AKM AK4181A

Touch Screen Controller

Features:

- Sampling Frequency: 125kHz(max)
- Pen Pressure Measurement
- On-Chip Thermo Sensor
- Two Auxiliary Analog Inputs
- Direct Battery Measurement
- 4-wire I/F
- On-Chip Voltage Reference (2.5V)
- 12 bit SAR type A/D Converter with S/H circuit
- Low Power Consumption (250µA)
- Low Voltage Operation (2.7V 3.6V)
- Package

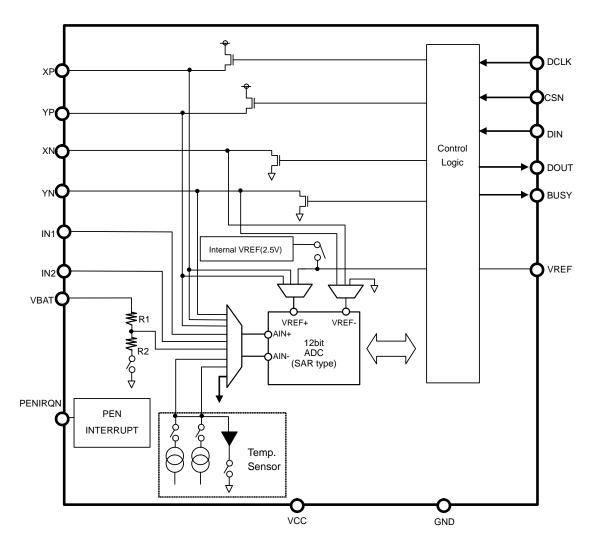
16pin TSSOP

General Description:

The AK4181A is a 4-wire touch screen controller that incorporates a 12-bit 125kHz sampling SAR A/D converter. The AK4181A can detect the pressed screen location by performing two A/D conversions. In addition to location, the AK4181A also measures touch screen pressure.

On-chip VREF can be utilized for two analog auxiliary inputs and battery monitoring, with the ability to measure voltages from 0V to 5V.

The AK4181A also has an on-chip temperature sensor.

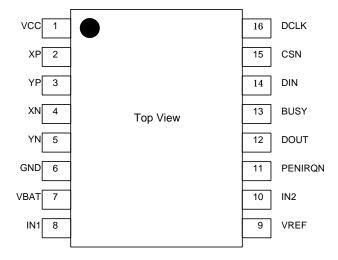


Block Diagram

■ Ordering Guide

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■ Pin Layout



Pin/Function

| No. | Signal Name | I/O | Description |
|-----|-------------|-----|--|
| 1 | VCC | - | Power Supply |
| 2 | XP | I/O | Touch Screen X+ plate Voltage supply |
| | | | ■ X axis Measurement: Supplies the voltage to X+ position input |
| | | | ■ Y axis Measurement: This pin is used as the input for the A/D converter |
| | | | ■ Pen Pressure Measurement: This pin is the input for the A/D converter at Z1 measurement. |
| | | | ■ Temperature/VBAT/IN1/IN2 Measurement: OPEN state |
| | | | ■ Pen Waiting State: Pulled up by an internal resistor (typ.50k ohm). |
| 3 | YP | I/O | Touch Screen Y+ plate Voltage supply |
| | | | ■ Y axis Measurement: Supplies the voltage to Y+ position input |
| | | | ■ X axis Measurement: This pin is used as the input for the A/D converter |
| | | | ■ Pen Pressure Measurement: Supplies the voltage. |
| | | | ■ Temperature/VBAT/IN1/IN2 Measurement: OPEN state |
| 4 | XN | I/O | Touch Screen X- plate Voltage supply |
| | | | ■ X axis Measurement: Supplies the voltage to X- position input |
| | | | ■ Y axis Measurement: OPEN state |
| | | | ■ Pen Pressure Measurement: Supplies the voltage. |
| | | | ■ Temperature/VBAT/IN1/IN2 Measurement: OPEN state |
| 5 | YN | I/O | Touch Screen Y- plate Voltage supply |
| | | | ■ Y axis Measurement: Supplies the voltage to Y- position input |
| | | | ■ X axis Measurement: OPEN state |
| | | | ■ Pen Pressure Measurement: This pin is the input for the A/D converter at Z2 measurement. |
| | | | ■ Temperature/VBAT/IN1/IN2 Measurement: OPEN state |
| | | | ■ Pen Waiting State: connected to GND. |
| 6 | GND | - | Ground |
| 7 | VBAT | I | Analog Input for Battery Monitor |
| 8 | IN1 | I | Auxiliary 1 Analog Input |
| 9 | VREF | I/O | Voltage Reference Input/Output |
| | | | Outputs 2.5V |
| 10 | IN2 | I | Auxiliary 2 Analog Input |
| 11 | PENIRQN | О | Pen Interrupt Output |
| | | | This pin should be pulled up via a 100k-ohm resistor. This pin is "L" during the pen down on |
| | | | pen interrupt enable state with CSN ="H" otherwise this pin is "H". This pin is "H" during pen |
| | | | interrupt disable state with the CSN = "H" regardless pen touch. See ■ Power-down Control and |
| | | | ■ Pen Interrupt for the reference. |
| 12 | DOUT | О | Serial A/D Data Output |
| | | | Output A/D data serially at the falling edge of DCLK. MSB is output at the falling edge of |
| | | | BUSY signal. |
| | | | Output "L" at CSN= "L" during A/D data does not output. |
| | | | This pin is Hi-Z state at CSN="H" |
| 13 | BUSY | О | BUSY Output |
| | | | This pin goes to low at CSN = "L". BUSY signal is "H" only for the period between the falling |
| | | | edge of 8 th DCLK and the falling edge of 9 th DCLK. |
| | | | This pin is Hi-Z state at CSN= "H" |
| 14 | DIN | I | Serial Data Input |
| | | | Inputs 8-bit control command data serially when CSN= "L" |
| | | | AK4181A latches at the rising edge of DCLK. Must keep "L" while not issuing commands. |
| 15 | CSN | I | Chip Select Input |
| | D. CT. 11 | | Enables writing data to the registers when CSN= "L". |
| 16 | DCLK | I | External Clock Input |

