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**AY0438**

## 32-Segment CMOS LCD Driver

### FEATURES

- Drives up to 32 LCD segments of arbitrary configuration
- CMOS process for: wide supply voltage range, low-power operation, high-noise immunity, wide temperature range
- CMOS and TTL-compatible inputs
- Electrostatic discharge protection on all pins
- Cascadable
- On-chip oscillator
- Requires only three control lines

### APPLICATIONS

- Industrial displays
- Consumer product displays
- Telecom product displays
- Automotive dashboard displays

### DESCRIPTION

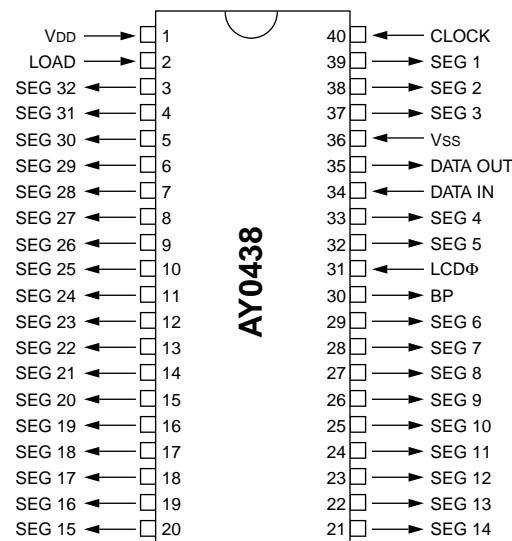
The AY0438 is a CMOS integrated device that drives a liquid crystal display, usually under microprocessor control. The part acts as a smart peripheral that drives up to 32 LCD segments. It needs only three control lines due to its serial input construction. It latches the data to be displayed and relieves the microprocessor from the task of generating the required waveforms.

The AY0438 can drive any standard or custom parallel drive LCD display, whether it be field effect or dynamic scattering; 7-, 9-, 14- or 16-segment characters; decimals; leading + or -; or special symbols. Several AY0438 devices can be cascaded. The AC frequency of the LCD waveforms can either be supplied by the user or generated by attaching a capacitor to the LCD input, which controls the frequency of an internal oscillator.

The AY0438 is available in 40-lead dual in-line plastic and 44-lead PLCC packages. Unpackaged dice are also available.

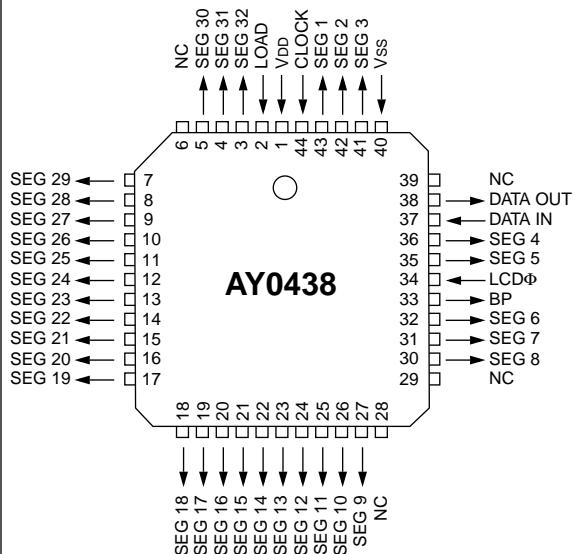
### PIN CONFIGURATION

#### 40-Lead Dual In-line



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#### 44 PLCC

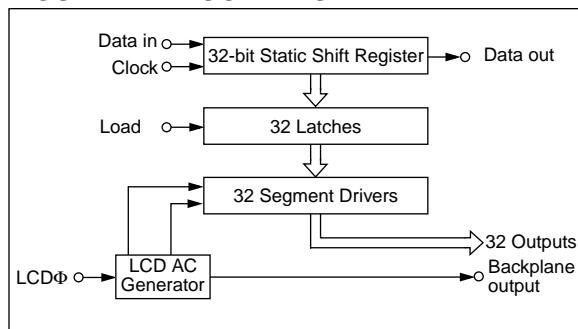


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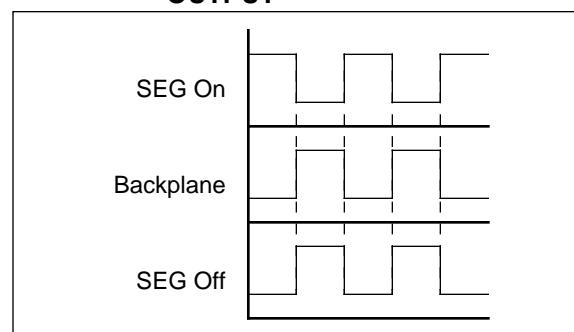
**FIGURE 1: PIN DESCRIPTIONS**

