

130-mW DIRECTPATH STEREO HEADPHONE DRIVER

DESCRIPTION

The SN4911 is stereo headphone drivers designed to allow the removal of the output DC-blocking capacitors for reduced component count and cost. The SN4911 is ideal for small portable electronics where size and cost are critical design parameters.

The SN4911 is capable of driving 130 mW into a 32-Ω load at 4.5V. It has a fixed gain of -1.5 V/V. The SN4911 has independent shutdown control for the right and left audio channels.

The SN4911 is available in a 2.06mm×2.06mm WCSP and 4 mm ×4 mm Thin QFN packages.

FEATURES

- Space Saving Packages, 4 mm ×4 mm QFN-20 and 16 ball WCSP
- Ground-Referenced Outputs Eliminate DC-Bias Voltages on Headphone Ground Pin
 - No Output DC-Blocking Capacitors
 - Reduced Board Area
 - Reduced Component Cost
 - Improved THD+N Performance
 - No Degradation of Low-Frequency Response Due to Output Capacitors
- Independent Right and Left Channel Shutdown Control
- Short-Circuit and Thermal Protection
- Pop Reduction Circuitry

APPLICATIONS

- CD / MP3 Players
- Smart Phones
- Cellular Phones
- PDAs

Typical Application Circuit

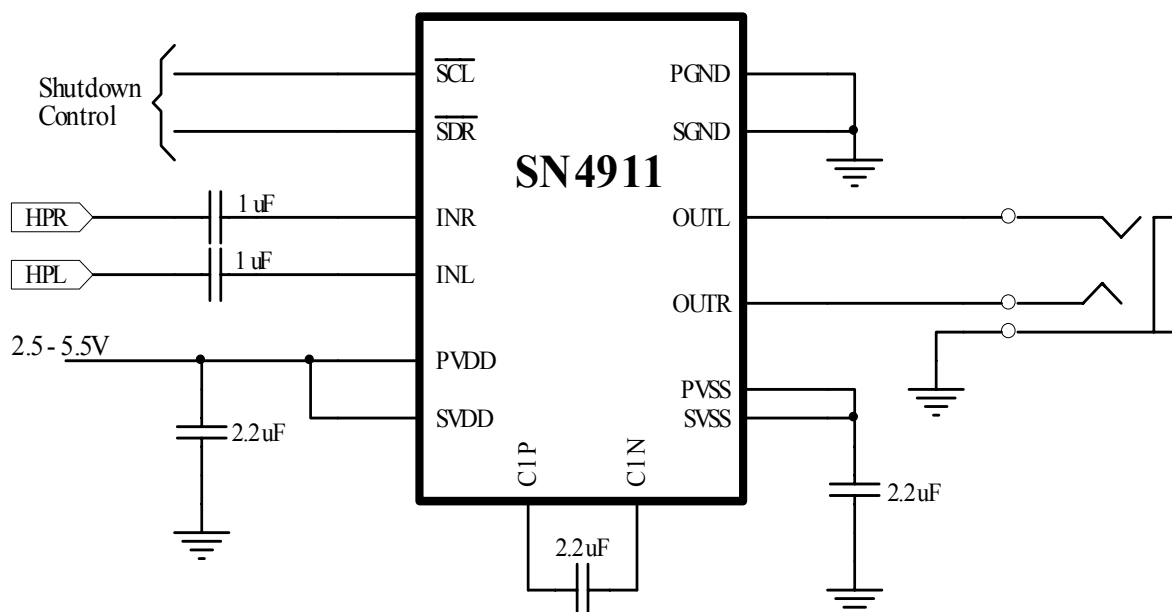


Figure1

Pin Configurations

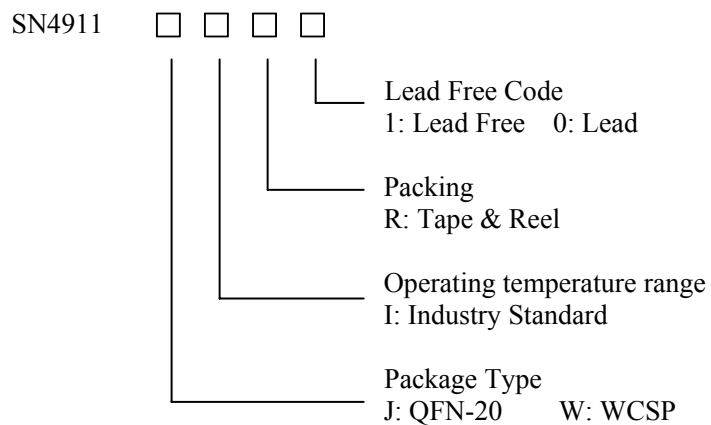
Part Number	QFN-20	16ball WCSP
Pin Configurations		

