PS25101
EPIC Ultra High Impedance ECG Sensor
Advance Information

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FEATURES

- Ultra high input resistance, typically $5x10^{10}$ Ω
- Dry-contact capacitive coupling
- Input capacitance as low as 10^{-11} F
- Upper 3dB point typically 20kHz
- Operates with single +4.75V to 8.0V supply
- Sensors supplied as custom engineered probe assemblies complete with connecting lead and DIN plug termination

APPLICATIONS

- Non-critical patient monitoring equipment
- Emergency response diagnostics
- Lifestyle sports and health products
- Suitable for long-term and remote monitoring

Ordering Information

PS25101
Custom package (drawing to be released)

0°C to +50°C

Plessey Semiconductors Electric Potential Integrated Circuit (EPIC) product line targets a range of applications.

The PS25101 is an ultra high impedance solid state ECG (electrocardiograph) sensor. It can be used as a dry contact ECG sensor without the need for potentially dangerous low impedance circuits across the heart. The resolution available is as good as or better than conventional wet electrodes.

The device uses active feedback techniques to both lower the effective input capacitance of the sensing element (Cin) and boost the input resistance (Rin). These techniques are used to realise a sensor with a frequency response suitable for both diagnostic and monitoring ECG applications. The total voltage gain of the system is a function of both the input coupling capacitance (variable) and the internal sensor configuration.

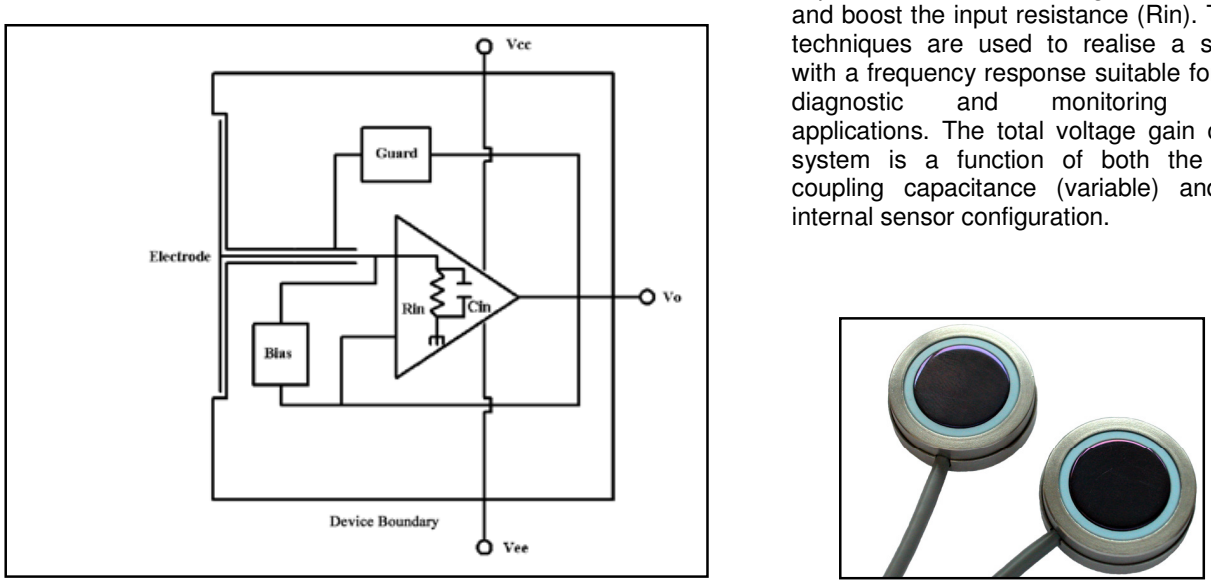

Fig. 1 Internal circuit and image of EPIC ECG Sensor

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

T_{amb} = 0°C to +50°C, V_{dd} = +5v, V_{ss} = 0V. The electrical characteristics are guaranteed by either production test or by design and characterisation. They apply within the specified ambient temperature and supply voltage unless otherwise stated.

Characteristics	Value			Units	Conditions
	Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Input resistance (Rin)		50		GΩ	
Input capacitance		20		pF	
Voltage Gain (Av)		50			Peak-to-peak
Effective input resistance (Rine)			50	GΩ	
Effective input capacitance (Cine)	100			fF	
Coupling capacitance		1		nF	Sensor to skin
Lower 3dB point		50		mHz	Defined as 1/(2*π*Rine(Cc+Cine))
Upper 3dB point		20		kHz	
Quiescent current		4.5		mA	@Vdd=5.0V
Noise		tbd			
Supply (Vdd)	+4.75	5.00	8.0		Unipolar (Vss=0v)

