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## ABSTRACT

Texas Instruments offers a variety of Ethernet PHY transceivers which provide designs to multiple end equipment use cases. This application note references the differences between two of the PHYs within the 10/100 Mbps portfolio, DP83848 and DP83826, and how an existing design using DP83848 can be converted to use DP83826.

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## 1 Introduction

Texas Instruments Standard Ethernet PHY portfolio consists of various products. A key differentiator within the portfolio is the data rate each PHY is capable of. There are two classes of groups within the portfolio; 10/100/1000 Mbps PHYs and 10/100 Mbps PHYs. DP83848 and DP83826 are two PHYs within the 10/100Mbps category and share common features aside from data rate such as select MAC interfaces, EtherCAT support, and LED control.

This document is inclusive of all versions of DP83848 and DP83826. DP83848 is available in various temperature rated versions in addition to a second footprint. DP83826 is available in two temperature rated versions and has a ModeSelect pin which, depending on the applied voltage at power-on, can change the PHYs operation and pinout. However for this document, only Enhanced mode is discussed.

## 2 Additional Benefits of DP83826

[Table 2-1](#) compares DP83848 against DP83826, DP83826 to provide additional benefits to the system:

**Table 2-1. Comparing DP83848 against DP83826, DP83826**

DP83826 Benefits	DP83848	DP83826
Lower power consumption	264-267mW	221.1mW under similar conditions, but even more savings by using 1.8V VDDIO
Lower latency	Transmit Latency: 60ns Receive Latency: 240ns	Transmit Latency: 40ns Receive Latency: 170ns
Additional RMI Configuration	MII, RMI Slave, SNI	MII, RMI Master, RMI Slave
Smaller BOM requirements	17-19, with tantalum capacitor on PFB network	9, with all ceramic capacitors
Smaller footprint	48-pin LQFP (7x7 mm) 40-pin WQFN (6x6 mm).	32-pin QFN (5x5 mm)
More LED functionality	2-3	Up to 4
Feature-richer	BIST	DP83848 features plus: Fast Link Drop for sensitive link, beneficial in real-time applications Wake-on-LAN, Energy Efficient Ethernet for various system low power modes

### Note

Power consumption and latency data based upon specific configuration, operating temperature, and data traffic

### 3 Hardware Differences

#### 3.1 Power Supply and Special Connection Requirements

DP83848 utilizes a 3.3V supply for both analog and digital supplies. DP83826 provides an option to have the digital supply at 1.8V for wider compatibility and power savings.

For power supply decoupling, DP83848 requires a 100nF per supply pin and a 10µF capacitor as shown in Figure 3-1 while DP83826 requires a network of 10nF, 100nF, 1µF, and 10µF per supply pin as shown in Figure 3-2.

For special connections required for operation, both PHYs have an RBias pin. DP83848 requires a 4.87kΩ while DP83826 requires a 6.49kΩ. DP83848 requires an additional three 100nF and a 10µF decoupling capacitor between PFBIN/PFBOUT (shorted together) pins and GND as shown in Figure 3-3. The LQFP DP83848 also requires a 2.2kΩ from pins 20 and 21 (Reserved) to AVDD33.

