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Concept
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Revision history

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Table 1: Revision History

Acronyms and Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
ASIL	Automotive Safety Integrity Level
CAT	Category
DC	Diagnostic Coverage
FMEDA	Failure Mode, Effects and Diagnosis Analysis
FSM	Functional Safety Management
MTTF _D	Mean Time To Dangerous Failure
PFD	Probability of Dangerous Failure on Demand
PFH	Average Frequency of Dangerous Failure (h ⁻¹)
PL	Performance Level
QMS	Quality Management System
SFF	Safe Failure Fraction
SIL	Safety Integrity Level
SILCL	SIL Claim Limit
ToE	Target of Evaluation

Table 2: Acronyms and Abbreviations

1 Scope

Scope of this report is the concept approval for the Safety Component Safe Torque Off (STO) module for a reinforced isolated 3-phase inverter with isolated smart gate drivers from Texas Instruments. The Safe Torque Off (STO) is specified and described by the concept document [D1].

The Safe Torque Off (STO) module provides safety function according to SIL 3 / PL e / CAT 3 of the safety standards mentioned in chapter 2.1 .

1.1 Description of the Safe Torque Off (STO) concept

The Safe Torque Off (STO) has a dual channel architecture (1oo2), it is implemented following a de-energize to trip concept, when STO inputs (STO 1 and STO 2) go low the power supply to the primary and the secondary side of the isolated gate driver is cut in less than 10ms (typical), removing the possibility to control and energize the motor.

The MCU responsible for the diagnostic mechanisms is not in the scope of this report.

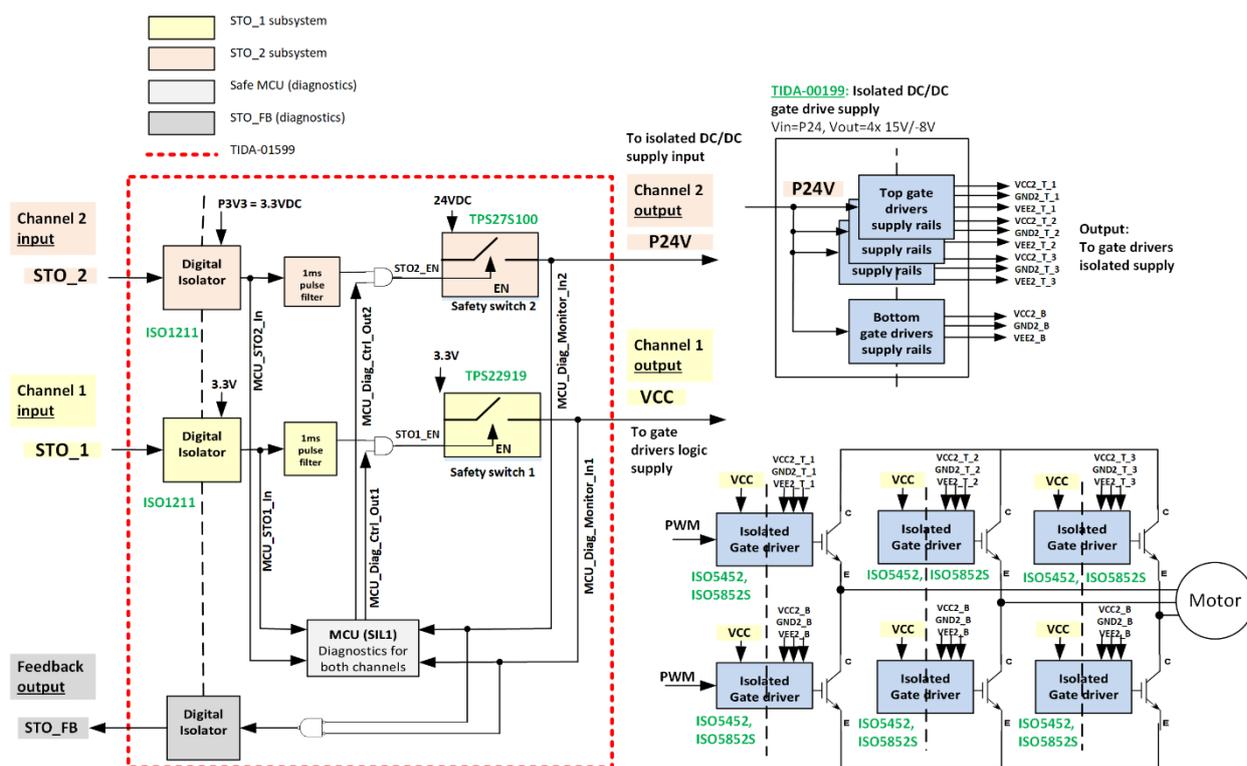


Figure 1: STO architecture

1.2 Basis of the Approval

The approval of the safety concept bases on the documents listed in clause 3 of this report. The concept was examined according to the standards and guidelines listed by clause 2 of this report. The following aspects were reviewed:

- Functional safety
 - Analysis of the concept and system structure
 - Review of block FMEA

2 Basis of Evaluation

The regulations and guidelines which form the basis of the type testing are listed below.

