

# ML9289-xx

## Vacuum fluorescent display tube controller driver

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The ML9289-xx is an alphanumeric type vacuum fluorescent display (VFD) tube controller driver IC which can display alphanumeric characters, symbols, and bar charts.

Vacuum fluorescent display tube drive signals are generated by serial data sent from a micro-controller. A display system is easily realized by internal ROM and RAM for character display.

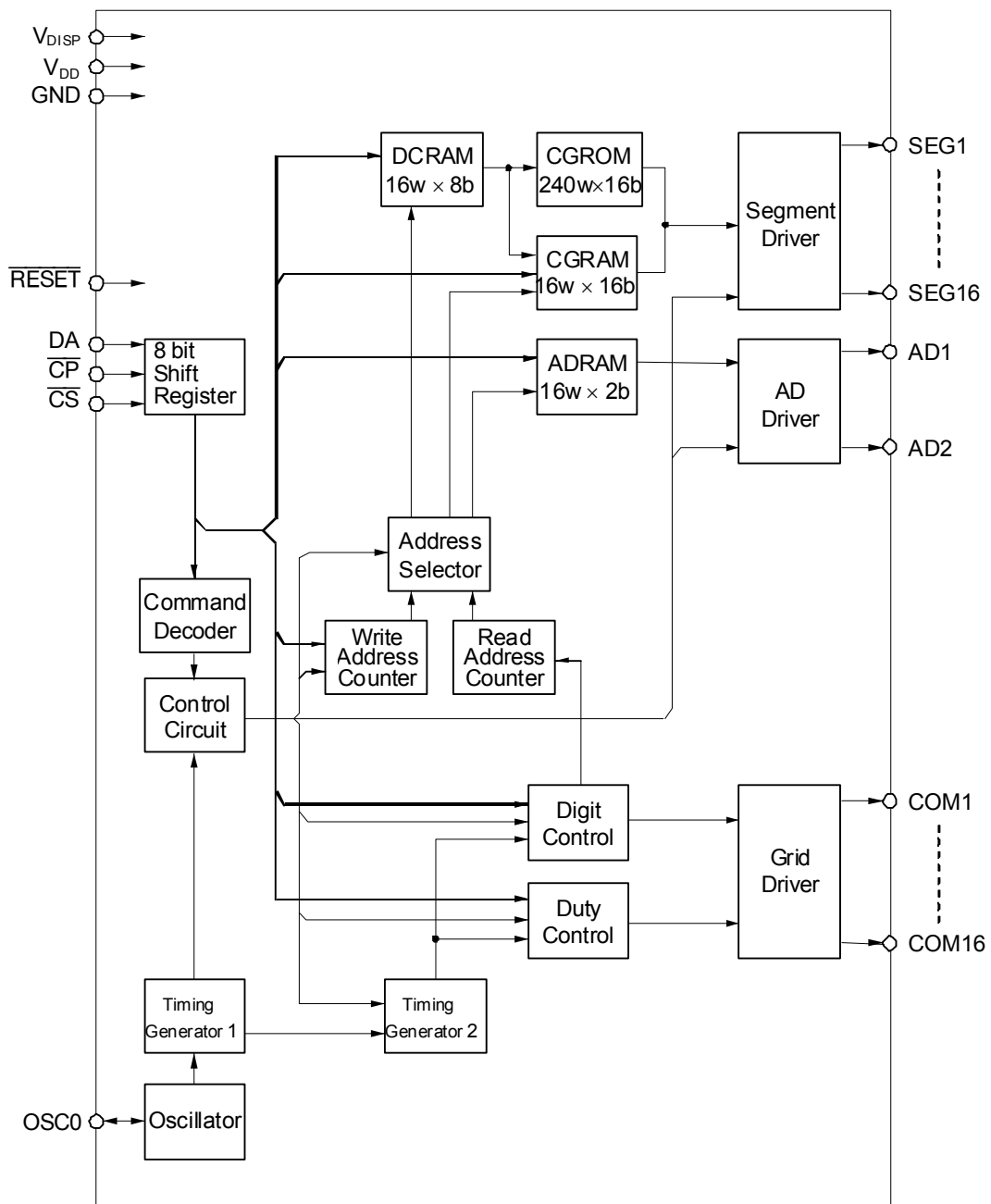
-01 is available as a general-purpose code.

Custom codes are provided on customer's request.

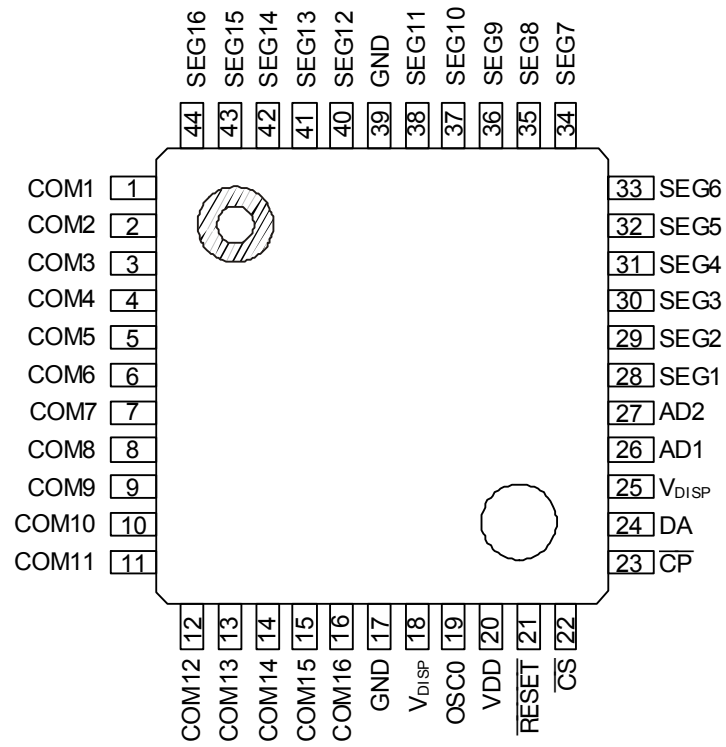
### FEATURES

- Logic power supply ( $V_{DD}$ ) : 3.3 V $\pm$ 10% or 5.0 V $\pm$ 10%
- Vacuum fluorescent display tube driving power supply ( $V_{DISP}$ ) : 20V to 42V
- VFD driver output current  
(VFD driver output can be connected directly to the VFD tube. No pull-down resistor is required.)
  - Segment driver (SEG1–16) : –6 mA ( $V_{DISP} = 42$  V)
  - Segment driver (AD1, 2) : –15 mA ( $V_{DISP} = 42$  V)
  - Grid driver (COM1–16) : –30 mA ( $V_{DISP} = 42$  V)
- Content of display
  - CGROM : 16 segments 240 types (character data)
  - CGRAM : 16 segments 16 types (character data)
  - ADRAM : 16 (display digit)  $\times$  2 bits (symbol data)
  - DCRAM : 16 (display digit)  $\times$  8 bits (register for character data display)
- Display control function
  - Display digits : 1 to 16 digits
  - Display duty (brightness adjustment) : 16 stages
  - All display lights ON/OFF
- Four interfaces with microcontroller: DA,  $\overline{CS}$ ,  $\overline{CP}$ ,  $\overline{RESET}$
- Instruction executable with 1 byte (excluding data write for each RAM)
- Built-in oscillation circuit (resistor & capacitor connected externally)
- Package options:
  - AL-Pad Chip (ML9289-xxWA)
  - 44-pin plastic QFP (QFP44-P-910-0.80-2K) (ML9289-xxGA)
  - 48-pin plastic TQFP (TQFP48-P-0707-0.50-K) (ML9289-xxTB)

