Super Monitor On-Screen Display - 16
CMOS

This is a high performance HCMOS device designed to interface with a micro controller unit to allow colored symbols or characters to be displayed onto color monitor. Because of the large number of fonts, 256 fonts including the programmable RAM fonts and fixed ROM fonts, SMOSD-16 is suitable to be adopted for the multi-language monitor application especially. Its on-chip PLL allows both multisystem operation and self generation of system timing. It also minimizes the MCU's burden through its built-in RAM. By storing a full screen of data and control information, this device has a capability to carry out 'screen-refresh' without any MCU supervision.

Since there is no clearance between characters, special graphics oriented characters can be generated by combining two or more character blocks. Besides, there are three kinds of different resolutions that users can choose. By changing the number of dots per horizontal line to 320 (CGA), 480 (EGA) or 640 (VGA), smaller characters with higher resolution can be easily achieved.

Special functions such as character blinking, automatic height scaling, character/window bordering or character shadowing, four-level windows, double height and double width, and programmable vertical length of character are also incorporated. Furthermore, 8 programmable character/symbol RAM fonts are also built-in. It is much flexible to create the new symbols, icons and logo. One special attractive application of the RAM fonts is the real-time programming to achieve the dynamic image instead of the static picture as previous.

- Totally 256 Characters and Graphic Fonts Including 8 Programmable RAM Fonts and 248 Mask ROM Fonts
- Three Selectable Resolutions: 320 (CGA), 480 (EGA) or 640 (VGA) Dots/Line
- Wide Operating Frequency Range for High End Monitor: 15KHz ~ 120KHz
- Fully Programmable Character Array of 15 Rows by 30 Columns
- True 16-Color Selection for Windows
- Fancy Fade-In/Fade-Out Effects
- 8-Color Selection for Characters with Color Intensity Attribute on Each Row
- Auto Height Scaling to Keep Constant Height Independent of Display Modes
- Four Programmable Background Windows with Overlapping Capability
- Shadowing on Windows with Programmable Shadow Width/Height
- Character Bordering or Shadowing
- Character/Symbol Blinking Function
- Programmable Vertical Height of Character to Meet Multi-Sync Requirement
- Programmable Vertical and Horizontal Positioning for Display Centre
- Double Character Height and Double Character Width
- Internal PLL Generates a Wide-Ranged System Clock (76.8 MHz)
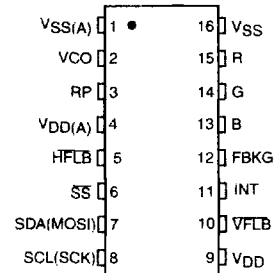- M_BUS (IIC) Interface with Address $7A (SPI Bus is Mask Option)

MC141549P

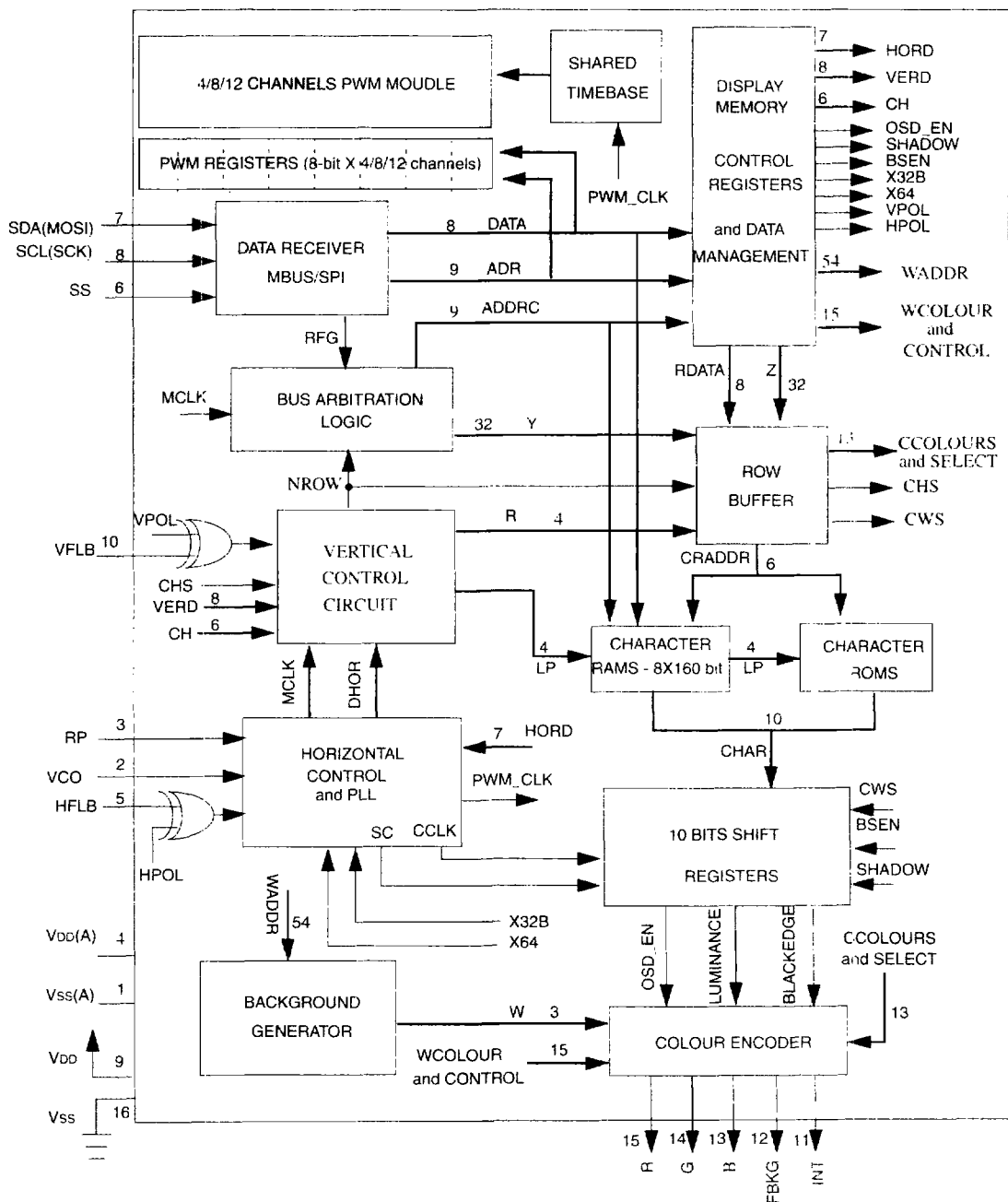**P SUFFIX**
PLASTIC PACKAGE
CASE 648-08

ORDERING INFORMATION
MC141549P   Plastic Dip

PIN ASSIGNMENT

$V_{SS(A)}$	1 ●	16	V_{SS}
VCO	2	15	R
RP	3	14	G
$V_{DD(A)}$	4	13	B
HFLB	5	12	FBKG
$\overline{SS}$	6	11	INT
SDA(MOSI)	7	10	VFLB
SCL(SCK)	8	9	V_{DD}

BLOCK DIAGRAM

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS Voltage Referenced to V_{SS}

Symbol	Characteristic	Value	Unit
V_{DD}	Supply Voltage	-0.3 to $+7.0$	V
V_{in}	Input Voltage	$V_{SS} - 0.3$ to $V_{DD} + 0.3$	V
Id	Current Drain per Pin Excluding V_{DD} and V_{SS}	25	mA
Ta	Operating Temperature Range	0 to 85	C
T_{stg}	Storage Temperature Range	-65 to $+150$	C

NOTE Maximum Ratings are those values beyond which damage to the device may occur. Functional operation should be restricted to the limits in the Electrical Characteristics tables or Pin Description section.

This device contains protection circuitry to guard against damage due to high static voltages or electric fields. However, precautions must be taken to avoid applications of any voltage higher than maximum rated voltages to this high-impedance circuit. For proper operation, V_{in} and V_{out} should be constrained to the range $V_{SS} \leq (V_{in}$ or $V_{out}) \leq V_{DD}$.

Unused inputs must always be tied to an appropriate logic voltage level (e.g., either V_{SS} or V_{DD}). Unused outputs must be left open.

AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS ($V_{DD}/V_{DD(A)}$ = 5.0 V $V_{SS}/V_{SS(A)}$ = 0 V, T_A = 25C.

