
Driver Enable from Shutdown to Output Low		40	100	ns	$C_L = 100 pF$ ; See Figures 4 and 6; $S_1$ Closed
Receiver Enable from Shutdown to Output High		300	1000	ns	$C_L$ = 15pF; See Figures 2 and 8; $S_2$ Closed
Receiver Enable from Shutdown to Output Low		300	1000	ns	$C_L = 15pF$ ; See Figures 2 and 8; $S_1$ Closed
POWER REQUIREMENTS					
Supply Voltage V <sub>cc</sub>	+4.75		+5.25	Volts	
Supply Current					
SP481E/SP485E					
No Load		900		μA	$\overline{RE}$ , DI = 0V or V <sub>cc</sub> ; DE = V <sub>cc</sub>
		600		μA	RE = 0V, DI = 0V or 5V; DE = 0V
SP481E					
Shutdown Mode			10	μA	DE = 0V, RE = V <sub>cc</sub>
ENVIRONMENTAL AND MECH	ANICAL				
Operating Temperature					
Commercial (_C_)	0		70	°C	
Industrial (_E_)	-40		+85	°C	
(_M_)	-40		+125	°C	
Storage Temperature	-65		+150	°C	
Package					
Plastic DIP (_P)					
NSOIC (_N)					

**TEST CIRCUITS** 



Pin 1 - RO - Receiver Output

Pin 2 - RE - Receiver Output Enable Active LOW

Pin 3 - DE - Driver Output Enable Active HIGH

Pin 4 DI - Driver Input

Pin 5 - GND - Ground Connection

- Pin 6 A Driver Output / Receiver input Non-Inverting
- Pin 7 B Driver Output / Receiver Input Inverting

Pin 8 - Vcc - Positive Supply 4.75V ≤ Vcc ≤ 5.25V

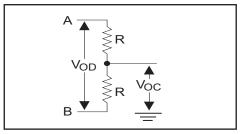


Figure 1. RS-485 Driver DC Test Load Circuit

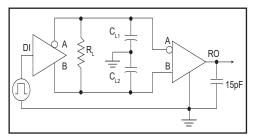


Figure 3. RS-485 Driver/Receiver Timing Test

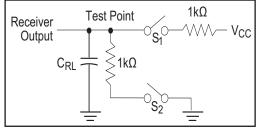


Figure 2. Receiver Timing Test Load Circuit

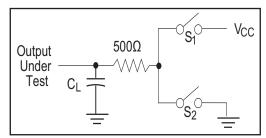
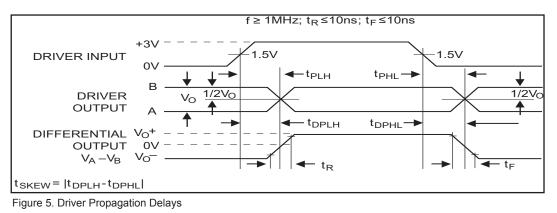


Figure 4. Driver Timing Test Load #2 Circuit



INPUTS			Ουτι	PUTS	
RE	DE	DI	LINE CONDITION	А	в
Х	1	1	No Fault	1	0
Х	1	0	No Fault	0	1
Х	0	Х	Х	Z	Z
Х	1	Х	Fault	Z	Z

# - FUNCTION TRUTH TABLES

INPUTS			OUTPUTS
RE	DE	A - B	R
0	0	+0.2V	1
0	0	-0.2V	0
0	0	Inputs Open	1
1	0	Х	Z

Table 1. Transmit Function Truth Table

Table 2. Receive Function Truth Table

## SWITCHING WAVEFORMS

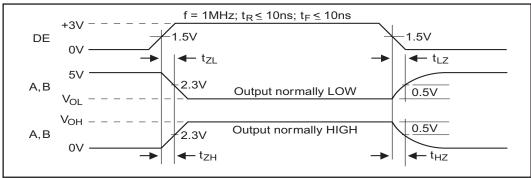
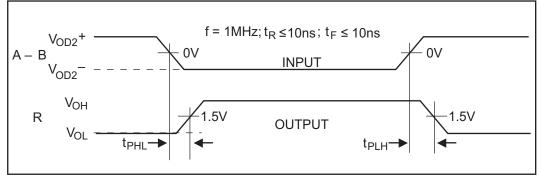