| Absolute Maximum Ratings | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|------|--------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| GND=0V (Note 1) | | | | | | | | |
| Parameter | Symbol | Min | max | Units | | | | |
| Power Supplies | VCC | -0.3 | 6.0 | V | | | | |
| Input Current (any pins except for supplies) | IIN | - | ±10 | mA | | | | |
| Input Voltage | VIN | -0.3 | 6.0(VCC+0.3) | V | | | | |
| Touch Panel Drive Current | IOUTDRV | | 50 | mA | | | | |
| Ambient Temperature (power supplied) | Ta | -20 | 70 | °C | | | | |
| Storage Temperature | Tstg | -65 | 150 | °C | | | | |

Note 1.All voltages with respect to ground.

WARNING: Operation at or beyond these limits may result in permanent damage to the device. Normal operation is not guaranteed at these extremes.

| Recommended Operating Conditions | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-------|--|--|
| GND=0V (Note 1) | | | | | | | |
| Parameter | Symbol | Min | typ | max | Units | | |
| Power Supplies | VCC | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.6 | V | | |

Note 1. All voltages with respect to ground.

WARNING: AKM assumes no responsibility for the usage beyond the conditions in this datasheet.

Analog Characteristics

Ta=-20°C to 70°C, VCC=2.7V, External Vref =2.5V, fs=125kHz, fDCLK=16*fs, 12bit mode

| Parameter | min | typ | max | Units |
|---|------|------|------|--------|
| ADC for Touch Screen | | | | |
| Resolution | | 12 | | Bits |
| No Missing Codes | 11 | 12 | | Bits |
| Integral Linearity Error | | | ±2 | LSB |
| DNL | | ±1 | | LSB |
| Analog Input Voltage Range | 0 | | Vref | V |
| Offset Error | | | ±6 | LSB |
| Gain Error | | | ±4 | LSB |
| Touch Panel Driver | | | | |
| XP, YP, RL= 300 Ω | | 5 | | Ω |
| XN, YN, RL=300Ω | | 5 | | Ω |
| XP Pull Up Register (when pen interrupt enable) | | 50 | | ΚΩ |
| PSRR (10KHz 100mVpp) | | 70 | | dB |
| Reference Output | | | | |
| Internal Reference | 2.45 | 2.50 | 2.55 | V |
| Drift | | 30 | | ppm/°C |
| Load Capacitance | 0.1 | | | μF |
| Reference Input | | | | |
| Input Voltage Range | | | VCC | V |
| Battery Monitor | | | | |
| Input Voltage Range | | | 5.0 | V |
| Input Impedance (Battery Measure Mode) | 5 | 10 | | ΚΩ |
| Accuracy (Note 2) External VREF = 2.5V is used | | | ±2 | % |
| Accuracy (Note 2) Internal Reference is used. | | | ±3 | % |
| Temperature Measurement | | | | |
| Temperature Range | -20 | | 70 | °C |
| Resolution (Note 3) | | 1.6 | | °C |
| Accuracy (Note 4) | | ±3 | | °C |
| Power Supply Current | | | | • |
| Normal Mode (Internal Reference OFF) | | 250 | 500 | μΑ |
| Normal Mode (Internal Reference ON) | | 520 | 800 | μA |
| Full Power Down(when writing control command with PD1=PD0= "0") | | 0 | 3 | μA |