Pin # (PDIP Only)	Name	Direction	Description
1	VDD	-	Supply voltage
2	Load	Input	Latch data from registers
3-29, 32, 33, 37-39	Seg 1-32	Output	Direct drive outputs
30	BP	Output	Backplane drive output
31	LCDΦ	Input	Backplane drive input
34	Data In	Input	Data input to shift register
35	Data Out	Output	Data output from shift register
36	Vss	Ground	Ground
40	Clock	Input	System clock input

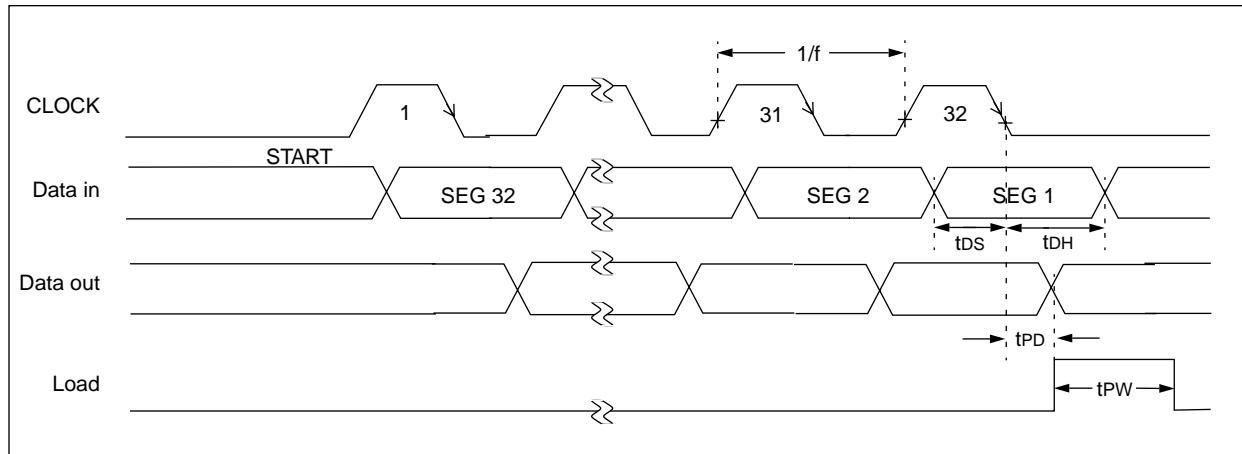
**FIGURE 2: BLOCK DIAGRAM**



**FIGURE 3: BACKPLANE AND SEGMENT OUTPUT**



**FIGURE 4: TIMING DIAGRAM**



## 1.0 OPERATION:

### 1.1 Data In and Clock

The shift register shifts and outputs on the falling edge of the clock. Every clock falling edge does a logical left shift. As an example, if 32 clock pulses are supplied as in Figure 4, then the data input at the first clock will output at SEG 32, and the last data input (# 32) will output at SEG 1 when a LOAD signal is enabled (Figure 2). It is recommended that a complete 32 bit transfer be done every time the outputs are updated. A logic 1 at the Data In causes the corresponding segment to be

enabled or visible, i.e. the output at Segment Output is  $180^\circ$  out-of-phase with the Backplane output (Figure 3).