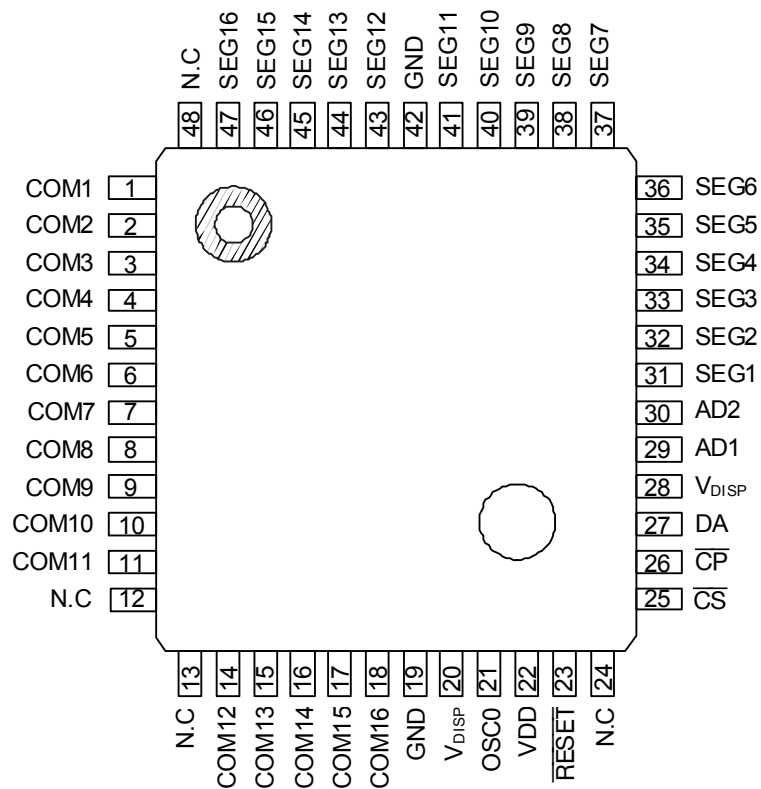
**BLOCK DIAGRAM**



**PIN CONFIGURATION (TOP VIEW)**



**44-Pin Plastic QFP**



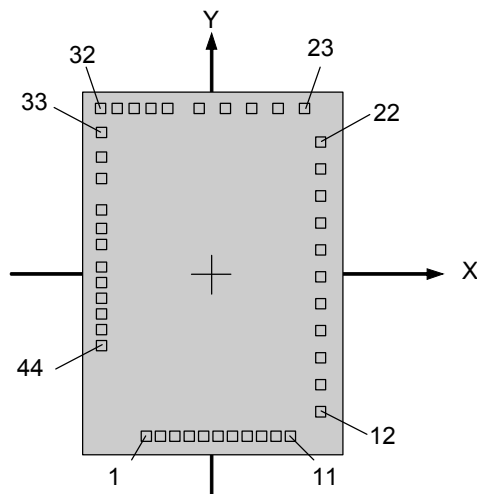
N.C.: No-Connection pin

**48-Pin Plastic TQFP**

## PIN CONFIGURATION

### Pad Layout

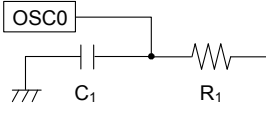
Chip Size: 2.30 × 3.20 mm  
 Chip Thickness: 280 ±30 μm  
 Pad Size: Metal 90 × 90 μm, PV Pad hole 70 × 70 μm



### Pad Coordinates

Pad No	Symbol	X (μm)	Y (μm)	Pad No	Symbol	X (μm)	Y (μm)
1	SEG7	-638	-1465	23	COM12	811	1465
2	SEG8	-522	-1465	24	COM13	567	1465
3	SEG9	-406	-1465	25	COM14	323	1465
4	SEG10	-290	-1465	26	COM15	79	1465
5	SEG11	-174	-1465	27	COM16	-165	1465
6	GND	-39	-1465	28	GND	-435	1465
7	SEG12	91	-1465	29	VDISP	-575	1465
8	SEG13	207	-1465	30	OSC0	-715	1465
9	SEG14	323	-1465	31	VDD	-855	1465
10	SEG15	439	-1465	32	RESET	-1015	1465
11	SEG16	555	-1465	33	CS	-1015	1225
12	COM1	1015	-1308	34	CP	-1015	985
13	COM2	1015	-1064	35	DA	-1015	745
14	COM3	1015	-820	36	VDISP	-1015	415
15	COM4	1015	-576	37	AD1	-1015	196
16	COM5	1015	-332	38	AD2	-1015	65
17	COM6	1015	-88	39	SEG1	-1015	-123
18	COM7	1015	156	40	SEG2	-1015	-253
19	COM8	1015	400	41	SEG3	-1015	-383
20	COM9	1015	644	42	SEG4	-1015	-513
21	COM10	1015	888	43	SEG5	-1015	-643
22	COM11	1015	1132	44	SEG6	-1015	-773

## PIN DESCRIPTION

Pin		Symbol	Type	Connects to	Description
QFP	TQFP				
28–38, 40–44	31-41, 43-47	SEG1–16	O	VFD tube anode electrode	VFD tube anode electrode drive output. Directly connected to the VFD tube and no pull-down resistor is required. $I_{OH} > -6$ mA
1–16	1-11, 14-18	COM1–16	O	VFD tube grid electrode	VFD tube grid electrode drive output. Directly connected to the VFD tube and no pull-down resistor is required. $I_{OH} > -30$ mA
26, 27	29,30	AD1–2	O	VFD tube anode electrode	VFD tube anode electrode drive output. Directly connected to the VFD tube and no pull-down resistor is required. $I_{OH} > -15$ mA
18, 25	20,28	$V_{DISP}$	—	Power supply	The voltage supply between $V_{DD}$ and GND is for the power supply for the internal logic. The voltage supply between $V_{DISP}$ and GND is for the power supply for driving the VFD tube. Apply power to $V_{DD}$ first, then to $V_{DISP}$ .
20	22	$V_{DD}$			
17,39	19,42	GND			
24	27	DA	I	Microcontroller	Serial data input pin. Data is input from the LSB.
23	26	$\overline{CP}$	I	Microcontroller	Shift clock input pin. Serial data is shifted in on a rising edge of $\overline{CP}$ when $\overline{CS}$ pin is "L" level.
22	25	$\overline{CS}$	I	Microcontroller	Chip select input pin. Serial data transfer is enabled when $\overline{CS}$ pin is "L" level.
21	23	$\overline{RESET}$	I	Microcontroller	Reset input. Setting this pin to "Low" initializes all the functions. Initial status is as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address of each RAM ..... Address "00"H</li> <li>• Data of each RAM..... Content is undefined</li> <li>• Display digit..... 16 digits</li> <li>• Brightness adjustment ..... 0/16</li> <li>• All display lights ON or OFF ..... OFF mode</li> <li>• All outputs ..... Low level</li> </ul>
19	21	OSC0	I/O	$C_1, R_1$	Pin for RC oscillation. Resistors and capacitors are connected externally and constants vary depending on the $V_{DD}$ voltage used. The target oscillation frequency is 2MHz.  *Refer to the Application Circuit.
-	12, 13, 24, 48	N.C	-	Open	No-Connection pin.

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Rating	Unit
Supply Voltage (1)	V <sub>DD</sub>	—	−0.3 to +6.5	V
Supply Voltage (2)	V <sub>DISP</sub>	—	−0.3 to +45	V
Input Voltage	V <sub>IN</sub>	—	−0.3 to V <sub>DD</sub> +0.3	V
Power Dissipation	P <sub>D</sub>	T <sub>a</sub> ≥ 25°C 44-pin plastic QFP	541	mW
Storage Temperature	T <sub>STG</sub>	—	−55 to +150	°C
Output Current	I <sub>O1</sub>	COM1–16	−40 to 0.0	mA
	I <sub>O2</sub>	AD1–2	−20 to 0.0	mA
	I <sub>O3</sub>	SEG1–16	−10 to 0.0	mA

**RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS-1**

- When the unit power supply voltage is 5.0 V (typ.)

