


## FEATURES

- **Precision Propagation Delay: 18ns  $\pm$  3ns Over Temperature**
- **Data Rate: 50Mbps**
- **Low  $t_{PLH}/t_{PHL}$  Skew: 500ps Typ**
- **Low Channel-to-Channel Skew: 400ps Typ**
- Rail-to-Rail Input Common Mode Range
- High Input Resistance:  $\geq 18k$ , Even When Unpowered
- Hot Swap Capable
- Can Withstand Input DC Levels of  $\pm 10V$
- Short-Circuit Protected
- Single 5V Supply
- LVDS Compatible
- Will Not Oscillate with Slow Input Signals

## APPLICATIONS

- High Speed Backplane Interface
- Line Collision Detector
- PECL and LVDS Line Receivers
- Level Translator
- Ring Oscillator
- Tapped Delay Line

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## DESCRIPTION

The LTC<sup>®</sup>1520 is a high speed, precision differential line receiver that can operate at data rates as high as 50Mbps. A unique architecture provides very stable propagation delays and low skew over a wide input common mode, input overdrive and ambient temperature range. Propagation delay is 18ns  $\pm$  3ns, while typically  $t_{PLH}/t_{PHL}$  skew is 500ps and channel-to-channel skew is 400ps.

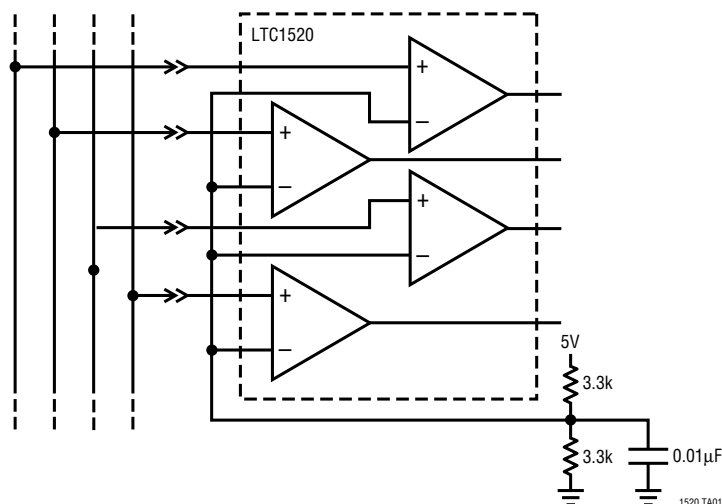
Each receiver translates differential input levels ( $V_{ID} \geq 100mV$ ) into valid CMOS and TTL output levels. Its high input resistance ( $\geq 18k$ ) allows many receivers to be connected to the same driver. The receiver outputs go into a high impedance state when disabled.

Protection features include thermal shutdown and a controlled maximum short-circuit current (50mA max) that does not oscillate in and out of short-circuit mode. Input resistance remains  $\geq 18k$  when the device is unpowered or disabled, thus allowing the LTC1520 to be hot swapped into a backplane without loading the data lines.

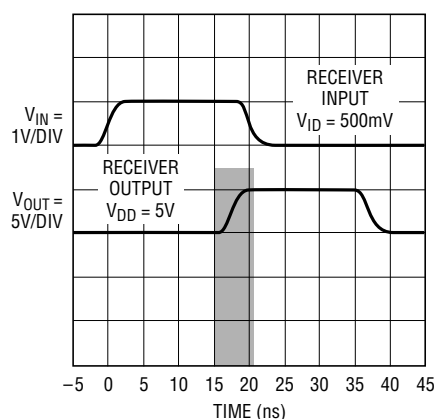
The LTC1520 operates from a single 5V supply and draws 12mA of supply current. The part is available in a 16-lead narrow SO package.

## TYPICAL APPLICATION

**High Speed Backplane Receiver**



**Propagation Delay Guaranteed to Fall  
Within Shaded Area ( $\pm 3ns$ )**



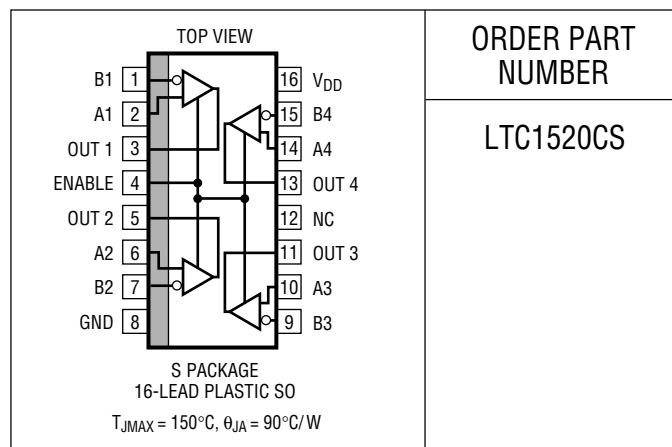
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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

