

Companion[®] 5 Multimedia Speaker System

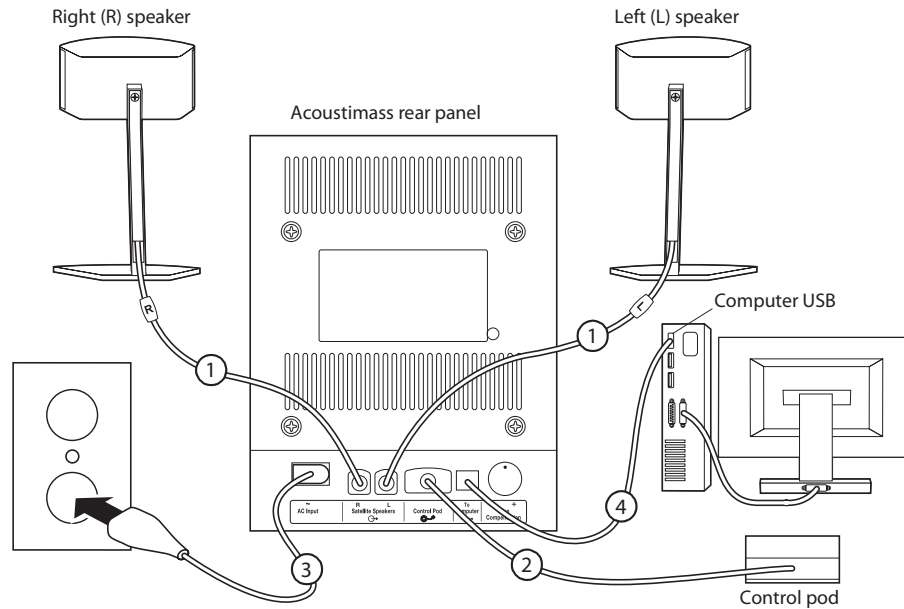
Theory of Operation



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Companion 5 (Rising Star) Theory of Operation



Overview

Companion 5 is a multi-channel multimedia speaker system connecting to personal computers via a USB 2.0 interface. No sound card is required to enjoy 5.1-channel audio content from the host PC. The two speaker arrays combined with advanced audio processing algorithms provide a spacious presentation of stereo content and a compelling experience with multi-channel content. A control module brings the master volume control, simple touch mute control and jacks for an auxiliary analog stereo input and headphones.

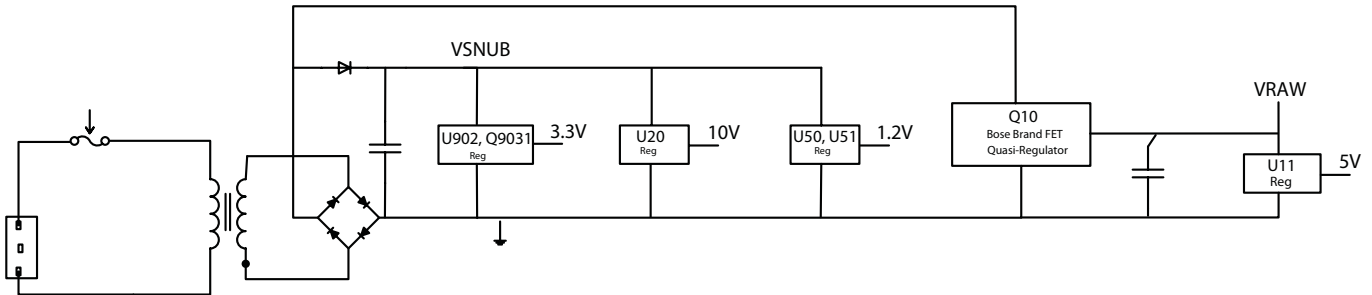
The Companion 5 system consisting of the following major components:

1. Bass speaker enclosure with Woofer, DSP board, I/O board and system power supply.
2. Control Module with an 8-foot (2.4M) cable.
3. Two two-element speaker arrays with integrated cables, uniquely keyed and identified for left and right locations.

The Bass speaker enclosure is a ported MDF enclosure including the 5.25-inch dual voice-coil transducer and line power transformer. Both are installed inside the acoustic volume in such a manner that they are not serviceable. An electronics enclosure is provided at the back of the MDF enclosure. The heat sink assembly that includes the DSP/Power Amplifier/Power Supply Printed Circuit Assembly, aluminum heat sink, thermal compound, thermal interface material, and clamping bracket are screwed directly to the back wall of the acoustic enclosure. Internal cables connect the DSP/PA/PS assembly to the transformer secondary and the I/O Printed Circuit Assembly that is mounted to the plastic rear cover of the speaker.

The control module is not serviceable. Only the interface requirements to the Bass module electronics will be discussed in this document. The speaker arrays are mounted on removable speaker stands that are engineered to position the speakers at the correct height and angle on either side of a computer monitor. The transducers contained in the speaker enclosures may be replaced from the front of the enclosure by removing the metal grill. The grill should not be re-used once removed due to deformation during the removal process. The integrated cable is not removable. The balance of this document will concentrate on the electronic assemblies present in the bass module.

Power Supplies

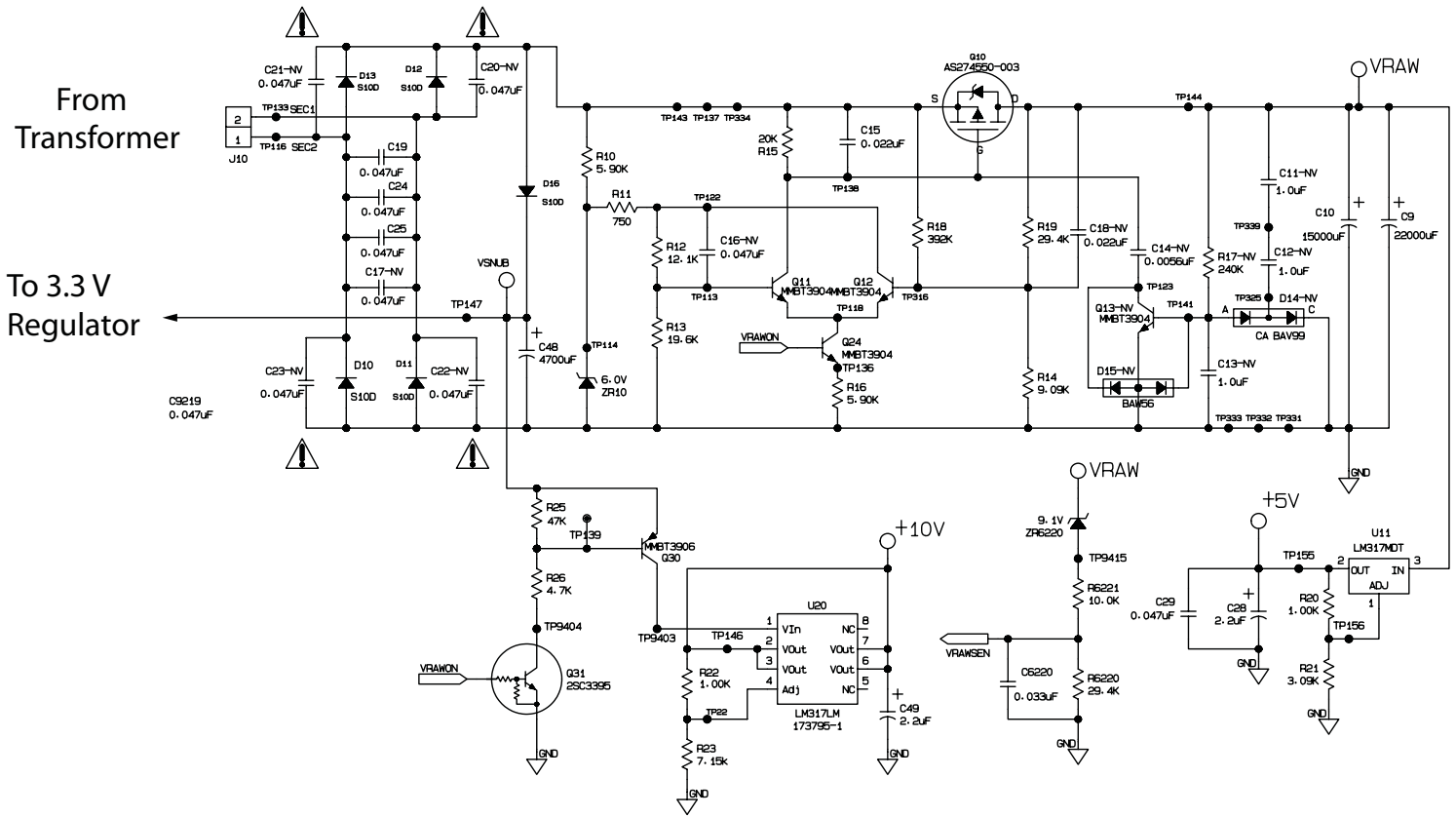


Power Supply Block Diagram

Bass module rectifies un-regulated power VSNUB from the secondary of the line power transformer. VSNUB is, in turn, converted to the various other potentials required by the system. Nominally 26VDC, this voltage varies with load and line levels, but is limited to 31.5V maximum (assuming line voltage of 140V AC). This voltage is present whenever the bass module is plugged into the wall. All the voltage level source are listed in following table:

Node Name	Output Voltage nominal	Type	Input from	Outputs to
VsnuB	+26	Full wave rectifier	transformer secondary	Vraw
Vraw	+14 (no load)	pre-regulator output	VSNUB	Power Amplifiers, +5V, VRAWSEN.
+10V	+10	linear	VSNUB	Headphone power amplifiers, control module green LED.
+5V	+5	linear	Vraw	CODEC Analog power supply
+3.3V	+3.3	switching	VSNUB	DSP I/O power supply, digital supply for USB controller, CODEC, EEROM.
+1.2V	+1.2	switching	VSNUB	DSP core power supply.
SENSOR	+3.0	series switch	+3.3	Switch able supply for control module touch sensor, control module red LED

Power Supply VSNUB

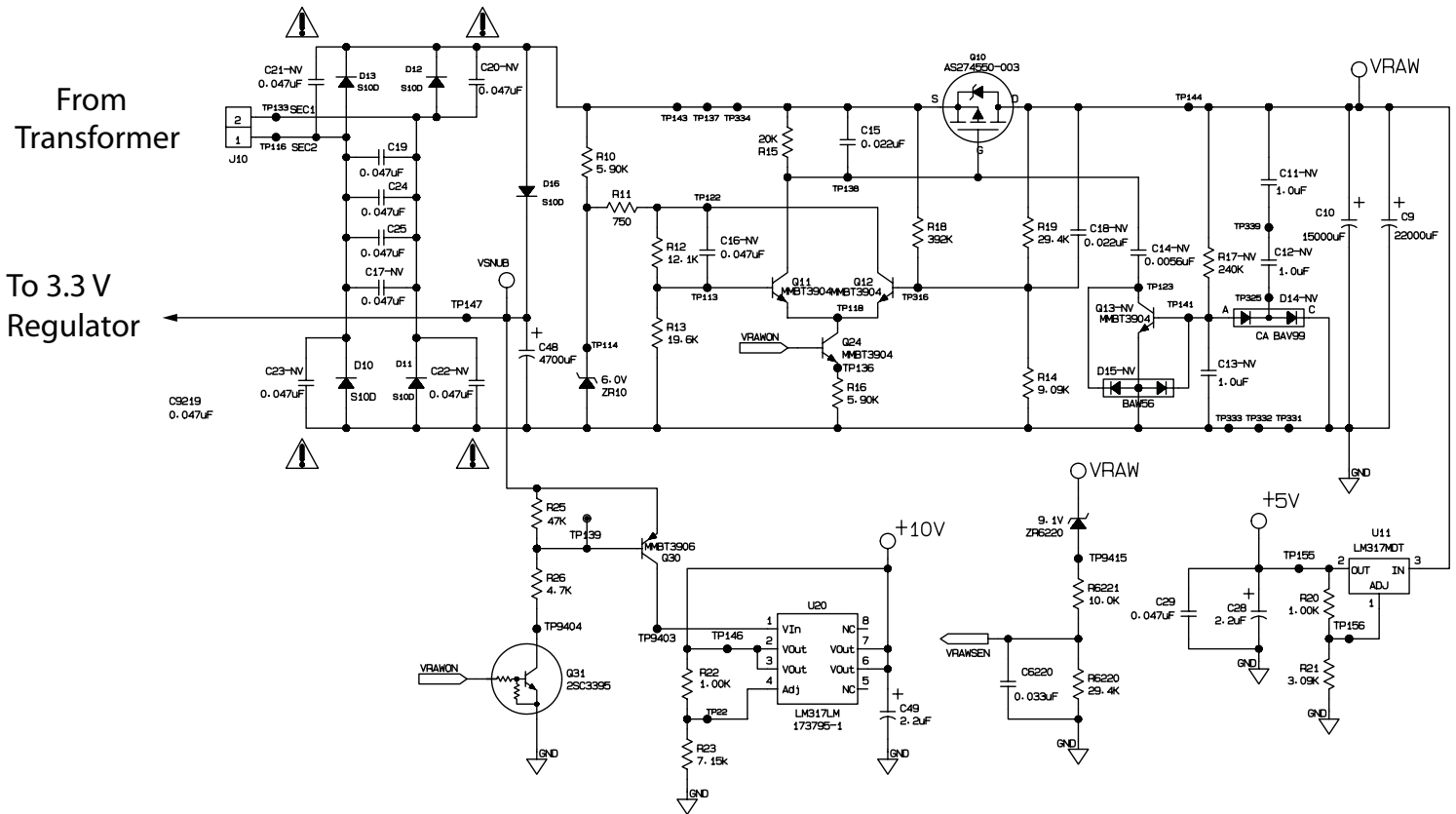


VSNUB

VSNUB is formed by rectifying the transformer secondary potential via power rectifiers D10-D13. An additional rectifier, D16 prevents discharge of the filter capacitor, C48 through the FET switch, Q10, whenever this switch is on. For operating conditions other than extremely low line potential, this permits the peak potential at C48 to track closely to the peak secondary potential. This is substantially higher than the peak potential of the quasi-regulated Vraw supply discussed below.

VSNUB also serves as a clamping potential into which some of the energy stored in the leakage reactance of the mains transformer is discharged when Q10 is switched off. This additionally energy can cause the peak potential for V-UNREG to actually be greater in magnitude than the peak potential of the transformer secondary when Vraw current drain is large. VSNUB can range from 20 to 40 volts, depending on input voltage and Vraw loading.