Voltage Referenced to V_{SS})

Symbol	Characteristic	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
t_r t_f	Output Signal (R, G, B, FBKG and INT) C_{load} = 30 pF Rise Time Fall Time	— —	— —	6 6	ns ns
F_{HFLB}	HFLB Input Frequency	—	—	120K	Hz

Figure 1. Switching Characteristics

DC CHARACTERISTICS $V_{DD}/V_{DD(A)}$ = 5.0 V ± 10%, $V_{SS}/V_{SS(A)}$ = 0 V, T_A = 25°C, Voltage Referenced to V_{SS}

Symbol	Characteristic	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V_{OH}	High Level Output Voltage I_{out} = – 5 mA	V_{DD} – 0.8	—	—	V
V_{OL}	Low Level Output Voltage I_{out} = 5 mA	—	—	V_{SS} + 0.4	V
V_{IL} V_{IH}	Digital Input Voltage (Not Including SDA and SCL) Logic Low Logic High	— 0.7 V_{DD}	— —	0.3 V_{DD} —	V V
V_{IL} V_{IH}	Input Voltage of Pin SDA and SCL in SPI Mode Logic Low Logic High	— 0.7 V_{DD}	— —	0.3 V_{DD} —	V V
V_{IL} V_{IH}	Input Voltage of Pin SDA and SCL in M_BUS Mode Logic Low Logic High	— 0.7 V_{DD}	— —	0.3 V_{DD} —	V V
I_{II}	High-Z Leakage Current (R, G, B and FBKG)	– 10	—	+ 10	μA
I_{II}	Input Current (Not Including RP, VCO, R, G, B, FBKG and INT)	– 10	—	+ 10	μA
I_{DD}	Supply Current (No Load on Any Output)	—	—	+ 15	mA

PIN DESCRIPTION

VSS(A) (Pin 1)

This pin provides the signal ground to the PLL circuitry. Analog ground for PLL is separated from digital ground for optimal performance.

VCO (Pin 2)

A dc control voltage input to regulate an internal oscillator frequency. See the Application Diagram for the application values used.

RP (Pin 3)

An external RC network is used to bias an internal VCO to resonate at the specific dot frequency. The maximum voltage at Pin 3 should not exceed 3.5 V at any condition. See the Application Diagram for the application values used.

$V_{DD(A)}$ (Pin 4)

A positive 5 V dc supply for PLL circuitry. Analog power for PLL is separated from digital power for optimal performance.

$\overline{HFLB}$ (Pin 5)

This pin inputs a negative polarity horizontal synchronize signal pulse to phase lock into an internal system clock generated by the on-chip VCO circuit.

$\overline{SS}$ (Pin 6)

This input pin is part of the SPI system. An active low signal generated by the master device enables this slave device to accept data. Pull high to terminate the SPI communication. If M_BUS is employed as the serial interface, this pin should be tied to either V_{DD} or V_{SS}.

SDA (MOSI) (Pin 7)

Data and control message are being transmitted to this chip from a host MCU, via one of the two serial bus systems. With either protocol, this wire is configurated as a uni-directional data line. (Detailed description of these two protocols will be discussed in the M_BUS and SPI sections).

SCL (SCK) (Pin 8)

A separate synchronizing clock input from the transmitter is required for either protocol. Data is read at the rising edge of each clock signal.

V_{DD} (Pin 9)

This is the power pin for the digital logic of the chip.

$\overline{VFLB}$ (Pin 10)

Similar to Pin 5, this pin inputs a negative polarity of vertical synchronize signal to synchronize the vertical control circuit.

INT (Pin 11)

This output pin is used to indicate the color intensity. If the intensity control bits are set in the row attribute registers or window control registers, this pin will output a logic high while displaying the specified windows or the characters on the associated rows. Otherwise, it will keep in low state. Please refer to Figure 17 for detail timing chart. Thus, 16-color selection is achievable by combining this intensity pin with R/G/B outputs. On the other hand, this color intensity information could be reflected on the R/G/B pins by asserting tri-state instead of logic high if 3_S bit is set to 1. Refer to the "REGISTERS" for more information.

FBKG (Pin 12)

This pin will output a logic high while displaying characters or windows when FBKGC bit in frame control register is 0, and output a logic high only while displaying characters when FBKGC bit is 1. It is defaulted to high impedance state after power on, or when there is no output. An external 10 kΩ resistor pulled low is recommended to avoid level toggling caused by hand effect when there is no output.

B,G,R (Pin 13, 14, 15)

SMOSD-16 color outputs in TTL level to the host monitor. These three signals are open drain outputs if 3_STATE bit is set and the color intensity is inactive. Otherwise, they are active high push-pull outputs. See "REGISTERS" for more information. These pins are in high impedance state after power on.

V$_{SS}$ (Pin 16)

This is the ground pin for the digital logic of the chip.

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

MC141549 is a full screen memory architecture. Refresh is done by the built-in circuitry after a screenful of display data has been loaded in through the serial bus. Only changes to the display data need to be input afterward.

Serial data, which includes screen mapping address, display information, and control messages, are being transmitted via one of the two serial buses: M_BUS or SPI (mask option). These two sets of buses are multiplexed onto a single set of wires. Standard parts offer M_BUS transmission.

Data is first received and saved in the MEMORY MANAGEMENT CIRCUIT in the Block Diagram. Meanwhile, the SMOSD-16 is continuously retrieving the data and putting it into a ROW BUFFER for display and refreshing, row after row. During this storing and retrieving cycle, a BUS ARBITRATION LOGIC will patrol the internal traffic, to make sure that no crashes occur between the slower serial bus receiver and fast 'screen-refresh' circuitry. After the full screen display data is received through one of the serial communication interface, the link can be terminated if change on display is not required.

The bottom half of the Block Diagram constitutes the heart of this entire system. It performs all the SMOSD-16 functions such as programmable vertical length (from 16 lines to 63 lines), display clock generation (which is phase locked to the incoming horizontal sync signal at Pin 5 HFLB), bordering or shadowing, and multiple windowing.

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

M_BUS Serial Communication

This is a two-wire serial communication link that is fully compatible with the IIC bus system. It consists of SDA bidirectional data line and SCL clock input line. Data is sent from a transmitter (master), to a receiver (slave) via the SDA line, and is synchronized with a transmitter clock on the SCL line at the receiving end. The maximum data rate is limited to 100 kbps. The default chip address is $7A.

Operating Procedure

Figure 2 shows the M_BUS transmission format. The master initiates a transmission routine by generating a START condition, followed by a slave address byte. Once the address is properly identified, the slave will respond with an ACKNOWLEDGE signal by pulling the SDA line LOW during the ninth SCL clock. Each data byte which then follows must be eight bits long, plus the ACKNOWLEDGE bit, to make up nine bits together. Appropriate row and column address information and display data can be downloaded sequentially in one of the three transmission formats described in DATA TRANSMISSION FORMATS SECTION. In the cases of no ACKNOWLEDGE or completion of data transfer, the master will generate a STOP condition to terminate the transmission routine. Note that the OSD_EN bit must be set after all the display information has been sent in order to activate the SMOSD-16 circuitry of MC141549, so that the received information can then be displayed.
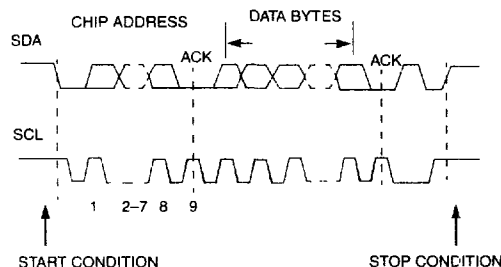

Figure 2. M_BUS Format

Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI)

Similar to M_BUS communication, SPI requires separate clock (SCK) and data (MOSI) lines. In addition, a $\overline{SS}$ SLAVE SELECT pin is controlled by the master transmitter to initiate the receiver.

Operating Procedure

To initiate SPI transmission, pull $\overline{SS}$ pin low by the master device to enable MC141549 to accept data. The $\overline{SS}$ input line must be a logic low prior to occurrence of SCK and remain low until and after the last (eighth) SCK cycle. After all data has been sent, the $\overline{SS}$ pin is then pulled high by master to terminate the transmission. No slave address is needed for SPI. Hence, row and column address information and display data (the data transmission formats are the same as in M_BUS mode described in the previous section) can be sent immediately after the SPI is initiated.
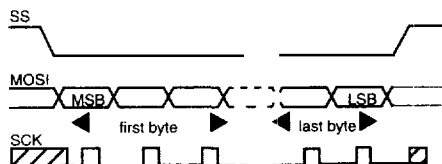

Figure 3. SPI Protocol

DATA TRANSMISSION FORMATS

After the proper identification by the receiving device, data train of arbitrary length is transmitted from the Master. As mentioned above, three register blocks, display registers, attribute/control registers and RAM fonts, need to be programmed before the proper operation. Basically, these three areas use the similar transmission protocol. Only two bits of the row/segment byte are used to distinguish the programming blocks.

There are three transmission formats, from (a) to (c) as stated below. The data train in each sequence consists of row/seg address (R), column/line address (C), and data informations (I). In format (a), each display information data have to be preceded with the corresponding row/seg address and column/line address. This format is particular suitable for updating small amount of data between different row. However, if the current information byte has the same row/seg address as the one before, format (b) is recommended. For a full screen pattern change which requires massive information update or during power up situation, most of the row/seg and column/line address on either (a) or (b) format will appear to be redundant. A more efficient data transmission format (c) should be applied. It sends the RAM starting row/seg and column/line addresses once only, and then treat all subsequent data as data information. The row/seg and column/line addresses will be automatically incremented internally for each information data from the starting location.

Based on the different programming areas, the detail transmission protocol is described below respectively.

(I) Display Register Programming

The data transmission formats are:

(a) R - > C- > I -> R - > C -> I - > . . . .

(b) R - > C - > I - > C - > I - > C - > I . . . .

