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**Features**
- Isolator µModule Technology
- Isolated RS485/RS422 Transceiver: 2500V_{RMS}
- Integrated Isolated, 1W DC/DC Converter
  - Good Efficiency (up to 62%)
  - Low EMI
- 3.3V or 5V Input Supply Voltage
  - (LTM2881-3/LTM2881-5)
- 20Mbps or Low EMI 250kbps Data Rate
- High ESD: ±15kV HBM
- Common Mode Transient Immunity: >30kV/µs
- Integrated Selectable 120Ω Termination
- Small Footprint, Low Profile
  - (11.25mm × 15mm × 2.8mm) in Surface Mount LGA & BGA Packages

**LTM2881 Demo Board**

[Image of the LTM2881 Demo Board]
Isolated µModule Technology

To achieve greater than 2500V\(_{\text{RMS}}\) isolation, the LTM2881 utilizes Isolator µModule Technology, which uses coupled signal inductors embedded in the µModule substrate. This technique ensures consistent ruggedness and reliability, and we are seeking certification from safety organizations, including UL, CSA and IEC to guarantee the isolation barrier’s effectiveness. The µModule package integrates several technologies to deliver a cost-effective, advanced solution that minimizes board space and improves electrical and thermal performance.

Common Mode Transient Immunity

Unlike other isolated solutions, the LTM2881 allows communication through common mode transient events, greater than 30kV/\(\mu\)s, unaffected by the transient and without introducing any priority data jitter or data corruption.

Isolated Supply Voltage Output

The LTM2881 is not only self-powered, but also provides a well regulated 5V, up to 1W, isolated supply for powering any supporting components on the isolated bus side. This regulated power is continuously available over the operating temperature range, even while driving full RS485 compliant signal levels.

Integrated Selectable 120Ω Termination

A pin-selectable 120Ω termination is available for minimizing reflections that may be present on an unterminated transmission line. RS485 networks require 120Ω termination resistors to be installed by the end-user based on the physical layout of the twisted-pair wires and the placement of the nodes. The LTM2881’s pin-selectable termination allows the proper nodes to be terminated by switching the integrated termination on or off, under software control, without the need for physical intervention by the user.