

TSM36A Surge Protection Device in SOT-23 Package

1 Features

- Unidirectional surge protection against 1.7 kV, 42 Ω IEC 61000-4-5 surge test for industrial signal lines
- Robust surge protection:
 - IEC61000-4-5 (8/20 μ s): 41 A
- Low clamping voltage of 50 V at 25 A for 8/20 μ s surge current protects downstream components
- 36 V working voltage for protecting signals on 24-V systems
- Low leakage current of 1 μ A
- Low dynamic resistance of 0.5 Ω
- Integrated level 4 IEC 61000-4-2 ESD protection
- 30-kV ESD protection (IEC 61000-4-2)
- SOT-23 (DBZ) small, standard, common footprint
- Leadless package used for automatic optical inspection (AOI)

2 Applications

- Industrial sensors
- IO link
- PLC I/O modules
- 24-V power lines or digital input or output lines
- 4/20-mA loops
- [Appliances](#)
- [Medical equipment](#)
- [Motor drivers](#)

3 Description

The TSM36A is a part of TI's surge protection device family. The TSM36A robustly shunts up to 41 A of IEC 61000-4-5 fault current to protect systems from high power transients or lightning strikes. The device offers a solution to the common industrial signal line EMC requirement to survive up to 1.7 kV IEC 61000-4-5 open circuit voltage coupled through a 42 Ω impedance. The TSM36A clamps during a surge event, assuring system exposure below 50 V at $I_{PP} = 25$ A.

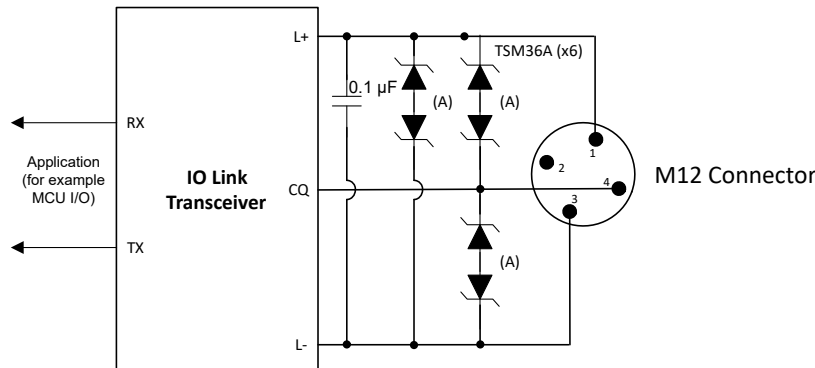
Additionally, the TSM36A is available in a small leadless SOT-23 (DBZ) package which is reduced in size by approximately 50 percent compared to the industry standard SMA package. The extremely low device leakage and capacitance ensures a minimal effect on the protected line.

For more information on the other devices in the surge family, see the products at this [link](#).

Package Information⁽¹⁾

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE (NOM)
TSM36A	DBZ (SOT-23, 3)	2.92 mm \times 1.30 mm

(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.



- A. Diagram shows two TSM36A unidirectional devices stacked in series with the anodes tied back-to-back to protect between the respective signals.

Industrial Sensors IO Link Application



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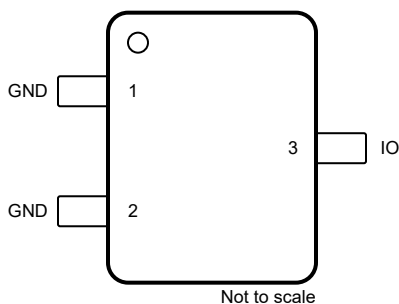
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4 Revision History

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• Changed the status of the data sheet from: <i>Advanced Information</i> to: <i>Production Data</i>	1

5 Pin Configuration and Functions



**Figure 5-1. DBZ Package,
3-Pin SOT-23
(Top View)**

Table 5-1. Pin Functions

PIN		TYPE ⁽¹⁾	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
IO	3	I/O	Surge and ESD protected IO
GND	1, 2	G	Connect to ground. To achieve the rated performance, it is required to connect pin 1 and 2 together on the PCB as close to the device as possible.

