

- Internal Look-Ahead for Fast Counting
- Carry Output for n-Bit Cascading
- Synchronous Counting
- Synchronously Programmable

**description**

These synchronous, presettable counters feature an internal carry look-ahead for application in high-speed counting designs. The 'ALS160 and 'ALS162 are decade counters, and the 'ALS161 and 'ALS163 are 4-bit binary counters. Synchronous operation is provided by having all flip-flops clocked simultaneously so that the outputs change coincident with each other when so instructed by the count-enable inputs and internal gating. This mode of operation eliminates the output counting spikes that are normally associated with asynchronous (ripple clock) counters. A buffered clock input triggers the four flip-flops on the rising (positive-going) edge of the clock input waveform.

These counters are fully programmable; that is, the outputs may be preset to either level. As presetting is synchronous, setting up a low level at the load input disables the counter and causes the outputs to agree with the setup data after the next clock pulse regardless of the levels of the enable inputs.

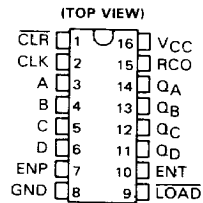
The clear function for the 'ALS160 and 'ALS161 is asynchronous and a low level at the clear input sets both of the flip-flop outputs low regardless of the levels of the clock, load, or enable inputs.

The clear function for the 'ALS162 and 'ALS163 is synchronous and a low level at the clear input sets both of the flip-flop outputs low after the next clock pulse, regardless of the levels of the enable inputs. This synchronous clear allows the count length to be modified easily as decoding the maximum count desired can be accomplished with one external NAND gate. The gate output is connected to the clear input to synchronously clear the counter to 0000 (LLLL).

The carry look-ahead circuitry provides for cascading counters for n-bit synchronous applications without additional gating. Instrumental in accomplishing this function are two count-enable inputs and a ripple carry output. Both count-enable inputs (ENP and ENT) must be high to count, and ENT is fed forward to enable the ripple carry output. The ripple carry output (RCO) thus enabled will produce a high-level pulse while the count is maximum (9 or 15 with  $Q_A$  high). This high-level overflow ripple carry pulse can be used to enable successive cascaded stages. Transitions at the ENP or ENT are allowed regardless of the level of the clock input.

These counters feature a fully independent clock circuit. Changes at control inputs (ENP, ENT, or  $\overline{\text{LOAD}}$ ) that will modify the operating mode have no effect on the contents of the counter until clocking occurs. The function of the counter (whether enabled, disabled, loading, or counting) will be dictated solely by the conditions meeting the stable setup and hold times.

The SN54ALS160 through SN54ALS163 are characterized for operation over the full military temperature range of -55°C to 125°C. The SN74ALS160 through SN74ALS163 are characterized for operation from 0°C to 70°C.

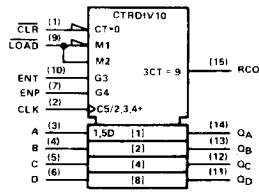


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N Suffix—Case 648-05 (Plastic)

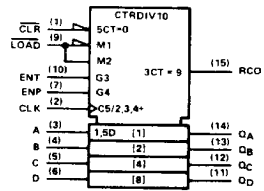
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SN74ALS160, SN74ALS162  
SYNCHRONOUS 4-BIT DECADE COUNTERS**