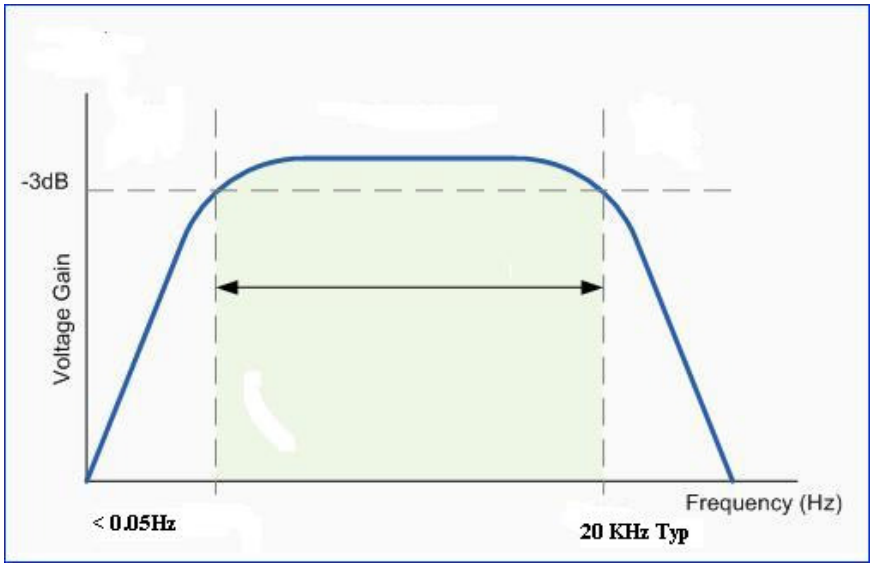

Fig. 2 Typical Bode Plot for EPIC ECG Sensor

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4 PIN DIN PLUG TERMINATION

Pin1 Signal Out (Yellow)
Pin2 Earth (Green)
Pin3 +6V (Red)
Pin4 0V (Blue)

APPLICATION OF THE ECG SENSOR

Because of the large coupling capacitance to the body (around 1nF) the EPIC sensor's internal electrometer can be used in differential mode to recover true surface potential ECG signals from the surface of the skin.

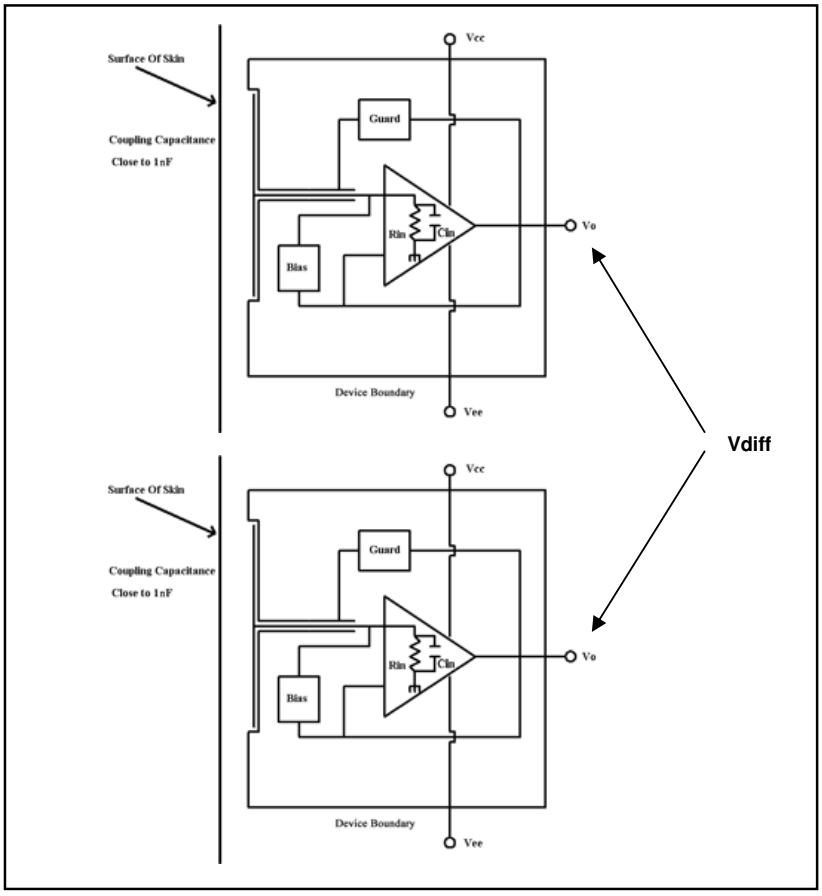

Fig. 3 Differential measurement of body (skin) surface potential to produce ECG trace

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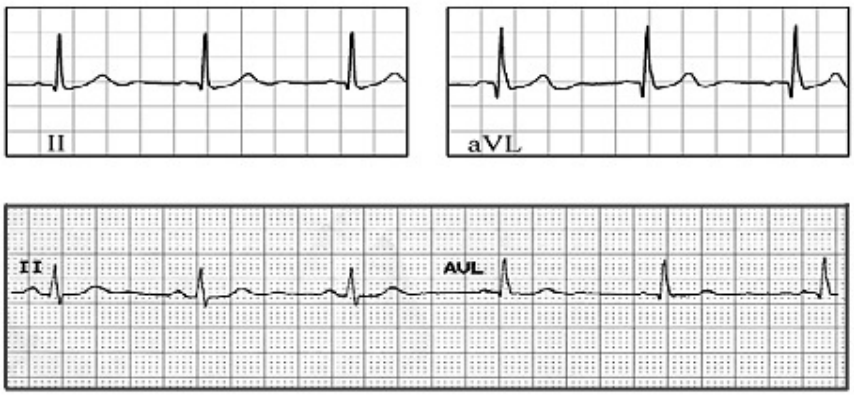

Fig. 4 Comparison of two vectors from a pair of EPIC sensors (top) and two conventional Ag/AgCl electrodes (bottom)

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