

ALS31313

Automotive Grade, 3-D Linear Hall-Effect Sensor with I2C Output and Advanced Low Power Management

FEATURES AND BENEFITS DESCRIPTION

- AEC-Q100 automotive qualification pending
- Senses magnetic fields in X, Y, and Z axes
- Z-axis sensing of "crouch" or push button motion
- Capable of operating with back-bias magnets
- Ideal for battery-powered, low-voltage applications \Box 2.65 to 3.5 V single supply operation
	- \Box 1 MHz I²C compatibility down to 1.8 V
	- \Box 14 nA (typ) Sleep I_{CC}
	- \Box 12 µA to 2 mA I_{CC} (typ) in low-power duty cycle mode
- Industry standard $I²C$ interface for easy system integration
- \Box Up to 1 MHz (Fast Mode+) I²C communication
- \Box 16 selectable addresses via external resistor divider
- \Box 127 available address configurable via EEPROM

Z

X

Y

- • On-chip EEPROM
	- \square Stores factory- and user-configured settings
	- \Box 78 bits of user EEPROM for additional storage
	- \Box On-chip charge pump for easy programming

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PACKAGE:

8-Pin TSSOP (LE)

Not to scale

The ALS31313 three-axis linear Hall-effect sensor IC provides 12-bit digital output words that are proportional to the strength of the field present in each of the X, Y, and Z axes. The quiescent output value (zero magnetic field applied) is at mid-scale. The ALS31313 is available preconfigured for use in joystick mode that includes crouch capability or single-ended X, Y, and Z mode. Single-ended configured devices are suitable for 3D linear sensing or 2D angle sensing applications and are available with three different factory-programmed sensitivity operating ranges: ± 500 G, ± 1000 G, and ± 2000 G. The sensitivity temperature coefficient is preprogrammed to support the drift profile of neodymium magnets.

The ALS31313 incorporates I2C interface for easy integration into a wide variety of applications. The I2C address can be set either by external resistors (16 unique addresses) or programmed into EEPROM via I2C (127 unique addresses), allowing for multiple devices on the same bus. The ALS31313 also includes 78 bits of user EEPROM.

Power management of the ALS31313 is highly configurable, allowing for system-level optimization of supply current and performance. Sleep mode consumes just 14 nA (typical), making the ALS31313 well suited for portable, battery-operated applications.

The ALS31313 is supplied in an 8-pin TSSOP. The package is lead (Pb) free with 100% matte-tin leadframe plating.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS (continued)

- • Flexible 12-bit ADC with 10-bit ENOB (Effective Number of Bits)
- Single-Ended Mode (X, Y, and Z axes): enables one to three axes
- Differential Mode $(X \text{ and } Y \text{ axes})$: enables slide-by linear sensing
- • Common Mode (X and Y axes): enables joystick operation
- • 1% (typ) accurate factory-trimmed sensitivity options $(\pm 500 \text{ G}, \pm 1000 \text{ G}, \text{and } \pm 2000 \text{ G} \text{ full-scale input})$
- • Integrated temperature sensor
- Wide ambient temperature range: -40° C to 125 $^{\circ}$ C

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 $[1]$ 1 gauss (G) = 0.1 millitesla (mT).

[2] Contact Allegro™ for alternate packing options.

[3] Joystick devices have reduced gain on the Z axis to accommodate back bias magnets.

NAMING SPECIFICATION

SPECIFICATIONS

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

[1] Stresses beyond the Absolute Maximum Ratings may result in permanent device damage. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods of time may affect device reliability.

THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS [2]

[2] Thermal characteristics may require derating at maximum conditions. See application section for more information. [3] Additional thermal information available on the Allegro website.

Figure 2: Typical Application

PINOUT DIAGRAM AND TERMINAL LIST TABLE

Terminal List Table

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS: Valid through full range of T_A , V_{CC} = 3.0 V, C_{BYPASS} = 0.1 µF, unless otherwise specified

 $[1]$ Typical values with \pm are mean ± 3 sigma.

[2] Parameter is tested at wafer probe only.

 $^{[3]}$ I_{CC} will vary based on lower power duty cycle settings. See Application Information section on power modes.

