TDA7381

4 x 25 W quad bridge car radio amplifier

Features

- High output power capability:
  - 4 x 30 W/4 Ω max.
  - 4 x 25 W/4 Ω EIAJ
  - 4 x 18 W/4 Ω @ 14.4 V, 1 kHz, 10 %
  - 4 x 15 W/4 Ω @ 13.2 V, 1 kHz, 10 %
- Clipping detector
- Low distortion
- Low output noise
- Standby function
- Mute function
- Automute at min. supply voltage detection
- Diagnostics facility for:
  - Clipping
  - Out to GND short
  - Out to V_S short
  - Thermal shutdown
- Low external component count:
  - Internally fixed gain (26 dB)
  - No external compensation
  - No bootstrap capacitors
- Protections:
  - Output short circuit to GND, to V_S, across the load
  - Very inductive loads
  - Overrating chip temperature with soft thermal limiter
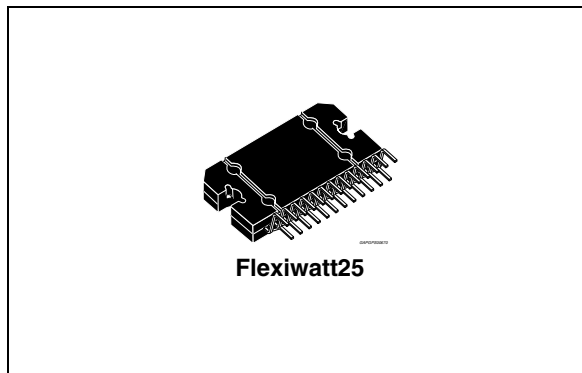
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  - Load dump voltage
  - Fortuitous open GND
  - Reversed battery
  - ESD protection

Description

The TDA7381 is a class AB audio power amplifier in Flexiwatt25 package designed for car radio applications. Thanks to the fully complementary PNP/NPN output configuration the TDA7381 allows a rail to rail output voltage swing with no need of bootstrap capacitors..

The extremely reduced components count allows very compact sets. The on-board clipping detector simplifies gain compression operations. The fault diagnostics makes it possible to detect mistakes during car-radio assembly and wiring in the car.

Table 1.   Device summary

Order code	Package	Packing
TDA7381	Flexiwatt25	Tube

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Figure 1.   Block and application diagram

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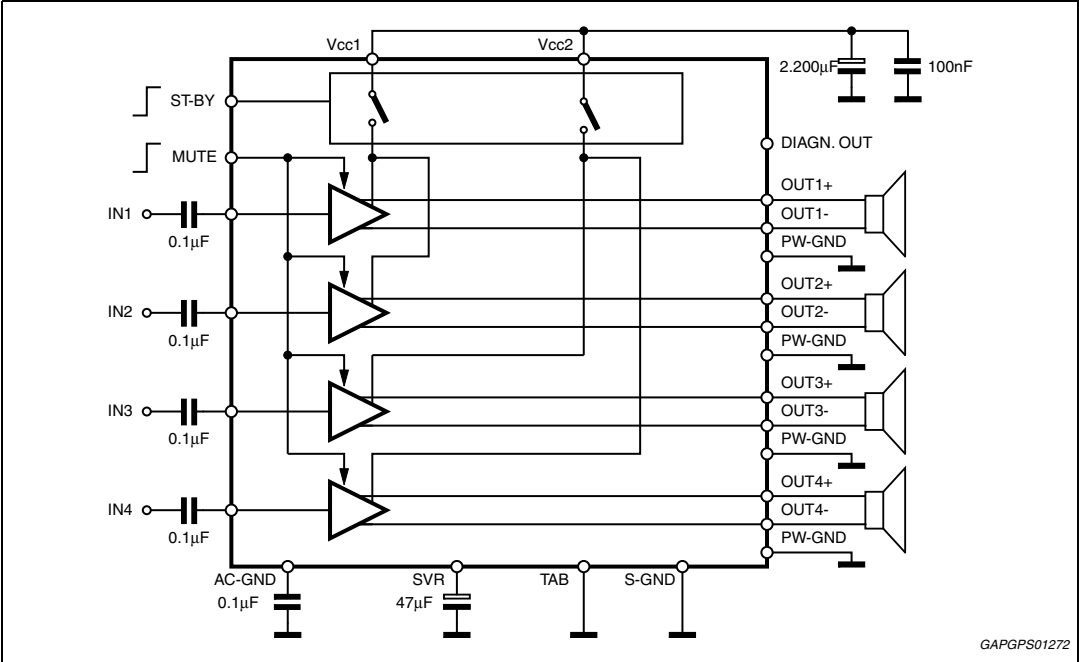
Figure 2.   Pins connection diagram (top view)

