

AFE7444 Quad-channel, RF-sampling AFE with 14-bit, 9-GSPS DACs and 14-bit, 3-GSPS ADCs

1 Features

- Four, 14-bit, 9-GSPS DACs
 - Up to 800-MHz signal bandwidth
 - 1 DSA per channel tunes output power
- Four, 14-bit, 3-GSPS ADCs
 - Up to 800-MHz signal bandwidth
 - NSD: -151 dBFS/Hz
 - AC performance at $f_{IN} = 2.6$ GHz, -3 dBFS
 - SNR: 55 dBFS
 - SFDR: 73 dBc HD2 and HD3
 - SFDR: 91 dBc worst spur
 - 2 DSA per channel extends dynamic range
 - RF and digital power detectors
- RF frequency range: 10 MHz to 6 GHz
- Fast frequency hopping < 1 μ s
- Receive digital signal path:
 - dual DDC per ADC
 - 3-phase coherent 32-bit NCOs per DDC
 - Decimation ratio: 3x to 32x
- Transmit digital signal path:
 - Dual DUC per DAC with 32-bit NCOs
 - Interpolation ratio: 8x to 36x
 - Sin(x)/x correction and configurable delay
 - Power amplifier protection (PAP)
- JESD204B interface:
 - 8 transceivers at up to 15 Gbps
 - Subclass 1 multichip synchronization
- Clocks:
 - Internal PLL and VCO with bypass option
 - Clock output up to 3 GHz with clock divider
- DAC power dissipation: 1.7 W/ch at 9 GSPS
- ADC power dissipation: 1.8 W/ch at 3 GSPS
- Package: 17-mm x 17-mm FC BGA, 0.8-mm pitch

2 Applications

- Communications equipment and testers
- Wideband digitizers and waveform generators

3 Description

The AFE7444 is a quad-channel, wideband, RF-sampling analog front end (AFE) based on 14-bit, 9-GSPS DACs and 14-bit, 3-GSPS ADCs. With operation at an RF of up to 6 GHz, this device enables direct RF sampling into the C-band frequency range without the need for additional frequency conversions stages. This improvement in density and flexibility enables high-channel-count, multimission systems.

The DAC signal paths support interpolation and digital up conversion options that deliver up to 800 MHz of signal bandwidth. The differential output path includes a digital step attenuator (DSA), which enables tuning of output power.

Each ADC input path includes a dual DSA and RF and Digital power detectors. Flexible decimation options provide optimization of data bandwidth.

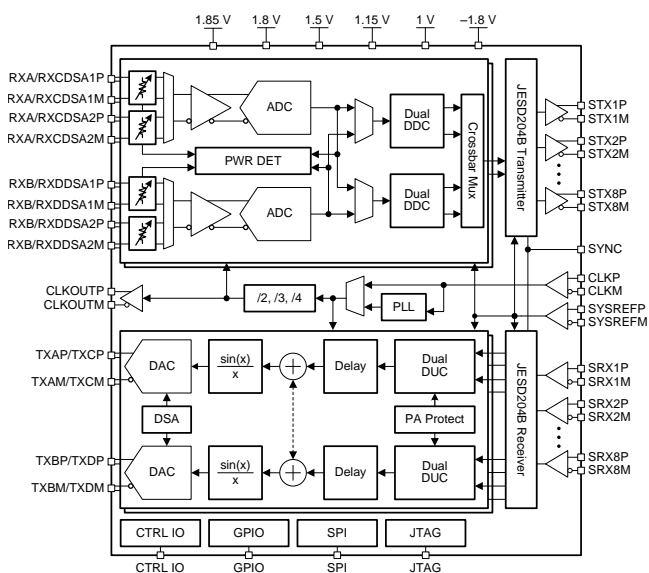
An 8-lane (8 TX + 8 RX) subclass-1 compliant JESD204B interface operates at up to 15 Gbps. A bypassable on-chip PLL simplifies clock operation with an optional clock output.

Device Information⁽¹⁾

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE (NOM)
AFE7444	FCBGA (400)	17.00 mm x 17.00 mm

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

Functional Block Diagram



4 Revision History

NOTE: Page numbers for previous revisions may differ from page numbers in the current version.

