

**FEATURES**

- Ultralow power: as low as 35  $\mu\text{A}$  in measurement mode and 1  $\mu\text{A}$  in standby mode at  $V_s = 2.5 \text{ V}$  (typical)**
- Power consumption scales automatically with bandwidth**
- User-selectable resolution**
  - Fixed 10-bit resolution**
  - Full resolution, where resolution increases with  $g$  range, up to 13-bit resolution at  $\pm 16 g$  (maintaining 4 mg/LSB scale factor in all  $g$  ranges)**
- Patent pending, embedded memory management system with FIFO technology minimizes host processor load**
- Single tap/double tap detection**
- Activity/inactivity monitoring**
- Free-fall detection**
- Concurrent four- and six-position orientation detection**
- Supply and I/O voltage range: 1.7 V to 2.75 V**
- SPI (3- and 4-wire) and I<sup>2</sup>C digital interfaces**
- Flexible interrupt modes mappable to either interrupt pin**
- Measurement ranges selectable via serial command**
- Bandwidth selectable via serial command**
- Wide temperature range ( $-40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+85^\circ\text{C}$ )**
- 10,000  $g$  shock survival**
- Pb free/RoHS compliant**
- Small and thin: 3 mm  $\times$  3 mm  $\times$  0.95 mm LGA package**

**APPLICATIONS**

- Handsets**
- Medical instrumentation**
- Gaming and pointing devices**
- Industrial instrumentation**
- Personal navigation devices**
- Hard disk drive (HDD) protection**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The ADXL346 is a small, thin, ultralow power, 3-axis accelerometer with high resolution (13-bit) measurement at up to  $\pm 16 g$ . Digital output data is formatted as 16-bit twos complement and is accessible through either a SPI (3- or 4-wire) or I<sup>2</sup>C digital interface.

The ADXL346 is well suited for mobile device applications. It measures the static acceleration of gravity in tilt-sensing applications, as well as dynamic acceleration resulting from motion or shock. Its high resolution (4 mg/LSB) enables measurement of inclination changes less than  $1.0^\circ$ .

Several special sensing functions are provided. Activity and inactivity sensing detect the presence or lack of motion by comparing the acceleration on any axis with user-set thresholds. Tap sensing detects single and double taps in any direction. Free-fall sensing detects if the device is falling. Orientation detection is capable of concurrent four- and six-position sensing and a user-selectable interrupt on orientation change for 2-D or 3-D applications. These functions can be mapped individually to either of two interrupt output pins. An integrated, patent pending memory management system with 32-level first in, first out (FIFO) buffer can be used to store data to minimize host processor activity and lower overall system power consumption.

Low power modes enable intelligent motion-based power management with threshold sensing and active acceleration measurement at extremely low power dissipation.

The ADXL346 is supplied in a small, thin, 3 mm  $\times$  3 mm  $\times$  0.95 mm, 16-lead, plastic package.

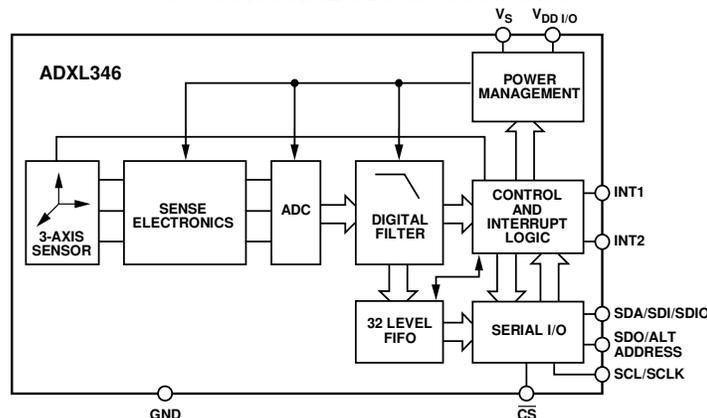
**FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM**


Figure 1.

**Rev. PrC**

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## REVISION HISTORY

**6/09—Revision PrC:** Updated Specifications and functional descriptions of Orientation, Tap Sign and Improved Tap.

**4/09—Revision PrB:** Updated Absolute Maximum Ratings table to reflect correct values for the ADXL346.

**3/09—Revision PrA: Initial Version**

# SPECIFICATIONS

T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, V<sub>S</sub> = 2.5 V, V<sub>DD I/O</sub> = 1.8 V, acceleration = 0 g, C<sub>S</sub> = 10 μF tantalum, C<sub>IO</sub> = 0.1 μF, ODR = 800 Hz, unless otherwise noted.

Table 1. Specifications<sup>1</sup>

| Parameter  | Test Conditions                                  | Min   | Typ             | Max            | Unit    |
|--|--|-------|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| SENSOR INPUT   | Each axis  |       |                 |                |         |
| Measurement Range  | User selectable                                  |       | ±2, ±4, ±8, ±16 |                | g       |
| Nonlinearity   | Percentage of full scale                         |       | ±0.5            |                | %       |
| Inter-Axis Alignment Error   |  |       | ±0.1            |                | Degrees |
| Cross-Axis Sensitivity <sup>2</sup>                                    |  |       | ±1              |                | %       |
| OUTPUT RESOLUTION  | Each axis  |       |                 |                |         |
| All g Ranges   | 10-bit resolution                                |       | 10              |                | Bits    |
| ±2 g Range   | Full resolution                                  |       | 10              |                | Bits    |
| ±4 g Range   | Full resolution                                  |       | 11              |                | Bits    |
| ±8 g Range   | Full resolution                                  |       | 12              |                | Bits    |
| ±16 g Range  | Full resolution                                  |       | 13              |                | Bits    |
| SENSITIVITY  | Each axis  |       |                 |                |         |
| Sensitivity at X <sub>OUT</sub> , Y <sub>OUT</sub> , Z <sub>OUT</sub>  | ±2 g, 10-bit or full resolution                  | 230   | 256             | 282            | LSB/g   |
| Scale Factor at X <sub>OUT</sub> , Y <sub>OUT</sub> , Z <sub>OUT</sub> | ±2 g, 10-bit or full resolution                  | 3.5   | 3.9             | 4.3            | mg/LSB  |
| Sensitivity at X <sub>OUT</sub> , Y <sub>OUT</sub> , Z <sub>OUT</sub>  | ±4 g, 10-bit resolution                          | 115   | 128             | 141            | LSB/g   |
| Scale Factor at X <sub>OUT</sub> , Y <sub>OUT</sub> , Z <sub>OUT</sub> | ±4 g, 10-bit resolution                          | 7.1   | 7.8             | 8.7            | mg/LSB  |
| Sensitivity at X <sub>OUT</sub> , Y <sub>OUT</sub> , Z <sub>OUT</sub>  | ±8 g, 10-bit resolution                          | 57    | 64              | 71             | LSB/g   |
| Scale Factor at X <sub>OUT</sub> , Y <sub>OUT</sub> , Z <sub>OUT</sub> | ±8 g, 10-bit resolution                          | 14.1  | 15.6            | 17.5           | mg/LSB  |
| Sensitivity at X <sub>OUT</sub> , Y <sub>OUT</sub> , Z <sub>OUT</sub>  | ±16 g, 10-bit resolution                         | 29    | 32              | 35             | LSB/g   |
| Scale Factor at X <sub>OUT</sub> , Y <sub>OUT</sub> , Z <sub>OUT</sub> | ±16 g, 10-bit resolution                         | 28.6  | 31.2            | 34.5           | mg/LSB  |
| Sensitivity Change Due to Temperature                                  |  |       | ±0.01           |                | %/°C    |
| 0 g OFFSET   | Each axis  |       |                 |                |         |
| 0 g Output for X <sub>OUT</sub> , Y <sub>OUT</sub> , Z <sub>OUT</sub>  |  | -150  |                 | +150           | mg      |
| 0 g Offset vs. Temperature for x-, y-, z-Axes                          |  |       | <±1.0           |                | mg/°C   |
| NOISE  |  |       |                 |                |         |
| x-, y-Axes   | ODR = 100 Hz for ±2 g, 10-bit or full resolution |       | <1.0            |                | LSB rms |
| z-Axis   | ODR = 100 Hz for ±2 g, 10-bit or full resolution |       | <1.5            |                | LSB rms |
| OUTPUT DATA RATE AND BANDWIDTH   | User selectable                                  |       |                 |                |         |
| Output Data Rate (ODR) <sup>3</sup>                                    |  | 6.25  |                 | 3200           | Hz      |
| SELF-TEST <sup>4</sup>   |  |       |                 |                |         |
| Output Change in x-Axis  |  | 0.27  |                 | 1.55           | g       |
| Output Change in y-Axis  |  | -1.55 |                 | -0.27          | g       |
| Output Change in z-Axis  |  | 0.40  |                 | 1.95           | g       |
| POWER SUPPLY   |  |       |                 |                |         |
| Operating Voltage Range (V <sub>S</sub> )                              |  | 1.7   | 2.5             | 2.75           | V       |
| Interface Voltage Range (V <sub>DD I/O</sub> )                         |  | 1.7   | 1.8             | V <sub>S</sub> | V       |
| Supply Current   | ODR ≥ 100 Hz                                     |       | 140             |                | μA      |
|  | ODR < 10 Hz                                      |       | 35              |                | μA      |
| Standby Mode Leakage Current   |  |       | 1               | 10             | μA      |
| Turn-On and Wake-Up Time <sup>5</sup>                                  | ODR = 3200 Hz                                    |       | 1.4             |                | ms      |
| TEMPERATURE  |  |       |                 |                |         |
| Operating Temperature Range  |  | -40   |                 | +85            | °C      |
| WEIGHT   |  |       |                 |                |         |
| Device Weight  |  |       | 18              |                | mg      |

<sup>1</sup> All minimum and maximum specifications are guaranteed. Typical specifications are not guaranteed.

<sup>2</sup> Cross-axis sensitivity is defined as coupling between any two axes.

<sup>3</sup> Bandwidth is the -3 dB frequency and is half the output data rate, bandwidth = ODR/2.

<sup>4</sup> Self-test change is defined as the output (g) when the SELF\_TEST bit = 1 (in the DATA\_FORMAT register) minus the output (g) when the SELF\_TEST bit = 0 (in the DATA\_FORMAT register). Due to device filtering, the output reaches its final value after 4 × τ when enabling or disabling self-test, where τ = 1/(data rate). The part needs to be in normal power operation (LOW\_POWER bit = 0 in BW\_RATE register) for self-test to operate correctly.

<sup>5</sup> Turn-on and wake-up times are determined by the user-defined bandwidth. At a 100 Hz data rate, the turn-on and wake-up times are each approximately 11.1 ms. For other data rates, the turn-on and wake-up times are each approximately τ + 1.1 in milliseconds, where τ = 1/(data rate).

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Table 2.

| Parameter  | Rating   |
|--|--|
| Acceleration   |  |
| Any Axis, Unpowered                                  | 10,000 <i>g</i>  |
| Any Axis, Powered                                    | 10,000 <i>g</i>  |
| $V_S$  | -0.3 V to +2.75 V  |
| $V_{DD I/O}$   | -0.3 V to +2.75 V  |
| Digital Pins   | -0.3 V to $V_{DD I/O} + 0.3$ V or<br>2.75 V, whichever is less |
| All Other Pins                                       | -0.3 V to +2.75 V  |
| Output Short-Circuit Duration<br>(Any Pin to Ground) | Indefinite   |
| Temperature Range                                    |  |
| Powered  | -40°C to +105°C  |
| Storage  | -40°C to +105°C  |

Stresses above those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only; functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

### THERMAL RESISTANCE

Table 3. Package Characteristics

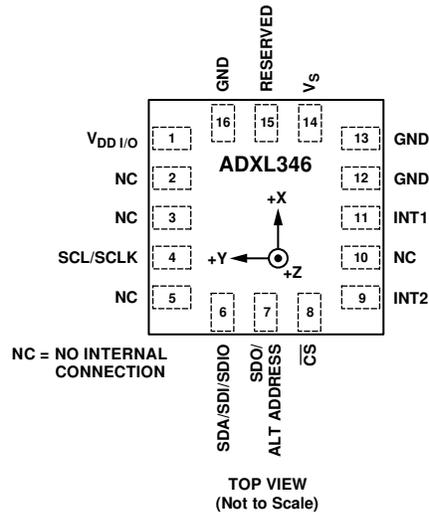
| Package Type    | $\theta_{JA}$ | $\theta_{JC}$ | Device Weight |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 16-Terminal LGA | 150°C/W       | 85°C/W        | 18 mg         |

### ESD CAUTION



**ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device.** Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD. Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

## PIN CONFIGURATION AND FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS



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Figure 2. Pin Configuration (Top View)

Table 4. Pin Function Descriptions

| Pin No. | Mnemonic            | Description  |
|---------|---------------------|--|
| 1       | V <sub>DD I/O</sub> | Digital Interface Supply Voltage.  |
| 2       | NC                  | Not Internally Connected.  |
| 3       | NC                  | Not Internally Connected.  |
| 4       | SCL/SCLK            | Serial Communications Clock.   |
| 5       | NC                  | Not Internally Connected.  |
| 6       | SDA/SDI/SDIO        | Serial Data (I <sup>2</sup> C)/Serial Data Input (SPI 4-Wire)/Serial Data Input and Output (SPI 3-Wire). |
| 7       | SDO/ALT ADDRESS     | Serial Data Output (SPI 4-Wire)/Alternate I <sup>2</sup> C Address Select (I <sup>2</sup> C).            |
| 8       | $\overline{CS}$     | Chip Select.   |
| 9       | INT2                | Interrupt 2 Output.  |
| 10      | NC                  | Not Internally Connected.  |
| 11      | INT1                | Interrupt 1 Output.  |
| 12      | GND                 | Must be connected to ground.   |
| 13      | GND                 | Must be connected to ground.   |
| 14      | V <sub>S</sub>      | Supply Voltage.  |
| 15      | Reserved            | Reserved. This pin must be connected to V <sub>S</sub> .   |
| 16      | GND                 | Must be connected to ground.   |

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

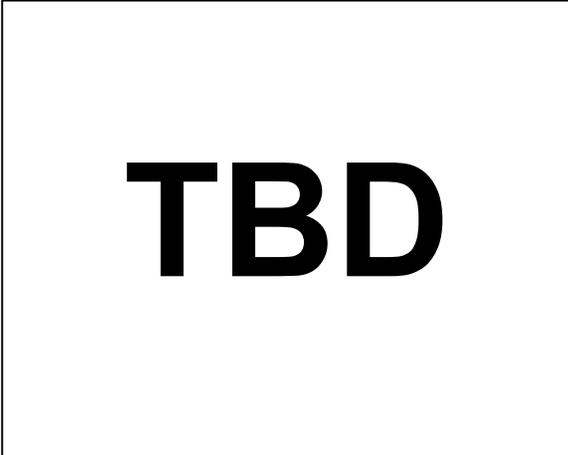


Figure 3. X-Axis Zero g Offset at 25°C,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

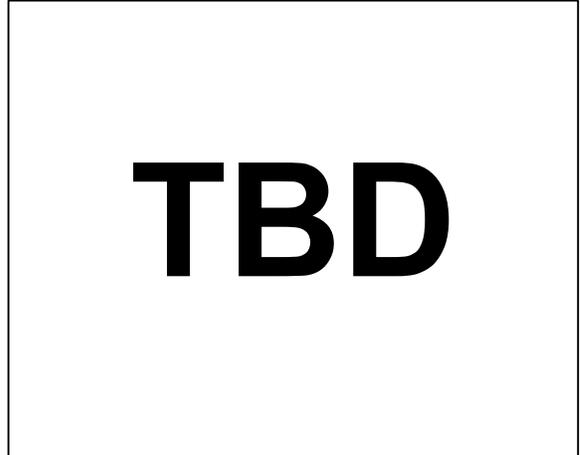


Figure 6. X-Axis Self-Test Response at 25°C,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