Figure 6. Driver Enable and Disable Times





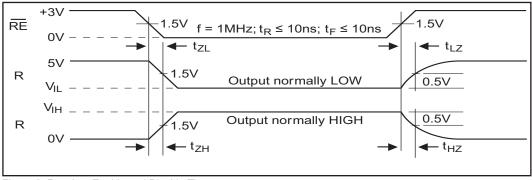


Figure 8. Receiver Enable and Disable Times

The **SP481E** and **SP485E** are half-duplex differential transceivers that meet the requirements of RS-485 and RS-422. Fabricated with an **Exar** proprietary BiCMOS process, this product requires a fraction of the power of older bipolar designs.

The RS-485 standard is ideal for multi-drop applications and for long-distance interfaces. RS-485 allows up to 32 drivers and 32 receivers to be connected to a data bus, making it an ideal choice for multi-drop applications. Since the cabling can be as long as 4,000 feet, RS-485 transceivers are equipped with a wide (-7V to +12V) common mode range to accommodate ground potential differences. Because RS-485 is a differential interface, data is virtually immune to noise in the transmission line.

## **Drivers**

The driver outputs of the **SP481E** and **SP485E** are differential outputs meeting the RS-485 and RS-422 standards. The typical voltage output swing with no load will be 0 Volts to +5 Volts. With worst case loading of  $54\Omega$  across the differential outputs, the drivers can maintain greater than 1.5V voltage levels. The drivers of the **SP481E** and **SP485E** have an enable control line which is active HIGH. A logic HIGH on DE (pin 3) will enable the differential driver outputs. A logic LOW on the DE(pin 3) will tri-state the driver outputs.

The transmitters of the **SP481E** and **SP485E** will operate up to at least 10Mbps.

## Receivers

The **SP481E** and **SP485E** receivers have differential inputs with an input sensitivity as low as  $\pm 200$  mV. Input impedance of the receivers is typically  $15k\Omega$  ( $12k\Omega$  minimum). A wide common mode range of -7V to +12V allows for large ground potential differences between systems. The receivers of the **SP481E** and **SP485E** have a tri-state enable control pin. A logic LOW on RE (pin 2) will enable the receiver, a logic HIGH on RE (pin 2) will disable the receiver.

The receiver for the **SP481E** and **SP485E** will operate up to at least 10Mbps. The receiver for each of the two devices is equipped with the fail-safe feature. Failsafe guarantees that the receiver output will be in a HIGH state when the input is left unconnected.

## Shutdown Mode SP481E

The **SP481E** is equipped with a Shutdown mode. TO enable the shutdown state, both driver and receiver must be disabled simultaneously. A logic LOW on DE (pin 3) and a Logic HIGH on RE (pin 2) will put the **SP481E** into Shutdown mode. In Shutdown, supply current will drop to typically 1µA.

# ESD TOLERANCE

The **SP481E** and **SP485E** incorporates ruggedized ESD cells on all driver output and receiver input pins. The ESD structure is improved over our previous family for more rugged applications and environments sensitive to electro-static discharges and associated transients. The improved ESD tolerance is at least ±15kV without damage or latch-up.

There are different methods of ESD testing applied:

a) MIL-STD-883, Method 3015.7 b) IEC61000-4-2 Air-Discharge c) IEC61000-4-2 Direct Contact The Human Body Model has been the generally accepted ESD testing method for semiconductors. This method is also specified in MIL-STD-883, Method 3015.7 for ESD testing. The premise of this ESD test is to simulate the human body's potential to store electro-static energy and discharge it to an integrated circuit. The simulation is performed by using a test model as shown in Figure 9. This method will test the IC's capability to withstand an ESD transient during normal handling such as in manufacturing areas where the ICs tend to be handled frequently. The IEC-61000-4-2. formerly IEC801-2, is generally used for testing ESD on equipment and systems.

