

## 1 Features

- **Valve Steam®VR Tracking Compatible Light to Digital Converter Castellated Module for Easy Prototyping**
- Convert infrared light pulses to electrical envelope pulses used to track position
- 1.5MHz to 5MHz optical carrier frequencies
- 50Hz/60Hz ambient noise rejection
- Three connections: VCC, GND, ENVELOPE output
- Castellated module with 100mil center connections for easy prototyping

## 2 Applications

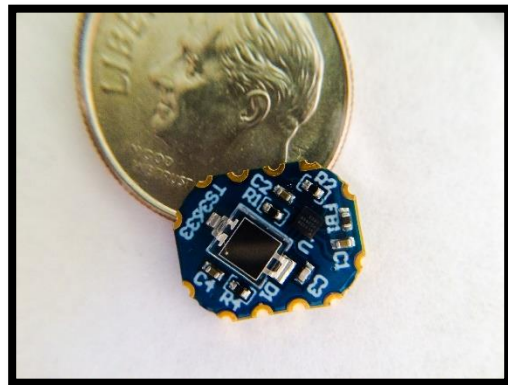
- Steam®VR Compatible Object Tracking
- Room-Scale Virtual Reality Tracking
- Virtual Reality Controllers
- Tracking of Physical Objects in VR
- Adding Steam®VR Tracking to VR Head Mounted Displays
- Robotics Positioning
- Volumetric Entertainment Systems
- Optical Ranging
- Optical Detection
- Free-Space Optical Communication
- Low Complexity, Low Computation Requirement Embedded Tracking Systems
- Indoor and Outdoor Position Systems

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## 3 Description

Triad Semiconductor's TS3633-CM1 combines Triad's TS3633 Light to Digital Converter IC with a photodiode and supporting discrete components onto a PCB module with castellated pads. The TS3633-CM1 is a complete Light to Digital sensor for Steam®VR Tracking applications.

The castellated module requires only three connections: Power, ground, and the digital envelope output. When exposed to Steam®VR Tracking modulated infrared light the module will assert low the ENVELOPE pin. The TS3633-CM1 module is 500-mils wide by 400-mils high. The module has 12 castellated pads on 100-mil centers for easy breadboard, surface mount, or flex circuit board assembly. Pin 1 is the square castellated pad next to R2.



**Figure 1 TS3633-CM1 Light to Digital Converter Castellated Module**

#### 4 Device Overview

The TS3633-CM1 is a prototyping module that implements a complete Light to Digital Converter solution to support developments for Steam®VR Tracking and other applications where detection of infrared (IR) light is required. Upon power up, the module is in operating mode and ready to respond, no reset signal is required. The CM1's ENVELOPE output will be asserted (logic LOW) upon incident light from an IR source once the threshold level for light intensity has been exceeded, assuming that the pulses are within the range of the specified carrier frequency, which is stated in the *Electro-Optical Characteristics* section of this datasheet. In a typical Steam®VR Tracking application, the Steam®VR scanning laser will appear to the photodiode as a Gaussian-like shaped pulse train as it is swept both horizontally and vertically. The ENVELOPE output will assert when the pulses exceed the input threshold level, and remain asserted as long as the CM1 receives IR input pulses that exceed the threshold limit.

