

Introduction

The PE3293 is well suited for CDMA at PCS bands. The part was designed for low power consumption while maintaining excellent phase noise and spur performance. The PE3293 is easy to use and requires minimal external circuitry, as seen in Figure 1. Another advantage to the PE3293 is its high impedance VCO input pin that eliminates the need to use a power divider between the VCO, PLL, and RF circuitry.

Second- and Third-order Loop Filter Design

Peregrine's patented internal fractional spur compensation works exceptionally well with single-band VCOs, requiring only a second-order loop filter. This configuration will provide spur rejection greater than -75 dBc and provide optimum phase noise.

Dual-band VCOs tend to have slightly lower spur performance, and the optimum design usually uses a third-order loop. This configuration will also

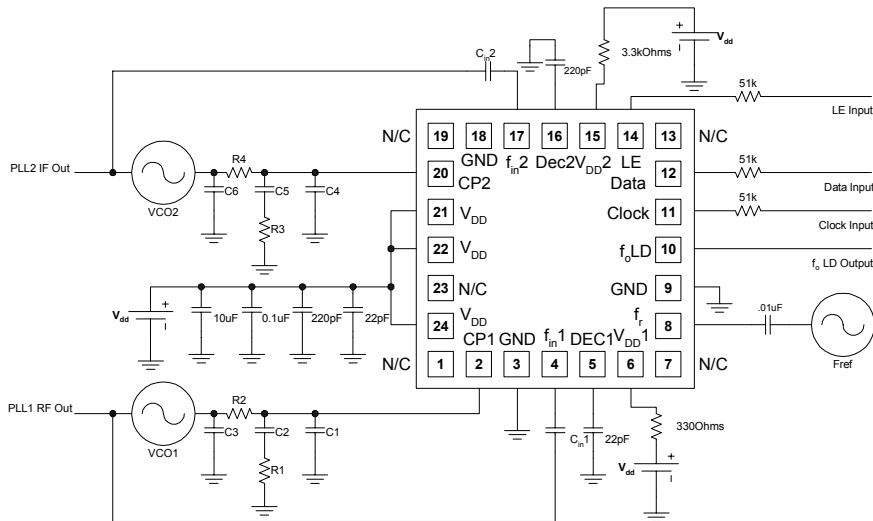
provide -75 dBc spur performance with minimal effect to in-band phase noise.

Loop filter design for both second- and third-order loop filters is made easy with the use of an application available on our website at www.peregrine-semi.com (click on the Loop Filter Calc Button under the PE3293 product page).

Using the PE3293 Fractional-N PLL in Single-Band 1800 and Dual-Band CDMA Solutions

Features

- Industry-leading fractional spur compensation: no adjustment required, temperature stable
- Ultra-Low Power consumption: 4.0 mA typical, both loops operating
- Modulo-32 fractional-N main counters
- Supply voltage range 2.7 to 3.3 VDC

Figure 1. PE3293 Schematic Drawing (BCC Package)


Note 1: For optimum fractional spur and lock-time performance C2 and C5 should be polyester (or poly propylene). In addition, the loop filter components must be free from contamination. Contamination will result in poor spur performance.

Note 2: Pins 1, 7, 13, 19 and 23 are no-connect pins. These may be connected to either V_{DD} or Ground.

Note 3: For best performance, place Cin1 as close to pin as possible and utilize proper transmission line layout techniques for RF runner from VCO output.

Table 1. Summary Performance

Loop Filter Order	2nd	3rd
VCO Frequency (MHz)	Single Band 1750	Dual Band 967 / 1750
Kvco (MHz / V)	27.9	40
LPF BW (kHz)	1	2.4
Application Step Size (kHz)	50	30 or 50
Design step (kHz)	10	10
Fc (kHz)	160	320
RF (MHz)	1750	1750
Loop Filter Values		
C1	1.5 nF	1.5 nF
C2	10 nF	22 nF
R1	43 k	15 k
C3	N/A	1.5 nF
R2	0	510
Loop BW (kHz)	1	1.1
Spur at step (dBc)	-79	-75
Phase Noise (dBc / Hz)		
@ 1 kHz offset	-60.2	-63.3
@ 10 kHz offset	-90.2	-92
@ 20 kHz offset	-100.7	-102.5
@ 50 kHz offset	-110.7	-110
@ 100 kHz offset	-116.3	-117
Peak Phase Noise	-60.2 dBm @ 1 kHz	-63 dBc @ 1.1 kHz
Current Consumption (mA) Both loops operating	3.1	3.1
Lock time to settle to within 1 kHz	2.3 ms for 100 kHz step and 4.2 ms for 60 MHz step	4.2 ms for 60 MHz shift @ 1800

Summary of Results

Phase noise, lock time, and spur performance are easily achieved using the schematic provided in Figure 1 with the appropriate loop filter. The example in Table 1 shows phase noise at 1 kHz offset less than 60 dBc / Hz and spur performance less than -70 dBc. Lock times for a 100 kHz step are less than 2.3 ms. This performance is provided with a 10 kHz step size using only 3.1 mA at 3 V.

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