Low-Current Superhet Remote Control Receiver

Description

The U4311B is a monolithic integrated circuit in bipolar technology for low-current UHF remote control superheterodyne receivers in amplitude- or frequency-modulated mode. Typical applications are keyless car lock-, alarm- or tele-control remote indication systems. Especially for automotive applications, it supports a superhet design with about 1 mA total current consumption as required by the car manufacturers.

Features

- Usable for amplitude- and frequency-modulated transmission systems
- Extremely low quiescent current (approximately 1 mA in standby mode due to wake-up concept)
- Wide power supply voltage range 3 to 13 V
- Sensitive IF amplifier for 10.7-MHz operating frequency
- Logarithmic AM demodulator
- FM demodulator
- Monoflop exit to wake up a microcontroller
- High-performance operational amplifier to realize a data recovering filter
- Non-inverting clamping comparator with amplitude-depending hysteresis for data regeneration

Block Diagram

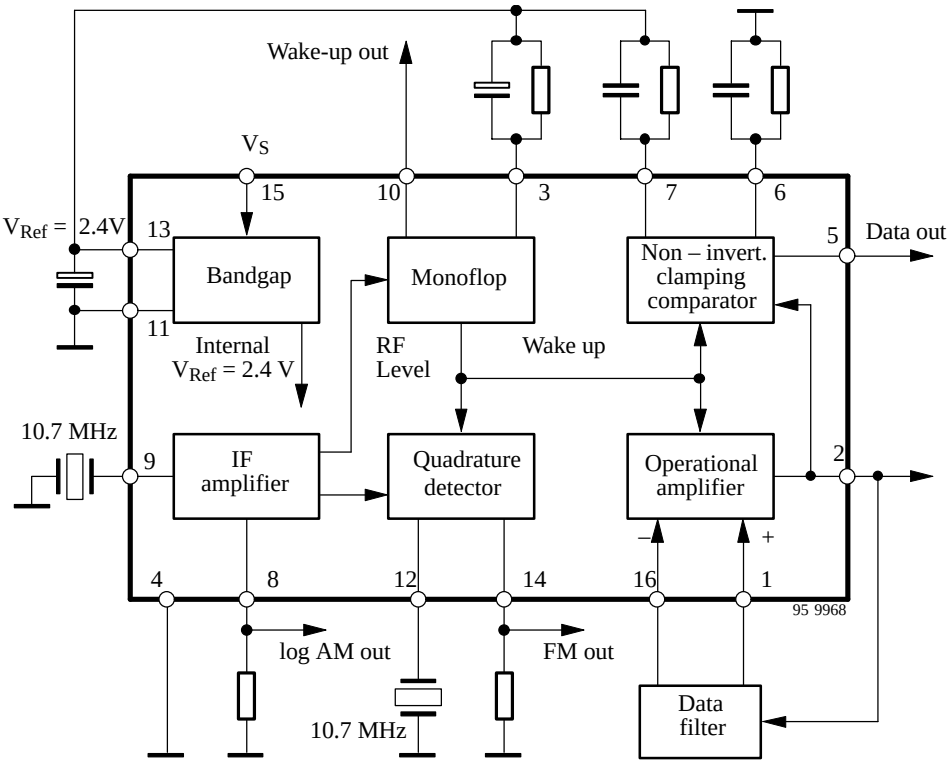

Figure 1. Block diagram

Ordering Information

Extended Type Number	Package	Remarks
U4311B-M	DIP16	
U4311B-MFL	SO16L	

Pin Description

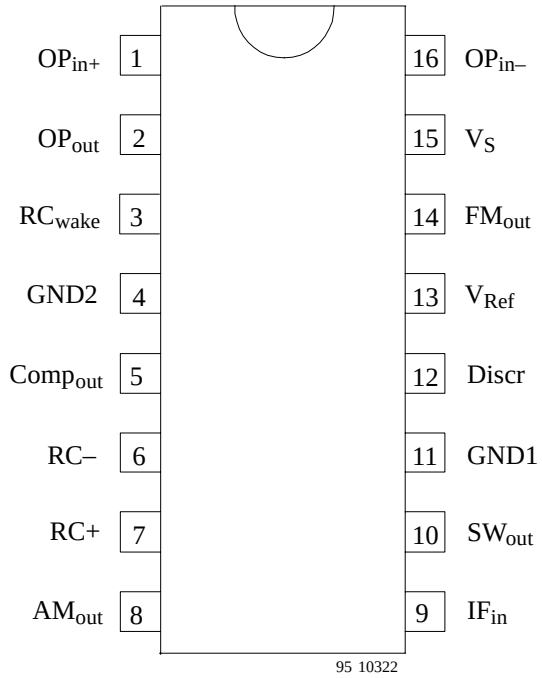

Figure 2. Pin description

Pin	Symbol	Function
1	OP_{in+}	OP amplifier non-inverted input
2	OP_{out}	OP amplifier output
3	RC_{wake}	RC wake-up reset time
4	GND2	Ground of the logical circuits
5	$Comp_{out}$	Comparator output
6	RC–	Comparator time constant
7	RC+	Comparator time constant
8	AM_{out}	AM current output
9	IF_{in}	IF input
10	SW_{out}	Wake-up output
11	GND1	Ground of the analog circuits
12	Discr	FM discriminator tank
13	V_{Ref}	Reference voltage
14	FM_{out}	FM discriminator output
15	V_S	Supply voltage
16	OP_{in-}	OP amplifier inverted input

Internal connections see figures 4 to 19

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameters	Symbol	Value	Unit
Supply voltage	V_S	13	V
Power dissipation T_{amb} = 85°C	P_{tot}	400	mW
Junction temperature	T_j	125	°C
Ambient temperature	T_{amb}	–40 to +85	°C
Storage temperature	T_{stg}	–55 to +125	°C