logic symbols

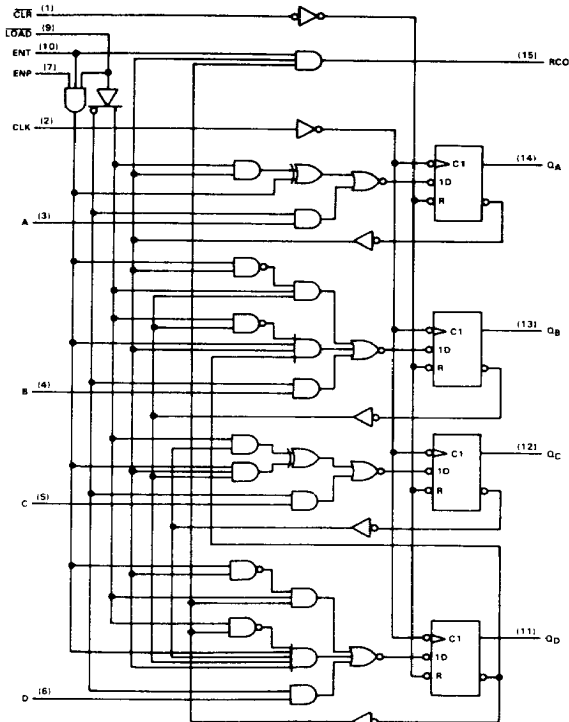
**'ALS160 DECADE  
COUNTER WITH DIRECT CLEAR**



**'ALS162 DECADE  
COUNTER WITH SYNCHRONOUS CLEAR**



**'ALS160 logic diagram (positive logic)**

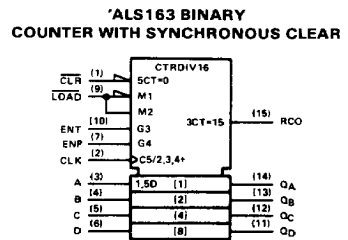
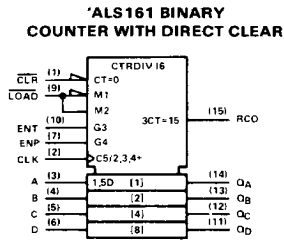


'ALS162 decade counter is similar; however the clear is synchronous as shown for the 'ALS163 binary counter on the following page.

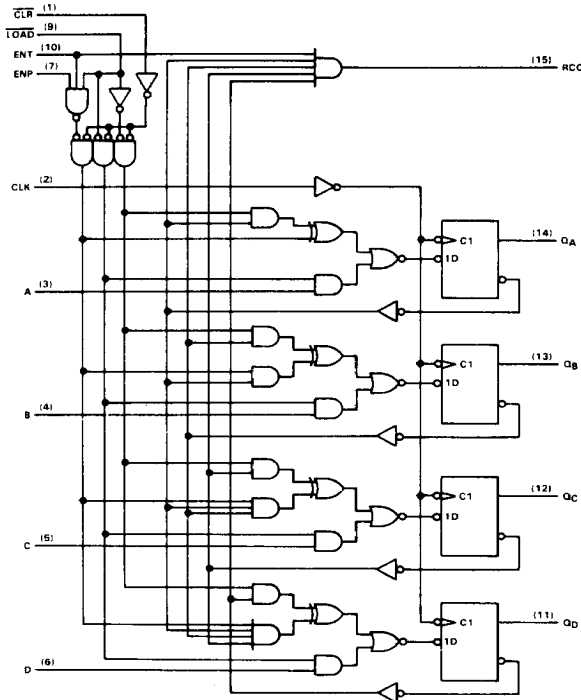
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**TYPES SN54ALS161, SN54ALS163  
SN57ALS161, SN74ALS163  
SYNCHRONOUS 4-BIT BINARY COUNTERS**

logic symbols



'ALS163 logic diagram (positive logic)



'ALS161 synchronous binary counter is similar; however the clear is asynchronous as shown for the 'ALS160 decade counter on the preceding page.

