



LM95241 **Dual Remote Diode Temperature Sensor with SMBus** Interface and TruTherm[™] Technology (65nm/90nm) Remote temperature readings without digital filtering: **General Description**

The LM95241 is a precision dual remote diode temperature sensor (RDTS) that uses National's TruTherm technology. The 2-wire serial interface of the LM95241 is compatible with SMBus 2.0. The LM95241 can sense three temperature zones, it can measure the temperature of its own die as well as two diode connected transistors. The LM95241 includes digital filtering and an advanced input stage that includes analog filtering and TruTherm technology that reduces processor-to-processor non-ideality spread. The diode connected transistors can be a "thermal diode" as found in Intel and AMD processors or can simply be a diode connected MMBT3904 transistor. TruTherm technology allows accurate measurement of "thermal diodes" found on small geometry processes such as 90nm and 65nm. The LM95241 supports user selectable thermal diode non-ideality of either Intel processor on 90nm or 65nm process or 2N3904.

The LM95241 resolution format for remote temperature readings can be programmed to be 11-bits signed or unsigned with the digital filtering disabled. When the filtering is enabled the resolution increases to 13-bits signed or unsigned. In the unsigned mode the LM95241 remote diode readings can resolve temperatures above 127°C. Local temperature readings have a resolution of 9-bits plus sign.

Features

- Accurately senses die temperature of remote ICs or diode junctions
- Uses TruTherm technology for precision "thermal diode" temperature measurement
- Thermal diode input stage with analog filtering
- Thermal diode digital filtering
- Intel processor on 65nm or 90nm process or 2N3904 non-ideality selection
- Remote diode fault detection
- On-board local temperature sensing

— 0.125 °C LSb

- 10-bits plus sign or 11-bits programmable resolution
- 11-bits resolves temperatures above 127 °C
- Remote temperature readings with digital filtering:
 - 0.03125 °C LSb with filtering
 - 12-bits plus sign or 13-bits programmable resolution
 - 13-bits resolves temperatures above 127 °C
- Local temperature readings:
 - 0.25 °C
 - 9-bits plus sign
- Status register support
- Programmable conversion rate allows user optimization of power consumption
- Shutdown mode one-shot conversion control
- SMBus 2.0 compatible interface, supports TIMEOUT
- 8-pin MSOP package

Key Specifications

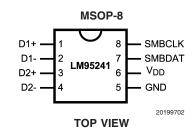
Remote Diode Temper	ature Accuracy	
T _A =20°C to 40°C, T _D	=45°C to 85°C	±1.25 °C (max)
T _A =0°C to 85°C, T _D =	25°C to 140°C	±2.5 °C (max)
Local Temperature Acc	curacy	
Т	_A =0°C to 85°C	±3.0 °C (max)
Supply Voltage		3.0 V to 3.6 V

- Supply Voltage
- Average Supply Current 471 µA (typ)

Applications

- Processor/Computer System Thermal Management (e.g. Laptop, Desktop, Workstations, Server)
- Electronic Test Equipment
- Office Electronics

Connection Diagram



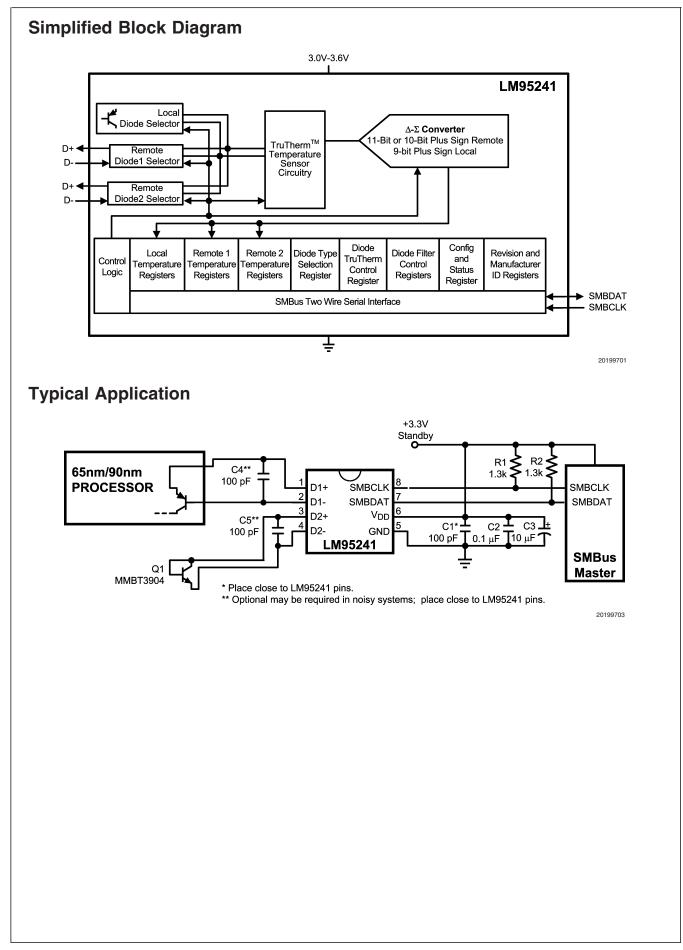
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Ordering Information

Part Number	Package	NS Package	Transport	SMBus Device
Part Number	Marking	Number	Media	Address
LM95241CIMM	T28C	MUA08A (MSOP-8)	1000 Units on Tape	010 1011
			and Reel	
LM95241CIMMX	T28C	MUA08A (MSOP-8)	3500 Units on Tape	010 1011
			and Reel	
LM95241CIMM-1	T29C	MUA08A (MSOP-8)	1000 Units on Tape	001 1001
			and Reel	
LM95241CIMMX-1	T29C	MUA08A (MSOP-8)	3500 Units on Tape	001 1001
			and Reel	
LM95241CIMM-2	T30C	MUA08A (MSOP-8)	1000 Units on Tape	010 1010
			and Reel	
LM95241CIMMX-2	T30C	MUA08A (MSOP-8)	3500 Units on Tape	010 1010
			and Reel	

Pin Descriptions

Label	Pin #	Function	Typical Connection
D1+	1	Diode Current Source	To Diode Anode. Connected to remote discrete
			diode-connected transistor junction or to the
			diode-connected transistor junction on a remote IC
			whose die temperature is being sensed. A capacito
			is not required between D1+ and D1 A 100 pF
			capacitor between D1+ and D1- can be added and
			may improve performance in noisy systems.
D1–	2	Diode Return Current Sink	To Diode Cathode. A capacitor is not required
			between D1+ and D1 A 100 pF capacitor betwee
			D1+ and D1- can be added and may improve
			performance in noisy systems.
D2+	3	Diode Current Source	To Diode Anode. Connected to remote discrete
			diode-connected transistor junction or to the
			diode-connected transistor junction on a remote IC
			whose die temperature is being sensed. A capacito
			is not required between D2+ and D2 A 100 pF
			capacitor between D2+ and D2- can be added and
			may improve performance in noisy systems.
D2-	4	Diode Return Current Sink	To Diode Cathode. A capacitor is not required
			between D2+ and D2 A 100 pF capacitor betwee
			D2+ and D2- can be added and may improve
			performance in noisy systems.
GND	5	Power Supply Ground	System low noise ground
V _{DD}	6	Positive Supply Voltage	DC Voltage from 3.0 V to 3.6 V. V _{DD} should be
		Input	bypassed with a 0.1 μ F capacitor in parallel with
			100 pF. The 100 pF capacitor should be placed as
			close as possible to the power supply pin. Noise
			should be kept below 200 mVp-p, a 10 µF capacito
			may be required to achieve this.
SMBDAT	7	SMBus Bi-Directional Data	From and to Controller; may require an external
		Line, Open-Drain Output	pull-up resistor
SMBCLK	8	SMBus Clock Input	From Controller; may require an external pull-up
			resistor



