Universal LCD driver for multiplex rates up to 1:8

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Product data sheet

1 General description

The PCF8545 is a peripheral device which interfaces to almost any Liquid Crystal Display (LCD)¹ with low multiplex rates. It generates the drive signals for any multiplexed LCD containing up to eight backplanes, and up to 320 elements. The PCF8545 is compatible with most microcontrollers and communicates via the two-line bidirectional I²C-bus (PCF8545A) or a three line unidirectional SPI-bus (PCF8545B). Communication overheads are minimized using a display RAM with auto-incremented addressing.

For a selection of NXP LCD segment drivers, see Table 39.

2 Features and benefits

- Single-chip 320 elements LCD controller and driver
- Wide range for digital power supply: from 1.8 V to 5.5 V
- LCD supply range from 2.5 V up to 5.5 V
- LCD and logic supplies may be separated
- Low power consumption
- Selectable backplane drive configuration: 4, 6, or 8 backplane multiplexing
- Selectable display bias configuration
- 320-bit RAM for display data storage
- 400 kHz I²C-bus interface (PCF8545A)
- 5 MHz SPI-bus interface (PCF8545B)
- Programmable frame frequency in the range of 60 Hz to 300 Hz in steps of 10 Hz; factory calibrated
- 320 segments driven allowing:
 - up to 40 7-segment alphanumeric characters
 - up to 20 14-segment alphanumeric characters
 - any graphics of up to 320 elements
- Manufactured in silicon gate CMOS process

3 Applications

· Industrial and consumer products

1 The definition of the abbreviations and acronyms used in this data sheet can be found in <u>Section 20</u>.



Ordering information 4

Type number	Interface	Topside	Package				
	type	pe mark		Description	Version		
PCF8545ATT	I ² C-bus	PCF8545ATT	TSSOP56	plastic thin shrink small outline package; 56 leads; body width 6.1 mm	SOT364-1		
PCF8545BTT	SPI-bus	PCF8545BT1	TSSOP56	plastic thin shrink small outline package; 56 leads; body width 6.1 mm	SOT364-1		

4.1 Ordering options

Table 2. Ordering options

Type number	Orderable part number	Package	Packing method ^[1]	Minimum order quantity	Temperature
PCF8545ATT/A	PCF8545ATT/AJ ^[2]	TSSOP56	reel 13 inch q1 non dry pack	2000	T_{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C
	PCF8545ATT/AY	TSSOP56	reel 13 inch q1 dry pack	2000	T_{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C
PCF8545BTT/A	PCF8545BTT/AJ ^[3]	TSSOP56	reel 13 inch q1 non dry pack	2000	T_{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C
	PCF8545BTT/AY	TSSOP56	reel 13 inch q1 dry pack	2000	T_{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C

[1]

Standard packing quantities and other packaging data are available at www.nxp.com/packages/. Discontinuation Notice 202107021DN - drop in replacement is PCF8545ATT/AY - this is documented in PCN202102010F01. Discontinuation Notice 202107021DN - drop in replacement is PCF8545BTT/AY - this is documented in PCN202102010F01.

[2] [3]

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5 Block diagram





6 Pinning information

6.1 Pinning



6.2 Pin description

Table 3. Pin description of PCF8545ATT and PCF8545BTTInput or input/output pins must always be at a defined level (V_{SS} or V_{DD}) unless otherwisespecified.

Specilled.	Cumple al		Turne	Description
Pin	Symbol		Туре	Description
1 to 11	S9 to S19		output	LCD segment
20 to 31	S20 to S31		output	LCD segment
43	RESET		input	active LOW reset input
44	V _{SS}		supply	ground supply voltage
45	V _{DD}		supply	supply voltage
46	OSCCLK		input/output	external clock input/internal oscillator output
47	V _{LCD} ^[1]		supply	LCD supply voltage
48 to 56	S0 to S8		output	LCD segment
Pin layou	t depending on	backplane swa	ap configurat	ion ^[2]
	BPS = 0 ^[3]	BPS = 1		
12	BP0	S32	output	LCD backplane/LCD segment
13	BP1	S33		
14	BP2	S34		
15	BP3	S35		
16	BP4/S43	S36	1	
17	BP5/S42	S37	1	
18	BP6/S41	S38		
19	BP7/S40	S39		
32	S32	BP7/S40	1	
33	S33	BP6/S41		
34	S34	BP5/S42		
35	S35	BP4/S43	1	
36	S36	BP3	1	
37	S37	BP2		
38	S38	BP1		
39	S39	BP0		
Pin layou	t depending on	product and b	us type	,
	PCF8545ATT	PCF8545BTT		
40	A0		input	I ² C-bus target address selection
		CE	input	SPI-bus chip enable - active LOW
41	SCL		input	l ² C-bus serial clock
		SCL	input	SPI-bus serial clock

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Table 3. Pin description of PCF8545ATT and PCF8545BTT...continued Input or input/output pins must always be at a defined level (V_{SS} or V_{DD}) unless otherwise specified.

Pir	n	Symbol		Туре	Description
42		SDA		input/output	I ² C-bus serial data
			SDI	input	SPI-bus data input

 V_{LCD} must be equal to or greater than V_{DD} . [1]

Effect of backplane swapping is illustrated in Figure 5. [2] [3]

Bit BPS is explained in Section 7.1.3.

Functional description 7

The PCF8545 is a versatile peripheral device designed to interface any microcontroller to a wide variety of LCDs. It can directly drive any multiplexed LCD containing up to eight backplanes and up to 44 segments.

7.1 Commands of PCF8545

The PCF8545 is controlled by 9 commands, which are defined in Table 4. Any other combinations of operation code bits that are not mentioned in this document may lead to undesired operation modes of PCF8545.

Command name	Register selection RS[1:0] ^[1]		Bits	Bits							Reference
			7	7 6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
initialize	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	Section 7.1.
OTP-refresh	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	Section 7.1.2
mode-settings	0	0	0	1	0	1	BPS	INV	PD	E	Section 7.1.3
oscillator-control	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	EFR	COE	OSC	Section 7.1.4
set-MUX-mode	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	M[1:0]		Section 7.1.8
set-bias-mode	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	B[1:0]		Section 7.1.6
frame-frequency	0	0	0	0	1	FD[4	:0]	1	1		Section 7.1.7
load-data-pointer	0	0	1	0	DP[5:0] Sect			Section 7.1.8			
write-RAM-data	0	1	D[7:0) [_	Section 7.1.9

Table 4. Commands of PCF8545

[1] Information about control byte and register selection see Section 8.1.

7.1.1 Command: initialize

This command generates a chip-wide reset. It has the same function as the RESET pin. Reset takes 1 ms to complete.

Table 5. Initialize - initialize	command bit description
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Bit	Symbol	Value	Description
7 to 0	-	0001 0110	fixed value

7.1.2 Command: OTP-refresh

During production of the device, each IC is calibrated to achieve the specified accuracy of the frame frequency. This calibration is performed on EPROM cells called One Time Programmable (OTP) cells. The device reads these cells every time the OTP-refresh command is sent. The OTP-refresh command has to be sent after a reset has been made and before the display is enabled.

This command will be completed after a maximum of 30 ms and requires either the internal or external clock to run. If the internal oscillator is not used, then a clock must be supplied to the OSCCLK pin. If the OTP-refresh instruction is sent and no clock is present, then the request is stored until a clock is available.

Remark: It is recommended not to enter power-down mode during the OTP refresh cycle.

