

FUNCTIONAL FEATURES

The SY88793V features:

- Single 3.3V or 5V power supply
- Up to 622Mbps operation
- Low noise PECL data outputs
- Chatter-free TTL Signal Detect (SD) output
- TTL EN input
- Programmable SD level set (SD_{LVL})
- Available in tiny 10-pin MSOP (3mm x 3mm) package

The SY88793V evaluation board features:

- AC-coupled I/O with SMA connectors
- Single potentiometer to set SD_{LVL}
- 50 Ω input network termination

AVAILABLE MEASUREMENTS

- Frequency performance
- Output eye pattern generation
- Mask testing
- Jitter
- Output rise/fall time
- BER testing
- Hysteresis measurement

EVALUATION BOARD

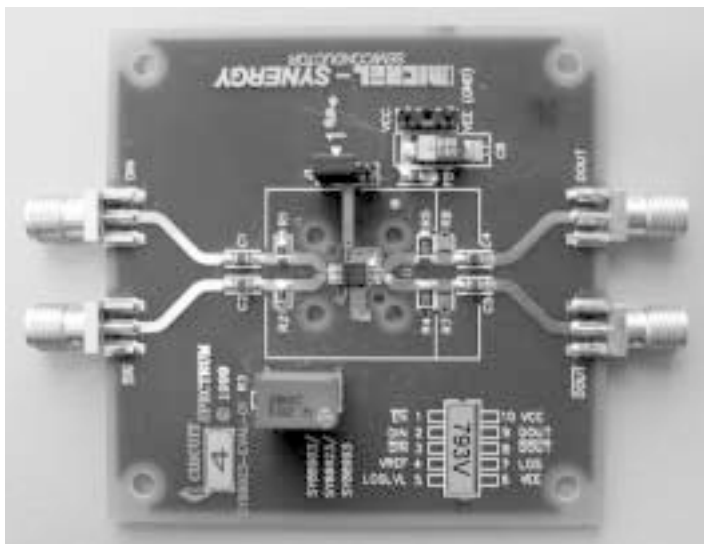


Figure 1. SY88793V Evaluation Board

DESCRIPTION

The SY88793V low-power, limiting post amplifier is designed for use in fiber optic receivers. The device connects to typical transimpedance amplifiers (TIAs). The linear signal output from TIAs can contain significant amounts of noise and may vary in amplitude over time. The SY88793V quantizes these signals and outputs PECL level waveforms.

The SY88793V operates from a single +3.3V or +5V power supply, over temperatures ranging from -40°C to $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$. With its wide bandwidth and high gain, signals with data rates up to 622Mbps and as small as 5mV_{pp} can be amplified to drive devices with PECL inputs.

The SY88793V generates a TTL SD output. A programmable, signal detect, level set pin (SD_{LVL}) sets the sensitivity of the input amplitude detection. SD asserts high if the input amplitude rises above the threshold set by SD_{LVL} and deasserts low otherwise. EN deasserts the true output signal without removing the input signal. Typically 6dB SD hysteresis is provided to prevent chattering.

This manual provides information on the SY88793V evaluation board. It should be used in conjunction with the SY88793V data sheet, which contains full specifications of the SY88793V.

The SY88793V evaluation board enables fast and thorough evaluation of the SY88793V 622Mbps PECL low-power limiting post amplifier. The board is an easy-to-use, single-layer high-speed microstrip design. It is designed to be driven by a high-speed 622Mbps pattern generator and provides on-board 50 Ω terminations for the generator's outputs. The input termination network also provides the required input bias of $V_{CC} - 1.3\text{V}$ for the SY88793V.

The SY88793V evaluation board is intended to be terminated to a 50 Ω scope and provides for simple user adjustability of the SD threshold through the adjustment of an on-board potentiometer. This allows the user to evaluate various parameters of the SY88793V, as listed in the "Available Measurements" section of this document.