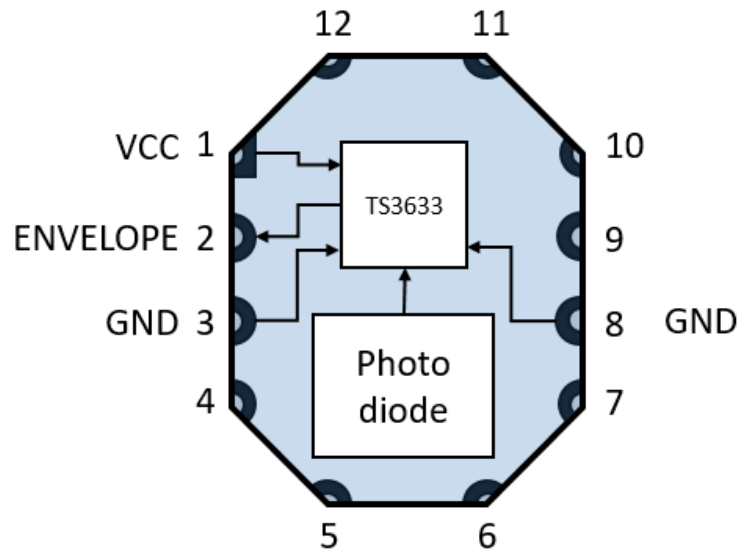
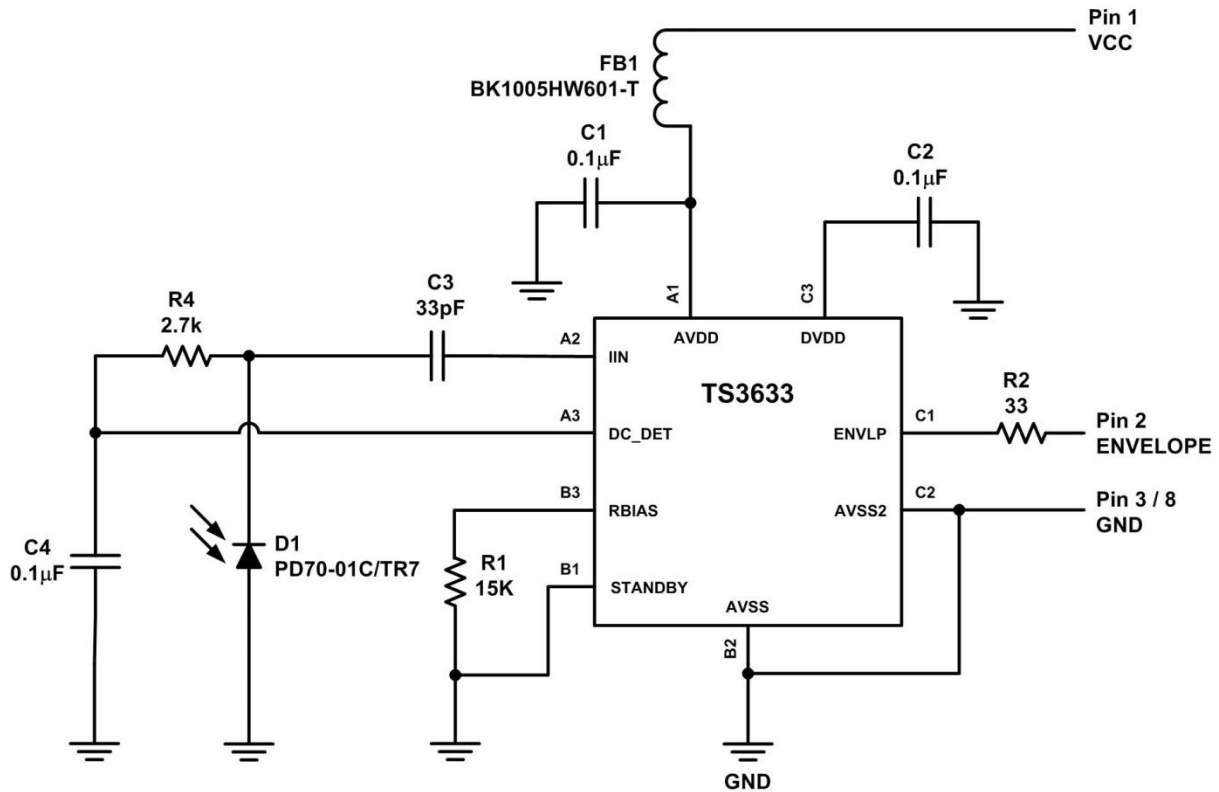


Figure 2: TS3633-CM1 Basic Block Diagram

### 5 TS3633-CM1 Schematic



### 6 Pin List and Package Information

#	Pin Name	Pin Type	Pin Description
1	VCC	Supply	3.3V power supply
2	ENVELOPE	Digital Output	Digital envelope signal from the TS3633
3	GND	Supply	Ground connection
4	NC		
5	NC		
6	NC		
7	NC		
8	GND	Supply	Ground connection
9	NC		
10	NC		
11	NC		
12	NC		