Bit	Symbol	Value	Description				
7 to 0	-	1111 0000	fixed value				

Table 6. OTP-refresh - OTP-refresh command bit description

7.1.3 Command: mode-settings

Table 7.	Mode-settings - mode settings command bit description						
Bit	Symbol	Value	Description				
7 to 4	-	0101	fixed value				
3	BPS		backplane swapping				
		0 ^[1]	backplane configuration 0				
		1	backplane configuration 1				
2	INV		set inversion mode				
		0 ^{[1][2]}	Driving scheme A: LCD line inversion mode				
		1	Driving scheme B: LCD frame inversion mode				
1	PD		set power mode				
		1	power-down mode; backplane and segment outputs are connected to V_{SS} and the internal oscillator is switched off				
		0 ^[1]	power-up mode				
0	E		display switch				
		0 ^[1]	display disabled; backplane and segment outputs are connected to V_{SS}				
		1	display enabled				

Table 7. Mode-settings - mode settings command bit description

[1] Default value.

[2] See <u>Section 7.1.3.2</u>.

7.1.3.1 Backplane swapping

Backplane swapping can be configured with the BPS bit (see <u>Table 7</u>). It moves the location of the backplane and the associated segment outputs from one side of the

PCF8545 to the other. Backplane swapping is sometimes desirable to aid with the routing of PCBs that do not use multiple layers.

The BPS bit has to be set to the required value before enabling the display. Failure to do so does not damage the PCF8545 or the display, however unexpected display content may appear.



7.1.3.2 Line inversion (driving scheme A) and frame inversion (driving scheme B)

The DC offset of the voltage across the LCD is compensated over a certain period: linewise in line inversion mode (driving scheme A) or frame-wise in frame inversion mode (driving scheme B). With the INV bit (see <u>Table 7</u>), the compensation mode can be switched.

In frame inversion mode, the DC value is compensated across two frames and not within one frame. Changing the inversion mode to frame inversion reduces the power consumption; therefore it is useful when power consumption is a key point in the application.

Frame inversion may not be suitable for all applications. The RMS voltage across a segment is better defined; however, since the switching frequency is reduced, there is possibility for flicker to occur.

The waveforms of <u>Figure 14</u> to <u>Figure 17</u> are showing line inversion mode. <u>Figure 18</u> shows an example of frame inversion.

7.1.3.3 Power-down mode

The power-down bit (PD) allows the PCF8545 to be put in a minimum power configuration. To avoid display artifacts, enter power-down only after the display has been switched off by setting bit E to logic 0. During power-down, the internal oscillator is switched off.

Table 8. Effect of the power-down bit (PD)

Effect on function	Mode settings	Effect of setting PD	Effect of setting PD		
		0	1		
backplane output	E = 1	normal function	V _{SS}		
segment output	E = 1	normal function	V _{SS}		
internal oscillator	OSC = 0, COE = 1	on	off		
OSCCLK pin	OSC = 0, COE = 1	output of internal oscillator frequency	V _{DD}		
OSCCLK pin	OSC = 1	input clock	clock input, can be logic 0, logic 1, or left floating		

With the following sequence, the PCF8545 can be set to a state of minimum power consumption, called power-down mode.



Remarks:

- It is necessary to run the power-down sequence before removing the supplies. Depending on the application, care must be taken that no other signals are present at the chip input or output pins when removing the supplies (see <u>Section 9</u>). Otherwise it may cause unwanted display artifacts. If an uncontrolled removal of the supply happens, the PCF8545 does not get damaged.
- Static voltages across the liquid crystal display can build up when the external LCD supply voltage (V_{LCD}) is on while the IC supply voltage is off, or the other way around. This may cause unwanted display artifacts. To avoid such artifacts, V_{LCD} and V_{DD} must be applied or removed together.
- A clock signal must always be supplied to the device when the display is active. Removing the clock may freeze the LCD in a DC state, which is not suitable for the liquid crystal. First disable the display and afterwards remove the clock signal.

7.1.3.4 Display enable

The display enable bit (E) is used to enable and disable the display. When the display is disabled, all LCD outputs go to V_{SS} . This function is implemented to ensure that no voltage can be induced on the LCD outputs as it may lead to unwanted displays of segments.

Recommended start-up sequences are found in Section 7.2.3

Remark: Display enable is not synchronized to an LCD frame boundary. Therefore using this function to flash a display for prolonged periods is not recommended due to the possible build-up of DC voltages on the display.

7.1.4 Command: oscillator-control

The oscillator-control command switches between internal and external oscillator and enables or disables the pin OSCCLK. It is also defines the external frequency.

Bit	Symbol	Value	Description		
7 to 3	-	0001 1	fixed value		
2	EFR		external clock frequency applied on pin OSCCLK		
		0 ^[1]	9.6 kHz		
		1	230 kHz		
1 COE	COE		clock output enable for pin OSCCLK		
		0 ^[1]	clock signal not available on pin OSCCLK; pin OSCCLK is in 3-state		
		1	clock signal available on pin OSCCLK		
0	OSC		oscillator source		
		0 ^[1]	internal oscillator running		
		1	external oscillator used; pin OSCCLK becomes an input; used in combination with EFR to determine input frequency		

 Table 9. Oscillator-control - oscillator control command bit description

[1] Default value.

The bits OSC, COE, and EFR control the source and frequency of the clock used to generate the LCD signals (see Figure 7). Valid combinations are shown in Table 10.

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Table 10. Valid combinations of bits OSC, EFR, and COE

OSC	COE	EFR	OSCCLK pin	Clock source
0	0	not used	inactive; may be left floating	internal oscillator used
0	1	not used	output of internal oscillator frequency (prescaler)	internal oscillator used
1	not used	0	9.6 kHz input	OSCCLK pin
1	not used	1	230 kHz input	OSCCLK pin

Table 11. Typical use of bits OSC, EFR, and COE

Usage	OSC	COE	EFR
LCD with internal oscillator	0	0	not used
LCD with external oscillator (230 kHz)	1	not used	1
LCD with external oscillator (9.6 kHz)	1	not used	0

7.1.4.1 Oscillator

The system is designed to operate from a 9.6 kHz or a 230 kHz clock. This clock can be sourced internally or externally. The internal logic and LCD drive signals of the PCF8545 are timed either by the internal oscillator or from the clock externally supplied.

Internal clock

When the internal oscillator is used, all LCD signals are generated from it. The oscillator runs at nominal 230 kHz. The relationship between this frequency and the LCD frame frequency is detailed in <u>Section 7.1.7</u>. Control over the internal oscillator is made with the OSC bit (see <u>Section 7.1.4</u>).

It is possible to make the internal oscillator signal available on pin OSCCLK by using the oscillator-control command (see <u>Table 9</u>) and configuring the clock output enable (COE) bit. If not required, the pin OSCCLK should be left open or connected to V_{SS} . At power-on the signal at pin OSCCLK is disabled and pin OSCCLK is in 3-state.

Clock output is only valid when using the internal oscillator. The signal appears on the OSCCLK pin.

An intermediate clock frequency is available at the OSCCLK pin. The duty cycle of this clock varies with the chosen divide ratio.

PD	OSC	COE	EFR	OSCCLK pin ^[1]
power-down	n.a.	off	n.a.	3-state ^[2]
power-down	n.a.	on	n.a.	V _{DD}
power-up	internal oscillator	off	n.a.	3-state
		on	n.a.	9.6 kHz output ^[3]
	external oscillator	n.a.	9.6 kHz	9.6 kHz input
			230 kHz	230 kHz input

 Table 12. OSCCLK pin state depending on configuration

[1] When RESET is active, the pin OSCCLK is in 3-state.

[2] In this state, an external clock may be applied, but it is not a requirement.

[3] 9.6 kHz is the nominal frequency with q = 24, see <u>Table 13</u>.

External clock

In applications where an external clock must be applied to the PCF8545, bit OSC (see <u>Table 9</u>) has to be set logic 1. In this case pin OSCCLK becomes an input.

The OSCCLK signal must switch between the V_{SS} and the V_{DD} voltage supplied to the chip.

The EFR bit determines the external clock frequency (230 kHz or 9.6 kHz). The clock frequency ($f_{clk(ext)}$) in turn determines the LCD frame frequency, see <u>Table 13</u>.

Remark: If an external clock is used, then this clock signal must always be supplied to the device when the display is on. Removing the clock may freeze the LCD in a DC state which damages the LCD material.