All data sheets and support documentation can be found on Micrel's web site at www.micrel.com.

MEASUREMENT SETUP

Equipment used for measurements:

1. Agilent 83752A Synthesized Sweeper
2. Agilent 70004A Display
3. Agilent 70843B Error Performance Analyzer
4. Agilent 86100A Wide-Bandwidth Oscilloscope
5. Two (2) MCL BW S15W2 40dB Attenuators
6. Agilent E3620A DC Power Supply
7. Tektronix DMM157 Multimeter
8. Matched High-Speed Cables w/SMA Connectors

Note:
Items 1 through 3 constitute the BERT stack.

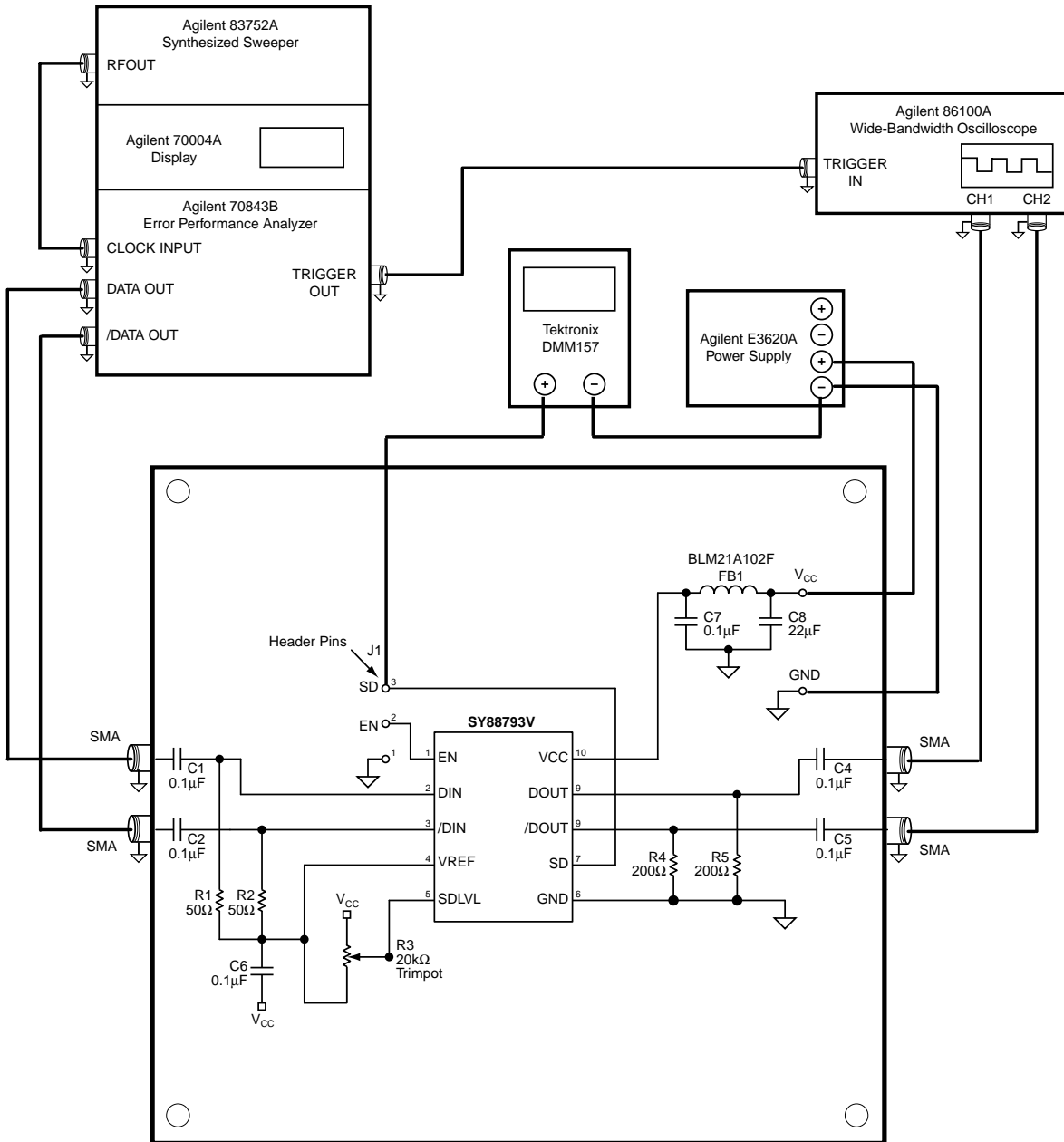


Figure 2. Setup for Measurements

SETUP FOR MEASUREMENTS

This section explains how to connect and setup the SY88793V evaluation board per Figure 2. Ensure proper ESD precautionary measures are taken before handling sensitive electronic equipment, including the SY88793V evaluation board.

1. Set E3620A to output 3.3V and then turn off. E3620A. Connect E3620A's positive lead to V_{CC} post, negative lead to GND post.
2. Configure Agilent BERT stack:
 - a) Set the 83752A Synthesized Sweeper to 622MHz.
 - b) From the 70004A's Pattern menu, choose the PRBS $2^{31}-1$ pattern.
 - c) From the 70004A's Trigger menu:
 - i. Choose clock as trigger output.
 - ii. Choose CLK/8 for divider.
 - d) From the 70004A's Data menu:
 - i. External Termination = DC termination 0V
 - ii. Attenuation = 40dB
 - iii. Amplitude = 5mV ($10mV_{pp}$)
 - iv. Hi-Level = 0V
 - v. Tracking = ON
 - vi. Polarity = NORMAL
 - vii. Data Output = ON
 - viii. Crossing = 0
3. Connect 70843V's trigger output to 86100A's trigger input.
4. Leave EN header on J1 open on SY88793V evaluation board.
5. Connect DIN and /DIN on SY88793V evaluation board to 70843V's data outputs through 40dB attenuators.
 - a) Connect 40dB attenuators directly to the board rather than the 70843V's data outputs to allow a larger and cleaner signal to pass through the connecting SMA cables.
6. Connect DOUT and /DOUT on SY88793V evaluation board to 86100A's inputs.