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Supply Voltage (1)	V <sub>DD</sub>	—	4.5	5.0	5.5	V
Supply Voltage (2)	V <sub>DISP</sub>	—	20	—	42	V
High Level Input Voltage	V <sub>IH</sub>	All input pins except OSC0	0.7 V <sub>DD</sub>	—	—	V
Low Level Input Voltage	V <sub>IL</sub>	All input pins except OSC0	—	—	0.3 V <sub>DD</sub>	V
CP frequency	f <sub>C</sub>	—	—	—	2.0	MHz
Self-oscillation frequency	f <sub>OSC</sub>	R <sub>1</sub> = 8.2 kΩ±5%, C <sub>1</sub> = 82 pF±5%	1.4	2.0	2.6	MHz
Frame Frequency	f <sub>FR</sub>	DIGIT = 1 to 16, R <sub>1</sub> = 8.2 kΩ±5%, C <sub>1</sub> = 82 pF±5%	170	244	318	Hz
Operating Temperature	T <sub>op</sub>	44-pin plastic QFP	−40	—	85	°C
	T <sub>j</sub>	AL-Pad Chip	−40	—	105	

**RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS-2**

- When the unit power supply voltage is 3.3 V (typ.)

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Supply Voltage (1)	V <sub>DD</sub>	—	3.0	3.3	3.6	V
Supply Voltage (2)	V <sub>DISP</sub>	—	20	—	42	V
High Level Input Voltage	V <sub>IH</sub>	All input pins except OSC0	0.8 V <sub>DD</sub>	—	—	V
Low Level Input Voltage	V <sub>IL</sub>	All input pins except OSC0	—	—	0.2 V <sub>DD</sub>	V
CP frequency	f <sub>C</sub>	—	—	—	2.0	MHz
Self-oscillation frequency	f <sub>OSC</sub>	R <sub>1</sub> = 6.8 kΩ±5%, C <sub>1</sub> = 82 pF±5%	1.4	2.0	2.6	MHz
Frame Frequency	f <sub>FR</sub>	DIGIT = 1 to 16, R <sub>1</sub> = 6.8 kΩ±5%, C <sub>1</sub> = 82 pF±5%	170	244	318	Hz
Operating Temperature	T <sub>op</sub>	44-pin plastic QFP	−40	—	85	°C
	T <sub>j</sub>	AL-Pad Chip	−40	—	105	

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

### DC Characteristics-1

( $V_{DD}=5.0V\pm 10\%$ ,  $V_{DISP}=42V$ ,  $T_a=-40\text{to}+85^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified)

Parameter	Symbol	Applied pin	Condition	Min.	Max.	Unit	
High Level Input Voltage	$V_{IH}$	$\overline{CS}$ , $\overline{CP}$ , DA, $\overline{RESET}$	—	$0.7 V_{DD}$	—	V	
Low Level Input Voltage	$V_{IL}$	$\overline{CS}$ , $\overline{CP}$ , DA, $\overline{RESET}$	—	—	$0.3 V_{DD}$	V	
High Level Input Current	$I_{IH}$	$\overline{CS}$ , $\overline{CP}$ , DA, $\overline{RESET}$	$V_{IH} = V_{DD}$	-1.0	1.0	$\mu\text{A}$	
Low Level Input Current	$I_{IL}$	$\overline{CS}$ , $\overline{CP}$ , DA, $\overline{RESET}$	$V_{IL} = 0V$	-1.0	1.0	$\mu\text{A}$	
High Level Output Voltage	$V_{OH1}$	COM1-16	$I_{OH1} = -30\text{mA}$	$V_{DISP} - 1.5$	—	V	
	$V_{OH2}$	AD1-2	$I_{OH2} = -15\text{mA}$	$V_{DISP} - 1.5$	—	V	
	$V_{OH3}$	SEG1-16	$I_{OH3} = -6\text{mA}$	$V_{DISP} - 1.5$	—	V	
Low Level Output Voltage	$V_{OL1}$	COM1-16 AD1-2 SEG1-16	—	—	1.0	V	
Supply Current	$I_{DD1}$	$V_{DD}$	$f_{osc} = 2\text{ MHz}$ , no load	Duty = 15/16 Digit = 1-16 All output lights ON	—	3	mA
	$I_{DD2}$			Duty = 0/16 Digit = 1-8 All output lights OFF	—	3	mA
	$I_{DISP1}$	$V_{DISP}$	$f_{osc} = 2\text{ MHz}$ , no load	Duty = 15/16 Digit = 1-16 All output lights ON	—	1	mA
	$I_{DISP2}$			Duty = 0/16 Digit = 1-8 All output lights OFF	—	0.1	mA

## DC Characteristics-2

(V<sub>DD</sub>=3.3V±10%, V<sub>DISP</sub>=42V, Ta=-40to+85°C, unless otherwise specified)

Parameter	Symbol	Applied pin	Condition	Min.	Max.	Unit	
High Level Input Voltage	V <sub>IH</sub>	$\overline{CS}$ , $\overline{CP}$ , DA, $\overline{RESET}$	—	0.8 V <sub>DD</sub>	—	V	
Low Level Input Voltage	V <sub>IL</sub>	$\overline{CS}$ , $\overline{CP}$ , DA, $\overline{RESET}$	—	—	0.2 V <sub>DD</sub>	V	
High Level Input Current	I <sub>IH</sub>	$\overline{CS}$ , $\overline{CP}$ , DA, $\overline{RESET}$	V <sub>IH</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub>	-1.0	1.0	μA	
Low Level Input Current	I <sub>IL</sub>	$\overline{CS}$ , $\overline{CP}$ , DA, $\overline{RESET}$	V <sub>IL</sub> = 0V	-1.0	1.0	μA	
High Level Output Voltage	V <sub>OH1</sub>	COM1-16	I <sub>OH1</sub> = -30mA	V <sub>DISP</sub> - 1.5	—	V	
	V <sub>OH2</sub>	AD1-2	I <sub>OH2</sub> = -15mA	V <sub>DISP</sub> - 1.5	—	V	
	V <sub>OH3</sub>	SEG1-16	I <sub>OH3</sub> = -6mA	V <sub>DISP</sub> - 1.5	—	V	
Low Level Output Voltage	V <sub>OL1</sub>	COM1-16 AD1-2 SEG1-16	—	—	1.0	V	
Supply Current	I <sub>DD1</sub>	V <sub>DD</sub>	f <sub>OSC</sub> = 2 MHz, no load	Duty = 15/16 Digit = 1-16 All output lights ON	—	2	mA
	I <sub>DD2</sub>			Duty = 0/16 Digit = 1-8 All output lights OFF	—	2	mA
	I <sub>DISP1</sub>	V <sub>DISP</sub>	f <sub>OSC</sub> = 2 MHz, no load	Duty = 15/16 Digit = 1-16 All output lights ON	—	1	mA
	I <sub>DISP2</sub>			Duty = 0/16 Digit = 1-8 All output lights OFF	—	0.1	mA

## AC Characteristics-1

(V<sub>DD</sub>=5.0V±10%, V<sub>DISP</sub>=42V, Ta=-40to+85°C, unless otherwise specified)

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min.	Max.	Unit	
$\overline{\text{CP}}$ Frequency	f <sub>C</sub>	—	—	2.0	MHz	
$\overline{\text{CP}}$ Pulse Width	t <sub>CW</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
DA Setup Time	t <sub>DS</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
DA Hold Time	t <sub>DH</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{CS}}$ Setup Time	t <sub>CSS</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{CS}}$ Hold Time	t <sub>CSH</sub>	R <sub>1</sub> = 8.2 kΩ±5%, C <sub>1</sub> = 82 pF±5%	16	—	μs	
$\overline{\text{CS}}$ Wait Time	t <sub>CSW</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
Data Processing Time	t <sub>DOFF</sub>	R <sub>1</sub> = 8.2 kΩ±5%, C <sub>1</sub> = 82 pF±5%	8	—	μs	
$\overline{\text{RESET}}$ Pulse Width	t <sub>WRES</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{RESET}}$ Time	t <sub>RSON</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
DA Wait Time	t <sub>RSOFF</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
All Driver Output Slew Rate	t <sub>R</sub>	C <sub>i</sub> = 100 pF	t <sub>R</sub> = 20 to 80%	—	2.0	μs
	t <sub>F</sub>		t <sub>F</sub> = 80 to 20%	—	2.0	μs