(1) I = Input, O = Output, I/O = Input or Output, G = Ground, P = Power

6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (unless otherwise noted) ⁽¹⁾

Parameter		Device	MIN	MAX	UNIT
$P_{pk_8_20}$	IEC 61000-4-5 Power ($t_p - 8/20 \mu\text{s}$)	TSM36A		2000	W
$I_{pp_8_20}$	IEC 61000-4-5 Current ($t_p - 8/20 \mu\text{s}$)	TSM36A		41	A
T_A	Operating free-air temperature		-55	150	$^\circ\text{C}$
T_J	Junction temperature		-55	150	$^\circ\text{C}$
T_{stg}	Storage temperature		-65	155	$^\circ\text{C}$

- (1) Operation outside the Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent device damage. Absolute Maximum Ratings do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those listed under Recommended Operating Conditions. If used outside the Recommended Operating Conditions but within the Absolute Maximum Ratings, the device may not be fully functional, and this may affect device reliability, functionality, performance, and shorten the device lifetime.

6.2 ESD Ratings—JEDEC Specification

Parameter			VALUE	UNIT
$V_{(ESD)}$	Electrostatic discharge	Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001	± 2500	V
		Charged device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JS-002	± 1000	

6.3 ESD Ratings—IEC Specification

$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (unless otherwise noted)

Parameter			VALUE	UNIT
$V_{(ESD)}$	Electrostatic discharge	IEC 61000-4-2 Contact Discharge, all pins	± 30000	V
		IEC 61000-4-2 Air-gap Discharge, all pins	± 30000	

6.4 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

Parameter		MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
V_{IN}	Input voltage	0		36	V
T_A	Operating free-air temperature	-55		150	$^\circ\text{C}$

6.5 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		TSM36A	UNIT
		DBZ (SOT-23)	
		3 PINS	
$R_{\theta JA}$	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	204.4	$^\circ\text{C/W}$
$R_{\theta JC(top)}$	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	96.9	$^\circ\text{C/W}$
$R_{\theta JB}$	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	39.9	$^\circ\text{C/W}$
Ψ_{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	7.1	$^\circ\text{C/W}$
Ψ_{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	39.5	$^\circ\text{C/W}$
$R_{\theta JC(bot)}$	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	N/A	$^\circ\text{C/W}$

- (1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics](#) application report.

6.6 Electrical Characteristics

$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	Device	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V_{RWM}	Reverse stand-off voltage		TSM36A	0		36	V
V_{BRF}	Forward breakdown voltage ⁽¹⁾	$I_{IO} = -10\text{ mA}$	TSM36A		0.8		V
V_{BRR}	Reverse breakdown voltage ⁽¹⁾	$I_{IO} = 10\text{ mA}$	TSM36A	37.8		44.2	V
V_{CLAMP}	Clamping voltage ⁽²⁾	$I_{PP} = 25\text{ A}$, $t_p = 8/20\text{ }\mu\text{s}$, from IO to GND	TSM36A		50		V
		$I_{PP} = 40\text{ A}$, $t_p = 8/20\text{ }\mu\text{s}$, from IO to GND	TSM36A		57		
I_{LEAK}	Leakage current	$V_{IO} = +36\text{ V}$	TSM36A			1	μA
R_{DYN}	Dynamic resistance	$t_p = 8/20\text{ }\mu\text{s}$, from IO to GND	TSM36A		0.5		Ω
C_{IO-GND}	Line capacitance	$V_{IO} = 0\text{ V}$, $f = 1\text{ MHz}$, $V_{p-p} = 30\text{ mV}$	TSM36A		50	80	pF

(1) V_{BRF} and V_{BRR} are defined as the voltage when $\pm 10\text{ mA}$ is applied in the positive-going direction.

(2) Device stressed with $8/20\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ exponential decay waveform according to IEC 61000-4-5.