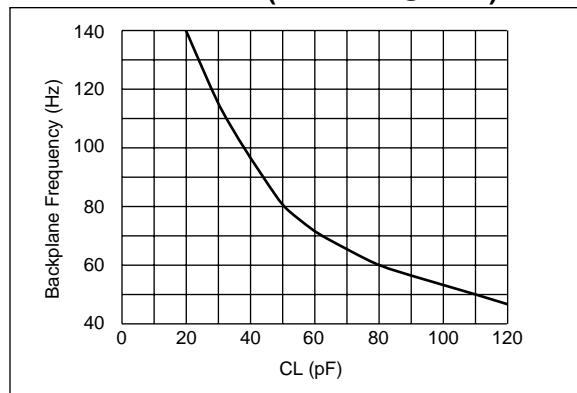
### 1.2 Load

A logic 1 at the Load input (Figure 2) causes the parallel load of the data in the shift register into the latches that control the segment drivers. If the Load signal is tied high, then the latches become transparent and the segment drivers are always connected to the shift registers.

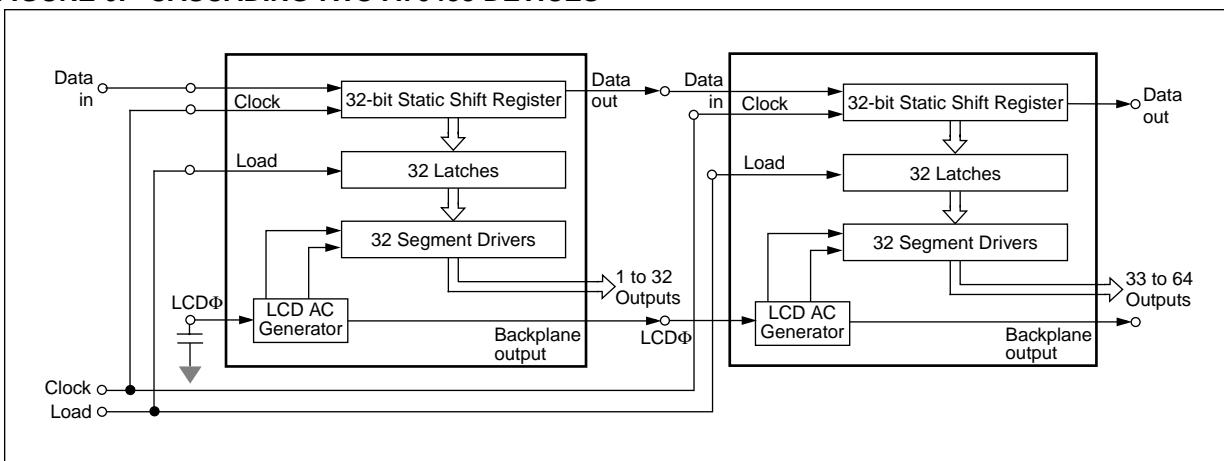
### 1.3 LCD $\phi$

LCD $\phi$  can be driven by an external signal or by connecting a capacitor between LCD $\phi$  and ground (GND), which will enable the on-chip oscillator required to generate the backplane output voltage. Figure 5 shows the relationship between capacitance value and output frequency. Leaving the LCD $\phi$  input unconnected is not recommended. When driven by an external clock, the backplane output is in phase with the input clock. When cascading two AY0438 devices (Figure 6 and Figure 7), the backplane output can be generated using a capacitor to GND on the first AY0438. This backplane output can then be connected to the LCD $\phi$  input of the second AY0438. The backplane output of the second device is then used to drive the backplane of the LCD module.