[4] The device will not respond to I²C inputs until after the power-on delay time. t_{POD} will vary based on BW Select code, with code 0 being the slowest. [5] Based on characterization data and guaranteed by design. Not verified at final test.

I2C INTERFACE CHARACTERISTICS ^[1]: Valid through full range of T_A, C_{BYPASS} = 0.1 μF, R_{PU} = 10 kΩ, and I²C Clock Speed (FCLK) = 400 kHz, unless otherwise specified

Characteristics	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min.	Typ. [1]	Max.	Unit
Bus Free Time Between Stop and Start	t_{BF}		1.3			μs
Hold Time Start Condition	$t_{\text{STA(H)}}$		0.6	$\qquad \qquad -$		μs
Setup Time for Repeated Start Condition	$t_{\text{STA}(S)}$		0.6	$\qquad \qquad -$	$\qquad \qquad -$	μs
SCL Low Time	t _{LOW}		1.3	$\overline{}$	$\qquad \qquad -$	μs
SCL High Time	t_{HIGH}		0.6	$\overline{}$	$\qquad \qquad -$	μs
Data Setup Time	$t_{\text{DAT}(S)}$		100	$\qquad \qquad$		ns
Data Hold Time	$t_{\text{DAT(H)}}$		Ω		900	ns
Setup Time for Stop Condition	$t_{\text{STO(S)}}$		0.6	$\overline{}$		μs
Logic Input Low Level (SDA, SCL Pins)	$V_{I(L)}$	I ² C threshold = 0; 3.0 V Compatible Mode			0.9	\vee
		I ² C threshold = 1; 1.8 V Compatible Mode	$\overline{}$		0.54	\vee
Logic Input High Level (SDA, SCL Pins)	$V_{I(H)}$	I ² C threshold = 0; 3.0 V Compatible Mode	2.1	$\overline{}$		\vee
		I ² C threshold = 1; 1.8 V Compatible Mode	1.26	$\overline{}$		\vee
Logic Input Current	$I_{\text{IC(IN)}}$	V_{IN} = 0 V to V_{CC} , R _{PU} = 2.4 kΩ	-1	Ω	1	μA
Output Voltage (SDA Pin)	$V_{O(L)}$	I_{LOAD} = 1.5 mA	$\overline{}$	$\qquad \qquad -$	0.36	\vee
Clock Frequency (SCL Pin)	f_{CLK}		$\overline{}$	400	1000	kHz
Output Fall Time (SDA Pin)	$t_{\rm f}$	R_{PU} = 2.4 k Ω , C_{BUS} = 100 pF	$\overline{}$		250	ns
² C Pull-Up Resistance	$R_{12C(PU)}$		2.4	10		$k\Omega$
I ² C Pull-Up Voltage	$V_{I2C(PU)}$		1.8	3.0	3.3	\vee
Total Capacitive Load for SDL and SDA Buses	C_{BUS}				100	pF

[1] I²C Interface Characteristics are guaranteed by design and are not factory tested.

Figure 3: I2C Interface Timing Diagram

ALS31313KLEATR-500 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS: Valid through full range of T_A, V_{CC} = 3.0 V, and

 C_{BVDASS} = 0.1 µF, unless otherwise specified

 $[1]$ Typical values with \pm are 3 sigma values.

$\sf ALS31313KLEATR\text{-}1000 \sf PERFORMANCE \sf CHARACTERISTICS:$ Valid through full range of T_A, V_{CC} = 3.0 V, and