Thermal Resistance

Parameters		Symbol	Value	Unit
Junction ambient	DIP16	R_{thJA}	120	K/W
	SO16L	R_{thJA}	100	K/W

Electrical Characteristics

V_S = 5 V, T_{amb} = 25°C, f_{in} = 10.7 MHz; FM part: f_{mod} = 1 kHz, f_{dev} = 22.5 kHz; AM part: f_{mod} = 1 kHz, m = 100% unless otherwise specified

Parameters	Test Conditions / Pins	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Characteristics						
Supply-voltage range	Pin 15	V_S	3		12	V
Quiescent supply current	Pin 15	I_q		1	1.3	mA
Active supply current	Pin 15	I_{act}		2.8	3.6	mA
Bandgap						
Regulated voltage	Pin 13	V_{Ref}	2.3	2.4	2.5	V
Output current	Pin 13	I_{Ref}			5	mA
Source resistance	Pin 13	R_{Ref}		2.3	5	Ω
External capacitor	Pin 13	C_{Ref}	10			µF
Power-supply rejection ratio	f = 50 Hz Pin 13	psrr		60		dB
IF amplifier						
Input resistance	Pin 9	R_{in}	180	330	520	Ω
Input capacitance	Pin 9	C_{in}		5		pF
Typical internal 3 dB frequency	IF level 70 dBµV Pins 9 and 14	f_{3dB}	8		12	MHz
–3 dB limiting point	Pin 9	V_{FM3dB}		30		dBµV
Recovered data voltage	Pin 14	V_{FMout}	50	130	230	mV
FM detector output resistance	Pin 14	R_{FMout}		50		kΩ
AM rejection ratio	m = 30% Pins 9 and 14	AM_{rr}		25		dB
Maximum AM input voltage	Pin 9	V_{AMmax}		90		dBµV
AM quiescent current	Pin 8	I_{AMout}	10	22	37	µA
Maximum AM current	Pin 8	$I_{AMoutmax}$		100		µA
Operational amplifier						
Gain-bandwidth product	Pins 1, 2 and 16	f_t	3	4	6.5	MHz
Excess phase	Pins 1, 2 and 16	δ		80		degree
Open loop gain	Pins 1, 2 and 16	g_0	50	70	95	dB
Output voltage range	Pin 2	ΔV_{out}		1.55		V
Common-mode input voltage	Pins 1 and 16	V_{in}	0.7		1.7	V
Input offset voltage	Pins 1 and 16	V_{os}	–2.5	0	+2.5	mV
Maximum output current	Pin 2	I_{out}			5	mA

Parameters	Test Conditions / Pins	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Common-mode rejection ratio	Pin 1 and 16	cmrr	65	85		dB
Total harmonic distortion	V_{in} < 300 mV, f = 33 kHz, unity gain circuit Pin 2	thd		1	3	%

Electrical Characteristics (continued)

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Parameters	Test Conditions / Pins	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Power-supply rejection ratio	f = 50 Hz Pin 2	psrr	65	85		dB
Clamping comparator						
Typical common-mode input voltage range	Pin 2	V_{cmvr}	0.8		1.6	V
Maximum distortion voltage	V_{signal} = 100 mV, R+ = R– = 50 kΩ, C+ = C– = 200 nF, f_{disto} = 50 Hz, f_{signal} = 1 kHz Pin 2	V_{dmax}			200	mV
Output voltage	$V_2 > (V_6 + V_7)/2$ (10-kΩ load to V_{Ref}) Pin 5	V_{cout}		V_{Ref}		V
Output voltage	$V_2 < (V_6 + V_7)/2$ (10-kΩ load to V_{Ref}) Pin 5	V_{cout}	0	150	250	mV
Wake-up circuit						
Minimum wake-up level	Pin 9	V_{in}		40		dBµV [1]
Internal charging resistor	Pin 3	R_{int}		1.5		kΩ
Threshold voltage	Pin 3	V_{th}		1.6		V
Output switch current	Pin 10	I_{SW}	180	250	550	µA
Output switch voltage	Pin 10	V_{SW}			5.5	V [2]
External wake-up resistor	Pins 3 and 13	R_{WU}	22			kΩ
External wake-up capacitor	Pins 3 and 13	C_{WU}			10	µF
Hold time (± 30%)		t_h	$\approx 1.5 \times R_{WU} \times C_{WU}$			s [3]
Delay time (± 30%)		t_d	$\approx C_{WU} \times 0.75\ k\Omega$			s [3]

1) Measured at Pin 9, referred to 330 Ω

2) Protected by a Z-diode, see figure 13

3) Valid for 0.1 µF ≤ C_{WU} ≤ 10 µF and 22 kΩ ≤ R_{WU} ≤ 680 kΩ

Circuit Description

General Functions

The integrated circuit U4311B includes the following functions: IF amplifier, FM demodulator, wake-up circuit with monoflop, operational amplifier, non-inverting data comparator and voltage regulator.

The 10.7-MHz IF signal from the front end passes the integrated IF-amplifier which operates for amplitude- or frequency-modulated signals to either a logarithmic AM demodulator which was implemented to avoid settling-time problems effected by use of an automatic gain control system or a quadrature detector for FM. A data-shaping filter – advantageously realized with the internal high-performance operational amplifier – reduces system bandwidth to an optimized compromise regarding transmission distance and data recognition. Thus, an optimal bit-error rate can be achieved without any further active component.

The comparator connected to the output of the filter has a level-dependent hysteresis and clamps its reference voltage to the signal's minimum and maximum peaks as described later.