7.1.4.2 Timing and frame frequency

The timing of the PCF8545 organizes the internal data flow of the device. This includes the transfer of display data from the display RAM to the display segment outputs. The timing also generates the LCD frame frequency which it derives as an integer division of the clock frequency (see <u>Table 13</u>). The frame frequency is a fixed division of the internal clock or of the frequency applied to pin OSCCLK when an external clock is used.

Table 13.	LCD	frame	frequencies
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Frame frequency	Typical external frequency (Hz)	Nominal frame frequency (Hz)	EFR bit	Value of q ^[1]
$f_{fr(LCD)} = \frac{f_{clk(ext)}}{48}$	9 600	200	0	-
$f_{fr(LCD)} = \frac{f_{clk(ext)}}{48q}$	230 000	200	1	24

[1] Other values of the frame frequency prescaler see <u>Table 17</u>.

When the internal clock is used, or an external clock with EFR = 1, the LCD frame frequency can be programmed by software in steps of approximately 10 Hz in the range of 60 Hz to 300 Hz (see <u>Table 17</u>). Furthermore the internal oscillator is factory calibrated, see <u>Table 33</u>.

7.1.5 Command: set-MUX-mode

The multiplex drive mode is configured with the bits described in Table 14.

Bit	Symbol	Value	Description
7 to 2	-	0000 00	fixed value
1 to 0	M[1:0]	00 ^[1] , 01	1:8 multiplex drive mode; eight backplanes
		10	1:6 multiplex drive mode; 6 backplanes
		11	1:4 multiplex drive mode; 4 backplanes

Table 14. Set-MUX-mode - set multiplex drive mode command bit description

[1] Default value.

7.1.6 Command: set-bias-mode

The set-bias-mode command allows setting the bias level.

Table 15.	Set-bias-mode - set b	ias mode comn	nand bit description

Bit	Symbol	Value	Description
7 to 2	-	0000 01	fixed value
1 to 0	B[1:0]	00 ^[1] . 01	1⁄4 bias
		11	1⁄3 bias
		10	1⁄2 bias

[1] Default value.

7.1.7 Command: frame-frequency

With the frame-frequency command, the frame frequency for the display can be configured. The clock frequency determines the frame frequency.

 Table 16. Frame-frequency - frame frequency and output clock frequency command bit description

Bit	Symbol	Value	Description
7 to 5	-	001	fixed value
4 to 0	FD[4:0]	see <u>Table 17</u>	frequency prescaler

When using an **external clock** it can be either a 230 kHz or a 9.6 kHz clock signal. The EFR bit (see <u>Table 9</u>) has to be set according to the external clock frequency.

When EFR is set to 9.6 kHz, then the LCD frame frequency is calculated with Equation 1:

$$f_{fr(LCD)} = \frac{f_{clk(ext)}}{48}$$
(1)

When EFR is set to 230 kHz, then the LCD frame frequency is calculated with Equation $\underline{2}$:

$$f_{fr(LCD)} = \frac{f_{clk(ext)}}{48q}$$
(2)

where q is the frequency divide factor (see Table 17).

Remark: $f_{clk(ext)}$ is the external input clock frequency to pin OSCCLK.

When the **internal oscillator** is used, the intermediate frequency may be output on the OSCCLK pin. Its frequency is given in <u>Table 17</u>.

Table 17.	Frame frequency	<pre>/ prescaler values</pre>	for 230 kHz clock operation
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FD[4:0]	Nominal LCD frame frequency (Hz) ^[1]	Divide factor, q	Intermediate clock frequency (Hz)
0 0000	59.9	80	2 875
0 0001	70.5	68	3 382
0 0010	79.9	60	3 833
0 0011	90.4	53	4 340
0 0100	99.8	48	4 792
0 0101	108.9	44	5 227
0 0110	119.8	40	5 750
0 0111	129.5	37	6 2 1 6
0 1000	140.9	34	6 765
0 1001	149.7	32	7 188
0 1010	159.7	30	7 667
0 1011	171.1	28	8 2 1 4
0 1100	177.5	27	8 519
0 1101	191.7	25	9 200
0 1110 ^[2]	199.7	24	9 583
0 1111	208.3	23	10 000
1 0000	217.8	22	10 455
1 0001	228.3	21	10 952
1 0010	239.6	20	11 500
1 0011	252.2	19	12 105
1 0100	266.2	18	12 778
1 0101	281.9	17	13 529
1 0110	299.5	16	14 375
1 0111 to 1 1111	not used		,

[1] Nominal frame frequency calculated for the default clock frequency of 230 kHz.

[2] Default value.

7.1.8 Command: load-data-pointer

The load-data-pointer command defines the start address of the display RAM. The data pointer is auto incremented after each RAM write. The size of the display RAM is dependent on the current multiplex drive mode setting, see <u>Table 18</u>.

 Table 18. Load-data-pointer - load data pointer command bit description

Bit	Symbol	Value	Description		
7 to 6	-	10	fixed value		
Multiple	ex drive mode 1:8				
5 to 0	DP[5:0]	00 0000 ^[1] to 10 0111	6-bit binary value of 0 to 39		
Multiple	ex drive mode 1:6				
5 to 0	DP[5:0]	00 0000 ^[1] to 10 1001	6-bit binary value of 0 to 41		
Multiplex drive mode 1:4					
5 to 0	DP[5:0]	00 0000 ^[1] to 10 1011	6-bit binary value of 0 to 43		

[1] Default value.

Remark: Data pointer values outside of the valid range are ignored and no RAM content is transferred until a valid data pointer value is set.

Filling of the display RAM is described in <u>Section 7.9</u>.

7.1.9 Command: write-RAM-data

This command initiates the transfer of data to the display RAM. Data is written into the address defined by the load-data-pointer command. RAM filling is described in <u>Section 7.9</u>.

Table 19. Write-R	RAM-data - write RA	AM data command	bit description ^[1]
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Bit	Symbol	Value	Description
7 to 0	D[7:0]	0000 0000 to 1111 1111	writing data byte-wise to RAM

[1] For this command to be effective bit RS[1:0] of the control byte has to be set logic 01, see <u>Table 24page 36</u>.

7.2 Start-up and shut-down

7.2.1 Reset and Power-On Reset (POR)

After a reset and at power-on the PCF8545 resets to starting conditions as follows:

- 1. The display is disabled.
- 2. All backplane outputs are set to V_{SS} .
- 3. All segment outputs are set to V_{SS} .
- 4. Selected drive mode is: 1:8 with $\frac{1}{4}$ bias.
- 5. The data pointers are cleared (set logic 0).
- 6. RAM data is not initialized. Its content can be considered to be random.

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7. The internal oscillator is running; no clock signal is available on pin OSCCLK; pin OSCCLK is in 3-state.

The reset state is as shown in Table 20.

Table 20. Reset state

Reset state of configurable bits shown in the command table format for clarity.

Associated command	Bits							
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
mode-settings	-	-	-	-	BPS = 0	INV = 0	PD = 0	E = 0
oscillator-control	-	-	-	-	-	EFR = 0	COE = 0	OSC = 0
set-MUX-mode	-	-	-	-	-	-	M[1:0] = 00	
set-bias-mode	-	-	-	-	-	-	B[1:0] = 00	
frame-frequency	-	-	-	FD[4:0] = 0	1110			
load-data-pointer	-	-	DP[5:0] = 0	DP[5:0] = 00 0000				

The first command sent to the device after the power-on event must be the initialize command (see <u>Section 7.1.1</u>).

After Power-On Reset (POR) and before enabling the display, the RAM content should be brought to a defined state by writing meaningful content (for example, a graphic) otherwise unwanted display artifacts may appear on the display.

7.2.2 RESET pin function

The RESET pin of the PCF8545 sets all the registers to their default state. The reset state is given in Table 20. The RAM contents remains unchanged. After the reset signal is removed, the PCF8545 will behave in the same manner as after Power-On Reset (POR). See Section 7.2.1 for details.