(c) R - > C - > I - > I - > I - > . . . .

NOTE: R means row byte.

C means column byte.

I means data byte.

To differentiate the display row address from attribute/RAM fonts area when transferring data, the most significant three bits are set to '100' to represent display row address, while '00X' for column address used in format (a) or (b) and '01X' for column address used in format (c). There is some limitation on using mix-formats during a single transmission. It is permissible to change the format from (a) to (b), or from (a) to (c), or from (b) to (a), but not from (c) back to (a) or (b).
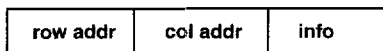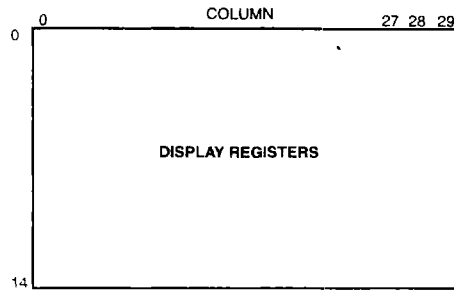

row addr	col addr	info

Figure 4. Data Packet for Display Data

0	COLUMN	27 28 29

DISPLAY REGISTERS

ADDRESS	BIT								FORMAT
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
ROW	1	0	0	X	D	D	D	D	a, b, c
COLUMN	0	0	X	D	D	D	D	D	a, b
COLUMN	0	1	X	D	D	D	D	D	c

X: don't care   D: valid data

Figure 5. Address Bit Patterns for Display Data

(II) Attribute/Control Register Programming

The data transmission formats are similar with that in display data programming:

(a) R - > C- > I -> R - > C -> I - > . . . .

(b) R - > C - > I - > C - > I - > C - > I . . . .

(c) R - > C - > I - > I - > I - > . . . .

NOTE: R means row byte.

C means column byte.

I means data byte.

To differentiate the row address for attribute/control registers from display area when transferring data, the most significant three bits are set to '101' to represent the row address of the attribute/control registers, while '00X' for column address used in format (a) or (b) and '01X' for column address used in format (c). There is some limitation on using mix-formats during a single transmission. It is permissible to change the format from (a) to (b), or from (a) to (c), or from (b) to (a), but not from (c) back to (a) or (b).

row addr	col addr	info
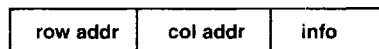
Figure 6. Data Packet for Attribute/Control Data

Figure 7. Address Bit Patterns for Attribute/Control Data
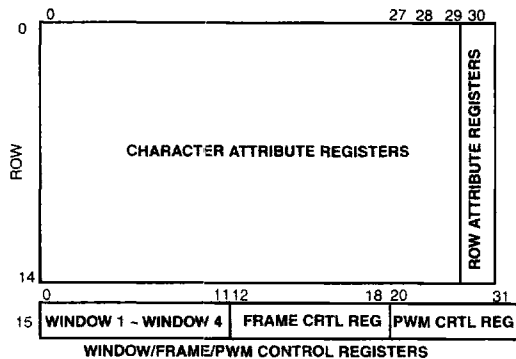
ADDRESS	BIT								FORMAT
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
ROW	1	0	1	X	D	D	D	D	a, b, c
COLUMN	0	0	X	D	D	D	D	D	a, b
COLUMN	0	1	X	D	D	D	D	D	c

X: don't care　　　　D: valid data

Figure 7. Address Bit Patterns for Attribute/Control Data

(III) RAM Fonts Programming

Basically, the transmission format is very similar with that for display RAM or control registers. The major difference is to replace the row and column address with segment address and line address respectively. There are also three transmission formats, from (a) to (c) as stated below. The data train in each secuence consists of segment address (S), line address (L), and font informations (I), as shown in Figure 3. In format (a), each font information data have to be preceded with the corresponding segment address and line address. This format is particular suitable for updating small portion of font pattern. However, if the current information byte has the same segment address as the one before, format (b) is recommended. For a new font pattern change which requires massive information update or during power up situation, most of the segment and column address on either (a) or (b) format will appear to be redundant. A more efficient data transmission format (c) should be applied. It sends the character RAM starting segment and line addresses once only, and then treat all subsequent data as font information. The segment and line addresses will be automatically incremented internally for each RAM font data from the starting location.

The transmission formats are shown below:

(a) S -> L -> I -> S -> L -> I -> ....

(b) S -> L -> I -> L -> I -> L -> I.......

(c) S -> L -> I -> I -> I -> ....

NOTE: S means segment byte.

L means line byte.

I means data byte.

To differentiate the segment address from row and line address when transferring data, the bit 7 (MSB) and bit 6 are set to '11' to represent segment address, while '00' for line address used in format (a) or (b) and '01' for line address used in format (c). There is some limitation on using mix-formats during a single transmission. It is permissible to change the format from (a) to (b), or from (a) to (c), or from (b) to (a), but not from (c) back to (a) or (b).
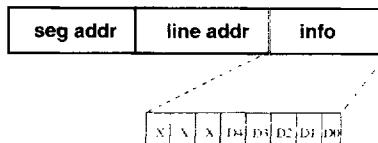
NOTE: X means don't care bit and D means valid data bit.

Figure 8. Data Packet for RAM Fonts
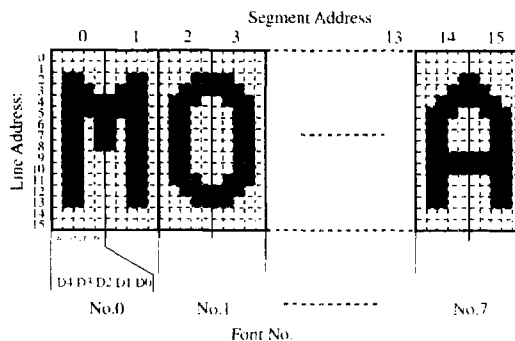
ADDRESS	BIT								FORMAT
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
SEG	1	1	X	X	D	D	D	D	a, b, c
LINE	0	0	X	X	D	D	D	D	a, b
LINE	0	1	X	X	D	D	D	D	c

X: don't care　　　　D: valid data

Figure 9. Address Bit Patterns for RAM Fonts

MEMORY MANAGEMENT

All the internal programmable area can be divided into three parts including (1) Display Registers (2) Attribute/Control Registers and (3) Programmable RAM Fonts. Please refer to the following three figures for the corresponding memory map.
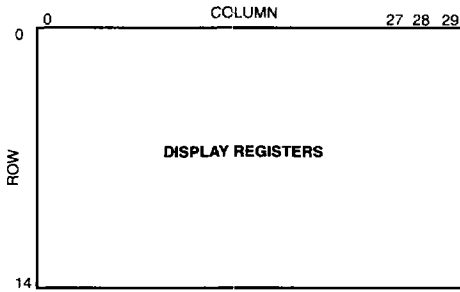

Figure 10. Memory Map of Display Registers

Internal display RAM are addressed with row and column (coln) number in sequence. As the display area is 15 rows by 30 columns, the related display registers are also 15 by 30. The space between row 0 and coln 0 to row 14 and coln 29 are called Display registers, with each contains a character/symbol address corresponding to display location on monitor screen. And each register is 8-bit wide to identify the selected character/symbol out of 256 RAM/ROM fonts.
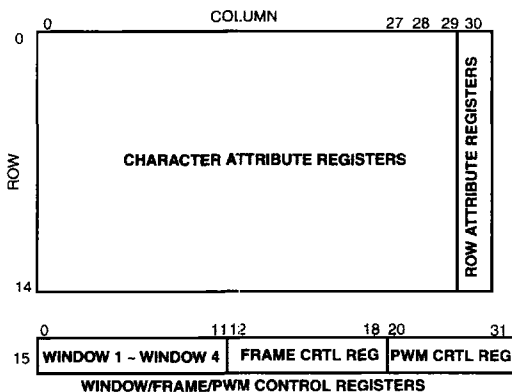
Figure 11. Memory Map of Attribute/Control Registers

Besides the font selection, there is 3-bit attribute associated with each symbol to identify its color. Because of 3-bit attribute, each character can select any color out of 8 independently on the same row. Every data row associate with one attribute register, which locate at coln 30 of their respective rows, to control the characters display format of that row such as the character blinking, color intensity, character double height and character double width function. In addition, other control registers are located at row 15 such as window control, frame function control and PWM registers. Three window control registers for each of four windows together with four frame control registers and twelve PWM registers occupy the first 28 columns of row 15 space. These control registers will be described on the "REGISTERS" section.