Without IF-input signal – in normal mode – only the IF amplifier and the AM demodulator which operates as a level-strength indicator are activated. If the level of the IF signal increases, the entire circuitry is turned on by the wake-up circuit. This signal is externally available at Pin 10 and can be used to wake up a microcontroller. After an adjustable reset time, determined by the mono-flop time constant, the integrated circuit returns to sleep mode. In this case, typically 1-mA supply current is required. An external resistor matched at Pin 3 to ground blocks the wake-up circuit and enables the complete functionality at lower IF levels as can be seen in figures 24 and 27, but supply current increases up to typically 2.8 mA.

Function of the Clamping Comparator

The output signal of the operational amplifier is fed to the input of the non-inverting comparator and two peak detectors (Q1 and Q2, figure 3). Their time constants are distinguished by RC+ and RC–. The component's value must be adapted to the transmission code. The time constant should be large compared to the bit rate for optimized noise and hum suppression. To compensate the input transistor's base-emitter-voltage differences, these two signals are buffered by Q3 and Q4. The mean value is used as comparator threshold, the difference of the peak values controls the hysteresis. This clamping comparator operates as a data regenerator.

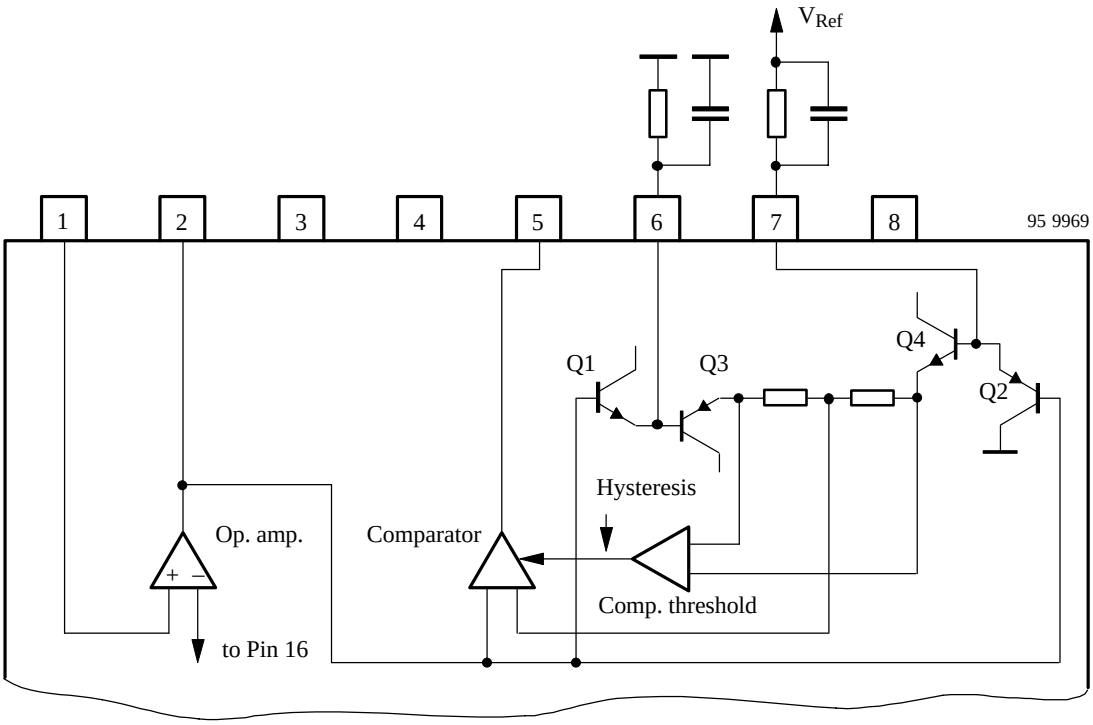


Figure 3. Principle function of the clamping comparator

Internal Pin Circuitry

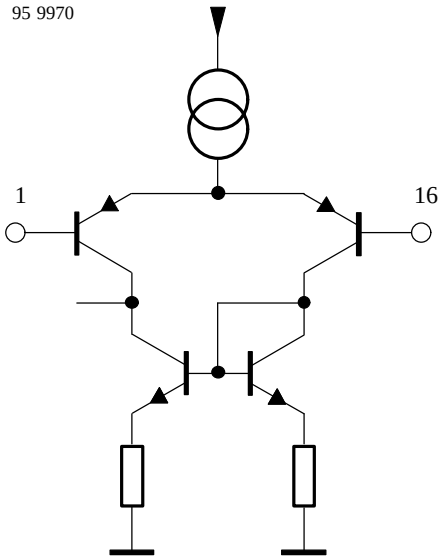
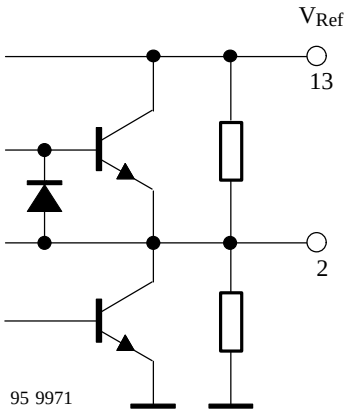


Figure 4. Pin 1 OP_{in+}



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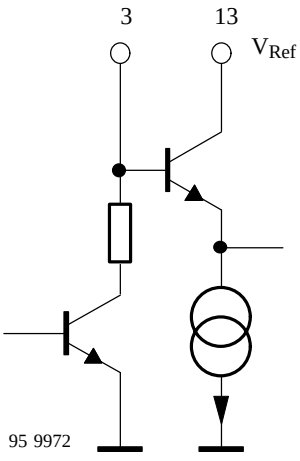