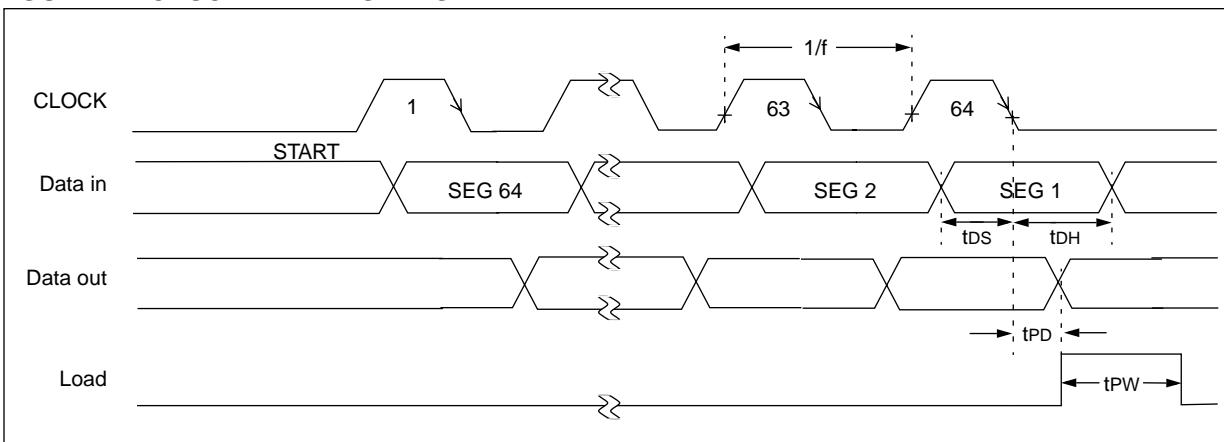
**FIGURE 5: OSCILLATOR FREQUENCY GRAPH (TYPICAL @ 25°C)**



**FIGURE 6: CASCADING TWO AY0438 DEVICES**



**FIGURE 7: CASCADE TIMING DIAGRAM**



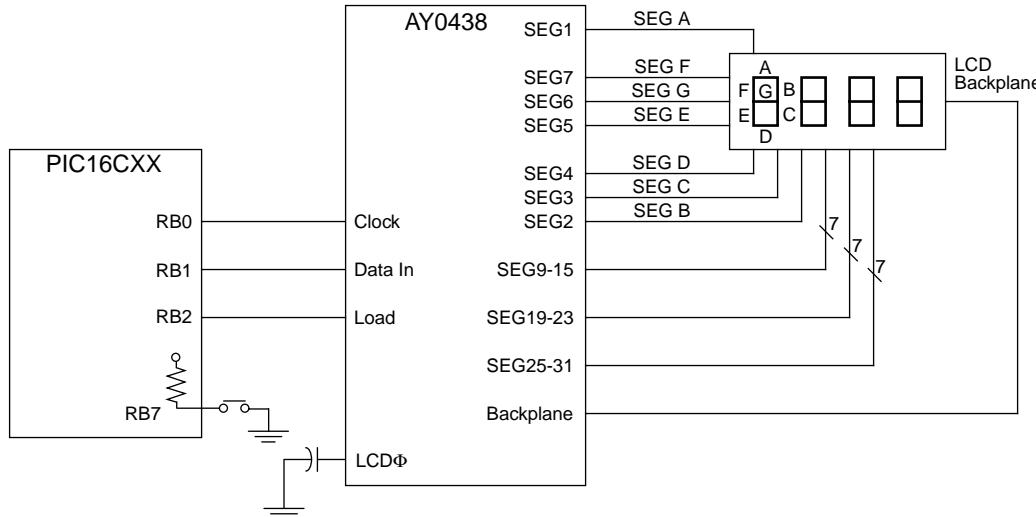
## 1.4 General

In order to avoid any race conditions, the Data In and Load signals should not be changed during a falling edge of the Clock. Figure 4 and Figure 7 show a typical timing diagram for a 32 segment and 64 segment LCD module.

## 1.5 Interfacing to a LCD Module and PIC16CXX Device

Figure 8 shows a typical layout of an AY0438 connected to a LCD module and interfaced to a PIC16CXX family device. Example 1 lists code used to program the PIC16CXX device. This code was complied using MPASM.

**FIGURE 8: INTERFACING TO A LCD MODULE AND PIC16CXX DEVICE**



## EXAMPLE 1: EXAMPLE CODE

```
;*****  
;  
;This program shows an interface between a PIC16CXX device  
;and the AY0438 LCD controller to control a 7 Segment  
;4 digit LCD module.  
;The PIC16CXX interface to the AY0438 Hardware:  
;  
;      PORTB bit 0 --> CLK  
;      PORTB bit 1 --> DATA IN  
;      PORTB bit 2 --> LOAD  
;  
;The LCD module is connected to the AY0438 as follows:  
;      Most Significant digit --> seg1 to seg7  
;      3rd Significant digit --> seg9 to seg15  
;      2nd Significant digit --> seg17 to seg 23  
;      Least Significant digit --> seg25 to seg 31  
;
```