Changes from Original (October 2018) to Revision A	Page
• Changed status from advance information to production data	1

5 Device and Documentation Support

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5.5 Glossary

[SLYZ022](#) — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

6 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

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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)
AFE7444IABJ	Active	Production	FCBGA (ABJ) 400	90 JEDEC TRAY (5+1)	Yes	SNAGCU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 85	AFE7444I
AFE7444IABJ.B	Active	Production	FCBGA (ABJ) 400	90 JEDEC TRAY (5+1)	Yes	SNAGCU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 85	AFE7444I
AFE7444IALK	Active	Production	FCBGA (ALK) 400	90 JEDEC TRAY (10+1)	No	SNPB	Level-3-220C-168 HR	-40 to 85	AFE7444IZ
AFE7444IALK.B	Active	Production	FCBGA (ALK) 400	90 JEDEC TRAY (10+1)	No	SNPB	Level-3-220C-168 HR	-40 to 85	AFE7444IZ

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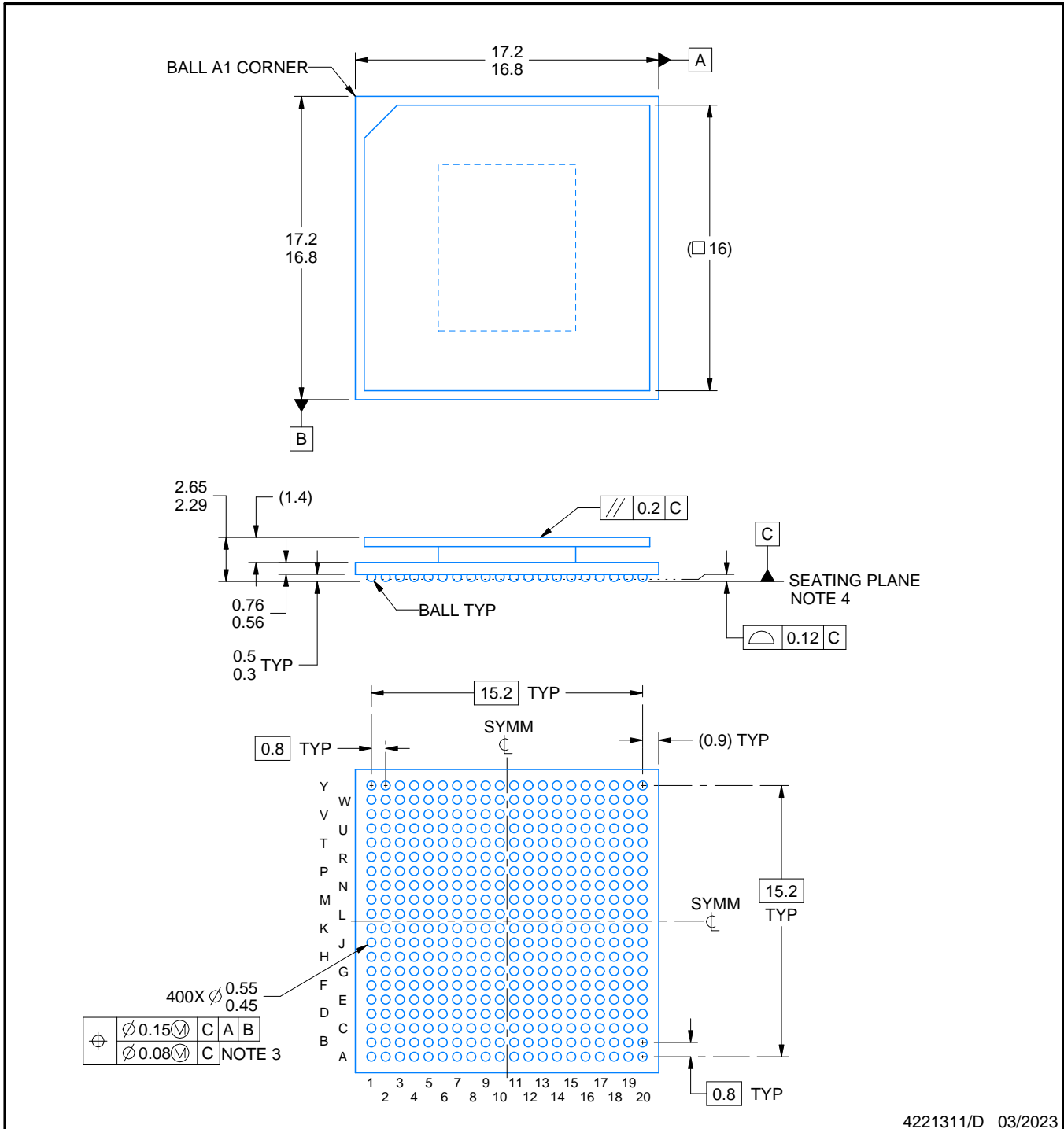
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TRAY