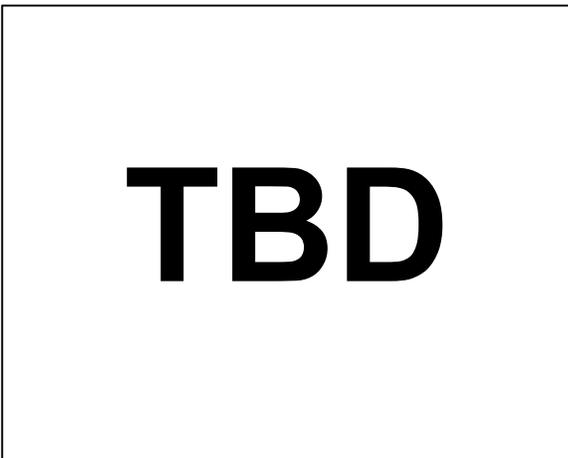


Figure 4. Y-Axis Zero g Offset at 25°C,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

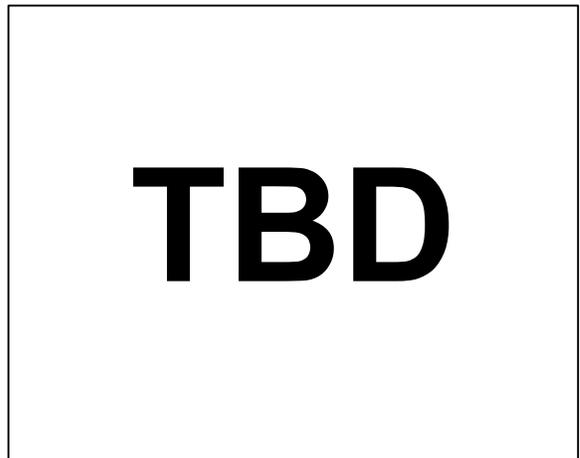


Figure 7. Y-Axis Self-Test Response at 25°C,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

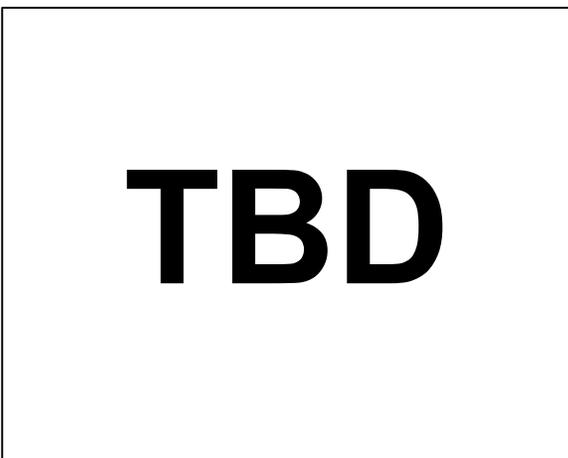


Figure 5. Z-Axis Zero g Offset at 25°C,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

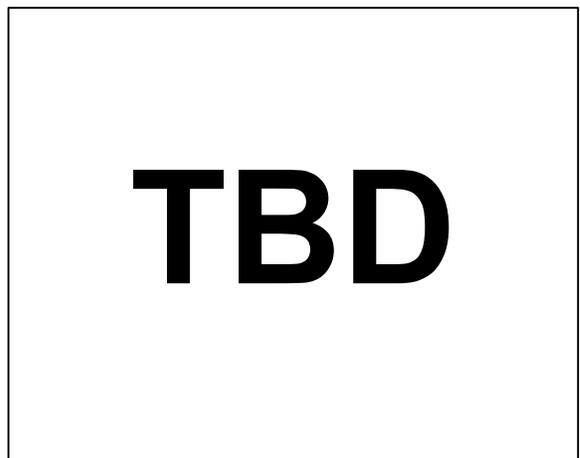


Figure 8. Z-Axis Self-Test Response at 25°C,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

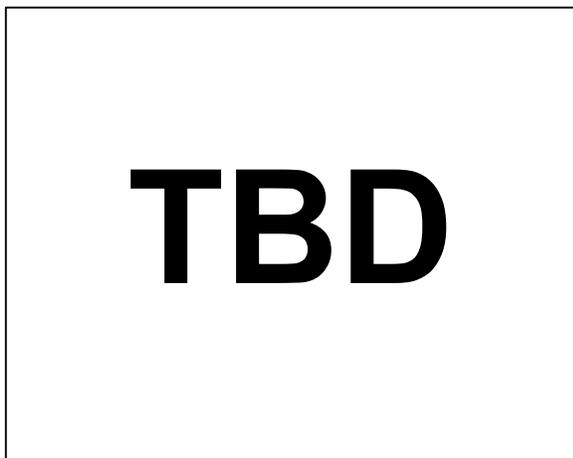


Figure 9. X-Axis Zero g Offset Temperature Coefficient,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

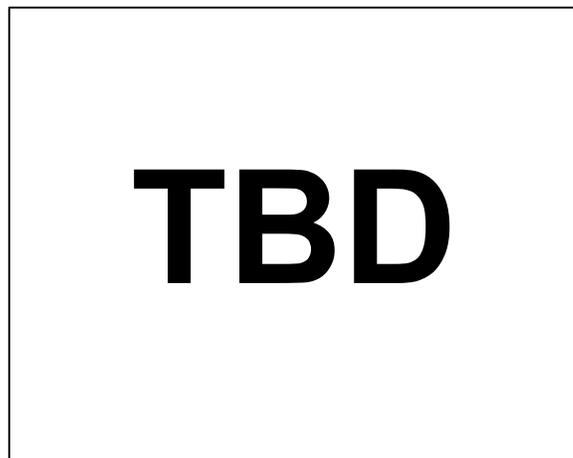


Figure 12. X-Axis Zero g Offset vs. Temperature—  
Eight Parts Soldered to PCB,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

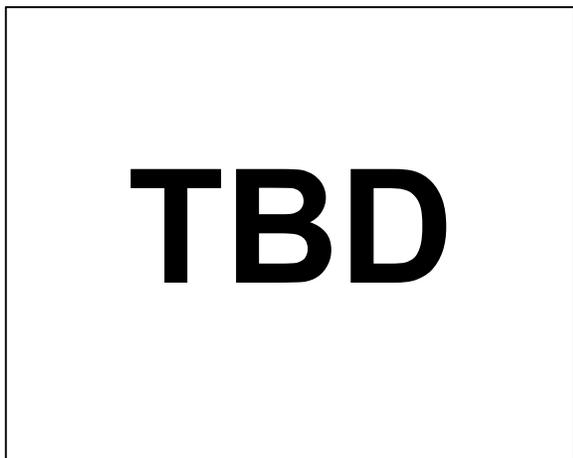


Figure 10. Y-Axis Zero g Offset Temperature Coefficient,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

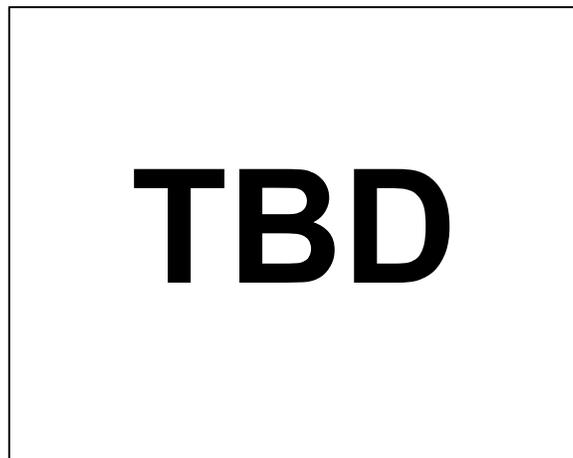


Figure 13. Y-Axis Zero g Offset vs. Temperature—  
Eight Parts Soldered to PCB,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

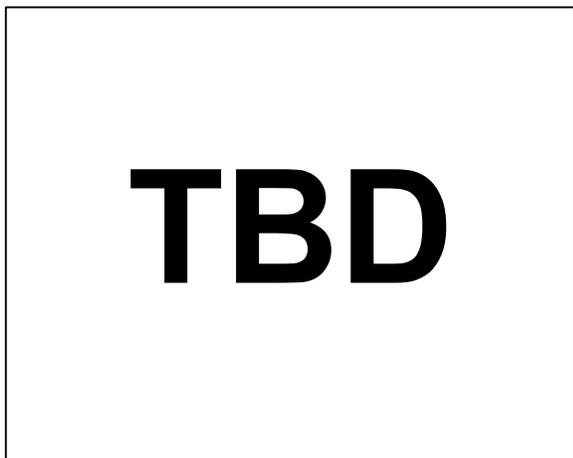


Figure 11. Z-Axis Zero g Offset Temperature Coefficient,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

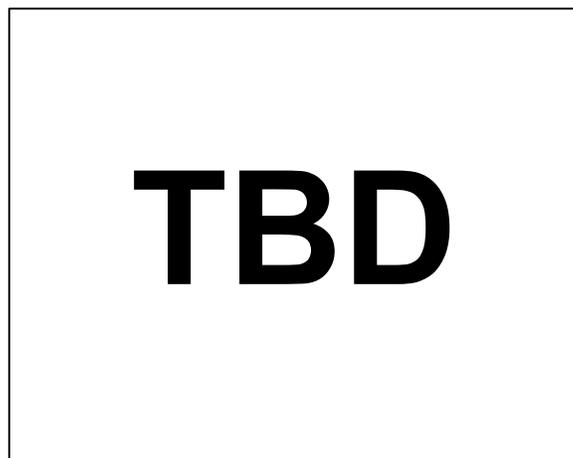


Figure 14. Z-Axis Zero g Offset vs. Temperature—  
Eight Parts Soldered to PCB,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

**TBD**

Figure 15. X-Axis Sensitivity at 25°C,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

**TBD**

Figure 18. Supply Current at 25°C, 100 Hz Output Data Rate,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

**TBD**

Figure 16. Y-Axis Sensitivity at 25°C,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

**TBD**

Figure 19. Supply Current vs. Output Data Rate at 25°C—10 Parts,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

**TBD**

Figure 17. Z-Axis Sensitivity at 25°C,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

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Figure 20. Supply Current vs.  $V_S$  at 25°C

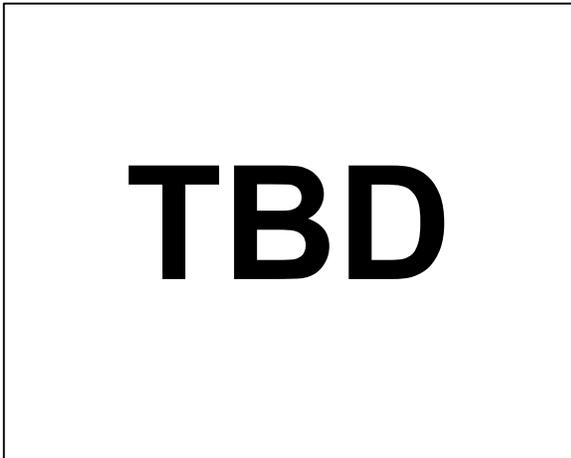


Figure 21. X-Axis Sensitivity Temperature Coefficient,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

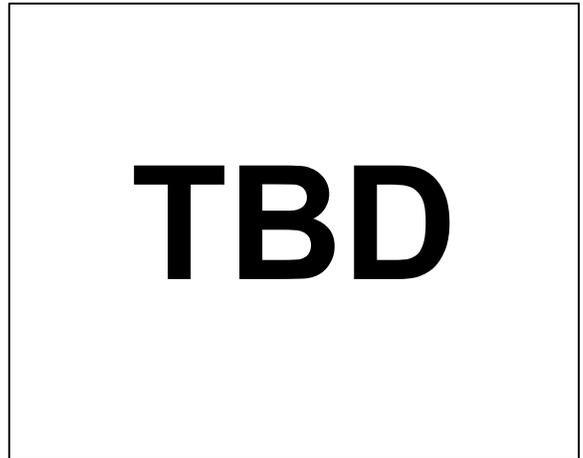


Figure 24. X-Axis Sensitivity vs. Temperature—  
Eight Parts Soldered to PCB,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

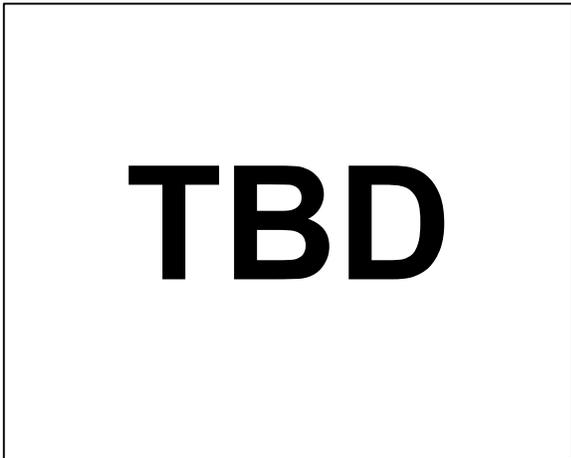


Figure 22. Y-Axis Sensitivity Temperature Coefficient,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

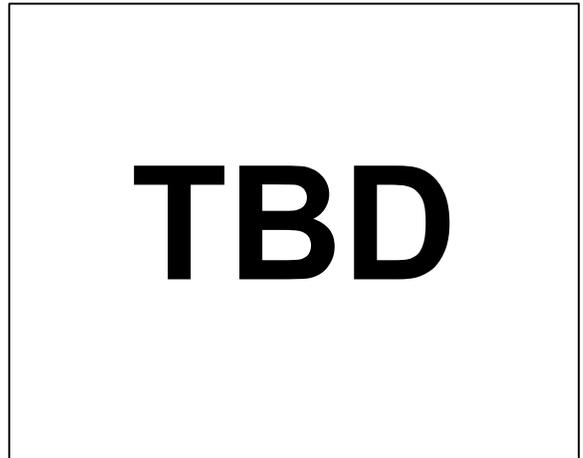


Figure 25. Y-Axis Sensitivity vs. Temperature—  
Eight Parts Soldered to PCB,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

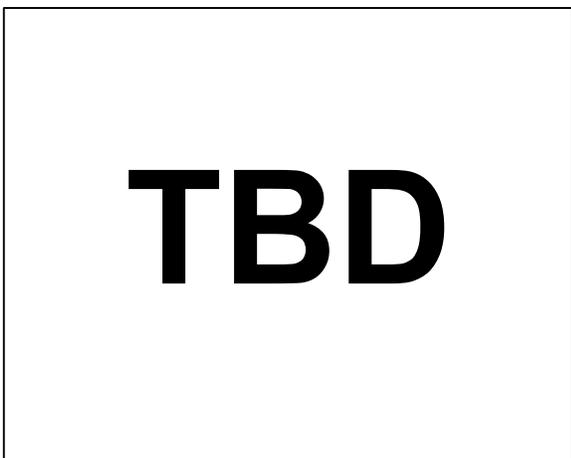


Figure 23. Z-Axis Sensitivity Temperature Coefficient,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

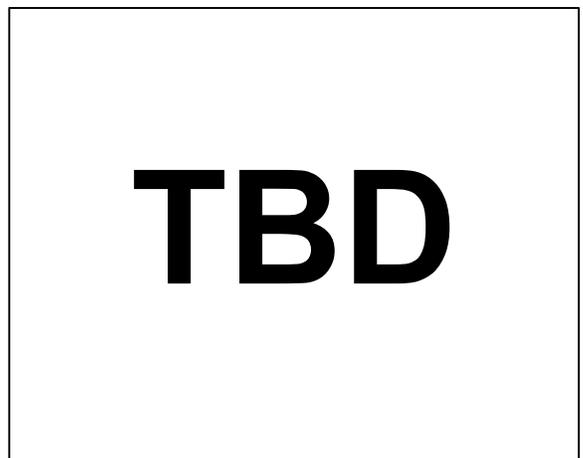


Figure 26. Z-Axis Sensitivity vs. Temperature—  
Eight Parts Soldered to PCB,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$

## THEORY OF OPERATION

The ADXL346 is a complete 3-axis acceleration measurement system with a selectable measurement range of  $\pm 2 g$ ,  $\pm 4 g$ ,  $\pm 8 g$ , or  $\pm 16 g$ . It measures both dynamic acceleration resulting from motion or shock and static acceleration, such as gravity, which allows the device to be used as a tilt sensor.

