

Description

The NOA3315W combines an advanced digital proximity sensor and LED driver with dual ambient light sensors (ALS) and tri−mode I2C interface with interrupt capability in an integrated monolithic device. Multiple power management features and very low active sensing power consumption directly address the power requirements of battery operated mobile phones and mobile internet devices.

The proximity sensor measures reflected light intensity with a high degree of precision and excellent ambient light rejection. The NOA3315W enables a proximity sensor system with a 16:1 programmable LED drive current range and a 30 dB overall proximity detection range. The dual ambient light sensors include one with a photopic light filter and one with no filter. Both have dark current compensation and high sensitivity eliminating inaccurate light level detection and insuring proper backlight control even in the presence of dark cover glass.

The NOA3315W is ideal for improving the user experience by enhancing the screen interface with the ability to measure distance for near/far detection in real time and the ability to respond to ambient lighting conditions to control display backlight intensity.

Features

- Proximity Sensor, LED Driver and Dual ALS in One Device
- Very Low Power Consumption
	- + Stand–by current 2.8 µA (monitoring I²C interface only, $Vdd = 3 V$)
	- \triangleleft ALS operational current 50 μ A per sensor
	- ♦ Proximity sensing average operational current $100 \mu A$
	- \triangle Average LED sink current 75 µA
- These Devices are Pb−Free, Halogen Free/BFR Free and are RoHS Compliant

Proximity Sensing

- Proximity detection distance threshold $I²C$ programmable with 12−bit resolution and eight integration time ranges (16−bit effective resolution)
- Effective for Measuring Distances up to 200 mm and Beyond
- Excellent IR and Ambient Light Rejection including Sunlight (up to 50K lux) and CFL Interference
- Programmable LED Drive Current from 10 mA to 160 mA in 5 mA Steps, no External Resistor Required

AMBIENT LIGHT PROXIMITY SENSOR

ORDERING INFORMATION

- Photopic Spectral Response of ALS1 Nearly Matches Human Eye
- Broadband response of ALS2 supports compensation for spectral shifts encountered with different types of cover glass
- Dynamic Dark Current Compensation
- Linear Response over the Full Operating Range
- 3 ranges 100 counts/lux, 10 counts/lux, 1 count/lux
- Senses Intensity of Ambient Light from 0.02 lux to 52k lux with 21−bit Effective Resolution (16−bit converter)
- Programmable Integration Times (50 ms, 100 ms, 200 ms, 400 ms)

Additional Features

- Programmable interrupt function including independent upper and lower threshold detection or threshold based hysteresis for proximity and or ALS
- Level or Edge Triggered Interrupts
- Proximity persistence feature reduces interrupts by providing hysteresis to filter fast transients such as camera flash

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Table [4.](#page-4-0) ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (Unless otherwise specified, these specifications apply over 2.3 V < VDD < 3.6 V, 1.7 V < VDD_I2C < 1.9 V, −40 C < TA < 80 C, 10 pF < Cb < 100 pF) (See Note 4)

4. Refer to Figure [2](#page-7-0) and Figure [3](#page-7-0) for more information on AC characteristics.

5. The rise time and fall time are dependent on both the bus capacitance (Cb) and the bus pull−up resistor R_{p.} Max and min pull−up resistor

values are determined as follows: R_{p(max)} = t_{r (max)}/(0.8473 x Cb) and R_{p(min)} = (Vdd_I2C - V_{ol(max)})/l_{ol}.
6. Cb = capacitance of one bus line, maximum value of which including all parasitic capacitances should up to 400 pF is supported, but at relaxed timing.

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Table 5. OPTICAL CHARACTERISTICS (Unless otherwise specified, these specifications are for VDD = 3.0 V, T_A = 25 C)