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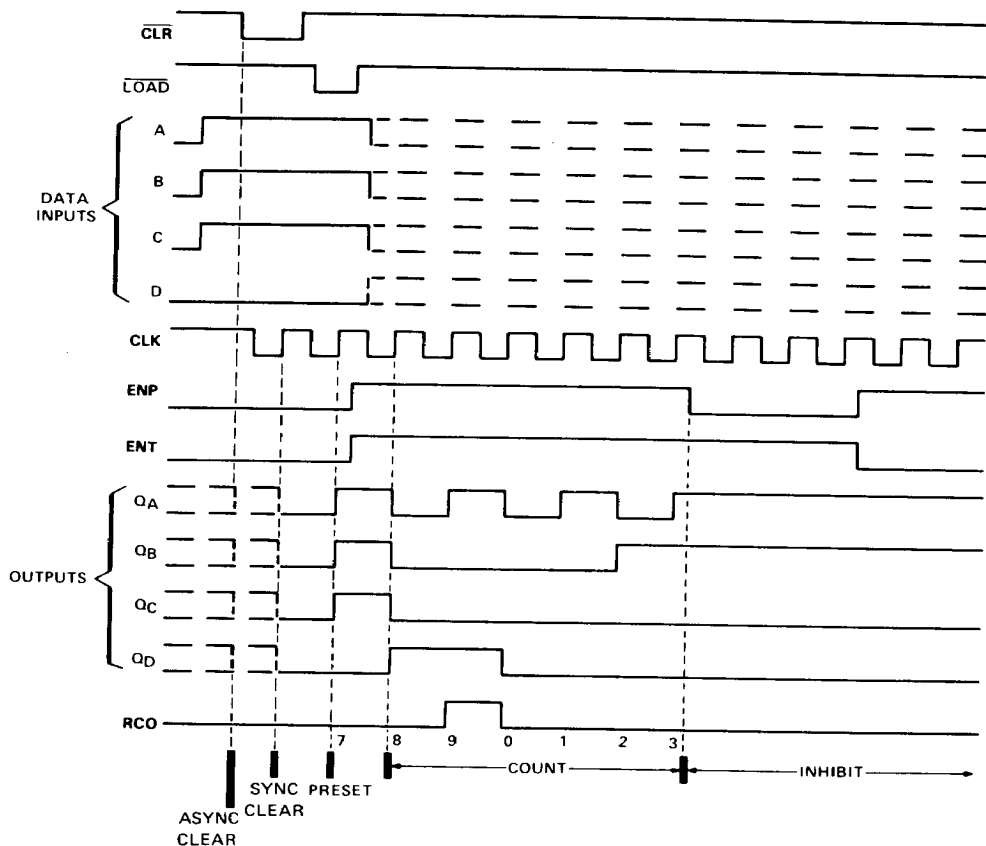
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SYNCHRONOUS 4-BIT DECADE COUNTERS**

typical clear, preset, count, and inhibit sequences

'ALS160, 'ALS162

Illustrated below is the following sequence:

1. Clear outputs to zero ('ALS160 is asynchronous, 'ALS162 is synchronous)
2. Preset to BCD seven
3. Count to eight, nine, zero, one, two, and three
4. Inhibit



