

NXT4557

SIM card interface level translator with enable pin

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Product data sheet

1. General description

The NXT4557 device is built for interfacing a SIM card with a single low-voltage host side interface. The NXT4557 has three level translators to convert the data, RST and CLK signals between a SIM card and a host microcontroller. A high speed level translation capable of supporting class-B, class-C SIM cards. An active HIGH EN pin enables normal operation of the translator. A HIGH to LOW transition on pin EN initiates a shutdown sequence on SIM card pins in accordance with ISO-7816-3.

The NXT4557 is compliant with all ETSI, IMT-2000 and ISO-7816 SIM/Smart card interface requirements.

2. Features and benefits

- Support SIM cards and eSIM with supply voltages 1.62 V to 3.3 V
- Host micro-controller operating voltage range: 1.08 V to 1.98 V
- Automatic level translation of I/O, RST and CLK between SIM card and host side interface with capacitance isolation
- Incorporates shutdown feature for the SIM card signals according to ISO-7816-3
- High $V_{dis(UVLO_AC)}$ switching level, arranging quick shut down when V_{CC_SIM} powers down
- Integrated pull-up resistors; no external resistor required
- Integrated EMI Filters suppresses higher harmonics of digital I/O's
- A HIGH EN signal enables the translation of the signals
- Low current shutdown mode $< 1 \mu A$
- Supports clock speed beyond 5 MHz clock
- Pb-free, Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) compliant and free of halogen and antimony (Dark Green compliant)
- ESD protection:
 - HBM ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 exceeds 2 kV
 - CDM ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-002 exceeds 1 kV
 - IEC61000-4-2 level 4, contact and air discharge on all SIM card-side pins are 8kV and 15 kV
- Available in 10-pin XQFN package

3. Applications

- NXT4557 can be used with a range of SIM card attached devices including:
 - Mobile and personal phones
 - Wireless modems
 - SIM card terminals

4. Ordering information

Table 1. Ordering information

Type number	Package			
	Temperature range	Name	Description	Version
NXT4557GU	-40 °C to +85 °C	XQFN10	plastic, extremely thin quad flat package; no leads; 10 terminals; body 1.40 × 1.80 × 0.50 mm	SOT1160-1

5. Marking

Table 2. Marking

Type number	Marking code ^[1]
NXT4557GU	z7

[1] The pin 1 indicator is located on the lower left corner of the device, below the marking code.