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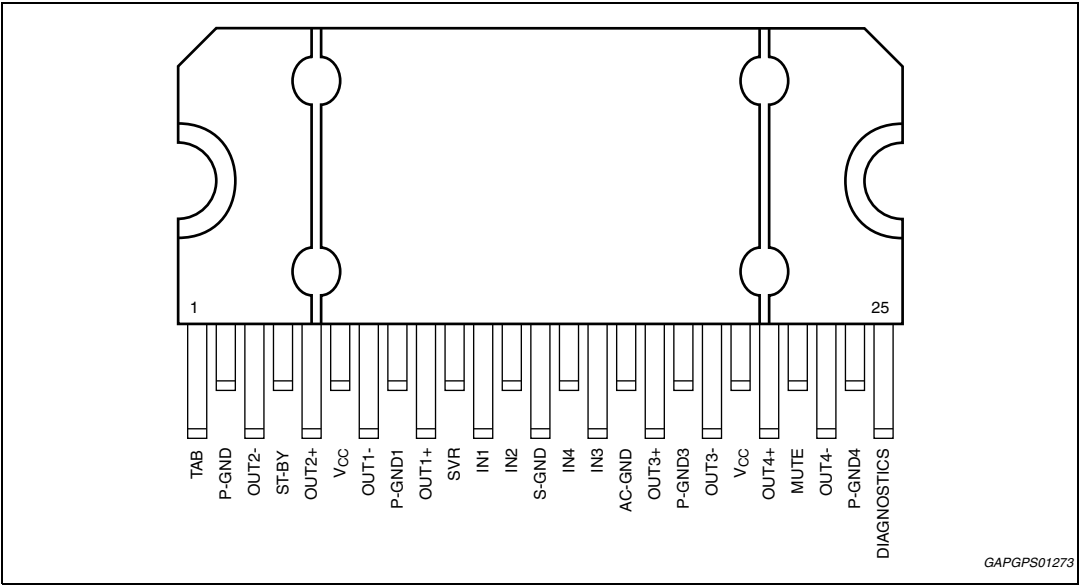
2 Electrical specifications

2.1 Absolute maximum ratings

Table 2. Absolute maximum ratings

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
V_{CC}	Operating supply voltage	18	V
$V_{CC (DC)}$	DC supply voltage	28	V
$V_{CC (pk)}$	Peak supply voltage (t = 50 ms)	50	V
I_O	Output peak current: Repetitive (duty cycle 10 % at f = 10 Hz) Non repetitive (t = 100 μs)	3 4	A A
P_{tot}	Power dissipation, (T_{case} = 70 °C)	80	W
T_j	Junction temperature	150	°C
T_{stg}	Storage temperature	-40 to 150	°C

2.2 Thermal data

Table 3. Thermal data

Symbol	Parameter		Value	Unit
$R_{th\ j\text{-}case}$	Thermal resistance junction to case	max.	1	°C/W

2.3 Electrical characteristcs

V_S = 14.4 V; f = 1 kHz; R_g = 600 Ω; R_L = 4 Ω; T_{amb} = 25 °C;

Refer to the test and application circuit (*Figure 3*), unless otherwise specified.

Table 4. Electrical characteristcs

Symbol	Parameter	Test Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
I_{q1}	Quiescent current	-	-	180	300	mA
V_{OS}	Output offset voltage	-	-	-	100	mV
G_v	Voltage gain	-	25	26	27	dB
P_o	Output power	THD = 10 %	16.5	18	-	W
		THD = 1 %	13	14	-	W
		THD = 10 %; V_S = 13.2 V	13.5	15	-	W
		THD = 1 %; V_S = 13.2 V	11	12	-	W
$P_{o\ EIAJ}$	EIAJ output power [1]	EIAJ (V_S = 13.7 V)	23	25	-	W
$P_{o\ max}$	Max. output power [1]	V_S = 13.7 V	28	30	-	W