6.7 Typical Characteristics

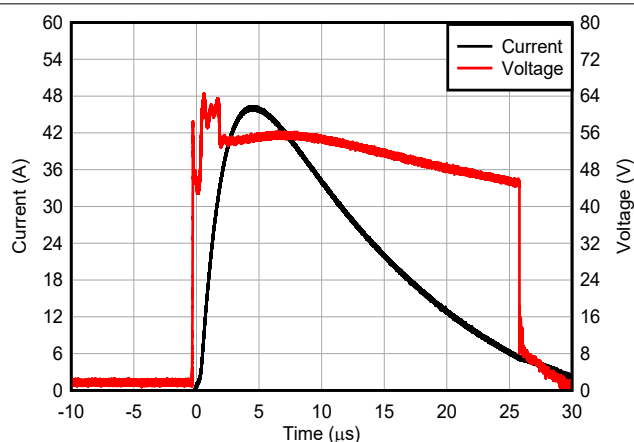


Figure 6-1. 8/20 μ s Surge Response

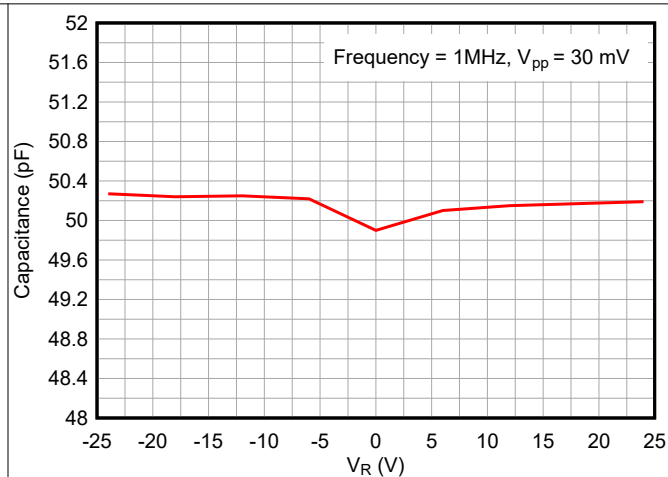


Figure 6-2. Capacitance vs Bias Voltage

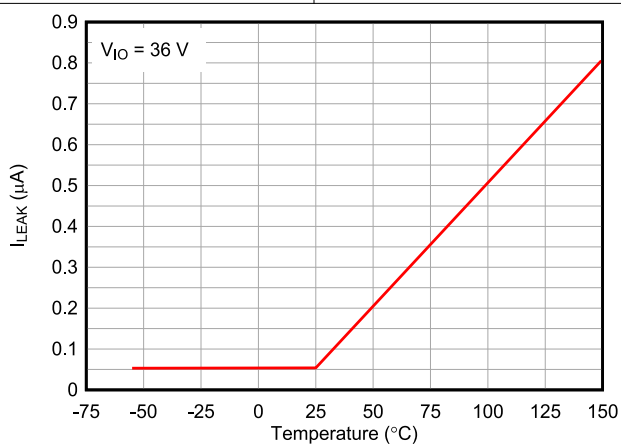


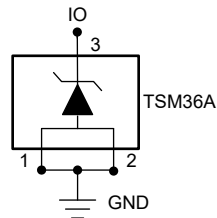
Figure 6-3. Leakage vs Temperature

7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The TSM36A is a surge protection diode that clamps the voltage during a fault and protects downstream components from overvoltage events.

7.2 Functional Block Diagram



7.3 Feature Description

The TSM36A is a surge protection diode that handles 41 A of IEC 61000-4-5 8/20 μ s surge current. The low clamping voltage protects downstream circuits from being stressed during a surge event. The TSM36A has minimal leakage current at the standoff voltage of 36 V, making it a good candidate for applications where low leakage is needed to reduce power dissipation. A 30-kV IEC 61000-4-2 rating makes it a robust protection solution for ESD events as well. The TSM36A has a wide ambient temperature range of -55°C to $+150^{\circ}\text{C}$ which enables it to work in applications requiring an extended temperature range. The small SOT-23 (DBZ) package enables it to save board area compared to other surge protection devices in a traditional SMA package. The leaded SOT-23 (DBZ) package enables automatic optical inspection during the assembly process.