Chamfer on Tray corner indicates Pin 1 orientation of packed units.

*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Name	Package Type	Pins	SPQ	Unit array matrix	Max temperature (°C)	L (mm)	W (mm)	K0 (µm)	P1 (mm)	CL (mm)	CW (mm)
AFE7444IABJ	ABJ	FCBGA	400	90	6 x 15	150	315	135.9	7620	19.5	21	19.2
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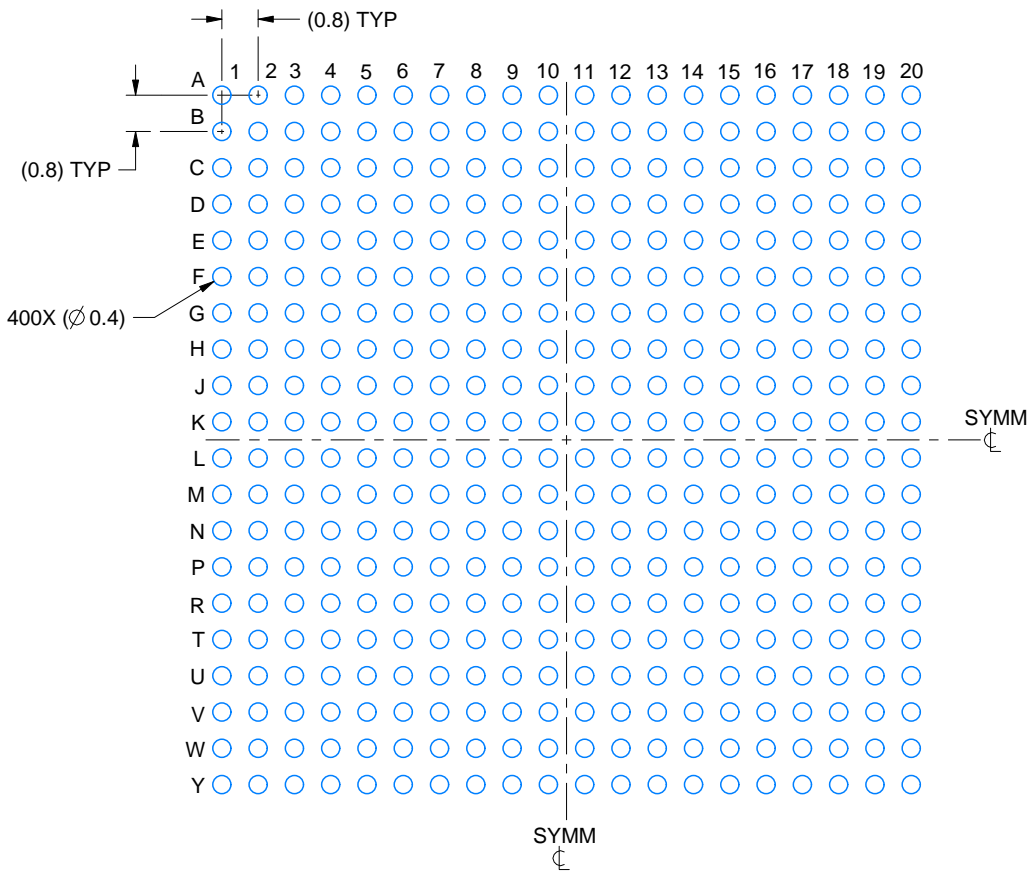
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4. Primary datum C and seating plane are defined by the spherical crowns of the solder balls.
5. The lids are electrically floating (e.g. not tied to GND).