(Note 1)

Supply Voltage .....	10V
Digital Input Currents .....	–100mA to 100mA
Digital Input Voltages .....	–0.5V to 10V
Receiver Input Voltages .....	±10V
Receiver Output Voltages .....	–0.5V to $V_{DD} + 0.5V$
Short-Circuit Duration .....	Indefinite
Operating Temperature Range .....	0°C to 70°C
Storage Temperature Range .....	–65°C to 150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec) .....	300°C

## PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION



Consult factory for Industrial and Military grade parts.

## DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

 $V_{DD} = 5V \pm 5\%$  (Notes 2, 3) per receiver, unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
$V_{CM}$	Input Common Mode Voltage	A, B Inputs	–0.2		$V_{DD} + 0.2$	V
$V_{IH}$	Input High Voltage	Enable Input	2			V
$V_{IL}$	Input Low Voltage	Enable Input			0.8	V
$I_{IN1}$	Input Current	Enable Input	–1		1	$\mu A$
$I_{IN2}$	Input Current (A, B)	$V_A, V_B = 5V$ $V_A, V_B = 0$	–250		250	$\mu A$
$R_{IN}$	Input Resistance (Figure 5)	$-0.2V \leq V_{CM} \leq V_{DD} + 0.2V$	18			k $\Omega$
$C_{IN}$	A, B Input Capacitance	(Note 4)		3		pF
$V_{OC}$	Open-Circuit Input Voltage (Figure 5)	$V_{DD} = 5V$ (Note 4)	3.2	3.3	3.4	V
$V_{ID(MIN)}$	Differential Input Threshold Voltage	$-0.2V < V_{CM} < V_{DD} + 0.2V$	–0.1		0.1	V
$dV_{ID}$	Input Hysteresis	$V_{CM} = 2.5V$		20		mV
$V_{OH}$	Output High Voltage	$I_{OUT} = -4mA$ , $V_{ID} = 0.1V$ , $V_{DD} = 5V$	4.6			V
$V_{OL}$	Output Low Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 4mA$ , $V_{ID} = 0.1V$ , $V_{DD} = 5V$			0.4	V
$I_{OZR}$	Three-State Output Current	$0V \leq V_{OUT} \leq V_{DD}$	–10		10	$\mu A$
$I_{DD}$	Total Supply Current All 4 Receivers	$V_{ID} \geq 0.1V$ , No Load, Enable = 5V		12	20	mA
$I_{OSR}$	Short-Circuit Current	$V_{OUT} = 0V$ , $V_{OUT} = V_{DD}$	–50		50	mA
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = 2.5V$ , $f = 25MHz$		45		dB

## SWITCHING TIME CHARACTERISTICS

$V_{DD} = 5V \pm 5\%$  (Notes 2, 3)  $V_{ID} = 500mV$ ,  $V_{CM} = 2.5V$ , unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
t <sub>PLH</sub> , t <sub>PHL</sub>	Input-to-Output Propagation Delay	C <sub>L</sub> = 15pF (Figure 1)	●	15	18	21	ns
t <sub>r</sub> , t <sub>f</sub>	Rise/Fall Times	C <sub>L</sub> = 15pF		2.5			ns
t <sub>SKD</sub>	t <sub>PLH</sub> – t <sub>PHL</sub>   Skew	C <sub>L</sub> = 15pF, Same Receiver (Note 5)	●	500			ps
t <sub>ZL</sub>	Enable to Output Low	C <sub>L</sub> = 15pF (Figure 2)	●	10		25	ns
t <sub>ZH</sub>	Enable to Output High	C <sub>L</sub> = 15pF (Figure 2)	●	10		25	ns
t <sub>LZ</sub>	Disable from Output Low	C <sub>L</sub> = 15pF (Figure 2)	●	20		35	ns
t <sub>HZ</sub>	Disable from Output High	C <sub>L</sub> = 15pF (Figure 2)	●	20		35	ns
t <sub>CH-CH</sub>	Channel-to-Channel Skew	C <sub>L</sub> = 15pF (Figure 3) (Note 6)	●	400			ps
t <sub>PKG-PKG</sub>	Package-to-Package Skew	C <sub>L</sub> = 15pF, Same Temperature (Figure 4, Note 4)		1.5			ns
	Minimum Input Pulse Width	(Note 4)		12			ns
f <sub>IN</sub>	Maximum Input Frequency	(Note 4)		40			MHz

The ● denotes specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range.