Note 2. Accuracy is the difference between the output code when 5 volts is input to the VBAT pin and the "ideal" code at 1.25 volts.

Note 3. "ideal" value derived from theory

Note 4. Accuracy is defined as the difference between the voltage measured by two current sources, and the ideal voltage derived from theory at specific temperatures.

DC Characteristics (Logic I/O)

Ta=-20 to 70°C, VCC=2.7V to 3.6V

| Parameter | Symbol | min | typ | max | Units |
|--|--------|---------|-----|---------|-------|
| "H" level input voltage | VIH | 0.8xVCC | - | | V |
| "L" level input voltage | VIL | | - | 0.2xVCC | V |
| Input Leakage Current | IILK | -10 | | 10 | μΑ |
| "H" level output voltage (@ Iout = -250uA) | VOH | VCC-0.4 | - | | V |
| "L" level output voltage (@ Iout= 250uA) | VOL | - | - | 0.4 | V |
| Tri-state Leakage Current | IOLK | | | | |
| All pins except for XP, YP, XN, YN pins | | -10 | | 10 | μΑ |
| XP, YP, XN, YN pins | | -50 | | 50 | μA |
| PENIRQN "L" level output voltage (100KΩ Pull-Up) | VOLP | | | 0.8 | V |

Switching Characteristics

Ta=-20°C to 70°C, VCC=2.7V to 3.6V

| Parameter | Symbol | min | typ | max | Units |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------|-----|------|---------|
| Touch Panel (A/D Converter) | | | | | |
| Throughput Rate | Fs | | | 125 | kHz |
| DCLK | | | | | |
| frequency | fDCLK | 10 | | 2100 | kHz |
| duty | duty | 40 | 50 | 60 | % |
| Tracking Time (Rin=600Ω) (Note 5) | tTRK | 1.428 | | | μs |
| Conversion Time | tCONV | | | 12 | 1/fDCLK |
| CSN "↓" to First DCLK "↑" | t1 | 100 | | | ns |
| CSN "↓" to BUSY Tri-State Disabled | t2 | | | 200 | ns |
| CSN "↓" to DOUT Tri-State Disabled | t3 | | | 200 | ns |
| DCLK High Pulse Width | t4 | 190 | | | ns |
| DCLK Low Pulse Width | t5 | 190 | | | ns |
| DCLK "↓" to BUSY "↑" | t6 | | | 160 | ns |
| Data Setup Time | t7 | 100 | | | ns |
| Data Valid to DCLK Hold Time | t8 | 10 | | | ns |
| Data Access Time after DCLK "↓" | t9 | | | 160 | ns |
| CSN "↑" to DCLK Ignored | t10 | 0 | | | ns |
| CSN "↑" to BUSY High-Z state | t11 | | | 200 | ns |
| CSN "↑" to DOUT High-Z state | t12 | | | 200 | ns |

Note 5. The actual tracking periods are 3tDCLK. (tDCLK=1/fDCLK)

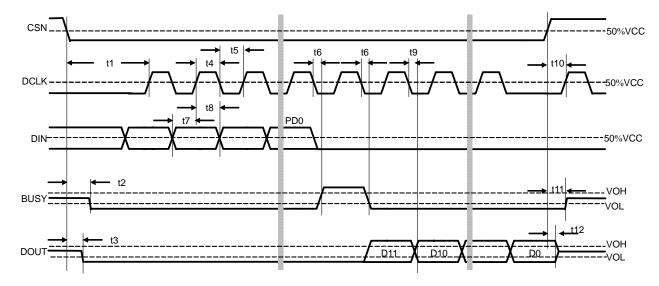


Figure 1 AK4181A Timing Diagram

■ A/D Converter for Touch Screen

The AK4181A incorporates a 12-bit successive approximation resistor (SAR) A/D converter for position measurement, temperature, and battery voltage. The architecture is based on capacitive redistribution algorithm, and an internal capacitor array functions as the sample/hold (S/H) circuit.