7. Set DMM157 to display voltage. Connect positive lead to SD header on J1 and connect negative lead to GND.
8. Turn on E3620A. Typical power supply current should be ~45mA, including the SY88793V's current and current through the on-board 200Ω output pull-down resistors at 3.3V supply voltage. Excessive current usually means the power supply leads have been connected backwards. Be aware of this!
9. Configure 86100A oscilloscope:
 - a) Verify a trigger signal is present by checking that the Trigger Source button is lit.
 - i. Depress this button to choose external source if necessary.
 - ii. Adjust trigger level if necessary.
 - b) Press Eye/Mask Mode on front panel.
 - c) Choose NRZ Eye Measurements from on-screen display.
 - d) Choose RMS Jitter, Rise Time, Fall Time and Eye Amplitude measurements from on-screen selection list.

MEASUREMENTS

The SY88793V evaluation board assumes the use of a 50Ω scope to terminate the SY88793V. The following sections detail various measurements that can be performed with the SY88793V evaluation board:

1. Eye pattern generation including jitter and rise/fall times:
 - a) Set 70004's Data amplitude to 5mV (10mV_{pp}).
 - b) Press Autoscale on oscilloscope. The eye pattern should automatically display on the scope. If not, verify the steps listed in the "Setup for Measurements" section are completed. Sometimes the waveform needs to be manually adjusted to fit the display. Use the Time Scale and Voltage Scale knobs on the front panel of the scope to adjust this.
 - c) Observe measurements on scope's display. The rise and fall times should be less than 400ps, amplitude around 800mV (1600mV_{pp}) and jitter around 10ps_{rms} .
 - i. Note that the output amplitude varies with the input amplitude until the SY88793V enters limiting mode at around 20mV_{pp} input. The SY88793V has a typical gain of 38dB. Hence, 10mV_{pp} input will give only 800mV_{pp} output, whereas 40mV_{pp} input will give 1600mV_{pp} output.
 - d) Set 70004's Data amplitude to 20mV (40mV_{pp}) and repeat above.