 $\rm{C_{BYPASS}}$ = 0.1 µF, unless otherwise specified

Characteristics	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min.	Typ. [1]	Max.	Unit	
NOMINAL PERFORMANCE							
Optimized Sensing Range	B_{IN}		-1000	\equiv	1000	G	
Sensitivity	SENS			2		LSB/G	
Zero-Field Offset Code	QVO		$\overline{}$	Ω		LSB	
ACCURACY PERFORMANCE							
Offset Error X/Y Axes	$E_{OFF(XY)}$	$B_{IN} = 0$ G, $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$	-12	$-$	12	LSB	
		$B_{IN} = 0$ G, $T_A = 125^{\circ}C$	-24		24	LSB	
		$B_{IN} = 0$ G, $T_A = -40$ °C	-32		32	LSB	
		$B_{IN} = 0$ G, $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$	-12		12	LSB	
Offset Error Z Axis	$E_{OFF(Z)}$	$B_{IN} = 0$ G, $T_A = 125^{\circ}C$	-24		24	LSB	
		$B_{IN} = 0$ G, $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$	-32		32	LSB	
Sensitivity Error X/Y Axes	$E_{\text{SENS(XY)}}$	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$	-4		4	$\frac{0}{0}$	
Sensitivity Error Z Axis	$E_{\text{SENS}(Z)}$	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$	-4		4	$\%$	
Sensitivity Temperature Coefficient	TC_{SENS}	NdFeB Magnet, $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C to 125°C	0.08	0.12	0.16	$\%$ /°C	
		NdFeB Magnet, $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C to -40° C	0.04	0.12	0.2	$\%$ /°C	
Sensitivity Mismatch Error X Axis to Y Axis	$E_{\text{MATCH}(XY)}$		-5		5	$\frac{0}{0}$	
Sensitivity Mismatch Error X/Y Axes to Z Axis	$E_{\text{MATCH}(XYZ)}$		-5		5	$\frac{0}{0}$	
RMS Noise X/Y Channels [2]	$N_{RMS(XY)}$	BW Select = 0	$\overline{}$	3	$\overline{}$	LSB	
RMS Noise Z Channel [2]	$N_{RMS(Z)}$	BW Select = 0	$\overline{}$	$\mathbf{1}$		LSB	
LIFETIME DRIFT CHARACTERISTICS							
Offset Error Lifetime Drift	EOFF_DRIFT		-10	$-$	10	LSB	
Sensitivity Error Lifetime Drift	E _{SENS_DRIFT}		-2.6	$\qquad \qquad -$	2.6	$\%$	

 $[1]$ Typical values with \pm are 3 sigma values.

$\sf ALS31313KLEATR\text{-}2000 \sf PERFORMANCE \sf CHARACTERISTICS:$ Valid through full range of T_A, V_{CC} = 3.0 V, and

 $\rm{C_{BYPASS}}$ = 0.1 µF, unless otherwise specified

Characteristics	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min.	Typ. [1]	Max.	Unit		
NOMINAL PERFORMANCE								
Optimized Sensing Range	B_{IN}		-2000	\equiv	2000	G		
Sensitivity	SENS			$\mathbf{1}$		LSB/G		
Zero-Field Offset Code	QVO			Ω	$\overline{}$	LSB		
ACCURACY PERFORMANCE								
Offset Error X/Y Axes	$E_{OFF(XY)}$	$B_{IN} = 0$ G, $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$	-10	$\overline{}$	10	LSB		
		$B_{IN} = 0$ G, $T_A = 125^{\circ}C$	-20		20	LSB		
		$B_{IN} = 0$ G, $T_A = -40$ °C	-32		32	LSB		
		$B_{IN} = 0$ G, $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$	-10		10	LSB		
Offset Error Z Axis	$E_{OFF(Z)}$	$B_{IN} = 0$ G, $T_A = 125^{\circ}C$	-20		20	LSB		
		$B_{IN} = 0$ G, $T_A = -40$ °C	-32		32	LSB		
Sensitivity Error X/Y Axes	$E_{\text{SENS(XY)}}$	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$	-4		4	$\frac{0}{0}$		
Sensitivity Error Z Axis	$E_{\text{SENS}(Z)}$	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$	-4		4	$\%$		
Sensitivity Temperature Coefficient	TC _{SENS}	NdFeB Magnet, $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C to 125°C	0.08	0.12	0.16	$\%$ /°C		
		NdFeB Magnet, $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C to -40° C	0.04	0.12	0.2	$\%$ /°C		
Sensitivity Mismatch Error X Axis to Y Axis	$E_{\text{MATCH}(XY)}$		-5		5	$\frac{0}{0}$		
Sensitivity Mismatch Error X/Y Axes to Z Axis	$E_{\text{MATCH}(XYZ)}$		-5		5	$\frac{0}{0}$		
RMS Noise X/Y Channels [2]	$N_{RMS(XY)}$	BW Select = 0	$\overline{}$	3	$\overline{}$	LSB		
RMS Noise Z Channel [2]	$N_{RMS(Z)}$	BW Select = 0	$\qquad \qquad -$	$\mathbf{1}$		LSB		
LIFETIME DRIFT CHARACTERISTICS								
Offset Error Lifetime Drift	E _{OFF_DRIFT}		-10	$-$	10	LSB		
Sensitivity Error Lifetime Drift	E _{SENS_DRIFT}		-2.6		2.6	$\%$		

 $[1]$ Typical values with \pm are 3 sigma values.