The sensor is a polysilicon surface-micromachined structure built on top of a silicon wafer. Polysilicon springs suspend the structure over the surface of the wafer and provide a resistance against forces due to applied acceleration.

Deflection of the structure is measured using differential capacitors that consist of independent fixed plates and plates attached to the moving mass. Acceleration deflects the proof mass and unbalances the differential capacitor, resulting in a sensor output whose amplitude is proportional to acceleration. Phase-sensitive demodulation is used to determine the magnitude and polarity of the acceleration.

### POWER SEQUENCING

Power can be applied to  $V_S$  or  $V_{DD I/O}$  in any sequence without damaging the ADXL346. All possible power-on modes are summarized in Table 5. The interface voltage level is set with the interface supply voltage,  $V_{DD I/O}$ , which must be present to ensure that the ADXL346 does not create a conflict on the communication bus. For single-supply operation,  $V_{DD I/O}$  can be the same as the main supply,  $V_S$ . In a dual-supply application, however,  $V_{DD I/O}$  can differ from  $V_S$  to accommodate the desired interface voltage, as long as  $V_S$  is greater than or equal to  $V_{DD I/O}$ .

After  $V_S$  is applied, the device enters standby mode, where power consumption is minimized and the device waits for  $V_{DD I/O}$  to be applied and for the command to enter measurement mode to be received. (This command can be initiated by setting the measure bit in the POWER\_CTL register (Address 0x2D).) In addition, any register can be written to or read from to configure the part while the device is in standby mode. It is recommended to configure the device in standby mode and then to enable measurement mode. Clearing the measure bit returns the device to the standby mode.

**Table 5. Power Sequencing**

| Condition              | $V_S$ | $V_{DD I/O}$ | Description   |
|------------------------|-------|--------------|---|
| Power Off              | Off   | Off          | The device is completely off, but there is a potential for a communication bus conflict.  |
| Bus Disabled           | On    | Off          | The device is on in standby mode, but communication is unavailable and will create a conflict on the communication bus. The duration of this state should be minimized during power-up to prevent a conflict.             |
| Bus Enabled            | Off   | On           | No functions are available, but the device will not create a conflict on the communication bus.   |
| Standby or Measurement | On    | On           | At power-up, the device is in standby mode, awaiting a command to enter measurement mode, and all sensor functions are off. After the device is instructed to enter measurement mode, all sensor functions are available. |

## POWER SAVINGS

### Power Modes

The ADXL346 automatically modulates its power consumption in proportion to its output data rate, as outlined in Table 6. If additional power savings is desired, a lower power mode is available. In this mode, the internal sampling rate is reduced, allowing for power savings in the 12.5 Hz to 400 Hz data rate range at the expense of slightly greater noise. To enter low power mode, set the LOW\_POWER bit (Bit 4) in the BW\_RATE register (Address 0x2C). The current consumption in low power mode is shown in Table 7 for cases where there is an advantage to using low power mode. The current consumption values shown in Table 6 and Table 7 are for a  $V_S$  of 2.5 V.

**Table 6. Typical Current Consumption vs. Data Rate**  
( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{DD I/O} = 1.8\text{ V}$ )

| Output Data Rate (Hz) | Bandwidth (Hz) | Rate Code | $I_{DD}$ ( $\mu\text{A}$ ) |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 3200                  | 1600           | 1111      | 140                        |
| 1600                  | 800            | 1110      | 90                         |
| 800                   | 400            | 1101      | 140                        |
| 400                   | 200            | 1100      | 140                        |
| 200                   | 100            | 1011      | 140                        |
| 100                   | 50             | 1010      | 140                        |
| 50                    | 25             | 1001      | 90                         |
| 25                    | 12.5           | 1000      | 60                         |
| 12.5                  | 6.25           | 0111      | 45                         |
| 6.25                  | 3.125          | 0110      | 35                         |

**Table 7. Typical Current Consumption vs. Data Rate, Low Power Mode**  
( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{DD I/O} = 1.8\text{ V}$ )

| Output Data Rate (Hz) | Bandwidth (Hz) | Rate Code | $I_{DD}$ ( $\mu\text{A}$ ) |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 400                   | 200            | 1100      | 90                         |
| 200                   | 100            | 1011      | 60                         |
| 100                   | 50             | 1010      | 45                         |
| 50                    | 25             | 1001      | 35                         |
| 25                    | 12.5           | 1000      | 35                         |
| 12.5                  | 6.25           | 0111      | 35                         |

**Auto Sleep Mode**

Additional power can be saved if the ADXL346 automatically switches to sleep mode during periods of inactivity. To enable this feature, set the THRESH\_INACT register (Address 0x25) and the TIME\_INACT register (Address 0x26) each to a value that signifies inactivity (the appropriate value depends on the application), and then set the AUTO\_SLEEP bit and the link bit in the POWER\_CTL register (Address 0x2D). Current consumption at the sub-8 Hz data rates used in this mode is typically 35  $\mu$ A for a  $V_s$  of 2.5 V.

**Standby Mode**

For even lower power operation, standby mode can be used. In standby mode, current consumption is reduced to 1  $\mu$ A (typical). In this mode, no measurements are made. Standby mode is entered by clearing the measure bit (Bit 3) in the POWER\_CTL register (Address 0x2D). Placing the device into standby mode preserves the contents of FIFO.

## SERIAL COMMUNICATIONS

I<sup>2</sup>C and SPI digital communications are available. In both cases, the ADXL346 operates as a slave. I<sup>2</sup>C mode is enabled if the  $\overline{CS}$  pin is tied high to  $V_{DD I/O}$ . The  $\overline{CS}$  pin should always be tied high to  $V_{DD I/O}$  or be driven by an external controller because there is no default mode if the  $\overline{CS}$  pin is left unconnected. Therefore, not taking these precautions may result in an inability to communicate with the part. In SPI mode, the  $\overline{CS}$  pin is controlled by the bus master. In both SPI and I<sup>2</sup>C modes of operation, data transmitted from the ADXL346 to the master device should be ignored during writes to the ADXL346.

### SPI

For SPI, either 3- or 4-wire configuration is possible, as shown in the connection diagrams in Figure 27 and Figure 28. Clearing the SPI bit in the DATA\_FORMAT register (Address 0x31) selects 4-wire mode, whereas setting the SPI bit selects 3-wire mode. The maximum SPI clock speed is 5 MHz with 100 pF maximum loading, and the timing scheme follows clock polarity (CPOL) = 1 and clock phase (CPHA) = 1.

$\overline{CS}$  is the serial port enable line and is controlled by the SPI master. This line must go low at the start of a transmission and high at the end of a transmission, as shown in Figure 29. SCLK is the serial port clock and is supplied by the SPI master. It is stopped high when  $\overline{CS}$  is high during a period of no transmission. SDI and SDO are the serial data input and output, respectively. Data should be sampled at the rising edge of SCLK.

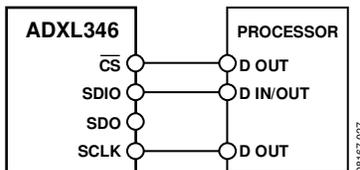


Figure 27. 3-Wire SPI Connection Diagram

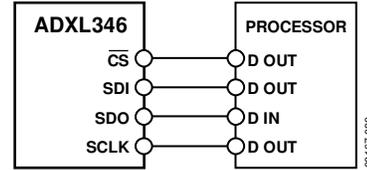


Figure 28. 4-Wire SPI Connection Diagram

To read or write multiple bytes in a single transmission, the multiple-byte bit, located after the R/W bit in the first byte transfer (MB in Figure 29 to Figure 31), must be set. After the register addressing and the first byte of data, each subsequent set of clock pulses (eight clock pulses) causes the ADXL346 to point to the next register for a read or write. This shifting continues until the clock pulses cease and  $\overline{CS}$  is deasserted. To perform reads or writes on different, nonsequential registers,  $\overline{CS}$  must be deasserted between transmissions and the new register must be addressed separately.

The timing diagram for 3-wire SPI reads or writes is shown in Figure 31. The 4-wire equivalents for SPI writes and reads are shown in Figure 29 and Figure 30, respectively.

Table 8. SPI Digital Input/Output Voltage

| Parameter                              | Limit <sup>1</sup>      | Unit  |
|--|-------------------------|-------|
| Digital Input Voltage                  |                         |       |
| Low Level Input Voltage ( $V_{IL}$ )   | $0.3 \times V_{DD I/O}$ | V max |
| High Level Input Voltage ( $V_{IH}$ )  | $0.7 \times V_{DD I/O}$ | V min |
| Digital Output Voltage                 |                         |       |
| Low Level Output Voltage ( $V_{OL}$ )  | $0.2 \times V_{DD I/O}$ | V max |
| High Level Output Voltage ( $V_{OH}$ ) | $0.8 \times V_{DD I/O}$ | V min |

<sup>1</sup> Limits based on characterization results, not production tested.

Table 9. SPI Timing ( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{DD I/O} = 1.8\text{ V}$ )<sup>1</sup>

| Parameter    | Limit <sup>2,3</sup>  |     | Unit | Description   |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----|------|---|
|              | Min                   | Max |      |   |
| $f_{SCLK}$   |                       | 5   | MHz  | SPI clock frequency   |
| $t_{SCLK}$   | 200                   |     | ns   | 1/(SPI clock frequency) mark-space ratio for the SCLK input is 40/60 to 60/40 |
| $t_{DELAY}$  | 10                    |     | ns   | $\overline{CS}$ falling edge to SCLK falling edge                             |
| $t_{QUIET}$  | 10                    |     | ns   | SCLK rising edge to $\overline{CS}$ rising edge                               |
| $t_{DIS}$    |                       | 100 | ns   | $\overline{CS}$ rising edge to SDO disabled                                   |
| $t_{CS,DIS}$ | 250                   |     | ns   | $\overline{CS}$ deassertion between SPI communications                        |
| $t_S$        | $0.4 \times t_{SCLK}$ |     | ns   | SCLK low pulse width (space)  |
| $t_M$        | $0.4 \times t_{SCLK}$ |     | ns   | SCLK high pulse width (mark)  |
| $t_{SDO}$    |                       | 95  | ns   | SCLK falling edge to SDO transition   |
| $t_{SETUP}$  | 10                    |     | ns   | SDI valid before SCLK rising edge   |
| $t_{HOLD}$   | 10                    |     | ns   | SDI valid after SCLK rising edge  |

<sup>1</sup> The  $\overline{CS}$ , SCLK, SDI, and SDO pins are not internally pulled up or down; they must be driven for proper operation.

<sup>2</sup> Limits based on characterization results, characterized with  $f_{SCLK} = 5\text{ MHz}$  and bus load capacitance of 100 pF; not production tested.

<sup>3</sup> The timing values are measured corresponding to the input thresholds ( $V_{IL}$  and  $V_{IH}$ ) given in Table 8.

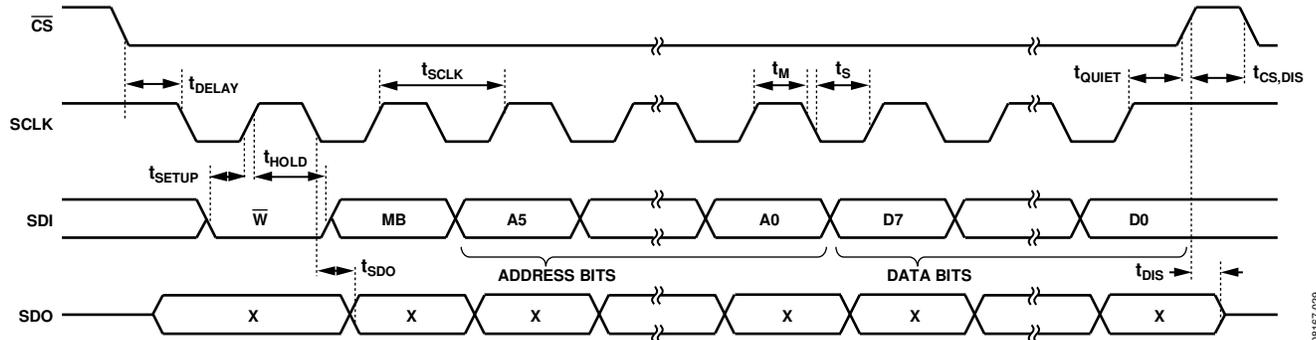


Figure 29. SPI 4-Wire Write

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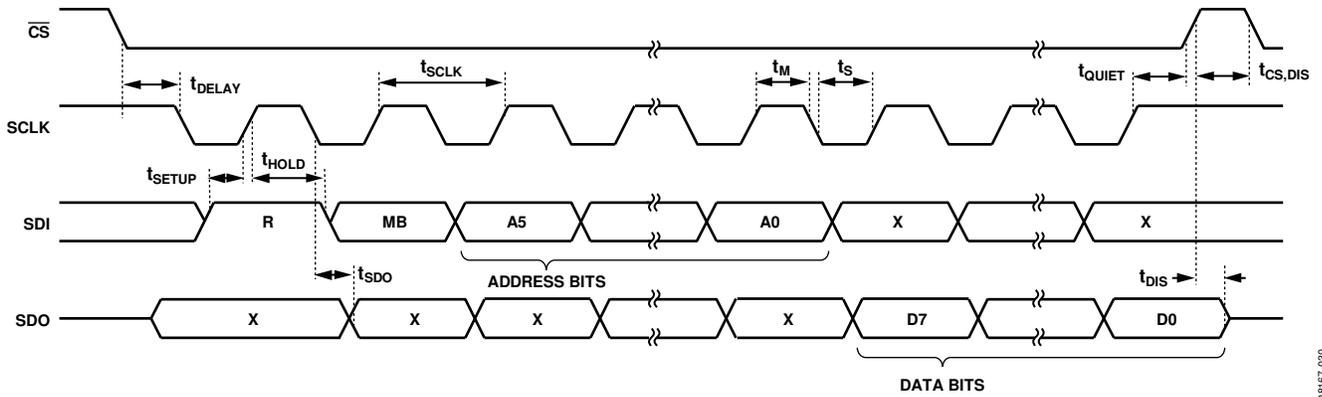
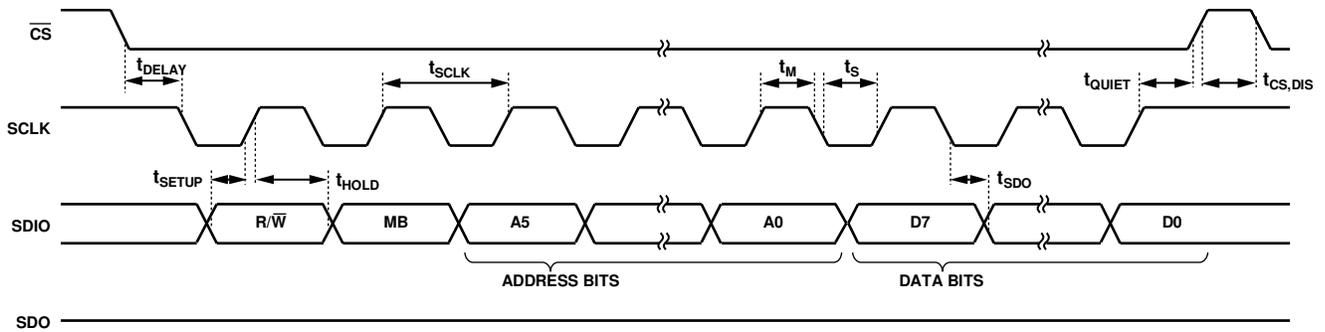


Figure 30. SPI 4-Wire Read

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- NOTES  
 1.  $t_{SDO}$  IS ONLY PRESENT DURING READS.