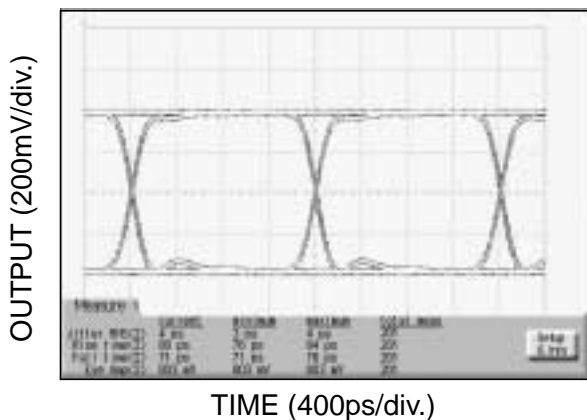


Figure 3. Typical SY88793V Eye Diagram

2. Mask testing:
 - a) Press Eye/Mask Mode on front panel of scope.
 - b) Choose Mask Testing from on-screen display.
 - c) Choose Open Mask from on-screen selection list.
 - i. Select and open the OC-12 mask.
 - d) Choose Start Mask Testing from on-screen selection list. Waveform should automatically display with appropriate mask regions and testing will start. If not, verify the steps listed in the "Setup for Measurements" section are completed.
3. BER testing:
 - a) Feedback the SY88793V evaluation board's DOUT output to the 70843V's BERT Data input.
 - b) Feedback the 70843V's Clock output to the 70843V's BERT Clock input.
 - c) Set 70004's Data amplitude to 20mV (40mV_{pp})
 - d) From the 70004A's Gating menu:
 - i. Choose a gate condition. The options are: gate by time, errors, or bits. Choose bits, but this is of no relevance because there should be no errors, and the test will run forever until manually interrupted if gate by errors is chosen.
 - ii. Choose single gating period.
 - iii. Choose run gating.
 - iv. 70004A will reset error count and synchronize SY88793V's transmitted bitstream to 70843V's generated bitstream. If synchronization does not occur, it is sometimes due to cable length. Try using different length cables to achieve synchronization. If this is unavailable, another trick is to adjust the 83752A's frequency to a slightly higher or lower value.
 - v. At end of gating period, there should be no errors.

4. SD hysteresis:

- a) The SY88793V evaluation board provides a potentiometer for easy adjustment of SD_{LVL} without the need for an extra power supply. The potentiometer acts as a variable resistor which is connected from V_{CC} to SD_{LVL} . The SY88793V contains an internal $3k\Omega$ resistor connected from SD_{LVL} to V_{REF} . V_{REF} is a reference voltage of approximately $V_{CC} - 1.3V$. Hence, SD_{LVL} can be set to any voltage from V_{CC} to $V_{CC} - 1.2V$, as specified in the SY88793V datasheet. The potentiometer creates a voltage divider. Thus $SD_{LVL} = V_{CC}(V) - 1.3V \times R(k\Omega)/(R(k\Omega) + 3k\Omega)$, where R is the measured resistance of the potentiometer. The proceeding steps show how to find the SD hysteresis for a $10mV_{pp}$ SD de-assert voltage without measuring R.
- b) Set 70004's Data amplitude to 5mV ($10mV_{pp}$).
- c) Verify DMM157 displays that SD is HIGH ($\sim 3.3V$). If not, turn R3 until SD is HIGH.
- d) Turn R3 just until SD is LOW ($\sim 0.2V$).
- e) Slowly increase 70004A's Data amplitude until SD becomes HIGH. Note the voltage at which SD becomes HIGH. This is the SD assert voltage.
- f) Now slowly lower the 70004A's Data amplitude until SD becomes LOW again. This should be the starting voltage of 5mV ($10mV_{pp}$). This is the SD de-assert voltage.
- g) $Hysteresis(dB) = 20\log(SD \text{ assert voltage}/SD \text{ de-assert voltage})$. This should be $\geq 2dB$.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I just got my SY88793V evaluation board and I cannot get anything to work! Where should I start?