Figure 6. Pin 3 RC_{wake}

Figure 7. Pin 4 GND2

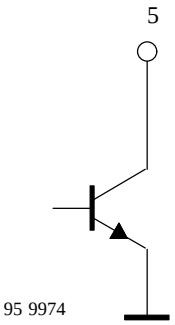
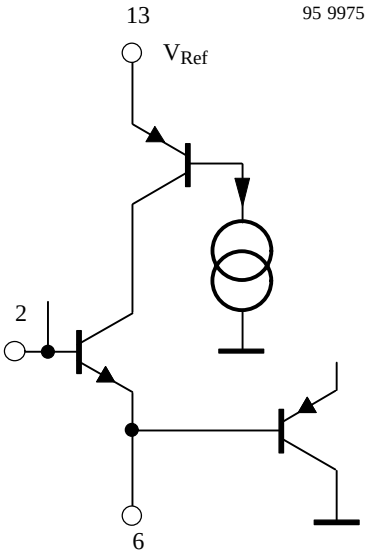


Figure 8. Pin 5 $Comp_{out}$



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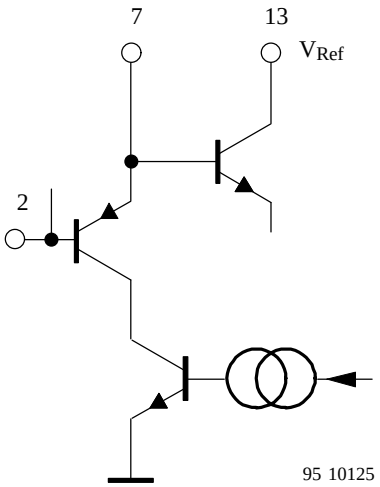


Figure 10. Pin 7 RC+

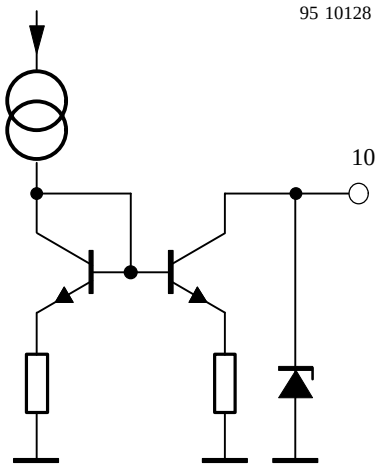


Figure 13. Pin 10 SW_{out}

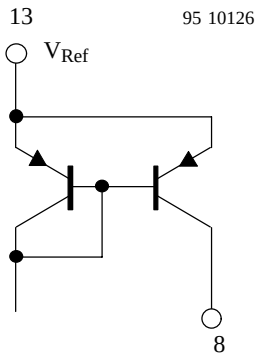


Figure 11. Pin 8 AM_{out}

Figure 14. Pin 11 GND1

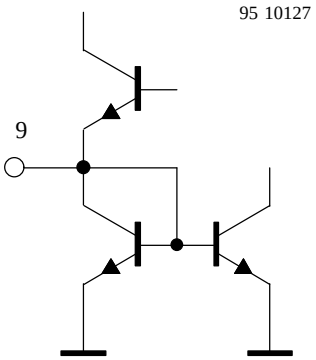


Figure 12. Pin 9 IF_{in}

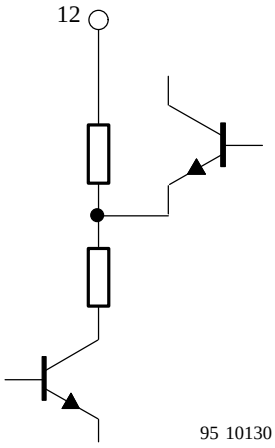


Figure 15. Pin 12 Discr

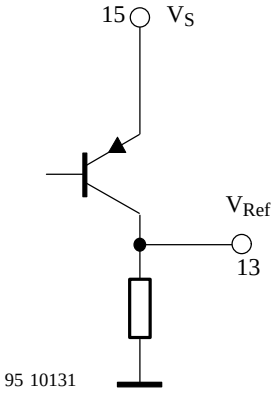


Figure 16. Pin 13 V_{Ref}

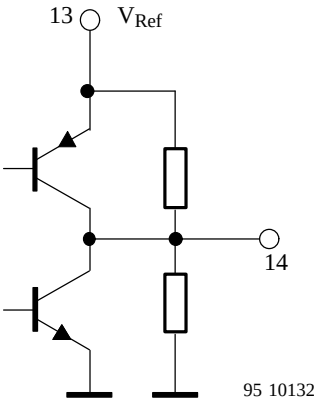
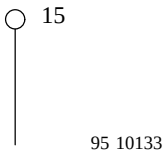


Figure 17. Pin 14 FM_{out}



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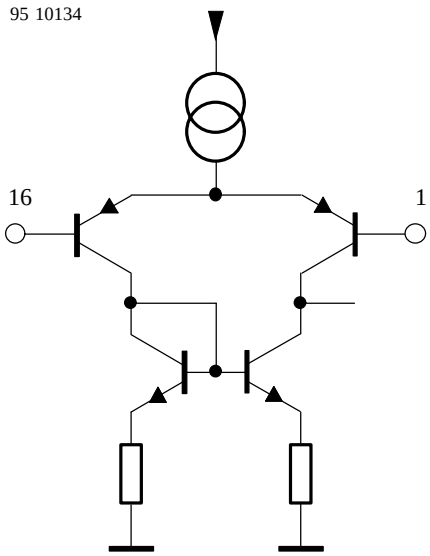