Pin Description

TERMINAL			I/O	DESCRIPTION
NAME	QFN	WCSP		
C1P	1	A4	I/O	Charge pump flying capacitor positive terminal
PGND	2	B4	I	Power ground, connect to ground.
C1N	3	C4	I/O	Charge pump flying capacitor negative terminal
NC	4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 20	B3, C3		No connection
PVSS	5	D4	O	Output from charge pump.
SVSS	7	D3	I	Amplifier negative supply, connect to PVSS via star connection.
OUTL	9	D2	O	Left audio channel output signal
SVDD	10	D1	I	Amplifier positive supply, connect to PVDD via star connection.
OUTR	11	C2	O	Right audio channel output signal
INL	13	C1	I	Left audio channel input signal
SDR	14	B1	I	Right channel shutdown, active low logic.
INR	15	A1	I	Right audio channel input signal
SGND	17	A2	I	Signal ground, connect to ground.
SDL	18	B2	I	Left channel shutdown, active low logic.
PVDD	19	A3	I	Supply voltage, connect to positive supply.
Exposed Pad		-		Exposed pad must be soldered to a floating plane. Do NOT connect to power or ground.

Ordering Information

Order Number	Package Type	Marking	Operating Temperature range
SN4911JIR1	QFN-20	xxxx 4911	-40 °C to 85°C
SN4911WIR1	16ball WCSP	Bxxx	-40 °C to 85°C



Absolute Maximum Ratings

- Supply voltage, ----- -0.3V to 5.5V
- Input voltage ----- -0.3 V to $V_{DD} + 0.3V$
- Storage temperature ----- $-65^{\circ}C$ to $85^{\circ}C$
- Operating Junction Temperature range----- $-40^{\circ}C$ to $150^{\circ}C$
- Operating free-air Temperature range----- $-40^{\circ}C$ to $85^{\circ}C$

Recommended Operating Conditions

Symbol	Parameter	SN4911		Unit
		Min	Max.	
SVDD PVDD	Supply voltage	2.5	5.5	V
V_{IH}	High level input voltage	1.5		V
V_{IL}	Low level input voltage		0.5	V

Electrical Characteristics

$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	SN4911			Unit
			Min	Typ	Max.	
$ V_{OS} $	Output Offset Voltage			6		mV
V_{OH}	High-level output voltage	$V_{DD} = 3V, 32\Omega$ load	2.4			V
V_{OL}	Low -level output voltage	$V_{DD} = 3V, 32\Omega$ load			-1.7	V
I_{DD}	Supply Current	$V_{DD} = 3V$, No load, $\overline{SDL} = \overline{SDR} = V_{DD}$		6.0	8.0	mA
		$V_{DD} = 5V$, No load, $\overline{SDL} = \overline{SDR} = V_{DD}$		8.5	10.5	
		Shutdown mode, $V_{DD} = 2.5V$ to $5.5V$			1	μA

OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS

VDD = 3 V , TA = 25°C, RL = 32 Ω (unless otherwise noted)

Symbol	Parameter	CONDITIONS	SN4911			UNIT
			MIN	TYP	MAX	
PO	Output power (Outputs In Phase)	THD = 1%, VDD = 3 V, f = 1 kHz		62		mW
		THD = 1%, VDD = 4.5 V, f = 1 kHz		130		
THD+N	Total harmonic distortion plus noise	PO = 25 mW, f = 1 kHz		0.027%		
		PO = 25 mW, f = 20 kHz		0.012%		
	Crosstalk	PO = 20 mW, f = 1 kHz		-96		dB
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	200-mVpp ripple, f = 217 Hz		-80		dB
		200-mVpp ripple, f = 1 kHz		-68		
		200-mVpp ripple, f = 20 kHz		-41		
Av	Closed-loop voltage gain		-1.45	-1.5	-1.55	V/V
ΔAv	Gain matching			1%		
	Slew rate			2.2		V/μs
	Maximum capacitive load			400		pF
Vn	Noise output voltage			10		μVRMS
fosc	Charge pump switching frequency		280	320	420	kHz
	Start-up time from shutdown			450		μs
	Input impedance		12	15	18	kΩ
SNR	Signal-to-noise ratio	Po = 40 mW (THD+N = 0.1%)		100		dB
	Thermal shutdown	Threshold	150		170	°C
		Hysteresis		15		°C