Table 4. **Electrical characteristcs (continued)**

Symbol	Parameter	Test Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
THD	Distortion	P_o = 4 W	-	0.04	0.3	%
e_{No}	Output noise	"A" Weighted	-	50	-	μV
		Bw = 20 Hz to 20 kHz	-	65	150	μV
SVR	Supply voltage rejection	f = 100 Hz	50	65	-	dB
f_{cl}	Low cut-off frequency	-	-	20	-	Hz
f_{ch}	High cut-off frequency	-	75	-	-	KHz
R_i	Input impedance	-	70	100	-	KΩ
C_T	Cross talk	f = 1KHz	50	70	-	dB
I_{SB}	St-by current consumption	St-by = LOW	-	-	100	μA
$V_{SB\ out}$	St-by out threshold voltage	(Amp: ON)	3.5	-	-	V
$V_{SB\ IN}$	St-by in threshold voltage	(Amp: OFF)	-	-	1.5	V
A_M	Mute attenuation	V_O = 1 Vrms	80	90	-	dB
$V_{M\ out}$	Mute out threshold voltage	(Amp: play)	3.5	-	-	V
$V_{M\ in}$	Mute in threshold voltage	(Amp: mute)	-	-	1.5	V
$I_{m\ (L)}$	Muting pin current	V_{MUTE} = 1.5 V; (source current)	5	10	16	μA
I_{CDOFF}	Clipping detector "OFF" output average current	THD = 1 % [2]	-	100	-	μA
I_{CDON}	Clipping Detector "ON" Output Average Current	THD = 10 % [2]	100	240	350	μA

1. Saturated square wave output.

2. Diagnostics output pulled-up to 5 V with 10 kΩ series resistor.

Figure 3. **Standard test and application circuit**
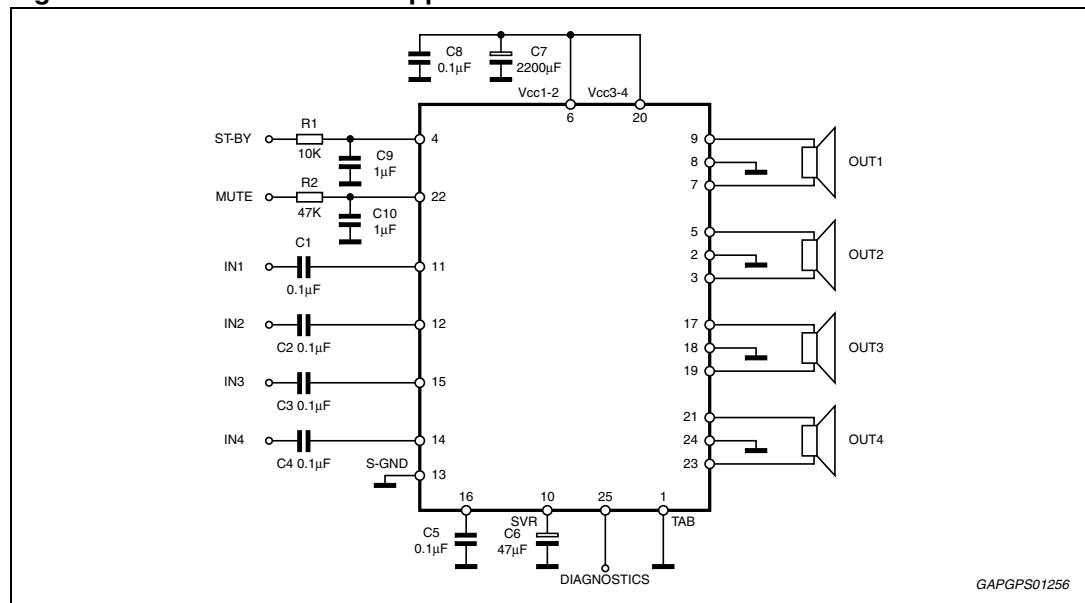
2.4 Printed circuit board and component layout

