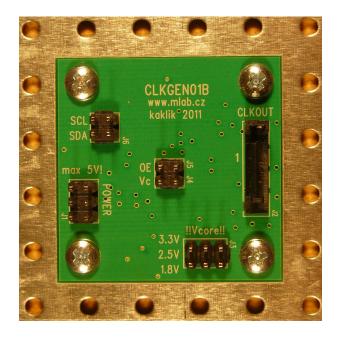
Clock generator CLKGEN01B

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Abstract

The purpose of this module is afford of reliable high quality frequency source with high stability. In addition this frequency source has a wide tunable range and very low noise at differential output. Because of this parameters it is perfectly suitable for clocking of high-end ADC in SDR applications.



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1 Technical parameters

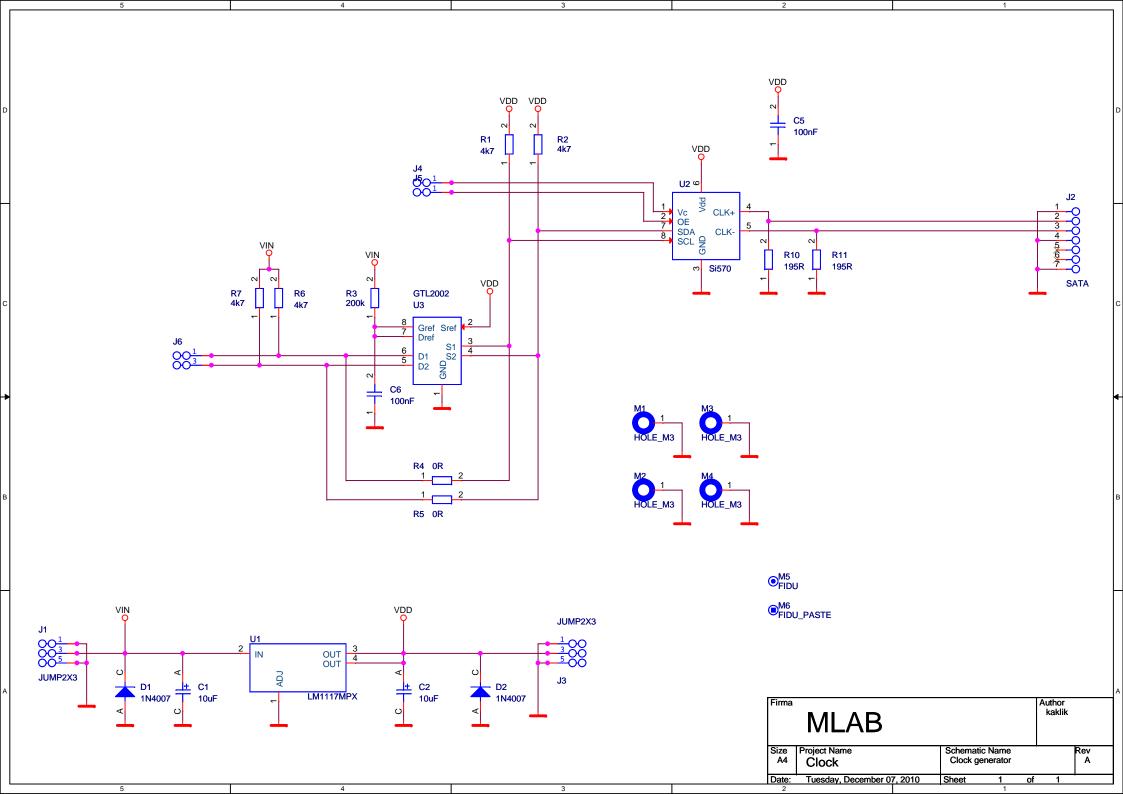
Parameter	Value	Note	
POWER voltage	max 5V	160mA	
Core power Vcore	+1,8V, 2,7V, 3,3V	Depends of chip type	
		Si5XX	
Frequency range	10 - 1500 MHz	Depends of chip type	
		Si5XX, usually 10-	
		810MHz	
Phase jitter	< 0,3ps	For Si570's types	

2 Description of construction

2.1 Circuit

The circuit of this module is optimized for direct connection microprocessor which has same or higher output logic levels over to Si5XX chip. An voltage level translator is integrated in this design for low cost applications the voltage level translator can be bypassed by null resistors.

In applications where the voltage level translator is used the internal lower voltage can be stabilised by integrated linear voltage stabilizer. But external supply voltage (5V) must not be excess.



As is shown in schematic diagram the output is presumed as differential, but single sided CMOS output chip can be populated.

2.2 EMI supression

As consequence of purpose this module which is a signal generator this module can be a serious source of parasite "noise". Thus proper EMI isolation is required. Good suppression of noise radiation can be achieved by using high conductive base such as ALBASE.

2.3 Mechanical construction

The module is mounted on base by four screws. The prefect working required high conducive mount on metal base.

3 Testing

Because of need high frequency blocking up to 1.5GHz the module is designed on two layer strongly metalized PCB.

3.0.1 Setting

On start up a preset frequency is sent at output. But there is option to calibrate the clock source by I2C bus.

4 Software tools

In combination with other modules the generator can be tunned via computer. One of simple solution is use of PIC18F4550v01A module and firmware from [2] This allow use of every software working with [3], for example USBSynth [4].

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