Typical Operating Characters C(pump)=C(PVSS)=2.2uF, Cin=1uF(unless otherwise noted)

Curve Color: In Phase(Cyan) 、180° Out of Phase(Magenta) 、AC to input GND(Yellow) 、Input Floating(Blue)

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+Noise Vs OUTPUT POWER**

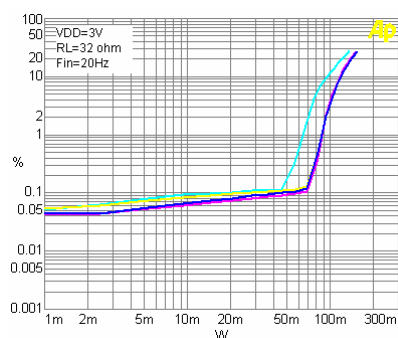


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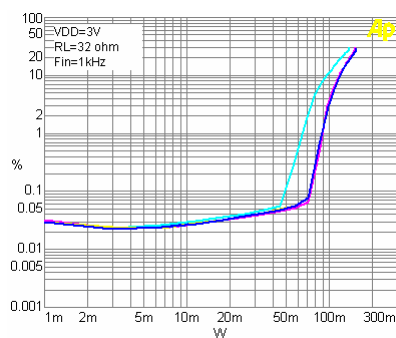


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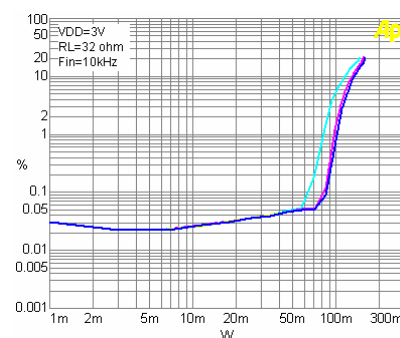


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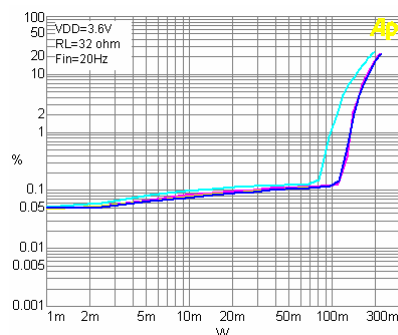


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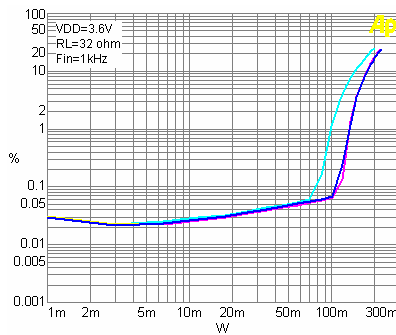


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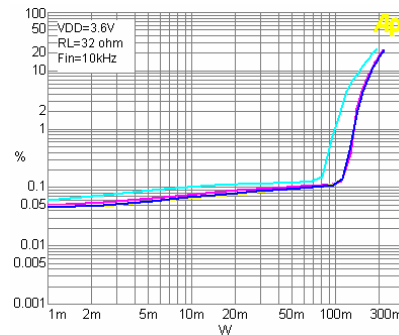


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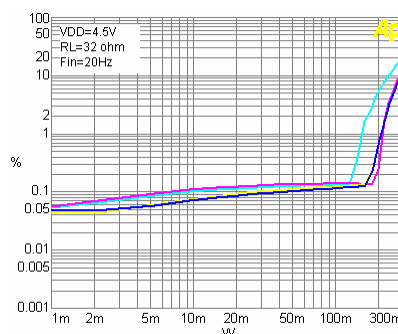