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Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)

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Supply Voltage Voltage at SMBDAT, SMBCLK Voltage at Other Pins	-0.3 V to 6.0 V -0.5V to 6.0V -0.3 V to (V _{DD} + 0.3 V)	Soldering process must comply wit temperature profile specifications. I http://www.national.com/packaging/	Refer to
Input Current at All Pins (Note 2)	±5 mA	Onerating Datings	
Package Input Current (Note 2)	30 mA	Operating Ratings	
SMBDAT Output Sink Current	10 mA	(Notes 1, 3)	
Junction Temperature (Note 3)	+125°C	Operating Temperature Range	0°C to +125°C
Storage Temperature	–65°C to +150°C	Electrical Characteristics	
ESD Susceptibility (Note 4)		Temperature Range	T _{MIN} ≤T _A ≤T _{MAX}
Human Body Model	2000 V	LM95241CIMM	0°C≤T _A ≤+85°C
Machine Model	200 V	Supply Voltage Range (V _{DD})	+3.0V to +3.6V

Charged Device Model Model

1000 V

Temperature-to-Digital Converter Characteristics

Unless otherwise noted, these specifications apply for V_{DD} =+3.0Vdc to 3.6Vdc. **Boldface limits apply for T_A = T_J =** T_{MIN}≤T_A≤T_{MAX}; all other limits T_A= T_J=+25°C, unless otherwise noted. T_J is the junction temperature of the LM95241. T_D is the junction temperature of the remote thermal diode.

Parameter	Conditions		Typical (Note 6)	Limits (Note 7)	Units (Limit)
Accuracy Using Local Diode	$T_A = 0^{\circ}C$ to +85°C, (Note 8)		±1	±3	°C (max)
Accuracy Using Remote Diode, see (Note 9) for Thermal Diode Processor Type.	$T_A = +20^{\circ}C$ to $T_D = +45^{\circ}C$ $+40^{\circ}C$ to $+85^{\circ}C$			±1.25	°C (max)
	T _A = +0°C to +85°C	T _D = +25°C to +140°C		±2.5	°C (max)
Remote Diode Measurement Resolution with			10+sign/11		Bits
filtering turned off			0.125		°C
Remote Diode Measurement Resolution with digital			12+sign/13		Bits
filtering turned on			0.03125		°C
Local Diode Measurement Resolution			9+sign		Bits
			0.25		°C
Conversion Time of All Temperatures at the Fastest Setting (Note 11)	TruTherm Mode Disabled for All Remote Channels TruTherm Mode Enabled for All Remote Channels		76.5	86.1	ms (max)
			79.1	88.9	ms (max)
Average Quiescent Current (Note 10)	SMBus Inactive, 1 Hz conversion rate		471	640	µA (max)
	Shutdown		356		μA
D- Source Voltage			0.4		V
Diode Source Current Ratio			16		
Diode Source Current	$(V_{D+} - V_{D-}) = + 0.0$	65V; high-level	172	230	µA (max)
				100	μA (min)
	Low-level		11		μA
Power-On Reset Threshold	Measure on V_{DD}	input, falling		2.7	V (max)
	edge			1.6	V (min)

Logic Electrical Characteristics Digital DC Characteristics

Unless otherwise noted, these specifications apply for V_{DD} =+3.0 to 3.6 Vdc. Boldface limits apply for $T_A = T_J = T_{MIN}$ to T_{MAX} ; all other limits $T_A = T_J$ =+25°C, unless otherwise noted.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Typical	Limits	Units
			(Note 6)	(Note 7)	(Limit)
SMBDAT, S	SMBCLK INPUTS			•	
V _{IN(1)}	Logical "1" Input Voltage			2.1	V (min)
V _{IN(0)}	Logical "0"Input Voltage			0.8	V (max)
V _{IN(HYST)}	SMBDAT and SMBCLK Digital Input		400		mV
	Hysteresis				
I _{IN(1)}	Logical "1" Input Current	$V_{IN} = V_{DD}$	0.005	±10	μA (max)
I _{IN(0)}	Logical "0" Input Current	$V_{IN} = 0 V$	-0.005	±10	μA (max)
C _{IN}	Input Capacitance		5		pF
SMBDAT C	UTPUT		•		
I _{он}	High Level Output Current	$V_{OH} = V_{DD}$		10	μA (max)
V _{OL}	SMBus Low Level Output Voltage	I _{OL} = 4mA		0.4	V (max)
		I _{OL} = 6mA		0.6	

SMBus Digital Switching Characteristics

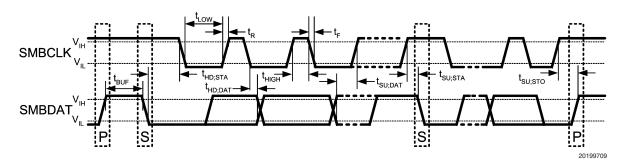
Unless otherwise noted, these specifications apply for V_{DD} =+3.0 Vdc to +3.6 Vdc, C_L (load capacitance) on output lines = 80 pF. **Boldface limits apply for T_A = T_J = T_{MIN} to T_{MAX}**; all other limits $T_A = T_J = +25$ °C, unless otherwise noted. The switching characteristics of the LM95241 fully meet or exceed the published specifications of the SMBus version 2.0. The following parameters are the timing relationships between SMBCLK and SMBDAT signals related to the LM95241. They adhere to but are not necessarily the SMBus bus specifications.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Typical	Limits	Units
			(Note 6)	(Note 7)	(Limit)
f _{SMB}	SMBus Clock Frequency			100	kHz (max)
				10	kHz (min)
t _{LOW}	SMBus Clock Low Time	from $V_{IN(0)}$ max to $V_{IN(0)}$ max		4.7	µs (min)
				25	ms (max)
t _{HIGH}	SMBus Clock High Time	from $V_{IN(1)}$ min to $V_{IN(1)}$ min		4.0	µs (min)
t _{R,SMB}	SMBus Rise Time	(Note 12)	1		µs (max)
t _{F,SMB}	SMBus Fall Time	(Note 13)	0.3		µs (max)
t _{OF}	Output Fall Time	C _L = 400pF,		250	ns (max)
		I _O = 3mA, (Note 13)			
t _{TIMEOUT}	SMBDAT and SMBCLK Time Low for Reset of			25	ms (min)
	Serial Interface (Note 14)			35	ms (max)
t _{su;dat}	Data In Setup Time to SMBCLK High			250	ns (min)
t _{hd;dat}	Data Out Stable after SMBCLK Low			300	ns (min)
				1075	ns (max)
t _{HD;STA}	Start Condition SMBDAT Low to SMBCLK			100	ns (min)
	Low (Start condition hold before the first clock				
	falling edge)				
t _{su;sто}	Stop Condition SMBCLK High to SMBDAT			100	ns (min)
	Low (Stop Condition Setup)				
t _{SU;STA}	SMBus Repeated Start-Condition Setup Time,			0.6	µs (min)
	SMBCLK High to SMBDAT Low				
t _{BUF}	SMBus Free Time Between Stop and Start			1.3	µs (min)
	Conditions				