The SAR A/D converter output is a straight binary format as shown below:

| Input Voltage | Output Code |
|--|-------------|
| (ΔVREF-1.5LSB)~ ΔVREF | FFFH |
| $(\Delta VREF-2.5LSB) \sim (\Delta VREF-1.5LSB)$ | FFEH |
| | |
| 0.5LSB ~ 1.5LSB | 001H |
| 0 ~ 0.5LSB | 000H |

 $\Delta VREF$: (VREF+) - (VREF-)

Table 1 Output Code

The full scale ($\Delta VREF$) of the A/D converter depends on the input mode. The AK4181A is controlled by the 8 bit serial command on DIN.

■ Analog Inputs

Analog input is selected via the A2, A1, A0 and SER/ \overline{DFR} bits in the control register. If the analog inputs are selected to the X or Y-axis, SER/ \overline{DFR} = "0", which means differential mode, the full scale ($\Delta VREF$) is the differential voltage between the non-inverting terminal and the inverting terminal of the measured axis (e.g. X-axis measurement:(XP) – (XN)). Analog non-inverting input to A/D converter is the non-inverting terminal of the non-measured axis while the inverting input is the inverting terminal of the measured axis. If the SER/ \overline{DFR} bit is set to "1" which means single-ended mode, the full scale of A/D converter ($\Delta VREF$) is the internal reference voltage or external reference voltage. Note that SER/ \overline{DFR} bit should be set to "0" if IN2 is selected as analog input; nevertheless, IN2 is actually measured by single-ended mode.

Tracking time is the period from the falling edge of 5^{th} DCLK to that of 8^{th} DCLK after the detection of START bit during CSN="L".

The required settling time to charge the internal capacitor array depends on the source impedance (Rin). If the source impedance is 600 ohm, the settling time needs at least 1.428µs (3tDCLKat 2.1MHz). The maximum throughput of A/D converter is 125 kHz.

If the source impedance of analog input or battery input is larger than 600 ohm, longer tracking time is required.

■ The Position Detection of Touch Screen

The position on the touch screen is detected by taking the voltage of one axis when the voltage is supplied between the two terminals of another axis. At least two A/D conversions are needed to get the two-dimensional (X/Y axis) position.

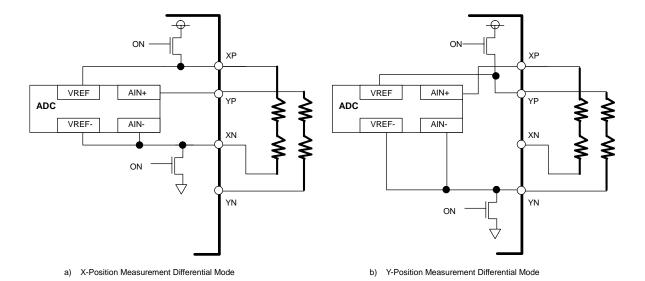


Figure 2 Axis Measurement

The differential mode position detection is typically more accurate than the single-ended mode. As the full scale of single-ended mode is fixed to the internal (or external) reference voltage, input voltage may exceed the full-scale reference voltage. This problem does not occur in differential mode. In addition to this, the differential mode is less influenced by power supply voltage variation due to the ratio-metric measurement.

However, note that the touch screen driver switch is still ON and the current flows even for the A/D conversion time. On the other hand, the touch screen driver switch is ON only for the tracking time, 3tDCLK. From the point of power consumption, single-ended mode has more advantages.

■ The Pen Pressure Measurement

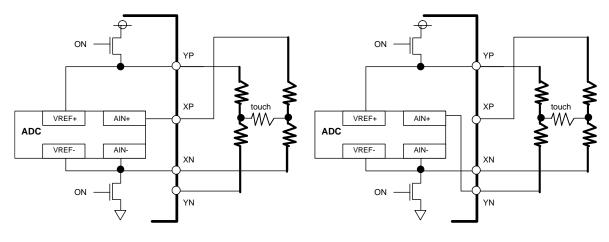
The touch screen pen pressure can be derived from the measurement of the contact resistor between two plates. The contact resistance depends on the size of the depressed area and the pressure. The area of the spot is proportional to the contact resistance. This resistance (Rtouch) can be calculated using two different methods.