7.2.3 Recommended start-up sequences

This chapter describes how to proceed with the initialization of the chip in different application modes.

In general, the sequence should always be:

- 1. Power-on the device,
- 2. set the display and functional modes,
- 3. fill the display memory and then
- 4. turn on the display.

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7.3 Possible display configurations

The PCF8545 is a versatile peripheral device designed to interface between any microcontroller to a wide variety of LCD segment or dot matrix displays (see Figure 10). It can drive multiplexed LCD with 4, 6, or 8 backplanes and up to 44 segments.

The display configurations possible with the PCF8545 depend on the required number of active backplane outputs. A selection of possible display configurations is given in Table 21.



Table 21. Selection of display configurations

Number of			Digits/Characte	Dot matrix/		
Backplanes	Segments	Icons	7 segment ^[1]	14 segment ^[2]	Elements	
8	40	320	40	20	320	
6	42	252	31	15	252	
4	44	176	22	11	176	

[1] 7 segment display has 8 elements including the decimal point.

[2] 14 segment display has 16 elements including decimal point and accent dot.

All of the display configurations in <u>Table 21</u> can be implemented in the typical systems shown in <u>Figure 11</u> and <u>Figure 12</u>.

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The host microcontroller maintains the two line I^2C -bus or a three line SPI-bus communication channel with the PCF8545. The appropriate biasing voltages for the multiplexed LCD waveforms are generated internally. The only other connections required to complete the system are the power supplies (V_{DD} , V_{SS} , V_{LCD}) and the LCD panel selected for the application.

The minimum recommended values for external capacitors on V_{DD} and V_{LCD} are 100 nF respectively. Decoupling of V_{LCD} helps to reduce display artifacts. The decoupling capacitors should be placed close to the IC with short connections to the respective supply pin and V_{SS}.

7.4 LCD voltage selector

The LCD voltage selector coordinates the multiplexing of the LCD in accordance with the selected LCD drive configuration. The operation of the voltage selector is controlled by the set-bias-mode command (see <u>Table 15</u>) and the set-MUX-mode command (see <u>Table 14</u>).

Fractional LCD biasing voltages are obtained from an internal voltage divider. The biasing configurations that apply to the preferred modes of operation, together with the biasing characteristics as functions of V_{LCD} and the resulting discrimination ratios (D), are given in Table 22.

Discrimination is a term which is defined as the ratio of the on and off RMS voltage across a segment. It can be thought of as a measurement of contrast.

LCD multiplex	Number of: Backplanes Levels		LCD bias	V _{of f(RMS)}	Von(RMS)	$D = \frac{V_{on(RMS)}}{[1]}$	V _{LCD} ^[2]
drive mode			configuration	V_{LCD}	V _{LCD}	$D = \frac{OI(RMS)}{V_{off}(RMS)}$ ^[1]	
1:4 ^[3]	4	3	1/2	0.433	0.661	1.527	2.309V _{off(RMS)}
1:4	4	4	1/3	0.333	0.577	1.732	3.0V _{off(RMS)}
1:4 ^[3]	4	5	1⁄4	0.331	0.545	1.646	3.024V _{off(RMS)}
1:6 ^[3]	6	3	1/2	0.456	0.612	1.341	2.191V _{off(RMS)}
1:6	6	4	1/3	0.333	0.509	1.527	3.0V _{off(RMS)}
1:6	6	5	1/4	0.306	0.467	1.527	3.266V _{off(RMS)}
1:8 ^[3]	8	3	1/2	0.467	0.586	1.254	2.138V _{off(RMS)}
1:8 ^[3]	8	4	1/3	0.333	0.471	1.414	3.0V _{off(RMS)}
1:8	8	5	1/4	0.293	0.424	1.447	3.411V _{off(RMS)}

Table 22. Preferred LCD drive modes: summary of characteristics

Determined from Equation 5. [1]

Determined from Equation 4. [2] [3]

In these examples, the discrimination factor and hence the contrast ratios are smaller. The advantage of these LCD drive modes is a reduction of the LCD voltage V_{LCD}.

> A practical value for V_{LCD} is determined by equating $V_{off(RMS)}$ with a defined LCD threshold voltage (V_{th(off)}), typically when the LCD exhibits approximately 10 % contrast.

Bias is calculated by $\frac{1}{1+a}$, where the values for a are

a = 1 for
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 bias
a = 2 for $\frac{1}{3}$ bias
a = 3 for $\frac{1}{4}$ bias

The RMS on-state voltage (Von(RMS)) for the LCD is calculated with Equation 3

$$V_{on(RMS)} = \frac{V_{LCD}}{\sqrt{\frac{a^2+2a+n}{n \times (1+a)^2}}}$$
 (3)

where V_{LCD} is the resultant voltage at the LCD segment and where the values for n are

- n = 4 for 1:4 multiplex drive
- n = 6 for 1:6 multiplex drive
- n = 8 for 1:8 multiplex drive

The RMS off-state voltage (Voff(RMS)) for the LCD is calculated with Equation 4:

$$V_{off(RMS)} = \frac{V_{LCD}}{\sqrt{\frac{a^2 - 2a + n}{n \times (1 + a)^2}}}$$
 (4)

Discrimination is the ratio of $V_{on(RMS)}$ to $V_{off(RMS)}$ and is determined from Equation 5:

$$D = \frac{V_{on(RMS)}}{V_{off(RMS)}} = \sqrt{\frac{a^{2}+2a+n}{a^{2}-2a+n}}$$
(5)

V_{LCD} is sometimes referred to as the LCD operating voltage.

7.4.1 Electro-optical performance

Suitable values for $V_{on(RMS)}$ and $V_{off(RMS)}$ are dependent on the LCD liquid used. The RMS voltage, at which a pixel gets switched on or off, determine the transmissibility of the pixel.

For any given liquid, there are two threshold values defined. One point is at 10 % relative transmission (at $V_{th(off)}$) and the other at 90 % relative transmission (at $V_{th(on)}$), see <u>Figure 13</u>. For a good contrast performance, the following rules should be followed:

 $V_{on(RMS)} \ge V_{th(on)}$ (6)

 $V_{off(RMS)} \leq V_{th(off)}(7)$

 $V_{on(RMS)}$ and $V_{off(RMS)}$ are properties of the display driver and are affected by the selection of a, n (see <u>Equation 3</u> to <u>Equation 5</u>) and the V_{LCD} voltage.

 $V_{th(off)}$ and $V_{th(on)}$ are properties of the LCD liquid and can be provided by the module manufacturer. $V_{th(off)}$ is sometimes named V_{th} . $V_{th(on)}$ is sometimes named saturation voltage V_{sat} .

It is important to match the module properties to those of the driver in order to achieve optimum performance.



7.5 LCD drive mode waveforms

7.5.1 1:4 Multiplex drive mode

When four backplanes are provided in the LCD, the 1:4 multiplex drive mode applies, as shown in Figure 14. This drawing is also showing the case of line inversion (see <u>Section 7.1.3.2</u>).

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7.5.2 1:6 Multiplex drive mode

When six backplanes are provided in the LCD, the 1:6 multiplex drive mode applies. The PCF8545 allows use of $\frac{1}{3}$ bias or $\frac{1}{4}$ bias in this mode as shown in Figure 15 and Figure 16. These waveforms are drawn for the case of line inversion (see Section 7.1.3.2).

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7.6 Display register

The display register holds the display data while the corresponding multiplex signals are generated.

7.7 Backplane outputs

The LCD drive section includes eight backplane outputs: BP0 to BP7. The backplane output signals are generated based on the selected LCD multiplex drive mode.

- In 1:8 multiplex drive mode: BP0 to BP7 must be connected directly to the LCD.
- In 1:6 multiplex drive mode: BP0 to BP5 must be connected directly to the LCD.
- In 1:4 multiplex drive mode: BP0 to BP3 must be connected directly to the LCD.

