# 900 MHz Low Voltage LVPECL Clock Synthesizer

The MPC9239 is a 3.3V compatible, PLL based clock synthesizer targeted for high performance clock generation in mid-range to high-performance telecom, networking and computing applications. With output frequencies from 3.125 MHz to 900 MHz and the support of differential LVPECL output signals the device meets the needs of the most demanding clock applications.

#### **Features**

- 3.125 MHz to 900 MHz synthesized clock output signal
- Differential LVPECL output
- LVCMOS compatible control inputs
- On-chip crystal oscillator for reference frequency generation
- Alternative LVCMOS compatible reference input
- 3.3V power supply
- Fully integrated PLL
- Minimal frequency overshoot
- Serial 3-wire programming interface
- · Parallel programming interface for power-up
- 28 PLCC and 32 LQFP packaging
- SiGe Technology
- Ambient temperature range 0°C to + 70°C
- Pin and function compatible to the MC12439

#### **Functional Description**

The internal crystal oscillator uses the external quartz crystal as the basis of its frequency reference. The frequency of the internal crystal oscillator or external reference clock signal is multiplied by the PLL. The VCO within the PLL operates over a range of 800 to 1800 MHz. Its output is scaled by a divider that is configured by either the serial or parallel interfaces. The crystal oscillator frequency fxtal, the PLL feedback-divider M and the PLL post-divider N determine the output frequency.

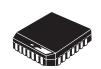
The feedback path of the PLL is internal. The PLL adjusts the VCO output frequency to be M times the reference frequency by adjusting the VCO control voltage. Note that for some values of M (either too high or too low) the PLL will not achieve phase lock. The PLL will be stable if the VCO frequency is within the specified VCO frequency range (800 to 1800 MHz). The M-value must be programmed by the serial or parallel interface.

The PLL post-divider N is configured through either the serial or the parallel interfaces, and can provide one of four division ratios (1, 2, 4, or 8). This divider extends performance of the part while providing a 50% duty cycle. The output driver is driven differentially from the output divider, and is capable of driving a pair of transmission lines terminated  $50\Omega$  to  $V_{CC}-2.0V$ . The positive supply voltage for the internal PLL is separated from the power supply for the core logic and output drivers to minimize noise induced jitter.

The configuration logic has two sections: serial and parallel. The parallel interface <u>uses the</u> values at the M[6:0] and N[1:0] inputs to configure the internal counters. It <u>is recommended</u> on system reset to hold the P\_LOAD input LOW until power becomes valid. On the LOW-to-HIGH transition of P\_LOAD, the parallel inputs are captured. The parallel interface has priority over the serial interface. Internal pullup resistors are provided on the M[6:0] and N[1:0] inputs prevent the LVCMOS compatible control inputs from floating. The serial interface centers on a twelve bit shift register. The shift register shifts once per rising edge of the S\_CLOCK input. The serial input S\_DATA must meet setup and hold timing as specified in the AC Characteristics section of this document. The configuration latches will capture the value of the shift register on the HIGH-to-LOW edge of the S\_LOAD input. See the programming section for more information. The TEST output reflects various internal node values, and is controlled by the T[2:0] bits in the serial data stream. In order to minimize the PLL jitter, it is recommended to avoid active signal on the TEST output. The PWR\_DOWN pin, when asserted, will synchronously divide the FOUT by 16. The power down sequence is clocked by the PLL reference clock, thereby causing the frequency reduction to happen relatively slowly. Upon de-assertion of the PWR\_DOWN pin, the FOUT input will step back up to its programmed frequency in four discrete increments.