User should handle the internal display RAM address location with care especially for those rows with double length alphanumeric symbols. For example, if row n is destined to be double height on the memory map, the data displayed on screen row n and n+1 will be represented by the data contained in the memory address of row n only. The data of next row n+1 on the memory map will appear on the screen of n+2 and n+3 row space and so on. Hence, it is not necessary to throw in a row of blank data to compensate for the double row action. User needs to take care of excessive row of data in memory in order to avoid over running the limited number of row space on the screen

There is difference for rows with double width alphanumeric symbols. Only the data contained in the even numbered columns of memory map will be shown, the odd numbered columns will be ignored and not disclosed.
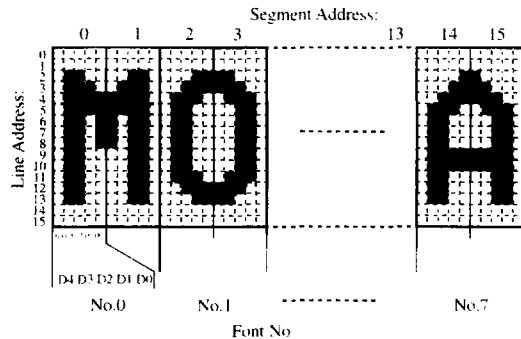

Figure 12. Memory Map of Programmable RAM Fonts

Another programming area is the RAM fonts. Totally, 8 fonts are programmable in SMOSD-16. The structure of 8 character RAM fonts are shown in Figure 12. They occupy the font number from 0 to 7 while ROM fonts 8 to 255. Because of the 10X16 dot matrix font, we decompose each font into 2 segments in horizontal direction and 16 lines in vertical direction. So, there are 5 dots needed to be defined for each specified segment-line location. This 5-bit data forms the lower 5 bits of the information data byte and the

higher 3 bits are ignored. Because there are 16 segments (2 segments per font) and 16 lines, both the segment and line addresses are 4-bit wide.
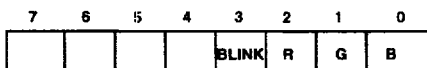
REGISTERS

(I) Display Register

Display Register (Row 0~14, Coln 0~29)

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
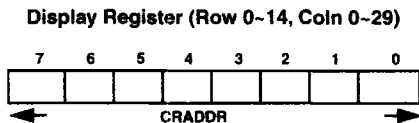
← CRADDR →

Bit 7-0 CRADDR - This eight bits address one of the 256 characters or symbols resided in the character RAM/ROM fonts.

(II) Attribute/Window/Control/Frame Registers

Character Attribute Register (Row 0~14, Coln 0~29)

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
				BLINK	R	G	B

Bit 3 BLINK - The blinking effect will be active on the corresponding character if this bit is set to 1. The blinking frequency is approximately one time per second (1Hz) with fifty-fifty duty cycle at 80Hz vertical scan frequency.

Bit 2-0 These three bits are the color attribute to define the color of the associated character/symbol.

Row Attribute Register (Row 0~14, Coln 30)

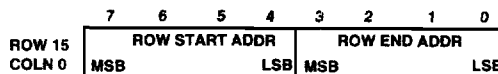| 7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
					R_INT	CHS	CWS
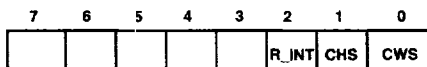
Bit 2 R_INT - Row intensity bit controls the color intensity of the displayed character/symbol on the corresponding row. Setting this bit to 1 means high intensity color and the INT pin will go high while displaying the characters of this row.

Bit 1 CHS - It determines the height of a display symbol. When this bit is set, the symbol is displayed in double height.
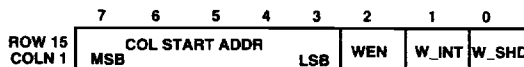
Bit 0 CWS - Similar to bit 1, character is displayed in double width, if this bit is set.

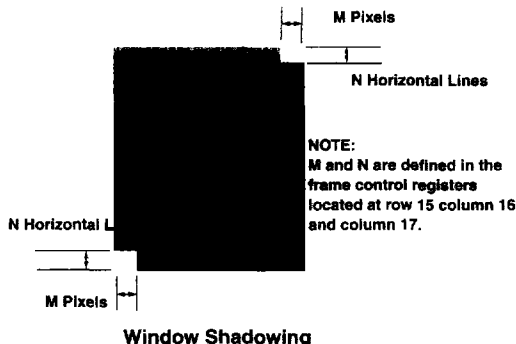**Window 1 Registers**

Row 15 Coln 0

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
ROW 15 COLN 0	MSB	ROW START ADDR		LSB	MSB	ROW END ADDR		LSB

Row 15 Coln 1

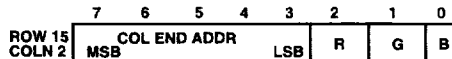|	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
ROW 15 COLN 1	MSB	COL START ADDR		LSB		WEN	W_INT	W_SHD

Bit 2 WEN - It enables the background window 1 generation if this bit is set.

Bit 1 W_INT - This additional color related bit provides the color intensity selection for window 1. If this bit is 0, INT pin will go low while displaying window 1. The default value is 1 to indicate high intensity. Video pre-amplifier or external R/G/B switch can make use of INT pin for windows's color intensity control.

Bit 0 W_SHD - Shadowing on window. Set this bit to activate the window 1 shadowing. When the window is active, the right M pixels and lower N horizontal scan lines will output black shadowing. The width/height of window shadow, number of M/N, is defined in the frame control registers located at row 15 column 16 and 17. See the following figure and the related frame control register for detail.
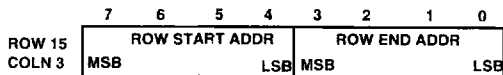

Window Shadowing

Row 15 Coln 2

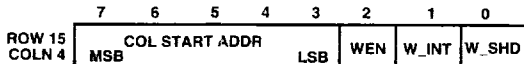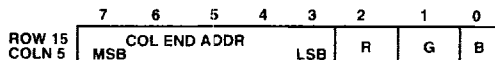|	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
ROW 15 COLN 2	MSB	COL END ADDR		LSB		R	G	B

Bit 2-0 R, G and B - Controls the color of window 1. Window 1 registers occupy Column 0-2 of Row 15, Window 2 from Column 3-5, Window 3 from 6-8 and Window 4 from 9-11. Window 1 has the highest priority, and Window 4 the least. If window over-lapping occurs, the higher priority window will cover the lower one, and the higher priority color will take over on the overlap window area. If the start address is greater than the end address, this window will not be displayed.

Window 2 Registers

Row 15 Coln 3

ROW 15 COLN 3	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	MSB	ROW START ADDR		LSB	MSB	ROW END ADDR		LSB

Row 15 Coln 4

ROW 15 COLN 4	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	MSB	COL START ADDR		LSB	WEN	W_INT	W_SHD	

Bit 2   WEN - It enables the background window 2 generation if this bit is set.

Bit 1   W_INT - This additional color related bit provides the color intensity selection for window 2. If this bit is 0, INT pin will go low while displaying window 2.The default value is 1 to indicate high intensity.Video pre-amplifier or external R/G/B switch can make use of INT pin for windows's color intensity control.

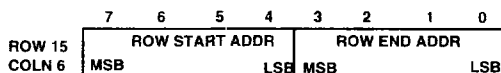Bit 0   W_SHD - Shadowing on window. Set this bit to activate the window 2 shadowing.

Row 15 Coln 5

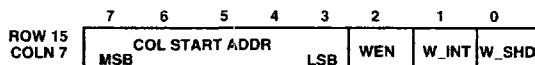| ROW 15 COLN 5	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	MSB	COL END ADDR		LSB	R	G	B	

Bit 2-0   R, G and B - Controls the color of window 2. Window 1 registers occupy Column 0-2 of Row 15, Window 2 from Column 3-5. Window 3 from 6-8 and Window 4 from 9-11. Window 1 has the highest priority, and Window 4 the least. If window over-lapping occurs, the higher priority window will cover the lower one, and the higher priority color will take over on the overlap window area. If the start address is greater than the end address, this window will not be displayed.

Window 3 Registers

Row 15 Coln 6

ROW 15 COLN 6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	MSB	ROW START ADDR		LSB	MSB	ROW END ADDR		LSB

Row 15 Coln 7

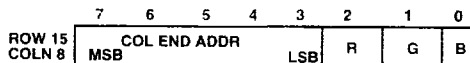| ROW 15 COLN 7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	MSB	COL START ADDR		LSB	WEN	W_INT	W_SHD	

Bit 2   WEN - It enables the background window 3 generation if this bit is set.

Bit 1   W_INT - This additional color related bit provides the color intensity selection for window 3. If this bit is 0, INT pin will go low while displaying window 3.The default value is

1 to indicate high intensity.Video pre-amplifier or external R/G/B switch can make use of INT pin for windows's color intensity control.

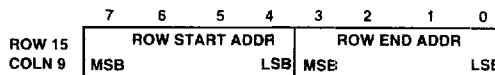Bit 0   W_SHD - Shadowing on window. Set this bit to activate the window 3 shadowing.

Row 15 Coln 8

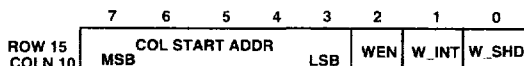| ROW 15 COLN 8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	MSB	COL END ADDR		LSB	R	G	B	

Bit 2-0   R, G and B - Controls the color of window 3. Window 1 registers occupy Column 0-2 of Row 15. Window 2 from Column 3-5, Window 3 from 6-8 and Window 4 from 9-11. Window 1 has the highest priority, and Window 4 the least. If window over-lapping occurs. the higher priority window will cover the lower one, and the higher priority color will take over on the overlap window area. If the start address is greater than the end address, this window will not be displayed.