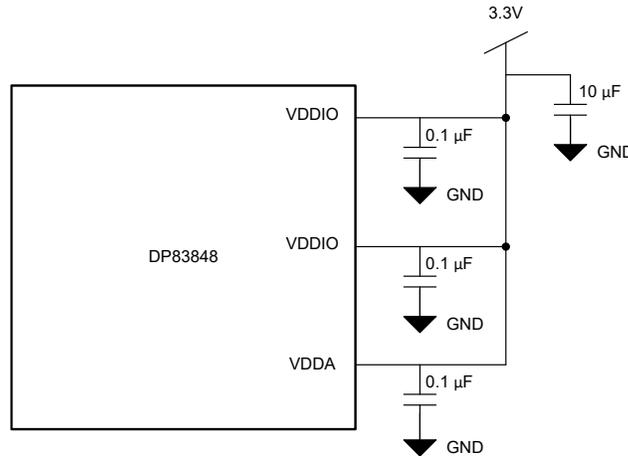


Figure 3-1. DP83848 Decoupling Network

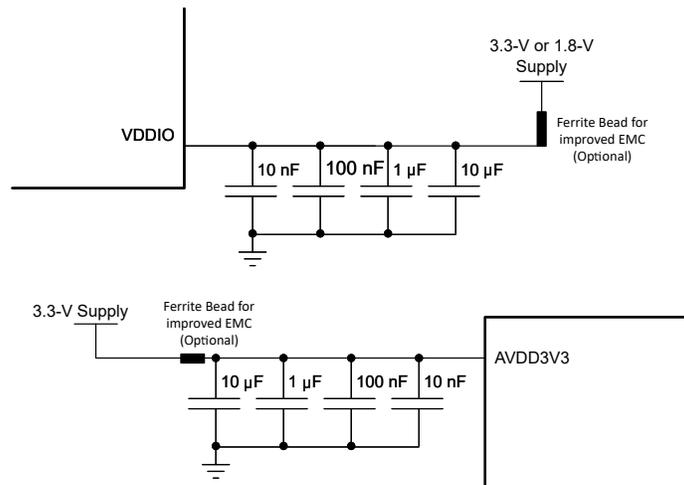


Figure 3-2. DP83826 Decoupling Network

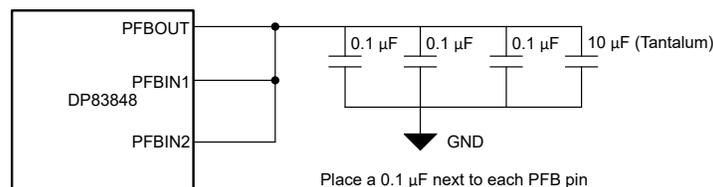


Figure 3-3. DP83848 PFB Network

### 3.2 Media Dependent Interface Requirements

DP83848 is a current-mode driver and thus requires a 50OHM resistor connection between each MDI pin and AVDD33. There is also a requirement of a 100nF decoupling capacitor from AVDD33 and GND near the pullup resistors as shown in Figure 3-4. DP83826 is a voltage-mode driver and does not require these extra components as shown in Figure 3-5.

Both PHYs can use the same discrete transformers as both PHYs share the same recommendations regarding electrical specifications. However, DP83826 has a recommended configuration of center tap decoupling caps of 2nF per channel, while DP83848 has a recommended configuration of center tap shunting between channels and pulling up to AVDD33 with a 100nF decoupling cap per channel.