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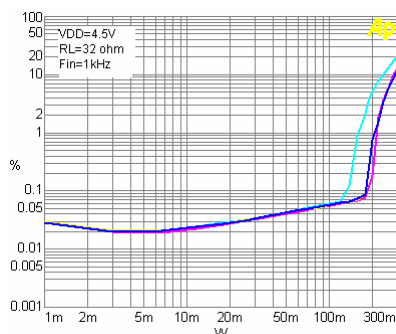


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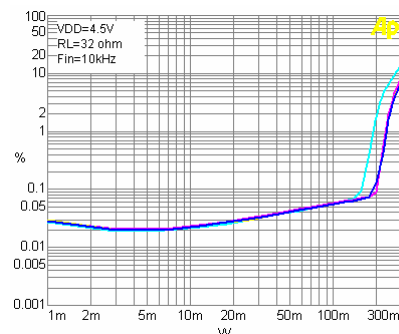


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THD+N vs. Freq
VDD=3V, RL=32 ohm

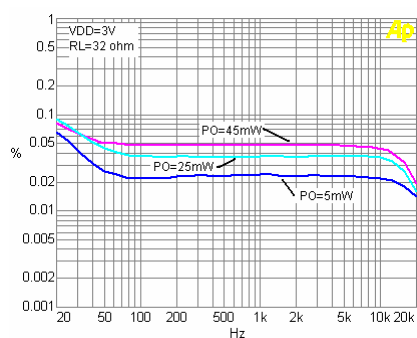


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THD+N vs. Freq
VDD=3.6V, RL=32 ohm

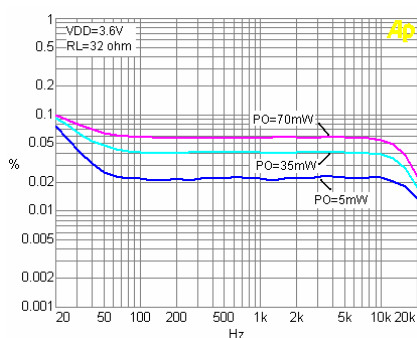


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THD+N vs. Freq
VDD=4.5V, RL=32 ohm

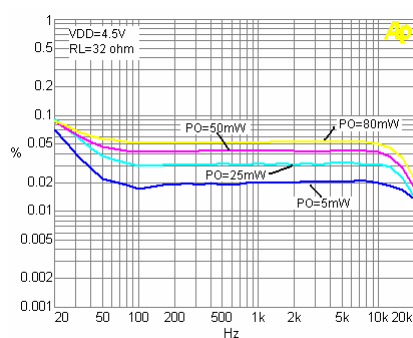


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PSRR vs. Freq
200mVpp ripple, Input floating

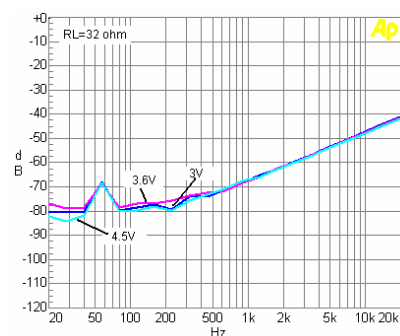


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CROSSTALK vs. Freq

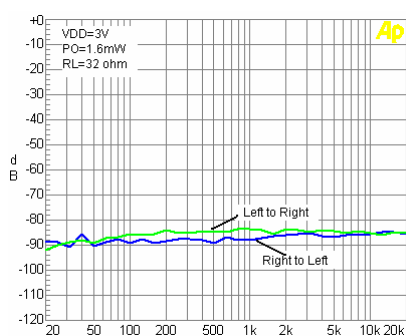


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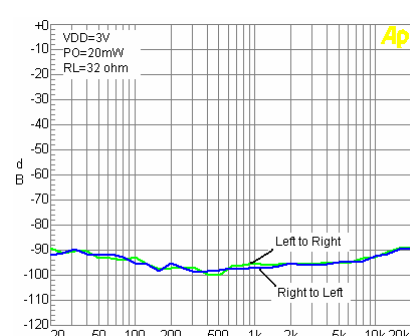