# **MPC9239**

# 900 MHZ LOW VOLTAGE CLOCK SYNTHESIZER



FN SUFFIX 28-LEAD PLCC PACKAGE CASE 776



FA SUFFIX 32 LEAD LQFP PACKAGE CASE 873A





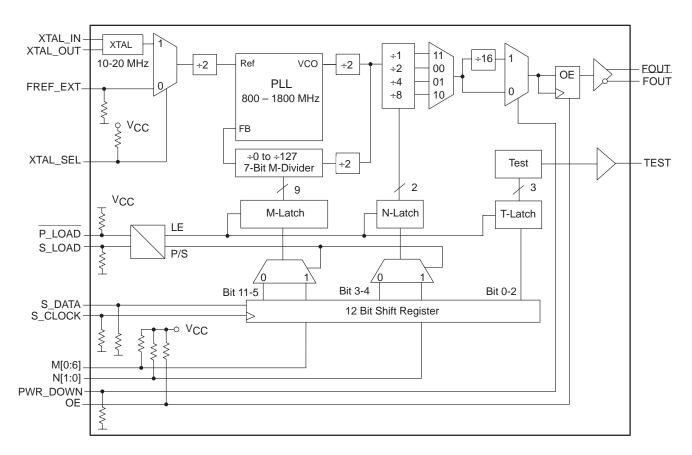


Figure 1. MPC9239 Logic Diagram

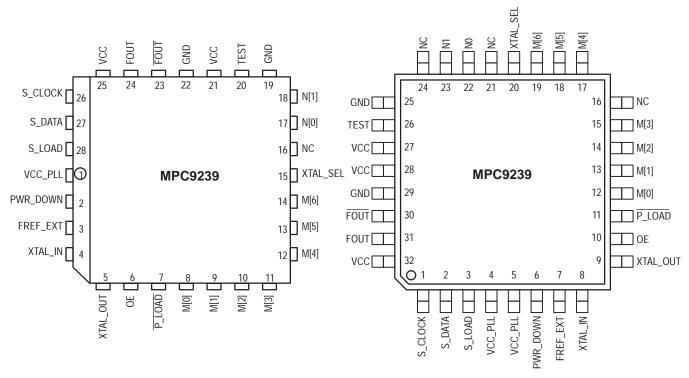


Figure 2. MPC9239 28-Lead PLCC Pinout (Top View)

Figure 3. MPC9239 32-Lead Package Pinout (Top View)

**Table 1. Pin Configuration** 

Pin	I/O	Default	Туре	Function
XTAL_IN, XTAL_OUT			Analog	Crystal oscillator interface
FREF_EXT	Input	0	LVCMOS	Alternative PLL reference input
FOUT, FOUT	Output		LVPECL	Differential clock output
TEST	Output		LVCMOS	Test and device diagnosis output
XTAL_SEL	Input	1	LVCMOS	PLL reference select input
PWR_DOWN	Input	0	LVCMOS	Configuration input for power down mode. Assertion (deassertion) of power down will decrease (increase) the output frequency by a ratio of 16 in 4 discrete steps. PWR_DOWN assertion (deassertion) is synchronous to the input reference clock.
S_LOAD	Input	0	LVCMOS	Serial configuration control input. This inputs controls the loading of the configuration latches with the contents of the shift register. The latches will be transparent when this signal is high, thus the data must be stable on the high-to-low transition.
P_LOAD	Input	1	LVCMOS	Parallel configuration control input. this input controls the loading of the configuration latches with the content of the parallel inputs (M and N). The latches will be transparent when this signal is low, thus the parallel data must be stable on the low-to-high transition of P_LOAD. P_LOAD is state sensitive.
S_DATA	Input	0	LVCMOS	Serial configuration data input.
S_CLOCK	Input	0	LVCMOS	Serial configuration clock input.
M[0:6]	Input	1	LVCMOS	Parallel configuration for PLL feedback divider (M).  M is sampled on the low-to-high transition of P_LOAD.
N[1:0]	Input	1	LVCMOS	Parallel configuration for Post-PLL divider (N).  N is sampled on the low-to-high transition of P_LOAD
OE	Input	1	LVCMOS	Output enable (active high) The output enable is synchronous to the output clock to eliminate the possibility of runt pulses on the FOUT output. OE = L low stops FOUT in the logic low state (FOUT = L, FOUT = H).
GND	Supply		Ground	Negative power supply (GND).
VCC	Supply		VCC	Positive power supply for I/O and core. All V <sub>CC</sub> pins must be connected to the positive power supply for correct operation.
VCC_PLL	Supply		VCC	PLL positive power supply (analog power supply).
NC				Do not connect

Table 2. Output frequency range and PLL Post-divider N

PWR_DOWN	ı	N	VCO Output	FOUT frequency range
	1	0	frequency division	
0	0	0	2	200 - 450 MHz
0	0	1	4	100 - 225 MHz
0	1	0	8	50 - 112.5 MHz
0	1	1	1	400 - 900 MHz
1	0	0	32	12.5 - 28.125 MHz
1	0	1	64	6.25 - 14.0625 MHz
1	1	0	128	3.125 - 7.03125 MHz
1	1	1	16	25 - 56.25 MHz