**Note 1:** Absolute Maximum Ratings are those values beyond which the safety of the device cannot be guaranteed. Recommended:  $V_{DD} = 5V \pm 5\%$ .

**Note 2:** All currents into the device pins are positive; all currents out of the device pins are negative.

**Note 3:** All typicals are given for  $V_{DD} = 5V$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ .

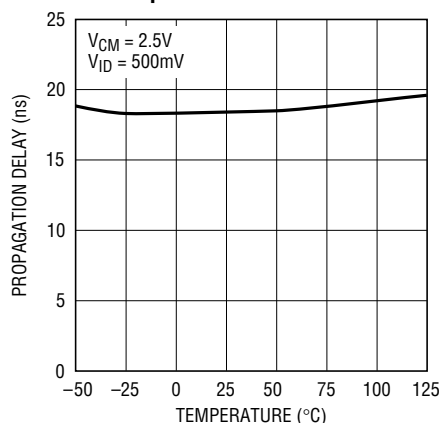
**Note 4:** Guaranteed by design, but not tested.

**Note 5:** Worst-case  $|t_{PLH} - t_{PHL}|$  skew for a single receiver in a package over the full operating temperature range.

**Note 6:** Maximum difference between any two  $t_{PLH}$  or  $t_{PHL}$  transitions in a single package over the full operating temperature range.

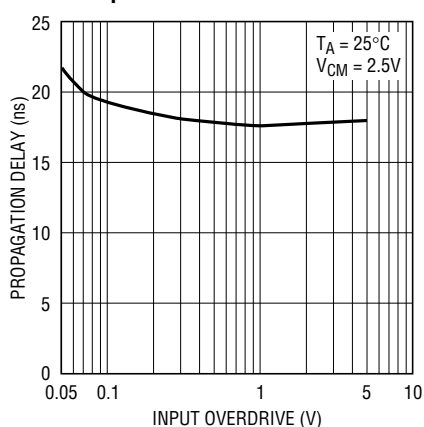
## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Propagation Delay ( $t_{PLH}/t_{PHL}$ )  
vs Temperature



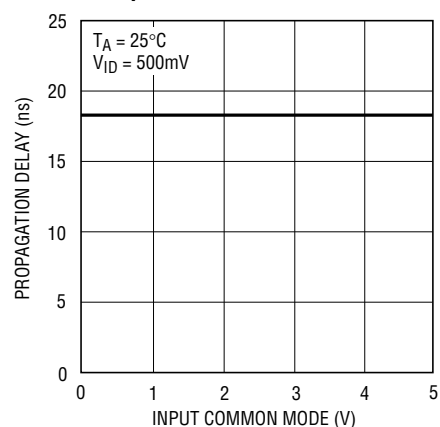
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Propagation Delay ( $t_{PLH}/t_{PHL}$ )  
vs Input Overdrive



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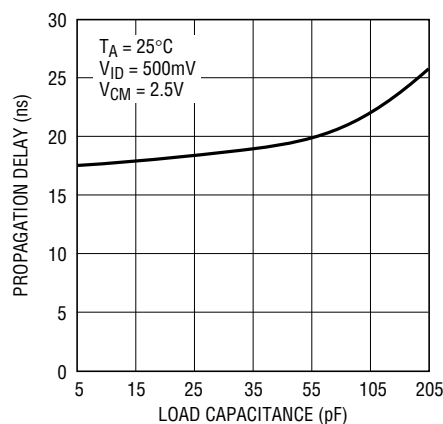
Propagation Delay ( $t_{PLH}/t_{PHL}$ )  
vs Input Common Mode