| Parameter | Symbol | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|---|-----------------------------|------|-------|------|--------|
| AMBIENT LIGHT SENSOR 1 | | | | | |
| Spectral response, peak (Note 7) | λ_{p} | | 560 | | nm |
| Spectral response, low -3 dB | $\lambda_{\texttt{C_low}}$ | | 510 | | nm |
| Spectral response, high -3 dB | λ c_high | | 610 | | nm |
| Dynamic range | DR _{ALS} | 0.02 | | 52k | lux. |
| Maximum Illumination (ALS operational but saturated) | E_{v_MAX} | | | 120k | lux |
| Resolution, Counts per lux, Tint = 400 ms, Range = 0 (100 counts/lux) | CR_{400} | | 800 | | counts |
| Resolution, Counts per lux, Tint = 100 ms, Range = 0 (100 counts/lux) | CR_{100} | | 200 | | counts |
| Resolution, Counts per lux, Tint = 50 ms, Range = 0 (100 counts/lux) | CR_{50} | | 100 | | counts |
| Illuminance responsivity, green 560 nm LED, $Ev = 10$ lux, Tint = 50 ms, Range = 0 (100 counts/lux) | R_{v_g10} | | 1000 | | counts |
| Illuminance responsivity, green 560 nm LED, $Ev = 100$ lux, Tint = 50 ms, Range = 0 (100 counts/lux) | R_{v_g100} | | 10000 | | counts |
| Dark current, $Ev = 0$ lux, $Tint = 100$ ms | R_{vd} | 0 | 0 | 3 | counts |

PROXIMITY SENSOR (Note [8](#page-6-0))

[7](#page-6-0). Refer to Figure [4](#page-7-0) for more information on spectral response.

[8](#page-6-0). Measurements performed with default modulation frequency and sample delay unless noted.

Figure 2. AC Characteristics, Standard and Fast Modes

Figure 3. AC Characteristics, High Speed Mode

Figure 4. ALS Spectral Response (Normalized) Figure 5. ALS1 Light Source Dependency

(Normalized to White LED Light)

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Figure 19. PS Ambient Rejection (1200 -s Integration Time, 100 mA LED Current, White Reflector (RGB = 220, 224, 223))

Figure 22. ALS1 Response vs. Temperature

Description of Operation

Proximity Sensor Architecture

NOA3315W combines an advanced digital proximity sensor, LED driver, dual ambient light sensors and a tri−mode I2C interface as shown in Figure [1](#page-2-0). The LED driver draws a modulated current through the external IR LED to illuminate the target. The LED current is programmable over a wide range. The infrared light reflected from the target is detected by the proximity sensor photo diode. The proximity sensor employs a sensitive photo diode fabricated in ON Semiconductor's standard CMOS process technology. The modulated light received by the on−chip photodiode is converted to a digital signal using a variable slope integrating ADC with a default resolution (at $300 \,\mathrm{\upmu s}$) of 12−bits, unsigned. The signal is processed to remove all unwanted signals resulting in a highly selective response to the generated light signal. The final value is stored in the PS_DATA register where it can be read by the I²C interface.

Proximity Sensor LED Frequency and Delay Settings

The LED current modulation frequency is user selectable from approximately 128 KHz to 2 MHz using the PS_LED_FREQUENCY register. An internal precision 4 MHz oscillator provides the frequency reference. The 4 MHz clock is divided by the value in register 0x0D to determine the pulse rate. The default is 0x10 (16) which results in an LED pulse frequency of 250 KHz (4 µs period). Values below 200 KHz and above 1 MHz are not recommended.

Switching high LED currents can result in noise injected into the proximity sensor receiver causing inaccurate readings. The PS receiver has a user programmable delay from the LED edge to when the receiver samples the data (PS_SAMPLE_DELAY – register 0x0E). Longer delays may reduce the effect of switching noise but also reduce the sensitivity.

Since the value of the delay is dependent on the pulse frequency, its value must be carefully computed. The value obviously cannot exceed the LED pulse width or there would be no sampling of the data when the LED is illuminated. There is also a minimum step size of 125 ns.

The delay values are programmed as follows:

0 or 1: No delay 2−31: Selects (N−1)*125 ns

N must be less than or equal to the PS_LED_FREQUENCY Value

The default delay is 0x05 (500 ns)

Table 6 shows some common LED pulse frequencies and sample delays and the resulting register values.

Table 6. COMMON LED PULSE FREQUENCY SETTINGS

After the NOA3315W sends an ACK, the master sends the register address as if it were going to be written to. The NOA3315W will acknowledge this as well. Next, instead of sending data as in a write, the master will re−issue an I2C START (repeated start) and again send the slave address and this time the read(1) command bit. The NOA3315W will then begin shifting out data from the register just addressed. If the master wishes to receive more data (next register address), it will ACK the slave at the end of the 8 bit data transmission, and the slave will respond by sending the next byte, and so on. To signal the end of the read transaction, the master will send a NACK bit at the end of a transmission followed by an I^2

PART_ID Register (0x00)

The PART_ID register provides part and revision identification. These values are hard−wired at the factory and cannot be modified.