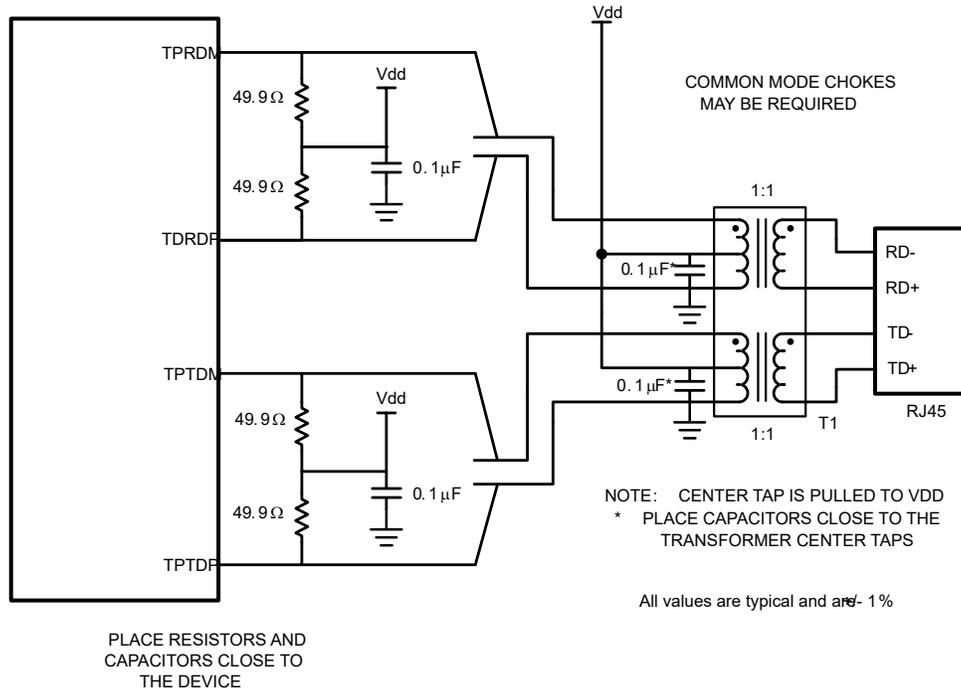


Figure 3-4. DP83848 MDI Network

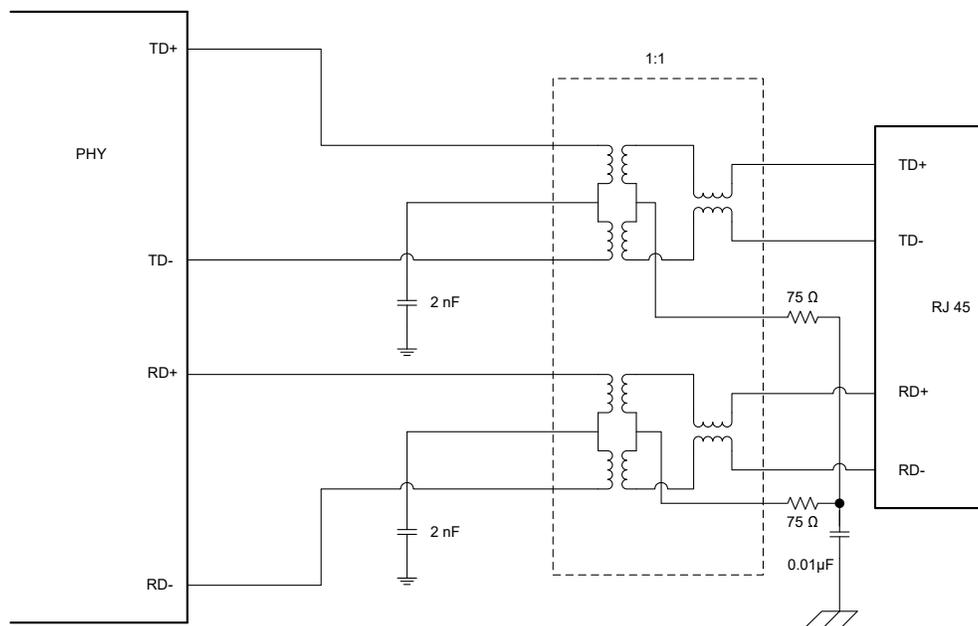


Figure 3-5. DP83826 MDI Network

### 3.3 Hardware Strapping

DP83848 and DP83826 share some common strappable configurations as shown in [Table 3-1](#). Pin numbers are shown in ( ):

**Table 3-1. DP83848 and DP83826 Common Strappable Configurations**

PHY	DP83848 LQFP	DP83848 QFN	DP83826
PHY Address [0]	COL (42)	COL (35)	LED0 (30)
PHY Address [1]	RX_D0 (43)	RX_D0 (36)	CRS/LED3 (29)
PHY Address [2]	RX_D1 (44)	RX_D1 (37)	COL/LED2 (28)
Auto-Negotiation Enable	LED_ACT/COL (26)	N/A	RX_D0 (16)
Auto-MDIX Enable	RX_ER (41)	RX_ER (34)	RX_D1 (15)
MAC Interface	RX_DV (39) TX_D3 (6)	RX_DV (32)	RX_D2 (14) (If strapped Odd Nibble enabled)

DP83848 has some exclusive functions that can be strapped as described in [Table 3-2](#). Pin numbers are shown in ( ):

**Table 3-2. DP83848 Exclusive Functions**

PHY	DP83848 LQFP	DP83848 QFN
PHY Address [3]	RX_D2 (45)	RX_D2 (38)
PHY Address [4]	RX_D3 (46)	RX_D3 (39)
Speed/Duplex Configuration	LED_SPEED (27) LED_LINK (28)	LED_SPEED (21) LED_LINK (22)
LED Configuration	CRS (40)	CRS (33)

DP83826 has some exclusive functions that can be strapped as described in [Table 3-3](#). Pin numbers are shown in ( ):

**Table 3-3. DP83826 Exclusive Functions**

Strap	DP83826 Pin Name (Number)
Manual MDI/MDIX Configuration (Applicable if Auto-MDIX is disabled)	RX_DV (18)
CLKOUT Functionality	RX_ER (20)
Odd Nibble Enable	CLKOUT/LED1 (31)
Type of RMII	TX_CLK (22)
RMII Repeater	RX_D3 (13) (if strapped to RMII)
Fast Link Drop Configuration	RX_D3 (13) (if strapped to MII)
Signal Detect Configuration of Fast Link Drop	RX_D2 (14) (if strapped to Odd Nibble Disable with FLD enabled)

As there are many dependencies in DP83826 for bootstrapping, [Figure 3-6](#) can help decipher the different configurations available.

