Features

- 2,000 counts LCD display
- LQFP 100L package
- 3V DC power supply
- ADC Conversion rate: 3 times/s
- Full automatic measurement
 - * Voltage measurement: 200.0mV, 2.000V 1000V
 - * Current measurement : μA/mA/A
 - * Resistance measurement : $20.00\Omega 200.0M\Omega$
 - * Capacitance measurement:

2.000nF - 20.00mF

(Taiwan patent no.: 323347, 453443)

- * Not contact AC electric field detection
- * Frequency counter: 200.0Hz 20.00MHz
- Diode measurement & continuity check
- AC/DC voltage scan mode (support LoZ)
- Hazardous AC/DC voltage (HV) indication (Taiwan patent no.: 536023)
- 4 ADP modes with external reference voltage and independent "ADP" user-defined segment on LCD
- Temperature mode with internal scale translation circuit from ⁰C to ⁰F
- K-type thermocouple reference table compensation (-200 ~ 1350°C range)
- Push function:
 - * MAX/MIN/REL function
 - * Zero function: DCA clampmeter only
 - * Back Light function
 - * KEY function
 - * Data Hold & RS232 output function
 - * Range change function

Application

- Digital multimeter
- Clamp meter

- Band-gap reference voltage output
- Semi-auto calibration operation (Taiwan patent no.: 367334)
- Voltage overflow selection (DC / AC : 1010V, DC / AC : 610V)
- LCD segment check when power on
- Auto power off (30min / 15min)
- Sleep state indicative signal output
- Re-power on
- On-chip buzzer driver
- Low battery detection

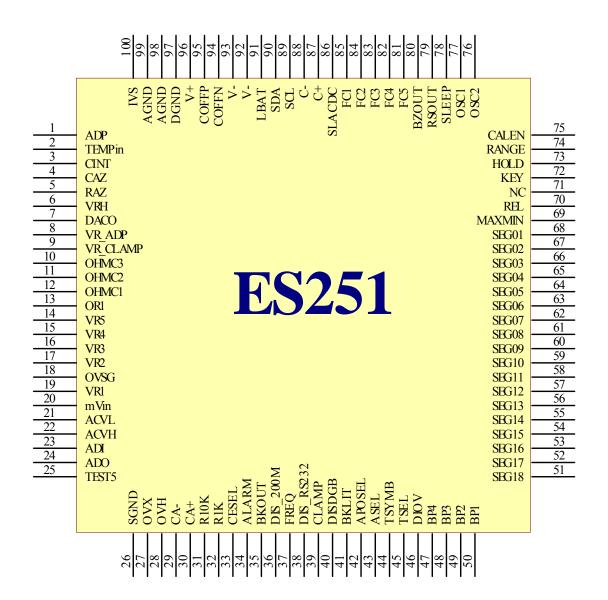
Description

ES251 is an integrated analog-to-digital converter with 2,000-count LCD, automatic range selection, and 3V DC power supply. Automatic range selection is provided for ACV/DCV measurement, resistance measurement, current measurement, capacitance measurement, and frequency counter. Expensive and bulky mechanical range switches are not required. Other features include relative value display, offset removing feature for DCA clamp mode, data holding, maximum minimum value holding, detection, diode measurement, temperature measurement, continuity checking, low battery detection, auto power off, re-power on, backlight driver, buzzer driver and RS232 data output.



Pin Assignment

• 100L LQFP package





Pin Description

| Pin No | Symbol | Type | Description | |
|--------|----------|------|---|--|
| 1 | ADP | I | Measurement input in ADP mode. | |
| 2 | TEMPin | I | Measurement input in Temperature mode. | |
| 3 | CINT | О | High-resolution integrator output. Connect to integral capacitor. (Metalized Polypropylene Film Capacitor type is recommended) | |
| 4 | CAZ | О | High-resolution auto-zero capacitor connection. | |
| 5 | RAZ | О | Buffer output pin in AZ and ZI phase. | |
| 6 | VRH | О | Output of band-gap voltage reference. Typically -1.23V. | |
| 7 | DACO | О | Output of band-gap voltage reference. Typically –400 m V. | |
| 8 | VR_ADP | I | Reference input voltage connection. Typically –400 mV. | |
| 9 | VR_CLAMP | I | Reference input voltage connection. Typically –400mV. | |
| 10 | OHMC3 | О | Filter capacitor connection for resistance mode. | |
| 11 | OHMC2 | О | Filter capacitor connection for resistance mode. | |
| 12 | OHMC1 | О | Filter capacitor connection for resistance mode. | |
| 13 | OR1 | О | Reference resistor connection for $20.00/200.0\Omega$ range | |
| 14 | VR5 | О | Voltage measurement ÷10000 attenuator(1000V) | |
| 15 | VR4 | О | Voltage measurement ÷1000 attenuator(200.0V) | |
| 16 | VR3 | О | Voltage measurement ÷100 attenuator(20.00V) | |
| 17 | VR2 | О | Voltage measurement ÷10 attenuator(2.000V) | |
| 18 | OVSG | О | Sense low voltage for resistance/voltage measurement | |
| 19 | VR1 | I | Measurement Input. Connect to an accurate 10MΩ resistor. | |
| 20 | mVin | I | Measurement input in 200.0mV mode. | |
| 21 | ACVL | I | Rectified signal low input in ACV/ACA mode. Connect to negative output of external AC to DC converter. | |
| 22 | АСУН | I | Rectified signal high input in ACV/ACA mode. Connect to positive output of external AC to DC converter. | |
| 23 | ADI | I | Negative input of internal AC to DC OP Amp. | |
| 24 | ADO | О | Output of internal AC to DC OP Amp. | |
| 25 | TEST5 | О | Buffer output of OVSG. | |
| 26 | SGND | I | Signal Ground input. | |
| 27 | OVX | I | Sense input for resistance / capacitance measurement. | |
| 28 | OVH | О | Output connection for resistance measurement. | |
| 29 | CAN | I/O | Negative auto-zero capacitor connection for capacitor measurement. | |
| 30 | CAP | I/O | Positive auto-zero capacitor connection for capacitor measurement. | |
| 31 | R10K | О | Connect to a precised $10 \text{K}\Omega$ resister for capacitor measurement. | |
| 32 | R1K | О | Connect to a precised $1K\Omega$ resister for capacitor measurement. | |
| 33 | CESEL | I | Voltage OL selection feature control pin. (1010V/610V) | |
| 34 | ALARM | О | HV signal detection in Voltage mode and EF mode indication output. | |
| 35 | BKOUT | О | If BKLIT function is enabled, this pin will change from V- to V+. Once press BKLIT pin again within 300 sec, this pin will change back to V | |
| 36 | DIS_200M | I | Pulled to V- to disable the 200M ohm range at R measurement mode. | |



Pin Description (Continued)