6. Functional diagram

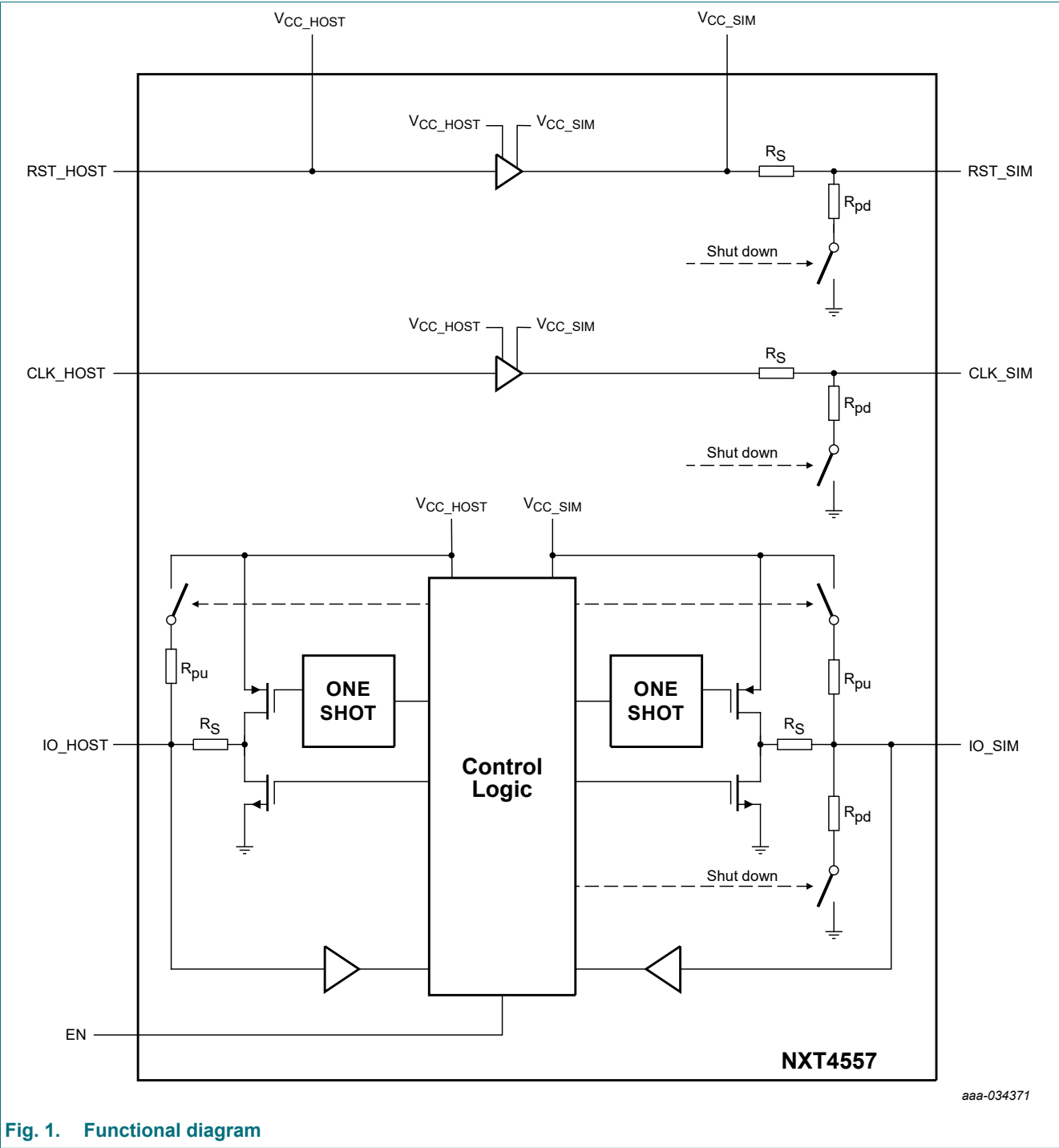


Fig. 1. Functional diagram

7. Pinning information

7.1. Pinning

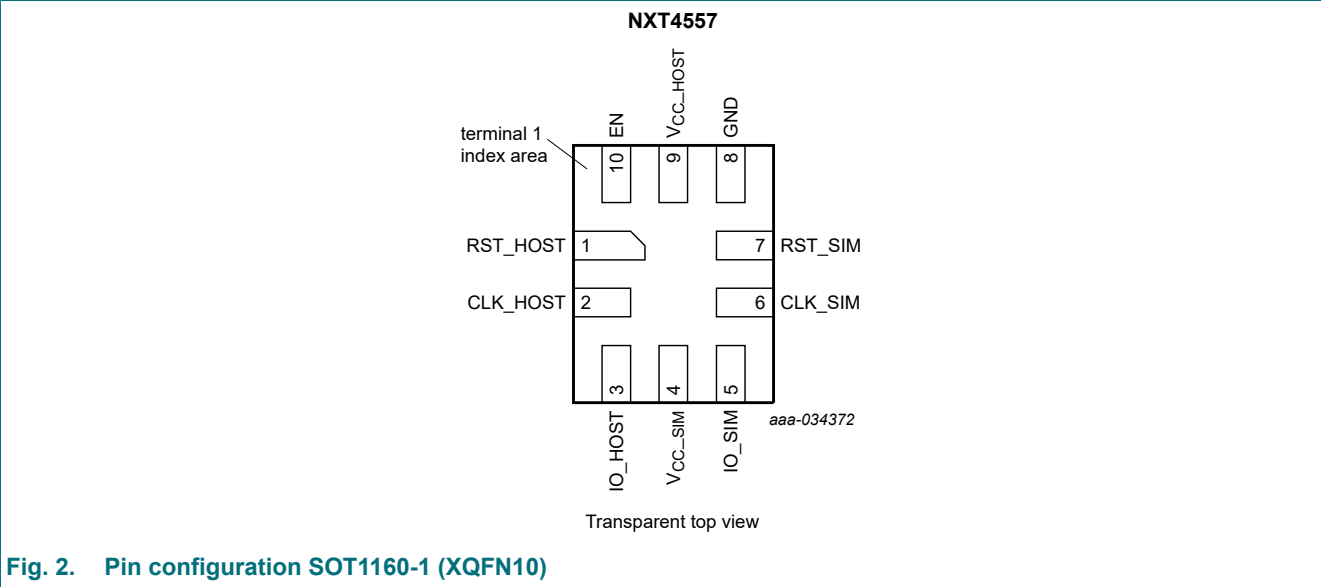


Fig. 2. Pin configuration SOT1160-1 (XQFN10)

7.2. Pin description

Table 3. Pin description

Symbol	Pin	Type	Description
RST_HOST	1	I	Reset input from host controller.
CLK_HOST	2	I	Clock input from host controller.
IO_HOST	3	I/O	Host controller bidirectional data input/output. This pin can be driven from push pull as well as open drain drivers.
VCC_SIM	4	power	Supply voltage for the SIM CARD side input/output pins. This input voltage ranges from 1.62 V to 3.3 V. This pin should be bypassed with a 0.1 μ F ceramic capacitor close to the pin.
IO_SIM	5	I/O	SIM card bidirectional data input/output. The SIM card output must be on an open-drain driver.
CLK_SIM	6	O	Clock output pin for the SIM card.
RST_SIM	7	O	Reset output pin for the SIM card.
GND	8	ground	Ground for the SIM card and host controller. Proper grounding and bypassing are required to meet ESD specifications.
VCC_HOST	9	power	Supply voltage for the host controller side input/output pins (CLK_HOST, RST_HOST, IO_HOST). This pin should be bypassed with a 0.1 μ F ceramic capacitor close to the pin.
EN	10	I	Enable input from host controller to enable or disable the translator. Also used to initiate shutdown sequence

8. Functional description

8.1. Functional behavior

The functional diagram of the NXT4557 is shown in [Fig. 1](#).

The upper part of [Fig. 1](#) shows the RST and CLK channels which are uni-directional level shifters from the host to the SIM card side.

The bottom part shows the architecture of the bidirectional I/O channel. Both on IO_HOST and IO_SIM a resistor R_{pu} pulls up the I/O node. On both sides an output stage is present that consists of a PMOST and an NMOST device. Each output stage drives the output through a series resistor R_S . Input stages sense the I/O nodes and pass LOW/HIGH information to the control logic that controls the translator outputs and several pull-up and pull-down resistors.

The NXT4557 I/O channel does not require a dedicated input signal to control the direction of data flow from IO_HOST to IO_SIM or from IO_SIM to IO_HOST. Change in driving direction is possible when both sides are at HIGH state. The control logic recognizes the I/O node with the first falling edge and grants control over the opposite I/O node. When for example the IO_HOST is turned LOW, the control circuit will turn on the NMOST on the IO_SIM side, pulling LOW IO_SIM. The IO_SIM pin is then an output only, until IO_HOST is turned HIGH and the translator has turned IO_SIM HIGH again.

The PMOST devices are used to actively turn high the outputs. Each PMOST is driven by a one-shot circuit that generates a pulse. For example: Assuming HOST to SIM communication, when the IO_HOST is turned HIGH, it will activate the one shot circuit on the IO_SIM side. A pulse starts, arranging a fast LOW to HIGH transition on IO_SIM. When the pulse has finished, the PMOST is released. At that stage, the system returns to a standard open drain state whereby the pull resistors keep the I/O nodes HIGH.