Logic Electrical Characteristics (Continued)

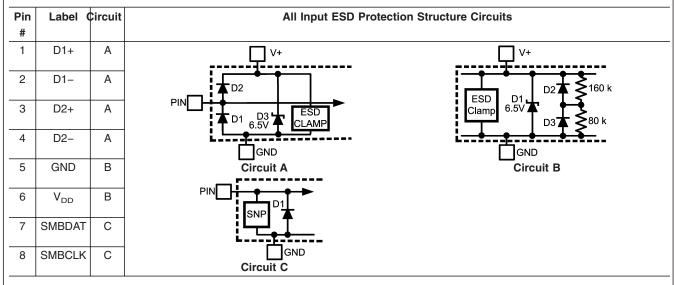


SMBus Communication



Note 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is guaranteed to be functional, but do not guarantee specific performance limits. For guaranteed specifications and test conditions, see the Electrical Characteristics. The guaranteed specifications apply only for the test conditions listed. Some performance characteristics may degrade when the device is not operated under the listed test conditions. Operation of the device beyond the maximum Operating Ratings is not recommended.

Note 2: When the input voltage (V₁) at any pin exceeds the power supplies (V₁ < GND or V₁ > V_{DD}), the current at that pin should be limited to 5 mA. Parasitic components and or ESD protection circuitry are shown in the figures below for the LM95241's pins. Care should be taken not to forward bias the parasitic diode, D1, present on pins: D1+, D2+, D1-, D2-. Doing so by more than 50 mV may corrupt the temperature measurements.



Note 3: Thermal resistance junction-to-ambient when attached to a printed circuit board with 1oz. foil and no air flow:

- MSOP-8 = 210°C/W

Note 4: Human body model (HBM), 100pF discharged through a 1.5kΩ resistor. Machine model (MM), 200pF discharged directly into each pin. Charged Device Model (CDM) simulates a pin slowly acquiring charge (such as from a device sliding down the feeder in an automated assembler) then rapidly being discharged. Note 5: Reflow temperature profiles are different for packages containing lead (Pb) than for those that do not.

Note 6: Typical figures are at T_A = 25°C and represent most likely parametric norms at the time of product characterization. The typical specifications are not guaranteed.

Note 7: Limits are guaranteed to National's AOQL (Average Outgoing Quality Level).

Note 8: Local temperature accuracy does not include the effects of self-heating. The rise in temperature due to self-heating is the product of the internal power dissipation of the LM95241 and the thermal resistance. See (Note 3) for the thermal resistance to be used in the self-heating calculation.

Note 9: The accuracy of the LM95241CIMM is guaranteed when using a typical thermal diode of an Intel processor on a 65 nm process or an MMBT3904 diode-connected transistor, as selected in the Remote Diode Model Select register. See typical performance curve for performance with Intel processor on a 90nm process.

Note 10: Quiescent current will not increase substantially when the SMBus is active.

Note 11: This specification is provided only to indicate how often temperature data is updated. The LM95241 can be read at any time without regard to conversion state (and will yield last conversion result).

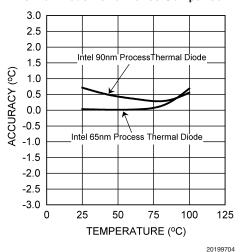
Note 12: The output rise time is measured from (VIN(0)max + 0.15V) to (VIN(1)min - 0.15V).

Note 13: The output fall time is measured from ($V_{IN(1)}$ min - 0.15V) to ($V_{IN(1)}$ min + 0.15V).

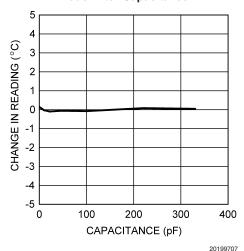
Note 14: Holding the SMBDAT and/or SMBCLK lines Low for a time interval greater than t_{TIMEOUT} will reset the LM95241's SMBus state machine, therefore setting SMBDAT and SMBCLK pins to a high impedance state.

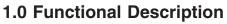
Typical Performance Characteristics

Intel Processor on 65nm Process or 90nm Process Thermal Diode Performance Comparison



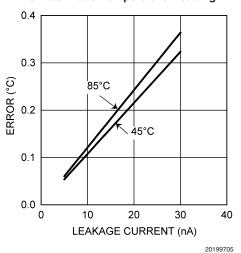
Remote Temperature Reading Sensitivity to Thermal Diode Filter Capacitance



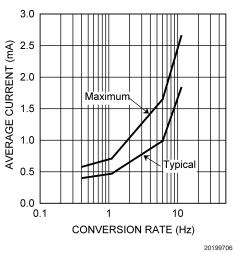


The LM95241 is a digital sensor that can sense the temperature of 3 thermal zones using a sigma-delta analog-to-digital converter. It can measure its local die temperature and the temperature of two external transistor junctions using a ΔV_{be} temperature sensing method. The LM95241 can support two external transistor types, a Intel processor on 65nm or 90mn process thermal diode or a 2N3904 diode connected transistor. The transistor type is register programmable and does not require software intervention after initialization. The LM95241 has an advanced input stage using National Semiconductor's TruTherm technology that reduces the spread in non-ideality found in Intel processors on 65nm or 90nm process. Internal analog filtering has been included in the thermal diode input stage thus minimizing the need for external thermal diode filter capacitors. In addition a digital filter has been added. These noise immunity improvements in the analog input stage along with the digital filtering will allow longer trace tracks or cabling to the thermal diode than previous thermal diode sensor devices.

Thermal Diode Capacitor or PCB Leakage Current Effect Remote Diode Temperature Reading



Conversion Rate Effect on Average Power Supply Current



The 2-wire serial interface, of the LM95241, is compatible with SMBus 2.0 and I2C[®]. Please see the SMBus 2.0 specification for a detailed description of the differences between the I2C bus and SMBus.

The temperature conversion rate is programmable to allow the user to optimize the current consumption of the LM95241 to the system requirements. The LM95241 can be placed in shutdown to minimize power consumption when temperature data is not required. While in shutdown, a 1-shot conversion mode allows system control of the conversion rate for ultimate flexibility.

The remote diode temperature resolution is variable and depends on whether the digital filter is activated. When the digital filter is active the resolution is thirteen bits and is programmable to 13-bits unsigned or 12-bits plus sign, with a least-significant-bit (LSb) weight for both resolutions of 0.03125°C. When the digital filter is inactive the resolution is eleven bits and is programmable to 11-bits unsigned or 10-bits plus sign, with a least-significant-bit (LSb) weight for both resolutions of 0.125°C. The unsigned resolution allows

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the remote diodes to sense temperatures above 127°C. Local temperature resolution is not programmable and is always 9-bits plus sign and has a 0.25°C LSb.