Figure 19. Pin 16 OP_{in-}

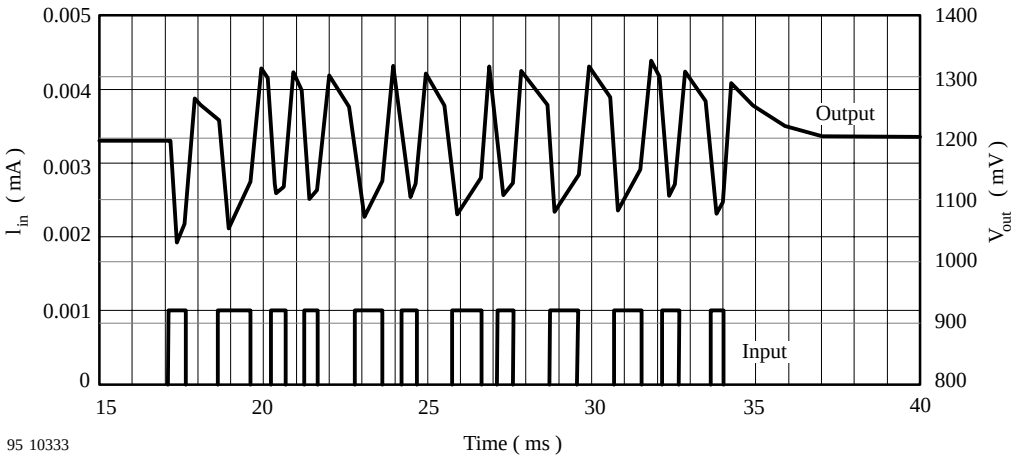

Figure 20. Time domain response of 2-kHz Bessel lowpass data filter

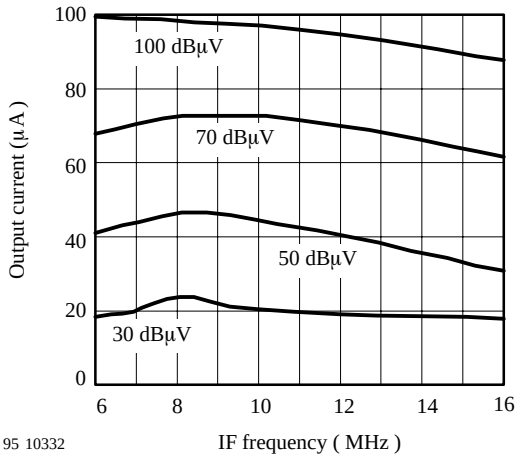

Figure 21. IF-frequency response

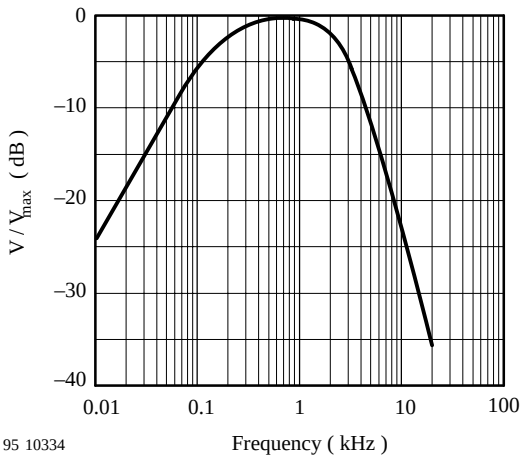

Figure 22. Frequency response of 2-kHz Bessel lowpass data filter

Data-Recovering Filter

The test circuit in figures 23 and 26 includes an example of a data-recovering filter realized with the components R_1, R_2, C_1, C_2, C_3. It is of a second-order Bessel type with lowpass characteristic, a 3-dB cut-off frequency of 2 kHz and an additional highpass characteristic for suppressing dc and low-frequency ac components. Simulation of time domain and frequency response can be seen in figures 20 and 22. This filter gives a typical application of a 1-kBaud Manchester-code, amplitude-modulated transmission.

The capacitor C_2 is responsible for the highpass cut-off frequency. In order to achieve a correct pulse response, this highpass cut-off frequency should be as low as possible. Figure 20 shows the transient response and the influence of the dc component. The first pulses might be wrong if the highpass cut-off frequency is too low. For this reason, some burst bits must be transmitted before the real data transmission starts. On the other hand, if the cut-off frequency is too high, roof shaping of the rectangle pulses at the operational amplifier output might causes problems.

The lowpass cut-off frequency and the maximum transimpedance V_{out}/I_{in} are distinguished by the further external elements. Careful design of the data filter enables optimized transmission range. For designing other filter parameters, please refer to filter design handbooks/ programs or request Atmel Wireless & Microcontrollers for support.