Power Supply VRAW



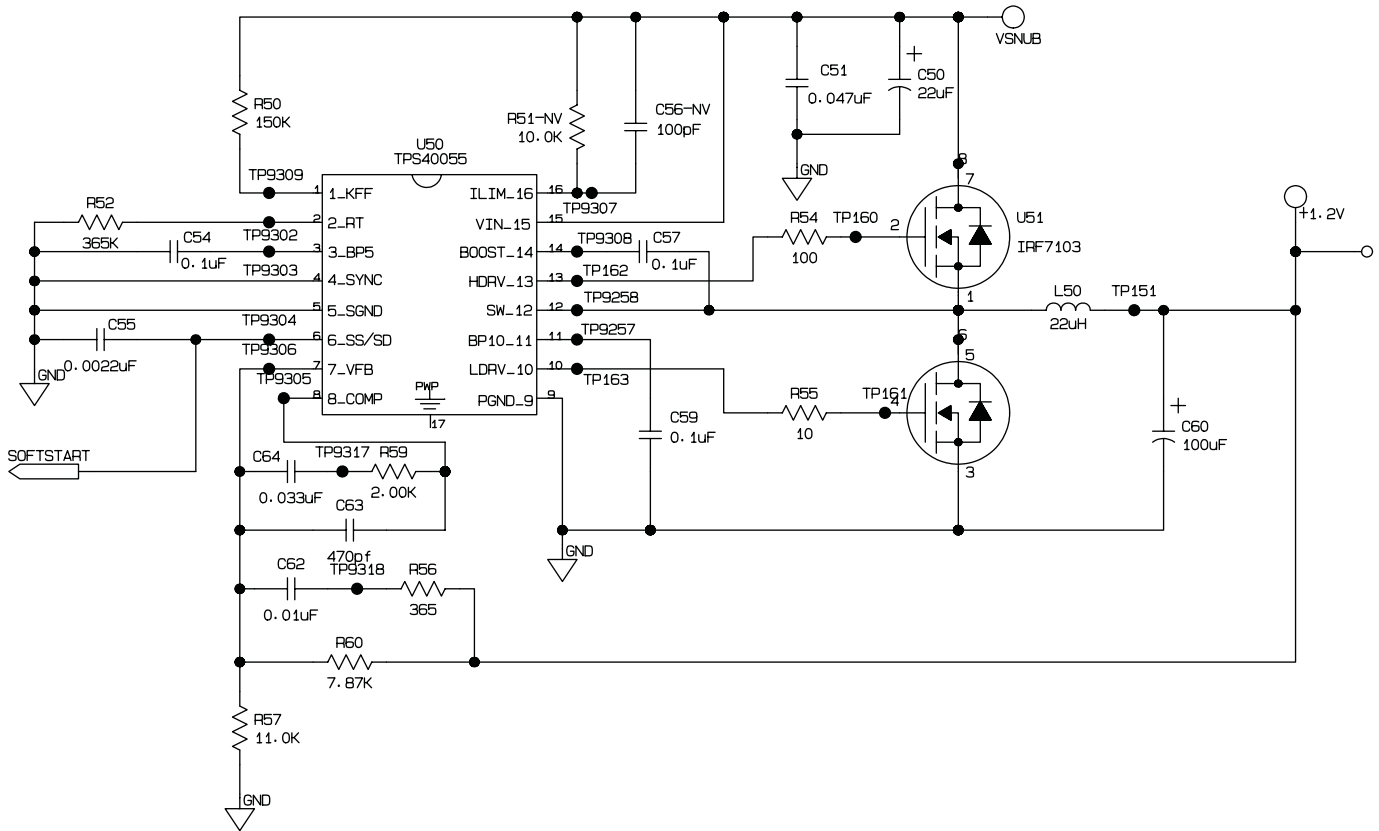
VRAW

Vraw provided power to the Audio Power Amplifiers, U150, U150, U350, and the +5V regulator. Its potential is monitored by the DSP, U7000, via the circuit associated with VRAWSEN. When active the potential can vary from 12 vdc to 14.0 vdc. The circuit controlling the FET switch, Q10, is configured to force commutate (turn off) the switch whenever the potential of the filter capacitor, either C9 or C10, exceeds the target potential of approximately 13 volts. The nature of the circuit causes Q10 to turn off during high peak currents. These high peak currents cause a voltage drop on C9's (C10's) internal equivalent series resistance (ESR) which, in turn, causes a drop in the sensed output potential as soon as the switch, Q10 is turned off. In order to prevent the circuit to immediately turn the switch back on, a fixed voltage hysteresis is applied by the control circuit to lower the turn-on threshold of the circuit by 200 to 300 millivolts.

R10 and ZR10 form a 6.0V reference potential for the error amplifier formed by Q11, Q12. R11, R12, and R13 scale this reference voltage to an appropriate potential to permit start-up of the circuit. R11 doubles as the feedback resistor that sets the hysteresis mentioned above. R18 and R19 are essentially in parallel when Q10 is on, so R18, R19, and R14 set a relatively constant turn-off potential. When Q10 is off, R18 depresses the turn-on threshold of the circuit proportional to the open-circuit potential of the transformer secondary. This is in addition to the hysteresis provided by R11 and serves to prevent Q10 from turning on during the highest potentials of the input mains, as this is when the peak charging currents would be the largest.

Q24 and R16 serve as the enable input and current sink for the error amplifier. Maintaining a constant potential across R16, causes a constant potential to be applied Gate to Source of Q1 when Q10 is on. C15 controls the switching speed of Q10, which improves audible and electrical noise characteristics of circuit. Q13 and the additional components associated with Q13 provide additional shaping of the switching characteristics of Q10 when little power is consumed from Vraw.

Power Supply 1.2V Regulator



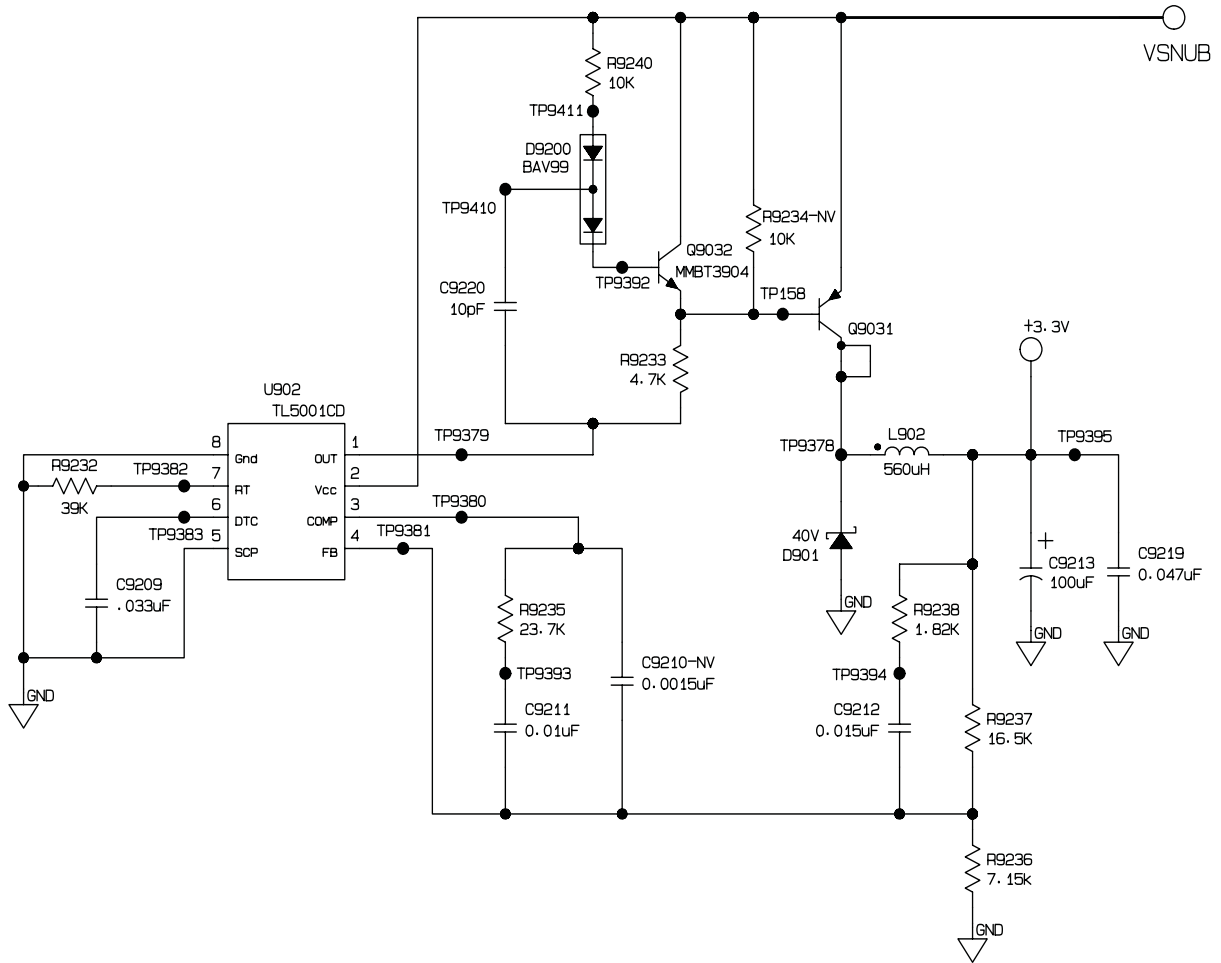
1.2V

The processing core of the DSP is the sole consumer of the 1.2 volt power supply. Its relatively high current consumption requires efficient power conversion. The Texas Instruments TPS40055, U50, provides the PWM control functions for a synchronous-rectifier power circuit. U51 is a dual N-channel FET used as switch transistor and synchronous rectifier for the buck regulator circuit. Inductor L50 and filter capacitor C60 form the filter for the +1.2V supply. R57 and R60 establish the DC operating voltage for the output. R56, R59, C62, C63 and C64 provide the compensation for the feedback path.

C59 filters the 10 volt reference internal to U50 which is used to control the switching of the transistor drive signals. C57 provides the boot-strap (boost) potential to drive the high-side switch. C54 filters the 5 volt reference also generated internally to U50.

R52 sets the operating frequency of the PWM circuit of approximately 100kHz. Resistor R52 provides a reference to the input voltage which is used by U20 provide feed-forward input voltage compensation. C55 shapes the soft-start characteristics of the regulator.