At the same time, at a LOW to HIGH transition, the one shot on the input side is activated as well. In an open drain application, this creates a typical input LOW to HIGH waveform. [Fig. 3](#) shows an example of a LOW to HIGH transition in an open drain application.

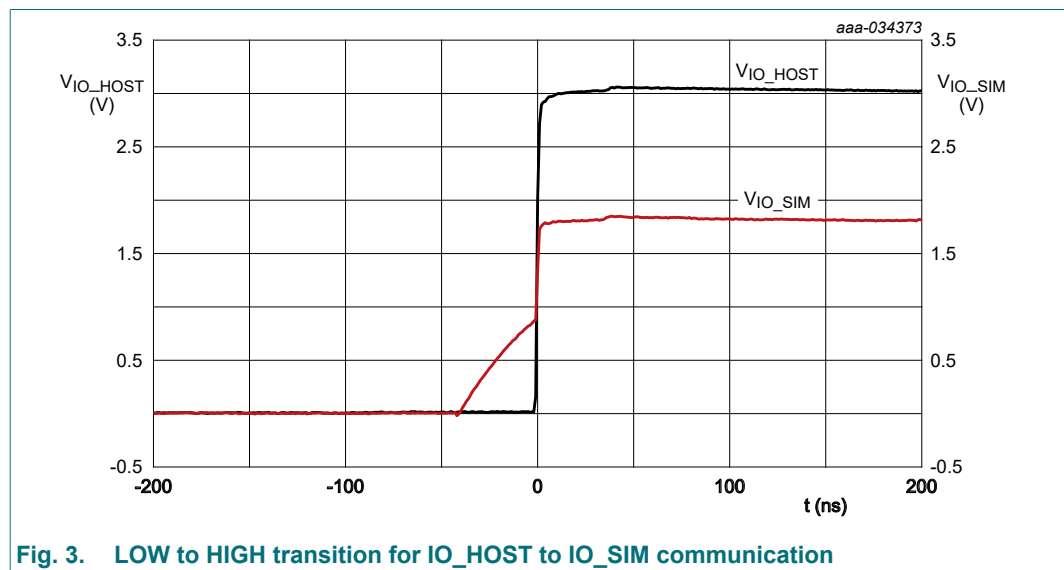


Fig. 3. LOW to HIGH transition for IO_HOST to IO_SIM communication

Looking at the input signal, the first part of the LOW to HIGH transition is an exponential curve caused by the I/O node capacitance being charged via the pull-up resistor. The second part starts when the input signal crosses the input switching level. The rising edge is accelerated dramatically by the PMOST that is turned on by the one shot on the input side.

In case of a communication error or some other unforeseen incident that may drive both connected sides of the drivers at the same time, the internal logic automatically prevents stuck-at situation. This ensures that both I/Os will return to HIGH level once released from being driven LOW.

In shut down mode, the control circuit disables all output stages. Additionally, in shut down mode, the pull-up resistor on IO_SIM side is disabled, and all pull-down resistors R_{pd} on SIM side are enabled, pulling LOW the pins on the SIM side. The shut down sequence is explained in more detail in [Section 8.3](#).

8.2. Window of I/O communication

When the translator is in operating mode, I/O communication can take place through the I/O channel. Communication can take place in both directions IO_HOST ↔ IO_SIM. Additionally, during operating mode, the RST_HOST and CLK_HOST signals are passed to RST_SIM and CLK_SIM respectively.

The translator is active when EN is turned HIGH. Another condition for the operational mode is that V_{CC_HOST} and V_{CC_SIM} are at a proper level. [Fig. 4 a\)/b\)](#) shows two scenarios illustrating how EN and V_{CC_SIM} control the translator mode. V_{CC_HOST} is assumed to be default present and is not shown in the waveform.

When both EN and V_{CC_SIM} have turned HIGH, I/O communication can commence after a certain amount of time: $\Delta t > 300$ ns.

It is assumed that during the power up sequence, the nodes of IO_HOST and IO_SIM are not pulled down by the host controller and the SIM card. The translator has integrated pull-up resistors and will turn HIGH both IO_HOST and IO_SIM. The pull-up resistors R_{pu} are pointed out in [Fig. 1](#).