## AC Characteristics-2

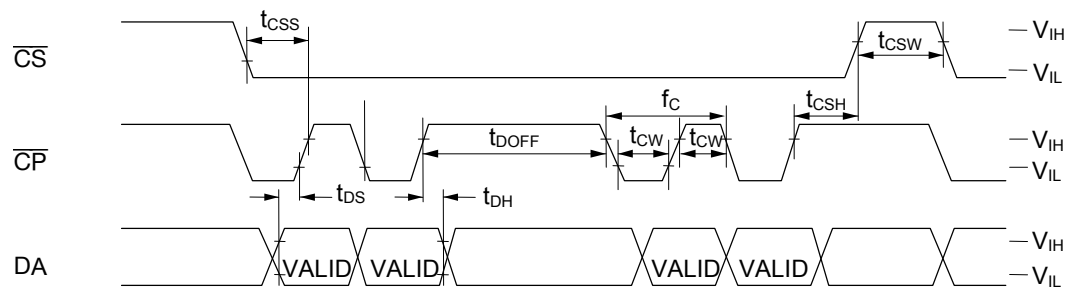
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Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min.	Max.	Unit	
$\overline{\text{CP}}$ Frequency	f <sub>C</sub>	—	—	2.0	MHz	
$\overline{\text{CP}}$ Pulse Width	t <sub>CW</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
DA Setup Time	t <sub>DS</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
DA Hold Time	t <sub>DH</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{CS}}$ Setup Time	t <sub>CSS</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{CS}}$ Hold Time	t <sub>CSH</sub>	R <sub>1</sub> = 6.8 kΩ±5%, C <sub>1</sub> = 82 pF±5%	16	—	μs	
$\overline{\text{CS}}$ Wait Time	t <sub>CSW</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
Data Processing Time	t <sub>DOFF</sub>	R <sub>1</sub> = 6.8 kΩ±5%, C <sub>1</sub> = 82 pF±5%	8	—	μs	
$\overline{\text{RESET}}$ Pulse Width	t <sub>WRES</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{RESET}}$ Execution Time	t <sub>RSON</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
DA Wait Time	t <sub>RSOFF</sub>	—	250	—	ns	
All Driver Output Slew Rate	t <sub>R</sub>	C <sub>i</sub> = 100 pF	t <sub>R</sub> = 20 to 80%	—	2.0	μs
	t <sub>F</sub>		t <sub>F</sub> = 80 to 20%	—	2.0	μs

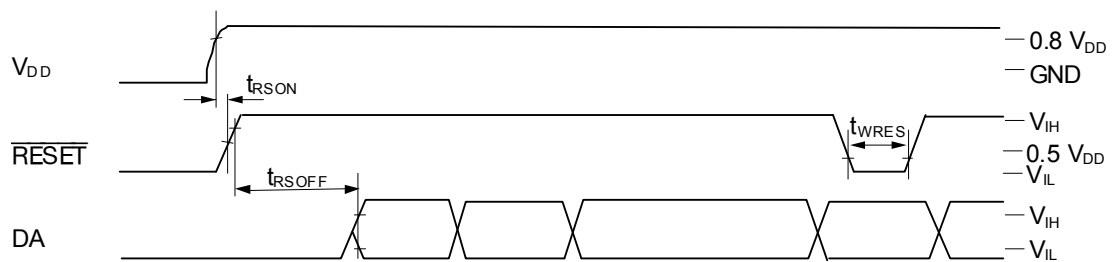
## TIMING DIAGRAMS

### 1) Data Input Timing

Symbol	$V_{DD} = 3.3\text{ V} \pm 10\%$	$V_{DD} = 5.0\text{ V} \pm 10\%$
$V_{IH}$	$0.8 V_{DD}$	$0.7 V_{DD}$
$V_{IL}$	$0.2 V_{DD}$	$0.3 V_{DD}$



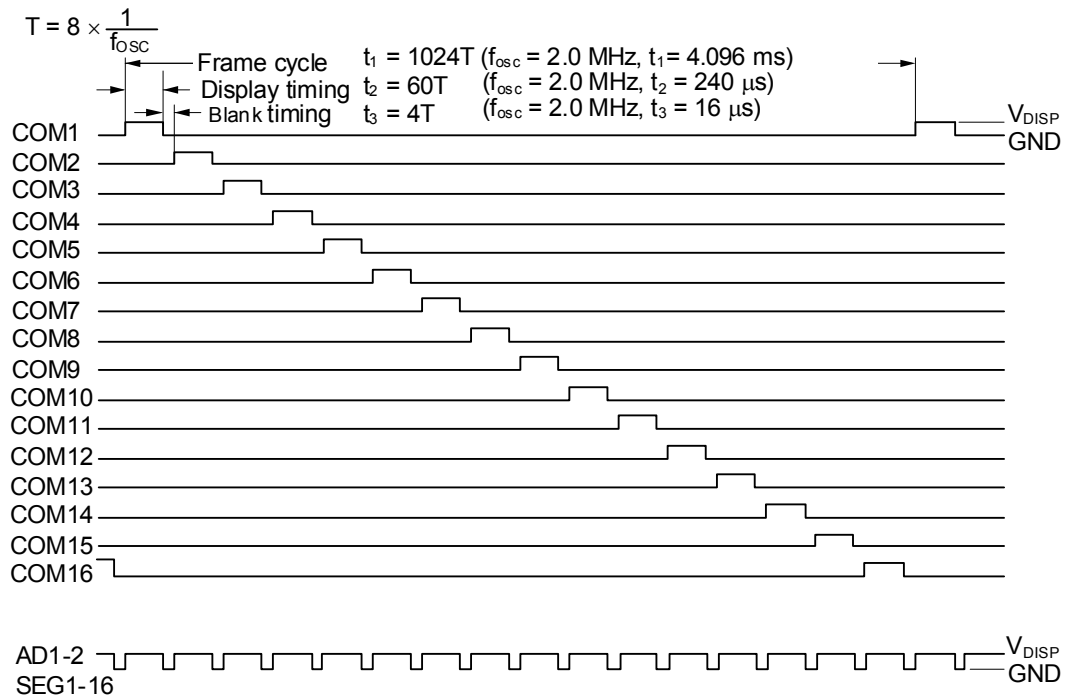
### 2) Data Input Timing



### 3) Output Timing



4) Digit Output Timing (16-Digit, 15/16-Duty)



## FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

### Command List

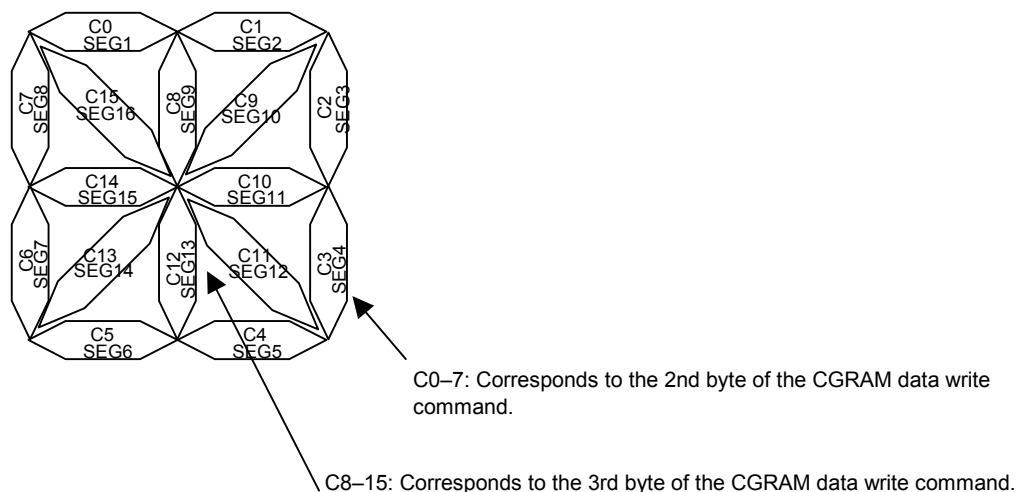
Command	LSB			First byte				MSB	Second byte							MSB	
	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	
1 DCRAM data write	X0	X1	X2	X3	1	0	0	0	C0	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	
2 CGRAM data write	X0	X1	X2	X3	0	1	0	0	C0	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	2nd byte
									C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	C14	C15	3rd byte
3 ADRAM data write	X0	X1	X2	X3	1	1	0	0	C0	C1	*	*	*	*	*	*	
4 Display duty set	D0	D1	D2	D3	1	0	1	0									
5 Number of digits set	K0	K1	K2	K3	0	1	1	0									
6 All display lights ON/OFF	L	H	*	*	1	1	1	0									
Others (test mode)																	