For system manufacturers, they must guarantee a certain amount of ESD protection since the system itself is exposed to the outside environment and human presence. The premise with IEC61000-4-2 is that the system is required to withstand an amount of static electricity when ESD is applied to points and surfaces of the equipment that are accessible to personnel during normal usage. The transceiver IC receives most of the ESD current when the ESD source is applied to the connector pins. The test circuit for IEC61000-4-2 is shown on Figure 10. There are two methods within IEC61000-4-2. the Air Discharge method and the Contact Discharge method.

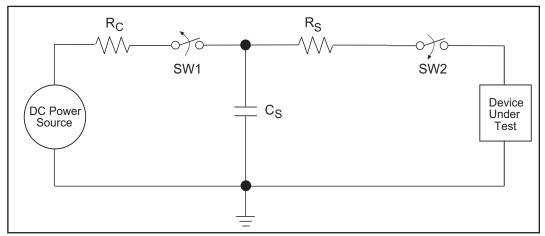


Figure 9. ESD Test Circuit for Human Body Model

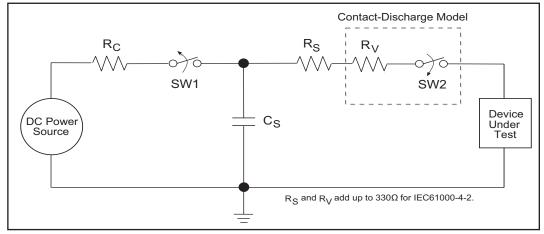


Figure 10. ESD Test Circuit for IEC61000-4-2

With the Air Discharge Method, an ESD voltage is applied to the equipment under test (EUT) through air. This simulates an electrically charged person ready to connect a cable onto the rear of the system only to find an unpleasant zap just before the person touches the back panel. The high energy potential on the person discharges through an arcing path to the rear panel of the system before he or she even touches the system. This energy, whether discharged directly or through air, is predominantly a function of the discharge current rather than the discharge voltage. Variables with an air discharge such as approach speed of the object carrying the ESD potential to the system and humidity will tend to change the discharge current. For example, the rise time of the discharge current varies with the approach speed.

The Contact Discharge Method applies the ESD current directly to the EUT. This method was devised to reduce the unpredictability of the ESD arc. The discharge current rise time is constant since the energy is directly transferred without the air-gap arc. In situations such as hand held systems, the ESD charge can be directly discharged to the equipment from a person already holding the equipment. The current is transferred on to the keypad or the serial port of the equipment directly and then travels through the PCB and finally to the IC.

The circuit model in Figures 9 and 10 represent the typical ESD testing circuit used for all three methods. The  $C_s$  is initially charged with the DC power supply when the first switch (SW1) is on. Now that the capacitor is charged, the second switch (SW2) is on while SW1 switches off.

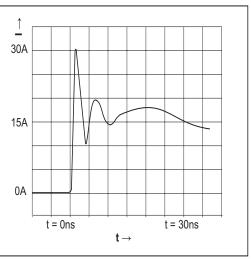


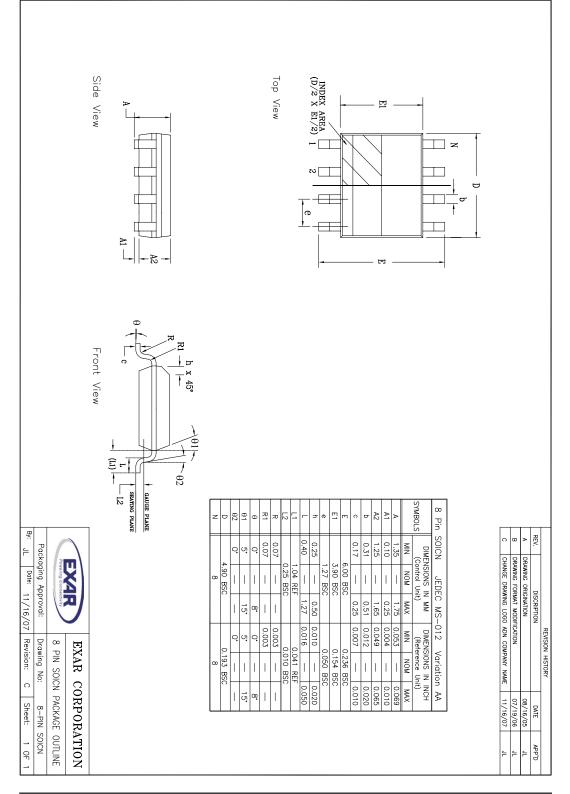
Figure 11. ESD Test Waveform for IEC61000-4-2