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;The DP are not connected, but can be connected to seg8, 16, 24 & 32.
;For each digit, the segments are connected as:
;    Seg A --> seg(8*n + 1)
;    Seg B --> seg(8*n + 2)
;    Seg C --> seg(8*n + 3)
;    Seg D --> seg(8*n + 4)
;    Seg E --> seg(8*n + 5)
;    Seg F --> seg(8*n + 6)
;    Seg G --> seg(8*n + 7)
;where n = 0, 1, 2 and 3 for MSD, 3rdSD, 2ndSD and LSD respectively.
;The firmware uses the values in registers:
;      MSD, THRDSD, SCNDSD and LSD  to determine the values to be
;pulsed to the AY0438.
;In this example, a pushbutton connected to PORTB bit 7
;is checked periodically to see if it has been pressed. If so,
;the LCD values in locations MSD to LSD are updated.
;*****
list p=16c71,f=inhx8m
;
;
MSD      equ      0x20
THRDS  equ      0x21
SCNDS  equ      0x22
LSD      equ      0x23
count   equ      0x24
temp    equ      0x25
PORTB   equ      0x06
#define CLK      PORTB,0
#define DATAIN    PORTB,1
#define LOAD      PORTB,2
#define UPDATERLCD PORTB,7
w       equ      0
STATUS   equ      0x03
C        equ      0
RP0      equ      5
OPTION   equ      0x81
RBPU    equ      7
PCL      equ      0x02
PCLATH  equ      0x0A
;
;
        org      0
        goto    start
        org      0x10
;
;This DecodeValue table must reside in page 0 for this program to work
;
DecodeValue
    addwf   PCL
    retlw   B'00111111'      ;decode for 0
    retlw   B'00000110'      ;decode for 1
    retlw   B'01011011'      ;decode for 2
    retlw   B'01001111'      ;decode for 3
    retlw   B'01100110'      ;decode for 4
    retlw   B'01101101'      ;decode for 5

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retlw B'01111101' ;decode for 6
retlw B'00000111' ;decode for 7
retlw B'01111111' ;decode for 8
retlw B'01101111' ;decode for 9

;
;

start
    clrf PORTB
    bsf STATUS,RP0      ;set portb 0,1&2 as outputs
    movlw B'11111000'   ;        /
    movwf PORTB         ;        /
    bcf OPTION,RBPU    ;enable pull-up for switch
    bcf STATUS,RP0

wait
    btfsc UPDATELCD   ;see if update switch is low
    goto wait          ;no then wait
    bcf LOAD           ;make sure load is disabled
    movf LSD,w          ;get least significant value
    clrf PCLATH         ;PCH = 0
    call DecodeValue   ;decode the value
    call Send8          ;serially output the seg values
    movf SCNDSD,w      ;get 2nd significant digit
    call DecodeValue   ;decode it
    call Send8          ;serially output it
    movf THRDSD,w      ;get 3rd significant digit
    call DecodeValue   ;decode it
    call Send8          ;serially output it
    movf MSD,w          ;get Most significant value
    call DecodeValue   ;decode it
    call Send8          ;serially send it
    bsf LOAD            ;toggle the LOAD line
    bcf LOAD            ;to enable the latches

KeyReleased
    btfss UPDATELCD   ;wait for key to be released
    goto KeyReleased
    goto wait          ;repeat loop.

;
;Send8, sends the 8 bits in the W register
Send8
    movwf temp          ;save in temp
    movlw .8             ;init count
    movwf count          ;to 8

sendloop
    bcf DATAIN          ;make sure DATAIN is low
    rrf temp             ;rotate value through carry
    btfsc STATUS,C       ;if bit clear then skip
    bsf DATAIN           ;else set data bit
    bsf CLK              ;toggle clock
    bcf CLK              ;        /
    decfsz count         ;see if 8 done
    goto sendloop        ;no then do all
    return               ;else return