The LM95241 remote diode temperature accuracy is trimmed for the typical thermal diode of a Intel processor on 65nm or 90nm process or a typical 2N3904 transistor and the accuracy is guaranteed only when using either of these diodes when selected appropriately. TruTherm mode should be enabled when measuring a Intel processor on 65nm or 90nm process and disabled when measuring a 3904 transistor.

Diode fault detection circuitry in the LM95241 can detect the presence of a remote diode.

The LM95241 register set has an 8-bit data structure and includes:

- 1. Most-Significant-Byte (MSB) Local Temperature Register
- 2. Least-Significant-Byte (LSB) Local Temperature Register
- 3. MSB Remote Temperature 1 Register
- 4. LSB Remote Temperature 1 Register
- 5. MSB Remote Temperature 2 Register
- 6. LSB Remote Temperature 2 Register
- 7. Status Register: busy, diode fault
- 8. Configuration Register: resolution control, conversion rate control, standby control
- 9. Remote Diode Filter Setting
- 10. Remote Diode Model Select
- 11. Remote Diode TruTherm Mode Control
- 12. 1-shot Register
- 13. Manufacturer ID
- 14. Revision ID

1.1 CONVERSION SEQUENCE

In the power up default state the LM95241 typically takes 77.8 ms to convert the Local Temperature, Remote Temperature 1 and 2, and to update all of its registers. Only during the conversion process is the busy bit (D7) in the Status register (02h) high. These conversions are addressed in a round robin sequence. The conversion rate may be modified by the Conversion Rate bits found in the Configuration Register (03h). When the conversion rate is modified a delay is inserted between conversions, the actual maximum conversion time remains at 88.9 ms. Different conversion rates will cause the LM95241 to draw different amounts of supply current as shown in *Figure 1*.

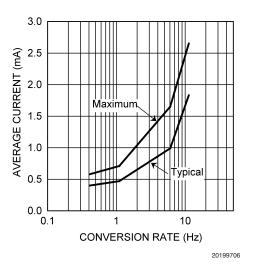


FIGURE 1. Conversion Rate Effect on Power Supply Current

1.2 POWER-ON-DEFAULT STATES

LM95241 always powers up to these known default states. The LM95241 remains in these states until after the first conversion.

- 1. Command Register set to 00h
- Local Temperature set to 0°C until the end of the first conversion
- Remote Diode Temperature set to 0°C until the end of the first conversion
- 4. Remote Diode digital filters are on.
- Remote Diode 1 model is set to Intel processor on 65nm or 90nm process with TruTherm Mode enabled. Remote Diode 2 model is set to 2N3904/MMBT3904 with TruTherm mode disabled.
- 6. Status Register depends on state of thermal diode inputs
- 7. Configuration register set to 00h; continuous conversion

1.3 SMBus INTERFACE

The LM95241 operates as a slave on the SMBus, so the SMBCLK line is an input and the SMBDAT line is bidirectional. The LM95241 never drives the SMBCLK line and it does not support clock stretching. According to SMBus specifications, the LM95241 has a 7-bit slave address. All bits A6 through A0 are internally programmed and cannot be changed by software or hardware. The SMBus slave address is dependent on the LM95241 part number ordered:

Version	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2	A1	A0
LM95241CIMM	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
LM95241CIMM-1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
LM95241CIMM-2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0

1.4 TEMPERATURE DATA FORMAT

Temperature data can only be read from the Local and Remote Temperature registers .

Remote temperature data with the digital filter off is represented by an 11-bit, two's complement word or unsigned binary word with an LSb (Least Significant Bit) equal to

 $0.125\,^\circ\text{C}.$ The data format is a left justified 16-bit word available in two 8-bit registers. Unused bits will always report "0".

11-bit, 2's	complement	(10-bit	plus	sign)
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Temperature	Digital Output			
	Binary	Hex		
+125°C	0111 1101 0000 0000	7D00h		
+25°C	0001 1001 0000 0000	1900h		
+1°C	0000 0001 0000 0000	0100h		
+0.125°C	0000 0000 0010 0000	0020h		
0°C	0000 0000 0000 0000	0000h		
–0.125°C	1111 1111 1110 0000	FFE0h		
−1°C	1111 1111 0000 0000	FF00h		
–25°C	1110 0111 0000 0000	E700h		
–55°C	1100 1001 0000 0000	C900h		

11-bit, unsigned binary

Temperature	Digital Output			
	Binary	Hex		
+255.875°C	1111 1111 1110 0000	FFE0h		
+255°C	1111 1111 0000 0000	FF00h		
+201°C	1100 1001 0000 0000	C900h		
+125°C	0111 1101 0000 0000	7D00h		
+25°C	0001 1001 0000 0000	1900h		
+1°C	0000 0001 0000 0000	0100h		
+0.125°C	0000 0000 0010 0000	0020h		
0°C	0000 0000 0000 0000	0000h		

Remote temperature data with the digital filter on is represented by a 13-bit, two's complement word or unsigned binary word with an LSb (Least Significant Bit) equal to 0.03125°C (1/32°C). The data format is a left justified 16-bit word available in two 8-bit registers. Unused bits will always report "0".

13-bit, 2's complement (12-bit plus sign)

Temperature	Digital Output			
	Binary	Hex		
+125°C	0111 1101 0000 0000	7D00h		
+25°C	0001 1001 0000 0000	1900h		
+1°C	0000 0001 0000 0000	0100h		
+0.03125°C	0000 0000 0000 1000	0008h		
0°C	0000 0000 0000 0000	0000h		
–0.03125°C	1111 1111 1111 0111	FFF7h		
−1°C	1111 1111 0000 0000	FF00h		
–25°C	1110 0111 0000 0000	E700h		
–55°C	1100 1001 0000 0000	C900h		

13-bit, unsigned binary

Temperature	Digital Output	ut
	Binary	Hex
+255.875°C	1111 1111 1110 0000	FFE0h

Temperature	Digital Output					
	Binary	Hex				
+255°C	1111 1111 0000 0000	FF00h				
+201°C	1100 1001 0000 0000	C900h				
+125°C	0111 1101 0000 0000	7D00h				
+25°C	0001 1001 0000 0000	1900h				
+1°C	0000 0001 0000 0000	0100h				
+0.03125°C	0000 0000 0000 1000	0008h				
0°C	0000 0000 0000 0000	0000h				

Local Temperature data is represented by a 10-bit, two's complement word with an LSb (Least Significant Bit) equal to 0.25°C. The data format is a left justified 16-bit word available in two 8-bit registers. Unused bits will always report "0". Local temperature readings greater than +127.875°C are clamped to +127.875°C, they will not roll-over to negative temperature readings.