2.1 Functional Safety

No.	Standard	Title
[N1]	IEC 61508-1: 2010 (SIL 3)	Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems Part 1: General requirements
[N2]	IEC 61508-2: 2010 (SIL 3)	Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems Part 2: Requirements for electrical/electronic/ programmable electronic safety-related systems
[N3]	IEC 61508-4: 2010 (SIL 3)	Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems Part 4: Definitions and abbreviations
[N4]	EN ISO 13849-1: 2015 (PL e, Cat. 3)	Safety of machinery - Safety-related parts of control systems Part 1: General principles for design

Table 3: Functional Safety

2.2 Quality Management System

No.	Reference	Description
[M1]	QMS	Quality Management System TÜV SÜD Rail GmbH
	TR_RA_P_04.50	Test Program Functional Safety TR_RA_P_04.51 Definition Scope of testing TR_RA_P_04.07 Product Modification TR_RA_P_04.52 Concept Phase & Safety Lifecycle TR_RA_P_04.53 Detail Phase Hardware TR_RA_P_04.54 Detail Phase Software TR_RA_P_04.55 Safety Manual TR_RA_P_04.56 Result of Testing
[M2]	D-IS-11190-01-00	DAkKS accreditation according to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17020:2012; inspection body type A

No.	Reference	Description
[M3]	D-PL-11190-08-00	DAkkS accreditation according to DIN EN ISO 17025:2018 / EN ISO/IEC 17025:2017

Table 4: Quality Management System

3 Documents provided for the concept review

The following documents were provided by Texas Instruments as basis for the concept evaluation.

No.	Title	Document-No./ File identifier	Revision	Date (yyyy.mm.dd)
[D1]	Safety concept	TIDA-01599_STO_Concept_FMEA_1v6	1.6	2021.11.11
[D2]	FMEA	TIDA_01599_STO_Concept_FMEA_1v6	1.6	2021.11.11
[D3]	Schematic	TIDA-01599E2.1(001)_Sch	E2.1	-

Table 5: Documents from Customer

4 Performance and result of tests

4.1 Test reports

Following test reports were issued by TÜV SÜD Rail GmbH or other accredited test laboratories.

No.	Title	Document-No./ File identifier	Revision	Date
[R1]	Review protocol	Review Protocol_Concept V1.3	1.3	2021.11.15

Table 6: Documents from Testing Agency

5 Result of the concept review

5.1 Project Management

Functional safety management is not in the scope of this evaluation. Life cycle is under the responsibility of the user of Texas Instruments concept design.

5.2 Safety Function and Specification

The documents [D1] and [D2] describe the safety requirements and safety function of the unit. Following safety functions have been identified:

- Safe Torque Off (STO)

All safety functions shall comply with the requirements of the standards mentioned in chapter 2.

Result:

The documents are sufficient to specify and to describe the safety concept of the device.

5.3 Analysis of system architecture

The Safe Torque Off (STO) hardware architecture consists mainly of a two-channel structure for the logic and the in- and outputs components, see [D1] and [D2].

The basic diagnostic principles are:

- Self-tests (not in scope, to be implemented by the end user)

Result:

The hardware architecture (1oo2) is generally suitable for SIL 3 / PL e / CAT 3 . The architecture, the effectiveness of the selected diagnostic measures and diagnostic test interval need to be re-evaluated in the context of the final implementation.

5.4 Block-FMEA

The manufacturer provided a block-based System-FMEA [D2]. The FMEA considers the relevant failure modes for all electronic elements and analyses the failure effects.

Result:

The FMEA demonstrates that the requirements of SIL 3 / PL e / CAT 3 could be achieved.

The effectiveness of the selected diagnostic measures needs to be re-evaluated in the context of the final implementation.

6 Summary

The Safety Component Safe Torque Off (STO) from Texas Instruments is capable to support safety architectures in accordance to SIL 3 / PL e / CAT 3 of the standards mentioned in chapter 2.1.

Implementation of internal diagnostic, integration and verification have to be done according to the applied safety standards including functional safety management and lifecycle handling.

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