Referred to *Figure 3: Standard test and application circuit*.
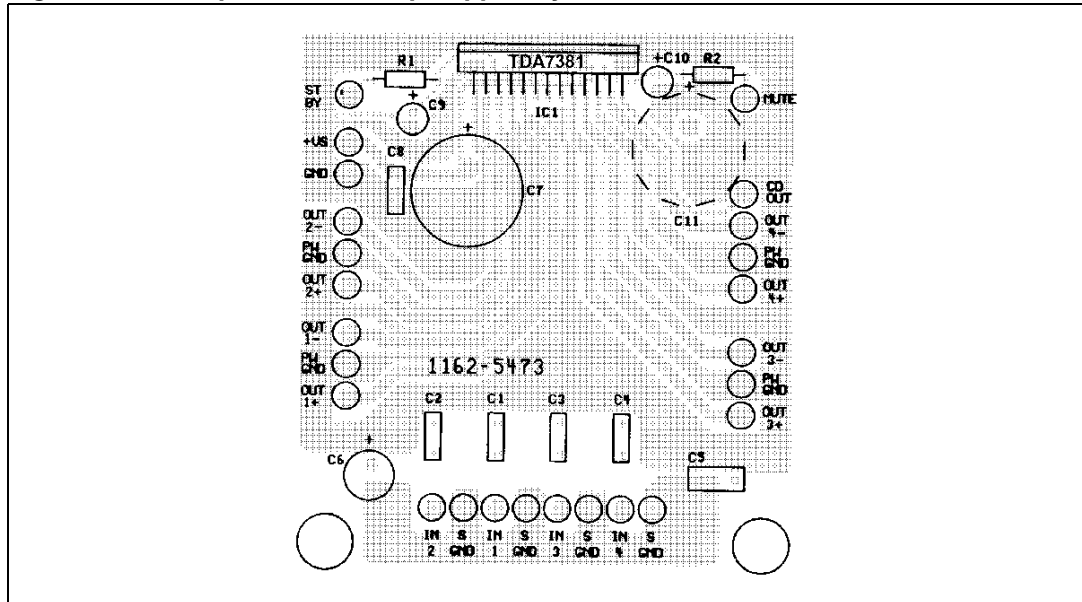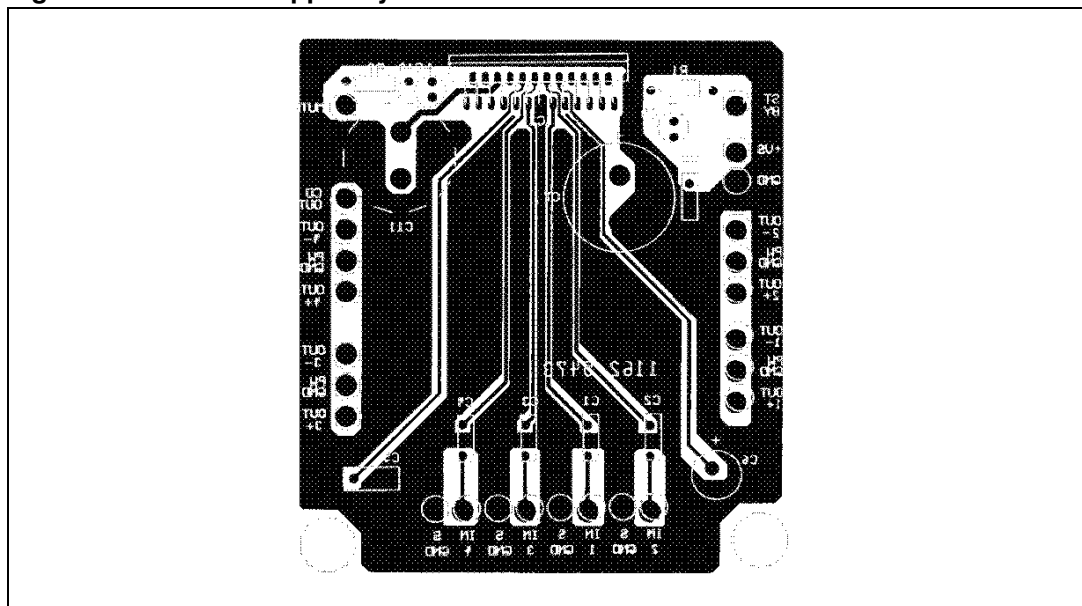
Figure 4. Components and top copper layer

Figure 5. Bottom copper layer

3   Application hints

3.1   Biasing and SVR

As shown by *Figure 6*, all the TDA7381's main sections, such as Inputs, Outputs and AC-GND (pin 16) are internally biased at half supply voltage level (Vs/2), which is derived from the supply voltage rejection (SVR) block. In this way no current flows through the internal feedback network.