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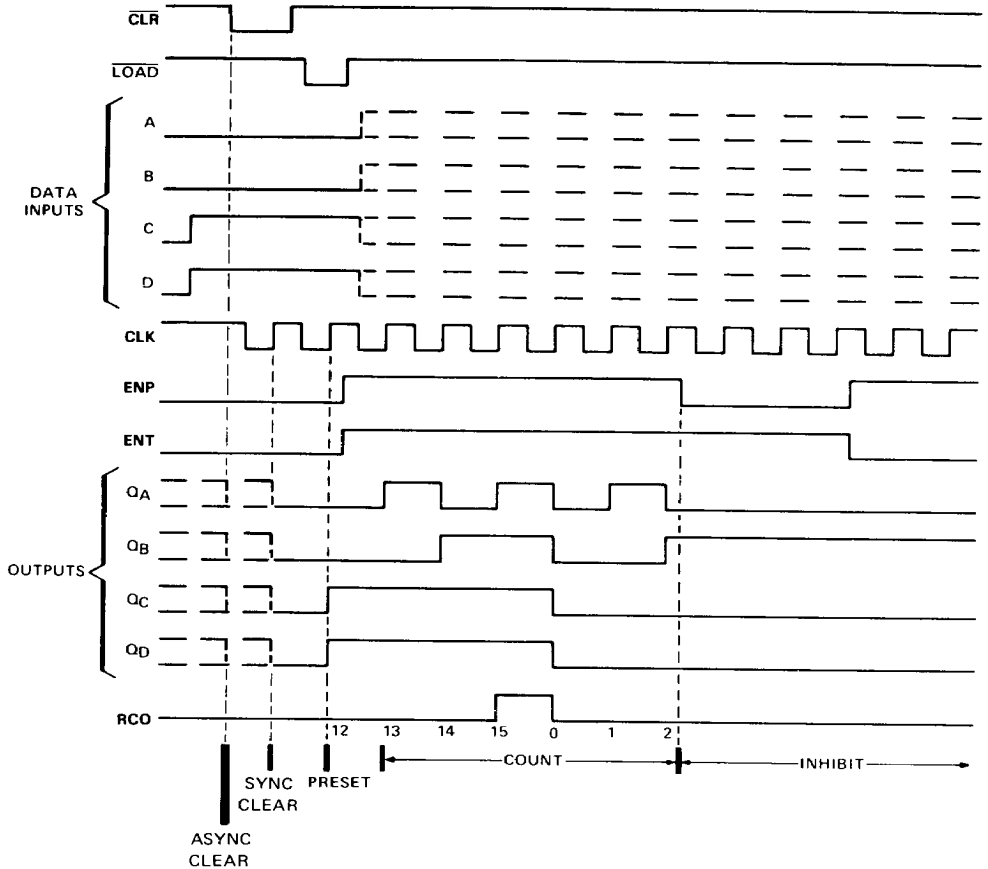
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SN74ALS161, SN74ALS163  
SYNCHRONOUS 4-BIT BINARY COUNTERS**

typical clear, preset, count, and inhibit sequences

'ALS161, 'ALS163

Illustrated below is the following sequence:

1. Clear outputs to zero ('ALS161 is asynchronous, 'ALS163 is synchronous)
2. Preset to binary twelve
3. Count to thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, zero, one, and two
4. Inhibit



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**TYPES SN54ALS160 THRU SN54ALS163  
SN74ALS160 THRU SN74ALS163  
SYNCHRONOUS 4-BIT DECADE AND BINARY COUNTERS**

absolute maximum ratings over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

Supply voltage, $V_{CC}$ .....	7 V
Input voltage .....	7 V
Operating free-air temperature range: SN54ALS160 thru SN54ALS163 .....	-55°C to 125°C
SN74ALS160 thru SN74ALS163 .....	0°C to 70°C
Storage temperature range .....	-65°C to 150°C

recommended operating conditions

		SN54ALS160 THRU SN54ALS163			SN74ALS160 THRU SN74ALS163			UNIT	
		MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX		
$V_{CC}$	Supply voltage	4.5	5	5.5	4.5	5	5.5	V	
$V_{IH}$	High-level input voltage	2			2			V	
$V_{IL}$	Low-level input voltage			0.8			0.8	V	
$I_{OH}$	High-level output voltage			-0.4			-0.4	mA	
$I_{OL}$	Low-level output current			4			8	mA	
$f_{clock}$	Clock frequency	'ALS160, 'ALS162 'ALS161, 'ALS163		0	30	0	30	MHz	
				0	30	0	30		
$t_w$	Pulse duration	CLK High		18		15		ns	
		CLK Low		15		15			
		'ALS160, 'ALS161 CLR low		18		16			
$t_{su}$	Setup time before CLK†	A, B, C, D		15		15		ns	
		ENP, ENT	'ALS160, 'ALS161 'ALS162, 'ALS163		20		20		
			'ALS160, 'ALS161 CLR inactive		15		15		
		'ALS162, 'ALS163	CLR Low		25		25		
			CLR high (inactive)		15		15		
$t_h$	Hold time, all synchronous inputs after CLK†			0		0		ns	
$T_A$	Operating free-air temperature			-55	125	0	70	°C	