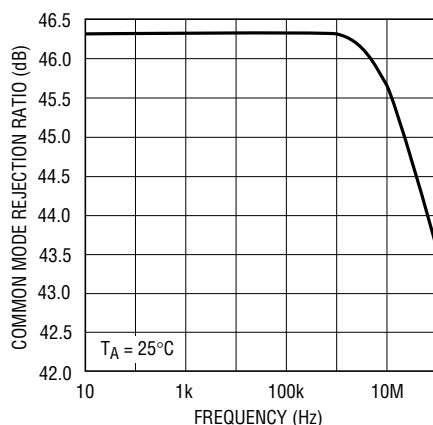
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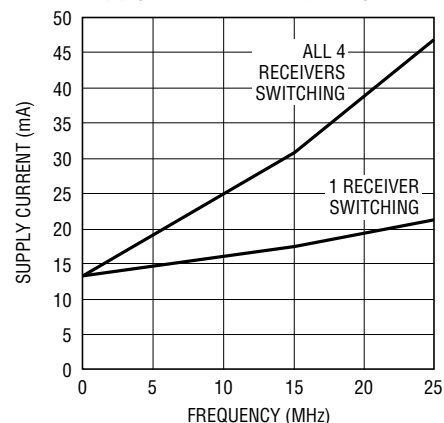
**Propagation Delay vs Load Capacitance ( $t_{PLH}/t_{PHL}$ )**



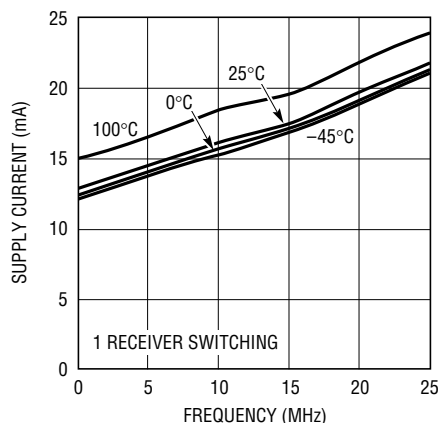
**CMRR vs Frequency**



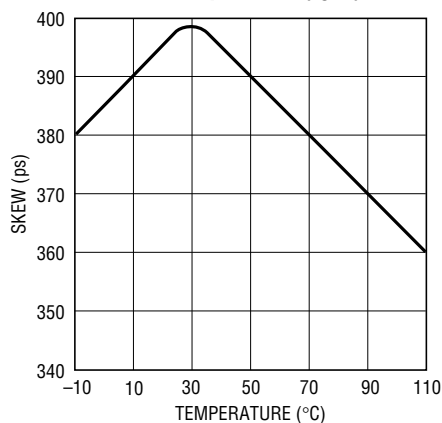
**Supply Current vs Frequency**



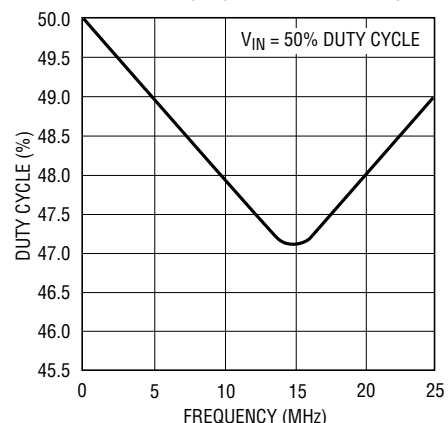
**Supply Current vs Temperature and Frequency**



**Skew vs Temperature ( $t_{SKD}$ )**



**Output Duty Cycle vs Frequency**



## PIN FUNCTIONS

**B1 (Pin 1):** Receiver 1 Inverting Input.

**A1 (Pin 2):** Receiver 1 Noninverting Input.

**R01 (Pin 3):** Receiver 1 Output.

**Enable (Pin 4):** Receiver Output Enable Pin. A logic high input enables the receiver outputs. A logic low input forces the receiver outputs into a high impedance state. Do not float.

**R02 (Pin 5):** Receiver 2 Output.

**A2 (Pin 6):** Receiver 2 Noninverting Input.

**B2 (Pin 7):** Receiver 2 Inverting Input.

**GND (Pin 8):** Ground Pin. A ground plane is recommended for all LTC1520 applications.

**B3 (Pin 9):** Receiver 3 Inverting Input.

**A3 (Pin 10):** Receiver 3 Noninverting Input.

**R03 (Pin 11):** Receiver 3 Output.

**NC (Pin 12):** No Connection.

**R04 (Pin 13):** Receiver 4 Output.

**A4 (Pin 14):** Receiver 4 Noninverting Input.

**B4 (Pin 15):** Receiver 4 Inverting Input.

**V<sub>DD</sub> (Pin 16):** 5V Supply Pin. This pin should be decoupled with a 0.1μF ceramic capacitor as close as possible to the pin. Recommended: V<sub>DD</sub> = 5V ±5%.

