

# PS25102 EPIC sensor, development sensor, low gain

Datasheet



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

The PS25102 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.

## **FEATURES**

- Ultra high input resistance, typically  $2x10^{10} \Omega$
- Dry-contact capacitive coupling •
- Input capacitance as low as 10pF
- Upper -3dB point typically 10kHz
- Lower -3dB point typically 100mHz
- 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**



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- Lifestyle sports and health products
- Suitable for long-term and remote monitoring

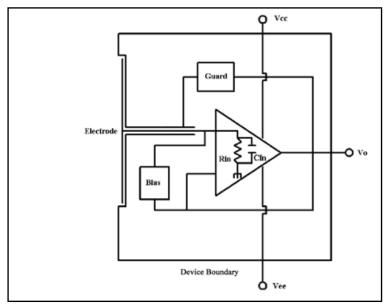


Fig. 1 Internal circuit

# **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

 $T_{amb} = 0^{\circ}C$  to +50°C,  $V_{dd} = +5v$ . 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.	Min. Typ. Max.								
Supply (Vdd)	+4.75	5.00	8.0		Unipolar (Vss=0v)					
Supply current		4.5		mA	@Vdd=5.0V					
Voltage Gain (Av)		10			Peak-to-peak					
Effective input resistance (Rine)		20		GΩ						
Effective input capacitance (Cine)		15		pF						
Coupling capacitance		1		nF	Sensor to skin					
Lower -3dB point		100		mHz	Set by internal DC signal rejection network – coupling capacitor 1nF					
Upper -3dB point		10		kHz						
Noise		tbd								
Output voltage swing	-2.4		2.4	V	Output signal can swing negative and positive and is centred on 0V					



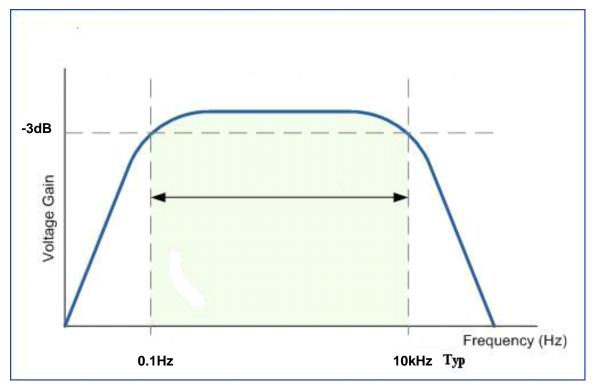


Fig. 2 Typical Bode Plot for EPIC ECG Sensor

#### 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.



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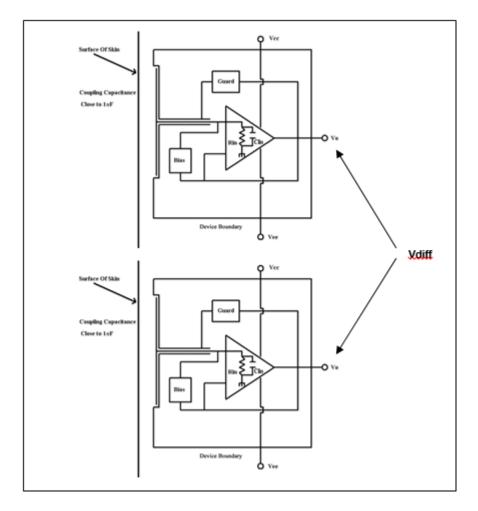
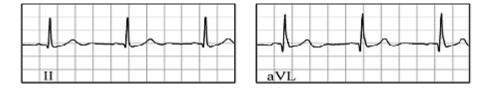


Fig. 3 Differential measurement of body (skin) surface potential to produce ECG trace



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

## PATENTS

This component and many of the associated applications are covered by the following international patents:



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