Window 4 Registers

Row 15 Coln 9

ROW 15 COLN 9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	MSB	ROW START ADDR		LSB	MSB	ROW END ADDR		LSB

Row 15 Coln 10

| ROW 15 COLN 10	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	MSB	COL START ADDR		LSB	WEN	W_INT	W_SHD	

Bit 2   WEN - It enables the background window 4 generation if this bit is set.

Bit 1   W_INT - This additional color related bit provides the color intensity selection for window 4. If this bit is 0, INT pin will go low while displaying window 4.The default value is 1 to indicate high intensity.Video pre-amplifier or external R/G/B switch can make use of INT pin for windows's color intensity control.

Bit 0   W_SHD - Shadowing on window. Set this bit to activate the window 4 shadowing.

Row 15 Coln 11

| ROW 15 COLN 11	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	MSB	COL END ADDR		LSB	R	G	B	
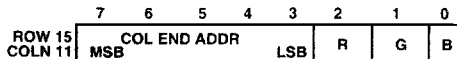
Bit 2-0   R, G and B - Controls the color of window 4. Window 1 registers occupy Column 0-2 of Row 15, Window 2 from Column 3-5, Window 3 from 6-8 and Window 4 from 9-11. Window 1 has the highest priority, and Window 4 the least. If window over-lapping occurs, the higher priority window will cover the lower one, and the higher priority color will take over on the overlap window area. If the start address is greater than the end address, this window will not be displayed.

Vertical Delay Control Register Row 15 Coln 12

|	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
ROW 15 COLN 12	MSB			VERTD				LSB
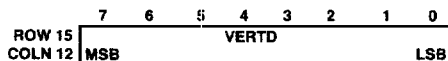
Bit 7-0 VERTD - These 8 bits define the vertical starting position. Total 256 steps. with an increment of four horizontal lines per step for each field. Its value can't be zero anytime. The default value of it is 4.

Horizontal Delay Control Register Row 15 Coln 13

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
ROW 15 COLN 13		MSB			HORD			LSB
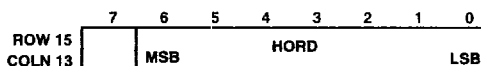
Bit 6-0 HORD - Horizontal starting position for character display. 7 bits give a total of 128 steps and each increment represents five dots movement shift to the right on the monitor screen. Its value cannot be zero anytime. The default value of it is 15.

Character Height Control Register Row 15 Coln 14

|	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
ROW 15 COLN 14	HF	AUTO_CH	CH5	CH4	CH3	CH2	CH1	CH0
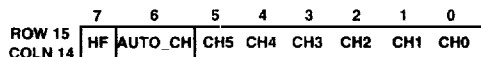
Bit 7 HF - High Frequency Bit. If the incoming H sync signal is higher than 60 KHz, set this bit to 1 for better performance.

Bit 6 AUTO_CH - Auto Character Height Adjustment. If this bit is set, the character height will be controlled internally to keep the fixed ratio in the vertical direction and independent of the display modes. The ratio of character height to the screen is roughly 1/24, 1/36 and 1/48 for 320/480/640 resolution modes respectively. In the meantime, CH5-CH0 are ignored.

Bit 5-0 CH5-CH0 - This six bits will determine the displayed character height if AUTO_CH bit is cleared. It is possible to have a proper character height by setting a value greater than or equal to 16 on different horizontal frequency monitor. Setting a value below 16 will not have a predictable result. Figure 13 illustrates how this chip expand the built-in character font to the desired height.

Frame Control Register Row 15 Coln 15

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
ROW 15 COLN 15	OSD_EN	BSEN	SHADOW	X64	X32B	3_S	FAN	FBKGC
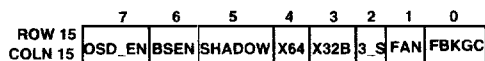
Bit 7 OSD_EN - OSD circuit is activated when this bit is set.

Bit 6 BSEN - It enables the character bordering or shadowing function when this bit is set.

Bit 5 SHADOW - Character with black-edge shadowing is selected if this bit is set, otherwise bordering prevails.

Bit 4-3 X64, X32B - It determines the number of dots per horizontal line. There are 320 dots per horizontal line if bit X32B is clear and this is also the default power on state. Otherwise, 480 dots per horizontal sync line is chosen when bit X64 is clear and 640 dots per horizontal sync line when bit X64 is set to 1. Please refer to the Table 1 for details.

Table 1. Resolution Setting

(X64, X32B)	(0, 0)	(1, 0)	(0, 1)	(1, 1)
Dots / Line	320	320	480	640
Resolution	CGA	CGA	EGA	VGA

Bit 2 3_S - By setting this bit to 1, R/G/B could output high impedance state if the intensity attribute of characters or windows is set to 0. It means the corresponding R/G/B output will go high impedance instead of driving-high while displaying the low intensity characters or windows. After power on, this bit is reset and the R/G/B are push-pull outputs initially.

Bit 1 FAN - It enables the fan-in/fan-out functions when OSD is turned on from off state or vice versa. If this bit is set, it roughly takes about one second to fully display the whole menu. It also takes 1 second to disappear completely.

Bit 0 FBKGC - It determines the configuration of FBKG output pin. When it is clear. FBKG pin outputs high during displaying characters or windows. Otherwise, FBKG pin outputs high only during displaying characters.
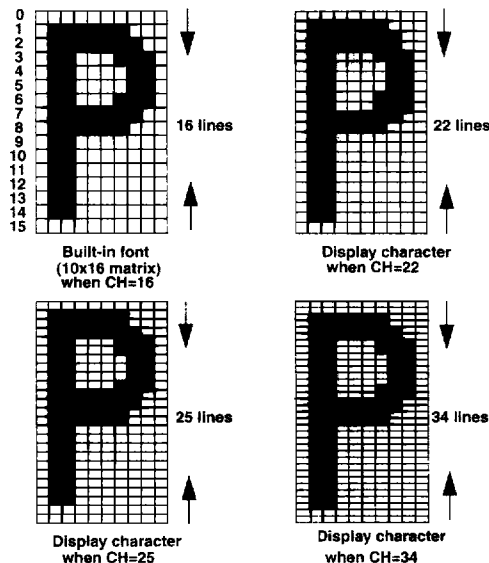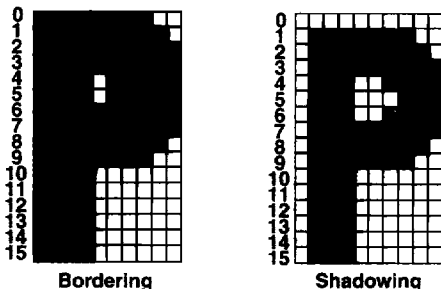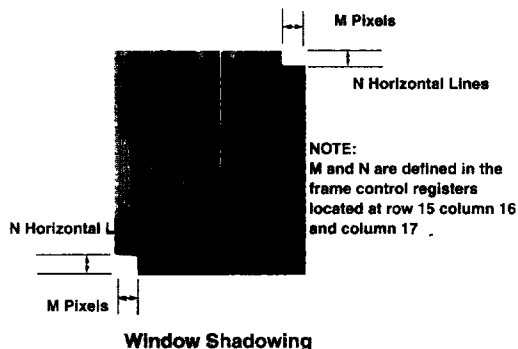

Figure 13. Variable Character Height

Bordering   **Shadowing**

Figure 14. Character Bordering and Shadowing

M Pixels

N Horizontal Lines

NOTE:
M and N are defined in the
frame control registers
located at row 15 column 16
and column 17 .

N Horizontal L

M Pixels

Window Shadowing

Frame Control Register Row 15 Coln 16

ROW 15 COLN 16	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	WW41	WW40	WW31	WW30	WW21	WW20	WW11	WW10

Bit 7-6 WW41, WW40 - It determines the shadow width of the window 4 when the window shadowing function is activated. Please refer to the following table for more details where M is the actual pixel number of the shadowing.

Table 2. Shadow Width Setting

(WW41, WW40)	(0, 0)	(0, 1)	(1, 0)	(1, 1)
Shadow Width M (unit in Pixel)	2	4	6	8

Bit 5-4 WW31, WW30 - Similarly as WW41, WW40, these two bits determine the shadow width of the window 3 when the window shadowing function is activated.

Bit 3-2 WW21, WW20 - Similarly as WW41, WW40, these two bits determine the shadow width of the window 2 when the window shadowing function is activated.

Bit 1-0 WW11, WW10 - Similarly as WW41, WW40, these two bits determine the shadow width of the window 1 when the window shadowing function is activated

Frame Control Register Row 15 Coln 17

ROW 15 COLN 17	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	WH41	WH40	WH31	WH30	WH21	WH20	WH11	WH10

Bit 7-6 WH41, WH40 - It determines the shadow height of the window 4 when the window shadowing function is activated. Please refer to the following table for more details where N is the actual line number of the shadowing.

Table 3. Shadow Width Setting

(WH41, WH40)	(0, 0)	(0, 1)	(1, 0)	(1, 1)
Shadow Height N (unit in Line)	2	4	6	8

Bit 5-4 WH31, WH30 - Similarly as WH41, WH40, these two bits determine the shadow height of the window 3 when the window shadowing function is activated.