\* : Don't care  
 Xn : Address setting for each RAM  
 Cn : Character code setting for each RAM  
 Dn : Display duty setting  
 Kn : Setting of the number of display digits  
 H : All display lights ON setting  
 L : All display lights OFF setting

When data is written to RAM (DCRAM, CGRAM, and ADRAM) continuously, addresses are internally incremented automatically. Therefore it is not necessary to specify the 1st byte to write RAM data for the 2nd and subsequent bytes.

Note: The test mode is used for inspection before shipment. It is not a user function.

### Positional Relationship Between SEGn and ADn (one digit)



## Data Transfer Method and Command Write Method

Display control command and data are written by an 8-bit serial transfer. Write timing is shown in the figure below.

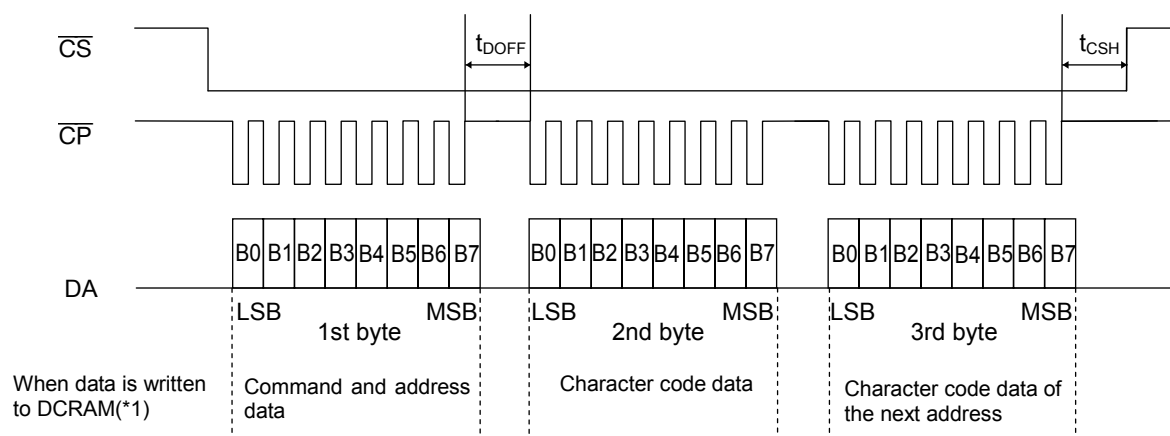
Setting the  $\overline{CS}$  pin to “Low” level enables a data transfer.

Data is 8 bits and is sequentially input into the DA pin from LSB (LSB first).

As shown in the figure below, data is read by the shift register at the rising edge of the shift clock, which is input into the  $\overline{CP}$  pin. If 8-bit data is input, internal load signals are automatically generated and data is written to each register and RAM.

Therefore it is not necessary to input load signals from the outside.

Setting the  $\overline{CS}$  pin to “High” disables data transfer. Data input from the point when the  $\overline{CS}$  pin changes from “High” to “Low” is recognized in 8-bit units.



\*1 When data is written to RAM (DCRAM, CGRAM, ADRAM) continuously, addresses are internally incremented automatically. Therefore it is not necessary to specify the 1st byte to write RAM data for the 2nd and subsequent bytes.

## Reset Function

Reset is executed when the  $\overline{RESET}$  pin is set to “L”, (when turning power on, for example) and initializes all functions.

Initial status is as follows.

- Address of each RAM .....Address 00H
- Data of each RAM .....All contents are undefined.
- Number of display digits .....16 digits
- Brightness adjustment .....0/16
- All display lights ON or OFF .....OFF mode
- Segment output.....All segment outputs go “Low.”
- AD output.....All AD outputs go “Low.”

Be sure to execute the reset operation when turning power on and set again according to “Setting Flowchart” after reset.

## Description of Commands and Functions

### 1. "DCRAM data write" command

(Specifies the address of DCRAM and writes the character code of CGROM and CGRAM.)

DCRAM (Data Control RAM) has a 4-bit address to store character codes of CGROM and CGRAM.

A character code specified by DCRAM is converted to an alphanumeric character pattern via CGROM or CGRAM.

The DCRAM can store 16 characters worth of character codes.

[Command format]

	LSB		MSB						
	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	
1st byte (1st)	X0	X1	X2	X3	1	0	0	0	: Setup and DCRAM address in the write mode of DCRAM data are specified. (Example: Specify DCRAM address 0H.)
	LSB		MSB						
	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	
2nd byte (2nd)	C0	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	: Specify character code of CGROM and CGRAM. (It is written into DCRAM address 00H.)

To specify the character code of CGROM and CGRAM to the next address continuously, specify only character code as follows.

Since the address of DCRAM is automatically incremented, address specification is unnecessary.

	LSB		MSB						
	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	
2nd byte (3rd)	C0	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	: Specify character code of CGROM and CGRAM. (It is written into DCRAM address 1H.)
	LSB		MSB						
	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	
2nd byte (4th)	C0	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	: Specify character code of CGROM and CGRAM. (It is written into DCRAM address 2H.)
			⋮						
	LSB		MSB						
	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	
2nd byte (17th)	C0	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	: Specify character code of CGROM and CGRAM. (It is written into DCRAM address FH.)
	LSB		MSB						
	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	
2nd byte (18th)	C0	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	: Specify character code of CGROM and CGRAM. (It is rewritten into DCRAM address 0H.)

X0 (LSB) to X3 (MSB): DCRAM address (4 bits: 16 characters worth)

C0 (LSB) to C7 (MSB): Character code of CGROM and CGRAM (8 bits: 256 characters worth)

[Relationship between DCRAM addresses setup and COM positions]

HEX	X0	X1	X2	X3	COM position	HEX	X0	X1	X2	X3	COM position
0	0	0	0	0	COM1	8	0	0	0	1	COM9
1	1	0	0	0	COM2	9	1	0	0	1	COM10
2	0	1	0	0	COM3	A	0	1	0	1	COM11
3	1	1	0	0	COM4	B	1	1	0	1	COM12
4	0	0	1	0	COM5	C	0	0	1	1	COM13
5	1	0	1	0	COM6	D	1	0	1	1	COM14
6	0	1	1	0	COM7	E	0	1	1	1	COM15
7	1	1	1	0	COM8	F	1	1	1	1	COM16

## 2. “CGRAM data write” command

(Specifies the address of CGRAM and writes character pattern data.)

CGRAM (Character Generator RAM) has a 4-bit address to store alphanumeric character patterns. A character pattern stored in CGRAM can be displayed by specifying the character code (address) by DGRAM. The addresses of CGRAM are assigned to 00H to 0FH (All the other addresses are the CGROM addresses). The CGRAM can store 16 types of character patterns.

[Command format]

	LSB		MSB						
	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	
1st byte (1st)	X0	X1	X2	X3	0	1	0	0	: Setup and CGRAM address in the write-in mode of CGRAM data are specified. (Example: Specify CGRAM address 00H.)
	LSB							MSB	
	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	
2nd byte (2nd)	C0	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	: Specify 1st-column data. (It is written into CGRAM address 00H.)
	LSB							MSB	
	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	
3rd byte (3rd)	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	C14	C15	: Specify 2nd-column data. (It is written into CGRAM address 00H.)