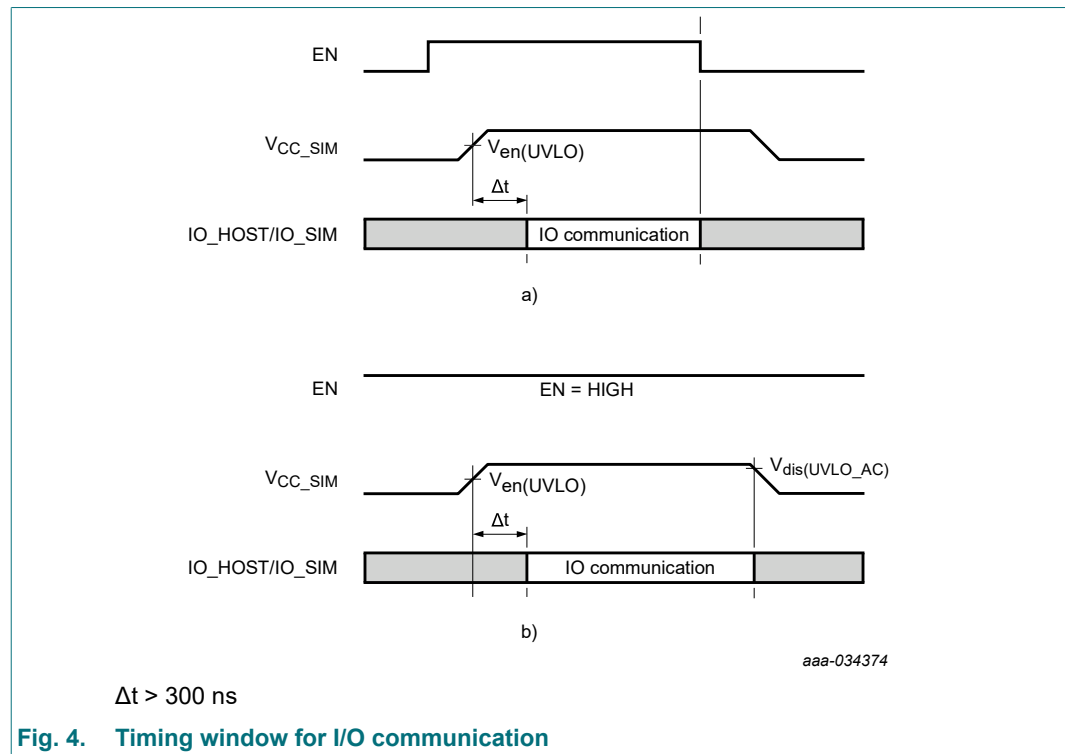


Fig. 4. Timing window for I/O communication

When either EN turns low or V_{CC_SIM} drops below $V_{dis(UVLO)}$, the translator turns to shutdown mode. [Section 8.3](#) illustrates the shutdown sequence in more detail.

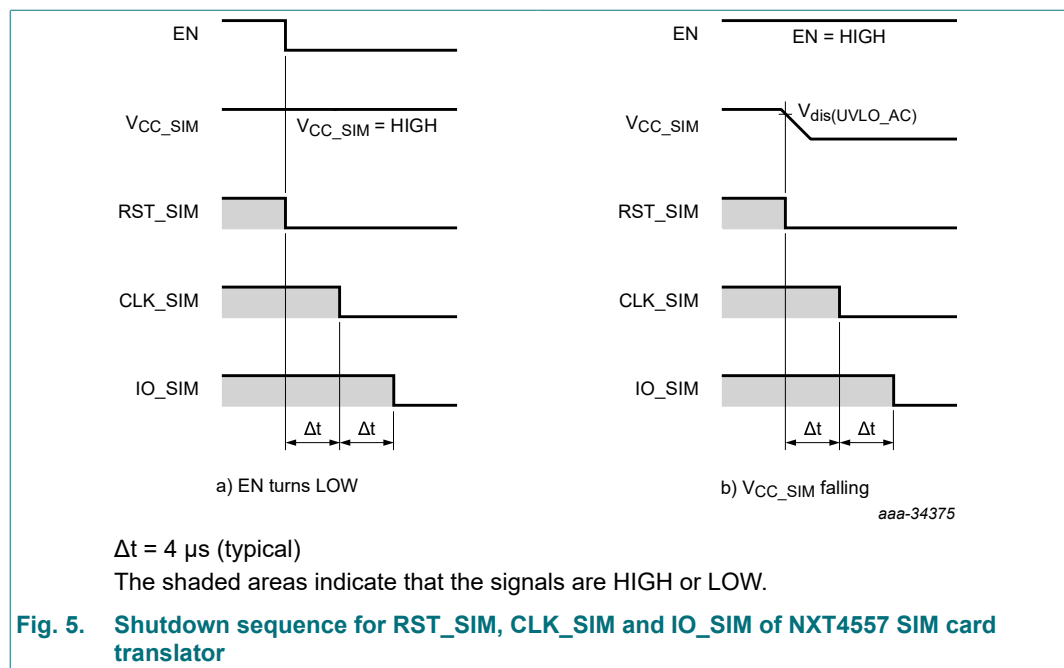
When EN turns low and during shutdown mode, the pull-down resistors are activated on all SIM card side pins (RST_SIM, CLK_SIM and IO_SIM).

8.3. Shutdown sequence

The ISO 7816-3 specification specifies the shutdown sequence for the SIM card signals to ensure that the card is properly disabled for power savings. Also, during hot swap, the orderly shutdown of these signals helps to avoid any improper write and corruption of data.

When either the enable, EN, is asserted LOW or when V_{CC_SIM} drops below $V_{dis(UVLO_AC)}$, the shutdown sequence is initiated. Fig. 5 a) illustrates the shutdown sequence initiated by EN being asserted LOW. Fig. 5 b) illustrates the shutdown sequence initiated by V_{CC_SIM} being powered down.

The shut down sequence starts by pulling down the RST_SIM output. Once RST_SIM is turned LOW, CLK_SIM and IO_SIM are pulled LOW sequentially, one-by-one. Internal pull-down resistors on the SIM pins are used to pull the SIM channels LOW. The internal pull-down resistors, R_{pd} , that pull down the three pins on the SIM side are shown in Fig. 1. The shutdown sequence is completed in a few microseconds. The interval time (Δt), is typically 4 μs .



8.4. UVLO

When V_{CC_SIM} drops below $V_{dis(UVLO_AC)}$, the translator goes to shut down mode. This is illustrated in Fig. 4 b) and Fig. 5 b). The switching level $V_{dis(UVLO_AC)}$ has a high value of approximately 86 % V_{CC_SIM} . The circuitry uses an AC detection mechanism that operates accurately with a falling slope that is typical in the SIM card application. Next to this AC detection, a standard UVLO detection is in place that has no condition with respect to the slope of the rising or falling V_{CC_SIM} . For the standard UVLO, the parameters $V_{en(UVLO)}$ and $V_{dis(UVLO)}$ are involved which have lower values than $V_{dis(UVLO_AC)}$. When V_{CC_SIM} is powered up, the translator is enabled when V_{CC_SIM} crosses $V_{en(UVLO)}$. This is illustrated in Fig. 4 a)/b).

8.5. EMI filter

All output driver stages of I/O, RST and CLK channels are equipped with EMI filters to reduce interference towards sensitive mobile communication.