$\sf ALS31313KLEATR\mbox{-}JOY PERFORMANCE \emph{CHARACTERISTICS: }$ Valid through full range of T_A, V_{CC} = 3.0 V, and

 $\rm{C_{BYPASS}}$ = 0.1 µF, unless otherwise specified

 $[1]$ Typical values with \pm are 3 sigma values.

MEMORY MAP

The memory map below lists the locations of accessible registers on the ALS31313. See the following sections on EEPROM and Primary Registers for detailed information.

Table 1: Memory Map

EEPROM

The following EEPROM addresses are customer accessible and may be read at any time, with or without entering the customer access code. Customer Access mode must be enabled to write to any of these registers.

Table 2: EEPROM 0x02

Table 3: EEPROM 0x03

Table 4: EEPROM 0x0D, 0x0E and 0x0F

PRIMARY REGISTERS

The following registers are customer accessible and may be read at any time, with or without entering the customer access code. Customer Access mode must be enabled to write to any of these registers, with the exception of sleep, which can be written to regardless of access mode.

Table 5: Volatile 0x27

Table 6: Volatile 0x28

Table 7: Volatile 0x29

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Magnetic Sensor(s) Output

The ALS31313 provides a 12-bit digital output value that is proportional to the magnetic field applied normally to any of the Hall elements. The most and least significant bits for X, Y, and Z channels are separated across two primary registers: 0x28 and 0x29.

The process begins with a full 8-byte read of MSB and LSB registers to construct a 12-bit 2's complement signed value. All data must be read in a single 8-byte read when combining registers, or the result will be the combination of two separate samples in time. The 12 bits of data are combined per [Table 8.](#page-14-0)

Table 8: Combined MSBs and LSBs for Magnetic Data

Assume that a full 8-byte read returns the following binary data for a single axis:

 $MSB = 11000000$ $LSB = 0110$

The combined data ${MSB;LSB} = 1100000000110$, or the decimal equivalent $= -1018$. This value can then be converted to gauss by dividing by the sensitivity of the ALS31313.

An ALS31313 with 500 gauss full-scale input range will have a typical sensitivity of 4 LSB/gauss. The 12-bit magnetic data value can be converted to gauss using the equation:

gauss = –1018 LSB ÷ 4 LSB⁄G = –254 gauss

Example source code for combining MSB and LSB data is available in the 3D Linear and 2D Angle Sensing Application Note.

Temperature Sensor Output

The ALS31313 provides a 12-bit digital output that is proportional to the junction temperature of the IC. Similar to magnetic data, the most and least significant bits for temperature are separated across two primary registers: 0x28 and 0x29. Temperature is a 12-bit signed value where 25°C is expressed as 12'b0, with a temperature slope ≈ 8 LSB/°C.

After power-on, the temperature sensor is stable within 8 ms and it is updated every 8 ms after that. In low-power duty cycle mode, the temperature sensor is updated once every 10 low power cycles.

Power Modes

Power management on the ALS31313 is user-selectable and

highly configurable, allowing for system-level optimization of current consumption and performance. The ALS31313 supports three different power modes: Active Mode, Sleep Mode, and Low-Power Duty Cycle Mode (LPDCM). The operating mode of the ALS31313 will be determined by the value in Sleep, Address 0x27, bits 1:0, described in [Table 9.](#page-14-1)

Table 9: Sleep

SLEEP MODE

In Sleep Mode, the ALS31313 enters a near powered-off state where it consumes the minimum amount of current (14 nA typical). In this mode, the device will still respond to I2C commands, but will not update magnetic or temperature data. Sleep mode is valuable in applications where the supply voltage cannot be disabled but minimal power consumption is required. The time it takes to exit sleep mode is equivalent to Power-On Delay Time (t_{POD}) .