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

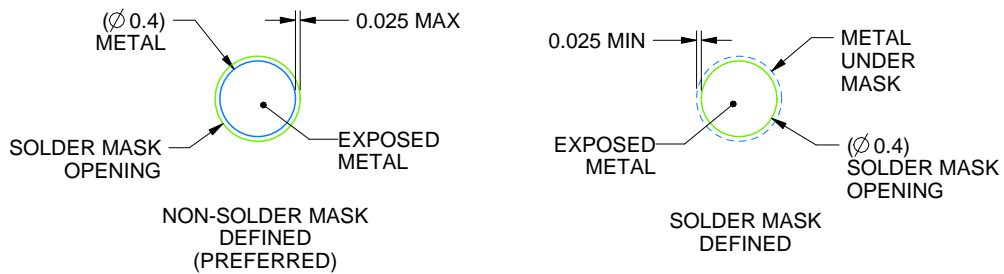
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FCBGA - 2.65 mm max height

BALL GRID ARRAY



LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN
SCALE:6X



SOLDER MASK DETAILS
NOT TO SCALE

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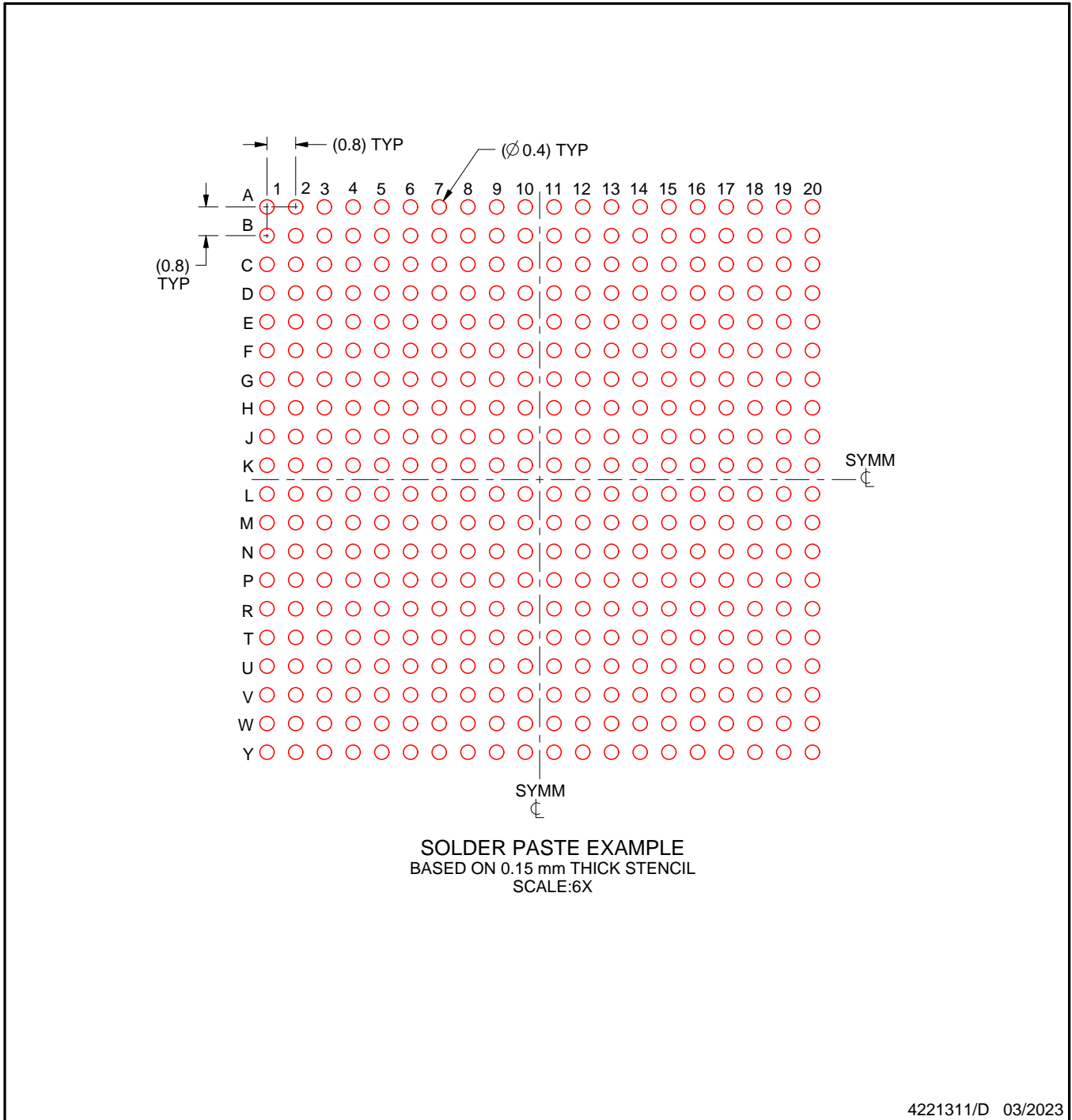
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EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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7. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release.