8.6. ESD protection

The device has robust ESD protections on all SIM card pins. The architecture prevents any stress for the host: the voltage translator discharges any stress to supply ground.

9. Limiting values

Table 4. Limiting values

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V _{ESD}	electrostatic discharge voltage	SIM card side; IEC 61000-4-2, level 4; contact discharge	-	±8	kV
		SIM card side; IEC 61000-4-2, level 4; air discharge	-	±15	kV
		all other pins; IEC 61000-4-2, level 4; contact discharge	-	±2	kV
		all other pins; HBM [1]	-	±2	kV
		all other pins; CDM [2]	-	±1	kV
V _{CC_HOST}	supply voltage		GND - 0.5	4.6	V
V _{CC_SIM}	SIM card supply voltage		GND - 0.5	4.6	V
V _I	input voltage	CLK_HOST; input signal voltage, HOST side	GND - 0.5	4.6	V
		RST_HOST; input signal voltage, HOST side	GND - 0.5	4.6	V
		IO_HOST; input signal voltage, HOST side	GND - 0.5	4.6	V
		EN; enable input voltage, HOST side	GND - 0.5	4.6	V
		CLK_SIM; input signal voltage, SIM side	GND - 0.5	4.6	V
		RST_SIM; input signal voltage, SIM side	GND - 0.5	4.6	V
		IO_SIM; input signal voltage, SIM side	GND - 0.5	4.6	V
T _{stg}	storage temperature		-55	+125	°C

[1] Human Body Model (HBM) according to JESD22-A-A114.

[2] Charged-Device Model (CDM) according to JESD22-C101.

10. Recommended operating conditions

Table 5. Operating conditions

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V _{CC_HOST}	supply voltage	[1]	1.08	-	1.98 V	V
V _{CC_SIM}	card side supply voltage	[1]	1.62	-	3.3	V
V _I	input voltage	HOST side	-0.3	-	V _{CC_HOST} + 0.3	V
		SIM side	-0.3	-	V _{CC_SIM} + 0.3	V
T _{amb}	ambient temperature		-40	+25	+85	°C

[1] V_{CC_SIM} ≥ V_{CC_HOST}

11. Electrical characteristics

Table 6. Electrical characteristics

$1.08\text{ V} \leq V_{CC_HOST} \leq 1.98\text{ V}$; $1.62\text{ V} \leq V_{CC_SIM} \leq 3.3\text{ V}$; $GND = 0\text{ V}$; unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	$T_{amb} = -40\text{ °C to }+85\text{ °C}$			Unit
			Min	Typ[1]	Max	
I_{CC_HOST}	supply current	operating mode; $f_{clk} = 1\text{ MHz}$; $IO_HOST = IO_SIM = \text{HIGH}$ [2]	-	5	10	μA
		shutdown mode; $IO_HOST = \text{HIGH}$ [3]	-	-	1	μA
I_{CC_SIM}	card side supply current	operating mode; $IO_HOST = IO_SIM = \text{HIGH}$; $CLK_HOST = RST_HOST = \text{LOW}$ [2]	-	2	8	μA
$V_{en(UVLO)}$	undervoltage lockout enable voltage	V_{CC_SIM} rising; $V_{CC_HOST} = 1.8\text{ V}$	0.85	1.2	1.6	V
$V_{dis(UVLO)}$	undervoltage lockout disable voltage	V_{CC_SIM} falling; $V_{CC_HOST} = 1.8\text{ V}$	0.65	1.0	1.3	V
$V_{dis(UVLO_AC)}$	undervoltage lockout disable voltage	V_{CC_SIM} falling;				
		-dV/dt = 0.9 V/ms to 9 V/ms; $V_{CC_SIM} = 1.8\text{ V}$	-	1.55	-	V
		-dV/dt = 1.5 V/ms to 15 V/ms; $V_{CC_SIM} = 3.0\text{ V}$	-	2.58	-	V
		-dV/dt = 0.9 V/ms to 9 V/ms; $V_{CC_SIM} = 1.71\text{ V to }1.89\text{ V}$	-	$0.86V_{CC_SIM}$	-	V
		-dV/dt = 1.5 V/ms to 15 V/ms; $V_{CC_SIM} = 2.85\text{ V to }3.15\text{ V}$	-	$0.86V_{CC_SIM}$	-	V

[1] Typical values measured at 25 °C.

[2] Internal pull-up resistance active on IO_HOST and IO_SIM

[3] Internal pull-up resistance active on IO_HOST

Table 7. Static characteristics

$1.08\text{ V} \leq V_{CC_HOST} \leq 1.98\text{ V}$; $1.62\text{ V} \leq V_{CC_SIM} \leq 3.3\text{ V}$; $GND = 0\text{ V}$; unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	T _{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C			Unit
			Min	Typ[1]	Max	
Level shifter						
V _{IH}	HIGH-level input voltage	RST_HOST, CLK_HOST, EN [2]	0.65V _{CC_HOST}	-	V _{CC_HOST} + 0.3	V
		IO_HOST [2]	0.5V _{CC_HOST}	-	V _{CC_HOST} + 0.3	V
		IO_SIM [2]	0.5V _{CC_SIM}	-	V _{CC_SIM} + 0.3	V
V _{IL}	LOW-level input voltage	RST_HOST, CLK_HOST, EN [2]	-0.3	-	0.35V _{CC_HOST}	V
		IO_HOST [2]	-0.3	-	0.3V _{CC_HOST}	V
		IO_SIM [2]	-0.3	-	0.25V _{CC_SIM}	V
R _{pu}	pull-up resistance	IO_SIM connected to V _{CC_SIM}	3.3	5.3	7.3	kΩ
		IO_HOST connected to V _{CC_HOST}	2.8	4.3	6	kΩ
V _{OH}	HIGH-level output voltage	RST_SIM, CLK_SIM; I _{OH} = -1 mA	0.85V _{CC_SIM}	-	V _{CC_SIM} +0.3	V
		IO_SIM; I _{OH} = -10 μA	0.85V _{CC_SIM}	-	V _{CC_SIM} +0.3	V
		IO_HOST; I _{OH} = -10 μA	0.85V _{CC_HOST}	-	V _{CC_SIM} +0.3	V
V _{OL}	LOW-level output voltage	RST_SIM, CLK_SIM; I _{OL} = 1 mA	-	50	200	mV
		IO_SIM; I _{OL} = 1 mA	-	50	300	mV
		IO_HOST; I _{OL} = 1 mA	-	50	300	mV
R _{pd}	pull-down resistance	CLK_SIM, RST_SIM, IO_SIM	-	400	-	Ω
EMI filter						
R _S	series resistance	IO_SIM	-	44	-	Ω
		RST_SIM	-	44	-	Ω
		CLK_SIM	-	44	-	Ω
C _{io}	input/output capacitance	IO_SIM	-	10	-	pF
		RST_SIM	-	10	-	pF
		CLK_SIM	-	10	-	pF