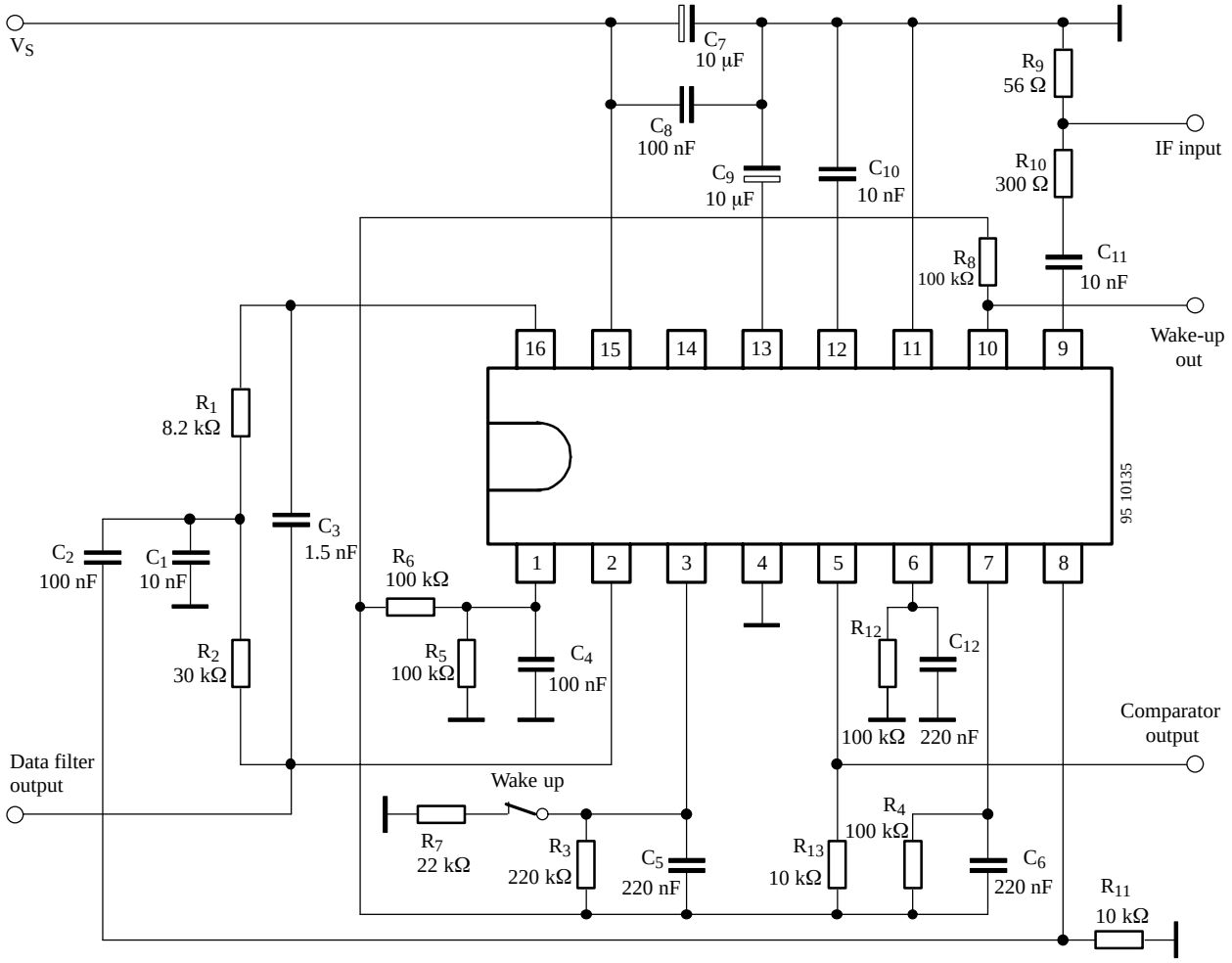

Figure 23. AM test circuit with 2-kHz Bessel lowpass data filter

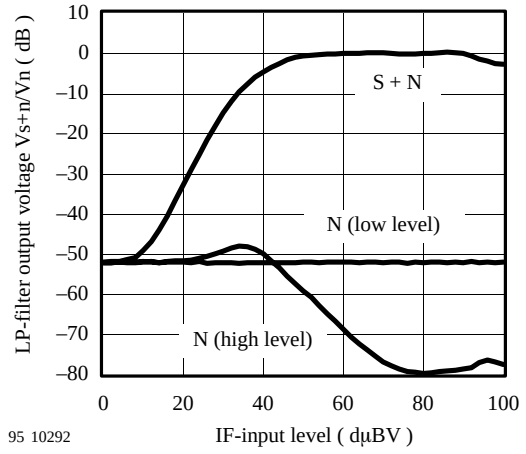

Figure 24. Signal-to-noise ratio AM

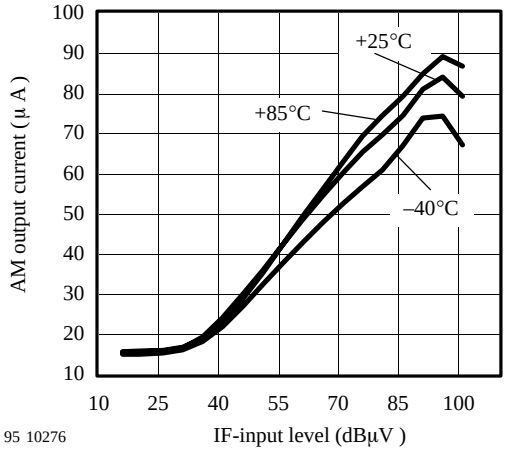

Figure 25. AM-demodulator characteristic vs. temperature

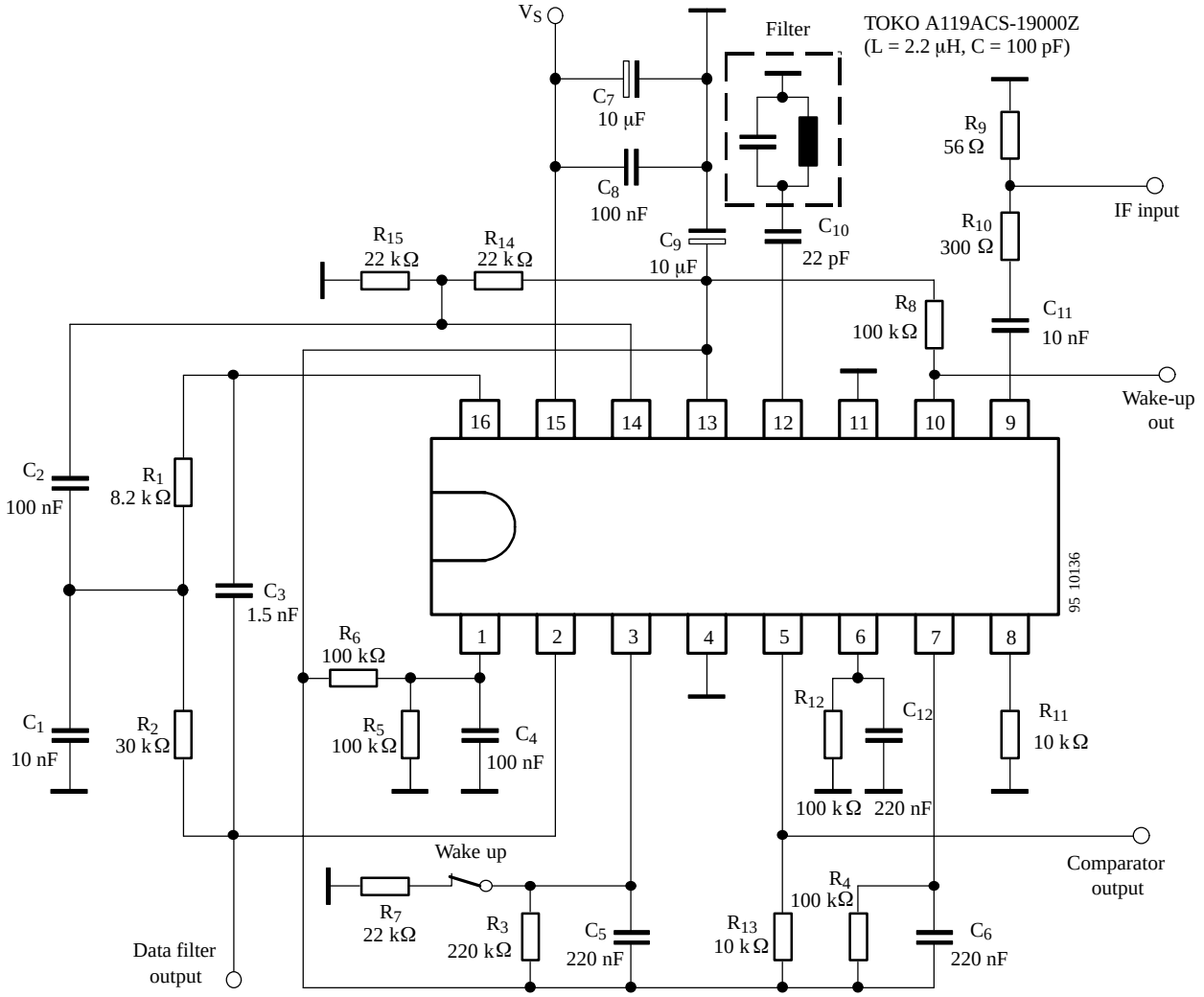

Figure 26. FM test circuit with 2-kHz Bessel lowpass data filter

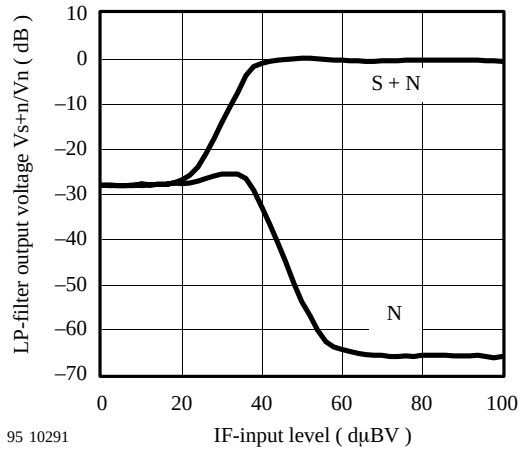

Figure 27. Signal-to-noise ratio FM; deviation 22.5 kHz

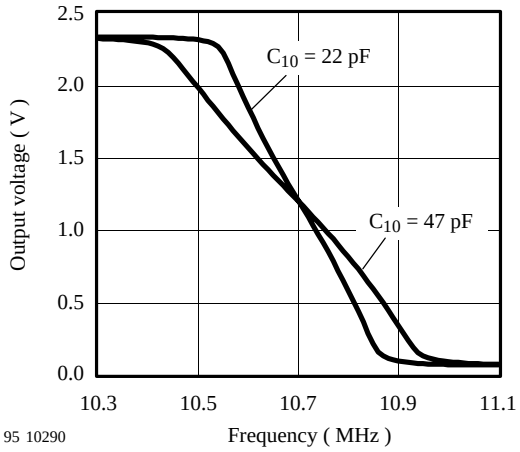

Figure 28. FM-discriminator characteristic

Application

The U4311B is well-suited to implement UHF remote control or data transmission systems, based on a low-current superheterodyne receiver concept. SAW-devices may be used in the transmitter's as well as in the receiver local oscillator. The front end should be a discrete circuit application with low-current UHF transistors such as S822T or S852T (Vishay Telefunken). The frequency of the local oscillator can be determined either by coaxial resonators or SAW devices. Due to large SAW-resonator tolerance, an IF bandwidth – and in a FM system additionally the discriminator amplitude characteristic (figure 28) – of 300 kHz or higher is proposed. As the circuit needs only 3.0 V supply voltage for operation, the front end may be a stacked design in order to achieve a total receiver current consumption of approximately 1 mA. Figure 29 shows a principle receiver concept diagram.