LOW-POWER DUTY CYCLE MODE (LPDCM)

In Low-Power Duty Cycle Mode (LPDCM), the ALS31313 toggles between Active and Inactive states, reducing overall current consumption. The average I_{CC} for the ALS31313 during Low-Power Duty Cycle Mode will vary based on the settings used, and may range anywhere from 2 mA to 12 µA (typical).

The diagram in [Figure 4](#page-14-2) shows the profile of I_{CC} as the ALS31313 toggles between Active and Inactive states during Low-Power Duty Cycle Mode.

Figure 4: I_{CC} in Low-Power Duty Cycle Mode

The inactive time will be determined by the value set in *Low-Power Mode Count Max*, Address 0x27, bits 6:4. The ALS31313 offers eight discrete time frames, explained in [Table 10.](#page-15-0) Typical I_{CC} consumed in the inactive state is 12 μ A.

Address	Bits	Value	t_{INACTIVE} (typ) (ms)
0x27	6:4		0.5
		2	5
		3	10
		4	50
		5	100
		6	500
			1000

Table 10: LPDCM Inactive Time (t_{INACTIVE})

The active time will be determined by a combination of the value in BW Select and the number of magnetic sensing channels enabled. For more information on LPDCM configuration, refer to the Low-Power Management Application Note for the ALS31313.

Bandwidth Selection

BW Select, address 0x02, bits 23:21, controls filtering modes on the ALS31313 for the X, Y, and Z magnetic channels. This setting will impact the resolution of sampled magnetic data, the device's update rate, and the overall bandwidth.

A lower value for BW Select offers increased measurement resolution with a longer measurement duration. A higher value for BW Select offers faster measurement time at the expense of reduced resolution. This setting is valuable for controlling active time during low-power duty cycle mode or increasing response time. Typical noise versus BW Select are listed in [Table 11.](#page-15-1)

Update rate (typical) versus BW Select and active channels is shown in [Table 12](#page-15-2). While the ALS31313 does update at high bandwidths internally, throughput may be limited by the I2C bus clocking frequency at the application level. This concept is explained in the "Calculation Timing" section of the 3D Linear and 2D Angle Sensing application note.

Magnetic sensing channels on the ALS31313 may be enabled independently with *channel x en*, *channel y en*, and *channel z en* bits, listed in [Table 13](#page-15-3).

Table 13: Channel Enable Control

Hall Modes

The ALS31313 offers multiple schemes to retrieve magnetic data from the magnetic sensing elements. These settings are controlled via *Hall Mode*, address 0x02, bits 20:19, described in [Table 14](#page-15-4).

Table 14: Hall Modes

It is not advised to switch a factory-trimmed, single-ended device (0) into other modes $(1, 2, or 3)$. Doing so may result in sensor performance that is outside of the datasheet specifications. Conversely, a device that is configured for mode 1 or 2 may be switched into modes 1, 2, or 3 without issue. Switching a factoryprogrammed device from mode 1 or 2 into mode 0 may result in sensor performance that is outside of the datasheet specifications.

SINGLE ENDED MODE

Magnetic data in registers 0x28 and 0x29 will be proportional to the magnetic field seen by the inner sensing elements X_i , Y_i , and Z_i .

DIFFERENTIAL MODE

Magnetic data in registers 0x28 and 0x29 will be proportional to the difference in field as seen by the outer sensing elements of the X and Y axes.

Concatenated X axis data $\{x\}$ axis MSB:x axis LSB} will be the result of $X_{O(EAST)} - X_{O(WEST)}$ sensing elements, while concatenated Y axis data {y_axis_MSB:y_axis_LSB} will be the result of $Y_{\text{O(NORTH)}} - Y_{\text{O(SOUTH)}}$ sensing elements.

Z axis data will be the same as in single-ended mode.

COMMON MODE

Magnetic data in registers 0x28 and 0x29 will be proportional to the sum of the fields as seen by the outer sensing elements of the X and Y axes.