7.8 Segment outputs

The LCD drive section includes up to 44 segment outputs (S0 to S43) which must be connected directly to the LCD. The segment output signals are generated based on the multiplexed backplane signals and with data resident in the display register. When less segment outputs are required, the unused segment outputs must be left open-circuit. The number of available segments depends on the multiplex drive mode selected.

Multiplex drive mode	Active BPs	Active segments
1:8	BP0 to BP7	S0 to S39
1:6	BP0 to BP5	S0 to S41
1:4	BP0 to BP3	S0 to S43

Table 23. Backplane and active segment combinations

7.9 Display RAM

The display RAM stores the LCD data. Depending on the multiplex drive mode, the arrangement of the RAM is changed.

- multiplex drive 1:8: RAM is 40 × 8 bit
- multiplex drive 1:6: RAM is 42 × 6 bit
- multiplex drive 1:4: RAM is 44 × 4 bit

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Logic 1 in the RAM bit map indicates the on-state ($V_{on(RMS)}$) of the corresponding LCD element; similarly, logic 0 indicates the off-state ($V_{off(RMS)}$). For more information on $V_{on(RMS)}$ and $V_{off(RMS)}$, see Section 7.4.

There is a one-to-one correspondence between

- the bits in the RAM bitmap and the LCD elements,
- the RAM columns and the segment outputs,
- the RAM rows and the backplane outputs.

The display RAM bit map, Figure 19, shows row 0 to row 7 and column 0 to column 43. Row 0 to row 7 correspond with the backplane outputs BP0 to BP7. Column 0 to column 43 correspond with the segment outputs S0 to S43. In multiplexed LCD applications, the data of each row of the display RAM is time-multiplexed with the corresponding backplane (row 0 with BP0, row 1 with BP1, and so on).

When display data is transmitted to the PCF8545, the display bytes received are stored in the display RAM in accordance with the selected LCD multiplex drive mode. The data

is stored as it arrives and depending on the current multiplex drive mode, data is stored in quadruples, sextuples or bytes.

7.9.1 Data pointer

The addressing mechanism for the display RAM is realized using the data pointer. This allows the loading of an individual display data byte, or a series of display data bytes, into any location of the display RAM. The sequence commences with the initialization of the data pointer by the load-data-pointer command (see <u>Table 18</u>).

Following this command, an arriving data byte is stored starting at the display RAM address indicated by the data pointer.

The data pointer is automatically incremented in accordance with the chosen LCD multiplex drive mode configuration. That is, after each byte is stored, the contents of the data pointer are incremented

- by two (1:4 multiplex drive mode),
- by one or two (1:6 multiplex drive mode),
- by one (1:8 multiplex drive mode).

Multiplex drive 1:6 is a special case and is described later on.

When the address counter reaches the end of the RAM, it stops incrementing after the last byte is transmitted. Redundant bits of the last byte and subsequent bytes transmitted are discarded until the pointer is reset. To send new RAM data, the data pointer must be reset.

If an I²C-bus or SPI-bus data access is terminated early, then the state of the data pointer is unknown. The data pointer must then be rewritten before further RAM accesses.

7.9.2 RAM filling in 1:4 multiplex drive mode

In the 1:4 multiplex drive mode the RAM is organized in four rows and 44 columns. The eight transmitted data bits are placed in two successive display RAM columns of four rows (see Figure 20). In order to fill the whole four RAM rows, 22 bytes need to be sent to the PCF8545. After the last byte sent, the data pointer must be reset before the next RAM content update. Additional data bytes sent and any data bits that spill over the RAM are discarded.

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Depending on the start address of the data pointer, there is the possibility for a boundary condition. This occurs when more data bits are sent than fit into the remaining RAM. The additional data bits are discarded. See Figure 21.



7.9.3 RAM filling in 1:6 multiplex drive mode

In the 1:6 multiplex drive mode the RAM is organized in six rows and 42 columns. The eight transmitted data bits are placed in such a way, that a column is filled up (see Figure 22).

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The remaining bits are wrapped over into the next column. In order to fill the whole RAM, 31 and a half bytes need to be sent to the PCF8545. After the last byte sent, the data pointer must be reset before the next RAM content update. Additional data bytes sent and any data bits that spill over the RAM are discarded. Depending on the start address of the data pointer, there are three possible boundary conditions. See Figure 23.

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7.9.4 RAM filling in 1:8 multiplex drive mode

In the 1:8 multiplex drive mode the RAM is organized in eight rows and 40 columns. The eight transmitted data bits are placed into eight rows of one display RAM column (see Figure 24). In order to fill the whole RAM, 40 bytes need to be sent to the PCF8545. After the last byte sent, the data pointer must be reset before the next RAM content update. Additional data bytes sent are discarded.

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There are no boundary conditions in 1:8 multiplex drive mode.

8 Bus interfaces

8.1 Control byte and register selection

After initiating the communication over the bus and sending the target address (I²C-bus, see <u>Section 8.2</u>) or subaddress (SPI-bus, see <u>Section 8.3</u>), a control byte follows. The purpose of this byte is to indicate both, the content for the following data bytes (RAM, or command) and to indicate that more control bytes will follow.

Typical sequences could be:

- target address/subaddress control byte command byte command byte command byte end
- target address/subaddress control byte RAM byte RAM byte RAM byte end
- target address/subaddress control byte command byte control byte RAM byte end

In this way, it is possible to send a mixture of RAM and command data in one access or alternatively, to send just one type of data in one access.

Bit	Symbol	Value	Description		
7	СО		continue bit		
		0	last control byte		
		1	control bytes continue		
6 to 5 RS[1:0]			register selection		
		00	command register		
		01	RAM data		

Table 24.	Control	byte	description
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 Table 24. Control byte description...continued

Bit	Symbol	Value	Description
		10, 11	unused
4 to 0	-	-	unused



8.2 I²C-bus interface

The I²C-bus is for bidirectional, two-line communication between different ICs or modules. The two lines are a Serial DAta line (SDA) and a Serial CLock line (SCL). Both lines must be connected to a positive supply via a pull-up resistor when connected to the output stages of a device. Data transfer may be initiated only when the bus is not busy.

8.2.1 Bit transfer

One data bit is transferred during each clock pulse. The data on the SDA line must remain stable during the HIGH period of the clock pulse as changes in the data line at this time is interpreted as a control signal (see Figure 26).



8.2.2 START and STOP conditions

Both data and clock lines remain HIGH when the bus is not busy.

A HIGH-to-LOW change of the data line, while the clock is HIGH, is defined as the START condition (S).

A LOW-to-HIGH change of the data line, while the clock is HIGH, is defined as the STOP condition (P).

The START and STOP conditions are shown in Figure 27.


8.2.3 System configuration

A device generating a message is a transmitter, a device receiving a message is the receiver. The device that controls the message is the controller and the devices which are controlled by the controller are the targets. The system configuration is shown in Figure 28.



8.2.4 Acknowledge

The number of data bytes transferred between the START and STOP conditions from transmitter to receiver is unlimited. Each byte of 8 bits is followed by an acknowledge cycle.

- A target receiver which is addressed must generate an acknowledge after the reception of each byte.
- Also a controller receiver must generate an acknowledge after the reception of each byte that has been clocked out of the target transmitter.
- The device that acknowledges must pull-down the SDA line during the acknowledge clock pulse, so that the SDA line is stable LOW during the HIGH period of the acknowledge related clock pulse (set-up and hold times must be considered).
- A controller receiver must signal an end of data to the transmitter by not generating an acknowledge on the last byte that has been clocked out of the target. In this event, the transmitter must leave the data line HIGH to enable the controller to generate a STOP condition.

Acknowledgement on the I²C-bus is shown in Figure 29.



8.2.5 l²C-bus controller

The PCF8545 acts as an I^2 C-bus target receiver. It does not initiate I^2 C-bus transfers or transmit data to an I^2 C-bus controller receiver. Device selection depends on the I^2 C-bus target address.