Bit 3-2 WH21, WH20 - Similarly as WH41, WH40, these two bits determine the shadow height of the window 2 when the window shadowing function is activated.

Bit 1-0 WH11, WH10 - Similarly as WH41, WH40, these two bits determine the shadow height of the window 1 when the window shadowing function is activated.

Frame Control Register Row 15 Coln 18

| ROW 15 COLN 18	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
						TRIC	HPOL	VPOL

Bit 2   TRIC - Tri-state Control. This bit is used to control the driving state of output pins, R, G, B and FBKG when the OSD is disabled. After power on, this bit is reset and R, G, B and FBKG are in high impedance state while OSD being disabled. If it is set by MCU, these four output pins will drive low while OSD being in disabled state. Basically, the setting is dependent on the requirement of the external application circuit.

Bit 1   HPOL - This bit selects the polarity of the incoming horizontal sync signal ($\overline{HFLB}$). If it is negative polarity, clear this bit. Otherwise, set this bit to 1 to represent the positive H sync signal. After power on, this bit is cleared.

Bit 0   VPOL - This bit selects the polarity of the incoming vertical sync signal ($\overline{VFLB}$). If it is negative polarity, clear this bit. Otherwise, set this bit to 1 to represent the positive V sync signal. After power on, this bit is cleared.

• NOTE: The registers located at column 19 of row 15 are reserved for the chip testing. In normal operation, they should not be programmed anytime.

PWM Control Registers Row 15 Col 20 to Col 31

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
ROW 15 COLN 20-31	MSB			PWM_n				LSB
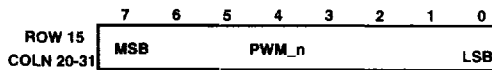
Bit 7-0 HORD - This eight-bit value decides the output duty cycle and waveforms of PWM. There are maximum 12 channels of PWM. And the corresponding registers are located from column 20 to column 31 respectively on row 15.

The higher five bits (MSB) are used for the conventional PWM and the lower 3 bits (LSB) for the BRM. Please refer to the following figures for more information about BRM algorithm and PWM output waveform.
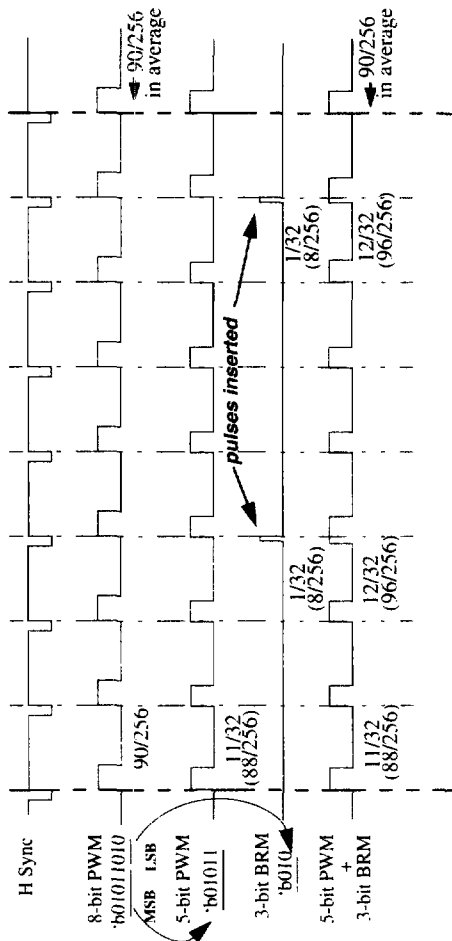
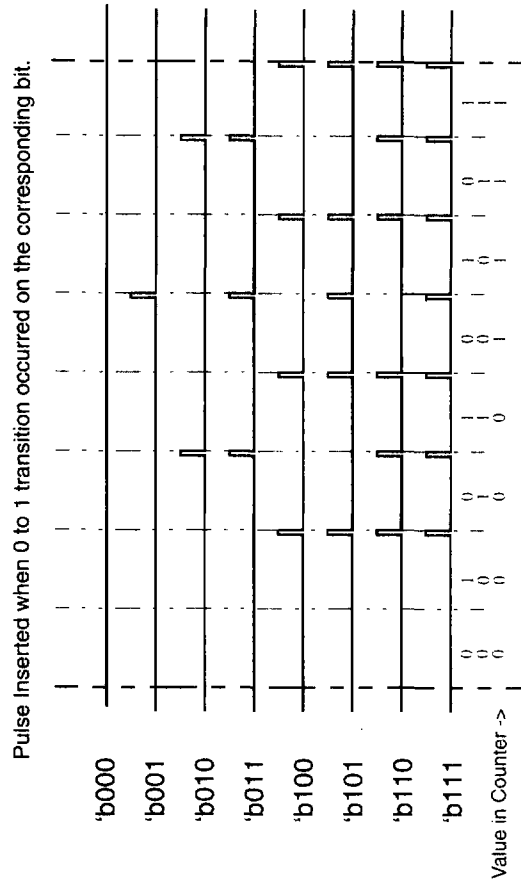**Figure 14. Pure 8-bit PWM v.s. 5-bit PWM + 3-bit BRM**

Figure 15. BRM Pulse Insertion Algorithm

A software called SMOSD-16 FONT EDITOR in IBM PC environment was written for MC141548 editing purposes. It generates a set of S-Record or Binary record for the desired display patterns to be masked onto the character ROM of the MC141548.

In order to have better character display within windows, we suggest you to place your designed character font in the centre of the 10x16 matrix, and let its spaces be equally located in the four sides of the matrix. The character $00 is pre-defined for blank character, the character $FF is pre-defined for full-filled character.

In order to avoid submersion of displayed symbols or characters into a background of comparable colors, a feature of bordering which encircles all four sides, or shadowing which encircles only the right and bottom sides of an individual display character is provided. Figure 14 shows how a character is being jacketed differently. To make sure that a character is bordered or shadowed correctly, at least one dot blank should be reserved on each side of the character font.

Frame Format and Timing

Figure 16 illustrates the positions of all display characters on the screen relative to the leading edge of horizontal and vertical flyback signals. The shaded area indicates the area not interfered by the display characters. Notice that there are two components in the equations stated in Figure 16 for horizontal and vertical delays: fixed delays from the leading edge of $\overline{HFLB}$ and $\overline{VFLB}$ signals, regardless of the values of HORD and VERTD: (47 dots + phase detection pulse width) and one H scan line for horizontal and vertical delays, respectively; variable delays determined by the values of HORD and VERTD. Refer to Frame Control Registers COLN 9 and 10 for the definitions of VERTD and HORD. Phase detection pulse width is a function of the external charge-up resistor, which is the 330 kΩ resistor in a series with 2 kΩ to VCO pin in the Application Diagram. Dot frequency is determined by the equation: H Freq. x 320 if the bit X32B is clear and H Freq. x 480 if bit X32B is set to 1 and bit X64 is 0 and H Freq. x 640 if both bit X32B and bit X64 are set to 1. For example, dot frequency is 10.24 MHz if H freq is 32 KHz while bit X32B is 0. If X32B is 1 and bit X64 is 0, the dot frequency will be 15.36 MHz (one and a half of the original one). If X32B is 1 and bit X64 is also 1, the dot frequency will be 20.48 MHz (double of the original one).

When double character width is selected for a row, only the even-numbered characters will be displayed, as shown in row 2. Notice that the total number of horizontal scan lines in the display frame is variable, depending on the chosen character height of each row. Care should be taken while configuring each row character height so that the last horizontal scan line in the display frame always comes out before the leading edge of $\overline{VFLB}$ of next frame to avoid wrapping display characters of the last few rows in the current frame into the next frame. The number of display dots in a horizontal scan line is always fixed at 300, regardless of row character width and the setting of bit X32B and X64.

Although there are 30 character display registers that can be programmed for each row, not every programmed character can be shown on the screen in 320 dots resolution. Usually, only 24 characters can be shown in this resolution at most. This is induced by the retrace time that is required to retrace the H scan line. In other resolution, 480 dots and 640 dots, 30 characters can be displayed on the screen totally if the horizontal delay register is set properly.