The first method is that when the total resistance of the X-plate sheet is already known. The resistance, Rtouch, is calculated from the results of three conversions, X-position, Z1-Position, and Z2-Position, and then using the following formula:

Rtouch = (Rxplate) * (Xposition/4096) * [(Z2/Z1) - 1]

The second method is that when both the resistances of the X-plate and Y-plate are known. The resistance, Rtouch, is calculated from the results of three conversions, X-position, Y-Position, and Z1-Position, and then using the following formula:

Rtouch = (Rxplate*Xposition/4096)*[(4096/Z1) - 1] - Ryplate*[1 - (Yposition/4096)]



a) Z1-Position Measurement Differential Mode

b) Z2-Position Measurement Differential Mode

Figure 3 Pen Pressure Measurements

■ Voltage Reference

The AK4181A has an internal 2.5V voltage reference. This reference can be turned ON when PD1 = "1", and OFF when PD1 = "0". This reference is used in the single-ended mode for the battery monitoring, temperature measurement, or for auxiliary input. A $0.1\mu F$ or larger capacitor should be connected for stable operation of the VREF circuit. Settling time depends on this external capacitance, but $400\mu s$ or longer time is required if the external capacitance is $0.1\mu F$.

If an external voltage reference is used, PD1 bit should be set to "0".

■ Battery Measurement

The AK4181A can directly measure the battery voltage up to 5V while the AK4181A operates at 2.7V to 3.3V. The input voltage is internally divided down by 4 and applied to the input of AD converter (AIN+). Minimum 5μ s is required as tracking time. If the source impedance is larger, more tracking time is required.

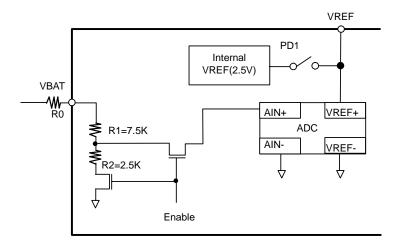


Figure 4 Battery Monitoring

■ Temperature Measurement

Equation <1> describes the forward characteristics of the diode.

$$\begin{split} i_D = & I_0 exp(v_D/V_T) \ \ (\ \, V_T = kT/q) \qquad <1> \\ & I_0: \ \, reverse \ \, saturation \ \, current \\ & q: 1.602189 \times 10^{-19} \ \, (electron \ \, charge) \\ & k: 1.38054 \times 10^{-23} \ \, (Boltzmann's \ \, constant) \end{split}$$

v_D: voltage across diode T: absolute temperature K

The diode characteristic is approximately shown as a diode junction voltage. That is theoretically proportional to the temperature; the ambient temperature can be predicted by knowing this voltage.

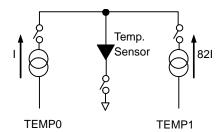


Figure 5 Temperature Measurement

As the AK4181A has two different fixed current circuits and a diode (temperature sensor), the temperature can be measured by using two different methods.

The first method needs two conversions, but can derive the temperature directly without knowing the voltage at a specific temperature.

$$\begin{split} & \text{From equation } <1> \\ & (i_{D2} \slash i_{D1}) = exp\{(v_{(NI)} \slash v_{(I)}) \slash V_T\} \quad \ \ N = (i_{D2} \slash i_{D1}) = 82 \text{ (ratio of the current)} \\ & T^\circ C = (\Delta V be * q) \slash (k * ln \ N) - 273 \\ & \Delta V be = V(82I) - V(I) \end{split}$$
 $& T^\circ C = 2.63 \times 10^3 \times \Delta V be - 273 \end{split}$

The second method needs only one conversion as the following equation, but requires knowing the junction voltage at the specific temperature.

$$T = (k/q) * v_D / ln(i_D / I_0)$$
 <2>

■ Control Command

The control command, 8 bits, provided to the AK4181A via DIN is shown in the following table. This command includes start bit, channel selection, resolution, measurement configuration, and power-down mode. The AK4181A latches the serial command at the rising edge of DCLK. Table 2 gives detailed information regarding the bit order, function, the status of driver switch, ADC input, reference voltage.