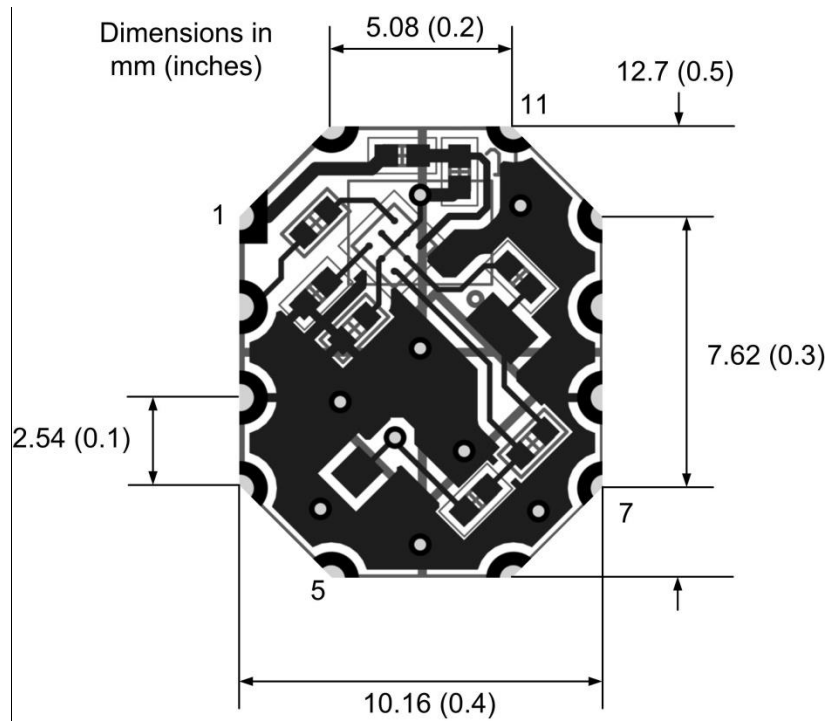


Figure 3: Top View Package

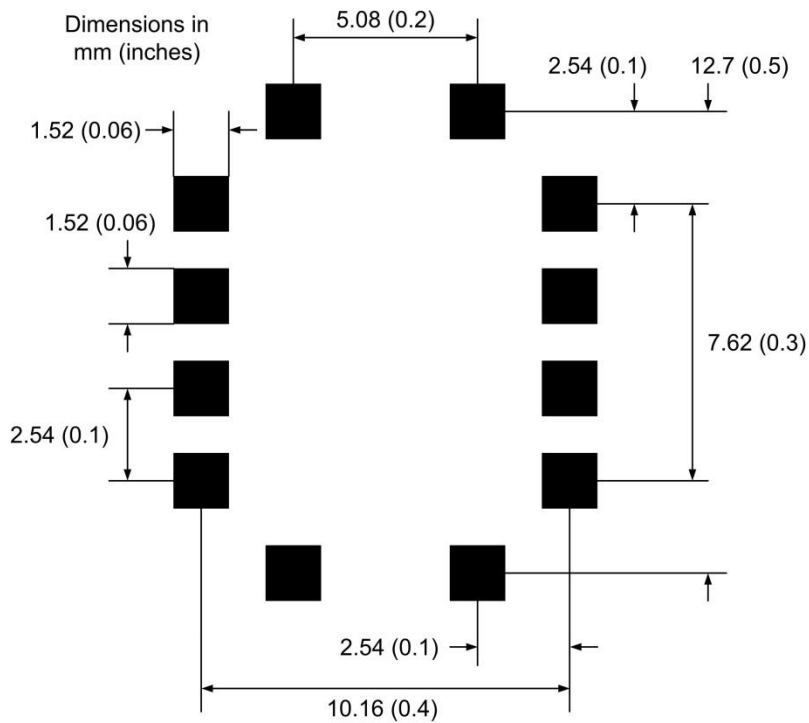


Figure 4: Footprint

## 7 Performance Characteristics

### 7.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Notes/Conditions	MIN	MAX	units
Supply Voltage (VCC)			3.6	V
Storage Temperature, T <sub>STOR</sub>	Storage temperature range	-40	85	°C

- (1) All Voltages are specified with respect to GND = 0Vdc  
 (2) Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the module. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the module at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under Recommended Operating Conditions. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect module reliability

### 7.2 Recommended Operating Conditions

Parameter	Notes/Conditions	MIN	TYP	MAX	units
Supply Voltage (VCC)	Operating voltage	3.0	3.3	3.6	V
T <sub>AMB</sub> <sup>(1)</sup>	Operating ambient temperature range	0		85	°C

### 7.3 Electro-Optical Characteristics

Operating conditions: VCC = 3.3V, T<sub>AMB</sub> = 25 °C.

Parameter	Notes/Conditions	MIN	TYP	MAX	units
<b>Power Supply</b>					
I <sub>VCC</sub>	Operating current			7	mA
<b>ENVELOPE Output</b>					
V <sub>OL</sub>	Output Low Voltage	@ 2 mA load		0.1 * VCC	V
V <sub>OH</sub>	Output High Voltage	@ 2 mA load	0.9 * VCC		V
<b>Optical</b>					
Peak Sensitivity Wavelength			940		nm
Spectral Bandwidth Range	50% sensitivity relative to peak wavelength	400		1100	nm
Carrier Frequency Range	Typical 3dB passband	1.5		5	MHz

## Revision History

Revision	Modifications	Modification Date
A	Initial release Rev A Datasheet	14 September 2016

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