| Pin No | Symbol | Type | Description |
|---------|---------------|------|--|
| 37 | FREQ | I | Frequency counter input, offset V-/2 internally by the chip. |
| | | | Assert low (V-) to make serial data output function NOT available. |
| 38 | DIS_RS232 | I | Pulled to V+ to make serial data output ON always. |
| | | | In μA or mA modes, it is used to control the 'μ' or 'm' sign. |
| 39 | CLAMP | I | Set to V- to enable clamp current mode and set initial voltage range to 200V. |
| 40 | DISDGB | I | Control warning buzzer output at HV mode. Pulled to low is not available. |
| | | | Pulled to low to make back light function enabled. Push KEY larger than 2 sec. |
| 41 | BKLIT | I | to enable BKOUT pin. |
| 42 | APOSEL | I | Idle time selection for auto power off feature. |
| | | _ | Current mode OL indication for 2000A (CLAMP = V-) or 20A (CLAMP = |
| 43 | ASEL | I | Floating) ranges |
| 44 | TGIN (D | - | Pulled to V- to disable input terminal symbol displayed on the LCD panel |
| 44 | TSYMB | I | selection pin. |
| 45 | TSEL | I | Pulled to V- to enable auto range for TEMP mode. |
| 46 | DIOV | I | Pulled to V- to select the open voltage of diode mode to 2.8V. |
| 47 | BP4 | О | LCD backplane 4. |
| 48 | BP3 | О | LCD backplane 3. |
| 49 | BP2 | О | LCD backplane 2. |
| 50 | BP1 | О | LCD backplane 1. |
| 51 - 68 | SEG18 - SEG01 | О | LCD segment line 01 – 18. |
| 69 | MMX | I | Pulse to V- to enable MAX/MIN function. |
| 70 | REL | I | Pulse to V- to enable/disable Relative function or Zero function. |
| 71 | NC | - | No connected |
| 72 | KEY | I | Pulse to V- to change mode. |
| | | | Pulse to V- to enable HOLD function. Pulse to V- larger than one second to |
| 73 | HOLD | I | enable RS232 output. When RS232 output is enabled, the APO will be disabled |
| | | | automatically. |
| 74 | RANGE | I | Pulse to V- to enable manual mode and manual range selection. |
| 75 | CALEN | I | Pulled to V- to enable the calibration scheme. |
| 76-77 | OSC1-2 | ı | Connect to 4MHz crystal oscillator |
| 78 | SLEEP | 0 | Sleep mode indicator, asserts low in SLEEP mode. |
| 79 | RSOUT | 0 | Serial data output. |
| 80 | BZOUT | О | Outputs a 2KHz audio frequency signal for driving piezoelectric buzzer |
| 81 | FC5 | I | Switch 5 for function selection. |
| 82 | FC4 | I | Switch 4 for function selection. |
| 83 | FC3 | I | Switch 3 for function selection. |
| 84 | FC2 | I | Switch 2 for function selection. |
| 85 | FC1 | I | Switch 1 for function selection. |



Pin Description (Continued)

| Pin No | Symbol | Type | Description |
|--------|--------|------|--|
| 86 | SLACDC | I | Select initial DC/AC state. |
| 87 | CN | О | Negative capacitor connection for on-chip DC-DC converter. |
| 88 | СР | О | Positive capacitor connection for on-chip DC-DC converter. |
| 89 | SCL | О | Output to EEPROM 24LC02 clock. |
| 90 | SDA | I/O | Input / Output from to EEPROM 24LC02 data. Open drain output. |
| 91 | LBAT | I | Multi-level low battery configuration input. Simple external resistor divider is required. |
| 92 | V- | P | Negative supply voltage. |
| 93 | V- | P | Negative supply voltage. |
| 94 | COFFN | О | Offset canceled capacitor negative terminal for temperature mode |
| 95 | COFFP | О | Offset canceled capacitor positive terminal for temperature mode |
| 96 | V+ | О | Output of on-chip DC-DC converter. |
| 97 | DGND | P/G | Digital ground. |
| 98 | AGND | P/G | Analog ground. |
| 99 | AGND | P/G | Analog ground. |
| 100 | IVS | I | Measurement input in uA/mA current mode. |

Absolute Maximum Ratings

| Characteristic | Rating |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Supply Voltage (V- to AGND) | -4V |
| Analog Input Voltage | V0.6 to V+ +0.6 |
| V+ | $V+ \ge (AGND/DGND+0.5V)$ |
| AGND/DGND | $AGND/DGND \ge (V0.5V)$ |
| Digital Input | V0.6 to DGND +0.6 |
| Power Dissipation. Flat Package | 500mW |
| Operating Temperature | -20°C to 70°C |
| Storage Temperature | -45°C to 125°C |

Electrical Characteristics

 $Ta = 18 \sim 28 \, ^{\circ}C$

| Parameter | Symbol | Test Condition | Min. | Тур. | Max | Units |
|---|--------------|--|-------|----------|-------|-------------------|
| Power supply | V- | | 2.4 | -3.0 | 3.3 | V |
| Operating supply current In | I_{DD} | Normal operation | | 1.8 | 2.5 | mA |
| DCV mode | I_{SS} | In sleep mode | | _ | 10 | μΑ |
| Voltage roll-over error | REV | 10MΩ input resistor | — | | ±0.1 | %F.S ¹ |
| Voltage nonlinearity | NLV | Best case straight line CINT=MPR capacitor | _ | _ | ±0.1 | %F.S ¹ |
| Zero input reading | | 10MΩ input resistor (V=-3V) | -000 | 000 | +000 | counts |
| Band-gap reference voltage | $ m V_{REF}$ | 100KΩ resistor between VRH & AGND | -1.30 | -1.23 | -1.16 | V |
| Open circuit voltage for 200Ω measurement | | V-=3V | _ | -3.0 | _ | V |
| Open circuit voltage for other Ω measurement | | V3 V | -1.19 | -1.08 | -0.97 | V |
| Peak to peak backplane voltage | | -3.3V≤ V ≤-2.2V | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.2 | V |
| Internal pull-high to 0V | | Between V- pin and HOLD, RANGE, KEY, FC1-FC5, BKLIT, | _ | 1.2 | _ | μΑ |
| current | | Between V- pin and DIS_RS232 pin | | 11 | — | μΑ |
| AC/DC scan mode sensitivity | | ACV selected | | 300 | | mVrms |
| AC frequency response at | | ±1% | _ | 40-400 | _ | HZ |
| 2.000V range | | ±5% (No compensated) | | 400-2000 | | пД |
| Multi-level low battery | V_{t1} | I D ATTO | _ | 2.15 | _ | ** |
| detector V ₁₂ | | LBAT9 vs. V- | _ | 1.82 | _ | V |
| Reference voltage temperature coefficient | TC_{RF} | -20°C <t<sub>A<70°C</t<sub> | _ | 100 | _ | ppm/°C |
| Capacitance measurement | | 2nF-200uF (Residual | -1.0 | | 1.0 | % |
| accuracy | | value is not included) | -3 | | 3 | counts |
| Capacitance measurement | | 2mF/20mF | -3.0 | | 3.0 | % |
| accuracy | | 21111 / 201111 | -3 | _ | 3 | counts |

Note:

1. 2000 counts Full Scale.

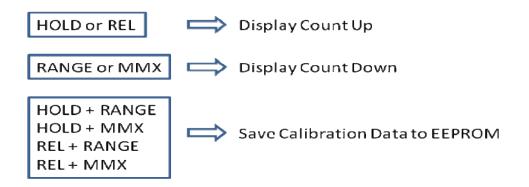


Function Description

1. Operating Modes

1.1. Semi-auto calibration scheme

ES251 includes DMM & Clamp-on meter features in single chip. DMM manufacturers need the calibration process in production. The traditional solution needs the variable resistors for calibration by manual adjustment. ES251 provide another calibration scheme and the most variable resistors could be ignored. When ES251 is at OFF-state, pull *CALEN* (pin 75) to V- to active the calibration scheme after re-power on. A digital controlled voltage output will be active from DACO. When semi-auto calibration scheme is active, use **HOLD** (or **REL**) key to decrease voltage and use **RANGE** (or **MMX**) key to increase the voltage. Decrease the reference voltage means the counts on display will be increased. Increase the reference voltage means the counts on display will be decreased. The adjustment step is approximate one count. If coarse adjustment is required, push **HOLD** (or **REL**) and **RANGE** (or **MMX**) larger than one second to speed up to approximate 10 counts per second. After calibration process is finished, push **HOLD** (or **REL**) and **RANGE** (or **MMX**) simultaneously less than 1 second to save the digital controlled code to external EEPROM (24LC02).



