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CS1133 V_{SAT} Probe

Summary

The CS1133 V_{SAT} probe is used to measure the saturation voltage of a switching transistor. It uses a 30mA high compliance current source to measure the transistor forward voltage while the voltage across the device is less than the clip level. The clip level can be set to 3 ranges; approximately 15V, 1.5V and 150mV. Above the clip level the V_{SAT} probe is disconnected from the Unit Under Test (UUT). It is expected that the UUT will have a good deal more than 30mA flowing through it so this small additional current will not significantly change the saturation voltage. The CS1133 is designed to work into a 50 ohm load. The CS1133 is rated for operation over the input voltage range of 0V to +3.3kV. It can also withstand negative overshoot on the UUT down to -100V for short term transients.

The CS1133 is powered by +5V sourced by the CS548 LINK PORT (pin 1) and 0V (pin 2) via an 8 pin Mini Din Connector. It also includes two controls to select clip level; IN1 (pin 8) & IN2 (pin 5). The power and control signals are isolated via a low capacitance isolated power supply and optical isolators housed in a separate unit. The isolation withstand voltage is 1kVAC CAT III or 2kVDC. In addition the active portion of the CS1133 is shielded to ensure it can be used to measure the high side transistor while it is switching. The analog path is **NOT** isolated, and if measuring a nonground referenced signal will need an isolated probe or oscilloscope such as the CS548.



Connections

The CS1133 is made up of two units; the Probe Head containing the measuring electronics and the Power & Control Isolator. The Probe Head connects to the Isolator with a 150mm long Type-C USB cable.



WARNING The Power/Control connectors on the Probe Head & Isolator do not use standard USB pinout or signals, and include +/-18V power supplies. DO NOT connect these to a charger, computer, or phone, etc. To connect the Probe Head slide the protective sheath towards the input pins and then screw on the SMA coax and plug in the power/control cable. Slide the protective sheath back into position.



Connect the other end of the power/control cable to the Isolator. Connect the 8 pin Mini Din cable to the CS548 LINK PORT and the internally terminated (50ohm) and insulated coax cable to a CS548 channel input.

Connection to UUT

The CS1133 has two 0.64mm square input pins which enable close connection to the UUT. This minimises the loop area to keep the input inductance low and achieve a fast response. To connect the CS1133 to the UUT solder some 0.64mm square sockets with short wires to the Drain & Source (or Collector & Emitter). In the example shown here the CS1133 is connected to the Drain and Source of a TO263-7 1.7kV SiC MOSFET (IMBF170R1K0M1) on a prototype.



WARNING Ensure that the CS1133 terminal is connected to the UUT positive terminal (eg Drain or Collector). Reverse connection will damage the CS1133, and require repair.





Here 0.64mm square sockets have also been used to simultaneously measure V_{DS} with a $x200\ \text{probe}$

Note the CS1133 can only withstand short duration transient reverse voltages, max -100V.

Indicators

The CS1133 has two power indicator LEDs. One on the Power and Control module shows isolated power is on. One on the Probe Head shows the Probe Head power is on. Always operate the CS1133 with both LEDs visible.



System Isolation

When used with the input channel isolation of the CS548 the CS1133 can be used to measure V_{SAT} of a high side or floating transistor. This diagram shows where the isolation occurs:



All items within the isolation line (Channel A, Probe Head, Coax cable and output of Isolator) have a common reference connection which will be connected to the UUT Source (or Emitter). If the Source is a high side transistor in a half bridge this whole isolation island will move with the switching edges of the half bridge. A common mode choke (as supplied with the CS548) may be required on the coax cable to suppress common mode induced spikes and ringing.



All items within the isolation line above will be at the same potential as the UUT Source. DO NOT touch. If using a ground referenced scope, the CS1133 negative terminal MUST be at ground potential.

Calibrator



WARNING

The Calibrator will be used by the updated Cleverscope 4 application to precision calibrate the CS1133. Accuracy is already pretty good (1%), but the calibrator will increase accuracy to about 0.1%. A calibrator is included with each CS1133.

Calibration results are stored in an Eeprom in the probe.

Ranges

There are 3 ranges:

Probe Vsat 15V is useful for de-saturation measurements where the transistor V_{SAT} voltage increases during overload conditions. (In1 and In2: 0, 0V)
Probe Vsat 1V5 range is used for normal V_{SAT} measurements of an IGBT or MOSFET (In1 and In2: 0, >2V)
Probe Vsat 150mV range is useful for very low RDS-ON transistors where the saturation voltage is below approx 100mV. (In1 and In2: >2, >2V)

Range selection is via the input signals IN1 & IN2 on the LINK PORT and controlled by the CS548 application using the Probe settings. The link Port supplies power to the CS1133.