electrical characteristics over recommended operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS		SN54ALS160 THRU SN54ALS163		SN74ALS160 THRU SN74ALS163		UNIT	
				MIN	TYP‡	MAX	MIN		TYP‡
$V_{IK}$		$V_{CC} = 4.5 V, I_I = -18 mA$						V	
$V_{OH}$		$I_{OH} = -0.4 mA$		$V_{CC}-2$				V	
		$I_{OH} = -0.4 mA$				$V_{CC}-2$			
$V_{OL}$		$V_{CC} = 4.5 V, I_{OL} = 4 mA$			0.25	0.4	0.25	0.4	V
		$V_{CC} = 4.5 V, I_{OL} = 8 mA$					0.35	0.5	
$I_I$	LOAD, CLK or ENT	$V_{CC} = 5.5 V, V_I = 7 V$						mA	
	All other					0.2	0.2		
$I_{IH}$	LOAD, CLK or ENT	$V_{CC} = 5.5 V, V_I = 0.4 V$						$\mu A$	
	All other					40	40		
$I_{IL}$		$V_{CC} = 5.5 V, V_I = 0.4 V$						mA	
$I_O^*$		$V_{CC} = 5.5 V, V_O = 2.25 V$				-30	-112	mA	
$I_{CCL}$		$V_{CC} = 5.5 V$						mA	
$I_{CCH}$		$V_{CC} = 5.5 V$						mA	

†All typical values are at  $V_{CC} = 5 V, T_A = 25^\circ C$ .

\*The current produced by grounding the outputs is approximately twice that produced with 2.25 V on the outputs.

**TYPES SN54ALS160 AND SN54ALS162  
SN74ALS160 AND SN74ALS162  
SYNCHRONOUS 4-BIT DECADE AND BINARY COUNTERS**

**'ALS160 switching characteristics**

PARAMETER	FROM (INPUT)	TO (OUTPUT)	$V_{CC} = 4.5 \text{ V to } 5.5 \text{ V,}$ $C_L = 50 \text{ pF,}$ $R_L = 500 \Omega,$ $T_A = \text{MIN to MAX}$				UNIT
			SN54ALS160 SN54ALS161		SN74ALS160 SN74ALS161		
			MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
$f_{max}$	'ALS160		30		30		MHz
	'ALS161		30		30		
$t_{PLH}$	CLK	RCO	8	25	8	23	ns
$t_{PHL}$			7	20	7	20	
$t_{PLH}$	CLK	Any Q	4	22	4	22	ns
$t_{PHL}$			6	28	6	28	
$t_{PLH}$	ENT	RCO	5	20	5	20	ns
$t_{PHL}$			4	16	4	16	
$t_{PHL}$	CLR	Any Q	8	28	8	28	ns
$t_{PHL}$			11	35	11	30	

**'ALS162 switching characteristics**

PARAMETER	FROM (INPUT)	TO (OUTPUT)	$V_{CC} = 4.5 \text{ V to } 5.5 \text{ V,}$ $C_L = 50 \text{ pF,}$ $R_L = 500 \Omega,$ $T_A = \text{MIN to MAX}$				UNIT
			SN54ALS162 SN54ALS163		SN74ALS162 SN74ALS163		
			MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
$f_{max}$	'ALS162		30		30		MHz
	'ALS163		30		30		
$t_{PLH}$	CLK	RCO	8	25	8	23	ns
$t_{PHL}$			7	20	7	20	
$t_{PLH}$	CLK	Any Q	4	22	4	22	ns
$t_{PHL}$			6	28	6	28	
$t_{PLH}$	ENT	RCO	5	20	5	20	ns
$t_{PHL}$			4	16	4	16	

See next page for 161 and 163.