First, check the power supplies. Typical power supply current should be ~45mA, including the SY88793V's current and current through the onboard 200Ω output pull-down resistors at 3.3V supply voltage. Excessive current usually means the power supply leads have been connected backwards. Be careful of this!

Next, ensure the EN header on J1 is open to enable the SY88793V. If this looks okay, then verify the 70004A's Data outputs are enabled and there's sufficient amplitude (at least 5mV_{pp}) to drive the SY88793V.

If the above are okay and there's still nothing displaying on the scope, then there's most likely a trigger setup issue with the scope. Look on the scope's front panel and verify that the instrument is triggered. The Trigger Source button should be lit if a trigger signal is present. If not, press the button until the external trigger is selected. Also, try adjusting the level until a signal is found. If this does not work, verify the 70004A is set to output a CLK÷8 trigger signal as described in the Setup section of this document.

Can you suggest a bypass/decoupling scheme?

Figure 2 shows the power supply decoupling scheme used for the SY88793V evaluation board. The "Bill of Materials" at the end of this document lists the supplier and component values. We have found this arrangement to be an excellent starting point.

What layout tips do you have?

1. Establish controlled impedance stripline, microstrip or coplanar construction techniques for high-speed signal paths.
2. All differential paths are critical timing paths and skew should be matched to within ±10ps.
3. Signal trace impedance should not vary more than ±5%. If in doubt, perform Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR) analysis of signal traces.
4. Place power supply decoupling capacitors as close as possible to the device's power pins.

What is Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR)?

TDR is used to verify impedance continuity along a signal path. Many interconnects, such as SMA, if not launched correctly onto the PCB, will exhibit inductive-like resonance with an abrupt capacitive discontinuity. This discontinuity will subtract signal from the inputs and outputs, effectively closing the resulting data eye. The 86100A allows TDR testing and is a useful tool to help evaluate your PCB.

I still have questions. Who should I contact?

Micrel's HBW Applications helpline is available to assist you. Please call (408) 955-1690 or e-mail hbwhelp@micrel.com for assistance.

BILL OF MATERIALS

Item	Part Number	Manufacturer	Description	Qty
C1, C2, C4, C5 C6, C7	PCC1762CT-ND	Panasonic ⁽¹⁾	0.1μF surface mount capacitor, size 0603	6
C8	P11317CT-ND	Panasonic ⁽¹⁾	22μF surface mount capacitor, size C	1
FB1	BLM21A102F	Murata ⁽²⁾	ferrite bead, size 0603	1
J1, V _{CC}	TSW-103-07-S-S	Samtec ⁽³⁾	0.1mil center through hole terminal strip	2
R1, R2	P49.9LCT-ND	Panasonic ⁽¹⁾	49.9Ω surface mount resistor, size 0603	2
R3	3269W-1-203G	Bourns ⁽⁴⁾	20kΩ trimmer	1
R4, R5	P200GCT-ND	Panasonic ⁽¹⁾	200Ω surface mount resistor, size 0603	2
S1, S2, S3, S4	142-0701-851	Johnson ⁽⁵⁾	end launch SMA	4
U1	SY88793V	Micrel, Inc. ⁽⁶⁾	622Mbps PECL post amplifier	1

Notes:

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3. Samtec tel: 800-726-8329
4. Bourns tel: 877-426-8767
5. Johnson tel: 800-247-8256
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