Power Supply 3.3V Regulator



3.3V

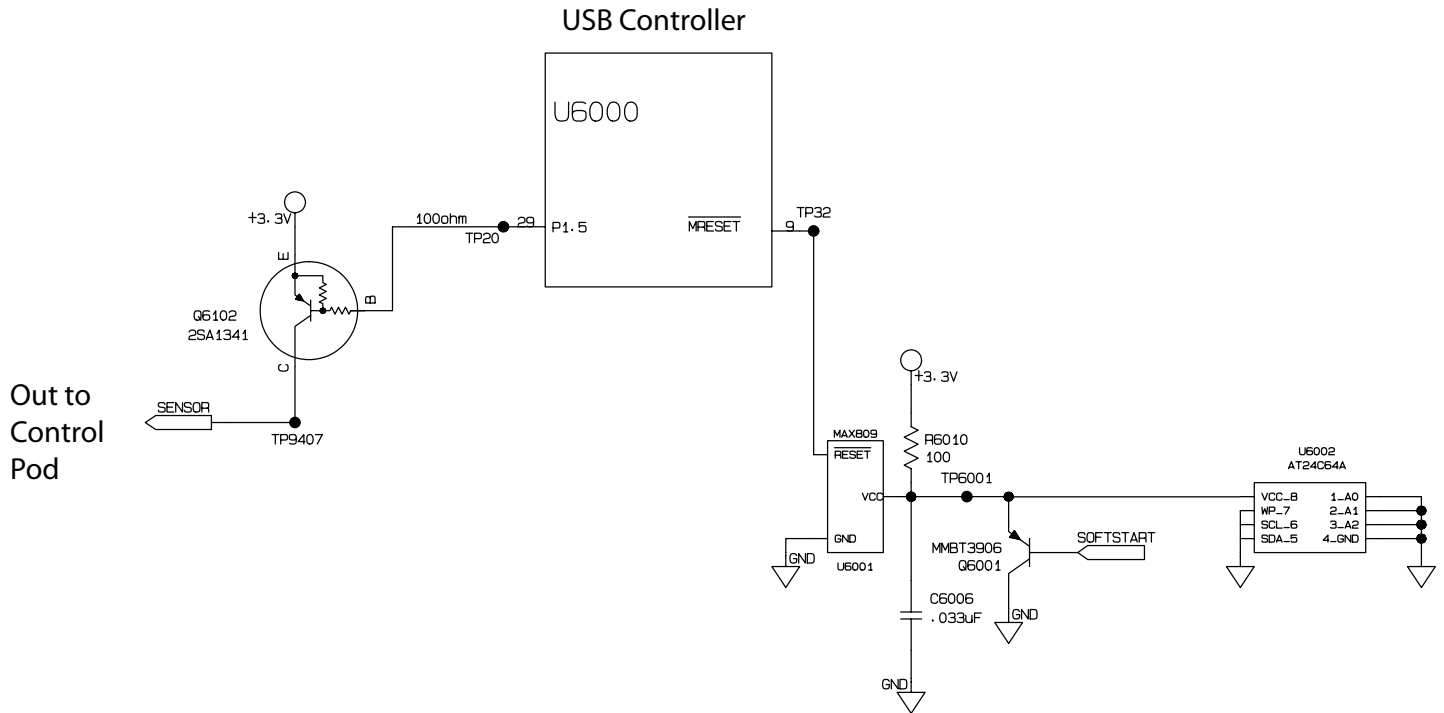
The USB controller, U6000, the I/O circuitry of the DSP, U7000, and the digital processing portions of the CODEC, U4000 all require power from +3.3V. This circuitry is biased both during normal operation and stand-by, so no enable control is required.

U902 is a TI TL5001 switch-mode PWM regulator control circuit. The output is open-collector, and drives the base of the PNP power transistor, Q9031. Q9032, D9200, R9240, and C9220 provide a boot-strapped circuit to speed the turn-off of Q9031. R9236 and R9237 form a potential divider to establish the DC operating point of the regulator at +3.3 volts. C9202 provides a lead compensation in the feedback circuit. R9238 limits the frequency range of the lead compensation.

C9211 is applied around the error amplifier of the TL5001 to create a lag compensation. R9235 limits the frequency range of the lag compensation.

R9232 establishes the approximately 50kHz switching frequency for the PWM generator. C9209 generates a soft-start ramp when TL5001 starts switching.

Sensor and Power Failure Detection



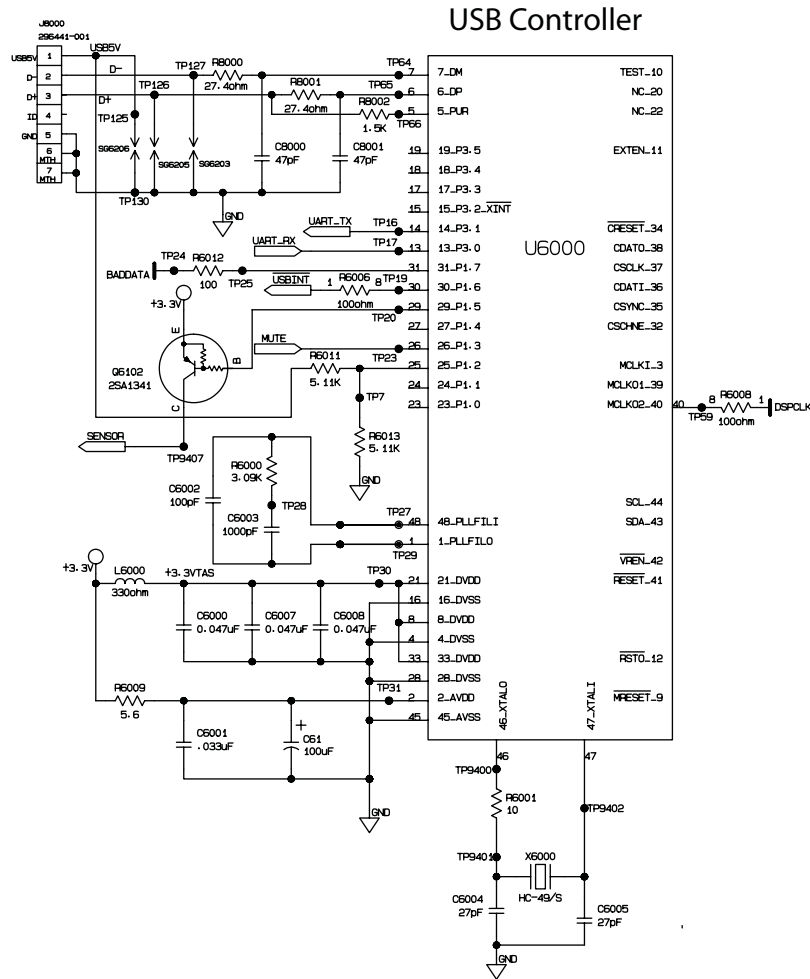
Sensor

SENSOR is generated by switching the +3.3 volt supply via Q6102. SENSOR powers the touch sensor in the control module. switching SENSOR off momentarily forces the control module touch sensor to reset, forcing its output to the muted state. This is typically performed just prior to entering the stand-by mode of operation. A subsequent transition from mute to active will cause the system to exit stand-by.

Power Failure Detection

Detection of power failures is accomplished with U6001, a Maxim MAX809 undervoltage detection IC. U6001 directly monitors the +3.3Volt supply which is used by the USB controller, U6000, the DSP I/O circuitry, U7000, and the CODEC digital circuitry, U4000. In order to prevent an undetected disruption of the DSP due to loss of the core power supply, the SOFTSTART signal from U50 is used to switch the PNP transistor, Q6000, on whenever +1.2V has stopped due to undervoltage lockout. Q6000, in turn, removes the +3.3 volts from the undervoltage detection IC, U6001, forcing a reset of the USB controller.

USB Controller



USB Controller

The TAS1020B (U6000) micro-controller also serves as the master controller for the system. It manages the USB interface to the host computer including the enumeration of the system capabilities to the host computer. U6000 is responsible for managing the status of the USB interface, monitoring the MUTE\ signal from the remote control, monitoring the status of the audio stream passing through the DSP, and enabling the Vraw, +10V, and SENSOR power supplies.

USB Controller Oscillator and Clock Generation

All clocks for the system are generated by U6000. Crystal X6000 is driven by U6000 to generate a 6.0MHz reference clock. This reference is internally multiplied by U6000 to generate its own 48MHz system clock as well as the internal 24.576MHz master clock for the serial TDM audio path. This internal clock is divided to produce a 12.288MHz bit clock and a 48kHz frame sync clock for the TDM audio path described later in this document. A separate 24.576MHz clock is provided for driving the DSP. In order minimize jitter on the output of the phase-locked loop, a filter for the PLL power supply is created with the components R6009, C61, and C6001. The PLL dynamics are controlled by the compensation components C6002, C6003, and R6000.