Table 8. PART_ID Register (0x00)

RESET Register (0x01)

Software reset is controlled by this register. Setting this register followed by an I2C_STOP sequence will immediately reset the NOA3315W to the default startup standby state. Triggering the software reset has virtually the same effect as cycling the power supply tripping the internal Power on Reset (POR) circuitry.

Table 9. RESET Register (0x01)

INT_CONFIG Register (0x02)

INT_CONFIG register controls the external interrupt pin function.

Table 10. INT_CONFIG Register (0x02)

PS_LED_FREQUENCY Register (0x0D)

The LED FREQUENCY register controls the frequency of the LED pulses. The LED modulation frequency is determined by dividing 4 MHz by the register value. Valid

divisors are 2−31. The default value is 16 which results in an LED pulse frequency of 250 KHz (one pulse every $4 \,\mathrm{\upmu s}$).

Table 17. PS_CONFIG Register (0x15)

Table 19. PS_CONTROL Register (0x17)

ALS_TH Registers (0x20 – 0x23)

With hysteresis not enabled (see ALS_CONFIG register), the ALS_TH registers set the upper and lower interrupt thresholds of the ambient light detection window. Interrupt functions compare these threshold values to data from the ALS_DATA1 registers. Measured ALS_DATA1 values outside this window will set an interrupt according to the INT_CONFIG register settings.

With hysteresis enabled, threshold settings take on a different meaning. If the ALS_hyst_trig is set, the ALS_TH_UP register sets the upper threshold at which an interrupt will be set, while the ALS_TH_LO register then sets the lower threshold hysteresis value where the interrupt would be cleared. Setting the ALS_hyst_trig low reverses the function such that the ALS_TH_LO register sets the lower threshold at which an interrupt will be set and the ALS_TH_UP represents the hysteresis value at which the interrupt would be subsequently cleared. Hysteresis functions only apply in "auto_clear" INT_CONFIG mode.

Table 20. ALS_TH_UP Registers (0x20 – 0x21)

| Bit | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|------|--------------|--|--|--------------------|--|--|
| Field ALS_TH_UP_MSB(0x20), ALS_TH_UP_LSB(0x21) | | | | | | | | |
| TEAL | | DOM: | $D - 2 - 14$ | | | Description | | |

Table 21. ALS_TH_LO Registers (0x22 – 0x23)

ALS_FILTER_CONFIG Register (0x24)

ALS_FILTER_CONFIG register provides a hardware mechanism to filter out single event occurrences or similar anomalies from causing unwanted interrupts. Two 4 bit registers (M and N) can be set with values such that M out of N measurements must exceed threshold settings in order

Table 22. ALS_FILTER_CONFIG Register (0x24)

Bit 7

to set an interrupt. The default setting of 1 out of 1 effectively turns the filter off and any single measurement exceeding thresholds can trigger an interrupt. N must be greater than or equal to M. A setting of 0 for either M or N is not allowed

and disables the ALS Interrupt.

ALS_CONFIG Register (0x25)

The ALS_CONFIG register controls the operation of the

ALS_CONTROL Register (0x27)

The ALS_CONTROL register is used to control the

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Proximity Sensor Operation NOA3315W

Ambient Light Sensor Operation

The NOA3315W supports dual ambient light sensors. ALS1 has a photopic filter which closely mimics the spectral response of the human eye. ALS2 has no filters. In many respects ALS1 and ALS2 are similar, but each sensor can be separately enabled or disabled and each ALS has its own data registers. ALS1 and ALS2 share control, configuration and operational details except that ALS2 is not compared to the threshold registers and cannot create an interrupt. ALS1 and ALS2 support simultaneous concurrent measurements allowing the two sensor values to be read out and used in computations as desired.

ALS configuration is accomplished by writing the desired configuration values to registers 0x02 and 0x20 through 0x27. Writing to configuration registers can be done with either individual I2C byte−write commands or with one or more I2C block write commands. Block write commands specify the first register address and then write multiple bytes of data in sequence. The NOA3315W automatically increments the register address as it acknowledges each byte transfer.