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OUTPUT SPECTRUM

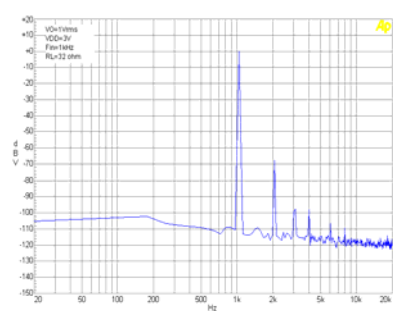


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Gain and Phase v.s Freq

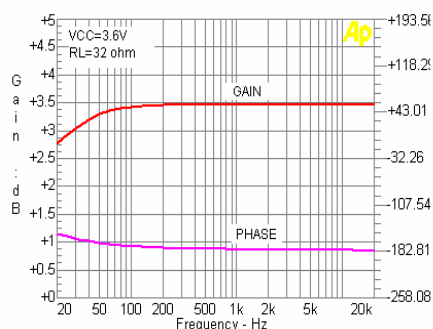


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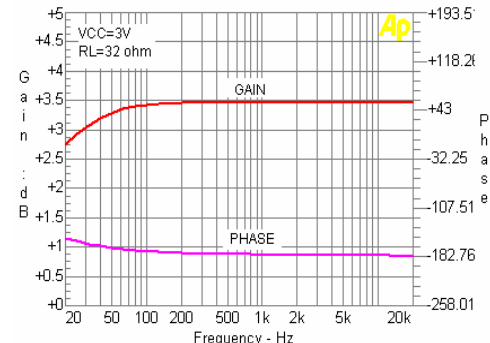


Figure19

Application Information

Headphone Amplifiers

Single-supply headphone amplifiers typically require dc-blocking capacitors. The capacitors are required because most headphone amplifiers have a dc bias on the outputs pin. If the dc bias is not removed, the output signal is severely clipped, and large amounts of dc current rush through the headphones, potentially damaging them. The top drawing in illustrates the conventional headphone amplifier connection to the headphone jack and output signal.

DC blocking capacitors are often large in value. The headphone speakers (typical resistive value of 32Ω) combine with the dc blocking capacitors to form a high-pass filter. Equation 1 shows the relationship between the load impedance (R_L), the capacitor (C_O), and the cutoff frequency (f_c).

$$f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi R_L C_O} \quad (1)$$

C_O can be determined using Equation 2, where the load impedance and the cutoff frequency are known.

$$C_O = \frac{1}{2\pi R_L f_c} \quad (2)$$

If f_c is low, the capacitor must then have a large value because the load resistance is small. Large capacitance values require large package sizes. Large package sizes consume PCB area; stand high above the PCB, increase cost of assembly, and can reduce the fidelity of the audio output signal.

Two different headphone amplifier applications are available that allow for the removal of the output dc blocking capacitors. The Capless amplifier architecture is implemented in the same manner as the conventional amplifier with the exception of the headphone jack shield pin. This amplifier provides a reference voltage, which is connected to the headphone jack shield pin. This is the voltage on which the audio output signals are centered. This voltage reference is half of the amplifier power supply to allow symmetrical swing of the output voltages. Do not connect the shield to any GND reference or large currents will result. The scenario can happen if, for example, an accessory other than a floating GND headphone is plugged into the headphone connector. See the second block diagram and waveform in Figure 21.

The SN4911 operates from a single supply but makes use of an internal charge pump to provide a negative voltage rail. Combining the user provided positive rail and the negative rail generated by the IC, the device operates in what is effectively a split supply mode. The output voltages are now centered at zero volts with the capability to swing to the positive rail or negative rail. The SN4911 requires no output dc blocking capacitors, and does not place any voltage on the sleeve. The bottom block diagram and

waveform of illustrate the ground-referenced headphone architecture.

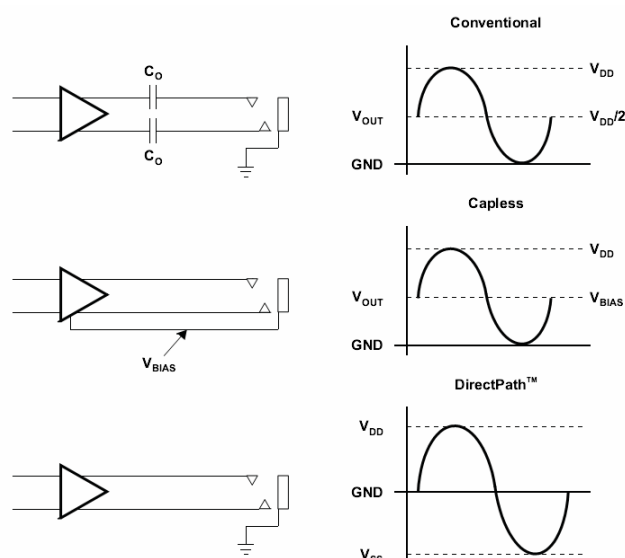


Figure 21. Amplifier application

Input-Blocking Capacitors

DC input-blocking capacitors are required to be added in series with the audio signal into the input pins of the SN4911. These capacitors block the DC portion of the audio source and allow the SN4911 inputs to be properly biased to provide maximum performance.