Figure 31. SPI 3-Wire Read/Write

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I<sup>2</sup>C

With  $\overline{CS}$  tied high to  $V_{DD I/O}$ , the ADXL346 is in I<sup>2</sup>C mode, requiring a simple 2-wire connection as shown in Figure 32. The ADXL346 conforms to the *UM10204 I<sup>2</sup>C-Bus Specification and User Manual*, Rev. 03—19 June 2007, available from NXP Semiconductor. It supports standard (100 kHz) and fast (400 kHz) data transfer modes if the parameters given in Table 10 and Table 11 are met. Single- or multiple-byte reads/writes are supported, as shown in Figure 33. With the ALT ADDRESS pin high, the 7-bit I<sup>2</sup>C address for the device is 0x1D, followed by the R/W bit. This translates to 0x3A for a write and 0x3B for a read. An alternate I<sup>2</sup>C address of 0x53 (followed by the R/W bit) can be chosen by grounding the ALT ADDRESS pin (Pin 7). This translates to 0xA6 for a write and 0xA7 for a read.

If other devices are connected to the same I<sup>2</sup>C bus, the nominal operating voltage level of these other devices cannot exceed  $V_{DD I/O}$  by more than 0.3 V. External pull-up resistors,  $R_P$ , are necessary for proper I<sup>2</sup>C operation. Refer to the *UM10204 I<sup>2</sup>C-Bus Specification and User Manual*, Rev. 03—19 June 2007, when selecting pull-up resistor values to ensure proper operation.

Table 10. I<sup>2</sup>C Digital Input/Output Voltage

| Parameter  | Limit <sup>1</sup>      | Unit  |
|--|-------------------------|-------|
| Digital Input Voltage                              |                         |       |
| Low Level Input Voltage ( $V_{IL}$ )               | $0.3 \times V_{DD I/O}$ | V max |
| High Level Input Voltage ( $V_{IH}$ )              | $0.7 \times V_{DD I/O}$ | V min |
| Digital Output Voltage                             |                         |       |
| Low Level Output Voltage ( $V_{OL}$ ) <sup>2</sup> | $0.2 \times V_{DD I/O}$ | V max |

<sup>1</sup> Limits based on characterization results; not production tested.  
<sup>2</sup> The limit given is only for  $V_{DD I/O} < 2$  V. When  $V_{DD I/O} > 2$  V, the limit is 0.4 V max.

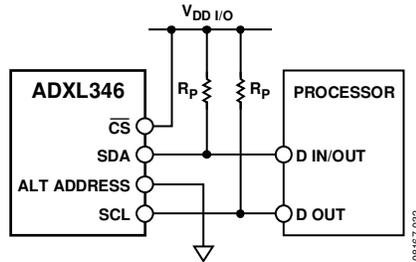
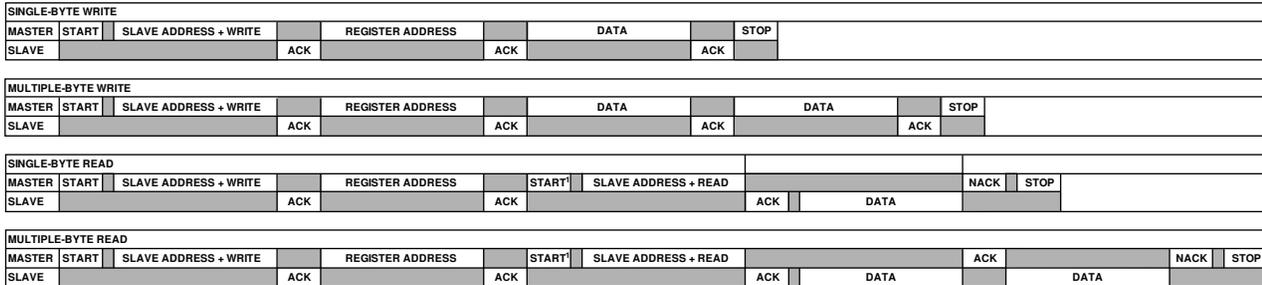


Figure 32. I<sup>2</sup>C Connection Diagram (Address 0x53)



NOTES

1. THIS START IS EITHER A RESTART OR A STOP FOLLOWED BY A START.
2. THE SHADED AREAS REPRESENT WHEN THE DEVICE IS LISTENING.

Figure 33. I<sup>2</sup>C Device Addressing

Table 11. I<sup>2</sup>C Timing (T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, V<sub>S</sub> = 2.5 V, V<sub>DD I/O</sub> = 1.8 V)

| Parameter                         | Limit <sup>1,2</sup>                 |     | Unit | Description   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|------|---|
|                                   | Min                                  | Max |      |   |
| f <sub>SCL</sub>                  |                                      | 400 | kHz  | SCL clock frequency   |
| t <sub>1</sub>                    | 2.5                                  |     | μs   | SCL cycle time  |
| t <sub>2</sub>                    | 0.6                                  |     | μs   | t <sub>HIGH</sub> , SCL high time   |
| t <sub>3</sub>                    | 1.3                                  |     | μs   | t <sub>LOW</sub> , SCL low time   |
| t <sub>4</sub>                    | 0.6                                  |     | μs   | t <sub>HD, STA</sub> , start/repeated start condition hold time                 |
| t <sub>5</sub>                    | 100                                  |     | ns   | t <sub>SU, DAT</sub> , data setup time  |
| t <sub>6</sub> <sup>3,4,5,6</sup> | 0                                    | 0.9 | μs   | t <sub>HD, DAT</sub> , data hold time   |
| t <sub>7</sub>                    | 0.6                                  |     | μs   | t <sub>SU, STA</sub> , setup time for repeated start                            |
| t <sub>8</sub>                    | 0.6                                  |     | μs   | t <sub>SU, STO</sub> , stop condition setup time                                |
| t <sub>9</sub>                    | 1.3                                  |     | μs   | t <sub>BUF</sub> , bus-free time between a stop condition and a start condition |
| t <sub>10</sub>                   |                                      | 300 | ns   | t <sub>R</sub> , rise time of both SCL and SDA when receiving                   |
|                                   | 0                                    |     | ns   | t <sub>R</sub> , rise time of both SCL and SDA when receiving or transmitting   |
| t <sub>11</sub>                   |                                      | 250 | ns   | t <sub>F</sub> , fall time of SDA when receiving                                |
|                                   |                                      | 300 | ns   | t <sub>F</sub> , fall time of both SCL and SDA when transmitting                |
|                                   | 20 + 0.1 C <sub>b</sub> <sup>7</sup> |     | ns   | t <sub>F</sub> , fall time of both SCL and SDA when transmitting or receiving   |
| C <sub>b</sub>                    |                                      | 400 | pF   | Capacitive load for each bus line   |

<sup>1</sup> Limits based on characterization results, with f<sub>SCL</sub> = 400 kHz and a 3 mA sink current; not production tested.

<sup>2</sup> All values referred to the V<sub>IH</sub> and the V<sub>IL</sub> levels given in Table 10.

<sup>3</sup> t<sub>6</sub> is the data hold time that is measured from the falling edge of SCL. It applies to data in transmission and acknowledge.

<sup>4</sup> A transmitting device must internally provide an output hold time of at least 300 ns for the SDA signal (with respect to V<sub>IH(min)</sub> of the SCL signal) to bridge the undefined region of the falling edge of SCL.

<sup>5</sup> The maximum t<sub>6</sub> value must be met only if the device does not stretch the low period (t<sub>3</sub>) of the SCL signal.

<sup>6</sup> The maximum value for t<sub>6</sub> is a function of the clock low time (t<sub>3</sub>), the clock rise time (t<sub>10</sub>), and the minimum data setup time (t<sub>S(min)</sub>). This value is calculated as t<sub>6(max)</sub> = t<sub>3</sub> - t<sub>10</sub> - t<sub>S(min)</sub>.

<sup>7</sup> C<sub>b</sub> is the total capacitance of one bus line in picofarads.

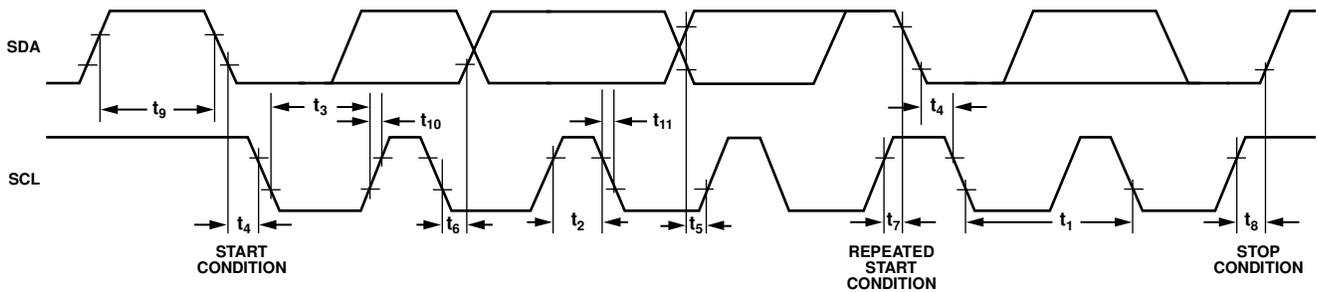


Figure 34. I<sup>2</sup>C Timing Diagram

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## INTERRUPTS

The ADXL346 provides two output pins for driving interrupts: INT1 and INT2. Each interrupt function is described in detail in this section. All functions can be used simultaneously, with the only limiting feature being that some functions may need to share interrupt pins.

Interrupts are enabled by setting the appropriate bit in the INT\_ENABLE register (Address 0x2E) and are mapped to either the INT1 or INT2 pin based on the contents of the INT\_MAP register (Address 0x2F). It is recommended that interrupt bits be configured with the interrupts disabled, preventing interrupts from being accidentally triggered during configuration. This can be done by writing a value of 0x00 to the INT\_ENABLE register.

Clearing interrupts is performed either by reading the data registers (Address 0x32 to Address 0x37) until the interrupt condition is no longer valid for the data-related interrupts or by reading the INT\_SOURCE register (Address 0x30) for the remaining interrupts. This section describes the interrupts that can be set in the INT\_ENABLE register and monitored in the INT\_SOURCE register.

### DATA\_READY

The DATA\_READY bit is set when new data is available and is cleared when no new data is available.

### SINGLE\_TAP

The SINGLE\_TAP bit is set when a single acceleration event that is greater than the value in the THRESH\_TAP register (Address 0x1D) occurs for less time than is specified in the DUR register (Address 0x21).

### DOUBLE\_TAP

The DOUBLE\_TAP bit is set when two acceleration events that are greater than the value in the THRESH\_TAP register (Address 0x1D) occur for less time than is specified in the DUR register (Address 0x21), with the second tap starting after the time specified by the latent register (Address 0x22) but within the time specified in the window register (Address 0x23). See the Tap Detection section for more details.

### Activity

The activity bit is set when acceleration greater than the value stored in the THRESH\_ACT register (Address 0x24) is experienced.

### Inactivity

The inactivity bit is set when acceleration of less than the value stored in the THRESH\_INACT register (Address 0x25) is experienced for more time than is specified in the TIME\_INACT register (Address 0x26). The maximum value for TIME\_INACT is 255 sec.

### FREE\_FALL

The FREE\_FALL bit is set when acceleration of less than the value stored in the THRESH\_FF register (Address 0x28) is

experienced for more time than is specified in the TIME\_FF register (Address 0x29). The FREE\_FALL interrupt differs from the inactivity interrupt as follows: all axes always participate, the timer period is much smaller (1.28 sec maximum), and the mode of operation is always dc-coupled.

### Watermark

The watermark bit is set when the number of samples in FIFO equals the value stored in the samples bits (Register FIFO\_CTL, Address 0x38). The watermark bit is cleared automatically when FIFO is read, and the content returns to a value below the value stored in the samples bits.

### Overrun

The overrun bit is set when new data replaces unread data. The precise operation of the overrun function depends on the FIFO mode. In bypass mode, the overrun bit is set when new data replaces unread data in the DATAX, DATAY, and DATAZ registers (Address 0x32 to Address 0x37). In all other modes, the overrun bit is set when FIFO is filled. The overrun bit is automatically cleared when the contents of FIFO are read.

### Orientation

The orientation bit is set when the orientation of the accelerometer changes from a valid orientation to different valid orientation. An interrupt is not generated, however, if the orientation of the accelerometer changes from a valid orientation to an invalid orientation, or from a valid orientation to an invalid orientation and then back to the same valid orientation. An invalid orientation is defined as an orientation within the dead zone, or region of hysteresis. This region helps to prevent rapid orientation change due to noise when the accelerometer orientation is close to the boundary between two valid orientations.

The orientations that are valid for the interrupt depends on which mode, 2-D or 3-D, is linked to the orientation interrupt. The mode is selected with the INT\_3D bit in the ORIENT\_CONF register (Address 0x3B). Refer to the Register 0x3B—ORIENT\_CONF (Read/Write) section for more details on how to enable the orientation interrupt.

### FIFO

The ADXL346 contains patent pending technology for an embedded memory management system with 32-level FIFO that can be used to minimize host processor burden. This buffer has four modes: bypass, FIFO, stream, and trigger (see Table 20). Each mode is selected by the settings of the FIFO\_MODE bits in the FIFO\_CTL register (Address 0x38).

### Bypass Mode

In bypass mode, FIFO is not operational and, therefore, remains empty.

### FIFO Mode

In FIFO mode, data from measurements of the x-, y-, and z-axes are stored in FIFO. When the number of samples in FIFO equals the level specified in the samples bits of the FIFO\_CTL register (Address 0x38), the watermark interrupt is set. FIFO

continues accumulating samples until it is full (32 samples from measurements of the x-, y-, and z-axes) and then stops collecting data. After FIFO stops collecting data, the device continues to operate; therefore, features such as tap detection can be used after FIFO is full. The watermark interrupt continues to occur until the number of samples in FIFO is less than the value stored in the samples bits of the FIFO\_CTL register.

**Stream Mode**

In stream mode, data from measurements of the x-, y-, and z-axes are stored in FIFO. When the number of samples in FIFO equals the level specified in the samples bits of the FIFO\_CTL register (Address 0x38), the watermark interrupt is set. FIFO continues accumulating samples and holds the latest 32 samples from measurements of the x-, y-, and z-axes, discarding older data as new data arrives. The watermark interrupt continues occurring until the number of samples in FIFO is less than the value stored in the samples bits of the FIFO\_CTL register.

**Trigger Mode**

In trigger mode, FIFO accumulates samples, holding the latest 32 samples from measurements of the x-, y-, and z-axes. After a trigger event occurs and an interrupt is sent to the INT1 or INT2 pin (determined by the trigger bit in the FIFO\_CTL register), FIFO keeps the last n samples (where n is the value specified by the samples bits in the FIFO\_CTL register) and then operates in FIFO mode, collecting new samples only when FIFO is not full. A delay of at least 5 μs should be present between the trigger event occurring and the start of reading data from the FIFO to allow the FIFO to discard and retain the necessary samples. Additional trigger events cannot be recognized until the trigger mode is reset. To reset the trigger mode, set the device to bypass mode and then set the device back to trigger mode. Note that the FIFO data should be read first because placing the device into bypass mode clears FIFO.