To specify character pattern data continuously to the next address, specify only character pattern data as follows. Since the address of CGRAM is automatically incremented, address specification is unnecessary. Data from the 2nd to 6th byte (character pattern) is regarded as one data item taken together, so 250ns is sufficient for  $t_{\text{DOFF}}$  time between bytes.

	LSB		MSB						
	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	
2nd byte (4th)	C0	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	: Specify 1st-column data. (It is written into CGRAM address 01H.)
	LSB							MSB	
	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	
3rd byte (5th)	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	C14	C15	: Specify 2nd-column data. (It is written into CGRAM address 01H.)

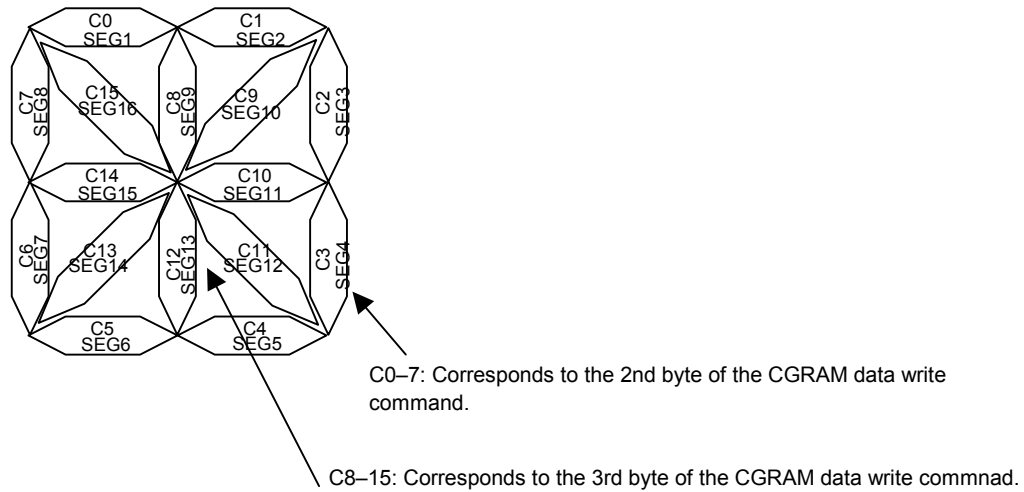
X0 (LSB) to X3 (MSB): CGRAM address (4 bits: 16 characters worth)  
 C0 (LSB) to C15 (MSB): Character data of CGRAM (16 bits: 16 outputs per digit)

[Positional relationship between CGRAM addresses setup and CGROM addresses]

HEX	X0	X1	X2	X3	CGROM address	HEX	X0	X1	X2	X3	CGROM address
0	0	0	0	0	RAM00	8	0	0	0	1	RAM08
1	1	0	0	0	RAM01	9	1	0	0	1	RAM09
2	0	1	0	0	RAM02	A	0	1	0	1	RAM0A
3	1	1	0	0	RAM03	B	1	1	0	1	RAM0B
4	0	0	1	0	RAM04	C	0	0	1	1	RAM0C
5	1	0	1	0	RAM05	D	1	0	1	1	RAM0D
6	0	1	1	0	RAM06	E	0	1	1	1	RAM0E
7	1	1	1	0	RAM07	F	1	1	1	1	RAM0F

Refer to the ROM Code Tables attached later in this document.

**Positional Relationship Between CGROM and CGRAM outputs**



**\*On CGROM**

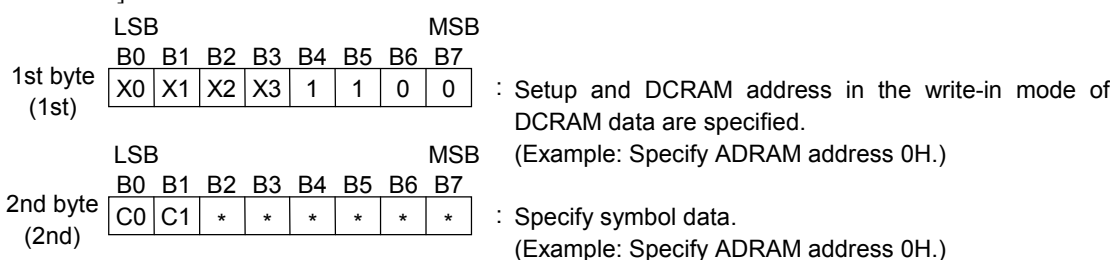
A CGROM (Character Generator ROM) has an 8-bit address to generate alphanumeric type matrix character patterns.

It has a capacity of 240 x 16 bits and can store 240 types of character patterns.

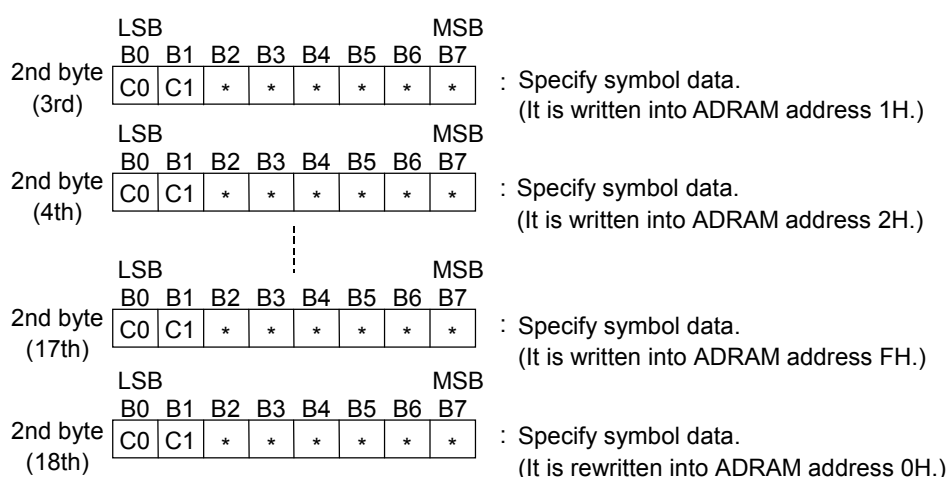
3. “ADRAM data write” command  
 (Specifies the address of ADRAM and writes symbol data)

ADRAM (Additional Data RAM) has a 2-bit address to store symbol data.  
 Symbol data specified by ADRAM is directly output without CGROM and CGRAM.  
 (The ADRAM can store two types of symbol patterns for each digit.)  
 The terminal to which the contents of ADRAM are output can be used as a cursor.

[Command format]



To specify symbol data continuously to the next address, specify only symbol data as follows.  
 Since the address of ADRAM is automatically incremented, address specification is unnecessary.



X0 (LSB) to X3 (MSB) : ADRAM address (4 bits: 16 characters worth)  
 C0 (LSB) to C1 (MSB) : Symbol data (2 bits: 2 symbols per digit)  
 \* : Don't care

[Relationship between ADRAM addresses setup and COM positions]

HEX	X0	X1	X2	X3	COM positions	HEX	X0	X1	X2	X3	COM positions
0	0	0	0	0	COM1	8	0	0	0	1	COM9
1	1	0	0	0	COM2	9	1	0	0	1	COM10
2	0	1	0	0	COM3	A	0	1	0	1	COM11
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5	1	0	1	0	COM6	D	1	0	1	1	COM14
6	0	1	1	0	COM7	E	0	1	1	1	COM15
7	1	1	1	0	COM8	F	1	1	1	1	COM16

## 4. "Display duty set" command

(Writes display duty value into the duty cycle register.)

For display duty, brightness can be adjusted in 16 stages using 4-bit data.

When power is turned on or when the  $\overline{\text{RESET}}$  signal is input, the duty cycle register value is "0". Always execute this command before turning the display on, then set a desired duty value.

[Command format]

	LSB							MSB	
	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	
1st byte	D0	D1	D2	D3	1	0	1	0	: setup and duty value in display duty specification mode are specified.