## SWITCHING TIME WAVEFORMS

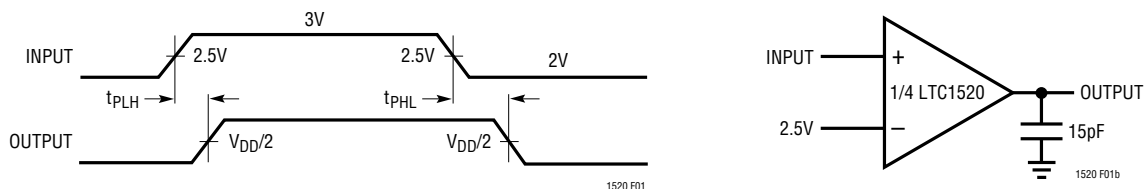


Figure 1. Propagation Delay Test Circuit and Waveforms

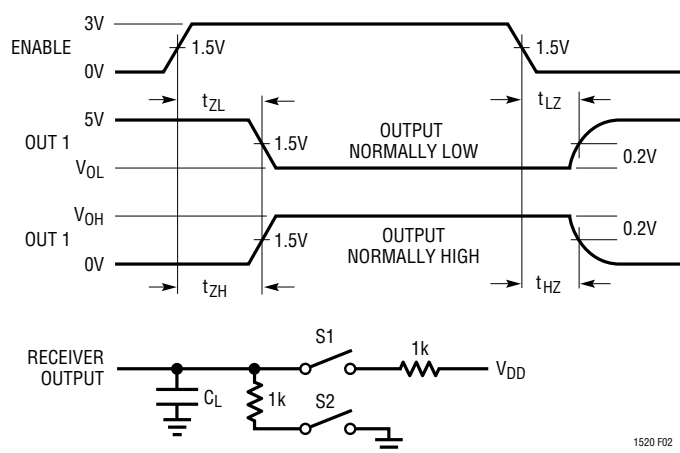


Figure 2. Receiver Enable and Disable Timing Test Circuit and Waveforms

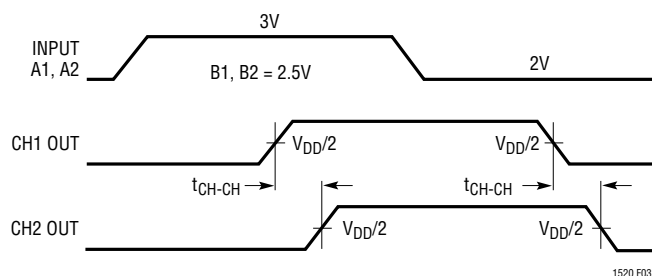


Figure 3. Any Channel to Any Channel Skew, Same Package

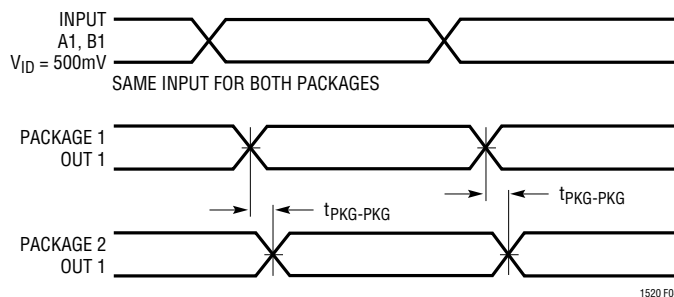


Figure 4. Package-to-Package Propagation Delay Skew

## EQUIVALENT INPUT NETWORKS

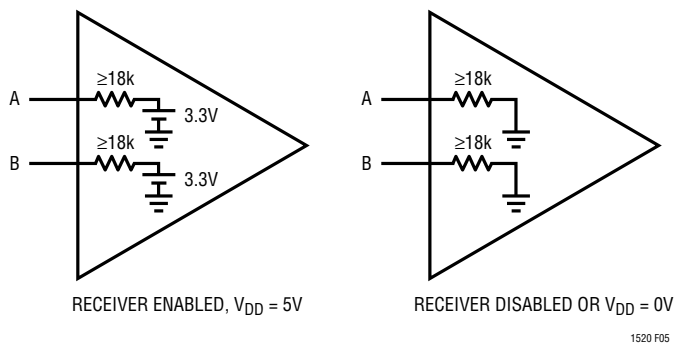


Figure 5. Input Thevenin Equivalent

## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

### Theory of Operation

Unlike typical line receivers whose propagation delay can vary by as much as 500% from package to package and show significant temperature drift, the LTC1520 employs a novel architecture that produces a tightly controlled and temperature compensated propagation delay. The differential timing skew is also minimized between rising and falling output edges, and the propagation delays of any two receivers within a package are very tightly matched.