8.2.6 Input filters

To enhance noise immunity in electrically adverse environments, RC low-pass filters are provided on the SDA and SCL lines.

8.2.7 I²C-bus target address

Device selection depends on the I^2 C-bus target address. Two different I^2 C-bus target addresses can be used to address the PCF8545 (see <u>Table 25</u>).

Table 25.	I ² C target address byte
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	target ac	ddress						
Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	MSB							LSB
	0	1	1	1	0	0	A0	R/W

The least significant bit of the target address byte is bit R/W (see <u>Table 26</u>).

Table 26.	R/W-bit	description
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R/W	Description
0	write data
1	read data

Bit 1 of the target address is defined by connecting the input A0 to either V_{SS} (logic 0) or V_{DD} (logic 1). Therefore, two instances of PCF8545 can be distinguished on the same I^2C -bus.

8.2.8 I²C-bus protocol

The I²C-bus protocol is shown in <u>Figure 30</u>. The sequence is initiated with a START condition (S) from the I²C-bus controller which is followed by one of the two PCF8545 target addresses available. All PCF8545 with the corresponding A0 level acknowledge in parallel to the target address. But any PCF8545 with the alternative A0 level ignore the whole I²C-bus transfer.

After acknowledgement, a control byte follows (see Section 8.1).

The display bytes are stored in the display RAM at the address specified by the RAM data pointer.

The acknowledgement after each byte is made only by the addressed PCF8545. After the last data byte, the I^2 C-bus controller issues a STOP condition (P). Alternatively a START may be issued to RESTART an I^2 C-bus access.



8.2.8.1 Status read out

Status read out for I^2C -bus operation only. This command initiates the read-out of a fixed value plus the target address bit A0 from the PCF8545. The read-out function allows the I^2C controller to confirm the existence of the device on the I^2C -bus.

Table 27. Status	read out value
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Bit	Symbol	Value	Description
7 to 1	-	0101 010	fixed value
0	A0	0	read back value is 0101 0100
		1	read back value is 0101 0101

If a readout is made, the R/W bit must be logic 1 and then the next data byte following is provided by the PCF8545 as shown in Figure 31.



In the unlikely case that the chip has entered the internal test mode, detection of this state is possible by using the modified status read-out detailed in <u>Table 28</u>. The read out value is modified to indicate that the chip has entered an internal test mode.

Table 28. Modified status read out value

Bit	Symbol	Value	Description
7 to 1	-	1111 000	fixed value
0	A0	0	read back value is 1111 0000
		1	read back value is 1111 0001

EMC detection

The PCF8545 is ruggedized against EMC susceptibility; however it is not possible to cover all cases. To detect if a severe EMC event has occurred, it is possible to check the responsiveness of the device by reading its register.

8.3 SPI-bus interface

Data transfer to the device is made via a 3 line SPI-bus (see <u>Table 29</u>). There is no output data line. The SPI-bus is initialized whenever the chip enable line pin \overline{CE} is inactive.

 Table 29.
 Serial interface

Symbol	Function	Description
CE	chip enable input ^[1] ; active LOW	when HIGH, the interface is reset
SCL	serial clock input	input may be higher than V _{DD}
SDI	serial data input	input may be higher than V_{DD} ; input data is sampled on the rising edge of SCL

[1] The chip enable must not be wired permanently LOW.

8.3.1 Data transmission

The chip enable signal is used to identify the transmitted data. Each data transfer is a byte with the Most Significant Bit (MSB) sent first.

The transmission is controlled by the active LOW chip enable signal \overline{CE} . The first byte transmitted is the subaddress byte.



The subaddress byte opens the communication with a read/write bit and a subaddress. The subaddress is used to identify multiple devices on one SPI-bus.

Table 30. Subaddress byte definition

Bit	Symbol	Value	Description
7	R/W		data read or write selection
		0	write data
		1	read data
6 to 5	SA[1:0]	01	subaddress ; other codes cause the device to ignore data transfer
4 to 0	-		unused

After the subaddress byte, a control byte follows (see Section 8.1).

R/W = 0
subaddress control byte RAM/command byte
EXAMPLES
a) transmit two bytes of display RAM data
0'0'1' 0'0'1' RAM DATA' ' RAM DATA'
b) transmit two command bytes
0 0 1 1 0 0 COMMAND 0 0 0 COMMAND
c) transmit one command byte and two display RAM date bytes
of the sine command by the time to display to the date by the
040
013aaa465
Data transfers are terminated by de-asserting \overline{CE} (set \overline{CE} to logic 1).
Figure 33. SPI-bus write example



9 Internal circuitry



10 Safety notes

CAUTION This device is sensitive to ElectroStatic Discharge (ESD). Observe precautions for handling electrostatic sensitive devices. Such precautions are described in the ANSI/ESD S20.20, IEC/ST 61340-5, JESD625-A or equivalent standards.

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CAUTION



Static voltages across the liquid crystal display can build up when the LCD supply voltage (V_{LCD}) is on while the IC supply voltage (V_{DD}) is off, or vice versa. This may cause unwanted display artifacts. To avoid such artifacts, V_{LCD} and V_{DD} must be applied or removed together.

11 Limiting values

Table 31. Limiting values

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Мах	Unit
V _{DD}	supply voltage			-0.5	+6.5	V
I _{DD}	supply current			-50	+50	mA
V _{LCD}	LCD supply voltage			-0.5	+6.5	V
I _{DD(LCD)}	LCD supply current			-50	+50	mA
VI	input voltage	PCF8545ATT				
		on pins SDA, OSCCLK, SCL, A0, RESET		-0.5	+6.5	V
		PCF8545BTT				
		on pins CE, OSCCLK, SCL, SDI, RESET		-0.5	+6.5	V
I _I	input current			-10	+10	mA
Vo	output voltage	on pins S0 to S39, BP0 to BP7		-0.5	+6.5	V
		on pin SDA		-0.5	+6.5	V
lo	output current			-10	+10	mA
I _{SS}	ground supply current			-50	+50	mA
P _{tot}	total power dissipation			-	400	mW
P/out	power dissipation per output			-	100	mW
V _{ESD}	electrostatic discharge voltage	НВМ	[1]	-	±3 500	V
		CDM	[2]	-	±1 250	V
l _{lu}	latch-up current		[3]	-	200	mA
T _{stg}	storage temperature		[4]	-65	+150	°C
T _{amb}	ambient temperature	operating device		-40	+85	°C

Pass level; Human Body Model (HBM), according to [1]. [1]

[2] [3] Pass level; Charge Device Model (CDM), according to [2].

Pass level; latch-up testing according to [3] at maximum ambient temperature (T_{amb(max})). According to the store and transport requirements (see [4]) the devices have to be stored at a temperature of +8 °C to +45 °C and a humidity of 25 % to [4] 75 %

12 Static characteristics

Table 32. Static characteristics

 V_{DD} = 1.8 V to 5.5 V; V_{SS} = 0 V; V_{LCD} = 2.5 V to 5.5 V; T_{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C; unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Uni
Supplies							
V _{DD}	supply voltage			1.8	-	5.5	V
V _{LCD}	LCD supply voltage	$V_{LCD} \ge V_{DD}$		2.5	-	5.5	V
DD(pd)	power-down mode supply current		[1]	-	0.5	2	μA
DD	supply current	see Figure 37					
		external 9.6 kHz clock	[2]	-	10	25	μA
		internal oscillator	[2]	-	30	60	μA
DD(LCD)	LCD supply current	power-down, see Figure <u>38</u>	[1][3]	-	7	15	μA
		display active, see <u>Figure 39</u>	[4]	-	55	140	μA
Logic							
VI	input voltage			V _{SS} - 0.5	-	V _{DD} + 0.5	V
V _{IL}	LOW-level input voltage	on pins OSCCLK, A0 and RESET		-	-	0.3V _{DD}	V
V _{IH}	HIGH-level input voltage	on pins OSCCLK, A0 and RESET		0.7V _{DD}	-	-	V
Vo	output voltage			-0.5	-	V _{DD} + 0.5	V
V _{OH}	HIGH-level output voltage	driving load of 50 µA on pins OSCCLK		0.8V _{DD}	-	-	V
V _{OL}	LOW-level output voltage	driving load of 50 µA on pins OSCCLK		-	-	0.2V _{DD}	V
он	HIGH-level output current	output source current; V _{OH} = V _{DD} - 0.4 V					
		on pin OSCCLK					
		V _{DD} = 1.8 V		0.7	1.6	-	mA
		V _{DD} ≥ 3.3 V		1.5	4.0	-	mA
lol	LOW-level output current	output sink current; V _{OL} = 0.4 V					
		on pin OSCCLK					
		V _{DD} = 1.8 V		3	4	-	mA
		V _{DD} ≥ 3.3 V		5	10	-	mA
		V _i = V _{DD} or V _{SS} ; on		-1		+1	μA