These capacitors form a high-pass filter with the input impedance of the SN4911. The cutoff frequency is calculated using Equation 3. For this calculation, the capacitance used is the input-blocking capacitor and the resistance is the input impedance of the SN4911. Because the gains of both the SN4911 is fixed, the input impedance remains a constant value. Using the input impedance value from the operating characteristics table, the frequency and/or capacitance can be determined when one of the two values is given.

$$f_{c_{IN}} = \frac{1}{2\pi R_{IN} C_{IN}} \quad \text{or} \quad C_{IN} = \frac{1}{2\pi f_{c_{IN}} R_{IN}} \quad (3)$$

Charge Pump Flying Capacitor and PVSS Capacitor

The charge pump flying capacitor serves to transfer charge during the generation of the negative supply voltage. The PVSS capacitor must be at least equal to the charge pump capacitor in order to allow maximum charge transfer. Low ESR capacitors are an ideal selection, and a value of $2.2\mu\text{F}$ is typical. Capacitor values that are smaller than $2.2\mu\text{F}$ can be used, but the maximum output power is reduced and the device may not operate to specifications.

Decoupling Capacitors

The SN4911 require adequate power supply decoupling to ensure that the noise and total harmonic distortion (THD) are low. A good low equivalent-series-resistance (ESR) ceramic capacitor, typically 2.2 μ F, placed as close as possible to the device VDD lead works best. Placing this decoupling capacitor close to the SN4911 is important for the performance of the amplifier. For filtering lower frequency noise signals, a 10- μ F or greater capacitor placed near the audio power amplifier would also help, but it is not required in most applications because of the high PSRR of this device.

Layout Recommendations

Exposed Pad on SN4911 Package Option

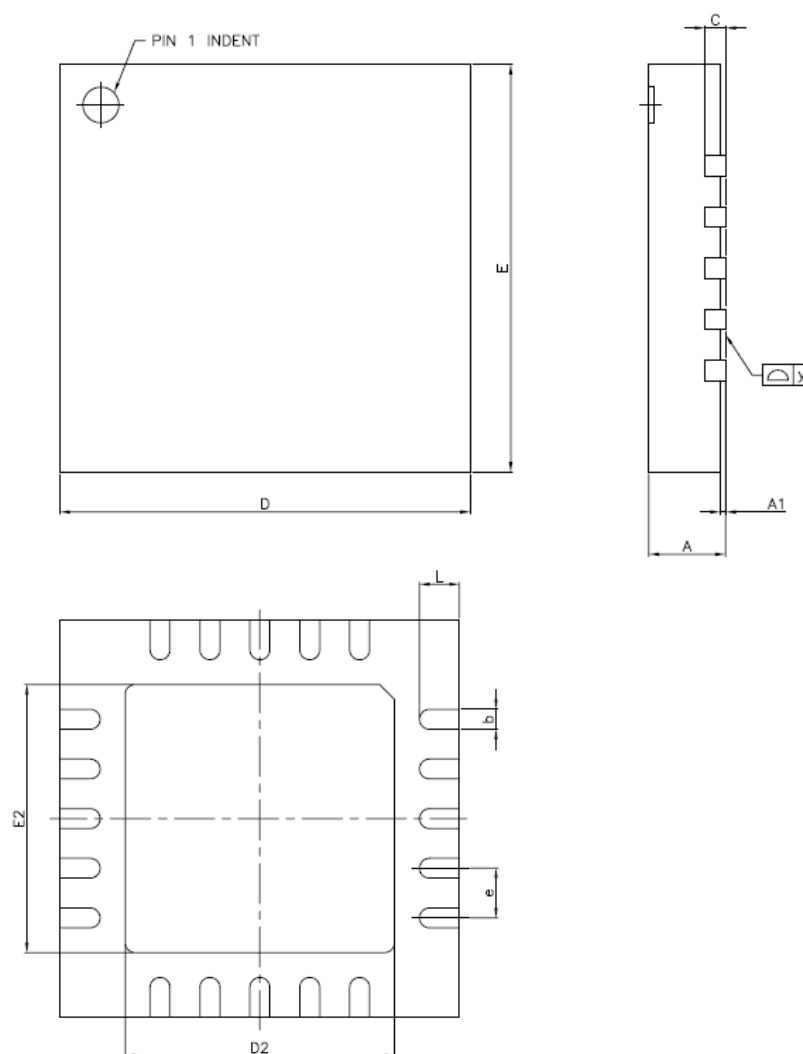
The exposed metal pad on the SN4911JIR1 package must be soldered down to a pad on the PCB in order to maintain reliability. The pad on the PCB should be allowed to float and not be connected to ground or power.