Concatenated X axis data $\{x\}$ axis MSB:x axis LSB} will be the result of $X_{O(EAST)} + X_{O(WEST)}$ sensing elements, while concatenated Y axis data {y_axis_MSB:y_axis_LSB} will be the result of $Y_{O(NORTH)} + Y_{O(SOUTH)}$ sensing elements.

Z axis data will be the same as in single-ended mode.

ALTERNATING MODE

The magnetic data in registers 0x28 and 0x29 will toggle between Differential Mode data and Common Mode data. The value of Hall status indicates from which mode the sampled data originated.

Interrupt

The Interrupt feature on the ALS31313 integrates detection and reporting of large changes in applied magnetic field. An interrupt event is initiated when the applied magnetic field forces the ADC output to a value greater than or equal to the user-programmed threshold. Interrupt detection may be independently enabled or disabled for each of the three axes.

Interrupt Reporting

The ALS31313 will report the presence of an interrupt event by asserting the \overline{INT} pin and the \overline{INT} bit in register 0x28 will be set. Interrupt reporting may be latched or unlatched depending on the value of *INT Latch Enable*, address 0x02, bit 5.

In a latched state, the \overline{INT} pin will assert when an event is detected, and the \overline{INT} bit will be set. Should the event subside, the \overline{INT} pin and \overline{INT} bit will remain set.

In an unlatched state, the \overline{INT} pin will assert when an event is detected, and the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ bit will be set. Should the event subside, the ALS31313 will reset the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin and the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ bit will be cleared.

The ALS31313 may also report an interrupt event in EEPROM. This is feature enabled by setting *INT EEPROM Enable*, address 0x03, bit 21. If an interrupt event is detected, the device will write to *INT EEPROM Status*, address 0x03, bit 22.

Interrupt Modes

The ALS31313 includes two different interrupt modes, where the user may select a threshold value or a maximum change in field to compare. This setting is controlled via *INT Mode*, address 0x03, bit 23, explained in [Table 15](#page-16-0).

THRESHOLD MODE

In Threshold Interrupt Mode, the most recent magnetic sample data is compared to the user-selected threshold for each channel. If the magnetic ADC value is greater than or equal to this threshold, an interrupt event will occur.

DELTA MODE

Delta Interrupt Mode is used in combination with Low-Power Duty Cycle Mode, where the ALS31313 toggles between an Active and a Sleep state. In Delta Interrupt Mode, the ALS31313 will remember its last magnetic data sample when entering LPDCM.

New magnetic data is compared to the original sample every time the ALS31313 toggles into the active state. If the delta (change) in magnetic data is larger than the user-selected delta, an interrupt event will occur.

User-selectable values for threshold and delta share the registers *Z INT Threshold*, *Y INT Threshold*, and *X INT Threshold*, address 0x03, bits 17:0.

In Threshold Mode, the value in these registers will be considered a threshold, while in Delta Mode, the value in these registers will be considered a delta. The ALS31313 may interpret these values as signed or unsigned based on the *Signed INT Enable* bit.

SIGNED INTERRUPT THRESHOLD

By default, the value for Signed $\overline{\text{INT}}$ Enable is set to 0, and the user-programmed value for threshold is unsigned. This will trigger an interrupt event when applying a positive or negative magnetic field, causing the absolute value of the magnetic data to meet or exceed the user-selected threshold.

If Signed \overline{INT} Enable is set to 1, the value for threshold becomes signed. This may be used to trigger interrupts on only positive or only negative magnetic fields that cause the value of the magnetic data to meet or exceed the user-programmed threshold.

Interrupt threshold for each channel can be programmed independently using registers $Z \overline{INT}$ Threshold, $Y \overline{INT}$ Threshold, and X $\overline{\text{INT}}$ Threshold, address 0x03, bits 17:0. The following examples set an interrupt threshold for the X axis, but the technique also applies to Y and Z axes.