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Table 32. Static characteristics...continued

 V_{DD} = 1.8 V to 5.5 V; V_{SS} = 0 V; V_{LCD} = 2.5 V to 5.5 V; T_{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C; unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Unit
VI	input voltage		,	V _{SS} - 0.5	-	5.5	V
V _{IL}	LOW-level input voltage			-	-	0.3V _{DD}	V
V _{IH}	HIGH-level input voltage			0.7V _{DD}	-	-	V
Vo	output voltage			-0.5	-	+5.5	V
IL	leakage current	$V_{I} = V_{DD} \text{ or } V_{SS}$		-1	-	+1	μA
On pin SD	A		1		1		
I _{OL}	LOW-level output current	output sink current					
		V _{DD} = 1.8 V	;	3	5.5	-	mA
		V _{DD} = 3.3 V	:	5	9	-	mA
SPI-bus							
VI	input voltage	on pin SCL		V _{SS} - 0.5	-	5.5	V
		on pins CE and SDI	,	V _{SS} - 0.5	-	V _{DD} + 0.5	V
On pins S	CL, CE and SDI		I		1		
V _{IL}	LOW-level input voltage			-	-	0.3V _{DD}	V
V _{IH}	HIGH-level input voltage			0.7V _{DD}	-	-	V
IL	leakage current	$V_{I} = V_{DD} \text{ or } V_{SS}$		-1	-	+1	μA
LCD outp	uts	I	I				
ΔV _O	output voltage variation	on pins BP0 to BP7	[6]	-	2.5	+10	mV
		on pins S0 to S43	[7]	_	2.5	+10	mV
R _O	output resistance	V _{LCD} = 5.5 V; on pins BP0 to BP7	[8]	-	0.9	5.0	kΩ
		V _{LCD} = 5.5 V; on pins S0 to S43	[8]	-	1.5	6.0	kΩ

Power-down mode is enabled; I^2C -bus or SPI-bus inactive. 1:8 multiplex drive mode; $\frac{1}{4}$ bias; display enabled; LCD outputs are open circuit; RAM is all written with logic 1; inputs at V_{SS} or V_{DD}; default display prescale factor; I^2C -bus or SPI-bus inactive. Strongly linked to V_{LCD} voltage. See <u>Figure 38</u>. 1:8 multiplex drive mode; $\frac{1}{4}$ bias; display enabled; LCD outputs are open circuit; RAM is all written with logic 1; default display prescale factor. The I^2C -bus interface of PCF8545 is 5 V tolerant. Variation between any two backplanes on a given voltage level; static measured. Variation between any two backplanes on a given voltage level; static measured. [1] [2]

[3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]

Variation between any two segments on a given voltage level; static measured.

Outputs measured one at a time.

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Figure 37. Typical I_{DD} with respect to temperature



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13 Dynamic characteristics

Table 33. Dynamic characteristics

 V_{DD} = 1.8 V to 5.5 V; V_{SS} = 0 V; V_{LCD} = 2.5 V to 5.5 V; T_{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C; unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Unit
f _{clk}	clock frequency	output on pin OSCCLK; V _{DD} = 3.3 V	[1]	7 800	9 600	11 040	Hz
f _{clk(ext)}	external clock frequency	EFR = 0		-	-	250 000	Hz
t _(RESET_N)	RESET_N pulse width	LOW time	LOW time 400			-	ns
External c	lock source used on pin OSC	CLK			·		
t _{clk(H)}	clock HIGH time			33	-	-	μs
t _{clk(L)}	clock LOW time			33	-	-	μs

[1] Frequency present on OSCCLK with default display frequency division factor.

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Table 34. Timing characteristics: I²C-bus

 V_{DD} = 1.8 V to 5.5 V; V_{SS} = 0 V; T_{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C; unless otherwise specified. All timing values are valid within the operating supply voltage and temperature range and referenced to V_{IL} and V_{IH} with an input voltage swing of V_{SS} to V_{DD} . Timing waveforms see Figure 43.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Мах	Unit
Pin SCL							
f _{SCL}	SCL clock frequency		[1]	-	-	400	kHz

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Table 34. Timing characteristics: I²C-bus...continued

 V_{DD} = 1.8 V to 5.5 V; V_{SS} = 0 V; T_{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C; unless otherwise specified. All timing values are valid within the operating supply voltage and temperature range and referenced to V_{IL} and V_{IH} with an input voltage swing of V_{SS} to V_{DD} . Timing waveforms see Figure 43.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Unit
t _{LOW}	LOW period of the SCL clock			1.3	-	-	μs
t _{HIGH}	HIGH period of the SCL clock			0.6	-	-	μs
Pin SDA			I			1	
t _{SU;DAT}	data set-up time			100	-	-	ns
t _{HD;DAT}	data hold time			0	-	-	ns
Pins SCL	and SDA		!		I	I	
t _{BUF}	bus free time between a STOP and START condition			1.3	-	-	μs
t _{SU;STO}	set-up time for STOP condition			0.6	-	-	μs
t _{HD;STA}	hold time (repeated) START condition			0.6	-	-	μs
t _{SU;STA}	set-up time for a repeated START condition			0.6	-	-	μs
t _r	rise time of both SDA and SCL	f _{SCL} = 400 kHz		-	-	0.3	μs
	signals	f _{SCL} = 100 kHz		-	-	1.0	μs
t _f	fall time of both SDA and SCL signals			-	-	0.3	μs
t _{VD;ACK}	data valid acknowledge time		[2]	0.6	-	-	μs
t _{VD;DAT}	data valid time		[3]	0.6	-	-	μs
C _b	capacitive load for each bus line			-	-	400	pF
t _{SP}	pulse width of spikes that must be suppressed by the input filter		[4]	-	-	50	ns

The minimum SCL clock frequency is limited by the bus time-out feature, which resets the serial bus interface if either the SDA or SCL is held LOW for a [1] minimum of 25 ms. The bus time-out feature must be disabled for DC operation.

[2] [3] t_{VD;ACK} = time for acknowledgement signal from SCL LOW to SDA output LOW.

 $t_{VD;DAT}$ = minimum time for valid SDA output following SCL LOW.