D0 (LSB) to D3 (MSB) : Display duty data (4 bits: 16 stages worth)

[Relation between setup data and controlled COM duty]

HEX	D0	D1	D2	D3	COM duty	HEX	D0	D1	D2	D3	COM duty
0	0	0	0	0	0/16	8	0	0	0	1	8/16
1	1	0	0	0	1/16	9	1	0	0	1	9/16
2	0	1	0	0	2/16	A	0	1	0	1	10/16
3	1	1	0	0	3/16	B	1	1	0	1	11/16
4	0	0	1	0	4/16	C	0	0	1	1	12/16
5	1	0	1	0	5/16	D	1	0	1	1	13/16
6	0	1	1	0	6/16	E	0	1	1	1	14/16
7	1	1	1	0	7/16	F	1	1	1	1	15/16

\* The state when power is turned on or when the  $\overline{\text{RESET}}$  signal is input.



6. “All display lights ON” and “All display lights OFF” commands  
(Turns the entire display ON and OFF, respectively.)

All display lights ON is used primarily for display testing.

All display lights OFF is primarily used for display blink and to prevent false display upon power-on.

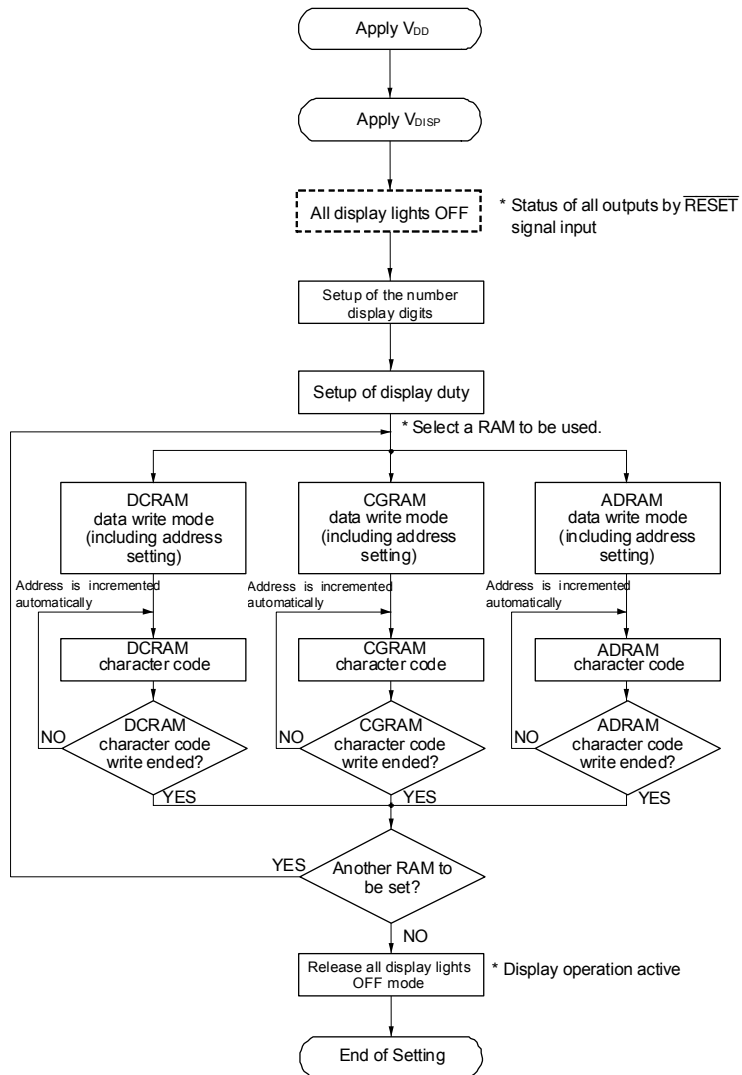
[Command format]

	LSB							MSB	
	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	
1st byte	L	H	*	*	1	1	1	0	: Select all display lights ON or OFF and specify their operation.
	L: All display lights OFF H: All display lights ON *: Don't Care								

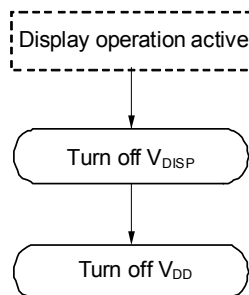
[Data to be setup and display state of SEG and AD]

L	H	Display state of SEG and AD	
0	0	Normal display	
1	0	Sets all outputs to Low	* The state when power is turned on or when $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ signal is input
0	1	Sets all outputs to High	
1	1	Sets all outputs to High	* Priority is given to the All display lights ON command.

**Setting Flowchart**  
(Power applying included)

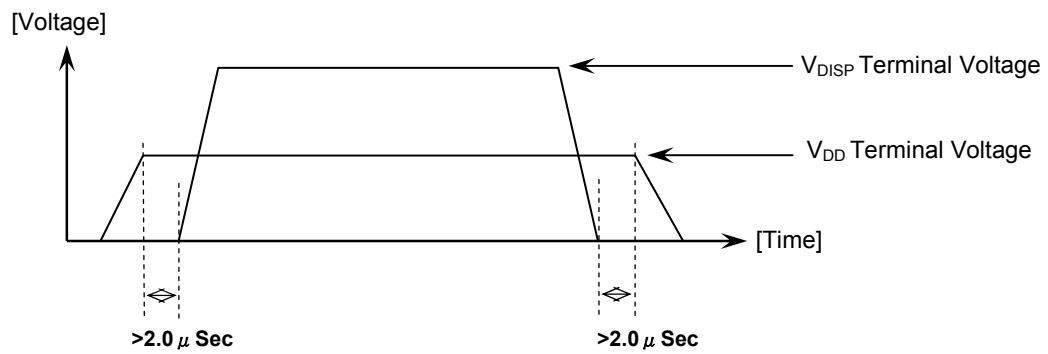


**Power-off Flowchart**

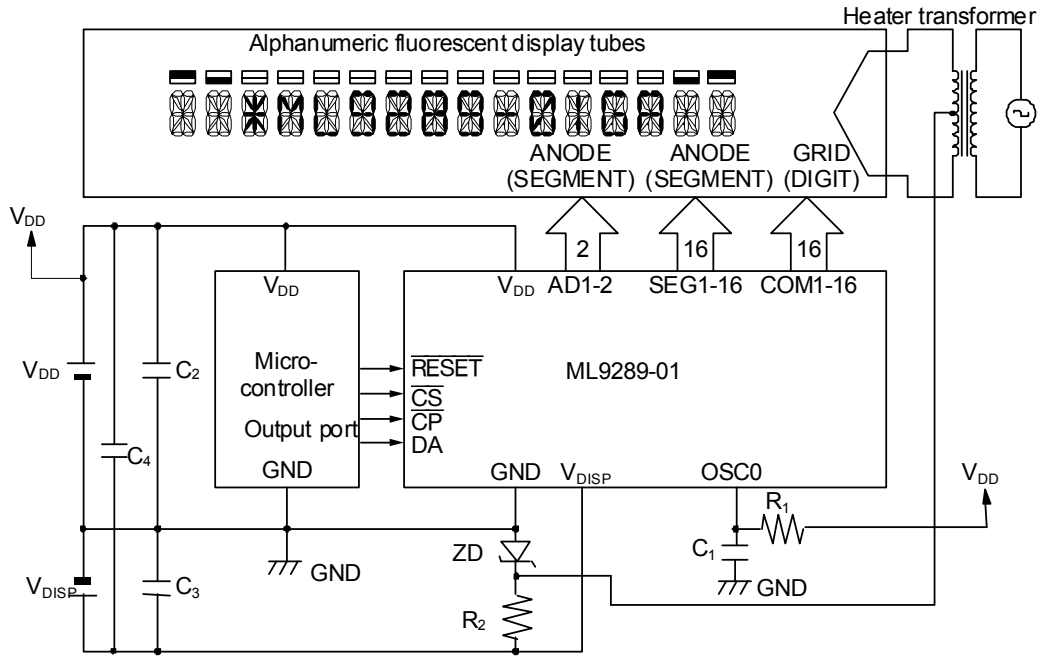


## POWER-ON/OFF TIMING

To prevent the IC from malfunctioning, turn on the logic power supply first, and then turn on the driver power supply when applying power. Also, for power-off, turn off the driver power supply first, then turn off the logic power supply.