When Signed \overline{INT} Enable = 0, the interrupt threshold will be determined by the equation:

threshold = \overline{INT} *Threshold + 1) × 2⁵ – 1*

When Signed \overline{INT} Enable = 1, the interrupt threshold will be determined by the equation:

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if X \overline{INT} Threshold \geq 0threshold = (\overline{INT} Threshold + 1) \times 2<sup>6</sup> – 1
if X INT Threshold < 0
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threshold = $(\overline{INT}$ *Threshold* + 1) \times 2⁶

I2C Interface

I2C is a synchronous, 2-wire serial communication protocol which provides a full-duplex interface between two or more devices. The bus specifics two logic signals:

- 1. Serial Clock Line (SCL) output by the Master.
- 2. Serial Data Line (SDA) output by either the Master or the Slave.

The ALS31313 may only operate as a Slave device. Therefore, it cannot initiate any transactions on the I2C bus.

Data Transmission and Timing Considerations

I2C communication is composed of several steps outlined in the following sequence.

- 1. Start Condition: Defined by a negative edge of the SDA line, initiated by the Master, while SCL is high.
- 2. Address Cycle: 7-bit Slave address, plus 1 bit to indicate write (0) or read (1), followed by an Acknowledge bit.
- 3. Data Cycles: Reading or writing 8 bits of data, followed by an Acknowledge bit. This cycle can be repeated for multiple bytes of data transfer. The first data byte on a write could be the register address. See the following sections for further information.
- 4. Stop Condition: Defined by a positive edge on the SDA line, while SCL is high.

Except to indicate Start or Stop conditions, SDA must remain stable while the clock signal is high. SDA may only change states while SCL is low. It is acceptable for a Start or Stop condition to occur at any time during the data transfer. The ALS31313 will always respond to a Read or Write request by resetting the data transfer sequence.

The state of the Read/ $\overline{\text{Write}}$ bit is set to 0 to indicate a write cycle and set to 1 to indicate a read cycle.

The Master monitors for an Acknowledge bit to confirm the Slave device (ALS31313) is responding to the address byte. When the ALS31313 decodes the 7-bit Slave address as valid, it responds by pulling SDA low during the ninth clock cycle.

When a data write is requested by the Master, the ALS31313 pulls SDA low during the clock cycle following the data byte to indicate that the data has been successfully received.

After sending either an address byte or a data byte, the Master must release the SDA line before the ninth clock cycle, allowing the handshake process to occur.

I2C Write Cycle Overview

The write cycle to access registers on the ALS31313 are outlined in the sequence below.

- 1. Master initiates Start Condition
- 2. Master sends 7-bit Slave address and the write bit (0)
- 3. Master waits for ACK from ALS31313
- 4. Master sends 8-bit register address
- 5. Master waits for ACK from ALS31313
- 6. Master sends 31:24 bits of data
- 7. Master waits for ACK from ALS31313
- 8. Master sends 23:16 bits of data
- 9. Master waits for ACK from ALS31313
- 10. Master sends 15:8 bits of data
- 11. Master waits for ACK from ALS31313
- 12. Master sends 7:0 bits of data
- 13. Master waits for ACK from ALS31313
- 14. Master initiates Stop Condition

The I2C write sequence is further illustrated in the timing diagrams below in [Figure 5.](#page-18-0)

Figure 5: I2C Write Timing Diagram

Customer Write Access

An access code must be sent to the device prior to writing any of the volatile registers or EEPROM in the ALS31313. If customer access mode is not enabled, then no writes to the device are allowed. The only exception to this rule is the sleep register, which can be written regardless of the access mode. Furthermore, any register or EEPROM location can be read at any time regardless of the access mode.

To enter customer access mode, an access command must be sent via the I2C interface. The command consists of a serial write operation with the address and data values shown in [Table 16](#page-19-0). Once the customer access mode is entered, it is not possible to change access modes without power-cycling the device. After power up, there is no time limit to when the access code may be entered.

Table 16: Customer Access Code

The I²C read sequence is further illustrated in the timing diagrams in [Figure 6.](#page-19-1)

The timing diagram in [Figure 6](#page-19-1) shows the entire contents (bits 31:0) of a single register location being transmitted. Optionally, the I2C Master may choose to replace the NACK with an ACK instead, which allows the read sequence to continue. This case will result in the transfer of contents (bits 31:24) from the following register, address $+1$. The master can then continue acknowledging, issue the not-acknowledge (NACK), or stop after any byte to stop receiving data.