7.4 Device Functional Modes

7.4.1 Protection Specifications

The TSM36A is specified according to both the IEC 61000-4-5 standard. The IEC 61000-4-5 standard requires protection against a pulse with a rise time of 8 μ s and a half length of 20 μ s.

Additionally, the TSM36A is tested according to IEC 61000-4-5 to pass a ± 1.7 kV surge test through a 42- Ω coupling resistor and a 0.5 μ F capacitor, which is a common test requirement for industrial signal I/O lines. The TSM36A will serve as a protection solution for applications with that requirement.

The TSM36A integrates 30-kV IEC 61000-4-2 rated ESD protection, which ensures that the device can protect against both surge and ESD transient events.

For more information on TI's test method for surge and ESD testing, reference [TI's IEC 61000-4-x Testing application note](#).

8 Application and Implementation

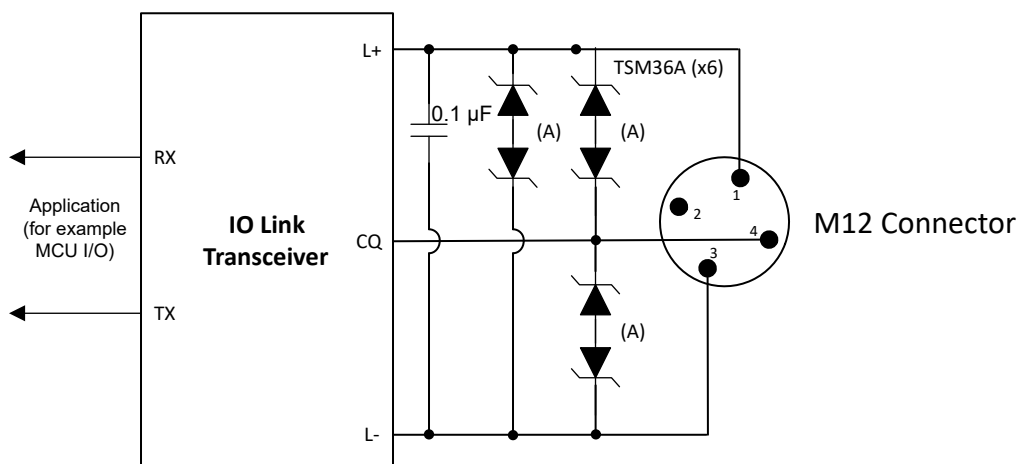
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8.1 Application Information

The TSM36A can be used to protect any power, analog, or digital signal from transient fault conditions caused by the environment or other electrical components.

8.2 Typical Application



- A. Diagram shows two TSM36A unidirectional devices stacked in series with the anodes tied back-to-back to protect between the respective signals.

Figure 8-1. TSM36A Application Schematic

8.2.1 Design Requirements

In the previous example, the TSM36A is protecting an IO Link transceiver that has a nominal voltage of 24 V and a maximum input voltage of 30 V. Most industrial interfaces such as this require protection against ± 1 kV surge test through a 42- Ω coupling resistor and a 0.5 μ F capacitor, equaling approximately 24 A of surge current. If a surge event caused by lightning, coupling, ringing, or any other fault condition occurs without any input protection, then this input voltage will rise to hundreds of volts in microseconds, which violates the absolute maximum input voltage and will harm the device. An ideal surge protection diode will maximize the useable voltage range while still clamping at a safe level for the system.