# **Table 3. FUNCTION TABLE**

Input	0	1
XTAL_SEL	FREF_EXT	XTAL interface
OE	Outputs disabled. FOUT is stopped in the logic low state (FOUT = L, FOUT = H)	Outputs enabled
PWR_DOWN	Output divider ÷ 1	Output divider ÷16

# **Table 4. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Symbol	Characteristics	Min	Тур	Max	Unit	Condition
VTT	Output Termination Voltage		V <sub>CC</sub> - 2		V	
MM	ESD Protection (Machine Model)	200			V	
HBM	ESD Protection (Human Body Model)	2000			V	
LU	Latch-Up Immunity	200			mA	
C <sub>IN</sub>	Input Capacitance		4.0		pF	Inputs
θЈΑ	LQFP 32 Thermal resistance junction to ambient JESD 51-3, single layer test board  JESD 51-6, 2S2P multilayer test board		83.1 73.3 68.9 63.8 57.4 59.0 54.4 52.5 50.4 47.8	86.0 75.4 70.9 65.3 59.6 60.6 55.7 53.8 51.5 48.8	°C/W °C/W °C/W °C/W °C/W °C/W °C/W °C/W	Natural convection 100 ft/min 200 ft/min 400 ft/min 800 ft/min  Natural convection 100 ft/min 200 ft/min 400 ft/min 800 ft/min
θJC	LQFP 32 Thermal resistance junction to case		23.0	26.3	°C/W	MIL-SPEC 883E Method 1012.1

# Table 5. ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGSa

Symbol	Characteristics	Min	Max	Unit	Condition
Vcc	Supply Voltage	-0.3	4.6	V	
V <sub>IN</sub>	DC Input Voltage	-0.3	V <sub>CC</sub> + 0.3	V	
Vout	DC Output Voltage	-0.3	V <sub>CC</sub> + 0.3	V	
I <sub>IN</sub>	DC Input Current		±20	mA	
lout	DC Output Current		±50	mA	
TS	Storage Temperature	-65	125	°C	

a Absolute maximum continuous ratings are those maximum values beyond which damage to the device may occur. Exposure to these conditions or conditions beyond those indicated may adversely affect device reliability. Functional operation at absolute-maximum-rated conditions is not implied.

**Table 6. DC CHARACTERISTICS** ( $V_{CC} = 3.3V \pm 5\%$ ,  $T_A = 0^{\circ}C$  to +  $70^{\circ}C$ )

Symbol	Characteristics	Min	Тур	Max	Unit	Condition			
LVCMOS	LVCMOS control inputs (FREF_EXT, PWR_DOWN, XTAL_SEL, P_LOAD, S_LOAD, S_DATA, S_CLOCK, M[0:8], N[0:1], OE)								
V <sub>IH</sub>	Input High Voltage	2.0		V <sub>CC</sub> + 0.3	V	LVCMOS			
V <sub>IL</sub>	Input Low Voltage			0.8	V	LVCMOS			
I <sub>IN</sub>	Input Current <sup>a</sup>			±200	μΑ	$V_{IN} = V_{CC}$ or GND			
Differential clock output FOUT <sup>b</sup>									
Vон	Output High Voltage <sup>C</sup>	V <sub>CC</sub> -1.02		V <sub>CC</sub> -0.74	V	LVPECL			
VOL	Output Low Voltage <sup>C</sup>	V <sub>CC</sub> -1.95		V <sub>CC</sub> -1.60	V	LVPECL			
Test and d	liagnosis output TEST								
VOH	Output High Voltage	2.0			V	I <sub>OH</sub> =-0.8 mA			
VOL	Output Low Voltage			0.55	V	I <sub>OL</sub> = 0.8 mA			
Supply current									
ICC_PLL	Maximum PLL Supply Current			20	mA	VCC_PLL Pins			
ICC	Maximum Supply Current		62	110	mA	All V <sub>CC</sub> Pins			

a. Inputs have pull-down resistors affecting the input current.

