



New Isolated ICs Ensure Precise Current and Voltage Measurements with Ultra-Low Temperature Drift

March 18, 2019 12:00 PM EDT

-- Silicon Labs' Robust Third-Generation Isolation Technology Delivers a Leap Forward in Performance and Stability

ANAHEIM, Calif., March 18, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- (APEC) – [Silicon Labs](#) (NASDAQ: SLAB) has introduced a family of isolated analog amplifiers, voltage sensors and delta-sigma modulator (DSM) devices designed to provide accurate current and voltage measurement with very low drift across temperature. Based on Silicon Labs' robust, third-generation isolation technology, the new [Si89xx family](#) provides flexible voltage, current, output and package options to help developers reduce BOM cost and shrink board space for a wide range of industrial and green-energy applications including electric vehicle (EV) battery management and charging systems, dc-dc converters, and motor, solar and wind turbine inverters.

Next-Generation Si89xx Family

Robust Isolation
Precise with Low Drift
Broad Portfolio



Precise current and voltage measurement is essential for accurate operation of power control systems. To maximize efficiency and respond quickly to faults or changes in load, system controllers require current and voltage information from high-voltage rails. Silicon Labs' third-generation isolation technology keeps controllers safe across wide temperature variations with 1414 V working voltage and 13 kV bipolar surge, exceeding stringent industry requirements.

Silicon Labs now offers the industry's broadest portfolio of current and voltage sensors. The Si89xx family includes four product categories:

- Si892x isolated analog amplifiers optimized for shunt-current sensing
- Si8931/2 isolated analog amplifiers optimized for general-purpose voltage sensing
- Si8935/6/7 isolated DSM devices optimized for voltage sensing—an industry first
- Si8941/6/7 isolated DSM devices optimized for shunt-current sensing

"Our first and second generation mixed-signal isolation technologies have driven the strong market success of our digital isolation products over the past decade, and our third-generation technology used in the new Si89xx devices raises the bar even higher," said Brian Mirkin, Vice President and General Manager of Silicon Labs' power products. "Our isolation products continue to replace traditional optocouplers and outperform competing digital isolators, enabling higher surge performance, reliability, integration and best-in-class safety for system designs requiring protection from high voltages."

Automotive battery and motor/photovoltaic inverter systems require reliable current monitoring with robust noise immunity. The Si89xx devices provide up to 3x higher common-mode transient immunity (CMTI) than competing products. The devices' 75 kV/ μ s immunity to fast transients ensures reliable and accurate current readings in demanding industrial applications. The Si89xx family also supports a fail-safe indication to the host controller if the high-side supply voltage is not detected.

The Si89xx devices provide typical offset error as low as $\pm 40 \mu\text{V}$ and $\pm 0.1\%$ gain error, enabling precise measurements. Typical offset drift as low as $\pm 0.15 \mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{C}$ and typical gain drift as low as $-6 \text{ ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$ ensure exceptional accuracy across temperature. The devices offer the industry's highest typical signal-to-noise ratio (SNR)—up to 90 dB. A unique low-power mode automatically reduces current draw on one side of the isolation barrier to approximately 1 mA whenever voltage is removed from the other side, enabling a controller to manage power with a simple field-effect transistor (FET).

The next-generation Si89xx devices enhance design flexibility with the following options:

- Current or voltage-optimized devices with single-ended, differential or DSM output
- $\pm 62.5 \text{ mV}$, $\pm 250 \text{ mV}$ or 2.5 V input ranges
- A stretched wide-body SOIC-8 package to support 5 kVrms isolation and 9 mm creepage/clearance and a compact narrow-body SOIC-8 to support 2.5 kVrms isolation

Pricing and Availability

Advanced samples of Si892x/3x/4x devices in wide-body SOIC-8 packages are available now, and advanced samples of the devices in narrow-body SOIC-8 packages are planned to be available in Q2. Production quantities of all Si89xx devices are planned for Q3. Silicon Labs offers a wide range of evaluation kits to accelerate development. Contact your local Silicon Labs sales representative or authorized distributor for IC and evaluation kit pricing. For more information and to request device samples, visit silabs.com/nextgen-si89xx.

Silicon Labs

Silicon Labs (NASDAQ: SLAB) is a leading provider of silicon, software and solutions for a smarter, more connected world. Our award-winning technologies are shaping the future of the Internet of Things, Internet infrastructure, industrial automation, consumer and automotive markets. Our world-class engineering team creates products focused on performance, energy savings, connectivity and simplicity. silabs.com

Connect with Silicon Labs

Silicon Labs PR Contact: Dale Weisman +1-512-532-5871, dale.weisman@silabs.com

Follow Silicon Labs at news.silabs.com, at blog.silabs.com, on Twitter at twitter.com/siliconlabs, on LinkedIn at linkedin.com/company/siliconlabs and on Facebook at facebook.com/siliconlabs.

Cautionary Language

This press release may contain forward-looking statements based on Silicon Labs' current expectations. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. A number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. For a discussion of factors that could impact Silicon Labs' financial results and cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements, please refer to Silicon Labs' filings with the SEC. Silicon Labs disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Note to editors: Silicon Labs, Silicon Laboratories, the "S" symbol, the Silicon Laboratories logo and the Silicon Labs logo are trademarks of Silicon Laboratories Inc. All other product names noted herein may be trademarks of their respective holders.



 View original content to download multimedia: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/new-isolated-ics-ensure-precise-current-and-voltage-measurements-with-ultra-low-temperature-drift-300812996.html>

SOURCE Silicon Labs