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**TYPES SN54ALS161 AND SN54ALS163  
SN74ALS161 AND SN74ALS163  
SYNCHRONOUS 4-BIT DECADE AND BINARY COUNTERS**

**'ALS161 switching characteristics**

PARAMETER	FROM (INPUT)	TO (OUTPUT)	V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V to 5.5 V, C <sub>L</sub> = 50 pF, R <sub>L</sub> = 500 Ω, T <sub>A</sub> = MIN to MAX				UNIT
			SN54ALS160 SN54ALS161		SN74ALS160 SN74ALS161		
			MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
f <sub>max</sub>		'ALS160	30		30	MHz	
		'ALS161	30		30		
t <sub>PLH</sub>	CLK	RCO	8	25	8	23	ns
t <sub>PHL</sub>			7	20	7	20	
t <sub>PLH</sub>	CLK	Any Q	4	22	4	22	ns
t <sub>PHL</sub>			6	26	6	26	
t <sub>PLH</sub>	ENT	RCO	5	20	5	20	ns
t <sub>PHL</sub>			4	16	4	16	
t <sub>PLH</sub>	CLR	Any Q	8	28	8	28	ns
t <sub>PHL</sub>			11	31	11	28	

**'ALS163 switching characteristics**

PARAMETER	FROM (INPUT)	TO (OUTPUT)	V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V to 5.5 V, C <sub>L</sub> = 50 pF, R <sub>L</sub> = 500 Ω, T <sub>A</sub> = MIN to MAX				UNIT
			SN54ALS162 SN54ALS163		SN74ALS162 SN74ALS163		
			MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
f <sub>max</sub>		'ALS162	30		30	MHz	
		'ALS163	30		30		
t <sub>PLH</sub>	CLK	RCO	8	25	8	23	ns
t <sub>PHL</sub>			7	20	7	20	
t <sub>PLH</sub>	CLK	Any Q	4	22	4	22	ns
t <sub>PHL</sub>			6	28	6	28	
t <sub>PLH</sub>	ENT	RCO	5	20	5	20	ns
t <sub>PHL</sub>			4	16	4	16	

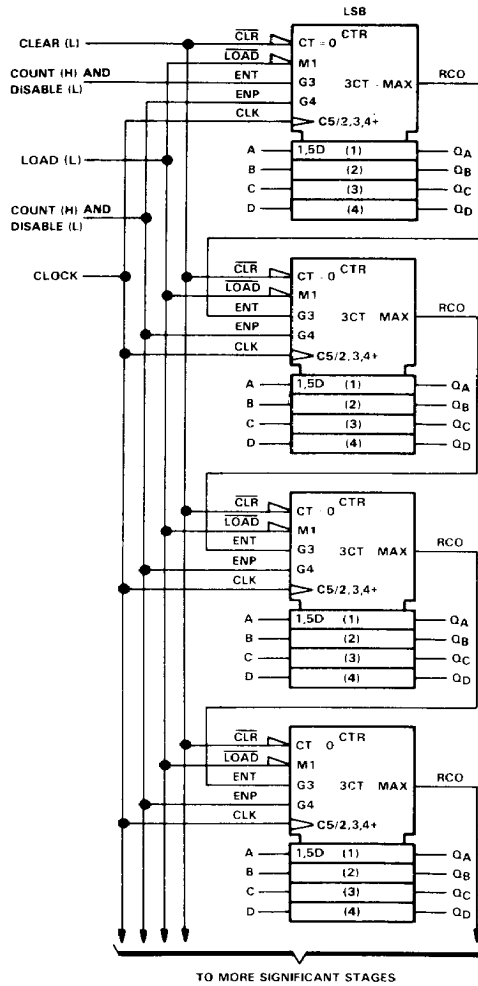
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SN74ALS160 THRU SN74ALS163  
SYNCHRONOUS 4-BIT DECADE AND BINARY COUNTERS**

**TYPICAL APPLICATION DATA**

**N-BIT SYNCHRONOUS COUNTERS**

This application demonstrates how the look-ahead carry circuit can be used to implement a high-speed n-bit counter. The 'ALS160 and 'ALS162 will count in BCD and the 'ALS161 and 'ALS163 will count in binary. Virtually any count mode (modulo-N,  $N_1$ -to- $N_2$ ,  $N_1$ -to-maximum) can be used with this fast look-ahead circuit.



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