The semi-auto calibration scheme supports the following eleven measurement modes. When *CALEN* pin is active, set the proper function switches or push KEY to choose the target measurement mode. When mode is selected, the LCD segment of Unit at related measurement will be blinking.



| Mode | Default Range For CAL | Remark |
|---|---|---|
| Voltage Measurement | 2.000V (DC/AC separated) | Accuracy of other ranges is guaranteed |
| mV Voltage Measurement | 200.0mV (DC/AC separated) | by external resistor network. |
| DC Current Measurement For Multi-meter (uA/mA) | N/A | The same configuration for DCV mode. |
| AC Current Measurement For Multi-meter (uA/mA) | AC 200.0uA / AC 20.00mA | Select lower range for calibration in AC mode. Higher range calibration use the same as ACV mode. |
| DC Current Measurement For Multi-meter (A) | 2A or 20A | Auto 2 ranges choose one, proposed to use a large range to calibration. |
| AC Current Measurement For Multi-meter (A) | 2A or 20A | Auto 2 ranges individual for calibration is necessary. |
| DC Current Measurement for (Clamp-meter application) | 20A or 200A (one of both modes chosen for calibration) | Auto 2 ranges choose one, proposed to use a large range to calibration. |
| AC Current Measurement for higher range (Clamp-meter) | 999.9A or 2000A (one of both modes chosen for calibration) | Auto 2 ranges separated for calibration |
| AC Current Measurement for lower range (Clamp-meter) | 20.00A or 200.0A (one of both modes chosen for calibration) | is necessary. |
| Current measurement for Clamp-meter application | 2A/20A/200A/2000A (DC/AC separated) | Manual 4 ranges separated for calibration is necessary |
| Capacitor Measurement | 20.00nF/20.00uF | 2 ranges separated for calibration |
| Temperature Measurement | 200.0℃ | Lower range in auto temperature measurement. |
| ADP Measurement | 2000 / 200.0 / 20.00 / 2.000 | 4 ranges separated for calibration. |

After calibration procedure is finished, set ES251 to OFF-state and set *CALEN* (pin75) to DGND or kept floating to return to normal mode operation after re-power on.

1.2. Voltage Measurement

A re-configurable voltage divider automatically provides a suitable range in voltage measurement mode. 200.0mV range is independent and manual mode. It takes input signal from *mVin* (pin20). The following table summarizes the Full-Scale ranges in each configuration.

| Configuration | Full Scale Range | Divider Ratio | Resister Connection | Input Pin | CAL |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----|
| VR1 | 200.0mV | 1 | - | mVin V.S. SGND | Yes |
| VR2 | 2.000V | 1/10 | VR2 (1.111MΩ) | VR1 V.S. SGND | Yes |
| VR3 | 20.00V | 1/100 | VR3 (101KΩ) | VR1 V.S. SGND | N/A |
| VR4 | 200.0V | 1/1000 | VR4 (10.01KΩ) | VR1 V.S. SGND | N/A |
| VR5 | 1000V | 1/10000 | VR5 (1KΩ) | VR1 V.S. SGND | N/A |

Note: The *CLAMP* pin is used to control the voltage start range from 2.000V or 200.0V. Set to V- to select the initial range at 200.0V and set to floating state to select the initial range at 2.000V.

The ES251 support the hazardous live voltage warning. When the voltage measured exceeds the level defined, the buzzer generates 2KHz beep and *ALARM* (pin 34) drive high output (V+ level) periodically. It can remind the user to notice the hazardous voltage. The buzzer sound warning could be cancelled by *DISDGB* (pin40).

1.2.1. OL Selection

ES251 has a voltage OL selection feature archived by configuring the pin *CESEL* (*pin33*). In automatic voltage mode, ES251 will show OL when the voltage exceeds the defaulted level. If *CESEL* is connected to V-, ES251 will have a 1010V overflow level in voltage mode. If *CESEL* connected to DGND, the overflow level will be set to 610V in DCV and ACV mode. The configuration of CESEL is listed below. When *CESEL* is kept floating, ACV OL level is set to 760V.

For ACV/DCV voltage modes:

| | | CESEL | |
|-----|-------|-------|----------|
| | V- | DGND | Floating |
| DCV | 1010V | 610V | 1010V |
| ACV | 1010V | 610V | 760V |

1.3. Current Measurement For Multi-meter

ES251 has 3 automatic current measurement modes for multi-meter. The following table summarizes the full-scale range of each mode. When ES251 operates in the current measurement modes for multi-meter, it takes high input from pin *IVS*, low input from pin *SGND* and reference voltage from calibration scheme.

| Mode FC1~4 | | Full Scale Input Term | | CAL |
|------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Automatic1 | 1,1,0,1 | 200.0μΑ / 2000μΑ | IVS V.S. SGND | AC 200uA ³ |
| Automatic2 | 1,1,1,1 | 20.00mA / 200.0mA | IVS V.S. SGND | $AC 20mA^3$ |
| Automatic3 | 0,0,0,0 | 2.000A /20.00A ² | IVS V.S. SGND | Yes |

Note:

- 1. Connect *Clamp* (pion 39) to V- will disable the " μ_2 " / " m_2 " symbol on LCD panel.
- 2. Connect ASEL (pin43) to V- will set maximum readings of input for Automatic3 mode to 10.00A.
- 3. DCuA/DCmA use the same configuration as DCV mode. AC higher range use the same configuration as ACV mode.

1.4. Current Measurement For Clamp-meter

ES251 has 2 automatic and 4 manual current measurement modes for Clampmeter. The following table summarizes the Full-Scale range of each mode. When ES251 operate in the automatic modes and the manual mode1~4, it takes high input from *IVS* pin, low input from SGND and reference voltage from *VR_CLAMP*.

| Mode | FC1~4 | ¹ CLAMP | Range | Max full scale | Input Terminal | CAL |
|------------|---------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Automatic1 | 1,1,0,1 | 0 | $200.0A / 2000A^{2}$ | 20/200 mV | IVS V.S. SGND | Yes ⁴ |
| Automatic2 | 1,1,1,1 | 0 | 20.00A / 999.9A | 20/1000 mV | IVS V.S. SGND | Yes ⁴ |
| Automatic3 | 0,0,0,0 | 0 | 2.000A / 20.00A | 20/200 mV | IVS V.S. SGND | Yes ⁴ |
| Manual1 | 1,1,0,0 | X | 2.000A | 200 mV | IVS V.S. SGND | Yes |
| Manual2 | 1,0,0,0 | X | 20.00A | 200 mV | IVS V.S. SGND | Yes |
| Manual3 | 1,0,1,0 | X | 200.0A | 200 mV | IVS V.S. SGND | Yes |
| Manual4 | 1,0,0,1 | X | 1000A or 2000A ² | 100 or 200 mV | IVS V.S. SGND | Yes |

Note:

- 1. Connect CLAMP to V- will disable the " μ_2 " / " m_2 " symbol on LCD panel.
- 2. Connect ASEL to V- will set maximum of input for Automatic 1 & Manual 4 modes to 1000A.
- 3. In DC current modes for clamp-meter, ES251 provides **Zero Function (pin70)** for offset removing.
- 4. AC Lower range calibration use the same configuration as Manual3 ACA mode. AC Higher range calibration use the same configuration as Manual4 ACA mode.

1.5. Resistance Measurement

A re-configurable divider automatically provides a suitable Full-Scale range in resistance measurement mode.

The following table summarizes the full-scale ranges and the reference resistors in each configuration.

| Configuration | Full Scale Range | Relative Resistor | Equivalent value |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| OR0 | 20.00Ω | OR1 | 100Ω |
| OR1 | 200.0Ω | OR1 | 100Ω |
| OR2 | 2.000ΚΩ | VR5 | 1ΚΩ |
| OR3 | 20.00ΚΩ | VR4 VR1 | 10ΚΩ |
| OR4 | 200.0ΚΩ | VR3 VR1 | 100ΚΩ |
| OR5 | 2.000ΜΩ | VR2 VR1 | 1ΜΩ |
| OR6 | 20.00ΜΩ | VR1 | 10ΜΩ |
| OR7* | 200.0ΜΩ | VR1 | 10ΜΩ |

Note: If pin36 (DIS 200M) is pulled to V-, the 200M Ω range will be disabled.

1.6. Capacitance Measurement

The following table summarizes the eight ranges of capacitance measurement mode.

| Configuration ¹ | Full Scale Range | Relative Resistor | Measurement Period |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| C1 ³ | 2.000nF | Ratio to C2 | 0.33 sec |
| C2 ² | 20.00nF | CAL | 0.33 sec |
| С3 | 200.0nF | Ratio to C2 | 1.15 sec |
| C4 | 2.000uF | Ratio to C2 | 1.15 sec |
| C5 | 20.00uF | CAL | 0.26 sec |
| С6 | 200.0uF | Ratio to C5 | 2.6 sec(max) |
| C7 | 2.000mF | Internal matching | 2.6 sec(max) |
| C8 | 20.00mF | Internal matching | 26 sec(max) |

Note:

- In order to obtain an accurate reading, a capacitor must be discharged before measurement begins. The chip has
 a built-in discharge mode to automatically discharge the capacitor. In discharge mode, the main-display shows
 dIS.C. Discharging through the chip is quite slow. We recommend users to discharge the capacitor with some
 other apparatus.
- 2. The C2 range is calibrated in calibration scheme.
- 3. The C1 range residual offset could be compensated by the small capacitors near to OVH pin.