Table 7. AC CHARACTERISTICS  $(V_{CC} = 3.3V \pm 5\%, T_A = 0^{\circ}C \text{ to } + 70^{\circ}C)^2$ 

Symbol	Characteristics	Min	Тур	Max	Unit	Condition
fXTAL	Crystal interface frequency range	10		20	MHz	
fvco	VCO frequency range <sup>b</sup>	800		1800	MHz	
fMAX	Output Frequency N = 11 (÷1) N = 00 (÷2) N = 01 (÷4) N = 10 (÷8)	400 200 100 50		900 450 225 112.5	MHz MHz MHz MHz	PWR_DOWN = 0
fs_clock	Serial interface programming clock frequency <sup>C</sup>	0		10	MHz	
t <sub>P,MIN</sub>	Minimum pulse width (S_LOAD, P_LOAD)	50			ns	
DC	Output duty cycle	45	50	55	%	
t <sub>r</sub> , t <sub>f</sub>	Output Rise/Fall Time	0.05		0.3	ns	20% to 80%
t <sub>S</sub>	Setup Time S_DATA to S_CLOCK S_CLOCK to <u>S_LOAD</u> M, N to P_LOAD	20 20 20			ns ns ns	
tS	Hold Time S_DATA to S_CLOCK M, N to P_LOAD	20 20			ns ns	
<sup>t</sup> JIT(CC)	Cycle-to-cycle jitter $ \begin{array}{c} N=11\ (\div 1) \\ N=00\ (\div 2) \\ N=01\ (\div 4) \\ N=10\ (\div 8) \end{array} $			60 90 120 160	ps ps ps ps	
tJIT(PER)	Period Jitter N = 11 (÷1) N = 00 (÷2) N = 01 (÷4) N = 10 (÷8)			40 65 90 120	ps ps ps ps	
tLOCK	Maximum PLL Lock Time			10	ms	

a. AC characteristics apply for parallel output termination of  $50\Omega$  to V<sub>TT</sub>.

b. Outputs terminated  $50\Omega$  to  $V_{TT} = V_{CC} - 2V$ .

c. The MPC9239 FOUT output levels are compatible to the MC12439 output levels. The MPC9239 is capable of driving  $25\Omega$  loads.

b. The input frequency  $f_{XTAL}$  and the PLL feedback divider M must match the VCO frequency range:  $f_{VCO} = f_{XTAL} \cdot 2 \cdot M$ .

c. The frequency of S\_CLOCK is limited to 10 MHz in serial programming mode. S\_CLOCK can be switched at higher frequencies when used as test clock in test mode 6. See application section for more details.

Table 8. MPC9239 Frequency Operating Range (in MHz)

		VCO fre	equency f	or an cry	stal interf	ace frequ	ency of	Output frequency for fxTAL=16 MHz and for N =				
М	M[6:0]	10 MHz	12 MHz	14 MHz	16 MHz	18 MHz	20 MHz	1	2	4	8	
20	0010100						800					
21	0010101						840					
22	0010110						880					
23	0010111					828	920					
24	0011000					864	960					
25	0011001				800	900	1000	400	200	100	50	
26	0011010				832	936	1040	416	208	104	52	
27	0011011				864	972	1080	432	216	108	54	
28	0011100			812	896	1008	1120	448	224	112	56	
29	0011101			840	928	1044	1160	464	232	116	58	
30	0011110			875	960	1080	1200	480	240	120	60	
31	0011111			868	992	1116	1240	496	248	124	62	
32	0100000			896	1024	1152	1280	512	256	128	64	
33	0100001			924	1056	1188	1320	528	264	132	66	
34	0100010		816	952	1088	1224	1360	544	272	136	68	
35	0100011		840	980	1120	1260	1400	560	280	140	70	
36	0100100		864	1008	1152	1296	1440	576	288	144	72	
37	0100101		888	1036	1184	1332	1480	592	296	148	74	
38	0100110		912	1064	1216	1368	1520	608	304	152	76	
39	0100111		936	1092	1248	1404	1560	624	312	156	78	
40	0101000	800	960	1120	1280	1440	1600	640	320	160	80	
41	0101001	820	984	1148	1312	1476	1640	656	328	164	82	
42	0101010	840	1008	1176	1344	1512	1680	672	336	168	84	
43	0101011	860	1032	1204	1376	1548	1720	688	344	172	86	
44	0101100	880	1056	1232	1408	1584	1760	704	352	176	88	
45	0101101	900	1080	1260	1440	1620	1800	720	360	180	90	
46	0101110	920	1104	1288	1472	1656		736	368	184	92	
47	0101111	940	1128	1316	1504	1692		752	376	188	94	
48	0110000	960	1152	1344	1536	1728		768	384	192	96	
49	0110001	980	1176	1372	1568	1764		784	392	196	98	
50	0110010	1000	1200	1400	1600	1800		800	400	200	100	
51	0110011	1020	1224	1428	1632			816	408	204	102	
52	0110100	1040	1248	1456	1664			832	416	208	104	
53	0110101	1060	1272	1484	1696			848	424	212	106	
54	0110110	1080	1296	1512	1728			864	432	216	108	
55	0110111	1100	1320	1540	1760			880	440	220	110	
56	0111000	1120	1344	1568	1792			896	448	224	112	
57	0111001	1140	1368	1596	-	1			-			
58	0111010	1160	1392	1624								
59	0111011	1180	1416	1652								
60	0111100	1200	1440	1680								
61	0111101	1220	1488	1736		1						
62	0111110	1260	1512	1764		1						
63	0111111	1260	1512	1764		1						
64	1000000	1280	1536	1792								
	111000											

