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- Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)
 - Transfer of a quantity of static electric charge from one object to another
 - Shuffling across a carpeted floor in the winter and touching your little sister's nose
 - Pulling clothes apart coming from the dryer and hearing snaps or seeing flashes
 - Lightning
 - In electronics we typically consider 2 situations
 - A human touching a component
 - A machine touching a component
 - ESD can cause electronic components to fail
 - Those non-working 7-seg display LEDs on your DE10

- ESD Characteristics
 - Voltages generated can range from 0V to 10KV or higher
 - Discharges peak in a few nS
 - Large currents can be generated during these short pulses

Typical ESD waveform



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- Prevention
 - Use anti-static transport mechanisms
 - No charge build-up



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- Prevent contact
 - Handle your board by the edges not the top or bottom
 - Anti-static benchtop materials
- Provide alternate discharge mechanisms
 - Lab bench ESD wrist straps



- Protection
 - Components / systems are usually designed to protect against: 100V, 500V, 1KV, 2KV or 5KV
 - This is done through the use of components integrated into the IC or onto the board/system
 - Large diodes tied to VDD and Gnd, Zener Diodes, ...
 - Prevent the voltage from exceeding a volt or so and shunt the large currents to gnd
 - Filtering resistors
 - In combination with the inherent C slow down the waveform which leads to lower V and I

5.2	ESD Ratings	TI - MSP432 U-Controller
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			VALUE	UNIT		
V Elec	Electrostatic discharge	Human-body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 ⁽¹⁾ (2)	±1000	v		
V(ESD) Elec		Charged-device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101 ⁽³⁾	±250			

 JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process. Pins listed as ±1000 V may actually have higher performance.

(3) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process. Pins listed as ±250 V may actually have higher performance.

⁽²⁾ All pins except DVSS3 pass HBM up to ±1000 V. The DVSS3 pin is used for TI internal test purposes. Connect the DVSS3 pin to supply ground on the customer application board.