1.7. Continuity Check

Continuity check shares the same configuration with 200.0Ω manual resistance measurement mode and has buzzer output to indicate continuity. The buzzer generates 2KHz beep and *ALARM* (pin 34) drive high output (V+ level) whenever the reading is less than 30Ω . The ES251 built in a high-speed short detection circuit and the detection could be less than 10ms.

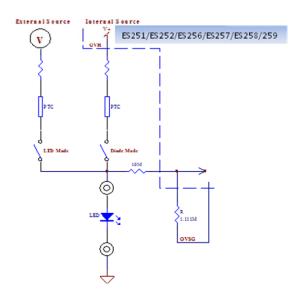
1.8. Diode Measurement

Diode measurement mode shares the same configuration with 2.000V manual voltage measurement mode and has buzzer output to indicate continuity. When the good diode is measured, a single beep will be generated. When the good diode is measured, a single beep will be generated. The buzzer generates a 2KHz sound and *ALARM* (pin 34) drive high output (V+ level) whenever the reading is less than 30mV. If the test circuit is open or the voltage drop between the two ports of the diode under test is larger than 2V or 2.8V (depends on *DIOV* pin level), the LCD panel will show "OL".

| | DIOV | | | | |
|----|---------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | DGND/Floating | V- | | | |
| OL | 2.000V | 2.80V | | | |

The ES251 also support a LED forward voltage measurement mode. It is necessary to use external source to achieve the measurement. The following table & diagram summarizes the diode & LED measurement mode.

| Mode | SLACDC | FC1~5 | Full Scale | Input Terminal | | |
|------|--------|-----------|------------|----------------|--|--|
| LED | 1 | 0,1,1,0,0 | 3.50V | VR1 V.S. SGND | | |



1.9. Frequency Counter

The time base of the frequency counter is derived from an external crystal oscillator by

$$T_{counter} = \frac{4,000,000}{F_{osc}}$$

Where F_{osc} is the frequency of the crystal oscillator. Thus, the counter has a 1-second time base when a 4MHz oscillator is used. The frequency counter can select the proper range automatically or manually. Auto-range operation extends over six decades, from 200.0Hz to 20.00MHz. The following table summarizes the Full-Scale range of the frequency counter.

| Range | Full Scale |
|-------|------------|
| FR1 | 200.0Hz |
| FR2 | 2.000KHz |
| FR3 | 20.00KHz |
| FR4 | 200.0KHz |
| FR5 | 2.000MHz |
| FR6 | 20.00MHz |

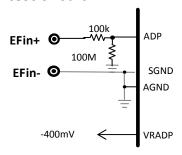
^{*}If input frequency is less than 1.0Hz, ES251 will show **0.0Hz**

1.10. Electrical field detection mode

ES251 supports a non-contact AC voltage measurement, which is called electric field measurement also. The ADC input is configured from *ADP* pin vs. *SGND*. When no or less electric field is detected, the LCD display shows "EF". If the electric field is detected, the strength will be showed on the LCD display by "-" not digits type. Level 1(equivalent to 12.5% full scale of ADC) is "-" and the level 4(equivalent to 100% full scale of ADC) is "----". Additional beeper (*BUZOUT* pin) and LED alarm (*ALARM* pin) will be active from ES251. The frequency of buzzer and LED alarm depends on the strength of electric field also. The faster beeper means the stronger electric field (AC voltage) is sensed.

| Mode | FC1~4 | SLACDC | Input Terminal |
|------|---------|--------|----------------|
| EF | 1,1,1,0 | 1 | ADP V.S. SGND |

EF test circuit





1.11. Temperature Measurement mode

Temperature measurement mode takes input signal from *TEMPin* (pin2). The ES251 has °C to °F scale translation circuit and standard K-type thermocouple reference table is built-in. External cold-junction compensation circuit is still necessary. In temperature measurement mode, there is automatic mode and manual mode. The *TSEL* pin (pin45) is used to control the automatic mode (0.1°C/1°C resolution) or manual mode (0.1°C resolution) selection. *TSYMB* (pin 44) could enable or disable display of input terminal symbol on the LCD panel (SEG18).

| | Manual range | Auto Range |
|----------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| °C range | -200.0 °C ~ 200.0 °C | -200.0 °C ~ 200.0 °C / 1350 °C |
| °F range | -328.0 °F ~ 392.0 °F | -328.0 °F ~ 392.0 °F / 2462 °F |

1.12. ADP

ES251 provides 4 manual range ADP measurement modes for user define. The *ADP* pin is auxiliary input terminal for ADC of ES251. The full scale for ADP mode is 200.0mV. If FC5=0, the minus sign will not be shown on LCD segment.

| Mode | FC1~4 | SLACDC | Full Scale | Input Terminal | CAL |
|------|---------|--------|------------|----------------|-----|
| ADP0 | 0,0,1,1 | 1 | 2000 | ADP V.S. SGND | Yes |
| ADP1 | 0,0,0,1 | 1 | 200.0 | ADP V.S. SGND | Yes |
| ADP2 | 0,1,1,1 | 1 | 20.00 | ADP V.S. SGND | Yes |
| ADP3 | 0,0,1,0 | 1 | 2.000 | ADP V.S. SGND | Yes |

Note: If FC5 is set to V-, the minus sign will be disabled.

1.13. Auto Power Off And Idle Time Selection

ES251 has a default auto power off function. If the meter is idle for more than the given idle time duration, the chip automatically turns the power off. The idle time to trigger the auto power off function is determined by *APOSEL* (pin 42). If *APOSEL* is connected to V-, the idle time will be set to 30 minutes. If pin *APOSEL* is floating, the idle Time will be set to 15 minutes. When APO is occurred, the state of the meter is reserved. The APO symbol on the LCD panel indicates whether the auto power off is enabled or not. In some cases, user might want to disable Auto power off. There are two ways to disable this feature as following:

- 1. Power on the meter when any of the push functions, except for **HOLD**, is pressed down.
- 2. In addition, when RS232 output is active, the auto power off function is also disabled automatically.

Note: Powering on the meter while pressing HOLD and lasts 2 seconds turns on all LCD segments until HOLD is pressed again.

1.14. Sleep

The meter enters sleep mode after auto power off. The *SLEEP* (pin 78) asserts low (V-) in the sleep mode, and asserts high (V+, not 0V) after re-power on.

1.15. Re-Power On

After auto power-off, pushing any of the push function or changing the rotary mode can turn on the meter again. If the meter is re-powered on by changing the rotary mode, the saved state is cleared. If the meter is re-powered on by push functions, the chip restores the saved state and enters HOLD mode. The LCD displays the saved value.

1.16. Hazardous Voltage Indication

The ES251 could provide the AC/DC hazardous voltage indication for voltage/resistor/capacitor/diode/frequency modes. Of course, the indication could support LCD symbol /LED /Buzzer driving simultaneously. Especially ES251 could detect the AC voltage in DCV mode and detects the DC voltage in ACV mode. It means if not proper AC or DC voltage signal exists on the DUT when DCV or ACV measurement mode is set, the HV indication will be active.

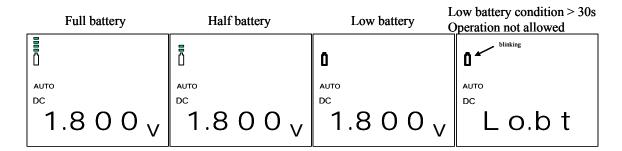
HV indication criterion

| Function / Range | Input DC voltage (typ.) | Input AC voltage (typ.) |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| AC mV | > <u>+</u> 3V | OL |
| AC 2V | > <u>+</u> 20V | OL |
| AC 20V – 1000V | > <u>+</u> 100V | > 30V |
| DC mV | OL | > 3Vrms (40-1kHz) |
| DC 2V | OL | > 20Vrms (40-1kHz) |
| DC 20V-1000V | > 30V or < -30V | > 90Vrms (40-1kHz) |
| Frequency modes | > 70V or < -70V | > 40Vrms (40-1kHz) |
| Res/Cap/Diode modes | > 10V or < -10V | > 10Vrms (40-1kHz) |

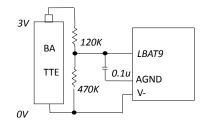
Note: If AC+DC signal is applied, the voltage criterion will be changed.