**Retrieving Data from FIFO**

The FIFO data is read through the DATA\_X, DATA\_Y, and DATA\_Z registers (Address 0x32 to Address 0x37). When the FIFO is in FIFO, stream, or trigger mode, reads to the DATA\_X, DATA\_Y, and DATA\_Z registers read data stored in the FIFO. Each time data is read from the FIFO, the oldest x-, y-, and z-axes data are placed into the DATA\_X, DATA\_Y and DATA\_Z registers.

If a single-byte read operation is performed, the remaining bytes of data for the current FIFO sample are lost. Therefore, all axes of interest should be read in a burst (or multiple-byte) read operation. To ensure that the FIFO has completely popped (that is, that new data has completely moved into the DATA\_X, DATA\_Y, and DATA\_Z registers), there must be at least 5 μs between the end of reading the data registers and the start of a new read of the FIFO or a read of the FIFO\_STATUS register (Address 0x39). The end of reading a data register is signified by the transition from Register 0x37 to Register 0x38 or by the CS pin going high.

For SPI operation at 1.6 MHz or less, the register addressing portion of the transmission is a sufficient delay to ensure that

the FIFO has completely popped. For SPI operation greater than 1.6 MHz, it is necessary to deassert the CS pin to ensure a total delay of 5 μs; otherwise, the delay will not be sufficient. The total delay necessary for 5 MHz operation is at most 3.4 μs. This is not a concern when using I<sup>2</sup>C mode because the communication rate is low enough to ensure a sufficient delay between FIFO reads.

**SELF-TEST**

The ADXL346 incorporates a self-test feature that effectively tests its mechanical and electronic systems simultaneously. When the self-test function is enabled (via the SELF\_TEST bit in the DATA\_FORMAT register, Address 0x31), an electrostatic force is exerted on the mechanical sensor. This electrostatic force moves the mechanical sensing element in the same manner as acceleration, and it is additive to the acceleration experienced by the device. This added electrostatic force results in an output change in the x-, y-, and z-axes. Because the electrostatic force is proportional to V<sub>s</sub><sup>2</sup>, the output change varies with V<sub>s</sub>. This effect is shown in Figure 35. The scale factors shown in Table 12 can be used to adjust the expected self-test output limits for different supply voltages, V<sub>s</sub>. The self-test feature of the ADXL346 also exhibits a bimodal behavior. However, the limits shown in Table 1 and Table 13 to Table 16 are valid for both potential self-test values due to bimodality. Use of the self-test feature at data rates less than 100 Hz may yield values outside these limits. Therefore, the part should be placed into a data rate of 100 Hz or greater when using self-test. The part also needs to be in normal power operation (LOW\_POWER bit = 0 in BW\_RATE register, Address 0x2C) for self-test to operate correctly.

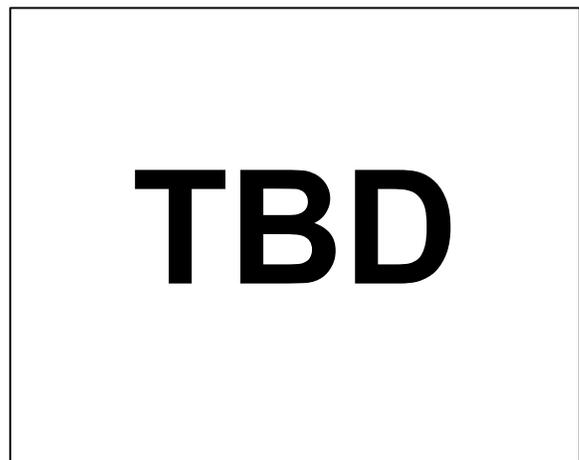


Figure 35. Self-Test Output Change Limits vs. Supply Voltage

**Table 12. Self-Test Output Scale Factors for Different Supply Voltages, V<sub>s</sub>**

| Supply Voltage, V <sub>s</sub> | X-, y-Axes | Z-Axis |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------|
| 1.70 V                         | TBD        | TBD    |
| 1.80 V                         | TBD        | TBD    |
| 2.00 V                         | TBD        | TBD    |
| 2.50 V                         | 1.00       | 1.00   |
| 2.75 V                         | TBD        | TBD    |

**Table 13. Self-Test Output in LSB for  $\pm 2$  g, 10-Bit or Full Resolution**  
( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_S = 2.5$  V,  $V_{DD I/O} = 1.8$  V)

| Axis | Min  | Max | Unit |
|------|------|-----|------|
| X    | 62   | 437 | LSB  |
| Y    | -437 | -62 | LSB  |
| Z    | 92   | 550 | LSB  |

**Table 14. Self-Test Output in LSB for  $\pm 4$  g, 10-Bit Resolution**  
( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_S = 2.5$  V,  $V_{DD I/O} = 1.8$  V)

| Axis | Min  | Max | Unit |
|------|------|-----|------|
| X    | 31   | 219 | LSB  |
| Y    | -219 | -31 | LSB  |
| Z    | 46   | 275 | LSB  |

**Table 15. Self-Test Output in LSB for  $\pm 8$  g, 10-Bit Resolution**  
( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_S = 2.5$  V,  $V_{DD I/O} = 1.8$  V)

| Axis | Min  | Max | Unit |
|------|------|-----|------|
| X    | 15   | 109 | LSB  |
| Y    | -109 | -15 | LSB  |
| Z    | 23   | 138 | LSB  |

**Table 16. Self-Test Output in LSB for  $\pm 16$  g, 10-Bit Resolution**  
( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_S = 2.5$  V,  $V_{DD I/O} = 1.8$  V)

| Axis | Min | Max | Unit |
|------|-----|-----|------|
| X    | 8   | 54  | LSB  |
| Y    | -54 | -8  | LSB  |
| Z    | 12  | 68  | LSB  |

## REGISTER MAP

Table 17. Register Map

| Address |      | Name           | Type | Reset Value | Description  |
|---------|------|----------------|------|-------------|--|
| Hex     | Dec  |                |      |             |  |
| 0x00    | 0    | DEVID          | R    | 11100101    | Device ID.   |
| 0x01 to | 1 to | Reserved       |      |             | Reserved. Do not access.                                   |
| 0x1C    | 28   |                |      |             |  |
| 0x1D    | 29   | THRESH_TAP     | R/W  | 00000000    | Tap threshold.   |
| 0x1E    | 30   | OFSX           | R/W  | 00000000    | X-axis offset.   |
| 0x1F    | 31   | OFSY           | R/W  | 00000000    | Y-axis offset.   |
| 0x20    | 32   | OFSZ           | R/W  | 00000000    | Z-axis offset.   |
| 0x21    | 33   | DUR            | R/W  | 00000000    | Tap duration.  |
| 0x22    | 34   | Latent         | R/W  | 00000000    | Tap latency.   |
| 0x23    | 35   | Window         | R/W  | 00000000    | Tap window.  |
| 0x24    | 36   | THRESH_ACT     | R/W  | 00000000    | Activity threshold.  |
| 0x25    | 37   | THRESH_INACT   | R/W  | 00000000    | Inactivity threshold.                                      |
| 0x26    | 38   | TIME_INACT     | R/W  | 00000000    | Inactivity time.   |
| 0x27    | 39   | ACT_INACT_CTL  | R/W  | 00000000    | Axis enable control for activity and inactivity detection. |
| 0x28    | 40   | THRESH_FF      | R/W  | 00000000    | Free-fall threshold.                                       |
| 0x29    | 41   | TIME_FF        | R/W  | 00000000    | Free-fall time.  |
| 0x2A    | 42   | TAP_AXES       | R/W  | 00000000    | Axis control for single tap/double tap.                    |
| 0x2B    | 43   | ACT_TAP_STATUS | R    | 00000000    | Source of single tap/double tap.                           |
| 0x2C    | 44   | BW_RATE        | R/W  | 00001010    | Data rate and power mode control.                          |
| 0x2D    | 45   | POWER_CTL      | R/W  | 00000000    | Power-saving features control.                             |
| 0x2E    | 46   | INT_ENABLE     | R/W  | 00000000    | Interrupt enable control.                                  |
| 0x2F    | 47   | INT_MAP        | R/W  | 00000000    | Interrupt mapping control.                                 |
| 0x30    | 48   | INT_SOURCE     | R    | 00000010    | Source of interrupts.                                      |
| 0x31    | 49   | DATA_FORMAT    | R/W  | 00000000    | Data format control.                                       |
| 0x32    | 50   | DATA0          | R    | 00000000    | X-Axis Data 0.   |
| 0x33    | 51   | DATA1          | R    | 00000000    | X-Axis Data 1.   |
| 0x34    | 52   | DATA0          | R    | 00000000    | Y-Axis Data 0.   |
| 0x35    | 53   | DATA1          | R    | 00000000    | Y-Axis Data 1.   |
| 0x36    | 54   | DATA0          | R    | 00000000    | Z-Axis Data 0.   |
| 0x37    | 55   | DATA1          | R    | 00000000    | Z-Axis Data 1.   |
| 0x38    | 56   | FIFO_CTL       | R/W  | 00000000    | FIFO control.  |
| 0x39    | 57   | FIFO_STATUS    | R    | 00000000    | FIFO status.   |
| 0x3A    | 58   | TAP_SIGN       | R    | 00000000    | Sign and source for single tap/double tap                  |
| 0x3B    | 59   | ORIENT_CONF    | R/W  | 00000000    | Orientation configuration                                  |
| 0x3C    | 60   | Orient         | R    | 00000000    | Orientation status   |

**REGISTER DEFINITIONS****Register 0x00—DEVID (Read Only)**

| D7 | D6 | D5 | D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  |

The DEVID register holds a fixed device ID code of 0xE6 (346 octal).

**Register 0x1D—THRESH\_TAP (Read/Write)**

The THRESH\_TAP register is eight bits and holds the threshold value for tap interrupts. The data format is unsigned, so the magnitude of the tap event is compared with the value in THRESH\_TAP for normal tap detection. For information on improved tap detection, refer to the Improved Tap Detection section. The scale factor is 62.5 mg/LSB (that is, 0xFF = +16 g). A value of 0 may result in undesirable behavior if single tap/double tap interrupts are enabled.

**Register 0x1E, Register 0x1F, Register 0x20—OFSX, OFSY, OFSZ (Read/Write)**

The OFSX, OFSY, and OFSZ registers are each eight bits and offer user-set offset adjustments in twos complement format with a scale factor of 15.6 mg/LSB (that is, 0x7F = +2 g).

**Register 0x21—DUR (Read/Write)**

The DUR register is eight bits and contains an unsigned time value representing the maximum time that an event must be above the THRESH\_TAP threshold to qualify as a tap event. For information on improved tap detection, refer to the Improved Tap Detection section. The scale factor is 625  $\mu$ s/LSB. A value of 0 disables the single tap/double tap functions.

**Register 0x22—Latent (Read/Write)**

The latent register is eight bits and contains an unsigned time value representing the wait time from the detection of a tap event to the start of the time window (defined by the window register) during which a possible second tap event can be detected. For information on improved tap detection, refer to the Improved Tap Detection section. The scale factor is 1.25 ms/LSB. A value of 0 disables the double tap function.

**Register 0x23—Window (Read/Write)**

The window register is eight bits and contains an unsigned time value representing the amount of time after the expiration of the latency time (determined by the latent register) during which a second valid tap can begin. For information on improved tap detection, refer to the Improved Tap Detection section. The scale factor is 1.25 ms/LSB. A value of 0 disables the double tap function.

**Register 0x24—THRESH\_ACT (Read/Write)**

The THRESH\_ACT register is eight bits and holds the threshold value for detecting activity. The data format is unsigned, so the magnitude of the activity event is compared with the value in the THRESH\_ACT register. The scale factor is 62.5 mg/LSB. A value of 0 may result in undesirable behavior if the activity interrupt is enabled.

**Register 0x25—THRESH\_INACT (Read/Write)**

The THRESH\_INACT register is eight bits and holds the threshold value for detecting inactivity. The data format is unsigned, so the magnitude of the inactivity event is compared with the value in the THRESH\_INACT register. The scale factor is 62.5 mg/LSB. A value of 0 may result in undesirable behavior if the inactivity interrupt is enabled.

**Register 0x26—TIME\_INACT (Read/Write)**

The TIME\_INACT register is eight bits and contains an unsigned time value representing the amount of time that acceleration must be less than the value in the THRESH\_INACT register for inactivity to be declared. The scale factor is 1 sec/LSB. Unlike the other interrupt functions, which use unfiltered data (see the Threshold section), the inactivity function uses filtered output data. At least one output sample must be generated for the inactivity interrupt to be triggered. This results in the function appearing unresponsive if the TIME\_INACT register is set to a value less than the time constant of the output data rate. A value of 0 results in an interrupt when the output data is less than the value in the THRESH\_INACT register.

**Register 0x27—ACT\_INACT\_CTL (Read/Write)**

|             |                |                |                |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| D7          | D6             | D5             | D4             |
| ACT ac/dc   | ACT_X enable   | ACT_Y enable   | ACT_Z enable   |
| D3          | D2             | D1             | D0             |
| INACT ac/dc | INACT_X enable | INACT_Y enable | INACT_Z enable |

**ACT AC/DC and INACT AC/DC Bits**

A setting of 0 selects dc-coupled operation, and a setting of 1 enables ac-coupled operation. In dc-coupled operation, the current acceleration magnitude is compared directly with THRESH\_ACT and THRESH\_INACT to determine whether activity or inactivity is detected.

In ac-coupled operation for activity detection, the acceleration value at the start of activity detection is taken as a reference value. New samples of acceleration are then compared to this reference value, and if the magnitude of the difference exceeds the THRESH\_ACT value, the device triggers an activity interrupt.

Similarly, in ac-coupled operation for inactivity detection, a reference value is used for comparison and is updated whenever the device exceeds the inactivity threshold. After the reference value is selected, the device compares the magnitude of the difference between the reference value and the current acceleration with THRESH\_INACT. If the difference is less than the value in THRESH\_INACT for the time in TIME\_INACT, the device is considered inactive and the inactivity interrupt is triggered.

**ACT\_x Enable Bits and INACT\_x Enable Bits**

A setting of 1 enables x-, y-, or z-axis participation in detecting activity or inactivity. A setting of 0 excludes the selected axis from participation. If all axes are excluded, the function is disabled.

**Register 0x28—THRESH\_FF (Read/Write)**

The THRESH\_FF register is eight bits and holds the threshold value, in unsigned format, for free-fall detection. The root-sum-square (RSS) value of all axes is calculated and compared with the value in THRESH\_FF to determine if a free-fall event occurred. The scale factor is 62.5 mg/LSB. Note that a value of 0 mg may result in undesirable behavior if the free-fall interrupt is enabled. Values between 300 mg and 600 mg (0x05 to 0x09) are recommended.

**Register 0x29—TIME\_FF (Read/Write)**

The TIME\_FF register is eight bits and stores an unsigned time value representing the minimum time that the RSS value of all axes must be less than THRESH\_FF to generate a free-fall interrupt. The scale factor is 5 ms/LSB. A value of 0 may result in undesirable behavior if the free-fall interrupt is enabled. Values between 100 ms and 350 ms (0x14 to 0x46) are recommended.