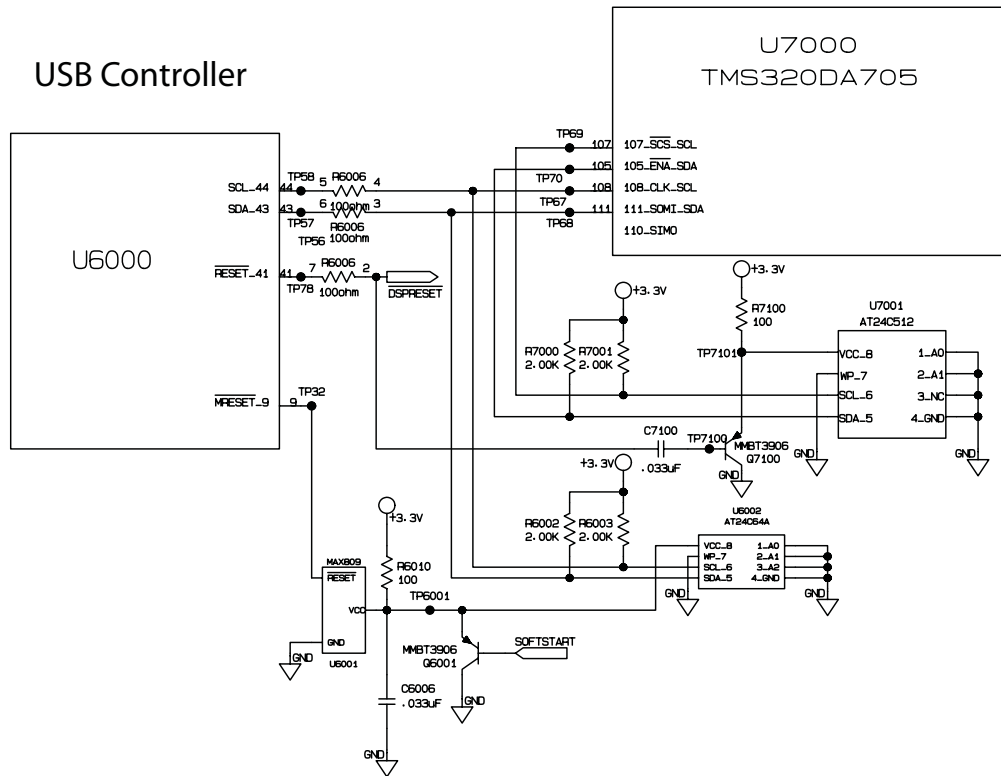
USB Interface

The tolerance of the impedance into which the USB data signals D+, D- must be terminated is relatively tight. Components R8001, R8001, C8000 and C8001 provide the proper matching to the internal impedance of the data transmitters of U6000. R8002 provides the necessary pull up to the D+ line in order to signal to the host that the Companion 5 is present and is a full-speed device. The resistor divider R6011 and R6013 permits U6000 to sense the presence of the USB5V signal from the host. U6000 is required to remove the signal to R8002 whenever USB5V is not detected.

The signals BADDATA at U6000.31 and USBINT\ at U6000.30 are used to transmit key USB status information to the DSP controller. When the USB link to the host computer is performing normally, no activity is present on these signals.

USB Controller

DSP



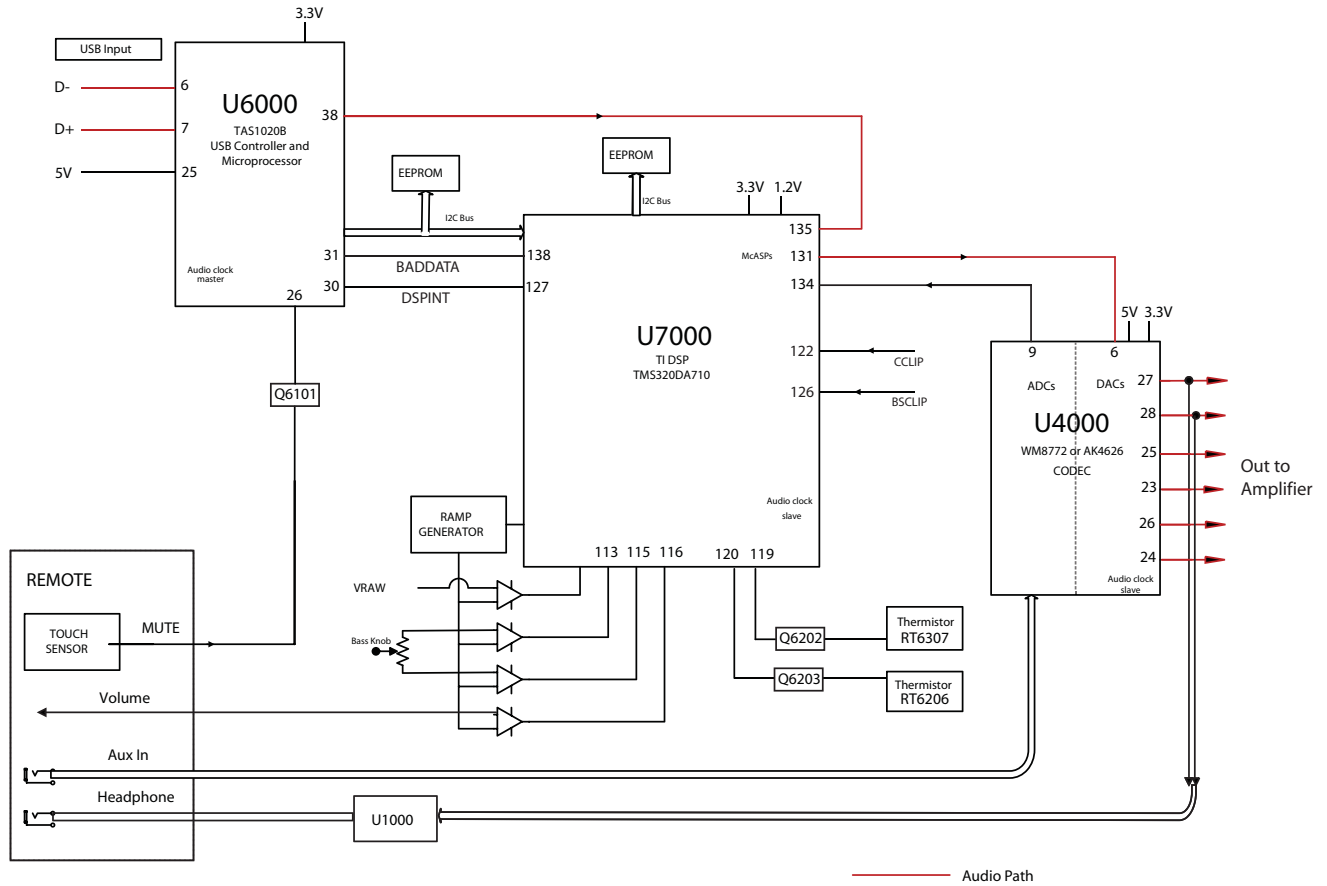
Memory and I2C interface

The TAS1020 contains an internal ROM and all Data and Program RAM. An external EEROM, U6002, stores the portion of the program code custom to the Companion 5 application. Once the TAS1020 has come out of reset, it will read the code stored in U6002 via the Inter Integrated Circuit (I2C) communications path on pins 43 and 44. This buss is also used for transferring non-audio information between the USB controller and the DSP. The TAS1020 is permanent master on this buss and provides the clock and command/address portions of all instructions. The DSP always behaves as the slave device on this interface.

Booting, EEROM

The logic state of pins U7000.[108,110,111] are selected to permit booting from the external EEROM, U7001, using the I2C protocol. The proper state of pins 108 and 111 depend on the I2C pins of U6000 being idle when DSPRESET is released. The DSP will take approximately 2.8 seconds to read the EEROM contents and complete internal initialization. In order to assure that the I2C state machine internal to the EEROM, U7001, is in a known state, the components C7100, Q7100, and R7100 are used to momentarily remove the +3.3V power from the EEROM each time the USB controller places the DSP into reset.