The precision timing features of the LTC1520 reduce overall system timing constraints by providing a narrow 6ns window during which valid data appears at the receiver output. This output timing window applies to all receivers in separate packages over all operating temperatures thereby making the LTC1520 well suited for high speed parallel data transmission applications such as backplanes.

In clocked data systems, the low skew minimizes duty cycle distortion of the clock signal. The LTC1520 can propagate signals at frequencies up to 25MHz (50Mbps) with less than 5% duty cycle distortion. When a clock signal is used to retime parallel data, the maximum recommended data transmission rate is 25Mbps to avoid timing errors due to clock distortion.

Rail-to-rail input common mode range enables the LTC1520 to be used in both single-ended and differential applications with transmission distances up to 100 feet. Thermal shutdown and short-circuit protection prevent latchup damage to the LTC1520 during fault conditions.

### Single-Ended Applications

Over short distances, the LTC1520 can be configured to receive single-ended data by tying one input to a fixed bias voltage and connecting the other input to the driver output. In such applications, standard high speed CMOS logic may be used as a driver for the LTC1520. The receiver trip points may be easily adjusted to accommodate different driver output swings by changing the resistor divider at the fixed input. Figure 6a shows a single-ended receiver configuration with the driver and receiver connected via PC traces. Note that at very high speeds, transmission line and driver ringing effects have to be considered. Motorola's *MECL System Design Handbook* serves as an excellent

reference for transmission line and termination effects. To mitigate transmission errors and duty cycle distortion due to driver ringing, a small output filter or a dampening resistor on  $V_{DD}$  may be needed as shown in Figure 6b. To transmit single-ended data over distances up to 10 feet, twisted pair is recommended with the unused wire grounded at both ends (Figure 7).

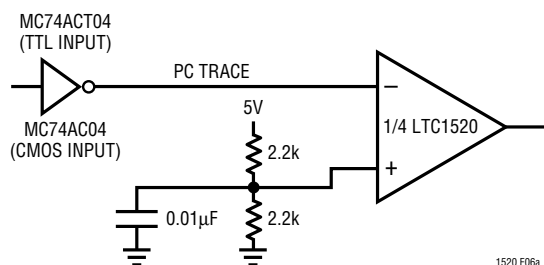


Figure 6a. Single-Ended Receiver

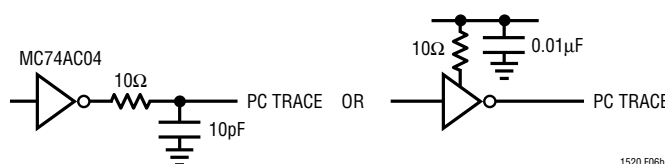


Figure 6b. Techniques to Minimize Driver Ringing

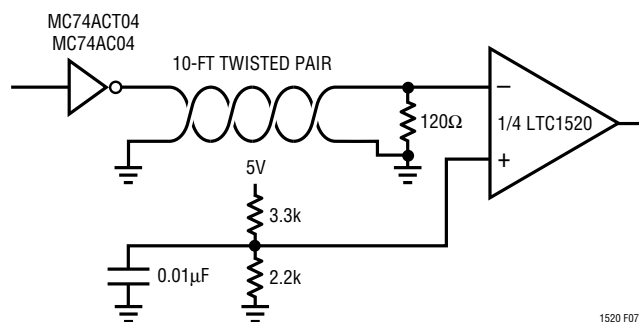


Figure 7. Medium Distance Single-Ended Transmission Using a CMOS Driver

### Differential Transmission

The LTC1520 is well suited for medium distance differential transmission due to its rail-to-rail input common mode range. Clock rates up to 25MHz can be transmitted over 100 feet of high quality twisted pair. Figure 8 shows the

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LTC1520 receiving differential data from a PECL driver. As in the single-ended configurations, care must be taken to properly terminate the differential data lines to avoid unwanted reflections, etc.