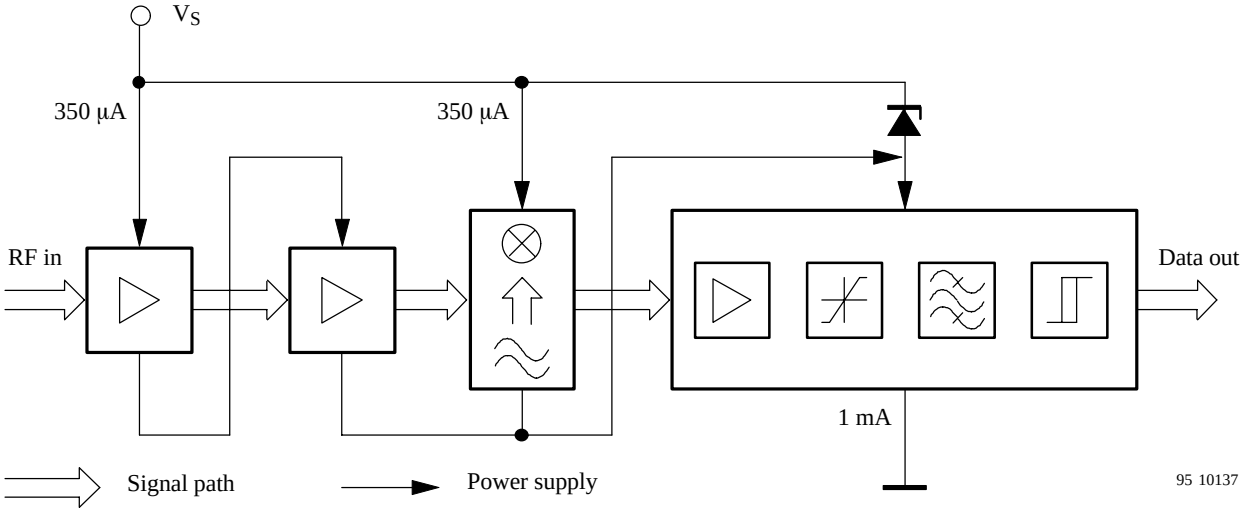

Figure 29. Principle diagram of a UHF remote control receiver

Package Information

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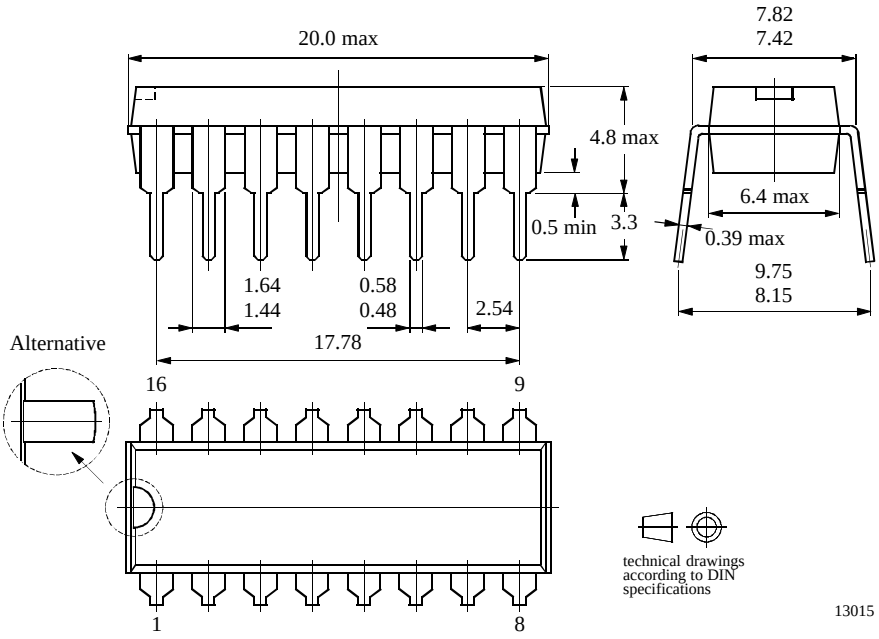

Package SO16L

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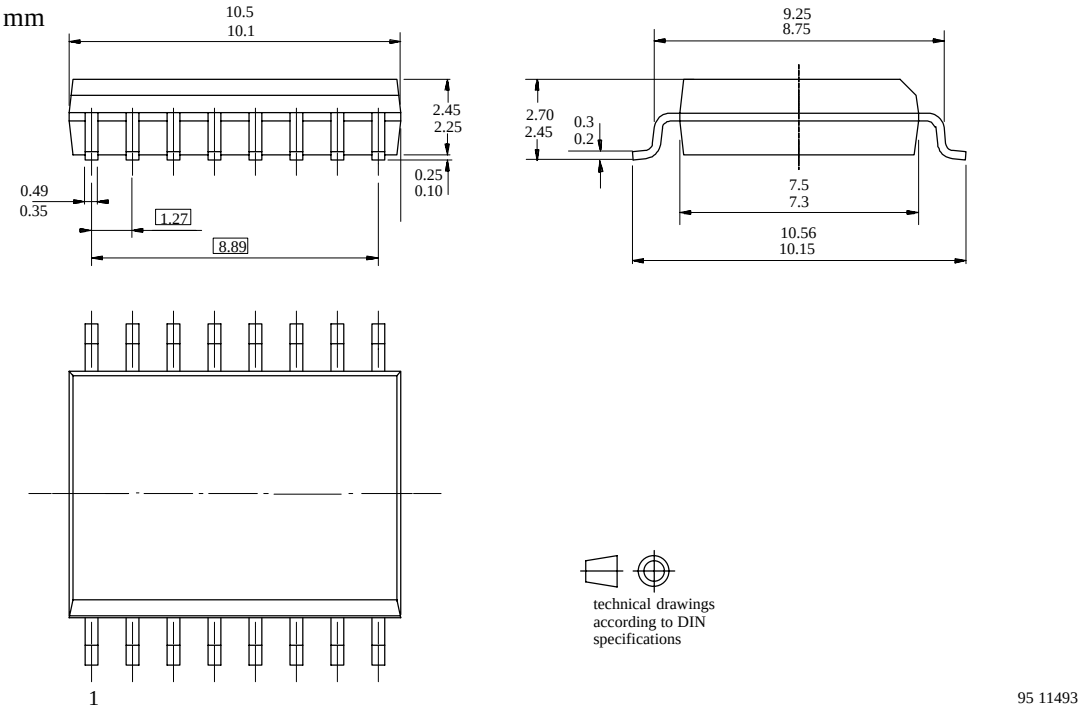

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