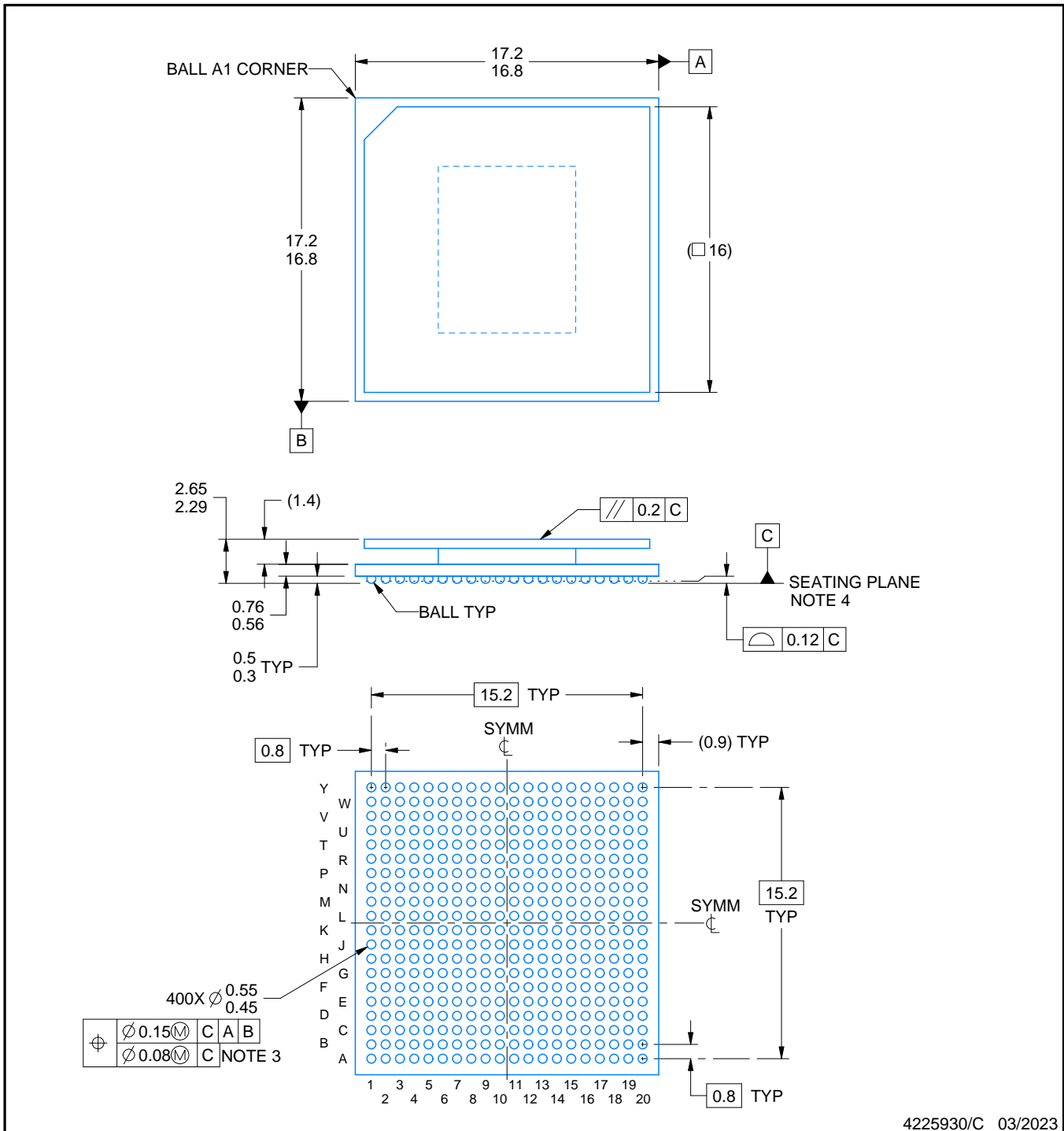
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PACKAGE OUTLINE