Figure 17 illustrates the timing of all output signals as a function of window and fast blanking features. Line 3 of all three characters is used to illustrate the timing signals. The shaded area depicts the window area. Both the left hand side and right hand side characters are embodied in a window with only one difference: FBKGC bit. The middle character does not have a window as its background. Timing of signal FBKG depends on the configuration of FBKGC bit. The configuration of FBKGC bits affects only FBKG signal timing. Waveform 'R, G or B', which is the actual waveform at R, G, or B pin, is the logical OR of waveform 'character R, G or B' and waveform 'window R, G or B'. 'Character R, G, or B' and 'window R, G, or B' are internal signals for illustration purpose only.
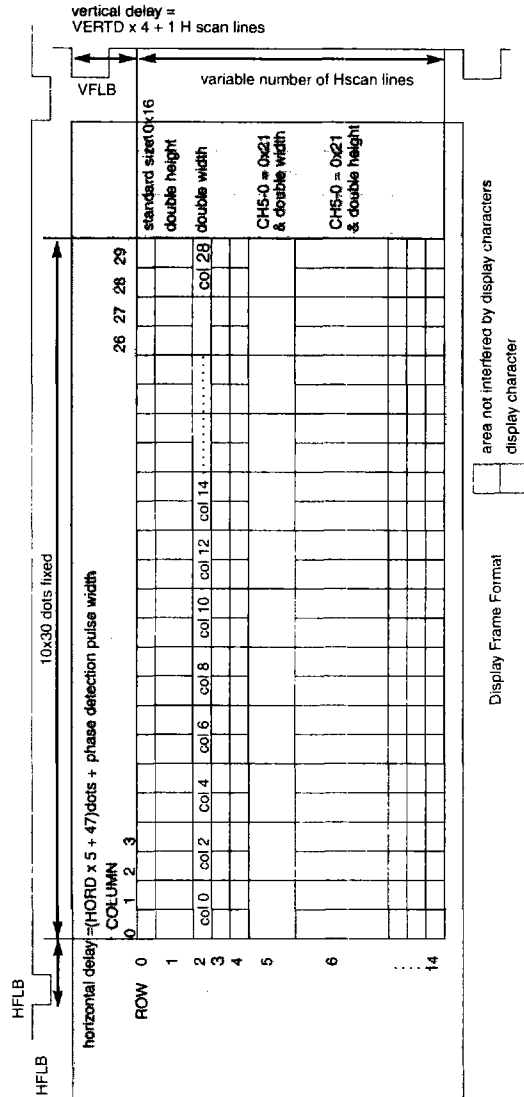

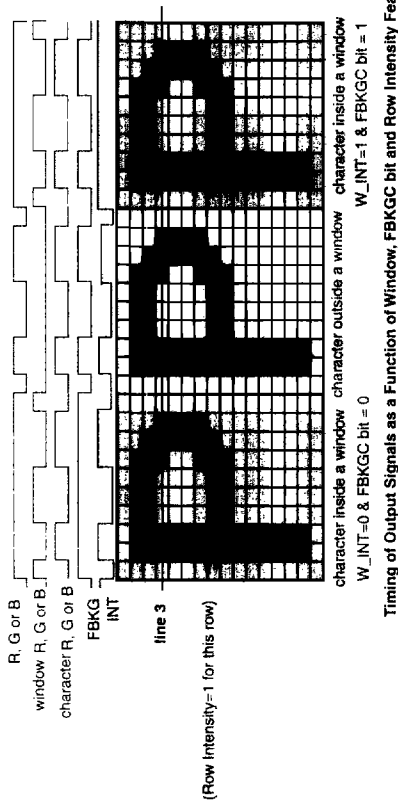**Figure 16. Display Frame Format**

FONT

MC141549 contains 256 character/symbol fonts including 8 RAM fonts and 248 ROM fonts. The RAM fonts occupy the font number $00 to $07 and their patterns can be changed at any time via the SPI or MBUS protocol described above. The masked ROM fonts are fixed and located from number $08 to $FF. See the figures on the next page for the details fonts mapping.

Icon Combination

User can create On-Screen menu based on those characters and icons. Please refer to Table 4 for Icon combination. Address $00 & $FF are pre-defined characters for testing.

Table 4. Combination Map 1

ICON	ROM ADDRESS(HEX)
RAM CHARACTERS	00-07
ARABIC NUMERALS	09-11
ALPHABET	12-2D
EUROPEAN	2E-48
JAPANESE	49-81
SYMBOLS	82-C4, EF-FE
GEOMETRY	C5-EE

ROM CONTENT

Figures 18 – 21 show the ROM content of MC141549. Mask ROM is optional for custom parts.
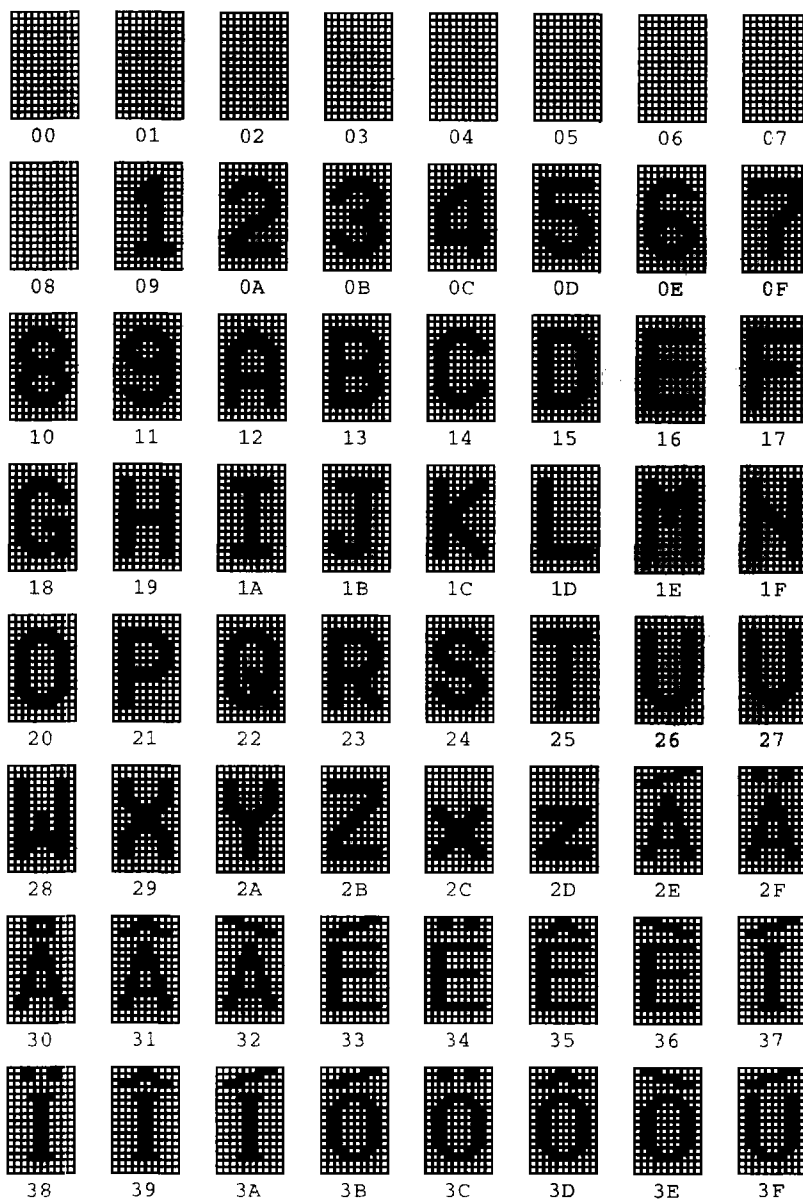

Figure 17. Timing of Output Signals
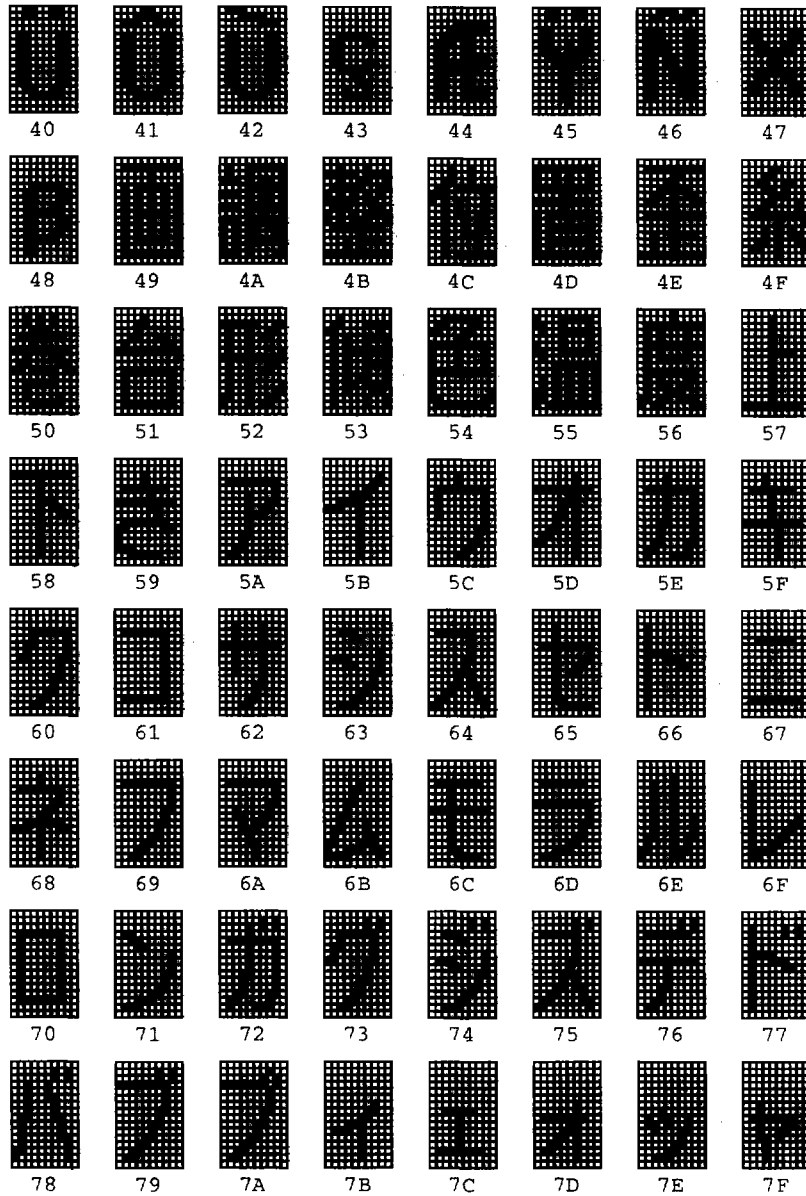
Figure 18. ROM Address ($08 - $3F)