**Register 0x2A—TAP\_AXES (Read/Write)**

| D7 | D6 | D5 | D4           | D3       | D2           | D1           | D0           |
|----|----|----|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 0  | 0  | 0  | Improved tap | Suppress | TAP_X enable | TAP_Y enable | TAP_Z enable |

**Improved Tap Bit**

The improved tap bit is used to enable improved tap detection. This mode of operation improves tap detection by performing an ac-coupled differential comparison of the output acceleration data. The improved tap detection is performed on the same output data available in the DATA\_X, DATA\_Y and DATA\_Z registers. Due to the dependency on the output data rate and the ac-coupled differential measurement, the threshold and timing values for single taps and double taps need to be adjusted for improved tap detection. For further explanation of improved tap detection, refer to the Improved Tap Detection section.

**Suppress Bit**

Setting the suppress bit suppresses double tap detection if acceleration greater than the value in THRESH\_TAP is present between taps. See the Tap Detection section for more details.

**TAP\_x Enable Bits**

A setting of 1 in the TAP\_X enable, TAP\_Y enable, or TAP\_Z enable bit enables x-, y-, or z-axis participation in tap detection. A setting of 0 excludes the selected axis from participation in tap detection.

**Register 0x2B—ACT\_TAP\_STATUS (Read Only)**

| D7 | D6           | D5           | D4           | D3     | D2           | D1           | D0           |
|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 0  | ACT_X source | ACT_Y source | ACT_Z source | Asleep | TAP_X source | TAP_Y source | TAP_Z source |

**ACT\_x Source and TAP\_x Source Bits**

These bits indicate the first axis involved in a tap or activity event. A setting of 1 corresponds to involvement in the event, and a setting of 0 corresponds to no involvement. When new data is available, these bits are not cleared but are overwritten by the new data. The ACT\_TAP\_STATUS register should be read before clearing the interrupt. Disabling an axis from participation

clears the corresponding source bit when the next activity or single tap/double tap event occurs.

**Asleep Bit**

A setting of 1 in the asleep bit indicates that the part is asleep, and a setting of 0 indicates that the part is not asleep. See the Register 0x2D—POWER\_CTL (Read/Write) section for more information on autosleep mode.

**Register 0x2C—BW\_RATE (Read/Write)**

| D7 | D6 | D5 | D4        | D3   | D2 | D1 | D0 |
|----|----|----|-----------|------|----|----|----|
| 0  | 0  | 0  | LOW_POWER | Rate |    |    |    |

**LOW\_POWER Bit**

A setting of 0 in the LOW\_POWER bit selects normal operation, and a setting of 1 selects reduced power operation, which has somewhat higher noise (see the Power Modes section for details).

**Rate Bits**

These bits select the device bandwidth and output data rate (see Table 6 and Table 7 for details). The default value is 0x0A, which translates to a 100 Hz output data rate. An output data rate should be selected that is appropriate for the communication protocol and frequency selected. Selecting too high of an output data rate with a low communication speed results in samples being discarded.

**Register 0x2D—POWER\_CTL (Read/Write)**

| D7 | D6 | D5   | D4         | D3      | D2    | D1     | D0 |
|----|----|------|------------|---------|-------|--------|----|
| 0  | 0  | Link | AUTO_SLEEP | Measure | Sleep | Wakeup |    |

**Link Bit**

A setting of 1 in the link bit with both the activity and inactivity functions enabled delays the start of the activity function until inactivity is detected. After activity is detected, inactivity detection begins, preventing the detection of activity. This bit serially links the activity and inactivity functions. When this bit is set to 0, the inactivity and activity functions are concurrent. Additional information can be found in the Link Mode section.

When clearing the link bit, it is recommended that the part be placed into standby mode and then set back to measurement mode with a subsequent write. This is done to ensure that the device is properly biased if sleep mode is manually disabled; otherwise, the first few samples of data after the link bit is cleared may have additional noise, especially if the device was asleep when the bit was cleared.

**AUTO\_SLEEP Bit**

If the link bit is set, a setting of 1 in the AUTO\_SLEEP bit sets the ADXL346 to switch to sleep mode when inactivity is detected (that is, when acceleration has been below the THRESH\_INACT value for at least the time indicated by TIME\_INACT). A setting of 0 disables automatic switching to sleep mode. See the description of the sleep bit in this section for more information.

When clearing the AUTO\_SLEEP bit, it is recommended that the part be placed into standby mode and then set back to measure-

ment mode with a subsequent write. This is done to ensure that the device is properly biased if sleep mode is manually disabled; otherwise, the first few samples of data after the AUTO\_SLEEP bit is cleared may have additional noise, especially if the device was asleep when the bit was cleared.

**Measure Bit**

A setting of 0 in the measure bit places the part into standby mode, and a setting of 1 places the part into measurement mode. The ADXL346 powers up in standby mode with minimum power consumption.

**Sleep Bit**

A setting of 0 in the sleep bit puts the part into the normal mode of operation, and a setting of 1 places the part into sleep mode. Sleep mode suppresses DATA\_READY, stops transmission of data to FIFO, and switches the sampling rate to one specified by the wakeup bits. In sleep mode, only the activity function can be used.

When clearing the sleep bit, it is recommended that the part be placed into standby mode and then set back to measurement mode with a subsequent write. This is done to ensure that the device is properly biased if sleep mode is manually disabled; otherwise, the first few samples of data after the sleep bit is cleared may have additional noise, especially if the device was asleep when the bit was cleared.

**Wakeup Bits**

These bits control the frequency of readings in sleep mode as described in Table 18.

**Table 18. Frequency of Readings in Sleep Mode**

| Setting |    | Frequency (Hz) |
|---------|----|----------------|
| D1      | D0 |                |
| 0       | 0  | 8              |
| 0       | 1  | 4              |
| 1       | 0  | 2              |
| 1       | 1  | 1              |

**Register 0x2E—INT\_ENABLE (Read/Write)**

|                         |                         |                         |                                      |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>D7</b><br>DATA_READY | <b>D6</b><br>SINGLE_TAP | <b>D5</b><br>DOUBLE_TAP | <b>D4</b><br>Activity                |
| <b>D3</b><br>Inactivity | <b>D2</b><br>FREE_FALL  | <b>D1</b><br>Watermark  | <b>D0</b><br>Overrun/<br>orientation |

Setting bits in this register to a value of 1 enables their respective functions to generate interrupts, whereas a value of 0 prevents the functions from generating interrupts. The DATA\_READY, watermark, and overrun bits enable only the interrupt output; the functions are always enabled. It is recommended that interrupts be configured before enabling their outputs.

**Register 0x2F—INT\_MAP (Read/Write)**

|                         |                         |                         |                                      |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>D7</b><br>DATA_READY | <b>D6</b><br>SINGLE_TAP | <b>D5</b><br>DOUBLE_TAP | <b>D4</b><br>Activity                |
| <b>D3</b><br>Inactivity | <b>D2</b><br>FREE_FALL  | <b>D1</b><br>Watermark  | <b>D0</b><br>Overrun/<br>orientation |

Any bits set to 0 in this register send their respective interrupts to the INT1 pin, whereas bits set to 1 send their respective interrupts to the INT2 pin. All selected interrupts for a given pin are ORed.

**Register 0x30—INT\_SOURCE (Read Only)**

|                         |                         |                         |                                      |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>D7</b><br>DATA_READY | <b>D6</b><br>SINGLE_TAP | <b>D5</b><br>DOUBLE_TAP | <b>D4</b><br>Activity                |
| <b>D3</b><br>Inactivity | <b>D2</b><br>FREE_FALL  | <b>D1</b><br>Watermark  | <b>D0</b><br>Overrun/<br>orientation |

Bits set to 1 in this register indicate that their respective functions have triggered an event, whereas a value of 0 indicates that the corresponding event has not occurred. The DATA\_READY, watermark, and overrun bits are always set if the corresponding events occur, regardless of the INT\_ENABLE register settings, and are cleared by reading data from the DATA\_X, DATA\_Y, and DATA\_Z registers. The DATA\_READY and watermark bits may require multiple reads, as indicated in the FIFO mode descriptions in the FIFO section. Other bits, and the corresponding interrupts, including orientation if enabled, are cleared by reading the INT\_SOURCE register.

**Register 0x31—DATA\_FORMAT (Read/Write)**

|           |           |            |           |           |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>D7</b> | <b>D6</b> | <b>D5</b>  | <b>D4</b> | <b>D3</b> | <b>D2</b> | <b>D1</b> | <b>D0</b> |
| SELF_TEST | SPI       | INT_INVERT | 0         | FULL_RES  | Justify   | Range     |           |

The DATA\_FORMAT register controls the presentation of data to Register 0x32 through Register 0x37. All data, except that for the ±16 g range, must be clipped to avoid rollover.

**SELF\_TEST Bit**

A setting of 1 in the SELF\_TEST bit applies a self-test force to the sensor, causing a shift in the output data. A value of 0 disables the self-test force.

**SPI Bit**

A value of 1 in the SPI bit sets the device to 3-wire SPI mode, and a value of 0 sets the device to 4-wire SPI mode.

**INT\_INVERT Bit**

A value of 0 in the INT\_INVERT bit sets the interrupts to active high, and a value of 1 sets the interrupts to active low.

**FULL\_RES Bit**

When this bit is set to a value of 1, the device is in full resolution mode, where the output resolution increases with the g range set by the range bits to maintain a 4 mg/LSB scale factor. When the FULL\_RES bit is set to 0, the device is in 10-bit mode, and the range bits determine the maximum g range and scale factor.

**Justify Bit**

A setting of 1 in the justify bit selects left (MSB) justified mode, and a setting of 0 selects right justified mode with sign extension.

**Range Bits**

These bits set the *g* range as described in Table 19.

**Table 19. *g* Range Setting**

| Setting |    | <i>g</i> Range |
|---------|----|----------------|
| D1      | D0 |                |
| 0       | 0  | ±2 <i>g</i>    |
| 0       | 1  | ±4 <i>g</i>    |
| 1       | 0  | ±8 <i>g</i>    |
| 1       | 1  | ±16 <i>g</i>   |

**Register 0x32 to Register 0x37—DATAx0, DATAx1, DATAY0, DATAY1, DATAz0, DATAz1 (Read Only)**

These six bytes (Register 0x32 to Register 0x37) are eight bits each and hold the output data for each axis. Register 0x32 and Register 0x33 hold the output data for the x-axis, Register 0x34 and Register 0x35 hold the output data for the y-axis, and Register 0x36 and Register 0x37 hold the output data for the z-axis. The output data is twos complement, with DATAx0 as the least significant byte and DATAx1 as the most significant byte, where x represent X, Y, or Z. The DATA\_FORMAT register (Address 0x31) controls the format of the data. It is recommended that a multiple-byte read of all registers be performed to prevent a change in data between reads of sequential registers.

**Register 0x38—FIFO\_CTL (Read/Write)**

| D7        | D6 | D5      | D4      | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 |
|-----------|----|---------|---------|----|----|----|----|
| FIFO_MODE |    | Trigger | Samples |    |    |    |    |

**FIFO\_MODE Bits**

These bits set the FIFO mode, as described in Table 20.

**Table 20. FIFO Modes**

| Setting |    | Mode    | Function  |
|---------|----|---------|---|
| D7      | D6 |         |   |
| 0       | 0  | Bypass  | FIFO is bypassed.   |
| 0       | 1  | FIFO    | FIFO collects up to 32 values and then stops collecting data, collecting new data only when FIFO is not full.   |
| 1       | 0  | Stream  | FIFO holds the last 32 data values. When FIFO is full, the oldest data is overwritten with newer data.  |
| 1       | 1  | Trigger | When triggered by the trigger bit, FIFO holds the last data samples before the trigger event and then continues to collect data until full. New data is collected only when FIFO is not full. |

**Trigger Bit**

A value of 0 in the trigger bit links the trigger event of trigger mode INT1, and a value of 1 links the trigger event to INT2.

**Samples Bits**

The function of these bits depends on the FIFO mode selected (see Table 21). Entering a value of 0 in the samples bits immediately sets the watermark status bit in the INT\_SOURCE register, regardless of which FIFO mode is selected. Undesirable operation may occur if a value of 0 is used for the samples bits when trigger mode is used.

**Table 21. Samples Bits Functions**

| FIFO Mode | Samples Bits Function   |
|-----------|---|
| Bypass    | None.   |
| FIFO      | Specifies how many FIFO entries are needed to trigger a watermark interrupt.            |
| Stream    | Specifies how many FIFO entries are needed to trigger a watermark interrupt.            |
| Trigger   | Specifies how many FIFO samples are retained in the FIFO buffer before a trigger event. |

**0x39—FIFO\_STATUS (Read Only)**

| D7        | D6 | D5      | D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 |
|-----------|----|---------|----|----|----|----|----|
| FIFO_TRIG | 0  | Entries |    |    |    |    |    |

**FIFO\_TRIG Bit**

A 1 in the FIFO\_TRIG bit corresponds to a trigger event occurring, and a 0 means that a FIFO trigger event has not occurred.

**Entries Bits**

These bits report how many data values are stored in FIFO. Access to collect the data from FIFO is provided through the DATAx, DATAY, and DATAz registers. FIFO reads must be done in burst or multiple-byte mode because each FIFO level is cleared after any read (single- or multiple-byte) of FIFO. FIFO stores a maximum of 32 entries, which equates to a maximum of 33 entries available at any given time because an additional entry is available at the output filter of the device.

**Register 0x3A—TAP\_SIGN (Read Only)**

| D7 | D6    | D5    | D4    | D3 | D2   | D1   | D0   |
|----|-------|-------|-------|----|------|------|------|
| 0  | XSIGN | YSIGN | ZSIGN | 0  | XTAP | YTAP | ZTAP |

**xSIGN Bits**

These bits indicate the sign of the first axis involved in a tap event. A setting of 1 corresponds to acceleration in the negative direction, and a setting of 0 corresponds to acceleration in the positive direction. These bits update only when a new single tap/double tap event is detected, and only the axes enabled in the TAP\_AXES register are updated. The TAP\_SIGN register should be read before clearing the interrupt. See the Tap Sign section for more details.

**xTAP Bits**

These bits indicate the first axis involved in a tap event. A setting of 1 corresponds to involvement in the event, and a setting of 0 corresponds to no involvement. When new data is available, these bits are not cleared but are overwritten by the new data. The TAP\_SIGN register should be read before clearing

the interrupt. Disabling an axis from participation clears the corresponding source bit when the next single tap/double tap event occurs.

**Register 0x3B—ORIENT\_CONF (Read/Write)**

| D7         | D6        | D5 | D4 | D3     | D2      | D1 | D0 |
|------------|-----------|----|----|--------|---------|----|----|
| INT_ORIENT | Dead zone |    |    | INT_3D | Divisor |    |    |

**INT\_ORIENT Bit**

Setting the INT\_ORIENT bit enables the orientation interrupt. A value of 1 overrides the overrun function of the device and replaces overrun in the INT\_MAP, INT\_ENABLE, and INT\_SOURCE registers with the orientation function. After setting the INT\_ORIENT bit, the orientation bit in the INT\_MAP and INT\_ENABLE registers must be configured to map the orientation interrupt to INT1 or INT2 and to enable generation of the interrupt to the pin. The orientation interrupt is cleared by reading the INT\_SOURCE register. Additionally, writing to the BW\_RATE register, clearing the INT\_ORIENT bit, or placing the part into standby mode clears the orientation interrupt. A value of 0 for the INT\_ORIENT bit disables generation of the orientation interrupt and permits the use of the overrun function.

**Dead Zone Bits**

These bits determine the region between two adjacent orientations, where the orientation is considered invalid and is not updated. A value of 0 may result in undesirable behavior when the orientation is close to the bisector between two adjacent regions. The dead zone angle is determined by these bits, as described in Table 22. See the Orientation Sensing section for more details.