SGND and PGND Connections

The SGND and PGND pins of the SN4911 must be routed separately back to the decoupling capacitor in order to provide proper device operation. If the SGND and PGND pins are connected directly to each other, the part functions without risk of failure, but the noise and THD performance do not meet the specifications.

Packaging Information

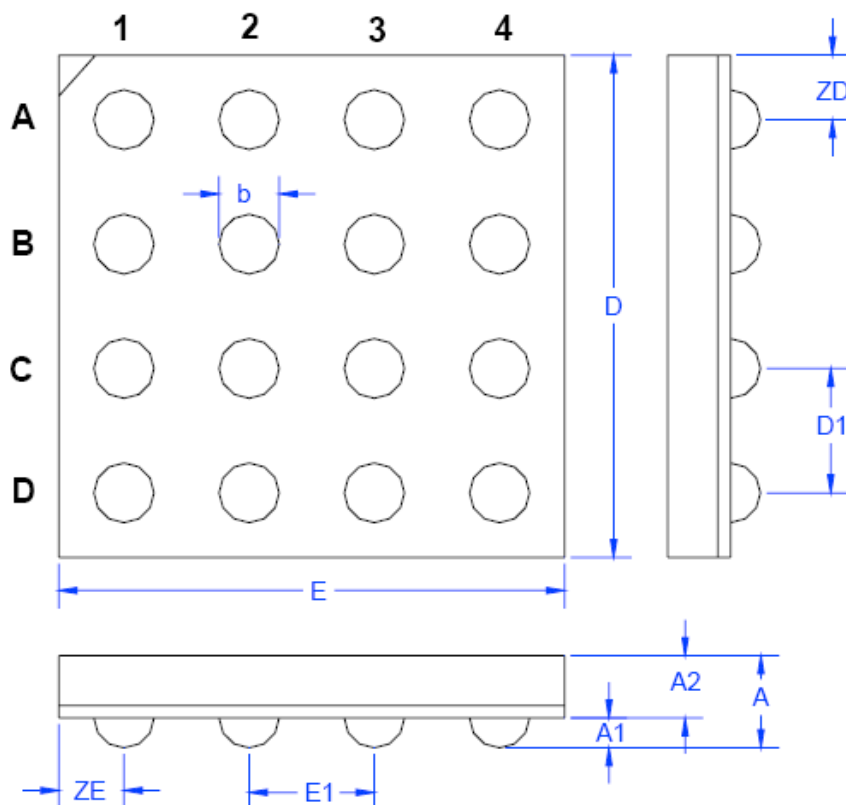
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**NOTE**

The thermal #1 identifier is a laser marked feature

SYMBOLS	DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETERS		
	MIN.	NOM.	MAX.
A	0.70	0.75	0.80
A1	0.00	0.02	0.05
b	0.15	0.20	0.25
C	—	0.20 REF.	—
D	3.90	4.00	4.10
D2	2.65	2.70	2.75
E	3.90	4.00	4.10
E2	2.65	2.70	2.75
e	—	0.50	—
L	0.35	0.40	0.45
y	0.00	—	0.075

16 Ball-WCSP



SYMBOLS	DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETERS		
	MIN.	NOM.	MAX.
A	0.575	0.625	0.675
A1	0.215	0.24	0.265
A2	—	0.4	—
b	0.29	0.32	0.35
E	2.04	2.06	2.10
D	2.04	2.06	2.10
D1	0.50		
E1	0.50		
ZD	0.28		
ZE	0.28		

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