# **Programming the MPC9239**

Programming the MPC9239 amounts to properly configuring the internal PLL dividers to produce the desired synthesized frequency at the output. The output frequency can be represented by this formula:

$$f_{OUT} = (f_{XTAL} \div 2) \cdot (M \cdot 4) \div (N \cdot 2) \text{ or}$$
 (1)

$$f_{OUT} = f_{XTAL} \cdot M \div N \tag{2}$$

where  $f_{XTAL}$  is the crystal frequency, M is the PLL feedback-divider and N is the PLL post-divider. The input frequency and the selection of the feedback divider M is limited by the VCO-frequency range.  $f_{XTAL}$  and M must be configured to match the VCO frequency range of 800 to 1800 MHz in order to achieve stable PLL operation:

$$M_{MIN} = f_{VCO,MIN} \div (2 \cdot f_{XTAL})$$
 and (3)

$$M_{MAX} = f_{VCO,MAX} \div (2 \cdot f_{XTAL})$$
 (4)

For instance, the use of a 16 MHz input frequency requires the configuration of the PLL feedback divider between M=25 and M=56. Table 8 shows the usable VCO frequency and M divider range for other example input frequencies.

Assuming that a 16 MHz input frequency is used, equation (2) reduces to:

$$f_{OUT} = 16 \text{ M} \div \text{N} \tag{5}$$

Substituting N for the four available values for N (1, 2, 4, 8) vields:

Table 9. Output Frequency Range for  $f_{XTAL} = 16 \text{ MHz}$ 

	N		N FOUT		F <sub>OUT</sub> range	Fourstep	
1	1 0 Value						
0	0	2	8·M	200-450 MHz	8 MHz		
0	1	4	4·M	100-225 MHz	4 MHz		
1	0	8	2·M	50-112.5 MHz	2 MHz		
1	1	1	16·M	400-900 MHz	16 MHz		

# Example calculation for an 16 MHz input frequency

For example, if an output frequency of 384 MHz was desired, the following steps would be taken to identify the appropriate M and N values. 384 MHz falls within the frequency range set by an N value of 2, so N[1:0]=00. For N = 2, FOUT = 8·M and M = FOUT+8. Therefore, M = 384  $\div$  8 = 48, so M[6:0] = 0110000. Following this procedure a user can generate any whole frequency between 50 MHz and 900 MHz. The size of the programmable frequency steps will be equal to:

$$fSTEP = fXTAL \div N$$
 (6)

# Using the parallel and serial interface

The M and N counters can be loaded either through a parallel or serial interface. The parallel interface is controlled via the P\_LOAD signal such that a LOW to HIGH transition will latch the information present on the M[6:0] and N[1:0] inputs into the M and N counters. When the P LOAD signal is LOW the input latches will be transparent and any changes on the M[6:0] and N[1:0] inputs will affect the FOUT output pair. To use the serial port the S\_CLOCK signal samples the information on the S\_DATA line and loads it into a 12 bit shift register. Note that the P\_LOAD signal must be HIGH for the serial load operation to function. The Test register is loaded with the first three bits, the N register with the next two, and the M register with the final eight bits of the data stream on the S\_DATA input. For each register the most significant bit is loaded first (T2, N1 and M6). A pulse on the S\_LOAD pin after the shift register is fully loaded will transfer the divide values into the counters. The HIGH to LOW transition on the S\_LOAD input will latch the new divide values into the counters. Figure 4 illustrates the timing diagram for both a parallel and a serial load of the MPC9239 synthesizer.

M[6:0] and N[1:0] are normally specified once at power–up through the parallel interface, and then possibly again through the serial interface. This approach allows the application to come up at one frequency and then change or fine–tune the clock as the ability to control the serial interface becomes available.