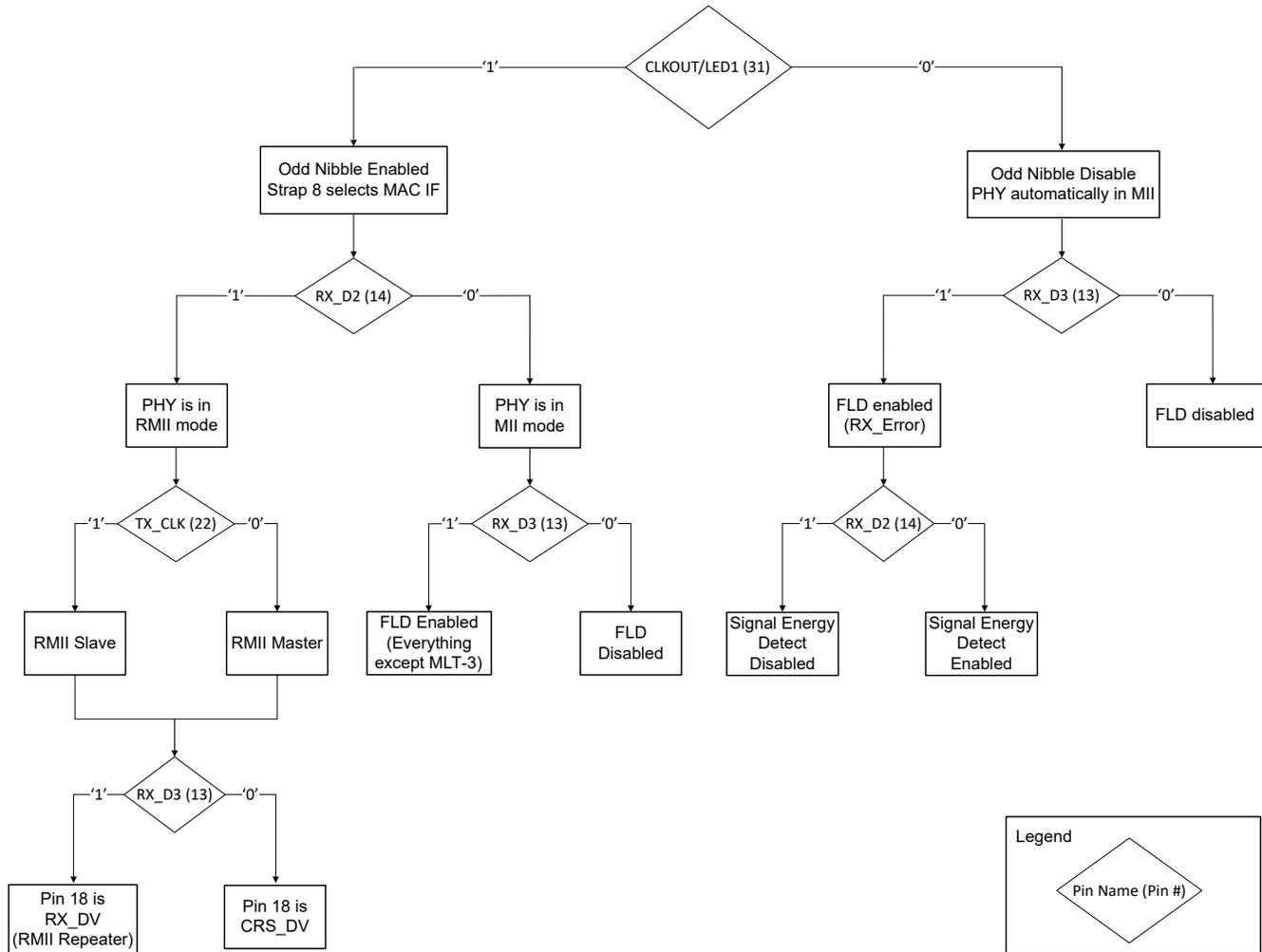


Figure 3-6. DP83826 Enhanced Mode Strapping Flowchart

## 4 Summary

DP83826 and DP83848 are similar 10/100 Mbps PHYs which can be used in similar applications. This document notes the similarities and differences between them from an implementation perspective. Strapping, MDI network, power-supply decoupling network, and special connection networks can be the immediate focus when identifying the hardware changes between devices.

## 5 References

- Texas Instruments, [DP83848C/I/VYB/YB PHYTER™ QFP Single Port 10/100 Mb/s Ethernet Physical Layer Transceiver](#), data sheet.
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- Texas Instruments, [DP83826 Deterministic, Low-Latency, Low-Power, 10/100 Mbps, Industrial Ethernet PHY](#), data sheet.

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