Note that only the initial register address is required for reads, allowing for faster data retrieval. However, this restricts data retrieval to sequential registers when using a single read command. When the Master provides a non-acknowledge bit and stop bit, the ALS31313 stops sending data. If nonsequential registers are to be read, separate read commands must be sent.

Read Cycle Overview

The read cycle to access registers on ALS31313 is outlined in the sequence below.

- 1. Master initiates Start Condition
- 2. Master sends 7-bit Slave address and the write bit (0)
- 3. Master waits for ACK from ALS31313
- 4. Master sends 8-bit register address
- 5. Master waits for ACK from ALS31313
- 6. Initiate a Start Condition; this time it is referred to as a Restart Condition
- 7. Master sends 7-bit Slave address and the read bit (1)
- 8. Master waits for ACK from ALS31313
- 9. Master receives 31:24 bits of data
- 10. Master sends ACK to ALS31313
- 11. Master receives 23:16 bits of data
- 12. Master sends ACK to ALS31313
- 13. Master receives 15:8 bits of data
- 14. Master sends ACK to ALS31313
- 15. Master receives 7:0 bits of data
- 16. Master sends NACK to ALS31313
- 17. Master initiates Stop Condition

Figure 6: I2C Read Timing Diagram

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I2C CRC Byte

The ALS31313 CRC feature is enabled by setting the *I2C CRC Enable* bit, Address 0x02, bit 18. When enabled, the ALS31313 read transaction returns one extra byte corresponding the CRC calculation of that read. The bytes of the I2C read sequence used for CRC calculation are:

- 1. 8-Bit Register Address
- 2. The 7-Bit Slave Address $+$ Read bit (1'b1)
- 3. The four Data Bytes (32 Bits, MSB first)

The code is 8 bits in length and will be generated using the CRC8-ATM (0x83) polynomial:

 $p(x) = x^8 + x^2 + x + 1$

Table 17: Example CRC Calculation Result

I2C Readback Modes

The ALS31313 supports three different readback modes over the I2C interface, including single, fast loop, and full loop modes. These modes simplify the process of repeatedly polling the ALS31313 for magnetic X, Y, Z, and Temperature data.

Readback modes on the ALS31313 are described in [Table 18.](#page-20-0) The desired readback mode may be entered by setting the appropriate bits for *I2C Loop Mode*, address 0x27, bits 3:2.

SINGLE MODE

A single write or read command to any register—this is the default mode and is best suited for setting fields and reading static registers. If desired, this mode can be used to read X, Y, Z, and Temperature data in a typical serial fashion, but fast or full loop read modes are recommended for high-speed data retrieval.

FAST LOOP MODE

Fast Loop Mode offers continuous reading of X, Y, Z, and temperature values, but is limited to the upper 8 bits of X, Y, and Z, and upper 6 bits of Temperature. This mode is intended to be a time efficient way of reading data from the IC at the expense of truncating resolution. The flow chart in [Figure 7](#page-20-1) depicts Fast Loop Mode.

Figure 7: Fast Loop Mode

FULL LOOP MODE

Full Loop Mode provides continuous reads of X, Y, Z, and Temperature data with full 12-bit resolution. This is the recommended mode for applications that require a higher data rate for X, Y, Z, and Temperature with full resolution. The flow chart in [Figure 8](#page-20-2) depicts Full Loop Mode.

Figure 8: Full Loop Mode

I2C Addressing

The default I²C address for the ALS31313, in the case where V_{A0} and V_{A1} are set to V_{CC} , is given by binary 110111[0/1], where the last bit determines a read or write instruction. Note: Different values for the three MSBs of the address bits (A6, A5, and A4) are available for factory programming if a conflict with other units occurs in the application design.

Table 19: I2C Slave Address Decoding

SENSING ELEMENT LOCATIONS AND NORMALS Dimensions in Millimeters – Not to Scale

The locations of the sensing elements are indicated in [Figure 9](#page-22-0). The outer elements for the X and Y axes are also referred to as north, south, east, and west elements. For example, the right-most sensing element on the X axis is defined as X_{OE} .

The normal faces of each element are indicated with an arrow.

Figure 9: ALS31313 Sensing Element Locations and Normals

PACKAGE OUTLINE DRAWING

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