# Using the test and diagnosis output TEST

The TEST output provides visibility for one of the several internal nodes as determined by the T[2:0] bits in the serial configuration stream. It is not configurable through the parallel interface. Although it is possible to select the node that represents FOUT, the LVCMOS output is not able to toggle fast enough for higher output frequencies and should only be used for test and dignosis.

The T2, T1 and T0 control bits are preset to '000' when P\_LOAD is LOW so that the PECL FOUT outputs are as jitter–free as possible. Any active signal on the TEST output pin will have detrimental affects on the jitter of the PECL output pair. In normal operations, jitter specifications are only guaranteed if the TEST output is static. The serial configuration port can be used to select one of the alternate functions for this pin.

Most of the signals available on the TEST output pin are useful only for performance verification of the MPC9239 itself. However, the PLL bypass mode may be of interest at the board level for functional debug. When T[2:0] is set to 110 the MPC9239 is placed in PLL bypass mode. In this mode the S\_CLOCK input is fed directly into the M and N dividers. The N divider drives the FOUT differential pair and the M counter drives the TEST output pin. In this mode the S\_CLOCK input could be used for low speed board level functional test or debug. Bypassing the PLL and driving FOUT directly gives the user more control on the test clocks sent through the clocktree shows the functional setup of the PLL bypass mode. Because the S CLOCK is a CMOS level the input frequency is limited to 200 MHz. This means the fastest the FOUT pin can be toggled via the S\_CLOCK is 100 MHz as the divide ratio of the Post-PLL divider is 2 (if N = 1). Note that the M counter output on the TEST output will not be a 50% duty cycle.

Table 10. Test and Debug Configuration for TEST

T[2:0]			TEST output		
T2	T1	T0			
0	0	0	12-bit shift register out <sup>a</sup>		
0	0	1	Logic 1		
0	1	0	f <sub>XTAL</sub> ÷ 2		
0	1	1	M-Counter out		
1	0	0	FOUT		
1	0	1	Logic 0		
1	1	0	M-Counter out in PLL-bypass mode		
1	1	1	FOUT ÷ 4		

a. Clocked out at the rate of S\_CLOCK

Table 11. Debug Configuration for PLL bypass<sup>a</sup>

Output	Configuration			
FOUT	S_CLOCK ÷ N			
TEST	M-Counter out <sup>b</sup>			

<sup>.</sup> T[2:0] = 110. AC specifications do not apply in PLL bypass mode

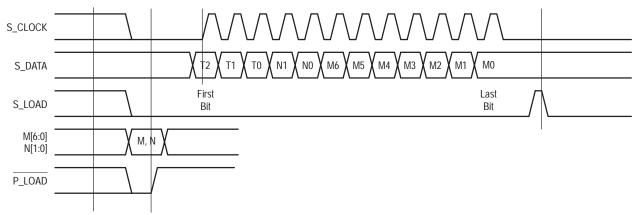


Figure 4. Serial Interface Timing Diagram

# **Power Supply Filtering**

The MPC9239 is a mixed analog/digital product. Its analog circuitry is naturally susceptible to random noise, especially if this noise is seen on the power supply pins. Random noise on the VCC\_PLL pin impacts the device characteristics. The MPC9239 provides separate power supplies for the digital circuitry (VCC) and the internal PLL (VCC\_PLL) of the device. The purpose of this design technique is to try and isolate the high switching noise digital outputs from the relatively sensitive internal analog phase-locked loop. In a controlled environment such as an evaluation board, this level of isolation is sufficient. However, in a digital system environment where it is more difficult to minimize noise on the power supplies a second level of isolation may be required. The simplest form of isolation is a power supply filter on the VCC\_PLL pin for the MPC9239. Figure 5 illustrates a typical power supply filter scheme. The MPC9239 is most susceptible to noise with spectral content in the 1 kHz to 1 MHz range. Therefore, the filter should be designed to target this range. The key parameter that needs to be met in the final filter design is the DC voltage drop that will be seen between the VCC supply and the MPC9239 pin of the MPC9239. From the data sheet, the VCC PLL current (the current sourced through the VCC\_PLL pin) is maximum 20 mA, assuming that a minimum of 2.835 V must be maintained on the VCC\_PLL pin. The resistor shown in Figure 5 must have a resistance of 10-15  $\Omega$ to meet the voltage drop criteria. The RC filter pictured will