[1] Typical values measured at $25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

[2] V_{IL} , V_{IH} depend on the individual supply voltage per interface.

Table 8. Dynamic characteristicspush-pull: test circuit see Fig. 7; $C_L = 50 \text{ pF}$;open-drain: test circuit see Fig. 8; $C_{IO_HOST} = 10 \text{ pF}$; $C_{IO_SIM} = 30 \text{ pF}$

For waveform see Fig. 6

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	T _{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C						Unit
			V _{CC_SIM} = 1.8 V ± 0.18 V			V _{CC_SIM} = 3.0 V ± 0.3 V			
			Min	Typ[1]	Max	Min	Typ[1]	Max	
V _{CC_HOST} = 1.2 V ± 0.12 V									
t _{pd}	propagation delay	I/O channel; push-pull [2]	-	12	20	-	12	20	ns
		I/O channel; open-drain	-	15	25	-	15	25	ns
		CLK and RST channels; push-pull	-	12	20	-	12	20	ns
t _t	transition time	IO_HOST; push-pull [3]	-	-	10	-	-	10	ns
		IO_SIM; RST_SIM; CLK_SIM; push-pull	-	-	10	-	-	10	ns
t _{sk}	skew time	between channels IO_SIM and CLK_SIM; push-pull	-	2	-	-	2	-	ns
f _{clock}	clock frequency	CLK channel; push-pull [4]	-	-	25	-	-	25	MHz
f _{data}	data rate	I/O channel; push-pull [4]	-	-	5	-	-	5	Mbps
		I/O channel; open-drain; see Fig. 8 [4]	-	-	800	-	-	800	kbps
V _{CC_HOST} = 1.8 V ± 0.18 V									
t _{pd}	propagation delay	I/O channel; push-pull [2]	-	7	12	-	7	12	ns
		I/O channel; open-drain	-	8	15	-	8	15	ns
		CLK and RST channels; push-pull	-	7	12	-	7	12	ns
t _t	transition time	IO_HOST; push-pull [3]	-	-	10	-	-	10	ns
		IO_SIM; RST_SIM; CLK_SIM; push-pull	-	-	10	-	-	10	ns
t _{sk}	skew time	between channels IO_SIM and CLK_SIM; push-pull	-	2	-	-	2	-	ns
f _{clock}	clock frequency	CLK channel; push-pull [4]	-	-	25	-	-	25	MHz
f _{data}	data rate	I/O channel; push-pull [4]	-	-	5	-	-	5	Mbps
		I/O channel; open-drain; see Fig. 8 [4]	-	-	800	-	-	800	kbps

[1] Typical values measured at $25 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.[2] t_{pd} is the same as t_{PHL} and t_{PLH} .[3] t_t is the same as t_{THL} and t_{TLH} .[4] Criteria: duty cycle between 40% and 60%; Voltage swing between 10% V_{CCI} and 90% V_{CCI} .