**APPLICATION CIRCUIT**

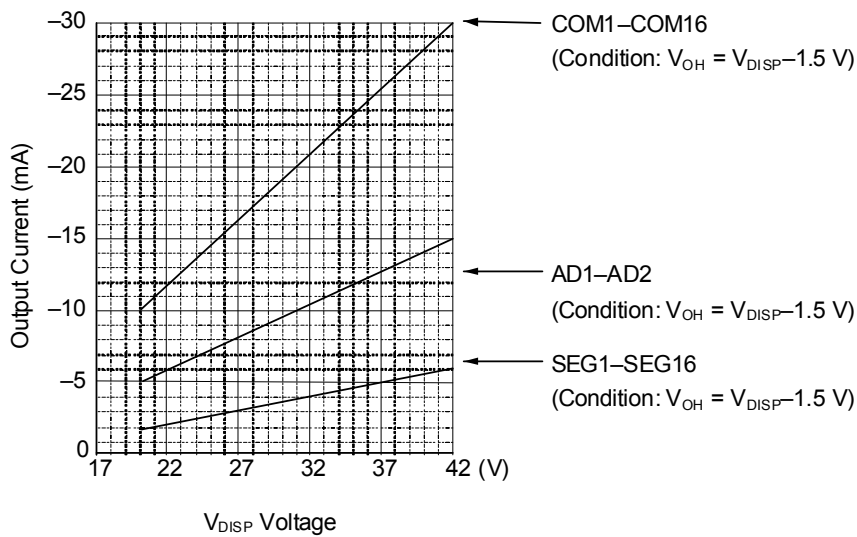


**Notes:**

1. The  $V_{DD}$  voltage depends on the power supply voltage of the microcontroller used. Adjust the value of the constants  $R_1$  and  $C_1$  to the power supply voltage used.
2. The  $V_{DISP}$  voltage depends on the vacuum fluorescent display tube used. Adjust the value of the constants  $R_2$  and  $ZD$  to the voltage used.

**Reference data**

Shown below is a chart showing the  $V_{DISP}$  voltage vs. output current of each driver. Care must be taken that the entire power consumption will not exceed the power dissipation.



$V_{DISP}$  Voltage vs. Output Current of Each Driver

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\*ROM CODE is the character set for SEG1 to SEG16.

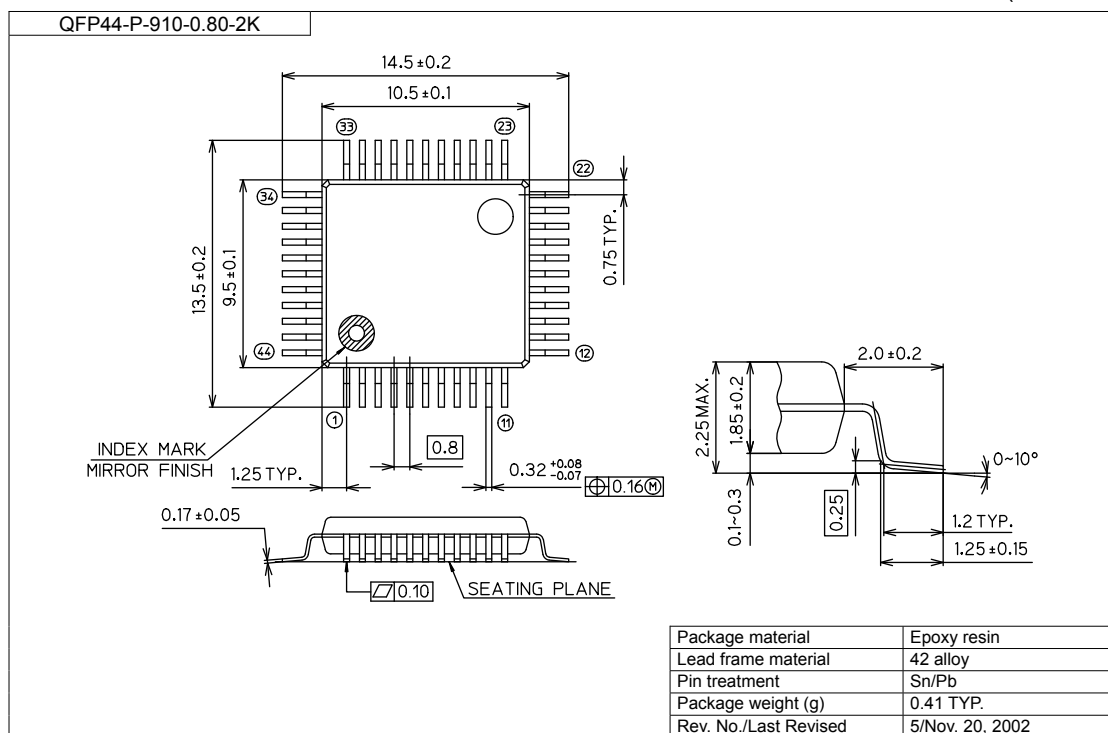
\*00000000b(00h) to 00001111b(0Fh) are the CGRAM addresses

MSB LSB		0000	0001	0010	0011	0100	0101	0110	0111	1000	1001	1010	1011	1100	1101	1110	1111
0000	RAM0																
0001	RAM1																
0010	RAM2																
0011	RAM3																
0100	RAM4																
0101	RAM5																
0110	RAM6																
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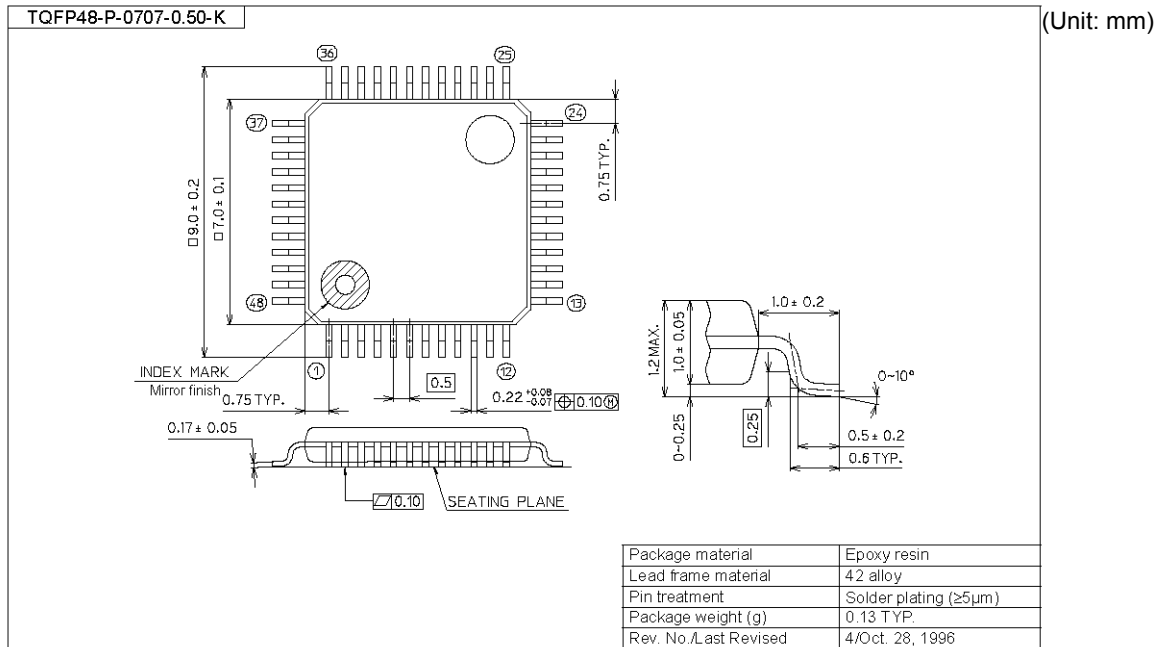
**PACKAGE DIMENSIONS**

(Unit: mm)



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