1.17. Multi-level Low Battery Voltage Detection

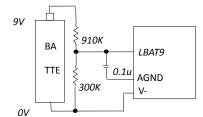
ES251 provides a voltage detection input (pin 91: *LBAT*) for multi-level low battery application. There are two internal voltage reference Vt1 & Vt2 for comparing with *LBAT*. If *LBAT* is larger than Vt1, the LCD segment of SLB1 – SLB3 will active always. This status implies Full battery. When *LBAT* is less than Vt1 but larger than Vt2, the LCD segment of SLB1 will disappear and this status implies Half battery. When *LBAT* is less than Vt2, the LCD segment of SLB2 will disappear and this status implies low battery. When the Low battery status lasts for 10 seconds, the LCD segment of SLB3 will be blinking. When the SLB3 is blinking for ~20 seconds, the operation of meter will be inhibited and LCD panel will show "Lo.bt" symbol. In this case, it is suggested to replace a new battery immediately. After "Lo.bt" appears and lasts for around 80 seconds, ES251 will enter to auto power off mode instantly.



Low battery test circuit (a)



Low battery test circuit (b)



2. Measurement Mode Switching

Measurement mode depends on the logic level of *SLACDC*, *FC1*, *FC2*, *FC3*, *FC4*, *FC5* and **KEY** selection. When *FC5* is high, the measurement mode list is shown below:

| SLACDC | FC1 | FC2 | FC3 | FC4 | Mode | KEY selection |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|--|
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | DC Voltage Measurement | $DCV \leftrightarrow ACV$ |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ²³ Auto DC Current Measurement(μA) | $DCA \leftrightarrow ACA$ |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Auto DC Current Measurement(mA) | $DCA \leftrightarrow ACA$ |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ²³ Auto DC Current Measurement(A) | $DCA \leftrightarrow ACA$ |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Resistance Measurement | $\Omega \rightarrow \text{Continuity} \rightarrow \text{Diode} \rightarrow \text{Cap}$ |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ³ Manual DC 2.000A | $DCA \leftrightarrow ACA$ |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ³ Manual DC 20.00A | $DCA \leftrightarrow ACA$ |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ³ Manual DC 200.0A | $DCA \leftrightarrow ACA$ |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ³ Manual DC 2000A | $DCA \leftrightarrow ACA$ |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Resistance Measurement | $\Omega \leftrightarrow Continuity$ |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Continuity Check | Continuity ↔ Diode |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Resistance Measurement | $\Omega \rightarrow$ Continuity \rightarrow Diode |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Frequency Measurement | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Capacitance Measurement | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Auto Temperature Measurement | $^{\circ}$ C \leftrightarrow $^{\circ}$ F |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | DCmV | $DCmV \leftrightarrow ACmV$ |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | AC Voltage Measurement | $ACV \leftrightarrow DCV$ |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ²³ Auto AC Current Measurement(μA) | $ACA \leftrightarrow DCA$ |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ²³ Auto AC Current Measurement(mA) | $ACA \leftrightarrow DCA$ |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ²³ Auto AC Current Measurement(A) | $ACA \leftrightarrow DCA$ |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | EF mode | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ³ Manual AC 2.000A | $ACA \leftrightarrow DCA$ |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ³ Manual AC 20.00A | $ACA \leftrightarrow DCA$ |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ³ Manual AC 200.0A | $ACA \leftrightarrow DCA$ |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ³ Manual AC 2000A | $ACA \leftrightarrow DCA$ |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ¹ ADP0 (2000) | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ¹ ADP1 (200.0) | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ¹ ADP2 (20.00) | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ¹ ADP3 (2.000) | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Scan ACV/DCV | SCAN →DCV →ACV→ SCAN |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Auto Temperature Measurement | °F↔°C |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ACmV | $ACmV \leftrightarrow DCmV$ |
| | | _ | _ | _ | | |

Note:

- 1. When FC5 is high, the ADP0, ADP1, ADP2 and ADP3 modes can display minus sign.
- 2. These modes could be designed for multimeter current modes, please refer to section 1.3.
- 3. These modes could be designed for clampmeter current modes, please refer to section 1.4.

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Measurement Mode Switching (Continued)

Measurement mode depends on the logic level of *SLACDC*, *FC1*, *FC2*, *FC3*, *FC4*, *FC5* and **KEY** selection. When *FC5* is low, the KEY function is disabled in most modes. The measurement mode list is shown below:

| SLACDC | FC1 | FC2 | FC3 | FC4 | Mode | KEY selection & Remaks |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|-------------------------|
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | DC Voltage Measurement | |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ²³ Auto DC Current Measurement(μA) | |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ²³ Auto DC Current Measurement(mA) | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ²³ Auto DC Current Measurement(A) | |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Diode Measurement | |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ³ Manual DC 2.000A | |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ³ Manual DC 20.00A | |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ³ Manual DC 200.0A | |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ³ Manual DC 2000A | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Resistance Measurement | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Continuity Check | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Resistance Measurement | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Frequency Measurement | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Capacitance Measurement | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Auto Temperature Measurement | $^{\circ}\! \mathbb{C}$ |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | DCmV | |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | AC Voltage Measurement | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ²³ Auto AC Current Measurement(μA) | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ²³ Auto AC Current Measurement(mA) | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ²³ Auto AC Current Measurement(A) | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | EF mode | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ³ Manual AC 2.000A | |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ³ Manual AC 20.00A | |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ³ Manual AC 200.0A | |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ³ Manual AC 2000A | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ¹ ADP0 (2000) | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ¹ ADP1 (200.0) | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ¹ ADP2 (20.00) | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ¹ ADP3 (2.000) | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | LED | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Auto Temperature Measurement | °F |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ACmV | |

Note:

- 1. When FC5 is low, the ADP0, ADP1, ADP2 and ADP3 modes can't display minus sign.
- 2. These modes could be designed for multi-meter current modes, please refer to section 1.3.
- 3. These modes could be designed for clamp-meter current modes, please refer to section 1.4.

3. Push Function

All the enabled push functions will be reset when the measurement mode is changed when *FC1-FC5* modes are changed. The following table lists the available function versus every measurement mode.

| | MMX | REL | KEY/BKLIT ⁵ | HOLD/RS232 ⁶ | RANGE |
|---|------------------|-------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Voltage mode | О | О | О | О | О |
| mV mode | О | О | О | О | X |
| ¹ Current Mode for Multimeter | О | 0 0 0 | | О | О |
| ² Current Mode for Clampmeter | O O ³ | | 0 | 0 | O ⁴ |
| Resistance | О | О | О | О | О |
| Continuity | О | О | О | О | X |
| Diode mode | О | О | О | О | X |
| Frequency | X | X | О | О | О |
| Capacitance | О | O | О | О | О |
| Temperature | О | О | О | О | O ⁴ |
| EF Mode | X | X | О | О | X |
| ADP mode | О | О | О | О | X |

Note:

¹Include automatic μA, automatic mA and manual A modes, please refer to section 1.3.

²Include 2 automatic modes and 4 manual modes, please refer to section 1.4.

³When clamp-meter DCA mode is selected, the REL function will be changed to ZERO function operation automatically.

⁴Only auto range mode is available.

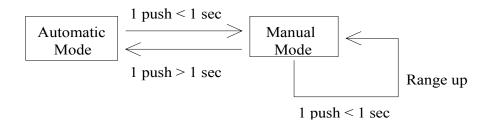
⁵When BKLIT (pin41) is pulled to V-, push KEY and last for 2 seconds will active the back light output driver (BKOUT).

⁶When *DIS_RS232* (pin38) is kept floating, push HOLD key and last for 2 seconds will active RS232 output mode (RSOUT).



3.1. Range

Push **RANGE**¹ key to switch from automatic to manual mode, and while in manual mode, changes the full-scale range. The following figure shows the state transition.