| D7 | D6 | D5 | D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 |
|----|----|----|----|------|----------|-----|-----|
| S | A2 | A1 | A0 | MODE | SER/ DFR | PD1 | PD0 |

| BIT | Name | Function |
|-----|----------|--|
| 7 | S | Start Bit. This bit must be "H" because the AK4181A initiates the command recognition |
| 6-4 | A2-A0 | Channel Selection Bits. Analog inputs to the A/D converter and the activated driver switches are |
| | | selected. Please see the following table for the detail. |
| 3 | MODE | Resolution of A/D converter. "L": 12 bit output "H": 8 bit output |
| 2 | SER/ DFR | Measurement Mode (Single-Ended/Differential) |
| 3 | PD1-PD0 | Power-down Mode (reference to "■ Power-down Control") |

| | Control Command | | | Status of Driver Switch | | | ADC inpu | ıt (ΔAIN) | Reference Voltage (ΔVREF) | | | |
|----|-----------------|----|------|-------------------------|-----|-----|----------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| A2 | A1 | A0 | SER/ | XP | XN | YP | YN | AIN+ | AIN- | VREF+ | VREF- | Note |
| | | | DFR | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | OFF | OFF | OFF | OFF | TEMP0 | GND | VREF | GND | TEMP0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | OFF | OFF | ON | ON | XP | GND | VREF | GND | Y-axis |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | OFF | OFF | OFF | OFF | VBAT | GND | VREF | GND | Battery Monitor |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | OFF | ON | ON | OFF | XP(Z1) | GND | VREF | GND | Z1 (Pen Pressure) |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | OFF | ON | ON | OFF | YN(Z2) | GND | VREF | GND | Z2 (Pen Pressure) |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ON | ON | OFF | OFF | YP | GND | VREF | GND | X-axis |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | OFF | OFF | OFF | OFF | IN1 | GND | VREF | GND | IN1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | OFF | OFF | OFF | OFF | TEMP1 | GND | VREF | GND | TEMP1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | NA |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | OFF | OFF | ON | ON | XP | YN | YP | YN | Y-axis |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | NA |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | OFF | ON | ON | OFF | XP(Z1) | XN | YP | XN | Z1 (Pen Pressure) |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | OFF | ON | ON | OFF | YN(Z2) | XN | YP | XN | Z2 (Pen Pressure) |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ON | ON | OFF | OFF | YP | XN | XP | XN | X-axis |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | OFF | OFF | OFF | OFF | IN2 | GND | VREF | GND | IN2 (Note 6) |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | | NA |

Note 6. Note that IN2 auxiliary input is measured by single-ended mode although SER/ DFR bit is "0".

Table 2 Control Command List

■ Power-down Control

Power-down is controlled by two bits, PD0 bit and PD1 bit. The power-down state of internal voltage reference is controlled by PD1 bit, and is updated at the rising edge of 7^{th} DCLK with CSN = "L".

The power-down state of A/D converter, and touch screen driver switches is controlled by PD0 bit, and is updated at the rising edge of 8^{th} DCLK with CSN = "L".

If PD0 bit is set to "1", the state of the driver switches is maintained until the 5th DCLK↑ of the next conversion if CSN is "L". If CSN is "H", all driver switches except for YN switch switches are turned off and are open states. Only YN driver switch is turned ON and YN pin is forced to the ground in this case.

| PD1 | PD0 | PENIRQN | Function |
|-----|-----|----------|---|
| 0 | 0 | Enabled | Auto Power-down Mode. A/D converter is automatically powered up at the start of the conversion, and goes to power-down state automatically at the end of the conversion. And the AK4181A is always powered down at this mode if CSN= "H". All touch screen driver switches except for YN switch are turned off and relative pins are open state. Only YN driver switch is turned ON and YN pin is forced to the ground in this case. PEN interrupt function is enabled except for the tracking time and conversion time even CSN= "L". Please see "■ PEN Interrupt" for the detail. The internal voltage reference is always power-down state. |
| 0 | 1 | Enabled | ADC ON Mode A/D converter is always powered up while CSN = "L". The internal voltage reference is always power-down state. If X-axis or Y-axis is selected as analog input, touch screen driver switches are always turned ON and the current flows through the touch plate if CSN= "L". This is effective if more settling time is required to suppress the electrical bouncing of touch plate. |
| 1 | 0 | Enabled | VREF ON Mode The internal voltage reference is always powered up regardless of CSN state. ADC is auto power-down mode. PEN interrupt function is enabled at all the period except for the period from the 5DCLK↓ to 20DCLK↓ regardless of CSN state. |
| 1 | 1 | Disabled | ADC and VREF ON Mode A/D converter and the internal voltage reference is power-up state PEN interrupt function is disabled and PENIRQN is forced to "H" state if CSN= "H". The behavior of PENIRQN is the same as "ADC ON Mode" |

Table 3 Power-down Control

■ Serial Interface

The AK4181A is controlled via 4-wire serial interface, CSN, DCLK, DIN, DOUT. Please see "■ Switching Characteristics" for the detail.