Audio Interface



Audio interface

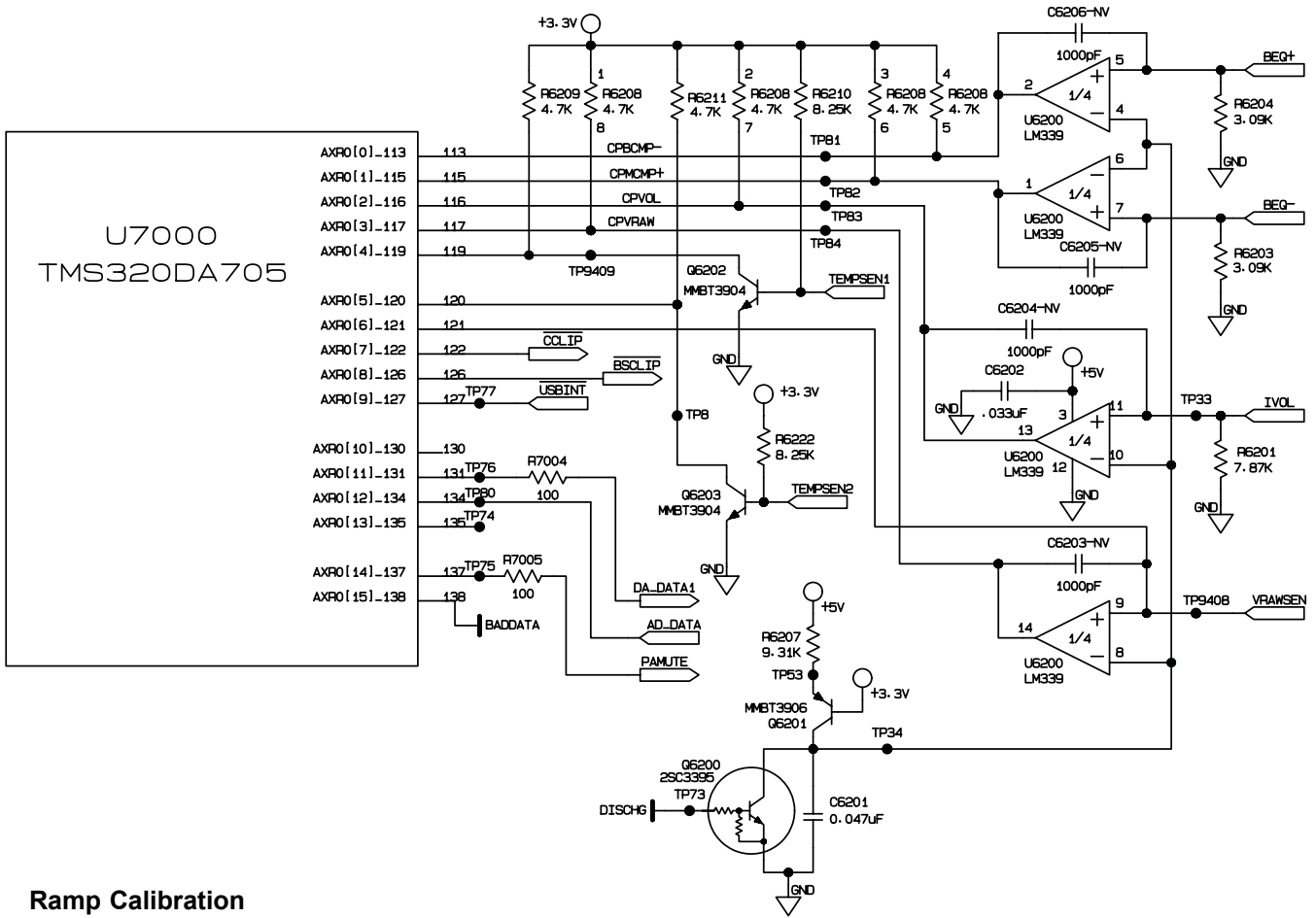
Time Division Multiplexing (TDM) is used to transfer audio data among the USB controller (U6000), DSP (U7000) and CODEC (U4000). The USB controller is the clock master for the TDM paths. Only one clock domain exists for exchange of audio information. The USB controller is responsible for synchronizing the local TDM data rate with the data rate from the USB host, when the host is active. When no host is connected, or when the connected host is suspended, the USB controller is responsible to provide the clocks for the TDM paths at a nominal 48kHz audio sample rate. No audio data is transferred to the host computer. Additional details of the TDM audio paths are described later in this document.

- U6000.35 sources the frame clock for the TDM paths.
- U6000.37 sources the bit clock.
- U6000.38 sources the USB audio data received from the USB host.

Serial Interface

The components to support a Boselink hardware compatible serial interface are not installed.

Ramp Calibration

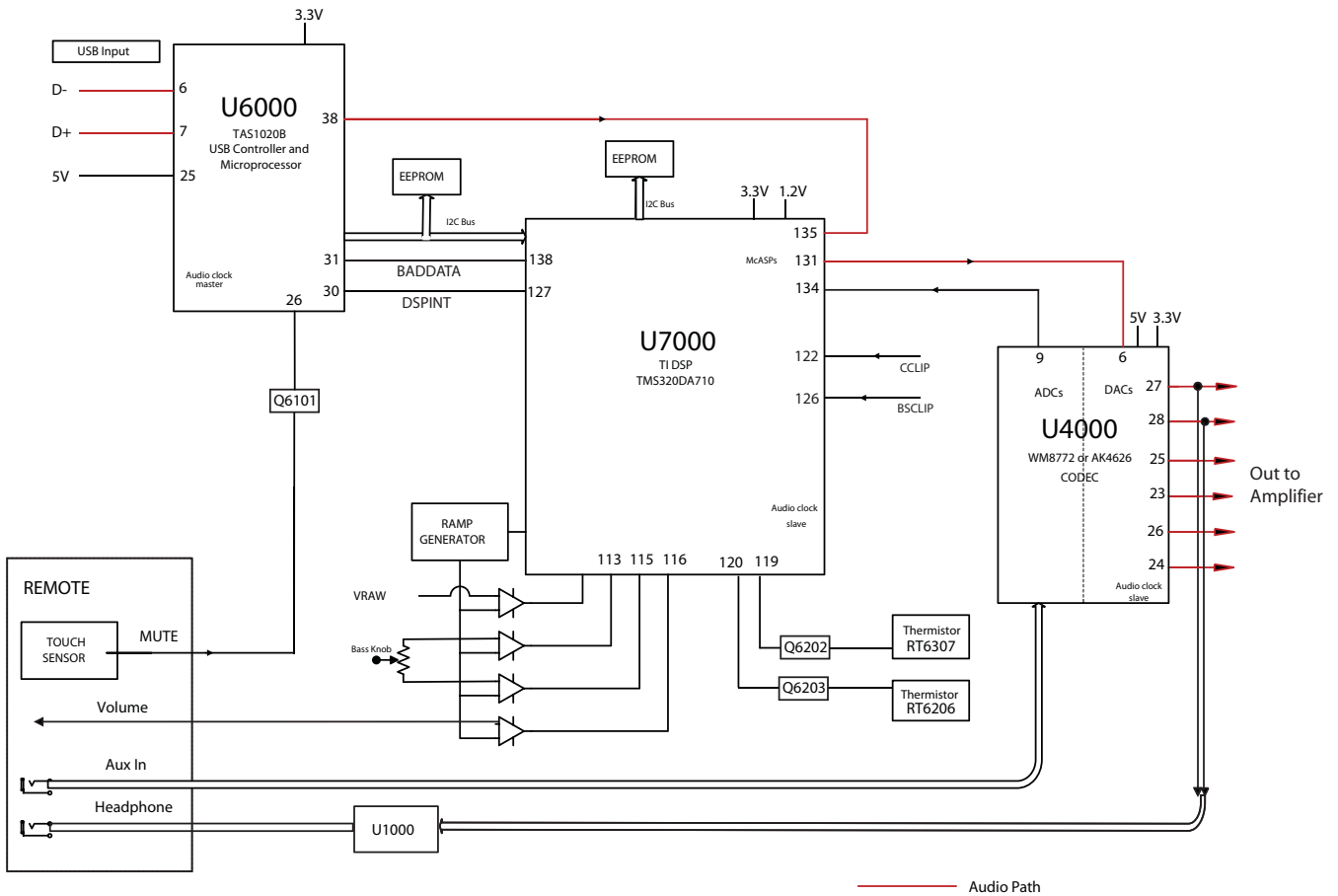


Ramp Calibration

In order to calibrate the Analog to Digital Conversion, the DSP uses a general-purpose i/o pin to overdrive the analog VRAWSEN signal present at the comparator input U6200.9 for the duration of a conversion cycle. This forces the input to +3.3 volts. The bit value read for CPVRAW (U6000.14) becomes the full-scale value. Dividing this value into the counts obtained on the other inputs, or on future counts obtained on the CPVRAW input normalizes the counts relative to full scale. This calibration cycle is performed at a regular interval and can be observed by looking at the VRAWSEN signal. Under normal input line conditions, VRAWSEN will be significantly below 3.3 volts except for the calibration cycle, when it will step to 3.3 volts for the duration of the cycle.

Analog Signal	Converted Signal	DSP (U7000) input pin	Use
BEQ+	CPBCP-	113	Bass compensation. Wiper position can be determined by $(BEQ+ - BEQ-)/(BEQ+ + BEQ-)$.
BEQ-	CPBCP+	115	
IVOL	CPVOL	116	Volume control input when the control module is present
VRAWSEN	CPVRAW	117	Use to prevent clipping of power amplifiers, monitored to determine excess energy consumption for transducer DC offset protection.