Temperature	Digital Outpu	ut
	Binary	Hex
+125°C	0111 1101 0000 0000	7D00h
+25°C	0001 1001 0000 0000	1900h
+1°C	0000 0001 0000 0000	0100h
+0.25°C	0000 0000 0100 0000	0040h
0°C	0000 0000 0000 0000	0000h
–0.25°C	1111 1111 1100 0000	FFC0h
−1°C	1111 1111 0000 0000	FF00h
–25°C	1110 0111 0000 0000	E700h
–55°C	1100 1001 0000 0000	C900h

1.5 SMBDAT OPEN-DRAIN OUTPUT

The SMBDAT output is an open-drain output and does not have internal pull-ups. A "high" level will not be observed on this pin until pull-up current is provided by some external source, typically a pull-up resistor. Choice of resistor value depends on many system factors but, in general, the pull-up resistor should be as large as possible without effecting the SMBus desired data rate. This will minimize any internal temperature reading errors due to internal heating of the LM95241. The maximum resistance of the pull-up to provide a 2.1V high level, based on LM95241 specification for High Level Output Current with the supply voltage at 3.0V, is $82k\Omega(5\%)$ or $88.7k\Omega(1\%)$.

1.6 DIODE FAULT DETECTION

The LM95241 is equipped with operational circuitry designed to detect fault conditions concerning the remote diodes. In the event that the D+ pin is detected as shorted to GND, D-, V_{DD} or D+ is floating, the Remote Temperature reading is -128.000 °C if signed format is selected and +255.875 if unsigned format is selected. In addition, the appropriate status register bits RD1M or RD2M (D1 or D0) are set.

1.7 COMMUNICATING WITH THE LM95241

The data registers in the LM95241 are selected by the Command Register. At power-up the Command Register is set to "00", the location for the Read Local Temperature Register. The Command Register latches the last location it was set to. Each data register in the LM95241 falls into one of four types of user accessibility:

1. Read only

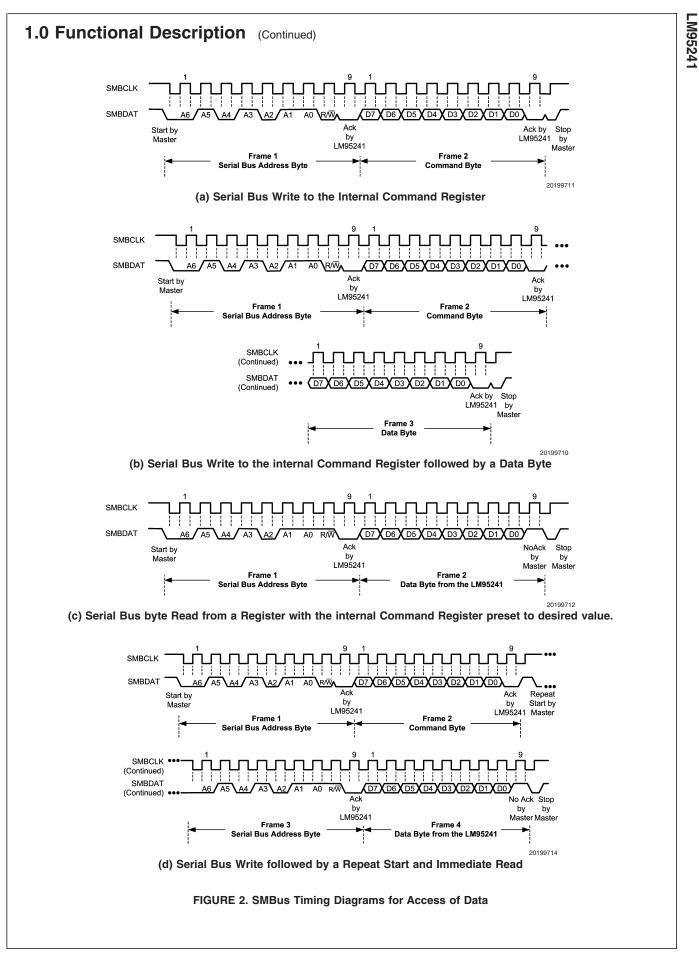
- 2. Write only
- 3. Write/Read same address
- 4. Write/Read different address

A **Write** to the LM95241 will always include the address byte and the command byte. A write to any register requires one data byte.

Reading the LM95241 can take place either of two ways:

- If the location latched in the Command Register is correct (most of the time it is expected that the Command Register will point to one of the Read Temperature Registers because that will be the data most frequently read from the LM95241), then the read can simply consist of an address byte, followed by retrieving the data byte.
- 2. If the Command Register needs to be set, then an address byte, command byte, repeat start, and another address byte will accomplish a read.

The data byte has the most significant bit first. At the end of a read, the LM95241 can accept either acknowledge or No Acknowledge from the Master (No Acknowledge is typically used as a signal for the slave that the Master has read its last byte). When retrieving all 11 bits from a previous remote diode temperature measurement, the master must insure that all 11 bits are from the same temperature conversion. This may be achieved by reading the MSB register first. The LSB will be locked after the MSB is read. The LSB will be unlocked after being read. If the user reads MSBs consecutively, each time the MSB is read, the LSB associated with that temperature will be locked in and override the previous LSB value locked-in.



1.8 SERIAL INTERFACE RESET

In the event that the SMBus Master is RESET while the LM95241 is transmitting on the SMBDAT line, the LM95241 must be returned to a known state in the communication protocol. This may be done in one of two ways:

 When SMBDAT is LOW, the LM95241 SMBus state machine resets to the SMBus idle state if either SMB-DAT or SMBCLK are held low for more than 35ms (t_{TIMEOUT}). Note that according to SMBus specification 2.0 all devices are to timeout when either the SMBCLK or SMBDAT lines are held low for 25-35ms. Therefore, to insure a timeout of all devices on the bus the SMBCLK or SMBDAT lines must be held low for at least 35ms.

2.0 LM95241 Registers

 When SMBDAT is HIGH, have the master initiate an SMBus start. The LM95241 will respond properly to an SMBus start condition at any point during the communication. After the start the LM95241 will expect an SMBus Address address byte.

1.9 ONE-SHOT CONVERSION

The One-Shot register is used to initiate a single conversion and comparison cycle when the device is in standby mode, after which the device returns to standby. This is not a data register and it is the write operation that causes the one-shot conversion. The data written to this address is irrelevant and is not stored. A zero will always be read from this register.

Command register selects which registers will be read from or written to. Data for this register should be transmitted during the Command Byte of the SMBus write communication.

P7	P6	P5	P4	P3	P2	P1	P0

P0-P7: Command

		negister	cammary		1
News	Command	Power-On Default Value	D Inv. it.	# of used	
Name	(Hex)	(Hex)	Read/Write	bits	Comments
Status Register	02h	-	RO	5	4 status bits and 1 busy bit
Configuration Register	03h	00h	R/W	5	Includes conversion rate control
Remote Diode Filter Control	06h	05h	R/W	2	Controls thermal diode filter setting
Remote Diode Model Type Select	30h	01h	R/W	2	Selects the 2N3904 or Intel processor on 65nm or 90nm process thermal diode model
Remote Diode TruTherm Mode Control	07h	01h		6	Enables or disables TruTherm technology for Remote Diode measurements
1-shot	0Fh	-	WO	-	Activates one conversion for all 3 channels if the chip is in standby mode (i.e. $\overline{\text{RUN}}/\text{STOP}$ bit = 1). Data transmitted by the host is ignored by the LM95241.
Local Temperature MSB	10h	-	RO	8	
Remote Temperature 1 MSB	11h	-	RO	8	
Remote Temperature 2 MSB	12h	-	RO	8	
Local Temperature LSB	20h	-	RO	2	All unused bits will report zero
Remote Temperature 1 LSB	21h	-	RO	3/5	All unused bits will report zero
Remote Temperature 2 LSB	22h	-	RO	3/5	All unused bits will report zero
Manufacturer ID	FEh	01h	RO		
Revision ID	FFh	A4h	RO		