For increased accuracy when using the 1V5 and 150mV ranges, you can lock the CS548 channel into the low range by clicking on the Low Range Lock button (yellow when locked):



Note: If you leave the button locked, the CS548 will clip signals greater than the low range maximum value (probe dependant). If this happens, unlock the range.

Specifications

Parameter	Value (typical)	Comment
Supply Voltage	5V	From CS548 LINK PORT
Supply Current	300mA	UUT Input open
Supply Current	380mA	UUT Input shorted
Current source output	30mA	
Input Voltage Range	0-3300V	Do Not reverse connect
Max Negative Overshoot	-100V	Duration < 1ms, max 10% duty cycle
Isolation Working Voltage	1kVAC CAT III or 2kVDC	
Clip Levels:		
15V range	15V ± 1V	Set CS548 input to x20 & IN1,2=0,0
1V5 range	1.5V ± 100mV	Set CS548 input to x2 & IN1,2=0,1
150mV range	150mV ± 50mV	Set CS548 input to x2 & IN1,2=1,1
Gain accuracy	< ± 1%	
Rise and Fall Times	<10ns	
Recovery after falling edge	50ns on 15V range	Approx. Depends on edge.
	100ns on 1V5 range	With 1000V 10ns falling edge
Probe Head Size	70x30x12mm	
Isolator Size	94x30x20mm	
Supplied with	SMA-BNC cable with 50ohm termination, 1m	
	LINK PORT cable, Mini DIN8, 1m	
	Probe Head – Isolator cable, 150mm (USB-C)	
	0.64mm square sockets, 10pcs, Calibrator	

Measurements

The CS1133 is used to measure V_{DS} of a 1.7kV SiC MOSFET (IMBF170R1K0M1) with a 1M pullup to 1kV. Falling edge is approx 10ns, 100V/ns.

On the 15V range there is an overshoot due to the input capacitance of the CS1133 which recovers in approx 50ns:



Flatness on the 15V range over 500us is about 4.5mV (M1-M2):

cleverscope	Tracer:Chan B	M1:Chan B	M2:Chan B	Freq: 2.417 kHz Graph dT		
Amplitude	27.46 mV	29.71 mV	34.21 mV	dV: 4.501 mV	60ns	
Time	256.9 us	48.12 us	461.9 us	dt: 413.8 us		

Frame: 2 Trigger time: 10 Nov 21 18:24:50.332752293



On the 1.5V ra	inge the overshoot	recovers in	approx	100ns:
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cleveracope	Tracer:Chan B	M1:Chan B	M2:Chan B	Freq: 3.431 MHz	Graph dT		
Amplitude	18.73 mV	-1772.4 mV	18.95 mV	dV: 1791.3 mV	2.5ns		
Time	290.5 ns	0.000 ns	291.5 ns	dt: 291.5 ns			
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Flatness on the 1.5V range over 500us is about 1.6 mV (M1-M2). The 37mV voltage drop is due to the approx 1 Ohm on resistance of the FET with the 30mA current source through it, and the uncorrected CS1133 offset:

	cleveracope	Tracer:Chan B	M1:Chan B	M2:Chan B	Freq: 2.417 kHz	Graph dT
	Amplitude	36.28 mV	35.61 mV	37.18 mV	dV: 1.575 mV	60ns
	Time	429.2 us	48.12 us	461.9 us	dt: 413.8 us	

Frame: 2 Trigger time: 10 Nov 21 18:25:57.856366443



On the 0.15V range the overshoot recovers in approx 100ns:

cleveracope	Tracer:Chan B	M1:Chan B	M2:Chan B	Freq: Inf MHz	Graph dT
Amplitude	33.58 mV	-1842.2 mV	-1842.2 mV	dV: 0.000 mV	2.5ns
Time	396.5 ns	0.000 ns	0.000 ns	dt: 0.000 ns	

Frame: 2 Trigger time: 10 Nov 21 18:26:44.148101913



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Amplitude	38.31 mV	37.41 mV	37.41 mV	dV: 0.000 mV	60ns					
Time	263.2 us	48.12 us	461.9 us	dt: 413.8 us						
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