Audio Path



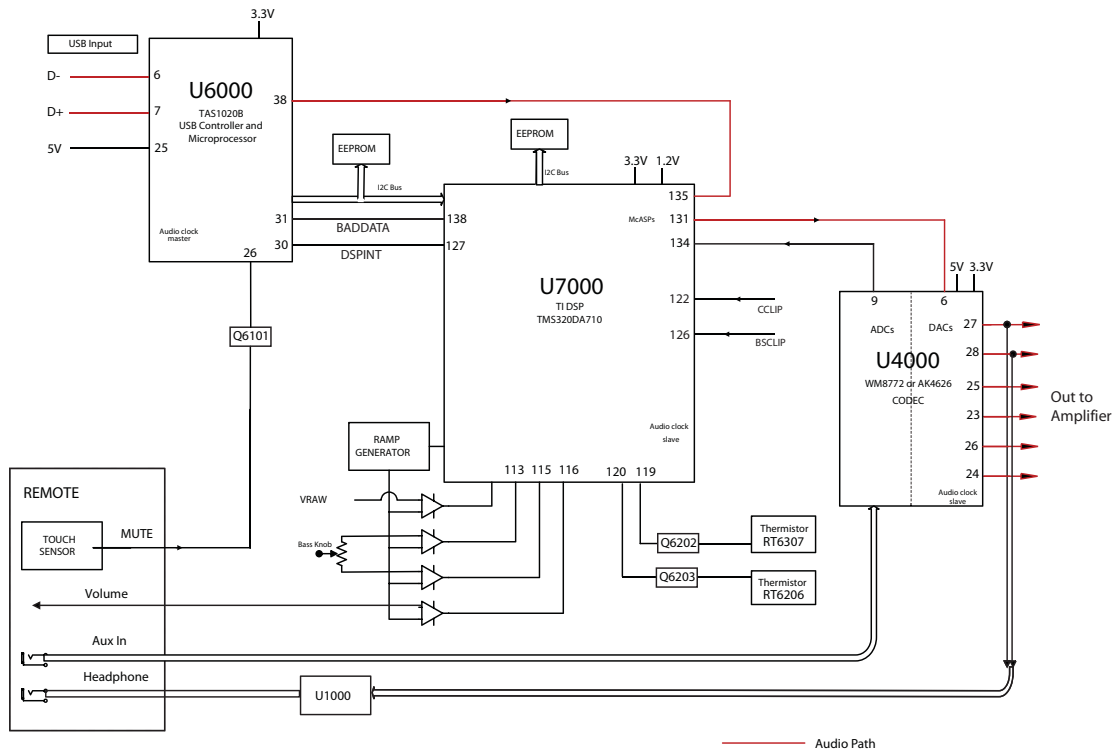
Audio Path

The audio path is implemented on McASP1 of the DSP. All clocks are generated by the USB controller, U6000. The DSP expects audio input from the USB controller on pin U7000.135. The audio input from the CODEC is expected on U7000.134. The DSP sends audio data to the CODEC on pin U7000.131. All other details of the audio path will be deferred until section 5. The left and right channels of the USB input are summed with the left and right channels of the AUX input prior to processing the audio stream. The volume control is applied to the mixed stream. Volume matching the two streams is accomplished by either using the Windows or application volume control on the connected PC, or by using the volume control available on the device connected the AUX input.

Miscellaneous I/O

The DSP receives warning of a USB audio data checksum error on the BADDATA input, U7000.138. USBINT\ is used to signal other errors. It is present on pin U7000.127. The Power Amplifier Clip Detect output are monitored by the signals CCLIP\ and BSCLIP\ signals on U7000.122 and 126 respectively. The temperature of the DSP assembly is monitored by the thermistors RT6206 and RT6307. RT6206 is located between power FET Q10 and rectifier D10, while RT6307 is located near rectifiers D11 and D12. The thermistors are of the positive temperature coefficient type (PTC) with a nominal resistance of 470 Ohms at 25oC. The resistance of these components rapidly increases when the temperature is near 105oC. The increase in resistance will increase the base-emitter voltage on the transistors Q6202 and Q6203 to the point that the transistors will switch to an on state, driving the DSP inputs U7000.119 and U7000.120 low. When either of these inputs is low, the DSP will reduce the audio output level by 0.05dB/second for up to 120 seconds. The maximum attenuation is 6dB. When both U7000.119 and U7000.120 are high, the attenuation will be reduced at the same rate until full audio output is again achieved.

Audio Path (continued)



CODEC

The Codec, U4000, is an AKM4626A. It features the ability to be either hardwired or serial interface configurable. For this application, it is configured by hardwiring the pins.

Stand-by Operation

DSPRESET is used to power down some of the internal functions of the CODEC in order to conserve power during stand-by operation. The CODEC is active at all other times

CODEC Audio Inputs and Outputs

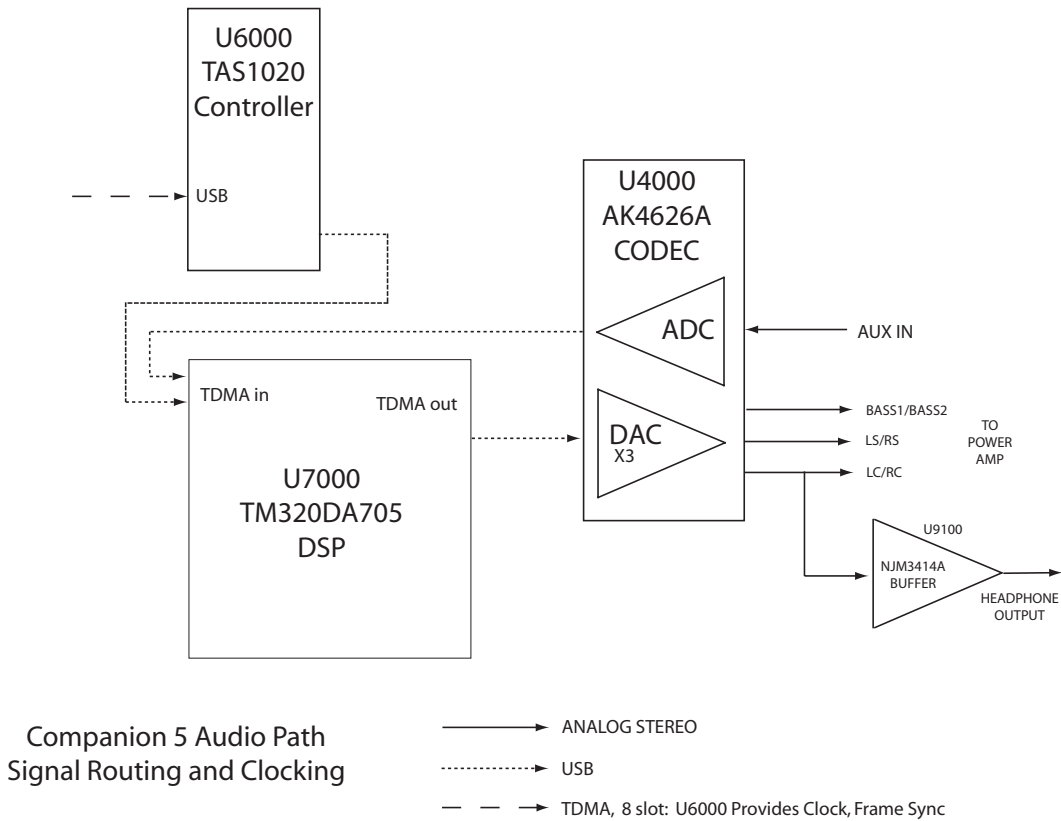
The DSP receives warning of a USB audio data checksum error on the BADDATA input, U7000.138. All other connections to the USB controller and DSP are to implement the TDM audio path.

Six channels of audio output are provided by the CODEC. These six outputs are filtered to remove out-of-band noise and attenuated 7.5dB to reduce the overall gain of the system and AC coupled to the six power amplifiers in IC's U150, U250, and U350. The outputs are single-ended biased to approximately 2.5 volts. The maximum amplitude for a full-scale digital input signal is approximately 1 volt rms. Of the six channels output by the CODEC, only five are wired to the Amplifiers. The DAC_BASS1 channel (U4000.23) is used to drive both bass amplifiers. DAC_LC (U4000.27) and DAC_RC (U4000.28) are also used to drive the headphone amplifiers (U1000).

Aux Audio Input

The AUX stereo input from the control module is attenuated by -4.3dB. This prevents a 2.0Vrms sine wave input signal from clipping the ADC input, whose max input is 1.0 to 1.1 volts rms. The converted stereo signal is transmitted to the DSP over the TDM path described in the next section.

Audio Path (continued)



TDM Configuration

As mentioned section 2, the USB controller generates the two clocks required for transmitting the audio stream via Time-Division Multiplex serial transmission. This is a scheme where all data between two points can be transmitted over one data line. In Companion 5, separate data lines are used for different paths.

The frame sync, FCLK, is generated by the USB controller (U6000.35). This signal is high for the first bit (MSB) of the first audio sample transmitted in each frame. The frame rate is set at 48kHz. Each of up to six audio samples is transmitted in sequence followed by two null samples. Each audio sample is left-justified in a field of 32 bits. The eight total samples of 32 bits require a bit clock of 256 times the FCLK or 12.288MHz. This clock, BCLK, is generated on pin U6000.37.