Register Summary

2.1 STATUS REGISTER

(Read Only Address 02h):

	(Read Only	Address 02h	ר):						_			
	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0				
	Busy		Reserved		R2TME R1TME RD2M RD1M							
		0	0	0								
Bits	Name)		Descrip	Description							
7	Busy			When se	When set to "1" the part is converting.							
6-4				Reports	"0" when rea	d.						
3	Remo	te 2 TruTher	m Mode	When se	When set to "1" indicates that the TruTherm Mode has been activated							
	Enabl	ed (R2TME)		for Rem	ote diode 2. A	After being ei	nabled TruTh	erm Mode w	ill take at			
				most on	most one conversion cycle to be fully active. This bit will be set even if							
				the diod	the diode is desconnected.							
2	Remo	te 1 TruTher	m Mode	When se	When set to "1" indicates that the TruTherm Mode has been activated							
	Enabl	ed (R1TME)		for Rem	for Remote diode 1. After being enabled TruTherm Mode will take							
				most on	most one conversion cycle to be fully active. This bit will be set even if							
				the diod	the diode is disconnected.							
1	Remo	te Diode 2 N	lissing (RD2N	/I) When se	When set to "1" Remote Diode 2 is missing. (See Section 1.6 for							
				further c	letails.) Temp	erature Read	ling is FFE0	n which conve	erts to			
					°C if unsigne							
					-128.000 °C if signed format is selected. Note, connecting a 3904							
					or to Remote 2	•	TruTherm m	ode active m	ay also			
					cause this bit to be set.							
0	Remo	te Diode 1 N	lissing (RD1N	,	et to "1" Rem		•					
					further details.) Temperature Reading is FFE0h which converts to							
					255.875 °C if unsigned format is selected or 8000h which converts to							
					-128.000 °C if signed format is selected. Note, connecting a 3904							
					or to Remote		TruTherm m	ode active m	ay also			
					cause this bit to be set.							

2.2 CONFIGURATION REGISTER

(Read Address 03h /Write Address 03h):

D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0			
0	RUN/STOP	CR1	CR0	0	R2DF	R1DF	0			
Bits	Name		Descript	Description						
7	Reserved		Reports '	"0" when read.						
6	RUN/STOP		Ű		version and puts ated by writing to		,			
5-4	Conversion F	Rate (CR1:CR0)	disabled (typ), whi remote c 01: conve 10: conve	 00: continuous mode 76.5 ms, 13.1 Hz (typ), when TruTherm Mode is disabled (Diode Equation) for both remote channels; 77.8 ms, 12.9 Hz (typ), when TruTherm Mode is enabled (Transistor Equation) for one remote channel. 01: converts every 182 ms, 5.5 Hz (typ) 10: converts every 1 second, 1 Hz (typ) 11: converts every 2.7 seconds, 0.37 Hz (typ) 						
3	Reserved		Reports	"0" when read.						
2	Remote 2 Da	ita Format (R2D	, 0	0 1	erature format (0 ture format (-128		,			
1	Remote 1 Da	ita Format (R1D	, ,	Logic 0: unsigned Temperature format (0 °C to +255.875 °C) Logic 1: signed Temperature format (-128 °C to +127.875 °C)						
0	Reserved		Reports	Reports "0" when read.						

Power up default is with all bits "0" (zero)

2.3 REMOTE DIODE FILTER CONTROL REGISTER

(Read/write Address 06h):

D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0			
0	0	0	0	0	R2FE	0	R1FE			
Bits	Name		Descript	Description						
7-3	Reserved		Reports '	Reports "0" when read.						
2	Remote 2 Filt	er Enable (R2F	E) 0: Filter 0	0: Filter Off						
			1: Noise	1: Noise Filter On						
1	Reserved		Reports '	Reports "0" when read.						
0	Remote 1Filte	er Enable (R1FE	i) 0: Filter 0	Dff						
			1: Noise	1: Noise Filter On						

Power up default is 05h.

2.4 REMOTE DIODE MODEL TYPE SELECT REGISTER

(Read/Write Address 30h):

D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0			
0	0	0	0	0	R2MS	0	R1MS			
Bits	Name		Descript	ion						
7-3	Reserved		Reports '	'0" when read.						
2	Remote Diod (R2MS)	e 2 Model Selec	1: Intel p TruThern	 0: 2N3904 model (make sure TruTherm mode is disabled) 1: Intel processor on 65nm or 90nm process model (make sure TruTherm mode is enabled) Power up default is 0. 						
1	Reserved		Reports '	'0" when read.						
0	Remote Diod (R1MS)	e 1 Model Selec	1: Intel p TruThern	 0: 2N3904 model (make sure TruTherm mode is disabled) 1: Intel processor on 65nm or 90nm process model (make sure TruTherm mode is enabled) Power up default is 1. 						

Power up default is 01h.

2.5 REMOTE DIODE TruTherm MODE CONTROL

(Read/Write Address 07h):

D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Reserved	R2M2	R2M1	R2M0	Reserved	R1M2	R1M1	R1M0
Bits	Description						
7	Reserved		Must be	left at 0.			
6-4	R2M2:R2M0		MMBT39 001: Ren Processo 111: Ren Processo	note 2 TruTherm	Mode enabled; Mode enabled;	used when mea	asuring
3	Reserved	Must be left at 0.					

Bits	Description	
2-0	R1M2:R1M0	000: Remote 1 TruTherm Mode disabled; used when measuring
		MMBT3904 transistors
		001: Remote 1 TruTherm Mode enabled; used when measuring
		Processors
		111: Remote 1 TruTherm Mode enabled; used when measuring
		Processors
		Note, all other codes provide unspecified results and should not be
		used.

Power up default is 01h.

2.6 LOCAL AND REMOTE MSB AND LSB TEMPERATURE REGISTERS

					porata					
	(Read Only Address 10h) 9-bit plus sign format:									
BIT D7 D6 D5 D4 D3 D2 D1 D								D0		
Value SIGN 64 32 16 8 4 2 1										

Local Temperature MSB

Temperature Data: $LSb = 1^{\circ}C$.

Local Temperature LSB

(Read Only Address 20h) 9-bit plus sign format:

BIT	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Value	0.5	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0

Temperature Data: $LSb = 0.25^{\circ}C$.

Remote Temperature MSB

(Read Only Address 11h, 12h) 10 bit plus sign format:

BIT	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Value	SIGN	64	32	16	8	4	2	1

Temperature Data: $LSb = 1^{\circ}C$.

(Read Only Address 11h, 12h) 11-bit unsigned format:

BIT	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Value	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1

Temperature Data: $LSb = 1^{\circ}C$.

Remote Temperature LSB

(Read Only Address 21, 22h) 10-bit plus sign or 11-bit unsigned binary

formats with filter off:

BIT	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Value	0.5	0.25	0.125	0	0	0	0	0

Temperature Data: LSb = 0.125° C or $1/8^{\circ}$ C.