The AC-GND is common to all the 4 amplifiers and represents the connection point of all the inverting inputs. Both individual inputs and AC-GND are connected to Vs/2 (SVR) by means of 100 kΩ resistors.

To ensure proper operation and high supply voltage rejection, it is of fundamental importance to provide a good impedance matching between INPUTS and AC-GROUND terminations.

This implies that C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5 capacitors have to carry the same nominal value and their tolerance should never exceed ±10 %.

Besides its contribution to the ripple rejection, the SVR capacitor governs the turn ON/OFF time sequence and, consequently, plays an essential role in the pop optimization during ON/OFF transients. To conveniently serve both needs, **its minimum recommended value is 10 μF**.

3.2   Input stage

The TDA7381's inputs are ground-compatible and can stand very high input signals (± 8 Vpk) without any performances degradation. If the standard value for the input capacitors (0.1 μF) is adopted, the low frequency cut-off will amount to 16 Hz.

3.3   Standby and muting

Standby and muting facilities are both CMOS-compatible. If unused, a straight connection to Vs of their respective pins would be admissible.

Conventional low-power transistors can be employed to drive muting and standby pins in absence of true CMOS ports or microprocessors. R-C cells have always to be used in order to smooth down the transitions for preventing any audible transient noises. Since a DC current of about 10 μA normally flows out of pin 22, the maximum allowable muting-series resistance (R_2) is 70 kΩ, which is sufficiently high to permit a muting capacitor reasonably small (about 1μF). If R_2 is higher than recommended, the involved risk will be that the voltage at pin 22 may rise to above the 1.5 V threshold voltage and the device will consequently fail to turn OFF when the mute line is brought down.

About the standby, the time constant to be assigned in order to obtain a virtually pop-free transition has to be slower than 2.5 V/ms.

3.4 Diagnostics facility

The TDA7381 is equipped with a diagnostics circuitry able to detect the following events:

● Clipping in the output stage

● Overheating (thermal shut-down proximity)

● Output misconnections (OUT-GND and OUT-Vs shorts)

Diagnostics information is available across an open collector output located at pin 25 (fig. 8) through a current sinking whenever at least one of the above events is recognized.

Among them, the **Clipping detector** acts in a way to output a signal as soon as one or more power transistors start being saturated.

As a result, the clipping-related signal at pin 25 takes the form of pulses, which are perfectly syncronized with each single clipping event in the music program and reflect the same duration time (*Figure 8*).

Applications making use of this facility usually operate a filtering/integration of the pulses train through passive R-C networks and realize a volume (or tone bass) stepping down in association with microprocessor-driven audioprocessors.

The maximum load that pin 25 can sustain is 1 kΩ. Due to its operating principles, the clipping detector has to be viewed mainly as a power-dependent feature rather than frequency-dependent. This means that clipping state will be immediately signaled out whenever a fixed power level is reached, regardless of the audio frequency.
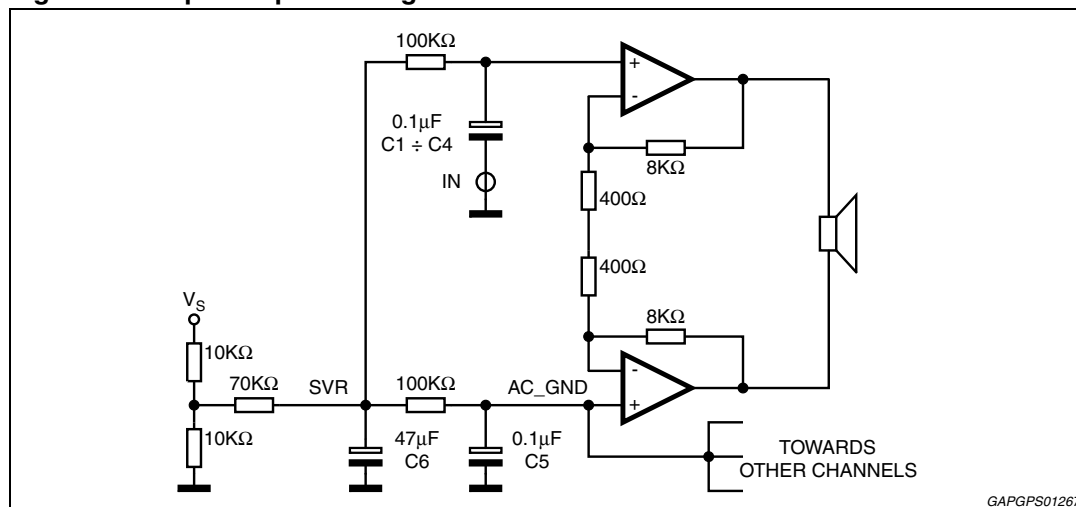
Figure 6.   Input/output biasing.