provide a broadband filter with approximately 100:1 attenuation for noise whose spectral content is above 20 kHz. As the noise frequency crosses the series resonant point of an individual capacitor its overall impedance begins to look inductive and thus increases with increasing frequency. The parallel capacitor combination shown ensures that a low impedance path to ground exists for frequencies well above the bandwidth of the PLL. Generally, the resistor/capacitor filter will be cheaper, easier to implement and provide an adequate level of supply filtering. A higher level of attenuation can be achieved by replacing the resistor with an appropriate valued inductor. A 1000  $\mu H$  choke will show a significant impedance at 10 kHz frequencies and above. Because of the current draw and the voltage that must be maintained on the VCC\_PLL pin, a low DC resistance inductor is required (less than 15  $\Omega$ ).

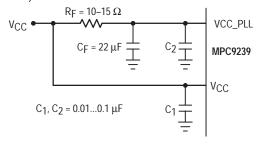


Figure 5. V<sub>CC</sub> PLL Power Supply Filter

b. Clocked out at the rate of S\_CLOCK ÷ (2·N)

### **Layout Recommendations**

The MPC9239 provides sub-nanosecond output edge rates and thus a good power supply bypassing scheme is a must. Figure 6 shows a representative board layout for the MPC9239. There exists many different potential board layouts and the one pictured is but one. The important aspect of the layout in Figure 6 is the low impedance connections between VCC and GND for the bypass capacitors. Combining good quality general purpose chip capacitors with good PCB layout techniques will produce effective capacitor resonances at frequencies adequate to supply the instantaneous switching current for the MPC9239 outputs. It is imperative that low inductance chip capacitors are used; it is equally important that the board layout does not introduce back all of the inductance saved by using the leadless capacitors. Thin interconnect traces between the capacitor and the power plane should be avoided and multiple large vias should be used to tie the capacitors to the buried power planes. Fat interconnect and large vias will help to minimize layout induced inductance and thus maximize the series resonant point of the bypass capacitors. Note the dotted lines circling the crystal oscillator connection to the device. The oscillator is a series resonant circuit and the voltage amplitude across the crystal is relatively small. It is imperative that no actively switching signals cross under the crystal as crosstalk energy coupled to these lines could significantly impact the jitter of the device. Special attention should be paid to the layout of the crystal to ensure a stable, jitter free interface between the crystal and the on-board oscillator. Although the MPC9239 has several design features to minimize the susceptibility to power supply noise (isolated power and grounds and fully differential PLL), there still may be applications in which overall performance is being degraded due to system power supply noise. The power supply filter and bypass schemes discussed in this section should be adequate to eliminate power supply noise related problems in most designs.

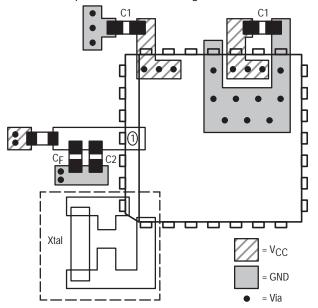


Figure 6. PCB Board Layout Recommendation for the PLCC28 Package

# Using the On-Board Crystal Oscillator

The MPC9239 features a fully integrated on-board crystal oscillator to minimize system implementation costs. The oscillator is a series resonant, multivibrator type design as opposed to the more common parallel resonant oscillator design. The series resonant design provides better stability and eliminates the need for large on chip capacitors. The oscillator is totally self contained so that the only external component required is the crystal. As the oscillator is somewhat sensitive to loading on its inputs the user is advised to mount the crystal as close to the MPC9239 as possible to avoid any board level parasitics. To facilitate co-location surface mount crystals are recommended, but not required. Because the series resonant design is affected by capacitive loading on the xtal terminals loading variation introduced by crystals from different vendors could be a potential issue. For crystals with a higher shunt capacitance it may be required to place a resistance across the terminals to suppress the third harmonic. Although typically not required it is a good idea to layout the PCB with the provision of adding this external resistor. The resistor value will typically be between 500 and 1ΚΩ.