**Table 22. Dead Zone and Divisor Codes**

| Decimal | Binary | Dead Zone Angle (Degrees) |      | Divisor |
|---------|--------|---------------------------|------|---------|
|         |        | 2-D                       | 3-D  |         |
| 0       | 000    | 3.3                       | 2.5  | 2       |
| 1       | 001    | 5.8                       | 6.3  | 4       |
| 2       | 010    | 8.2                       | 9.8  | 8       |
| 3       | 011    | 10.3                      | 13.0 | 16      |
| 4       | 100    | 12.3                      | 16.0 | 32      |
| 5       | 101    | 14.1                      | 18.6 | 64      |
| 6       | 110    | 15.6                      | 20.9 | 128     |
| 7       | 111    | 17.0                      | 23.0 | 256     |

**INT\_3D**

If the orientation interrupt is enabled, the INT\_3D bit determines whether 2-D or 3-D orientation detection generates an interrupt. A value of 0 generates an interrupt only if the 2-D orientation changes from a valid 2-D orientation to a different valid 2-D

orientation. A value of 1 generates an interrupt only if the 3-D orientation changes from a valid 3-D orientation to a different valid 3-D orientation.

**Divisor Bits**

These bits set the depth of the filter used to low-pass filter the measured acceleration for stable orientation sensing. The divisor length is determined by these bits, as detailed in Table 22. See the Orientation Sensing section for more details.

**Register 0x3C—Orient (Read Only)**

| D7 | D6 | D5        | D4 | D3        | D2 | D1 | D0 |
|----|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|----|----|
| 0  | V2 | 2D_ORIENT | V3 | 3D_ORIENT |    |    |    |

**Vx Bits**

These bits show the validity of the 2-D (V2) and 3-D (V3) orientations. A value of 1 corresponds to the orientation being valid. A value of 0 means that the orientation is invalid because the current orientation is in the dead zone.

**xD\_ORIENT Bits**

These bits represent the current 2-D (2D\_ORIENT) and 3-D (3D\_ORIENT) orientations of the accelerometer. If the orientation interrupt is enabled, this register is read to determine the orientation of the device when the interrupt occurs. Because this register updates with each new samples of acceleration data, it should be read at the time of the orientation interrupt to ensure that the orientation change that caused the interrupt is obtained. Orientation values are shown in Table 23 and Table 24. See the Orientation Sensing section for more details

Changing the value in the BW\_RATE register causes the orientation sensing filter to be cleared and the function to reset.

**Table 23. 2-D Orientation Codes**

| Decimal | Binary | Orientation        | Dominant Axis |
|---------|--------|--------------------|---------------|
| 0       | 00     | Portrait positive  | +X            |
| 1       | 01     | Portrait negative  | -X            |
| 2       | 10     | Landscape positive | +Y            |
| 3       | 11     | Landscape negative | -Y            |

**Table 24. 3-D Orientation Codes**

| Decimal | Binary | Orientation | Dominant Axis |
|---------|--------|-------------|---------------|
| 3       | 011    | Front       | +X            |
| 4       | 100    | Back        | -X            |
| 2       | 010    | Left        | +Y            |
| 5       | 101    | Right       | -Y            |
| 1       | 001    | Top         | +Z            |
| 6       | 110    | Bottom      | -Z            |

## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

### POWER SUPPLY DECOUPLING

A 1  $\mu\text{F}$  tantalum capacitor ( $C_S$ ) at  $V_S$  and a 0.1  $\mu\text{F}$  ceramic capacitor ( $C_{IO}$ ) at  $V_{DD\ I/O}$  placed close to the ADXL346 supply pins is recommended to adequately decouple the accelerometer from noise on the power supply. If additional decoupling is necessary, a resistor or ferrite bead, no larger than 100  $\Omega$ , in series with  $V_S$  may be helpful. Additionally, increasing the bypass capacitance on  $V_S$  to a 10  $\mu\text{F}$  tantalum capacitor in parallel with a 0.1  $\mu\text{F}$  ceramic capacitor may also improve noise.

Care should be taken to ensure that the connection from the ADXL346 ground to the power supply ground has low impedance because noise transmitted through ground has an effect similar to noise transmitted through  $V_S$ . It is recommended that  $V_S$  and  $V_{DD\ I/O}$  be separate supplies to minimize digital clocking noise on the  $V_S$  supply. If this is not possible, additional filtering of the supplies as previously mentioned may be necessary.

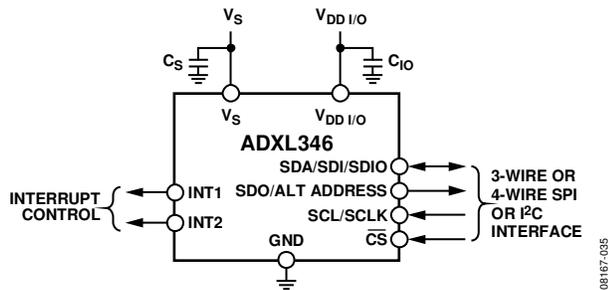


Figure 36. Application Diagram

### MECHANICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR MOUNTING

The ADXL346 should be mounted on the PCB in a location close to a hard mounting point of the PCB to the case. Mounting the ADXL346 at an unsupported PCB location, as shown in Figure 37, may result in large, apparent measurement errors due to undamped PCB vibration. Locating the accelerometer near a hard mounting point ensures that any PCB vibration at the accelerometer is above the accelerometer’s mechanical sensor resonant frequency and, therefore, effectively invisible to the accelerometer. Multiple mounting points, close to the sensor, and/or a thicker PCB also help to reduce the effect of system resonance on the performance of the sensor.

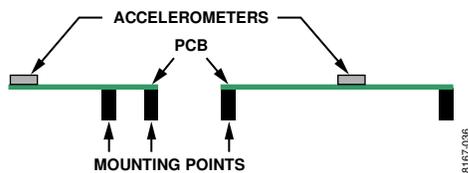


Figure 37. Incorrectly Placed Accelerometers

### TAP DETECTION

The tap interrupt function is capable of detecting either single or double taps. The following parameters are shown in Figure 38 for a valid single and valid double tap event:

- The tap detection threshold is defined by the THRESH\_TAP register (Address 0x1D).
- The maximum tap duration time is defined by the DUR register (Address 0x21).
- The tap latency time is defined by the latent register (Address 0x22) and is the waiting period from the end of the first tap until the start of the time window, when a second tap can be detected, which is determined by the value in the window register (Address 0x23).
- The interval after the latency time (set by the latent register) is defined by the window register. Although a second tap must begin after the latency time has expired, it need not finish before the end of the time defined by the window register.

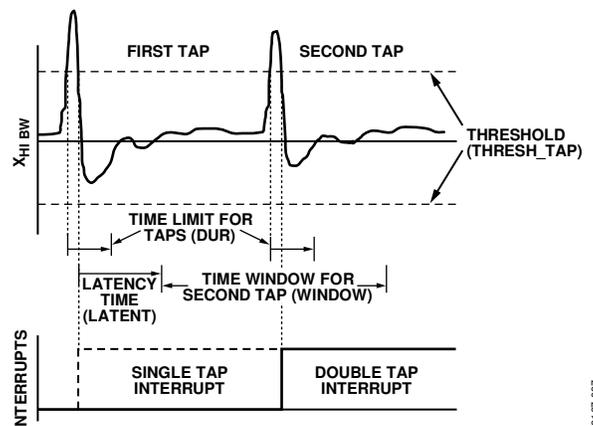


Figure 38. Tap Interrupt Function with Valid Single and Double Taps

If only the single tap function is in use, the single tap interrupt is triggered when the acceleration goes below the threshold, as long as DUR has not been exceeded. If both single and double tap functions are in use, the single tap interrupt is triggered when the double tap event has been either validated or invalidated.

Several events can occur to invalidate the second tap of a double tap event. First, if the suppress bit in the TAP\_AXES register (Address 0x2A) is set, any acceleration spike above the threshold during the latency time (set by the latent register) invalidates the double tap detection, as shown in Figure 39.

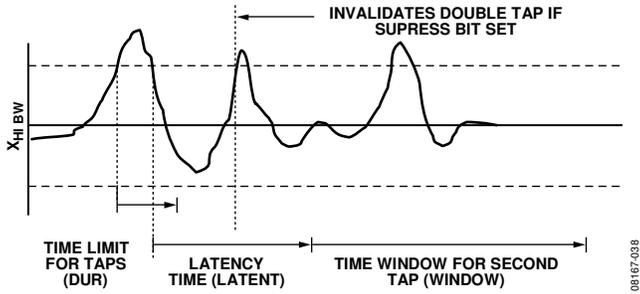


Figure 39. Double Tap Event Invalid Due to High g Event When the Suppress Bit Is Set

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A double tap event can also be invalidated if acceleration above the threshold is detected at the start of the time window for the second tap (set by the window register). This results in an invalid double tap at the start of this window, as shown in Figure 40. Additionally, a double tap event can be invalidated if an acceleration exceeds the time limit for taps (set by the DUR register), resulting in an invalid double tap at the end of the DUR time limit for the second tap event, also shown in Figure 40.

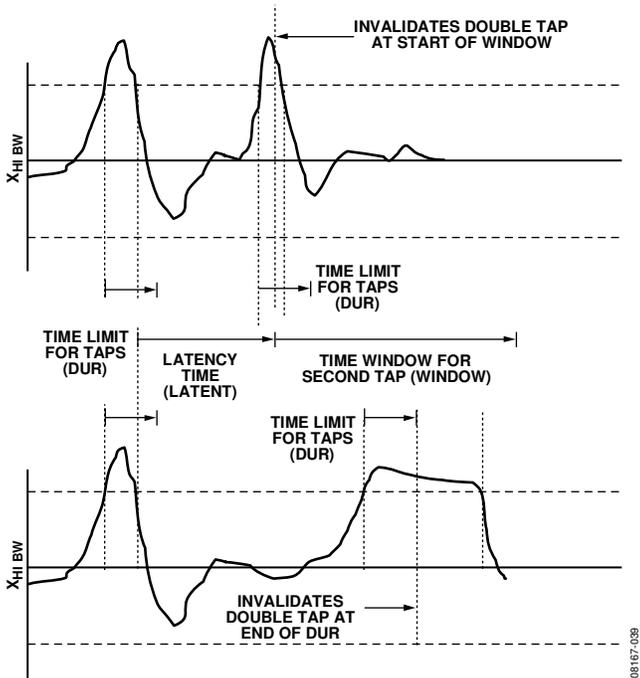


Figure 40. Tap Interrupt Function with Invalid Double Taps

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Single taps, double taps, or both can be detected by setting the respective bits in the INT\_ENABLE register (Address 0x2E). Control over participation of each of the three axes in single tap/double tap detection is exerted by setting the appropriate bits in the TAP\_AXES register (Address 0x2A). For the double tap function to operate, both the latent and window registers must be set to a nonzero value.

Every mechanical system has somewhat different single tap/double tap responses based on the mechanical characteristics of the system. Therefore, some experimentation with values for the

latent, window, and THRESH\_TAP registers is required. In general, a good starting point is to set the latent register to a value greater than 0x10, to set the window register to a value greater than 0x10, and to set the THRESH\_TAP register to be greater than 3 g. Setting a very low value in the latent, window, or THRESH\_TAP register may result in an unpredictable response due to the accelerometer picking up echoes of the tap inputs.

After a tap interrupt has been received, the first axis to exceed the THRESH\_TAP level is reported in the ACT\_TAP\_STATUS register (Address 0x2B). This register is never cleared, but is overwritten with new data.

**IMPROVED TAP DETECTION**

Improved tap detection is enabled by setting the improved tap bit of the TAP\_AXES register (Address 0x2A). When improved tap detection is enabled, the filtered output data corresponding to the output data rate set in the BW\_RATE register is processed to determine if a tap event occurred. In addition, an ac-coupled differential measurement is used. This results in the timing values and threshold values for improved tap detection being different than those used for normal tap detection.

When improved tap detection is used, new values must be determined based on test results. In general, no timing values (in the DUR, latent, or window registers) should be set that are less than the time step resolution set by the output data rate. The threshold value for improved tap detection can typically be set much lower than the threshold for normal tap detection. The value used depends on the value in the BW\_RATE register and should be determined through system testing. Refer to the Threshold section for more details.

**TAP SIGN**

A negative sign is produced by experiencing a negative acceleration, which corresponds to tapping on the positive face of the device for the desired axis. The positive face of the device is the face such that movement in that direction would be positive acceleration. For example, tapping on the face that corresponds to the +X direction, labeled as front in Figure 41, would result in a negative sign for the x-axis. Tapping on the face labeled as left in Figure 41 would result in a negative sign for the y-axis, and tapping on the face labeled top would result in a negative sign for the z-axis. Conversely, tapping on the back, right, or bottom sides would result in positive signs for the corresponding axes.

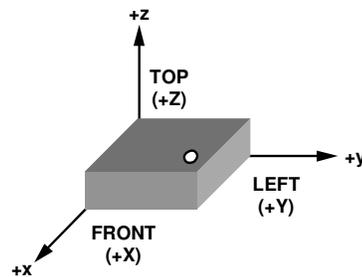


Figure 41. 3-D Orientation with Coordinate System

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## THRESHOLD

The lower output data rates are achieved by decimating a common sampling frequency inside the device. The activity, free-fall, and single tap/double tap detection functions without improved tap enabled are performed using unfiltered data. Since the output data is filtered, the high frequency and high  $g$  data that is used to determine activity, free-fall, and single tap/double tap events may not be present if the output of the accelerometer is examined. This may result in trigger events being detected when acceleration does not appear to trigger an event because the unfiltered data may have exceeded a threshold or remained below a threshold for a certain period of time while the filtered output data has not exceeded such a threshold.

## LINK MODE

The function of the link bit is to reduce the number of activity interrupts that the processor must service by setting the device to look for activity only after inactivity. For proper operation of this feature, the processor must still respond to the activity and inactivity interrupts by reading the INT\_SOURCE register (Address 0x30) and, therefore, clearing the interrupts. If an activity interrupt is not cleared, the part cannot go into autosleep mode. The asleep bit in the ACT\_TAP\_STATUS register (Address 0x2B) indicates if the part is asleep.

## SLEEP MODE VS. LOW POWER MODE

In applications where a low data rate is sufficient and low power consumption is desired, it is recommended that the low power mode be used in conjunction with the FIFO. The sleep mode, while offering a low data rate and low average current consumption, suppresses the DATA\_READY interrupt, preventing the accelerometer from sending an interrupt signal to the host processor when data is ready to be collected. In this application, setting the part into low power mode (by setting the LOW\_POWER bit in the BW\_RATE register) and enabling the FIFO in FIFO mode to collect a large value of samples reduces the power consumption of the ADXL346 and allows the host processor to go to sleep while the FIFO is filling up.

## USING SELF-TEST

The self-test change is defined as the difference between the acceleration output of an axis with self-test enabled and the acceleration output of the same axis with self-test disabled (see Endnote 4 of Table 1). This definition assumes that the sensor does not move between these two measurements, because if the sensor moves, a non-self-test related shift corrupts the test.

Proper configuration of the ADXL346 is also necessary for an accurate self-test measurement. The part should be set with a data rate greater than or equal to 100 Hz. This is done by ensuring that a value greater than or equal to 0x0A is written into the rate bits (Bit D3 through Bit D0) in the BW\_RATE register (Address 0x2C). The part also needs to be placed into normal power operation by ensuring the LOW\_POWER bit in the BW\_RATE register is cleared (LOW\_POWER bit = 0). It is also recommended that the part be set to full-resolution, 16  $g$

mode to ensure that there is sufficient dynamic range for the entire self-test shift. This is done by setting Bit D3 of the DATA\_FORMAT register (Address 0x31) and writing a value of 0x03 to the range bits (Bit D1 and Bit D0) of the DATA\_FORMAT register (Address 0x31). This results in a high dynamic range for measurement and a 3.9 mg/LSB scale factor.