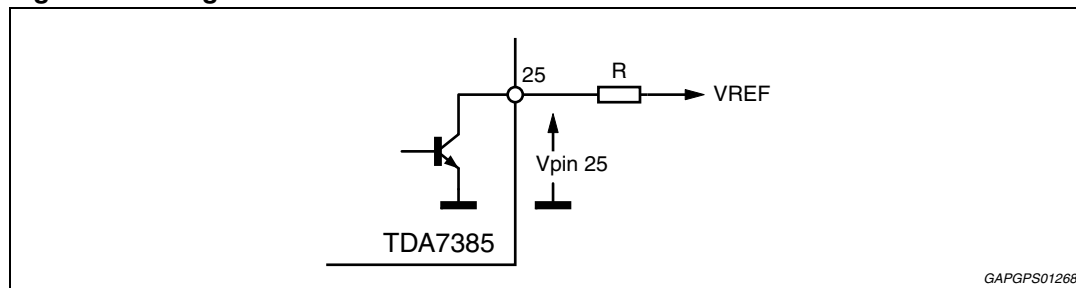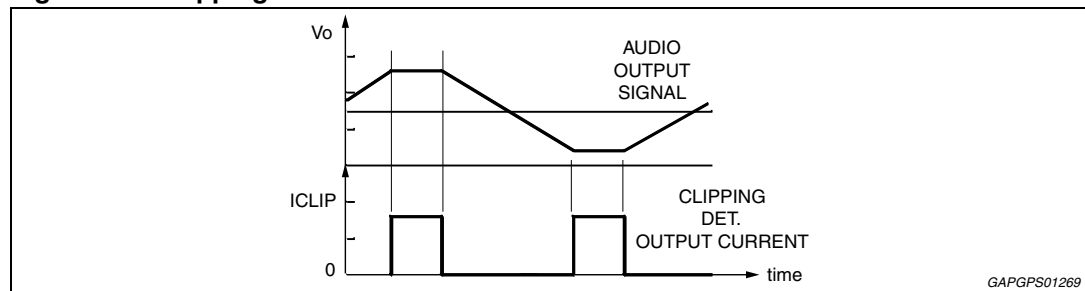
Figure 7.   Diagnostics circuit

Figure 8.   Clipping detection waveforms.

In other words, this feature offers the means to counteract the extremely sound-damaging effects of clipping, caused by a sudden increase of odd order harmonics and appearance of serious intermodulation phenomena. Another possible kind of distortion control could be the setting of a maximum allowable THD limit (e.g. 0.5%) over the entire audio frequency range. Besides offering no practical advantages, this procedure cannot be much accurate, as the non-clipping distortion is likely to vary over frequency.

In case of **overheating**, pin 25 will signal out the junction temperature proximity to the thermal shut-down threshold. This will typically start about 2°C before the thermal shut-down threshold is reached.

As various kind of diagnostics information is available at pin 25 (clipping, shorts and overheating), it may be necessary to operate some distinctions on order to treat each event separately.

This could be achieved by taking into account the intrinsically different timing of the diagnostics output under each circumstance. In fact, clipping will produce pulses normally much shorter than those present under faulty conditions.

An example of circuit able to distinguish between the two occurrences is shown by *Figure 10*.