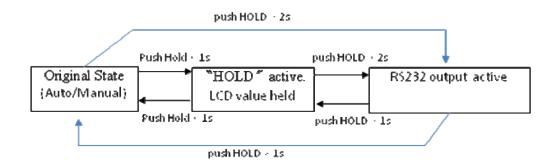
| Measurement Mode | Auto | Manual | Control Range | Initial Range |
|----------------------------|-----------|---|----------------------------|---------------|
| V | VR2 – VR5 | $VRi \rightarrow VRi + 1,$ $VR5 \rightarrow VR2$ | 2.000V – 1000V | $2.000V^{2}$ |
| Auto μA | R1 – R2 | $R1 \rightarrow R2,$ $R2 \rightarrow R1$ | $200.0 \mu A - 2000 \mu A$ | 200.0μΑ |
| Auto mA | R1-R2 | $R1 \rightarrow R2$ $R2 \rightarrow R1$ | 20.00mA – 200.0mA | 20.00mA |
| Auto A | R1-R2 | $R1 \rightarrow R2$ $R2 \rightarrow R1$ | 2.000A – 20.00A | 2.000A |
| Auto 20A/1000A (clamp) | R1-R2 | $R1 \rightarrow R2$ $R2 \rightarrow R1$ | 20.00A – 999.9A | 20.00A |
| Auto 200A/2000A (clamp) | R1-R2 | $R1 \rightarrow R2$ $R2 \rightarrow R1$ | 200.0A – 2000A | 200.0A |
| Capacitance | C1 – C8 | $Ci \rightarrow Ci + 1,$ $C8 \rightarrow C1$ | 2.000nF- 20.00mF | 2.000nF |
| Capacitance (Clamp) | C1 – C8 | $Ci \rightarrow Ci + 1,$ $C8 \rightarrow C1$ | 2.000nF- 20.00mF | 2.000nF |
| Ω | OR0 – OR7 | $ORi \rightarrow ORi + 1,$ $OR7 \rightarrow OR0$ | $20.00\Omega-200.0M\Omega$ | 20.00Ω |
| Тетр | T1-T2 | T1→T2 T2→T1 | 200.0°C~1350°C | 200.0°C |
| Frequency | FR1 – FR6 | $FRi \rightarrow FRi + 1$ $FR6 \rightarrow FR1$ | 200.0Hz – 20.00MHz | 200.0Hz |

Note:

1. Initial range of voltage mode depends on Clamp pin configuration. Pulled to V- to set to 200.0V as initial range.

3.2. HOLD and RS232 output Feature

HOLD mode makes the meter stop updating the LCD panel. This mode can be nested in most of the special modes. Enabling HOLD function in automatic mode makes the meter switch to manual mode, but the Full-Scale range remains the same. ES251 provides a RS232 output feature. To activate RS232 output feature, press down the **HOLD** key and last for 2 seconds. The meter will enable UART port output from RSOUT. (Please see section 4.)

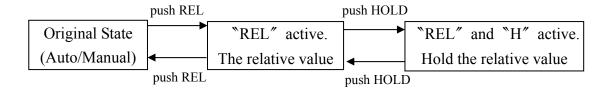


3.3. **KEY**

See Section "Measurement Mode Switching" for the function of this pin.

3.4. REL + **HOLD**

In REL mode, the LCD panel displays D_{N+K} - D_N , where $N = 1, 2, 3, ..., D_N$ is the last value before **REL** key is pushed, and D_{N+K} is the current value. The meter returns to normal operation if **REL** is pressed again. Pressing **HOLD** in REL mode makes the meter stop updating the LCD panel.



Note:

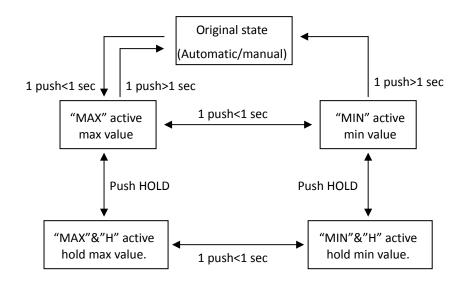
1. It's possible that relative value (D_{N+K} - D_N) exceeds 2,000 or -2,000 counts. The LCD shows OL in REL mode only if D_N or D_{N+K} is more than 2,000 counts.

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3.5. Max/Min + HOLD

The meter displays the maximum or minimum value of the input in Max/Min mode. When MMX key is pressed for the first time, the meter displays the maximum value. The meter displays the minimum value, when it is pressed again. When MMX key is pressed for the third time, the meter displays current value. The meter returns to normal operation if MMX is pressed and held for longer than one second. Pressing HOLD in Max/Min mode makes the meter stop updating the maximum or the minimum value.

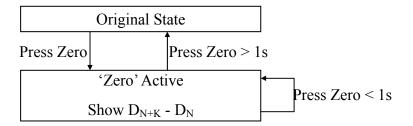




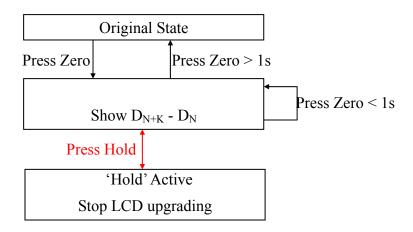
3.6. ZERO Function

In manual DC 2.000A, 20.00A, 200.0A and 2000A, auto DC 20.00A/200.0A, and auto DC 999.9A/2000A (please refer to **section 1.4**) mesurement modes, ES251 provides ZERO function to remove the residual current value. Push **REL** key less than one second to enter ZERO mode. In ZERO mode, the LCD panel displays D_{N+K} - D_N , where $N=1, 2, 3, ..., D_N$ is the last conversion value before **REL** key is pushed, and D_{N+K} is the current conversion value. If **REL** key is pushed again in ZERO mode, the meter will refresh the D_N value and displays the D_{N+K} - D_N again. The meter returns to normal operation if **REL** key is pressed and held for longer than one second. Pressing **HOLD** in ZERO mode makes the meter stop updating the LCD panel. In 2-range auto DCA modes for clampmeter (200.0A/2000A or 20.00A/999.9A), the system will stay in automatic mode, even if the ZERO function is activated. In other words, It could achieve real automatic operation. In automatic mode, ZERO function could not be entered from higher range, but it could be still activated if current range is lower one. This is because most residual current value is so small that the range could not be higher one in automatic mode. When enter ZERO mode from lower range, the system will store the nonzero counts (residual current value). If the range goes up to higher one automatically, the nonzero counts will be divided by ten. So this function will still work well in automatic modes.

State diagram for ZERO mode :

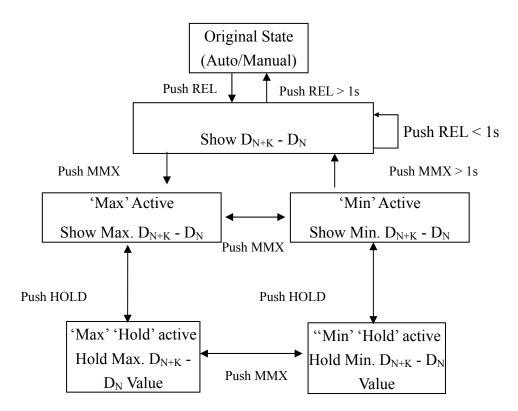


• State diagram for ZERO + HOLD mode :





• State diagram for ZERO + Max/Min + HOLD mode :



4. Serial Data Output

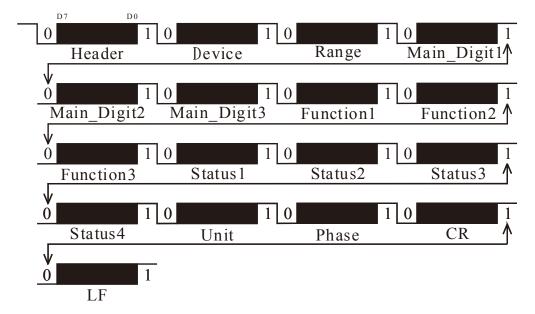
The RS232 function will be activated if press down the **HOLD** key and last for 2 seconds, RS232 symbol will be shown on the LCD display. The serial data sent to RSOUT pin periodically at every A/D conversion cycle by 3 times per second. The data format complies with 8Bits transmission code with a baud rate of 9600. The host can use RS232 interface to read the data. A single data packet includes a start bit (always 0), 8 data bits with no parity check bit, and a stop bit (always 1). The high and low voltage levels correspond to DGND and V- respectively. RSOUT remains at 1 (high) when it is inactive. Hence the start bit (0) could be used as the triggering signal to begin the reading process. The following figure shows the data format of a single packet.

