NPA 201-EV
One of the World’s Smallest I2C Pressure Sensor Evaluation Board (0.4” x 0.29”)

Description

The NPA 201-EV is a small and easy-to-use I2C Pressure Sensor evaluation board measuring 0.4”x0.29” and has standard 0.1in/2.54mm headers for easy use with a bread-board and is small enough to put right into an application. It is based on the Nova Sensor NPA 201 which comes in a 2.0x2.5x1.0 HCLGA style package. The NPA 201 can measure 260-1260 mBar absolute pressure range with 16bits of Resolution. Temperature measurement is also included. The NPA is operational from 3.14 to 3.46V and can operate across a -40°C to +85°C temperature range. The NPA 201 offers an ULTRA-LOW power SLEEP mode of ~20nA Typical and ACTIVE current is 35μA Typical.

The NPA 201 utilizes a SIMPLE 3 Command I2C interface (Command Request, Read Status, and Read Data). The NPA-201 is already calibrated, so there is no need for REGISTER INITIALIZATION needed. Upon Power Up the NPA 201 is ready to go as it is initialized internally.

The NPA 201-EV is compatible with the Embedded Masters Rapid Prototyping Wireless Sensor Kit, EMSENS-R-WSP (Wireless Sensor Plugin) and EMRF-WSB (Wireless Sensor Base). The EMSENS-R-WSP provides a Sensor Plugin platform that all EMSNSR’s can be plugged into. The WSP can be directly connected to all of the Silicon Labs EFM32 Starter Kits on one side. The other side allows the EMSNSR-WSB to be connected to provide a BTLE connection using Broadcom based BTLE solutions.

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NPA 201 Full Datasheet link:


Gerber files and PCB Footprints are available upon request.
Features

- Simple 3 Command I2C Interface
- No Hardware Register Initialization
- VDD Supply Voltage 1.7 to 3.6 VDC
- 260 – 1260mBar Absolute Pressure Range
- Active Current (Typical @ 3V) = 35uA
- Sleep Current (Typical @ 3V) < 20nA Typ
- On-board 16bit Temperature Sensor: <0.003K/LSB
- 2ms Wake-up Time to Active Analog Operation
- Fully Calibrated and Compensated
- Up to 3.4MHz I2C Operation
- Internal 18bit DSP Running Correction Algorithm
- 0.4in x 0.29in Breakout Board with .1in/2.54mm Header Spacing that Can be Directly Soldered into a Prototype or Used with Breadboard. Headers are Spaced 0.4in Apart
- -40°C to +85°C Temperature Range
NPA 201-EV I²C Commands

I²C Commands

The NPA 201 utilizes an internal ASIC that initializes and calibrates the pressure sensor upon power-up. This allows for a SIMPLE I²C Command Set and avoids having to have the user initialize internal hardware registers on the NPA 201.

The I²C Command Set makes use of only 3 commands and are shown below. Each Command is started as shown in Figure 1. After the execution of a command (busy = 0) the expected data can be read as illustrated in Figure 3, or if no data is returned by the command the next command can be sent. The Status can be read at any time as described in Figure 2.

1. Command Request

![Command Request (I²C Write)](image1)

Figure 1 - I²C Command Request

2. Read Status

![Read Status (I²C Read)](image2)

Figure 2 - I²C Read Status

3. Read Data

(a) Example after the completion of a Memory Read command

![Read Data (I²C Read)](image3)

(b) Example after the completion of a Full Measurement command (ACHEX)

![Read Data (I²C Read)](image4)

Figure 3 - I²C Read Data
NPA 201-EV Schematics

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