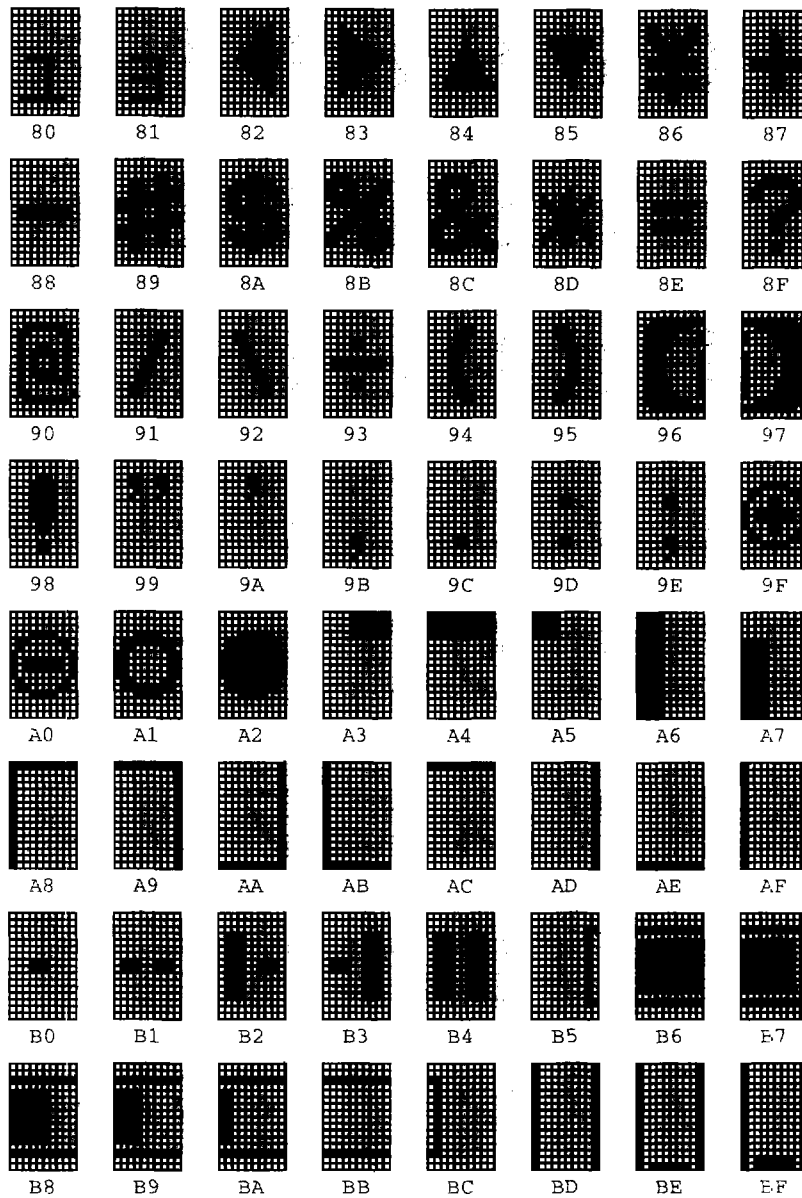Figure 19. ROM Address ($40 - $7F)
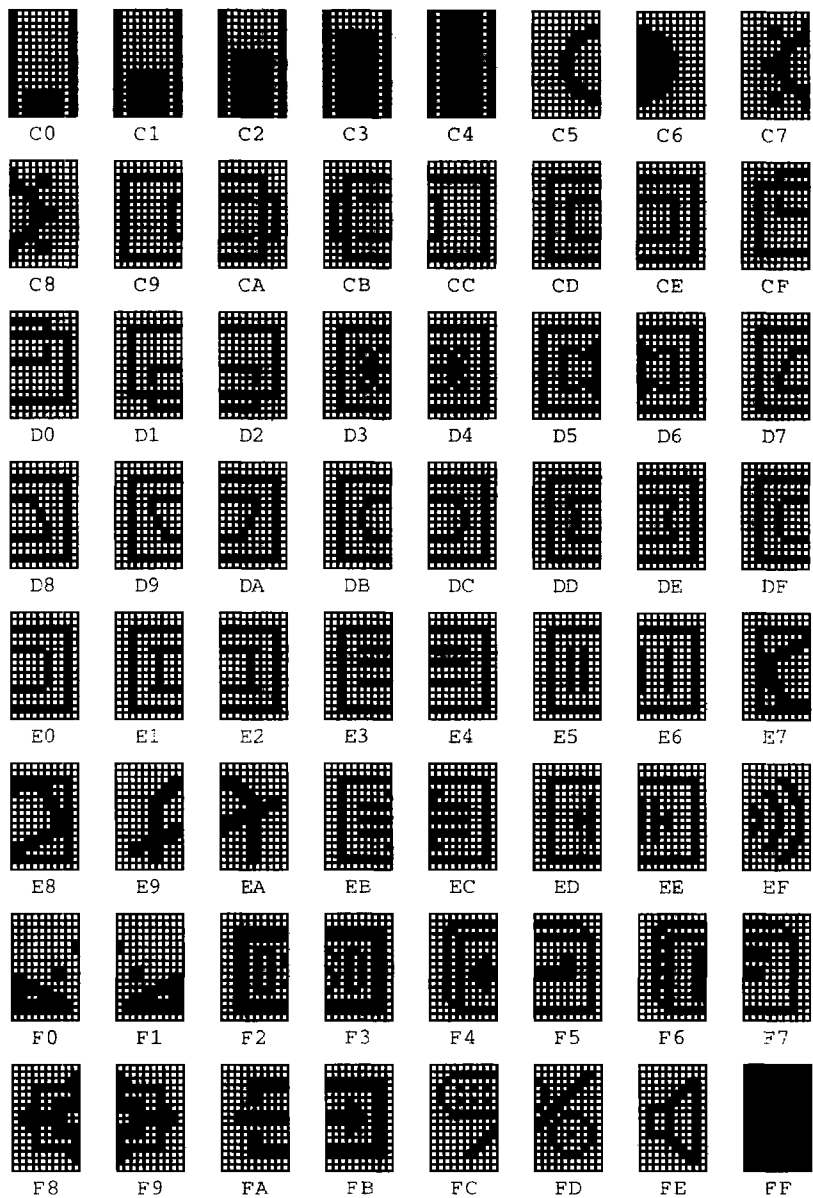
Figure 20. ROM Address ($80 - $BF)

Figure 21. ROM Address ($C0 - $FF)

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Distortion

Motorola's MC141549P has a built-in PLL for multisystems application. Pin 2 voltage is a dc basing for the internal VCO in the PLL. When the input frequency (HFLB) in Pin 5 becomes higher, the VCO voltage will increase accordingly. The built-in PLL then has a higher locked frequency output. The frequency should be equal to 320/480/640 x HFLB (depends on resolution). It is the dot-clock in each horizontal line.

Display distortion is caused by noise in Pin 2. Positive noise makes VCO run faster than normal. The corresponding scan line will be shorter accordingly. In contrast, negative noise causes the scan line to be longer. The net result will be distortion on the display, especially on the right hand side with window turn on.

In order to have distortion-free display, the following recommendations should be considered.

- Only analog part grounds (Pin 2 to Pin 4) can be connected to Pin 1($V_{SS(A)}$). V_{SS} and other grounds should connect to PCB common ground. Then the $V_{SS(A)}$ and V_{SS} grounds should be totally separated (i.e. $V_{SS(A)}$ is floating). Refer to the Application Diagram for the ground connections.

- DC supply path for Pin 9 (V_{DD}) should be separated from other switching devices.
- LC filter should be connected between Pin 9 and Pin 4. Refer to the values used in the Application Diagram.
- Biasing and filter networks should be connected to Pin 2 and Pin 3. Refer to the recommended networks in the Application Diagram.

Jittering

Most display jittering is caused by HFLB jittering in Pin 5. Care must be taken if the HFLB signal comes from the flyback transformer. A short path and shielded cable are recommended for a clean signal. A small capacitor can be added between Pin 5 – Pin 16 to smooth the signal. Refer to the value used in the Application Diagram.

Display Dancing

Most display dancing is caused by interference of the serial bus. It can be avoided by adding resistors in the bus in series.

APPLICATION DIAGRAM