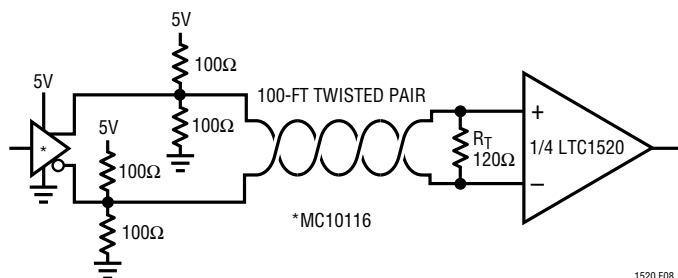


Figure 8. Differential Transmission Over Long Distances

### Alternate Uses

The tightly controlled propagation delay of the LTC1520 allows the part to serve as a fixed delay element. Figure 9 shows the LTC1520 used as a tapped delay line with 18ns  $\pm 3$ ns steps. Several LTC1520s may be connected in series to form longer delay lines. Each tap in the delay line is accurate to within  $\pm 17\%$  over temperature.

As shown in Figure 10, the LTC1520 can be used to create a temperature stable ring oscillator with period increments of 36ns. Low skew and good channel-to-channel matching enable this oscillator to achieve better than a 45/55 duty cycle (the duty cycle approaches 50/50 as more LTC1520s are used for lower frequencies). Note that the fixed voltage bias may either be created externally with a resistor divider or generated internally using a bypass capacitor and the internal open circuit bias point (approximately 3.3V). The use of the internal bias point will result in a 1% to 2% distortion of the duty cycle.

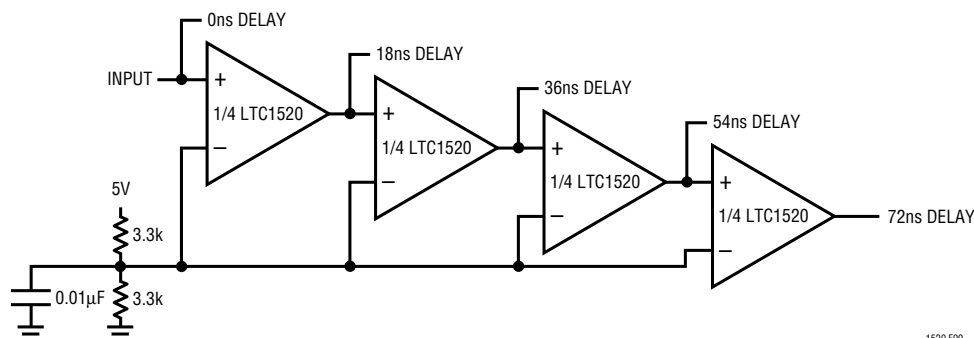


Figure 9. Tapped Delay Line with 18ns Steps

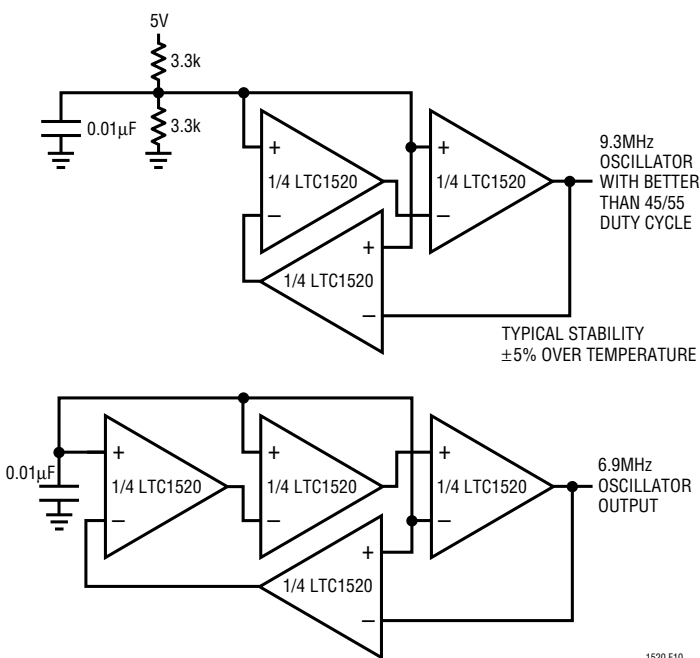
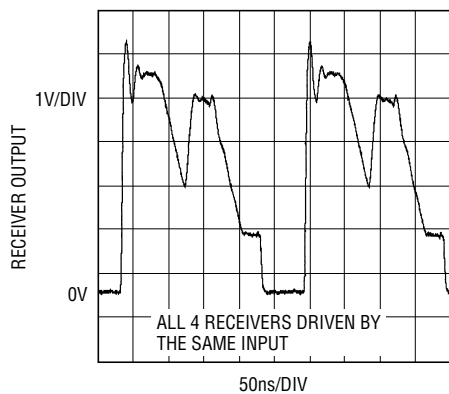