12-bit plus sign or 13-bit unsigned binary formats with filter on:

BIT	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Value	0.5	0.25	0.125	0.0625	0.03125	0	0	0

Temperature Data: $LSb = 0.03125^{\circ}C$ or $1/32^{\circ}C$.

For data synchronization purposes, the MSB register should be read first if the user wants to read both MSB and LSB registers. The LSB will be locked after the MSB is read. The LSB will be unlocked after being read. If the user reads MSBs consecutively, each time the MSB is read, the LSB associated with that temperature will be locked in and override the previous LSB value locked-in.

2.7 MANUFACTURERS ID REGISTER

(Read Address FEh) The default value is 01h.

2.8 DIE REVISION CODE REGISTER

(Read Address FFh) The default value is A4h. This register will increment by 1 every time there is a revision to the die by National Semiconductor.

3.0 Applications Hints

The LM95241 can be applied easily in the same way as other integrated-circuit temperature sensors, and its remote diode sensing capability allows it to be used in new ways as well. It can be soldered to a printed circuit board, and because the path of best thermal conductivity is between the die and the pins, its temperature will effectively be that of the printed circuit board lands and traces soldered to the LM95241's pins. This presumes that the ambient air temperature is almost the same as the surface temperature of the printed circuit board; if the air temperature is much higher or lower than the surface temperature, the actual temperature of the LM95241 die will be at an intermediate temperature between the surface and air temperatures. Again, the primary thermal conduction path is through the leads, so the circuit board temperature will contribute to the die temperature much more strongly than will the air temperature.

To measure temperature external to the LM95241's die, use a remote diode. This diode can be located on the die of a target IC, allowing measurement of the IC's temperature, independent of the LM95241's temperature. A discrete diode can also be used to sense the temperature of external objects or ambient air. Remember that a discrete diode's temperature will be affected, and often dominated, by the temperature of its leads. Most silicon diodes do not lend themselves well to this application. It is recommended that a 2N3904 transistor base emitter junction be used with the collector tied to the base.

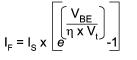
The LM95241's TruTherm technology allows accurate sensing of integrated thermal diodes, such as those found on sub-micron geometry processors. With TruTherm technology turned off, the LM95241 can measure a diode connected transistor such as the 2N3904 or MMBT3904.

The LM95241 has been optimized to measure the remote thermal diode integrated in a Intel processor on 65nm or 90nm process or an MMBT3904 transistor. Using the Remote Diode Model Select register either pair of remote inputs can be assigned to measure either a Intel processor on 65nm or 90nm process or an MMBT3904 transistor.

3.1 DIODE NON-IDEALITY

3.1.1 Diode Non-Ideality Factor Effect on Accuracy

When a transistor is connected as a diode, the following relationship holds for variables $V_{\rm BE},\,T$ and $I_{\rm F}\!:$



where:

$$V_t = \frac{k}{q}$$

• $q = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ Coulombs (the electron charge),

- T = Absolute Temperature in Kelvin
- k = 1.38x10⁻²³ joules/K (Boltzmann's constant),
- η is the non-ideality factor of the process the diode is manufactured on,
- I_S = Saturation Current and is process dependent,
- I_f= Forward Current through the base emitter junction
- V_{BE} = Base Emitter Voltage drop

In the active region, the -1 term is negligible and may be eliminated, yielding the following equation

$$\mathbf{I}_{\mathsf{F}} = \mathbf{I}_{\mathsf{S}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}_{\mathsf{b}\mathsf{e}} \\ \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{\eta}\mathbf{V}_{\mathsf{t}}} \end{bmatrix}$$

In Equation (2), η and I_S are dependent upon the process that was used in the fabrication of the particular diode. By forcing two currents with a very controlled ratio (I_{F2}/I_{F1}) and measuring the resulting voltage difference, it is possible to eliminate the I_S term. Solving for the forward voltage difference yields the relationship:

$$\Delta V_{BE} = \eta x \frac{K x T}{q} x \ln \left(\frac{I_{F2}}{I_{F1}} \right)$$

Solving Equation (3) for temperature yields:

$$T = \frac{\Delta V_{BE} \times q}{\eta \times k \times ln \left(\frac{l_{F2}}{l_{F1}} \right)}$$
(4)

Equation (4) holds true when a diode connected transistor such as the MMBT3904 is used. When this "diode" equation is applied to an integrated diode such as a processor transistor with its collector tied to GND as shown in *Figure 3* it will yield a wide non-ideality spread. This wide non-ideality spread is not due to true process variation but due to the fact that *Equation (4)* is an approximation.

TruTherm technology uses the transistor equation, *Equation* (5), which is a more accurate representation of the topology of the thermal diode found in an FPGA or processor.

$$T = \frac{\Delta V_{BE} \times q}{\eta \times k \times \ln \left[\frac{I_{C2}}{I_{C1}} \right]}$$

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(1)

(3)

(5)

(2)

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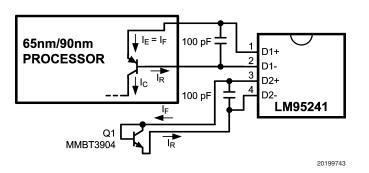


FIGURE 3. Thermal Diode Current Paths

TruTherm should only be enabled when measuring the temperature of a transistor integrated as shown in the processor of *Figure 3*, because *Equation (5)* only applies to this topology.

3.1.2 Calculating Total System Accuracy

The voltage seen by the LM95241 also includes the I_FR_S voltage drop of the series resistance. The non-ideality factor, η, is the only other parameter not accounted for and depends on the diode that is used for measurement. Since ΔV_{BE} is proportional to both η and T, the variations in η cannot be distinguished from variations in temperature. Since the non-ideality factor is not controlled by the temperature sensor, it will directly add to the inaccuracy of the sensor. For the Pentium D processor on 65nm process, Intel specifies a +4.06%/–0.89% variation in η from part to part when the processor diode is measured by a circuit that assumes diode equation, Equation (4), as true. As an example, assume a temperature sensor has an accuracy specification of ±1.25°C at a temperature of 65 °C (338 Kelvin) and the processor diode has a non-ideality variation of +4.06%/-0.89%. The resulting system accuracy of the processor temperature being sensed will be:

 T_{ACC} = + 1.25°C + (+4.06% of 338 K) = +14.97 °C and

 $T_{ACC} = -1.25^{\circ}C + (-0.89\% \text{ of } 338 \text{ K}) = -4.26 ^{\circ}C$

TrueTherm technology uses the transistor equation, *Equation (5)*, resulting in a non-ideality spread that truly reflects the process variation which is very small. The transistor equation non-ideality spread is $\pm 0.4\%$ for the Pentium D processor on 65nm process. The resulting accuracy when using TruTherm technology improves to:

 $T_{ACC} = \pm 1.25^{\circ}C + (\pm 0.4\% \text{ of } 338 \text{ K}) = \pm 2.60 \text{ }^{\circ}C$

The next error term to be discussed is that due to the series resistance of the thermal diode and printed circuit board traces. The thermal diode series resistance is specified on most processor data sheets. For the Pentium D processor on 65 nm process, this is specified at 4.52 Ω typical. The LM95241 accommodates the typical series resistance of the Pentium D processor on 65nm process. The error that is not accounted for is the spread of the Pentium's series resistance, that is 2.79 Ω to 6.24 Ω or ±1.73 Ω . The equation to calculate the temperature error due to series resistance (T_{EB}) for the LM95241 is simply:

$$T_{ER} = R_{PCB} \times 0.62^{\circ} C/\Omega$$

Solving *Equation (6)* for R_{PCB} equal to $\pm 1.73\Omega$ results in the additional error due to the spread in the series resistance of ± 1.07 °C. The spread in error cannot be canceled out, as it would require measuring each individual thermal diode device. This is quite difficult and impractical in a large volume production environment.