Figure 9.   Diagnostics waveforms
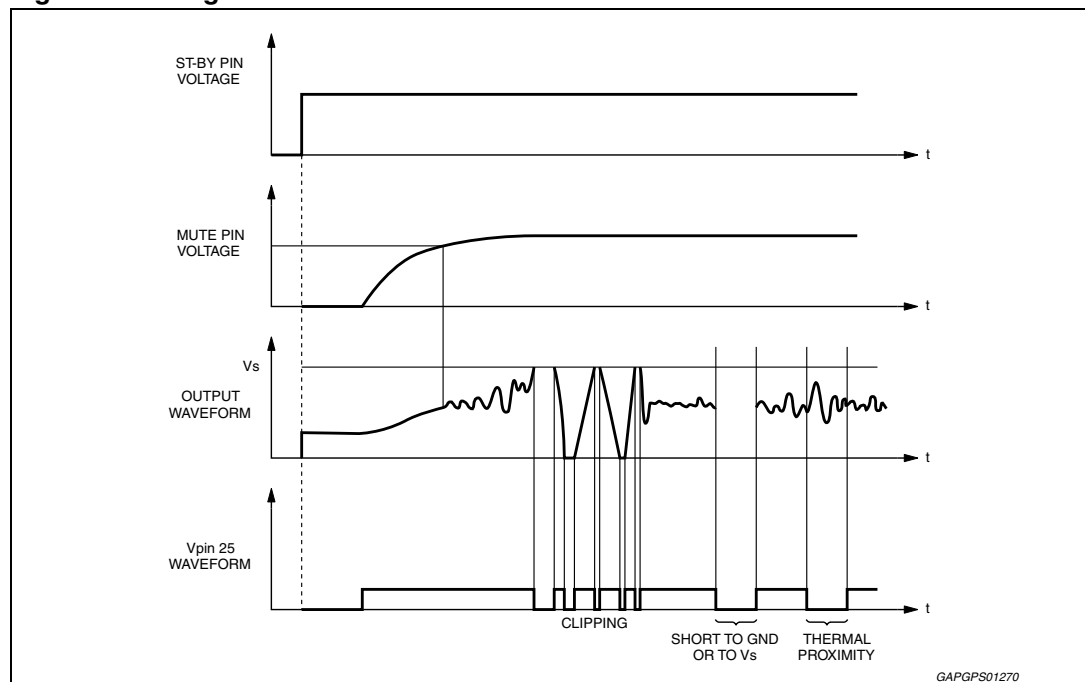
3.5 Stability and layout considerations

If properly layouted and hooked to standard carradio speakers, the TDA7381 will be intrinsically stable with no need of external compensations such as output R-C cells. Due to the high number of channels involved, this translates into a very remarkable components saving if compared to similar devices on the market.

To simplify pc-board layout designs, each amplifier stage has its own power ground externally accessible (pins 2,8,18,24) and one supply voltage pin for each couple of them.

Even more important, this makes it possible to achieve the highest possible degree of separation among the channels, with remarkable benefits in terms of cross-talk and distortion features.

About the layout grounding, it is particularly important to connect the AC-GND capacitor (C_5) to the signal GND, as close as possible to the audio inputs ground: this will guarantee high rejection of any common mode spurious signals.

The SVR capacitor (C_6) has also to be connected to the signal GND. Supply filtering elements (C_7, C_8) have naturally to be connected to the power-ground and located as close as possible to the Vs pins.

Pin 1, which is mechanically attached to the device's tab, needs to be tied to the cleanest power ground point in the pc-board, which is generally near the supply filtering capacitors.

Figure 10. An example of circuit able to distinguish between the two occurrences
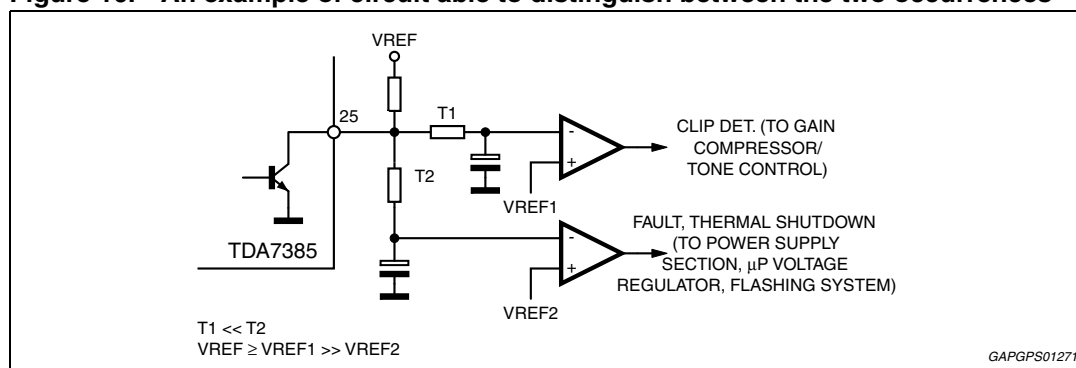
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**Figure 11. Flexiwatt25 mechanical data and package dimensions**