11.1. Waveforms and test circuits

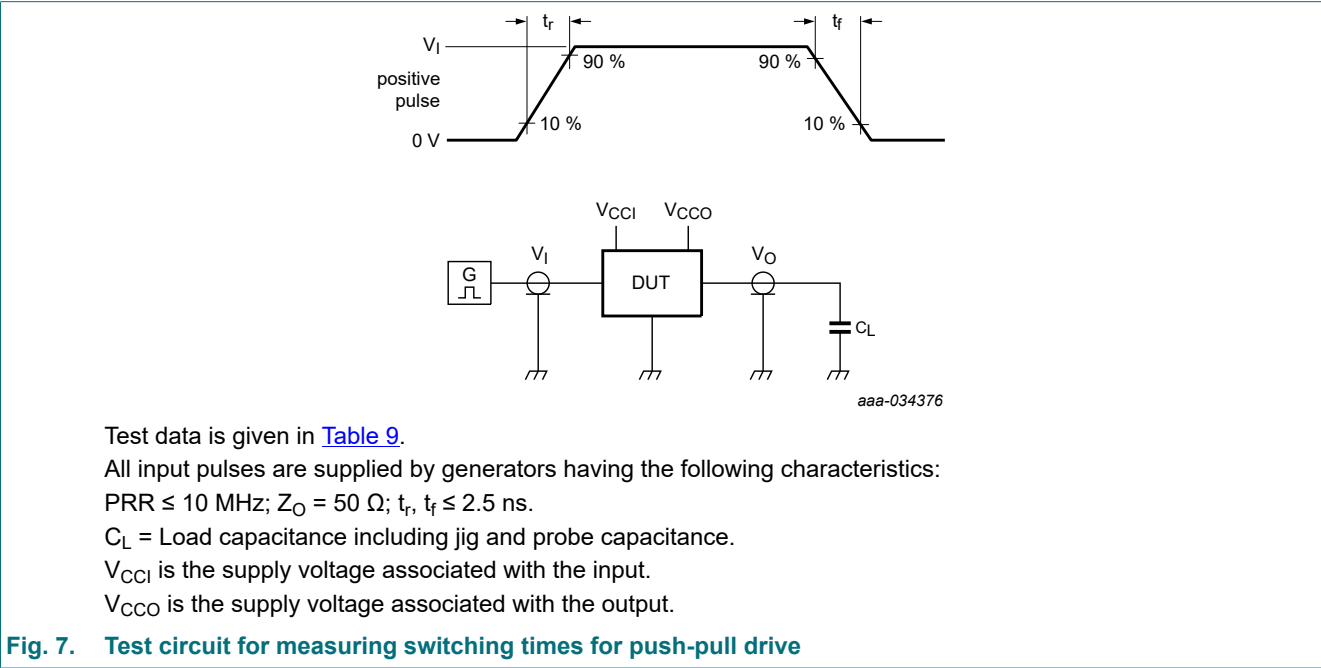
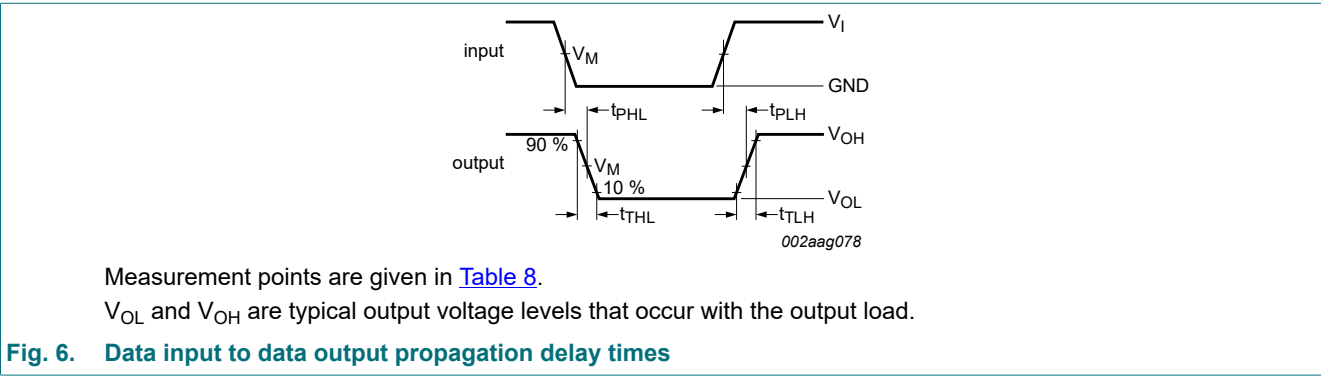
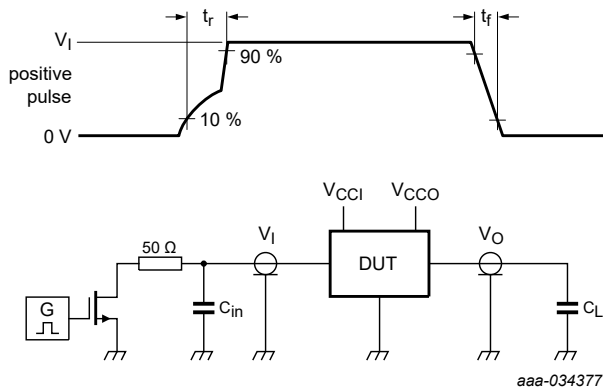


Table 9. Test data for push-pull drive

Supply voltage		Direction	Input		Output	Load
V_{CC_HOST}	V_{CC_SIM}		V_I	V_M	V_M	C_L
1.08 V to 1.98 V	1.62 V to 3.3 V	host side to SIM card side	V_{CC_HOST}	$0.5V_{CC_HOST}$	$0.5V_{CC_SIM}$	50 pF
1.08 V to 1.98 V	1.62 V to 3.3 V	SIM card side to host side	V_{CC_SIM}	$0.5V_{CC_SIM}$	$0.5V_{CC_HOST}$	50 pF



Test data is given in [Table 10](#).
Pulse generator (G) has the following characteristics: PRR ≤ 10 MHz; Z_O = 50 Ω; t_r, t_f ≤ 2.5 ns.
C_L = Load capacitance including jig and probe capacitance.
V_{CCI} is the supply voltage associated with the input.
V_{CCO} is the supply voltage associated with the output.
Rise time on input pin strongly depends on source impedance, internal pull-up resistor and load capacitance (C_{in}).

Fig. 8. Test circuit for measuring switching times for open drain drive

Table 10. Test data for open drain drive

Supply voltage		Direction	Input		Output	Load	
V _{CC_HOST}	V _{CC_SIM}		V _I	V _M	V _M	C _{in}	C _L
1.08 V to 1.98 V	1.62 V to 3.3 V	host side to SIM card side	V _{CC_HOST}	0.6V _{CC_HOST}	0.6V _{CC_SIM}	10 pF	30 pF
1.08 V to 1.98 V	1.62 V to 3.3 V	SIM card side to host side	V _{CC_SIM}	0.5V _{CC_SIM}	0.5V _{CC_HOST}	30 pF	10 pF

12. Application information

The application circuit for the NXT4557, which shows the typical interface with a SIM card, is shown in [Fig. 9](#). Supply decoupling capacitors (100 nF) are recommended and should be placed close to the translator product.