end
```

## 2.0 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

### Maximum Ratings\*

VDD.....		-0.3V to +12V
Inputs (CLK, Data In, Load) .....	Vcc to VDD +0.3V	
LCDΦ Input .....	-0.3V to VDD +0.3V	
Power Dissipation.....	250 mW	
Storage Temperature.....	-65°C to +125°C	
Operating Temperature Industrial.....	-40°C to +85°C	

\* Exceeding these ratings could cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of this device at these conditions is not implied. Operating ranges are specified in Standard Conditions. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

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**TABLE 2: DC CHARACTERISTICS**

VDD = +5V unless otherwise noted, TA = 40°C to +85°C						
Characteristics	Sym	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
Supply Voltage	VDD	+3.0	—	+8.5	V	
Supply Current	I <sub>DD</sub>	—	25	60	µA	LCDΦ OSC < 15 kHz
		—	13	30	µA	LCDΦ OSC < 100 Hz
Input High Level	V <sub>IH</sub>	0.5 V <sub>D</sub> DD	—	V <sub>D</sub> DD	V	
Input Low Level	V <sub>IL1</sub>	0	—	0.1 V <sub>D</sub> DD	V	3.0V ≤ V <sub>D</sub> DD ≤ 8.5V
Clock	V <sub>IL2</sub>	0	—	0.1 V <sub>D</sub> DD	V	3.0V ≤ V <sub>D</sub> DD ≤ 8.5V
Data,						
Input Leakage Current	I <sub>L</sub>	—	0.01	±10	µA	V <sub>IN</sub> = 0V and +5.0V
Load	C <sub>I</sub>	—	—	5.0	pF	V <sub>D</sub> DD = +5.0V
Segment Output Voltage	V <sub>OH</sub>	0.8 V <sub>D</sub> DD	—	V <sub>D</sub> DD	V	I <sub>OH</sub> = -100 µA
	V <sub>OL</sub>	0	—	0.1 V <sub>D</sub> DD	V	I <sub>OL</sub> = 100 µA
LCDΦ Input High Level	V <sub>IN</sub>	0.9 V <sub>D</sub> DD	—	V <sub>D</sub> DD	V	
LCDΦ Input Low Level	V <sub>IL</sub>	0	—	0.1 V <sub>D</sub> DD	V	
LCDΦ Input Leakage	I <sub>L</sub>	—	—	10	µA	V <sub>IN</sub> = 0V and +5.0V V <sub>D</sub> DD = +5.0V

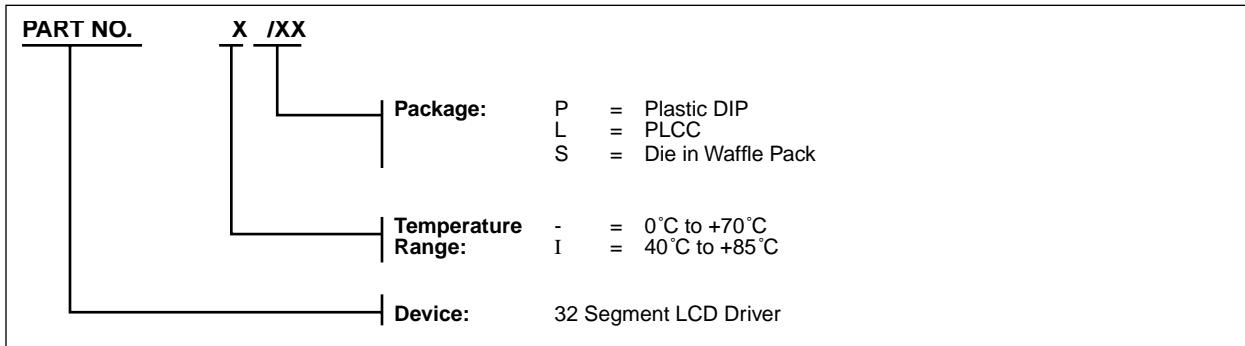
**TABLE 3: AC CHARACTERISTICS**

Characteristics	Sym	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
Clock Rate	f	DC	—	1.5	MHz	50% duty cycle
Data Set-up Time	t <sub>DS</sub>	150	—	—	nsec	Data change to Clk falling edge
Data Hold Time	t <sub>DH</sub>	50	—	—	nsec	
Load Pulse Width	t <sub>PW</sub>	175	—	—	nsec	
Data Out Prop. Delay	t <sub>PD</sub>	—	—	500	nsec	C <sub>L</sub> = 55 pF

**NOTES:**

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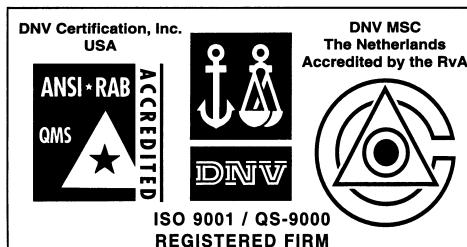
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