After the part is configured for accurate self-test measurement, several samples of  $x$ -,  $y$ -, and  $z$ -axis acceleration data should be retrieved from the sensor and averaged together. The number of samples averaged is a choice of the system designer, but a recommended starting point is 0.1 sec worth of data, which corresponds to 10 samples at 100 Hz data rate. The averaged values should be stored and labeled appropriately as the self-test disabled data, that is,  $X_{ST\_OFF}$ ,  $Y_{ST\_OFF}$ , and  $Z_{ST\_OFF}$ .

Next, self-test should be enabled by setting Bit D7 of the DATA\_FORMAT register (Address 0x31). The output needs some time (about four samples) to settle after enabling self-test. After allowing the output to settle, several samples of the  $x$ -,  $y$ -, and  $z$ -axis acceleration data should be taken again and averaged. It is recommended that the same number of samples be taken for this average as was previously taken. These averaged values should again be stored and labeled appropriately as the value with self-test enabled, that is,  $X_{ST\_ON}$ ,  $Y_{ST\_ON}$ , and  $Z_{ST\_ON}$ . Self-test can then be disabled by clearing Bit D7 of the DATA\_FORMAT register (Address 0x31).

With the stored values for self-test enabled and disabled, the self-test change is as follows:

$$X_{ST} = X_{ST\_ON} - X_{ST\_OFF}$$

$$Y_{ST} = Y_{ST\_ON} - Y_{ST\_OFF}$$

$$Z_{ST} = Z_{ST\_ON} - Z_{ST\_OFF}$$

Because the measured output for each axis is expressed in LSBs,  $X_{ST}$ ,  $Y_{ST}$ , and  $Z_{ST}$  are also expressed in LSBs. These values can be converted to  $g$ 's of acceleration by multiplying each value by the 3.9 mg/LSB scale factor, if configured for full-resolution mode. Additionally, Table 13 through Table 16 correspond to the self-test range converted to LSBs and can be compared with the measured self-test change when operating at a  $V_s$  of 2.5 V. For other voltages, the minimum and maximum self-test output values should be adjusted based on (multiplied by) the scale factors shown in Table 12. If the part was placed into  $\pm 2 g$ , 10-bit or full-resolution mode, the values listed in Table 13 should be used. Although the fixed 10-bit mode or a range other than 16  $g$  can be used, a different set of values, as indicated in Table 14 through Table 16, would need to be used. Using a range below 8  $g$  may result in insufficient dynamic range and should be considered when selecting the range of operation for measuring self-test.

If the self-test change is within the valid range, the test is considered successful. Generally, a part is considered to pass if the minimum magnitude of change is achieved. However, a part that changes by more than the maximum magnitude is not necessarily a failure.

**ORIENTATION SENSING**

The orientation function of the ADXL346 reports both 2-D and 3-D orientation concurrently through the orient register (Address 0x3C). The V2 and V3 bits (Bit D6 and Bit D3 in the orient register) report the validity of the 2-D and 3-D orientation codes. If V2 or V3 are set, their respective code is a valid orientation. If V2 or V3 are cleared, the orientation of the accelerometer is unknown, such as when the orientation is within the dead zone between valid regions.

For 2-D orientation sensing, the relation of the x- and y-axes to gravity is used to determine the accelerometer orientation (see Figure 42 and Table 23). Portrait positive corresponds to the x-axis being most closely aligned to the gravity vector and directed upwards, opposite the gravity vector. Portrait negative is the opposite of portrait positive with the x-axis pointing downwards along the gravity vector. Landscape positive corresponds to the y-axis being most closely aligned with the gravity vector and directed upwards, away from the gravity vector. Landscape negative is the orientation opposite landscape positive. The dead zone regions are shown in the orientations for portrait positive (+X) and portrait negative (-X) of Figure 42. These regions also exist for landscape positive (+Y) and landscape negative (-Y), as shown in Figure 42.

In 3-D orientation, the z-axis is also included. If the accelerometer is placed in a Cartesian coordinate system, as shown in Figure 41 of the Tap Sign section, the top of the device corresponds to the positive z-axis direction, the front of the device corresponds to the positive x-axis direction, and the right side of the device corresponds to the positive y-axis direction.

The states shown in Table 24 correspond to which side of the accelerometer is directed upwards, opposite the gravity vector. As shown in Figure 41, the accelerometer is oriented in the top state. If the device is flipped over such that the top of the device is facing down, towards gravity, the orientation is reported as the bottom state. If the device is adjusted such that the positive x-axis or positive y-axis direction is pointing upwards, away from the gravity vector, the accelerometer reports the orientation as front or left, respectively.

The algorithm to detect orientation change is performed after filtering the output acceleration data to eliminate the effects of high frequency motion. This is performed by using a moving average filter of a depth set by the divisor bits (ORIENT\_CONF register, Address 0x3B). The orientation register is updated at the same rate as the data rate set in the BW\_RATE register, but is effectively bandwidth limited to the accelerometer bandwidth divided by the depth set by the divisor bits. To eliminate most human motion, such as walking or shaking, the value in the divisor bits should be selected to effectively limit the orientation bandwidth to 1 Hz or 2 Hz.

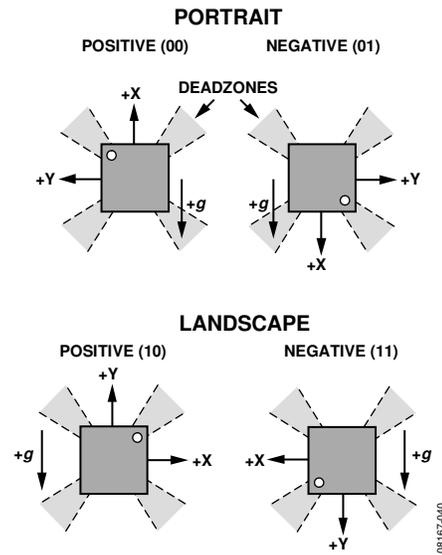


Figure 42. 2-D Orientation with Corresponding Codes

The width of the dead zone region between two or more orientation positions is determined by setting the value of the dead zone bits in the ORIENT\_CONF register (Address 0x3B). The dead zone region size can be specified with a resolution of 3.6°. The dead zone angle represents the total angle where the orientation is considered invalid. Therefore, a dead zone of 10.8° corresponds to 5.4° in either direction away from the bisector of two bordering regions. An example with a dead zone region of 10.8° is shown in Figure 43.

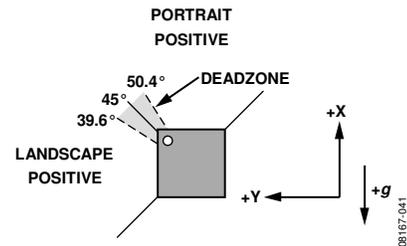


Figure 43. Orientation Showing a 10.8° Dead Zone Region

By setting the INT\_ORIENT bit of the ORIENT\_CONF register (Address 0x3B), an interrupt can be generated when the device is placed into a new valid orientation. Only one mode of orientation detection, 2-D or 3-D, can generate an interrupt at a time. The orientation detection mode is selected by setting or clearing the INT\_3D bit of the ORIENT\_CONF register (Address 0x3B). For more details, refer to the description of the ORIENT\_CONF register.

AXES OF ACCELERATION SENSITIVITY

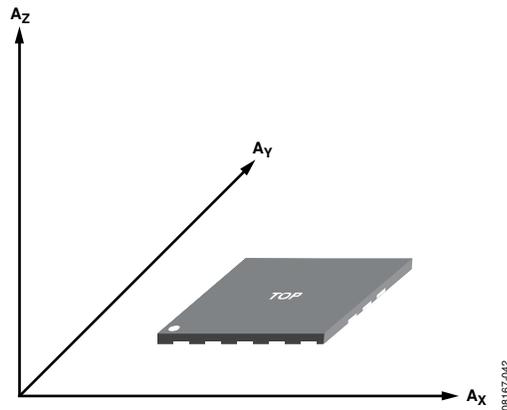


Figure 44. Axes of Acceleration Sensitivity (Corresponding Output Voltage Increases When Accelerated Along the Sensitive Axis)

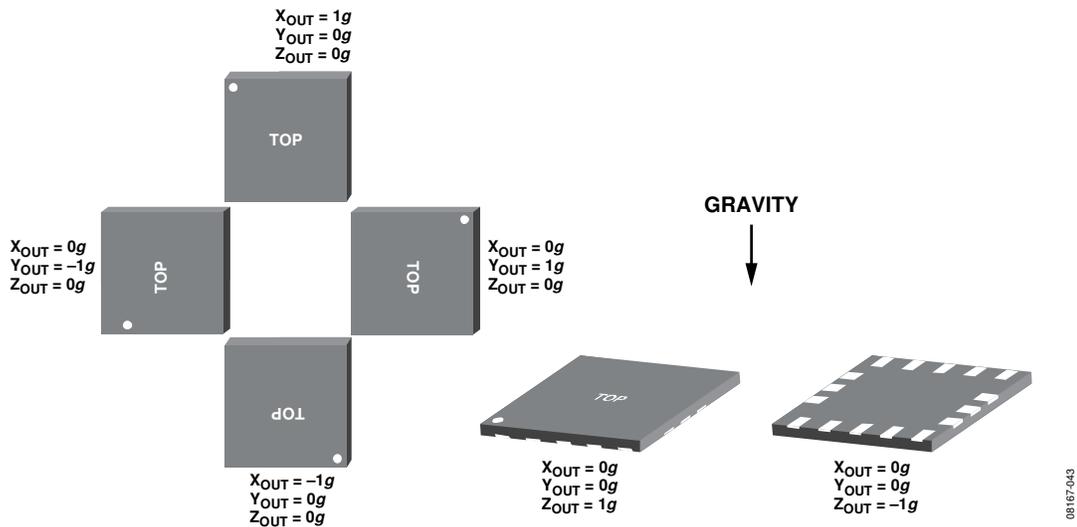


Figure 45. Output Response vs. Orientation to Gravity

LAYOUT AND DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS

Figure 46 shows the recommended printed wiring board land pattern. Figure 47 and Table 25 provide details about the recommended soldering profile.

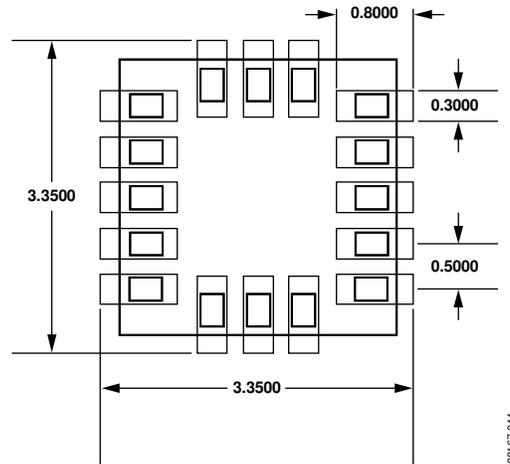


Figure 46. Recommended Printed Wiring Board Land Pattern (Dimensions shown in millimeters)

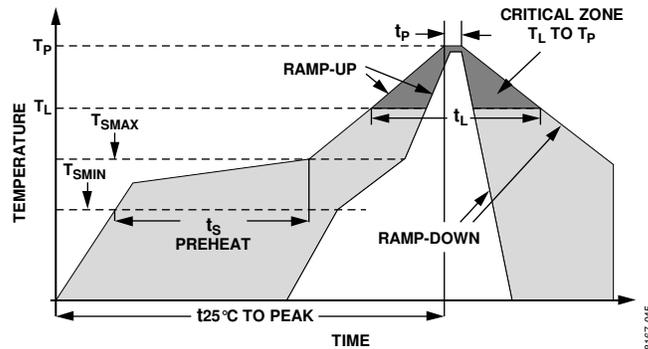


Figure 47. Recommended Soldering Profile

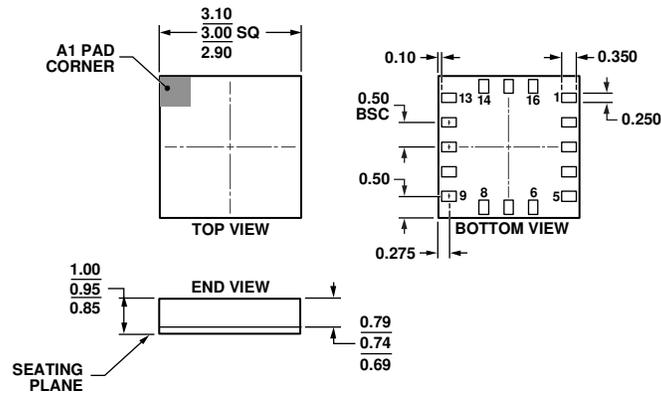
Table 25. Recommended Soldering Profile<sup>1,2</sup>

| Profile Feature   | Condition         |                   |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | Sn63/Pb37         | Pb-Free           |
| Average Ramp Rate from Liquid Temperature ( $T_L$ ) to Peak Temperature ( $T_P$ ) | 3°C/sec max       | 3°C/sec max       |
| Preheat   |                   |                   |
| Minimum Temperature ( $T_{SMIN}$ )  | 100°C             | 150°C             |
| Maximum Temperature ( $T_{SMAX}$ )  | 150°C             | 200°C             |
| Time from $T_{SMIN}$ to $T_{SMAX}$ ( $t_S$ )                                      | 60 sec to 120 sec | 60 sec to 180 sec |
| $T_{SMAX}$ to $T_L$ Ramp-Up Rate  | 3°C/sec max       | 3°C/sec max       |
| Liquid Temperature ( $T_L$ )  | 183°C             | 217°C             |
| Time Maintained Above $T_L$ ( $t_L$ )   | 60 sec to 150 sec | 60 sec to 150 sec |
| Peak Temperature ( $T_P$ )  | 240 + 0/-5°C      | 260 + 0/-5°C      |
| Time of Actual $T_P$ - 5°C ( $t_p$ )  | 10 sec to 30 sec  | 20 sec to 40 sec  |
| Ramp-Down Rate  | 6°C/sec max       | 6°C/sec max       |
| Time 25°C to Peak Temperature   | 6 minutes max     | 8 minutes max     |

<sup>1</sup> Based on JEDEC Standard J-STD-020D.1.

<sup>2</sup> For best results, the soldering profile should be in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer of the solder paste used.

### OUTLINE DIMENSIONS



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Figure 48. 16-Terminal Land Grid Array [LGA]  
(CC-16-3)  
Solder Terminations Finish Is Au over Ni  
Dimensions shown in millimeters

### ORDERING GUIDE

| Model                        | Measurement Range (g) | Specified Voltage (V) | Temperature Range | Package Description  | Package Option |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--|----------------|
| ADXL346BCCZ <sup>1</sup>     | ±2, ±4, ±8, ±16       | 2.5                   | -40°C to +85°C    | 16-Terminal Land Grid Array [LGA]  | CC-16-3        |
| ADXL346BCCZ-RL <sup>1</sup>  | ±2, ±4, ±8, ±16       | 2.5                   | -40°C to +85°C    | 16-Terminal Land Grid Array [LGA]  | CC-16-3        |
| ADXL346BCCZ-RL7 <sup>1</sup> | ±2, ±4, ±8, ±16       | 2.5                   | -40°C to +85°C    | 16-Terminal Land Grid Array [LGA]  | CC-16-3        |
| EVAL-ADXL346Z <sup>1</sup>   |                       |                       |                   | Evaluation Board   |                |
| EVAL-ADXL346Z-M <sup>1</sup> |                       |                       |                   | Analog Devices Inertial Sensor Evaluation System, Includes ADXL346 Satellite |                |
| EVAL-ADXL346Z-S <sup>1</sup> |                       |                       |                   | ADXL346 Satellite, Standalone  |                |

<sup>1</sup> Z = RoHS Compliant Part.

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