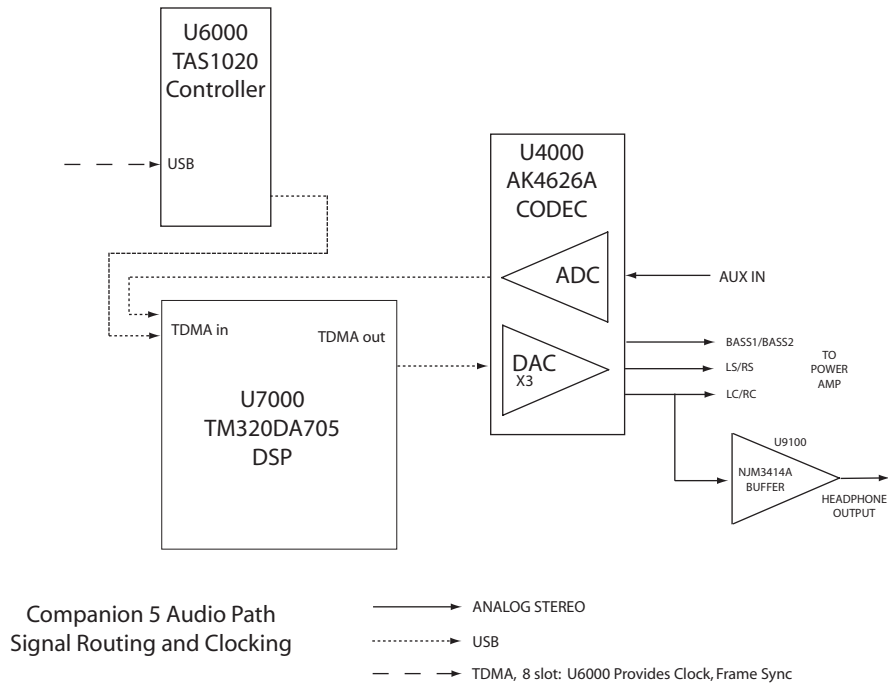
AUX Audio Input

The AUX stereo input from the control module is continuously converted and transmitted to the DSP via the TDM data path, AD_DATA (U4000.9).

Slot Assignments for data from the Codec to the DSP are:

Time Slot	Audio Data
1	Left Aux
2	Right Aux
3	Not Used
4	Not Used
5	Not Used
6	Not Used
7	Not Used
8	Not Used

Audio Path (continued)



USB Audio Input

Audio information from the Personal Computer can contain anywhere from two to six channels of information. This data is transferred from the USB controller to the DSP on the TDM data line connected to U6000.38 (unnamed on the schematic).

Slot Assignments for data from the USB Controller to the DSP are:

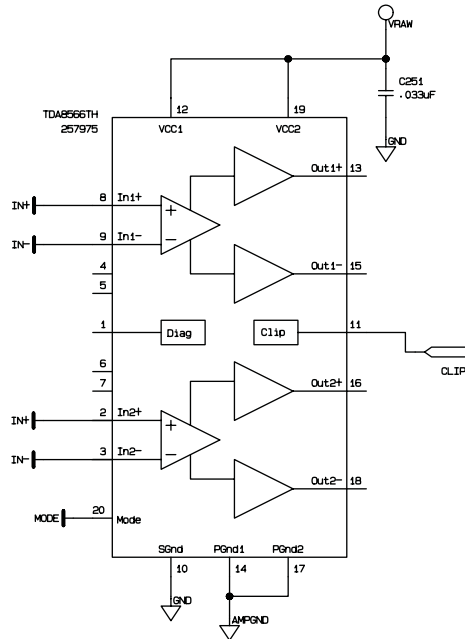
Time Slot	Audio Data
1	Left
2	Right
3	Center
4	LFE
5	Left Surround
6	Right Surround
7	Not Used
8	Not Used

DSP audio output

Audio information is transmitted to the CODEC from the DSP on TDM data line DA_DATA1 (U7000.134). Slot assignments for Audio data from the DSP to the Codec are:

Time Slot	Audio Data	Muted
1	Left Channel (Inner)	Left Headphone
2	Right Channel (Inner)	Right Headphone
3	Left Surround (Outer)	Don't Care
4	Right Surround (Outer)	Don't Care
5	Bass	Don't Care
6	Bass	Don't Care
7	Don't Care	Don't Care
8	Don't Care	Don't Care

Power Amplifiers

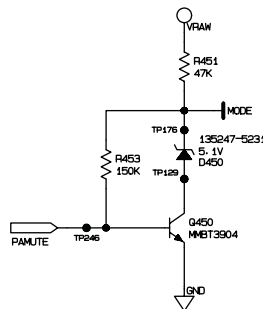


Power Amplifiers

The Phillips TDA8566 power amplifiers (U150, U250, U350) provide 26dB voltage gain and the capability to drive speakers with 2 to 4 Ohm DCR. The Equalization for the system requires the amplifiers to drive to approximately 9.5 volts peak. Thus a 450 millivolts peak input is sufficient for the system to generate the peak audio power required.

The power amplifiers each have an open collector output from their clip detection circuitry that is active whenever either of the output transistors are saturated. The DSP monitors the status of clip detect for U150.11 via the CCLIP\ signal. U150 drives the inner (center) transducers of the left and right speaker arrays. U250.11 and U350.11 are both connected wire-or to the DSP via BSCLIP\.

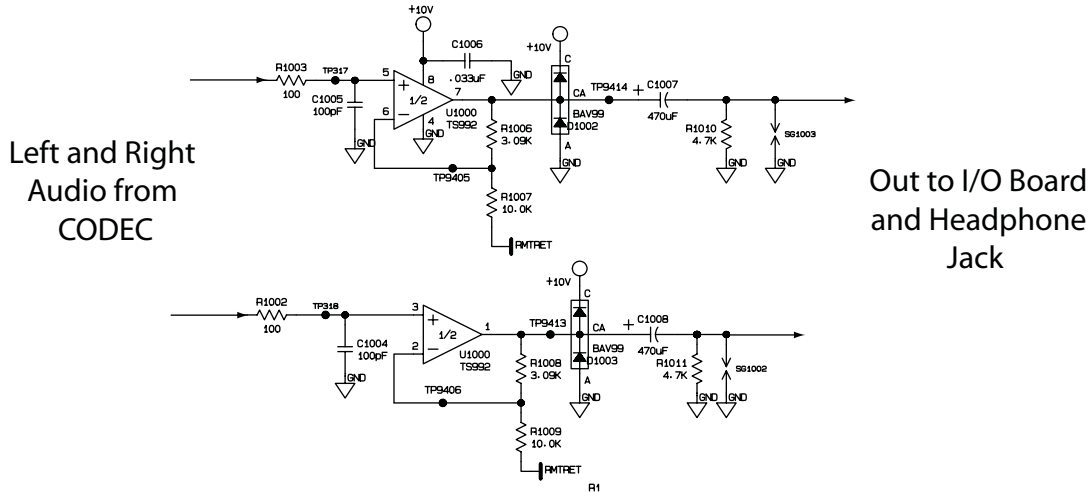
U250 drives the “B” coil of the bass transducer and the outer (surround) transducer of the right array. U350 drives the “A” coil of the bass transducer and the outer transducer of the left array.



Mode

The MODE input on pin 20 of the devices mutes the power amplifiers when the potential at the pin is between 3.3 and 6.4 volts. When muted the power amplifiers remain biased and the outputs active. The power amplifiers are active when the MODE input is above 8.5 volts. If the MODE potential is below 2 volts the amplifiers will be placed in stand-by. In this condition the internal bias for the amplifiers is turned off and the outputs are not active. Companion 5 does not use this state. During system stand-by, the Vraw power supply is turned off. Transistor Q450, resistors, R451 and R453, and Zener D450 convert the MUTE signal from the USB controller to the proper potential for MODE. When MUTE is high, the level at MODE should be 4.5-6.5 volts

Headphone Amplifiers



Headphone Amplifiers

The amplifiers, U1000, are configured to provide 2.3 dB non-inverting voltage gain in order to drive the headphones. The headphone amplifiers are not capable of being muted. The control module must provide a mute signal any time the headphones are plugged in. This causes the system to mute the speakers and ramp in the headphone (flat) EQ required. The outputs of the amplifiers are biased to 3.25 volts due to the 2.3dB gain and the 2.5 volt bias of the CODEC outputs. The worst case output voltage swing from the codec is 1.6 volts. Thus with the gain of the amplifier circuit will cause the worst case output voltage from the headphone amplifiers to from 1.15 to 5.35 volts, or 4.2 volts peak-to-peak.

The bias potential present at the output of the headphone amplifiers is removed from the headphone signals by C1008 and C1008. The signals at the cathodes of these capacitors will be balanced around the GND reference.

The signal RMTRET present at both the AUX input components and the headphone amplifier circuits is a dedicated ground trace to the remote control module that is terminated to GND near the codec. This prevents noise due to power supply currents circulating in GND from coupling to either the AUX inputs or the headphone

Block Diagram

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