Equation (6) can also be used to calculate the additional error caused by series resistance on the printed circuit board. Since the variation of the PCB series resistance is minimal, the bulk of the error term is always positive and can simply be cancelled out by subtracting it from the output readings of the LM95241.

	Trans	Transistor Equation				
	n _D ,	non-ide	ality	R		
Processor Family	min	typ	max			
Intel processor on	0.997	1.001	1.005	4.52 Ω		
65nm process						
Processor Family	Diode	e Equatio	շո ղ _D ,	Series		
	n	on-ideali	ity	R		
	min	typ	max			
Pentium III CPUID 67h	1	1.0065	1.0125			
Pentium III CPUID	1.0057	1.008	1.0125			
68h/PGA370Socket/						
Celeron						
Pentium 4, 423 pin	0.9933	1.0045	1.0368			
Pentium 4, 478 pin	0.9933	1.0045	1.0368			
Pentium 4 on 0.13	1.0011	1.0021	1.0030	3.64 Ω		
micron process,						
2-3.06GHz						
Pentium 4 on 90 nm	1.0083	1.011	1.023	3.33 Ω		
process						
Pentium on 65 nm	1.000	1.009	1.050	4.52 Ω		
porcess						
Pentium M Processor	1.00151	1.00220	1.00289	3.06 Ω		
(Centrino)						
MMBT3904		1.003				
AMD Athlon MP model	1.002	1.008	1.016			
6						
AMD Athlon 64	1.008	1.008	1.096			
AMD Opteron	1.008	1.008	1.096			

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AMD Sempron	1.00261		0.93 Ω
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3.1.3 Compensating for Different Non-Ideality

In order to compensate for the errors introduced by nonideality, the temperature sensor is calibrated for a particular processor. National Semiconductor temperature sensors are always calibrated to the typical non-ideality and series resistance of a given processor type. The LM95241 is calibrated for two non-ideality factors and series resistance values thus supporting the MMBT3904 transistor and the Intel processor on 65nm or 90nm process without the requirement for additional trims. For most accurate measurements TruTherm mode should be turned on when measuring the Intel processor on the 65nm or 90nm process to minimize the error introduced by the false non-ideality spread (see Section 3.1.1 Diode Non-Ideality Factor Effect on Accuracy). When a temperature sensor calibrated for a particular processor type is used with a different processor type, additional errors are introduced.

Temperature errors associated with non-ideality of different processor types may be reduced in a specific temperature range of concern through use of software calibration. Typical Non-ideality specification differences cause a gain variation of the transfer function, therefore the center of the temperature range of interest should be the target temperature for calibration purposes. The following equation can be used to calculate the temperature correction factor (T_{CF}) required to compensate for a target non-ideality differing from that supported by the LM95241.

$$T_{CF} = [(\eta_S - \eta_{Processor}) \div \eta_S] \; x \; (T_{CR} + 273 \; K) \eqno(7)$$
 where

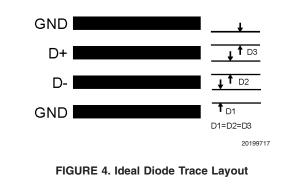
- η_{S} = LM95241 non-ideality for accuracy specification
- η_T = target thermal diode typical non-ideality
- T_{CB} = center of the temperature range of interest in °C

The correction factor of *Equation (7)* should be directly added to the temperature reading produced by the LM95233. For example when using the LM95241, with the 3904 mode selected, to measure a AMD Athlon processor, with a typical non-ideality of 1.008, for a temperature range of 60 °C to 100 °C the correction factor would calculate to:

T_{CF}=[(1.003–1.008)÷1.003]x(80+273) =-1.75°C

Therefore, 1.75°C should be subtracted from the temperature readings of the LM95241 to compensate for the differing typical non-ideality target.

3.2 PCB LAYOUT FOR MINIMIZING NOISE



In a noisy environment, such as a processor mother board, layout considerations are very critical. Noise induced on traces running between the remote temperature diode sensor and the LM95241 can cause temperature conversion errors. Keep in mind that the signal level the LM95241 is trying to measure is in microvolts. The following guidelines should be followed:

- 1. V_{DD} should be bypassed with a 0.1µF capacitor in parallel with 100pF. The 100pF capacitor should be placed as close as possible to the power supply pin. A bulk capacitance of approximately 10µF needs to be in the near vicinity of the LM95241.
- A 100pF diode bypass capacitor is recommended to filter high frequency noise but may not be necessary. Make sure the traces to the 100pF capacitor are matched. Place the filter capacitors close to the LM95241 pins.
- 3. Ideally, the LM95241 should be placed within 10cm of the Processor diode pins with the traces being as straight, short and identical as possible. Trace resistance of 1Ω can cause as much as 1°C of error. This error can be compensated by using simple software offset compensation.
- 4. Diode traces should be surrounded by a GND guard ring to either side, above and below if possible. This GND guard should not be between the D+ and D- lines. In the event that noise does couple to the diode lines it would be ideal if it is coupled common mode. That is equally to the D+ and D- lines.
- 5. Avoid routing diode traces in close proximity to power supply switching or filtering inductors.
- Avoid running diode traces close to or parallel to high speed digital and bus lines. Diode traces should be kept at least 2cm apart from the high speed digital traces.
- 7. If it is necessary to cross high speed digital traces, the diode traces and the high speed digital traces should cross at a 90 degree angle.
- The ideal place to connect the LM95241's GND pin is as close as possible to the Processor's GND that is associated with the sense diode.
- Leakage current between D+ and GND and between D+ and D- should be kept to a minimum. Thirteen nanoamperes of leakage can cause as much as 0.2°C of error in the diode temperature reading. Keeping the printed circuit board as clean as possible will minimize leakage current.

Noise coupling into the digital lines greater than 400mVp-p (typical hysteresis) and undershoot less than 500mV below GND, may prevent successful SMBus communication with the LM95241. SMBus no acknowledge is the most common symptom, causing unnecessary traffic on the bus. Although the SMBus maximum frequency of communication is rather low (100kHz max), care still needs to be taken to ensure proper termination within a system with multiple parts on the bus and long printed circuit board traces. An RC lowpass filter with a 3db corner frequency of about 40MHz is included on the LM95241's SMBCLK input. Additional resistance can be added in series with the SMBDAT and SMBCLK lines to further help filter noise and ringing. Minimize noise coupling by keeping digital traces out of switching power supply areas as well as ensuring that digital lines containing high speed data communications cross at right angles to the SMBDAT and SMBCLK lines.