Single packet



One data block consists of 17 packets. The following figure shows the format of a data block. The Header and Device code leads the whole packets. The range packet indicates the decimal point position on LCD panel of meter. Main_Digit1-3 consists of the readings on the LCD panel. The function packet indicates the measurement mode of the meter. Status1-4, Unit, Phase give the other status of the meter. CR and LF are delimiters used to separate the blocks.

All packets



The meter always outputs the current value shown on LCD screen to the serial port. The detailed data format of each packet is listed below.

| | D 0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 | D5 | D6 | D7 |
|-----|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| a01 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| a02 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| a03 | X | X | X | X | DP1 | DP2 | DP3 | X |
| a04 | M_SIGN | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| a05 | Digit3 ₃ | Digit3 ₂ | Digit3 ₁ | Digit3 ₀ | Digit2 ₃ | Digit2 ₂ | Digit2 ₁ | Digit2 ₀ |
| a06 | Digit1 ₃ | Digit1 ₂ | Digit1 ₁ | Digit1 ₀ | Digit0 ₃ | Digit0 ₂ | Digit0 ₁ | Digit0 ₀ |
| a07 | V | A | Ohm | Continuity | Diode | Capacitance | Hz | X |
| a08 | X | $^{\circ}\!\mathbb{C}$ | °F | X | EFmode | X | Clamp | LED |
| a09 | ADP0 | ADP1 | ADP2 | ADP3 | X | X | X | X |
| a10 | AUTO | MANU | AC | DC | OL | X | X | X |
| a11 | SLB1 | SLB2 | SLB3 | LBAT30s | X | X | X | HOLD |
| a12 | REL | ZERO | MAX | MIN | X | X | X | X |
| a13 | Danger | X | X | DISCH | X | X | X | X |
| a14 | Mega | Kilo | X | Mili | X | Micro | X | Nano |
| a15 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| a16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| a17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Header Device Range Main_Digit1 Main_Digit2 Main Digit3 Function1 Function2 Function3 Status1 Status2 Status3 Status4 Unit Phase CR LF

Note:

- 1. $X \rightarrow$ undefind.
- 2. Whole packet is shown by LSB first.

4.1. RANGE

This packet indicates range state of the meter. The DP1 – DP3 corresponding DP1 – DP3 of LCD segment (see **section 5**). In DCV 2.000V range, this **a03** packet will set **xxxx001x**. If change to 20.00V the packet will be **xxxx010x**.

| | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 | D5 | D6 | D7 |
|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| a03 | X | X | X | X | DP1 | DP2 | DP3 | X |

4.2. Main_Digit1 -Main_Digit3

Main_Digit1 – Main_Digit3 is the readings of measurement result shown on LCD panel. DigitN₃ – DigitN₀ consist of 4-bit BCD code. The M SIGN is the sign bit of readings.

| | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 | D5 | D6 | D7 |
|-----|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| a04 | M_SIGN | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| a05 | Digit3 ₃ | Digit3 ₂ | Digit3 ₁ | Digit3 ₀ | Digit2 ₃ | Digit2 ₂ | Digit2 ₁ | Digit2 ₀ |
| a06 | Digit1 ₃ | Digit1 ₂ | Digit1 ₁ | Digit1 ₀ | Digit0 ₃ | Digit0 ₂ | Digit0 ₁ | Digit0 ₀ |

4.3. FUNCTION

The packets of **a07-a09** indicate the measurement mode of the meter. The following table summarizes the transmitted bit for each mode. Note that the encoding of this packet is different from the encoding of FC1-FC5 switch.

For example, if the meter operates in Voltage mode, this a07 packet is 10000000.

| | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 | D5 | D6 | D7 |
|-----|------|------------------------|------|------------|--------|-------------|-------|-----------|
| a07 | V | A | Ohm | Continuity | Diode | Capacitance | Hz | X |
| a08 | X | $^{\circ}\!\mathbb{C}$ | °F | X | EFmode | X | Clamp | LED |
| a09 | ADP0 | ADP1 | ADP2 | ADP3 | X | X | X | X |

4.4. STATUS

The a10-a13 packets indicate the whole status when ES251 is in normal operation. For example, if meter is operated at ACV / MANU range, then **a10** packet will set **011000xx**.

The format of the four packets are shown below.

| | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 | D5 | D6 | D7 |
|-----|--------|------|------|---------|----|----|----|------|
| a10 | AUTO | MANU | AC | DC | OL | X | X | X |
| a11 | SLB1 | SLB2 | SLB3 | LBAT30s | X | X | X | HOLD |
| a12 | REL | ZERO | MAX | MIN | X | X | X | X |
| a13 | Danger | X | X | DISCH | X | X | X | X |

AUTO: When auto range is selected.

MANU: When manual mode is selected.

AC: When AC mode is selected.

DC: When DC mode is selected.

OL: When 'OL' is displayed on LCD.

SLB3/SLB2/SLB1: When low battery segment is shown on LCD.

LBAT30s: When 'Lobt' is shown on LCD.

HOLD: When Data HOLD mode is active.

REL: When Relative mode is active.

ZERO: When Zero function is active in DCA clamp mode.

MAX/MIN: When MAX/MIN mode is active.

Clamp: When clamp mode is selected. (Clamp pin is pulled to V-)

Danger: Abnormal applied voltage warning symbol is active on LCD.

DISC: The 'DisC' is shown on LCD. It means the DUT is necessary to be discharged on Cap mode.

4.5. Unit

This packet indicates the measurement unit of the LCD display.

| | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 | D5 | D6 | D7 |
|-----|------|------|----|-------|----|-------|----|------|
| a14 | Mega | Kilo | X | Mille | X | Micro | X | Nano |

Mega = 1E6, Kilo=1E3, Mille=1E-3, Micro=1E-6, Nano=1E-9

4.6. CR

Carriage return: The transmitted code is 00001101.

4.7. LF

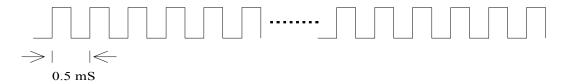
Line feed: The transmitted code is **00001010**.

5. Miscellaneous

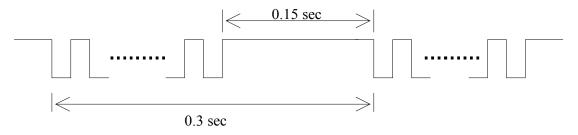
The conditions, which the meter turns on the buzzer, include:

- (1) Changing measurement mode generates one beep.
- (2) Pressing any of the push functions generates one beep, if the function is valid.
- (3) Power on and re-power on generate one beep.
- (4) Input overflow in voltage and current mode generates one beep every 0.3 seconds (or 3.33 beeps per second.)
- (5) Hazard voltage indication is active generates one beep per second and could be disabled by *DISDGB* pin.
- (6) Continuity(diode) check generates a continuous 2KHz beep whenever the measurement is less then $30\Omega(30\text{mV})$
- (7) Auto power off generates a 2KHz beep sound that lasts for 1.5 seconds.

The following figures show the output waveform from the BUZOUT pin.