DIM.	mm			inch		
	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.
A	4.45	4.50	4.65	0.175	0.177	0.183
B	1.80	1.90	2.00	0.070	0.074	0.079
C		1.40			0.055	
D	0.75	0.90	1.05	0.029	0.035	0.041
E	0.37	0.39	0.42	0.014	0.015	0.016
F (1)		0.57				0.022
G	0.80	1.00	1.20	0.031	0.040	0.047
G1	23.75	24.00	24.25	0.935	0.945	0.955
H (2)	28.90	29.23	29.30	1.139	1.150	1.153
H1		17.00			0.669	
H2		12.80			0.503	
H3		0.80			0.031	
L (2)	22.07	22.47	22.87	0.869	0.884	0.904
L1	18.57	18.97	19.37	0.731	0.747	0.762
L2 (2)	15.50	15.70	15.90	0.610	0.618	0.626
L3	7.70	7.85	7.95	0.303	0.309	0.313
L4		5			0.197	
L5		3.5			0.138	
M	3.70	4.00	4.30	0.145	0.157	0.169
M1	3.60	4.00	4.40	0.142	0.157	0.173
N		2.20			0.086	
O		2			0.079	
R		1.70			0.067	
R1		0.5			0.02	
R2		0.3			0.12	
R3		1.25			0.049	
R4		0.50			0.019	
V		5° (Typ.)				
V1		3° (Typ.)				
V2		20° (Typ.)				
V3		45° (Typ.)				

(1): dam-bar protusion not included
(2): molding protusion included

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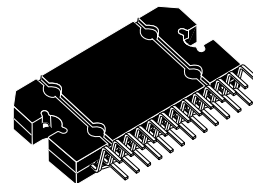
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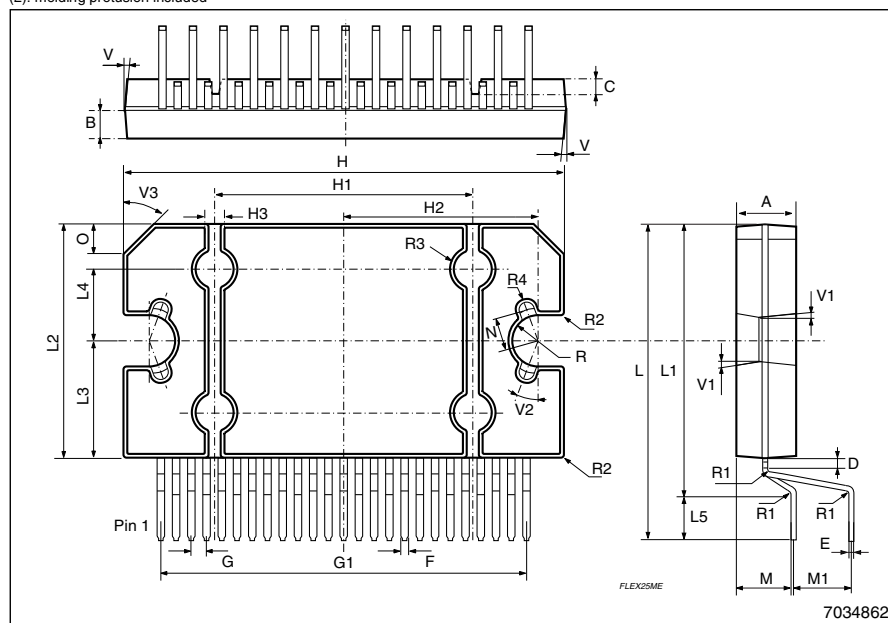
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5 Revision history

Table 5. **Document revision history**

Date	Revision	Changes
12-Oct-1999	5	Initial release.
27-Jun-2008	6	Document reformatted. Document promoted from preliminary data to datasheet. Added *Table 1: Device summary*. Added ECOPACK description in *Section 4: Package information*.
26-Jul-2012	7	Updated *Figure 9: Diagnostics waveforms on page 11*.
16-Sep-2013	8	Updated Disclaimer.

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