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BALL GRID ARRAY



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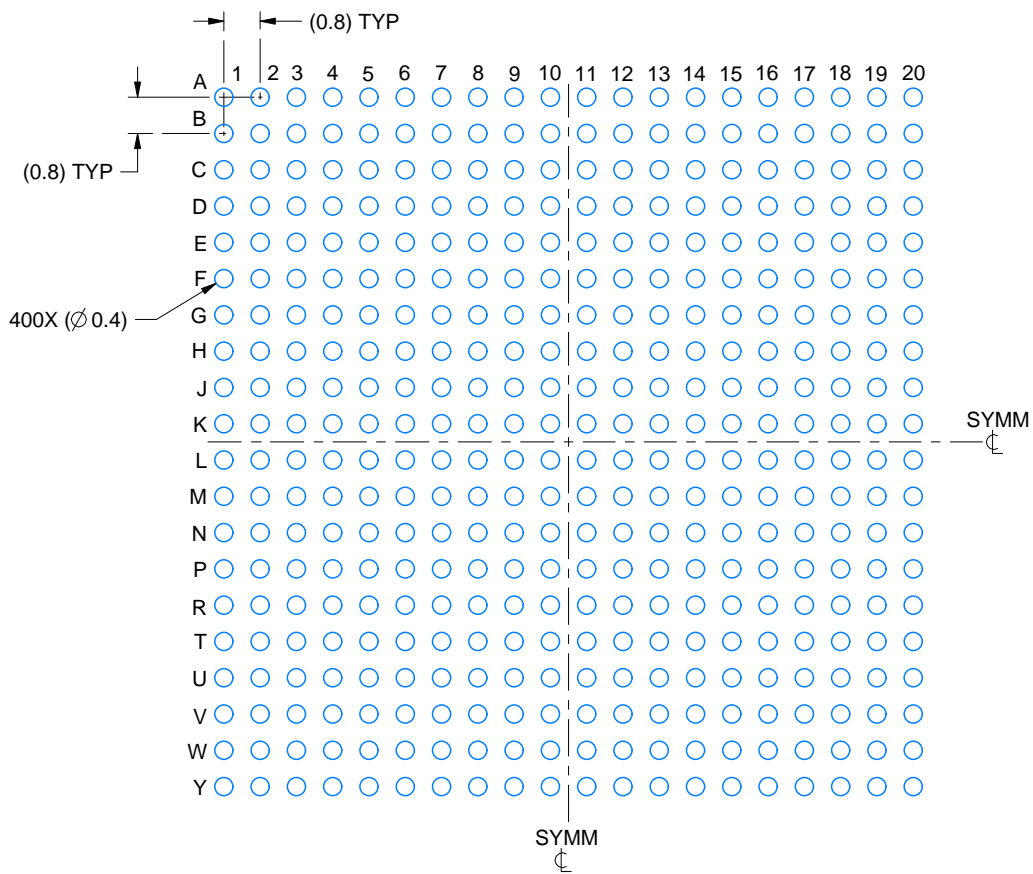
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5. Pb-Free