(a) Continuous 2KHz beep

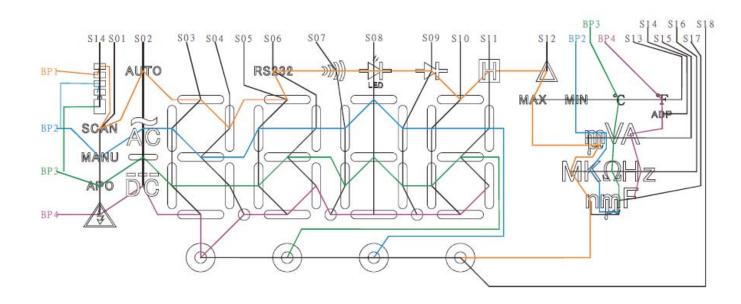


(b) 3.33 beep/sec

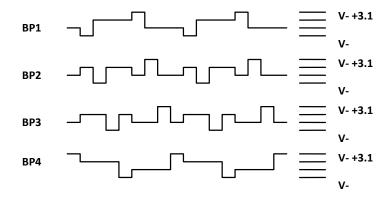
5.1. LCD Panel

| | S01 | S02 | S03 | S04 | S05 | S06 | S07 | S08 | S09 |
|-----|--------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|
| BP1 | SCAN | AUTO | 4A | 4B | 3A | RS232 | BUZZER | LED | DIODE |
| BP2 | MANU | AC | 4F | 4G | 3F | 3B | 2F | 2A | 2B |
| BP3 | APO | MINUS | 4E | 4C | 3E | 3G | 2E | 2G | 2C |
| BP4 | DANGER | DC | 4D | DP3 | 3D | 3C | DP2 | 2D | DP1 |

| | S10 | S11 | S12 | S13 | S14 | S15 | S16 | S17 | S18 |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------------------------|------|---------|-----|---------|------|
| BP1 | 1A | HOLD | REL | MAX | SLB1 | μ 2 | М | n | Vin |
| BP2 | 1F | 1B | | MIN | SLB2 | m2 | K | μ 1 | СОМ |
| BP3 | 1E | 1G | | $^{\circ}\!\mathbb{C}$ | SLB3 | V | Ω | m1 | mAin |
| BP4 | 1D | 1C | | °F | ADP | Α | Hz | F | Ain |



LCD Backplane Waveform





5.2. LCD Display On Condition

| LCD Annunciator | Condition |
|----------------------|---|
| V | In voltage measurement mode, and diode measurement mode. |
| A | In current measurement mode. |
| Ω | In resistance measurement mode, and continuity mode. |
| F | In capacitance measurement mode. |
| Ľ | In continuity check mode. |
| - } | In diode mode. |
| Hz | In frequency mode. |
| ADP | When ADP0-3 mode is active. |
| DC | In DC voltage or DC current mode. |
| AC | In AC voltage or AC current mode. |
| SCAN | When ACV/DCV scan mode is active |
| AUTO | When automatic full scale range selection is enabled. |
| MANU | In manual mode. |
| HOLD | When HOLD function is enabled. |
| | When Relative function is enabled. |
| MAX | When MAX function is enabled. |
| MIN | When MIN function is enabled. |
| m_1 | In capacitor measurement mode and the full scale range is in the order of mF. |
| μ_1 | In capacitor measurement mode and the full scale range is in the order of uF. |
| n | In capacitor measurement mode and the full scale range is in the order of nF. |
| m_2 | In voltage or current measurement mode and the full scale range is in the order of 10^{-3} . |
| μ_2 | In current measurement mode and the full scale range id in the order of uA. |
| M | In resistance measurement mode and the full scale range is in the order of $M\Omega$. |
| K | In resistance measurement mode and the full scale range is in the order of $K\Omega$. |
| $^{\circ}\mathbb{C}$ | In temperature measurement mode and when the unit is $^{\circ}\mathbb{C}$. |
| °F | In temperature measurement mode and when the unit is °F. |
| * | When the reading is exceeding default hazardous live voltage or OL in DCV or ACV, the HV warning symbol will be display. It will be active also when abnormal voltage applied at R/C/D/F modes. |
| APO | When auto power off function is enabled. |
| SLB1 | When voltage (ref. to V-) of LBAT9 pin is less than Vt1, SLB1 will disappear. |
| SLB2 | When voltage (ref. to V-) of LBAT9 pin is less than Vt2, SLB2 will disappear. |
| SLB3 | When SLB2 disappears for 8 seconds, SLB3 will be blinking. |
| RS232 | When RS232 output is enabled. |
| TEST | When LED measurement function is enabled. |

5.3 Operating Timing

ES251 incorporates a dual slope ADC with four phases: ZI, AZ, INT and DINT. The timing of each phase is listed below.

(1) Voltage / Diode /ADP / Manual Current (for clampmeter) measurement:

| Phase | High resolution |
|-------|-----------------|
| ZI | 50ms |
| AZ | 25ms |
| INT | 100ms |
| DINT | 155ms |

(2) Current mode for multimeter/Auto Current mode for clampmeter/2-range auto voltage mode:

| Phase | DC / AC | DC Lower Range |
|-------|---------|----------------|
| ZI | 50ms | 50ms |
| AZ | 25ms | 25ms |
| INT | 100ms | 1000ms |
| DINT | 155ms | 175ms |

(3) Continuity / Ohm measurement:

| Phase | Time |
|-------|-------|
| ZI | 50ms |
| AZ | 100ms |
| INT | 25ms* |
| DINT | 155ms |

Note: INT time = 250ms for 20.00Ω range

- (4) Frequency: Every conversion takes 1.05 second.
- (5) Temperature measurement: Every conversion takes 1.25 second.

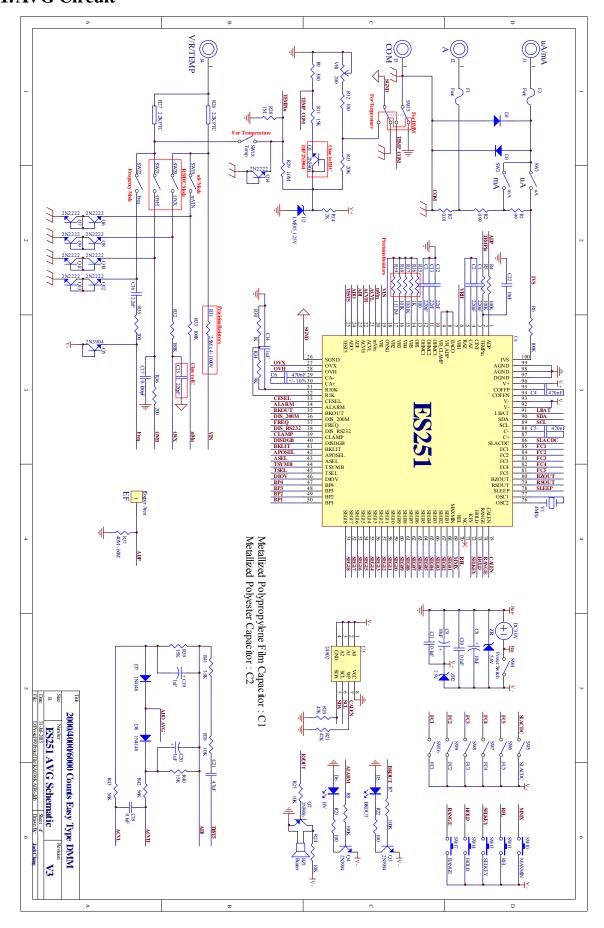
Note:

1. In the frequency measurement with auto mode, if the range is changed, the internal clock rate will increase ten times and the new measurement cycle becomes 1/10 times of the original cycle until the range is stable.



Application Circuit

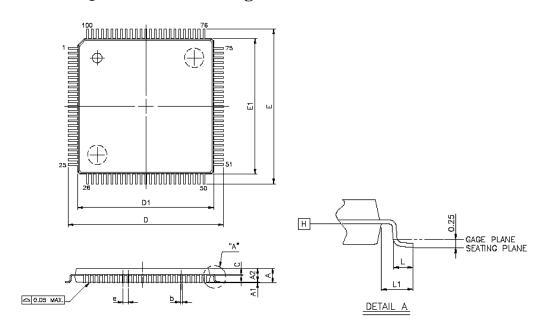
1.AVG Circuit





Package Information

1.100L LQFP Outline drawing



2. Dimension parameters

VARIATIONS (ALL DIMENSIONS SHOWN IN MM)

| SYMBOLS | MIN. | NOM. | MAX. | | |
|---------|----------------|---------|------|--|--|
| A | | | 1.60 | | |
| A1 | 0.05 | - | 0.15 | | |
| A2 | 1.35 | 1.40 | 1.45 | | |
| Ь | 0.17 | 0.20 | 0.27 | | |
| С | 0.09 0.127 | | 0.20 | | |
| D | 16.00 BSC | | | | |
| D1 | 1 | 4.00 BS | С | | |
| Е | 1 | 6.00 BS | С | | |
| E1 | 1 | 4.00 BS | С | | |
| e | 0.50 BSC | | | | |
| Ĺ | 0.45 0.60 0.75 | | | | |
| L1 | 1.00 REF | | | | |