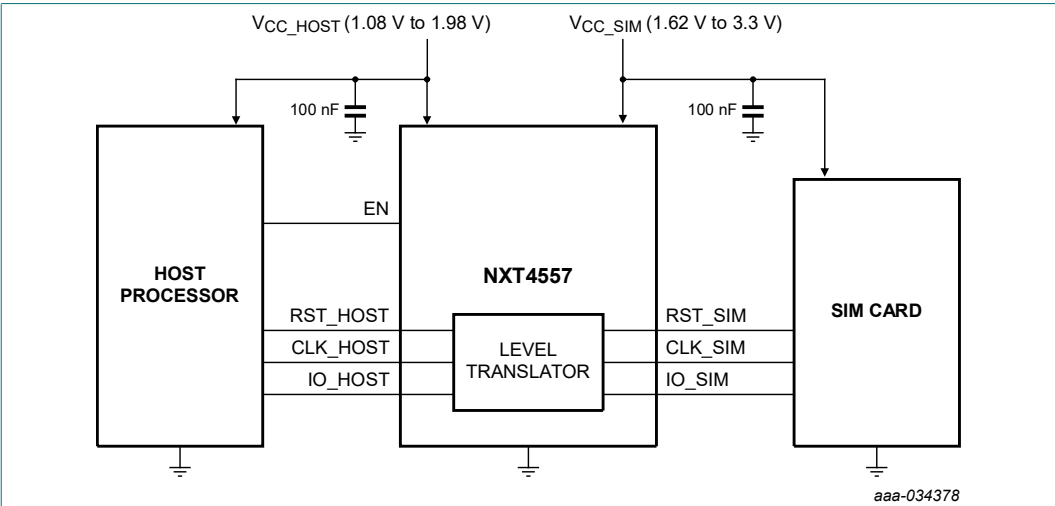


Fig. 9. NXT4557 application circuit interfacing with typical SIM card

13. Package outline

XQFN10: plastic, extremely thin quad flat package; no leads;
10 terminals; body 1.40 x 1.80 x 0.50 mm

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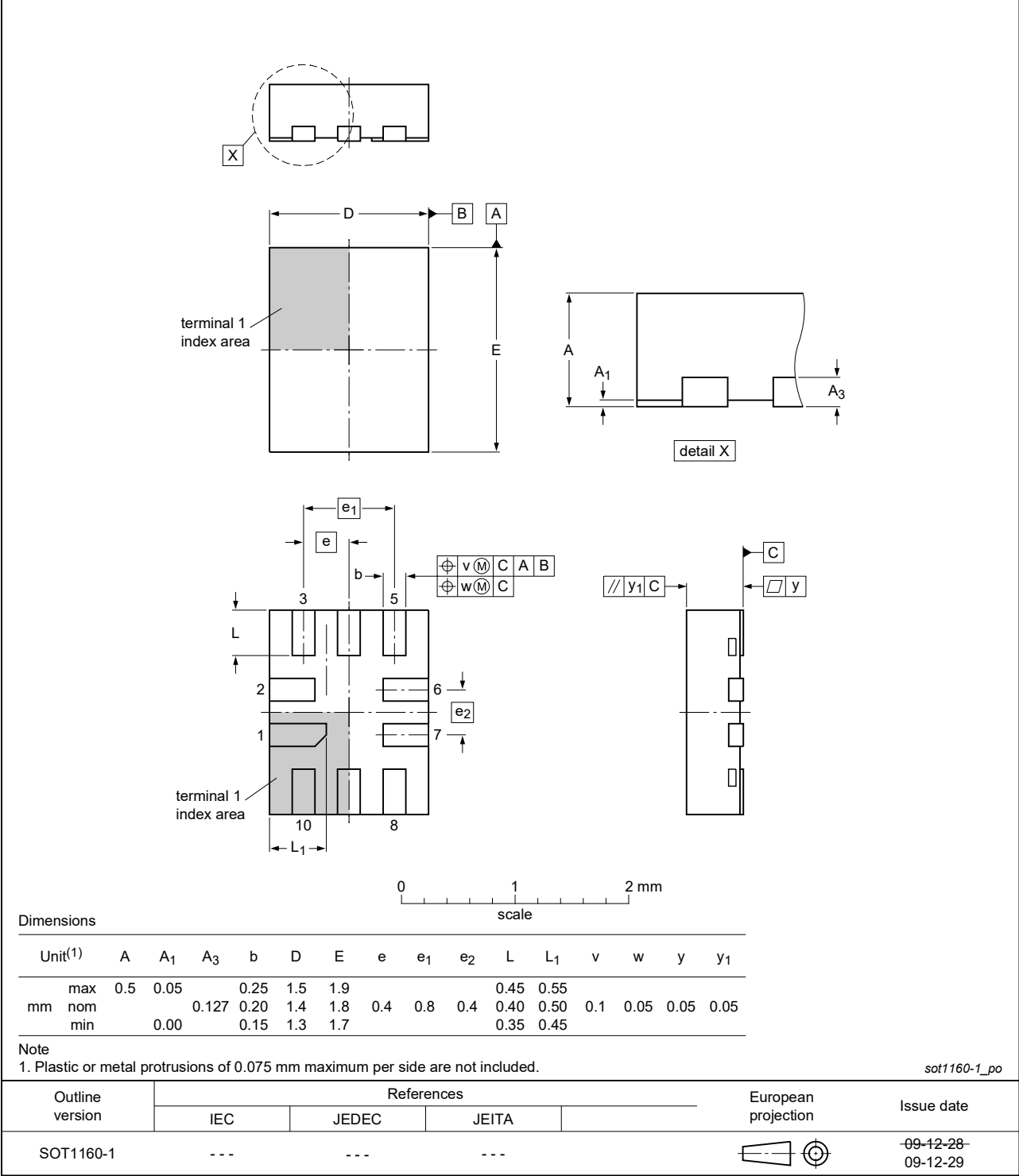


Fig. 10. Package outline SOT1160-1 (XQFN10)

14. Abbreviations

Table 11. Abbreviations

Acronym	Description
CDM	Charged-Device Model
ESD	ElectroStatic Discharge
HBM	Human Body Model
MSL	Moisture Sensitivity Level
PCB	Printed-Circuit Board
SIM	Subscriber Identification Module

15. Revision history

Table 12. Revision history

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