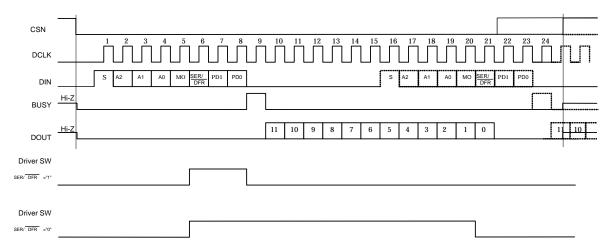


Figure 6 Serial Interface

BUSY and DOUT goes to "L" from Hi-Z state at the falling edge of CSN. The AK4181A latches the 8bit control word serially via DIN at the rising edge of DCLK. As the AK4181A starts the command decoding at the first "H" bit after CSN= " \downarrow ", MSB (S bit) of the command must be "H".

Tracking time is the period from the falling edge of 5th DCLK to the falling edge of 8th DCLK. If SER/ \overline{DFR} = "1", PD0= "0", and if analog input is X-axis or Y-axis (the measurement is the pen position or pen pressure), the touch screen driver switches are turned ON for this 3DCLK period. If SER/ \overline{DFR} = "0", the switches are turned ON for the period from 5DCLK \downarrow to 20 DCLK \downarrow .

BUSY is "H" for one DCLK period, which is from 8DCLK↓ to 9DCLK↓. BUSY is "L" for other period. The AK4181A outputs A/D data with MSB first via DOUT from the falling edge of 9th DCLK. DIN must keep low state for minimum 7 DCLK times (9th-15th DCLK) after command is sent on the DIN.

The AK4181A can output one A/D data per 15 DCLK clock cycles for the fastest way as shown in the dotted line of the Figure 6.

■ Pen Interrupt

The AK4181A has pen interrupt function to detect the pen touch. Pen interrupt function is enabled at power-down state. YN pin is connected to GND at the PEN interrupt enabled state. And XP pin is pulled up via an internal resistor (Ri), typically 50k ohm. PENIRQN pulled up via an external resistor, 100k ohm, is also connected to XP pin. If touch plate is pressed by pen the current flows via <VCC> - <Ri> - <XP> -<the plates> - <YN>. The resistance of the plate is generally 1k ohm or less, PENIRQN is forced to "L" level. If the pen is released, PENIRQN returns "H" level because two plates are disconnected, and the current doesn't flow via two plates.

If the plate is touched with pen or finger, PENIRQN goes to "L" at CSN = "H" unless previous command issued with both PD1 and PD0 is "1". PENIRQN is disabled and keeps "H" level regardless of the touched/non-touched state if CSN = "H".

The operation of PENIRQN is related to PD0 bit. PD0 bit is updated at the rising edge of 8th DCLK (please see "■ Power-down Control" for the detail). Therefore, the last PD0 bit is valid until this timing. (The internal voltage reference is controlled by only PD1 bit regardless of PD0 bit and CSN state.)

i. The period from the 5th DCLK↓ to the 20th DCLK↓

The behavior of PENIRQN is related to the selected analog input. If the X-axis or Y-axis is selected as analog input, PENIRQN is forced to "L" regardless of the touched/non-touched state. If the temperature, VBAT, or auxiliary inputs is selected, PENIRQN is forced to "H" regardless of the touched/non-touched state.

ii. The period from CSN↓ to the 5th DCLK.

The behavior of PENIRQN is related to the combination of the last selected analog input channel, and the last PD0 bit. If the last PD0 bit was set to "0", PENIRQN is "H" while the plate is not pressed, and "L" while the plate is pressed regardless of the last analog input. If the last PD0 bit was set to "1", the last analog input decides the level of PENIRQN. If the last analog input channel is ether X-axis or Y-axis, PENIRQN is "L" for all the time in this period regardless of the touched/non-touched state. On the other hand, if the last analog input is temperature, VBAT, or auxiliary inputs, PENIRQN is "H" for all the time in this period regardless of the touched/non-touched state.

iii. The period from the 20th DCLK↓ to CSN↑

The behavior of PENIRQN is related to the combination of the current selected analog input channel, and the current PD0 bit. If the current PD0 bit is set to "0", PENIRQN is "H" while the plate is not pressed, and "L" while the plate is pressed regardless of the current selected analog input. If the current PD0 bit is set to "1", the current analog input decides the operation of PENIRQN. If the current analog input channel is ether X-axis or Y-axis, PENIRQN is "L" for all the time in this period regardless of the touched/non-touched state. On the other hand, if the current analog input is temperature, VBAT, or auxiliary inputs, PENIRQN is "H" for all the time in this period regardless of the touched/non-touched state.