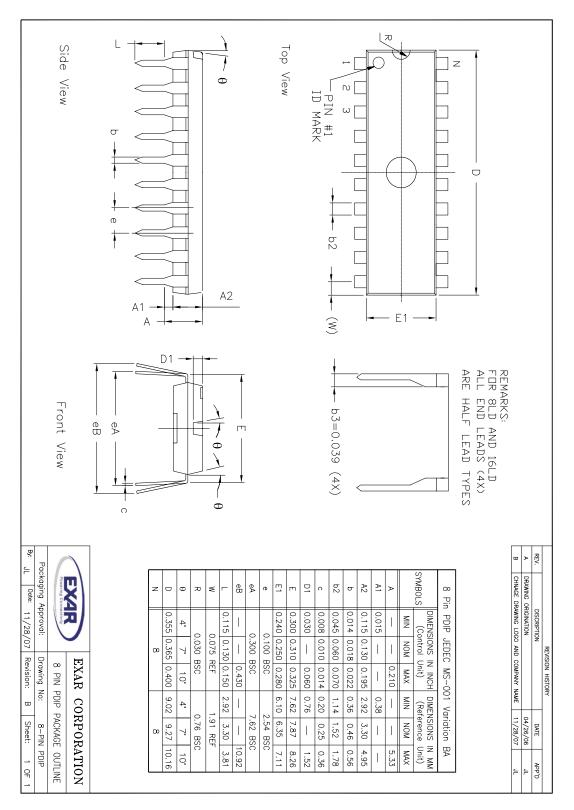
The voltage stored in the capacitor is then applied through  $R_s$ , the current limiting resistor, onto the device under test (DUT). In ESD tests, the SW2 switch is pulsed so that the device under test receives a duration of voltage.

For the Human Body Model, the current limiting resistor ( $R_s$ ) and the source capacitor ( $C_s$ ) are 1.5k $\Omega$  an 100pF, respectively. For IEC-61000-4-2, the current limiting resistor ( $R_s$ ) and the source capacitor ( $C_s$ ) are 330 $\Omega$  an 150pF, respectively.

The higher  $C_s$  value and lower  $R_s$  value in the IEC61000-4-2 model are more stringent than the Human Body Model. The larger storage capacitor injects a higher voltage to the test point when SW2 is switched on. The lower current limiting resistor increases the current charge onto the test point.

SP481E, SP485E HUMAN BODY FAMILY MODEL		IEC61000-4-2			
		Air Discharge	Direct Contact	Level	
Driver Outputs Receiver Inputs	+/-15kV +/-15kV	+/-15kV +/-15kV	+/-8kV +/-8kV	4 4	





	ORDERING INFORMATION	
Model	Temperature Range	Package Types
SP481ECN-L	0°C to +70°C	
SP481ECN-L/TR	0°C to +70°C	
SP481EEN-L/	40°C to +85°C	
SP481EEN-L/TR	-40°C to +85°C	
SP485ECN-L	0°C to +70°C	
SP485ECN-L/TR	0°C to +70°C	
	40°C to +85°C	
SP485EEN-L/TR	-40°C to +85°C	
SP485EEP-L	-40°C to +85°C	
	-40°C to +125°C	
SP485EMN-L/TR	-40°C to +125°C	

Note: /TR = Tape and Reel

## **REVISION HISTORY**

DATE	REVISION	DESCRIPTION
May 11/07		Legacy Sipex Datasheet
12/18/08	1.0.0	Convert to Exar Format. Update ordering information as a result of discontinued Lead type package options per PDN 081126-01. Remove "Top Mark" information from ordering page.
11/19/09	1.0.1	Correct table 1 error for driver output A and B outputs
08/08/10	1.0.2	Change SP485EMN-L and SP485EMN-L/TR temperature range error from +85C to +125C in ordering information section.
05/27/11	1.0.3	Remove driver minimum limits of propagation delay and Rise/Fall time. Remove SP481ECP-L and SP481EEP-L per PDN 110510-01

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