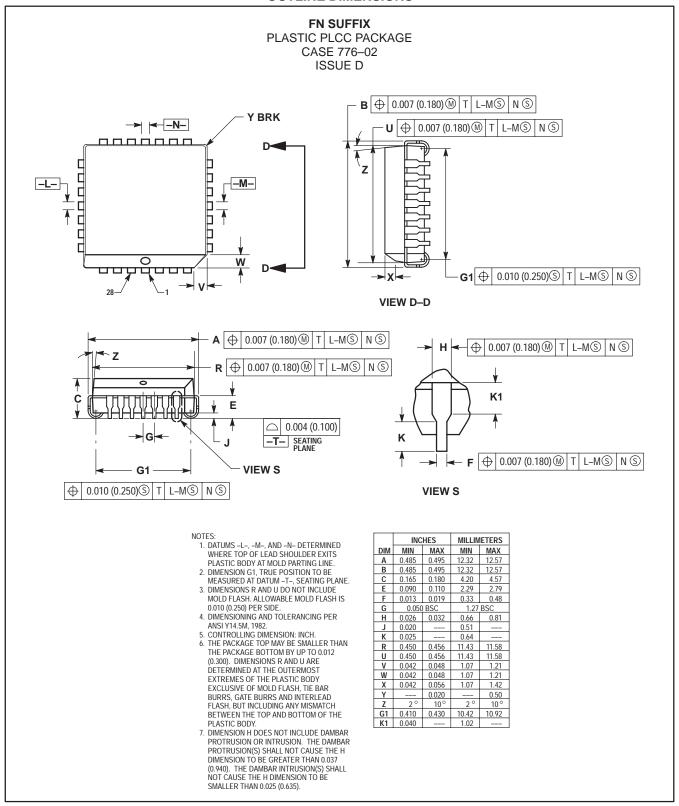
The oscillator circuit is a series resonant circuit and thus for optimum performance a series resonant crystal should be used. Unfortunately most crystals are characterized in a parallel resonant mode. Fortunately there is no physical difference between a series resonant and a parallel resonant crystal. The difference is purely in the way the devices are characterized. As a result a parallel resonant crystal can be used with the MPC9239 with only a minor error in the desired frequency. A parallel resonant mode crystal used in a series resonant circuit will exhibit a frequency of oscillation a few hundred ppm lower than specified, a few hundred ppm translates to kHz inaccuracies. In a general computer application this level of inaccuracy is immaterial. Table 12 below specifies the performance requirements of the crystals to be used with the MPC9239.

**Table 12. Recommended Crystal Specifications** 

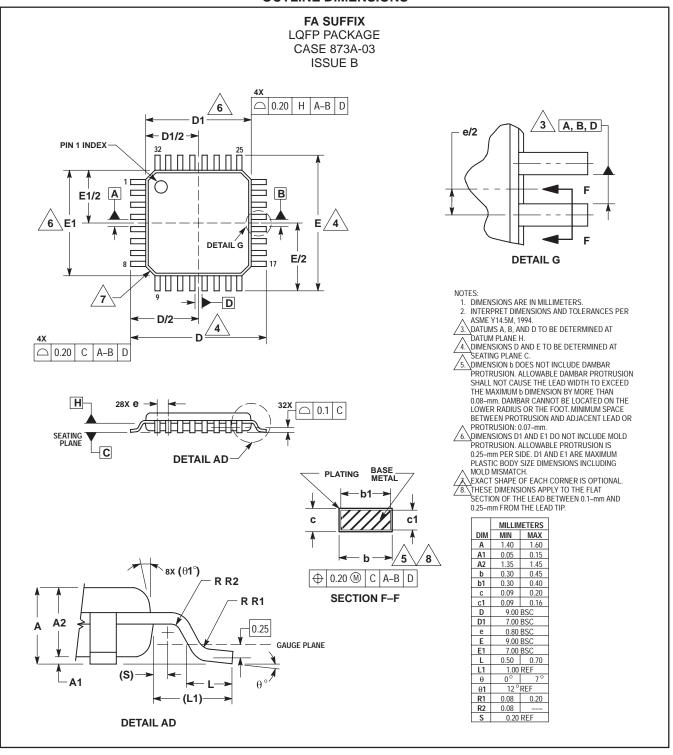
Parameter	Value
Crystal Cut	Fundamental AT Cut
Resonance	Series Resonance*
Frequency Tolerance	±75ppm at 25°C
Frequency/Temperature Stability	±150pm 0 to 70°C
Operating Range	0 to 70°C
Shunt Capacitance	5–7pF
Equivalent Series Resistance (ESR)	50 to 80Ω
Correlation Drive Level	100μW
Aging	5ppm/Yr (First 3 Years)

<sup>\*</sup> See accompanying text for series versus parallel resonant discussion.

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