It is recommended that the micro controller mask the pseudo-interrupts while the control command is issued or A/D data is output.

Full power down (CSN = "H", DIN = "H", DCLK= "L" or "H") should force internal register to initial value 00H and XP, YP, XN pin to Hi-z state. In addition to this, the current does not flow even if the plate is touched with pen or finger. PENIRQN goes to "H" regardless of pen touch at full power.

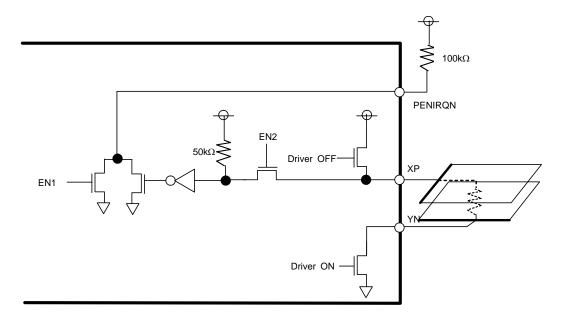
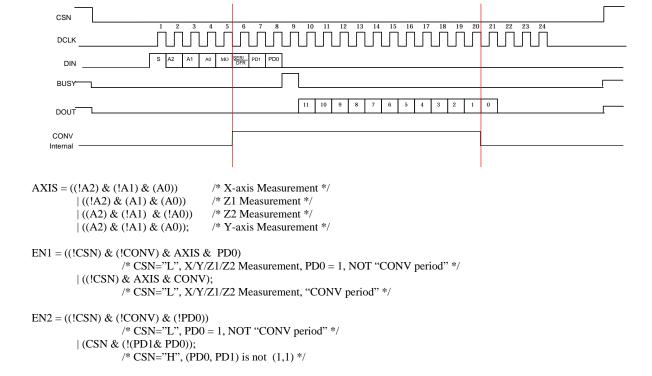


Figure 7 PENIRQ Functional Block Diagram

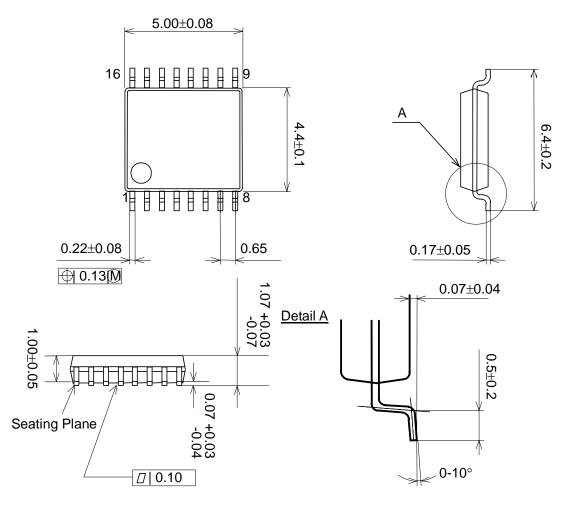


■ Power on Sequence

On the AK4181A first powers up, the register value including power down mode, internal reference (PD1, PD0) holds unfixed before sending first control command. On this condition pen interrupt function may be disable, internal reference may also be ON state ([PD1, PD0] = [1,1]). 8bit control command must be sent as quick as possible when first power up to fix the internal register value. The sequence is that 1) Power On with CSN = "L" or "H" then CSN = "H". 2) Send control command after CSN = "L". 3) CSN = "H" again. Once sending command to fix the internal register after first power up, the state of AK4181A is held on the condition of state as last command issued.

Package

16pin TSSOP (Unit: mm)



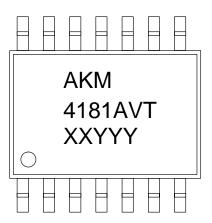
■ Package & Lead frame material

Package molding compound: Epoxy

Lead frame material: Cu

Lead frame surface treatment: Solder (Pb free) plate

Marking



Contents of XXYYY
XX: Lot #
YYY: Date Code

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