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

If the TSM36A is protecting the device, then during a surge event the voltage will rise to the breakdown of the diode at 37.8 V (minimum), the TSM36A will turn on and shunt the surge current to ground. With the low dynamic resistance of the TSM36A, large amounts of surge current will have some impact on the clamping voltage. The dynamic resistance of the TSM36A is around 0.5 Ω , which means 24 A of surge current will cause a voltage rise of $24\text{ A} \times 0.5\ \Omega = 12\text{ V}$. Because the device turns on at 37.8 V (minimum), the IO Link transceiver input will be exposed to $37.8\text{ V} + 12\text{ V} = 49.8\text{ V}$ during surge pulses, which is well within the absolute maximum voltage of the IO Link transceiver input pins (L+, L-, and CQ) and will protect the circuit. The small size of the device also improves fault protection by lowering the effect of fault current coupling onto neighboring traces. The small form factor of the SOT-23 package allows the device to be placed extremely close to the input connector, lowering the length of the fault current path through the system compared to larger protection solutions. Finally, the low leakage of the TSM36A will have low input power losses. The device will receive a maximum of 1 μA leakage at 36 V for a constant power dissipation of 36 μW ; a small quantity that will minimally effect overall efficiency metrics and heating concerns.

8.2.3 Configuration Options

The TSM36A can either be used in an unidirectional or bidirectional configuration. For bidirectional operation, place two TSM36A devices in series with reverse orientation, which allows a working voltage of $\pm 36\text{ V}$. TSM36A bidirectional operation is similar to its unidirectional operation, but with a minor increase in breakdown voltage and clamping voltage.

9 Power Supply Recommendations

This is a passive TVS diode-based surge protection device; therefore, there is no requirement to power it. Ensure that the maximum voltage specifications for each pin are not violated.

10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

- For optimal performance, place the device as close to the connector as possible.
 - EMI during an ESD event can couple from the trace being struck to other nearby unprotected traces, resulting in early system failures.
 - The PCB designer must minimize the possibility of EMI coupling by keeping any unprotected traces away from the protected traces which are between the TVS and the connector.
- Route the protected traces as straight as possible.
- Eliminate any sharp corners on the protected traces between the TVS and the connector by using rounded corners with the largest radii possible.
 - Electric fields tend to build up on corners, increasing EMI coupling.
- Pin 1 and 2 are not internally connected. To achieve the rated performance, it is required to connect Pin 1 and 2 together on the PCB as close to the device as possible and route the signal to ground. Also use a thick and short trace for this return path.

10.2 Layout Example

The following is a typical example of the layout routing for the TSM36A unidirectional device.

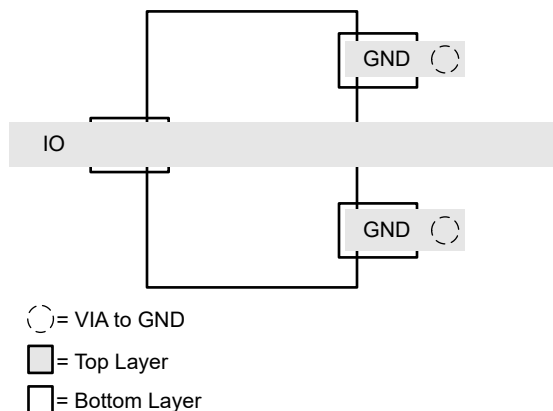


Figure 10-1. Routing with DBZ Package

11 Device and Documentation Support

11.1 Documentation Support

11.1.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation, see the following:

- Texas Instruments, [TI's IEC 61000-4-x Testing application note](#)
- Texas Instruments, [ESD Layout Guide user's guide](#)
- Texas Instruments, [ESD Protection Diodes EVM user's guide](#)
- Texas Instruments, [Generic ESD Evaluation Module user's guide](#)
- Texas Instruments, [Reading and Understanding an ESD Protection data sheet](#)

11.2 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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11.5 Electrostatic Discharge Caution



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ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

11.6 Glossary

[TI Glossary](#) This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

12 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Orderable part number	Status (1)	Material type (2)	Package Pins	Package qty Carrier	RoHS (3)	Lead finish/ Ball material (4)	MSL rating/ Peak reflow (5)	Op temp (°C)	Part marking (6)
TSM36ADBZR	Active	Production	SOT-23 (DBZ) 3	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-55 to 150	2O98
TSM36ADBZR.B	Active	Production	SOT-23 (DBZ) 3	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-55 to 150	2O98

⁽¹⁾ **Status:** For more details on status, see our [product life cycle](#).