Figure 10. Temperature Stable Ring Oscillators

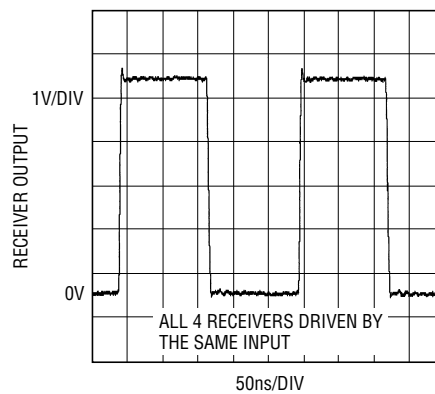
### Layout Considerations

A ground plane is recommended when using a high frequency device like the LTC1520. A 0.1μF ceramic bypass capacitor less than 1/4 inch away from the  $V_{DD}$  pin is also recommended. Good bypassing is especially needed when all four channels are driven simultaneously by the same input. Under these conditions, and with a bypass capacitor more than 1 1/4 inches away from the  $V_{DD}$  pin, the parasitic inductances will cause ringing in the  $V_{DD}$  and output pins. This in turn can cause false triggering of the output short-circuit detector (Figure 11). When the bypass capacitor is placed close to the  $V_{DD}$  pin, however, the LTC1520 operates normally (Figure 12).

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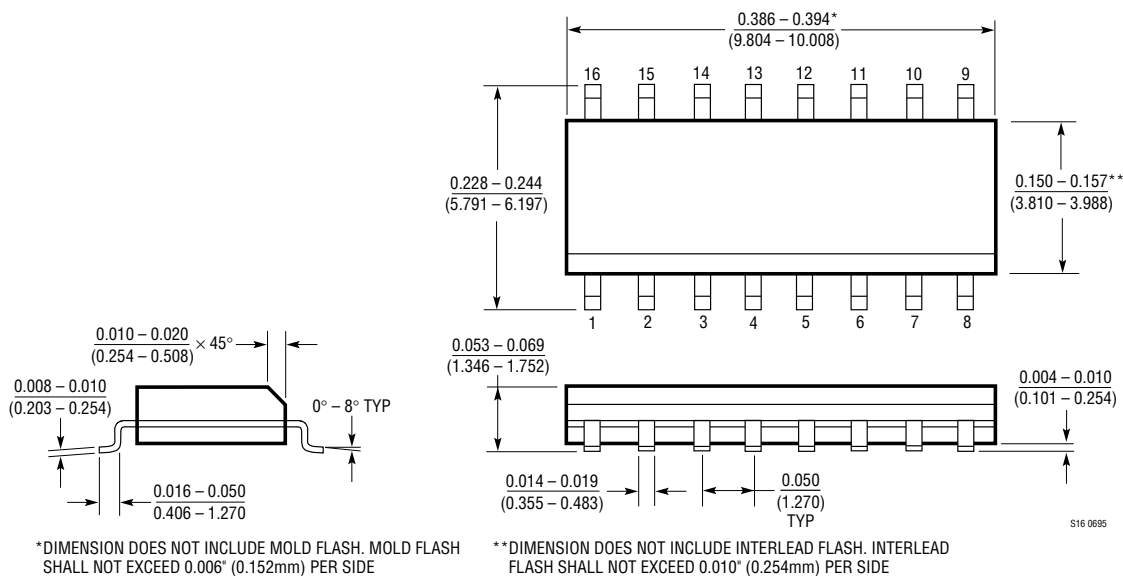
### Figure 11. $V_{DD}$ Bypassing > 1 1/4" Away



**Figure 12.  $V_{DD}$  Bypassing  $< 3/8''$  Away**

## PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

**S Package**  
**16-Lead Plastic Small Outline (Narrow 0.150)**  
 (LTC DWG # 05-08-1610)



## RELATED PARTS

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
LTC486/487	Low Power Quad RS485 Drivers	10Mbps, –7V to 12V Common Mode Range
LTC488/489	Low Power Quad RS485 Receivers	10Mbps, –7V to 12V Common Mode Range
LT®1016	Ultrafast Precision Comparator	Single 5V Supply, 10ns Propagation Delay
LTC1518	High Speed Quad RS485 Receiver	50Mbps, –7V to 12V Common Mode Range
LTC1519	High Speed Quad RS485 Receiver	50Mbps, –7V to 12V Common Mode Range