ALS measurement is initiated by writing appropriate values to the CONTROL register (0x27). Sending an I2C_STOP sequence at the end of the write signals the internal state machines to wake up and begin the next measurement cycle. Figure 27 and Figure 28 illustrate the activity of key signals during an ambient light sensor measurement cycle. The cycle begins by starting the calibrated low frequency (LF) oscillator and powering up the ambient light sensor. Next, the ambient light measurement is made for the specified integration time and the result is stored in the appropriate 16 bit ALS Data registers. If in One−shot mode, the ALS is powered down and awaits the next command. If in Repeat mode the ALS is powered down, the interval is timed out and the operation repeated. There are some special cases if the interval timer is set to less than the integration time. For continuous mode, the interval is set to either 0 or a value less than or equal to the integration time and the ALS makes continuous measurements with only a 5 us delay between integration times and the ALS remains powered up.

NOTE: If Interval is set to 0 (continuous) the time between integrations is 5 μ s and power stays on. If Interval is set to ≤ to the integration time (but not 0) the time between integrations is 10 ms and power stays on. If Interval is set to > integration time the time between integrations is the interval and the ALS powers down.

Figure 28. ALS Repeat Timing

Example Programming Sequence

The following pseudo code configures the NOA3315W proximity sensor in repeat mode with 50 ms wait time between each measurement and then runs it in an interrupt driven mode. When the controller receives an interrupt, the interrupt determines if the interrupts was caused by the proximity sensor and if so, reads the PS_Data from the device, sets a flag and then waits for the main polling loop to respond to the proximity change.

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external subroutine I2C_Read_Byte (I2C_Address, Data_Address);
external subroutine I2C_Read_Block (I2C_Address, Data_Start_Address, Count, Memory_Map);
external subroutine I2C_Write_Byte (I2C_Address, Data_Address, Data);
external subroutine I2C_Write_Block (I2C_Address, Data_Start_Address, Count, Memory_Map);
subroutine Initialize_PS () {
 MemBuf[0x02] = 0x02; // INT_CONFIG assert interrupt until cleared
 MemBuf[0x0F] = 0x09; // PS_LED_CURRENT 50mA
MemBuf[0x10] = 0x8F; // PS_TH_UP_MSB
MemBuf[0x11] = 0xFF; // PS TH UP LSB
MemBuf[0x12] = 0x70; // PS_TH_LO_MSBMemBuf[0x13] = 0x00; // PS_TH_LO_LSB MemBuf[0x14] = 0x11; // PS_FILTER_CONFIG turn off filtering
 MemBuf[0x15] = 0x09; // PS_CONFIG ALS blanking enabled, 300us integration time
 MemBuf[0x16] = 0x0A; // PS_INTERVAL 50ms wait
MemBuf[0x17] = 0x02; // PS_CONTROL enable continuous PS measurements
MemBuf[0x20] = 0xFF; // ALS_TH_UP_MSB MemBuf[0x21] = 0xFF; // ALS_TH_UP_LSB
MemBuf[0x22] = 0x00; // ALS_TH_LO_MSBMemBuf[0x23] = 0x00; // ALS_TH_LO_LSBMemBuf[0x25] = 0x40; // ALS_CONFIG ALS2 disabled, ALS1 enabled, max sensitivity, 50ms
integration time
 MemBuf[0x26] = 0x00; // ALS_INTERVAL continuous measurement mode
 MemBuf[0x27] = 0x02; // ALS_CONTROL enable continuous ALS measurements
 I2C_Write_Block (I2CAddr, 0x02, 37, MemBuf);
}
subroutine I2C_Interupt_Handler () {
  // Verify this is a PS interrupt
 INT = I2C_Read_Byte (I2CAddr, 0x40);
 if (INT == 0x11 || INT == 0x12) {
  // Retrieve and store the PS data
  PS_Data_MSB = I2C_Read_Byte (I2CAddr, 0x41);
 PS Data LSB = I2C Read Byte (I2CAddr, 0x42);
 News = 0x01; }
 }
subroutine main_loop () {
I2CAddr = 0x37;News = 0x00; Initialize_PS ();
 loop {
  // Do some other polling operations
 if (NewPS == 0x01) {
  NewPS = 0x00; // Do some operations with PS_Data
   }
  }
  }
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Physical Location of Photodiode Sensors

The physical locations of the NOA3315W proximity sensor and ambient light sensor photodiodes are shown in Figure 29, referenced to the lower left hand corner of the die.

Table 30. BONDING PAD LOCATIONS

(Dimensions in µm measured from the lower left corner of the die to the middle of the bond pad) (Note 9)

9. Bond pad material is AL + 0.5% Cu

Table 31. MECHANICAL DIMENSIONS

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