⁽²⁾ **Material type:** When designated, preproduction parts are prototypes/experimental devices, and are not yet approved or released for full production. Testing and final process, including without limitation quality assurance, reliability performance testing, and/or process qualification, may not yet be complete, and this item is subject to further changes or possible discontinuation. If available for ordering, purchases will be subject to an additional waiver at checkout, and are intended for early internal evaluation purposes only. These items are sold without warranties of any kind.

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⁽⁴⁾ **Lead finish/Ball material:** Parts may have multiple material finish options. Finish options are separated by a vertical ruled line. Lead finish/Ball material values may wrap to two lines if the finish value exceeds the maximum column width.

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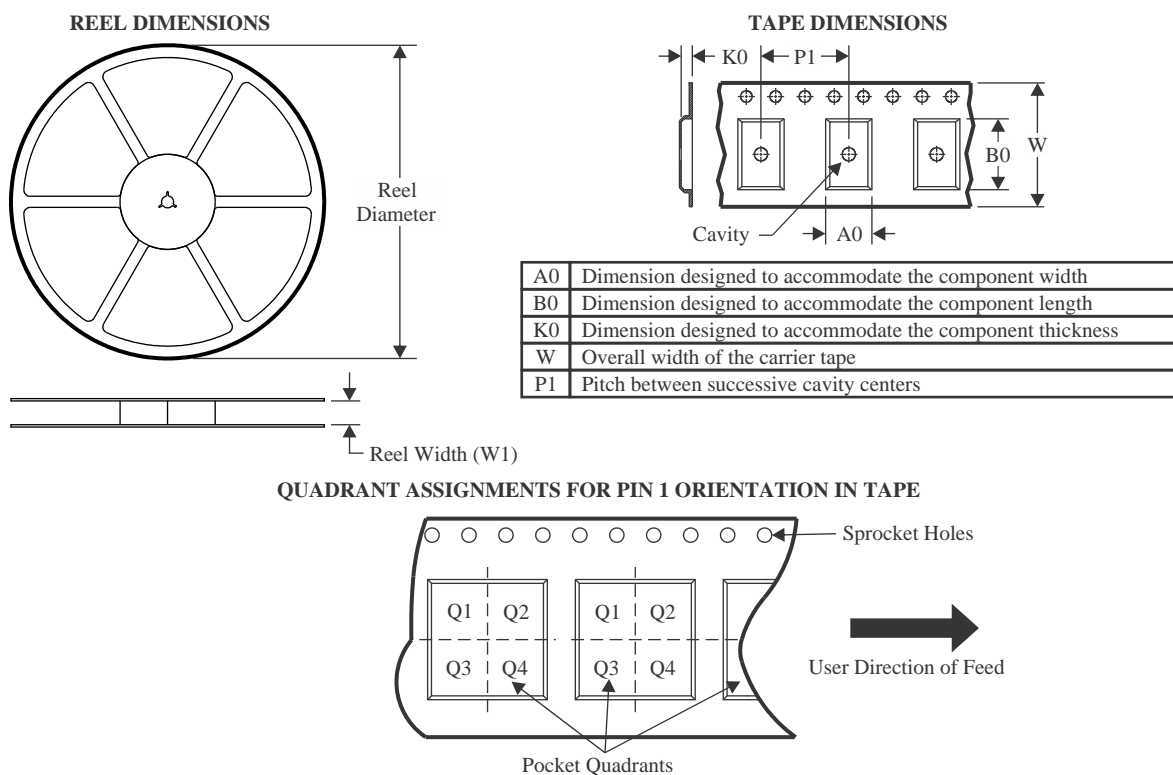
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- Automotive : [TSM36A-Q1](#)

NOTE: Qualified Version Definitions:

- Automotive - Q100 devices qualified for high-reliability automotive applications targeting zero defects

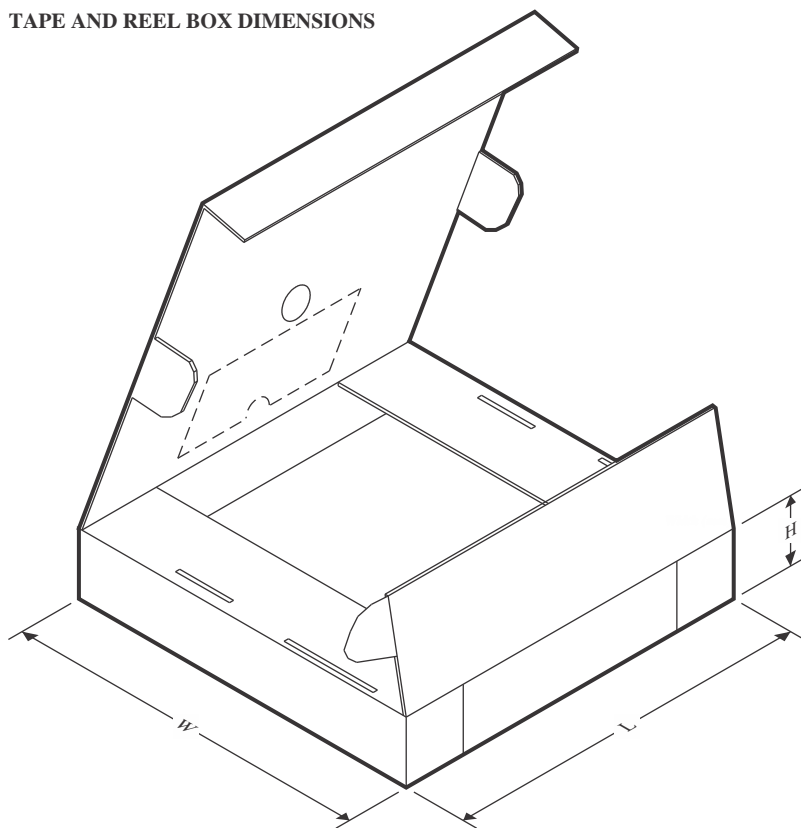
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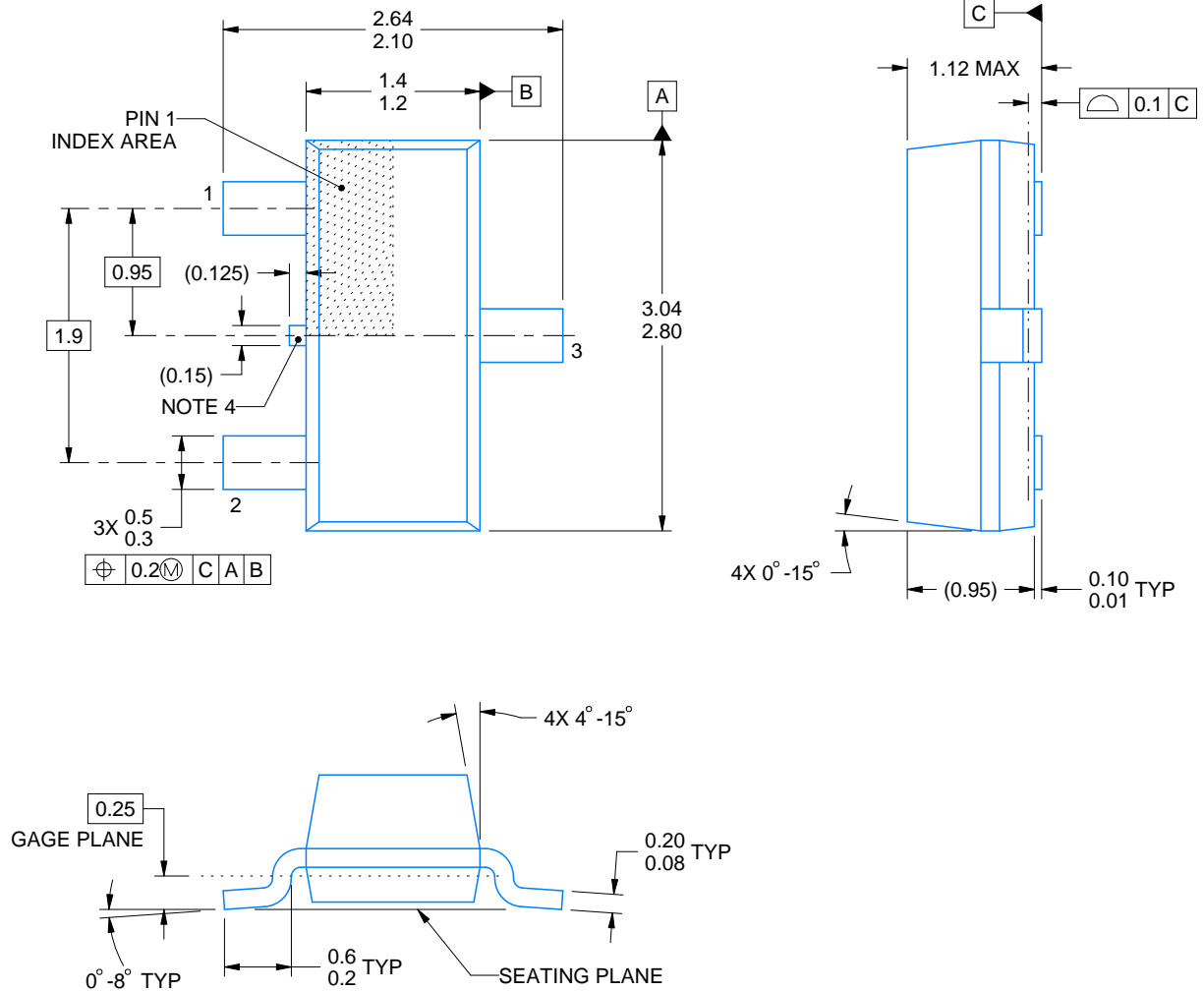
Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
TSM36ADBZR	SOT-23	DBZ	3	3000	180.0	8.4	2.9	3.35	1.35	4.0	8.0	Q3

TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS



*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
TSM36ADBZR	SOT-23	DBZ	3	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0



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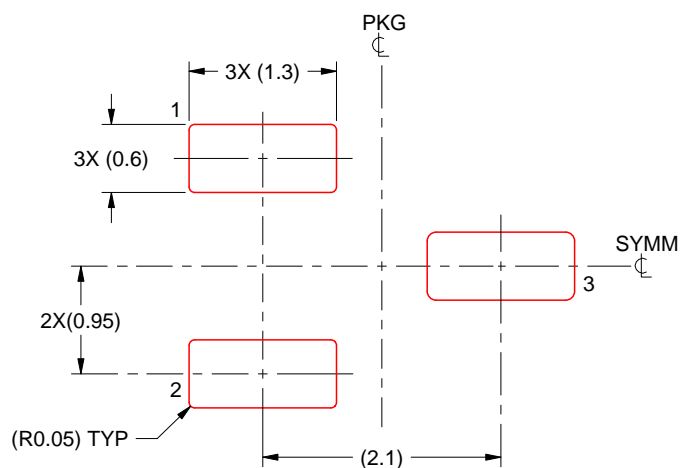
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3. Reference JEDEC registration TO-236, except minimum foot length.
4. Support pin may differ or may not be present.
5. Body dimensions do not include mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs. Mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs shall not exceed 0.25mm per side

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

DBZ0003A

SOT-23 - 1.12 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE TRANSISTOR



SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
BASED ON 0.125 THICK STENCIL
SCALE:15X

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NOTES: (continued)

7. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.
8. Board assembly site may have different recommendations for stencil design.

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