die bump and SnPb solder ball.
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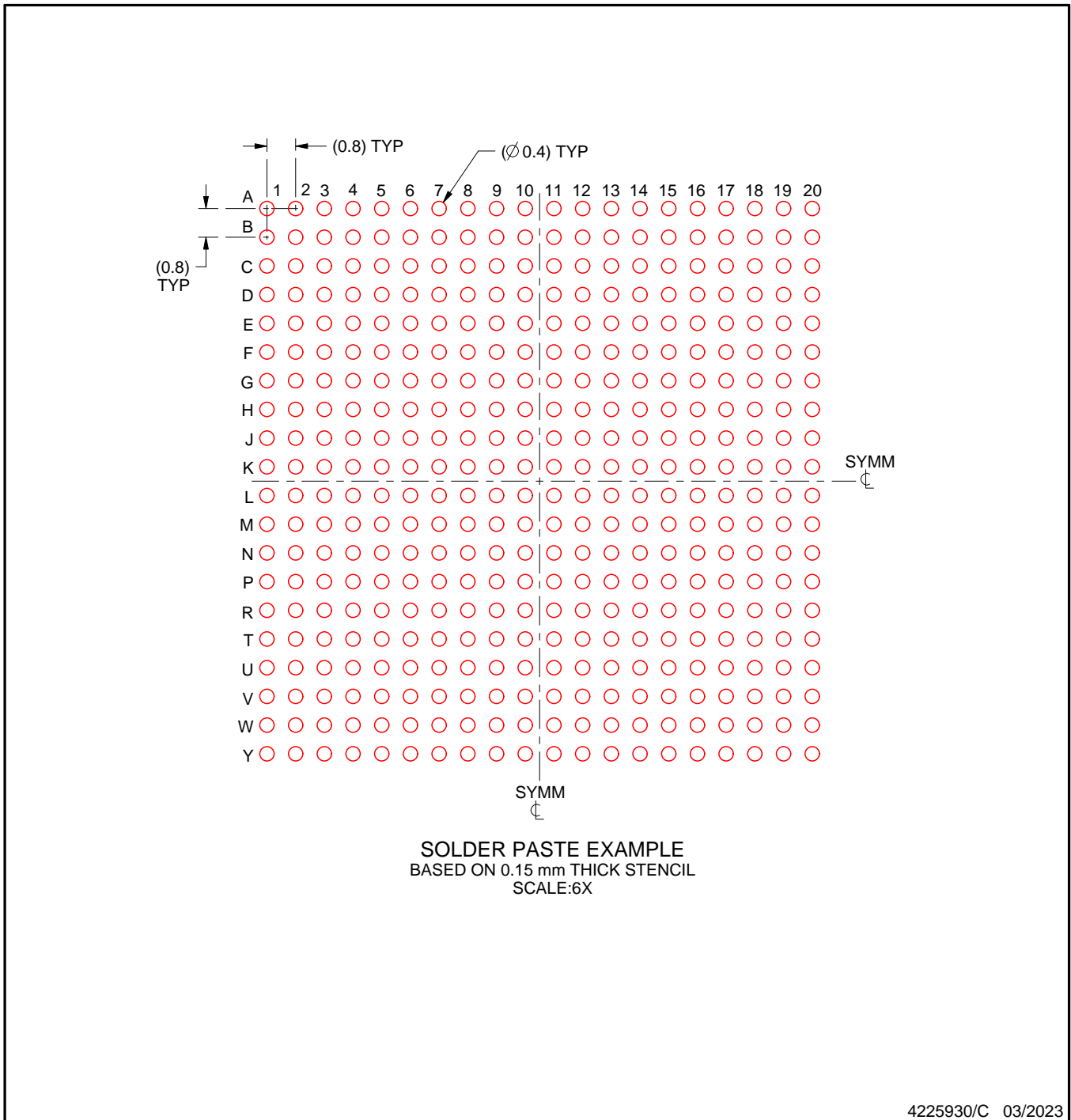
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