Input filters on the SDA and SCL inputs suppress noise spikes of less than 50 ns. [4]



Table 35. Timing characteristics: SPI-bus

 V_{DD} = 1.8 V to 5.5 V; V_{SS} = 0 V; T_{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C. All timing values are valid within the operating supply voltage and temperature range and referenced to V_{IL} and V_{IH} with an input voltage swing of V_{SS} to V_{DD} . Timing waveforms see Figure 44.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	V _{DD} < 2	2.7 V	$V_{DD} \ge 2$	2.7 V	Unit
			Min	Мах	Min	Мах	
f _{clk(SCL)}	SCL clock frequency		- 2		-	5	MHz
t _{SCL}	SCL time		500	-	200	-	ns
t _{clk(H)}	clock HIGH time		200	-	80	-	ns
t _{clk(L)}	clock LOW time		200	-	80	-	ns
t _r	rise time	for SCL signal	-	100	-	100	ns
t _f	fall time	for SCL signal	-	100	-	100	ns
t _{su(CE_N)}	CE_N set-up time		150	-	80	-	ns
t _{h(CE_N)}	CE_N hold time		0	-	0	-	ns
t _{rec(CE_N)}	CE_N recovery time		100	-	100	-	ns
t _{su}	set-up time	set-up time for SDI data	10	-	5	-	ns
t _h	hold time	hold time for SDI data	25	-	10	-	ns

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All input and output pins are protected against ElectroStatic Discharge (ESD) under normal handling. When handling Metal-Oxide Semiconductor (MOS) devices ensure that all normal precautions are taken as described in *JESD625-A*, *IEC 61340-5* or equivalent standards.

16 Packing information



16.1 Tape and reel information

Table 36.	. Carrier tape dimensions	of PCF8545ATT an	d PCF8545BTT
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Symbol	Description	Value	Unit
Compartme	ents	,	
A0	pocket width in x direction	8.65 to 8.9	mm
B0	pocket width in y direction	14.4 to 15.8	mm
K0	pocket depth	1.5 to 1.8	mm
P1	pocket hole pitch	12	mm
D1	pocket hole diameter	1.5 to 2.05	mm
Overall dim	ensions	,	,
W	tape width	24	mm
D0	sprocket hole diameter	1.5 to 1.55	mm
P0	sprocket hole pitch	4	mm

17 Soldering of SMD packages

This text provides a very brief insight into a complex technology. A more in-depth account of soldering ICs can be found in Application Note *AN10365 "Surface mount reflow* soldering description".

17.1 Introduction to soldering

Soldering is one of the most common methods through which packages are attached to Printed Circuit Boards (PCBs), to form electrical circuits. The soldered joint provides both the mechanical and the electrical connection. There is no single soldering method that is ideal for all IC packages. Wave soldering is often preferred when through-hole and Surface Mount Devices (SMDs) are mixed on one printed wiring board; however, it is not suitable for fine pitch SMDs. Reflow soldering is ideal for the small pitches and high densities that come with increased miniaturization.

17.2 Wave and reflow soldering

Wave soldering is a joining technology in which the joints are made by solder coming from a standing wave of liquid solder. The wave soldering process is suitable for the following:

- Through-hole components
- Leaded or leadless SMDs, which are glued to the surface of the printed circuit board

Not all SMDs can be wave soldered. Packages with solder balls, and some leadless packages which have solder lands underneath the body, cannot be wave soldered. Also, leaded SMDs with leads having a pitch smaller than ~0.6 mm cannot be wave soldered, due to an increased probability of bridging.

The reflow soldering process involves applying solder paste to a board, followed by component placement and exposure to a temperature profile. Leaded packages, packages with solder balls, and leadless packages are all reflow solderable.

Key characteristics in both wave and reflow soldering are:

- Board specifications, including the board finish, solder masks and vias
- Package footprints, including solder thieves and orientation
- · The moisture sensitivity level of the packages
- Package placement
- Inspection and repair
- Lead-free soldering versus SnPb soldering

17.3 Wave soldering

Key characteristics in wave soldering are:

- Process issues, such as application of adhesive and flux, clinching of leads, board transport, the solder wave parameters, and the time during which components are exposed to the wave
- · Solder bath specifications, including temperature and impurities

17.4 Reflow soldering

Key characteristics in reflow soldering are:

- Lead-free versus SnPb soldering; note that a lead-free reflow process usually leads to higher minimum peak temperatures (see <u>Figure 47</u>) than a SnPb process, thus reducing the process window
- Solder paste printing issues including smearing, release, and adjusting the process window for a mix of large and small components on one board

• Reflow temperature profile; this profile includes preheat, reflow (in which the board is heated to the peak temperature) and cooling down. It is imperative that the peak temperature is high enough for the solder to make reliable solder joints (a solder paste characteristic). In addition, the peak temperature must be low enough that the packages and/or boards are not damaged. The peak temperature of the package depends on package thickness and volume and is classified in accordance with Table 37 and Table 38

Package thickness (mm)	Package reflow temperature (°C)								
	Volume (mm ³)								
	< 350	≥ 350							
< 2.5	235	220							
≥ 2.5	220	220							

Table 37. SnPb eutectic process (from J-STD-020D)

Table 38. Lead-free process (from J-STD-020D)

Package thickness (mm)	Package reflow	Package reflow temperature (°C)								
	Volume (mm ³)									
	< 350	350 to 2000	> 2000							
< 1.6	260	260	260							
1.6 to 2.5	260	250	245							
> 2.5	250	245	245							

Moisture sensitivity precautions, as indicated on the packing, must be respected at all times.

Studies have shown that small packages reach higher temperatures during reflow soldering, see <u>Figure 47</u>.



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For further information on temperature profiles, refer to Application Note *AN10365 "Surface mount reflow soldering description"*.

18 Footprint information for reflow soldering



Figure 48. Footprint information for reflow soldering of SOT364-1 (TSSOP56) package

19 Appendix

19.1 LCD segment driver selection

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Table 39. Selection of LCD segment drivers

Type name	Num	ber o	f elem	ents a	at MU	Х		V _{DD} (V)	V_{DD} (V) V_{LCD} (V) f_{fr} (Hz)			V _{LCD} (V)	T _{amb} (°C)	Interface	Package	AEC-
	1:1	1:2	1:3	1:4	1:6	1:8	1:9				charge pump	temperature compensat.				Q100
PCA8561AHN ^[1]	18	36	54	72	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	1.8 to 5.5	32 to 256 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 105	I ² C	HVQFN32	Y
PCA8561BHN ^[1]	18	36	54	72	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	1.8 to 5.5	32 to 256 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 105	SPI	HVQFN32	Y
PCF8566TS	24	48	72	96	-	-	-	2.5 to 6	2.5 to 6	69	N	N	-40 to 85	I ² C	VSO40	N
PCF85162T	32	64	96	128	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 6.5	82	N	Ν	-40 to 85	I ² C	TSSOP48	Ν
PCA85162T	32	64	96	128	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 8	110	N	N	-40 to 95	l ² C	TSSOP48	Y
PCA85262ATT	32	64	96	128	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 8	200	N	N	-40 to 105	I ² C	TSSOP48	Y
PCF8551ATT ^[1]	36	72	108	144	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	1.8 to 5.5	32 to 128 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 85	I ² C	TSSOP48	N
PCF8551BTT ^[1]	36	72	108	144	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	1.8 to 5.5	32 to 128 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 85	SPI	TSSOP48	N
PCA8551ATT ^[1]	36	72	108	144	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	1.8 to 5.5	32 to 256 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 105	l ² C	TSSOP48	Y
PCA8551BTT ^[1]	36	72	108	144	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	1.8 to 5.5	32 to 256 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 105	SPI	TSSOP48	Y
PCF85176T	40	80	120	160	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 6.5	82	N	N	-40 to 85	I ² C	TSSOP56	Ν
PCA85176T	40	80	120	160	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 8	110	N	N	-40 to 95	I ² C	TSSOP56	Y
PCA85276ATT	40	80	120	160	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 8	200	N	N	-40 to 105	I ² C	TSSOP56	Y
PCF85176H	40	80	120	160	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 6.5	82	N	Ν	-40 to 85	I ² C	TQFP64	Ν
PCA85176H	40	80	120	160	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 8	82	N	Ν	-40 to 95	I ² C	TQFP64	Y
PCF8553ATT ^[1]	40	80	120	160	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	1.8 to 5.5	32 to 128 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 85	l ² C	TSSOP56	Ν
PCF8553BTT ^[1]	40	80	120	160	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	1.8 to 5.5	32 to 128 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 85	SPI	TSSOP56	Ν
PCA8553ATT ^[1]	40	80	120	160	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	1.8 to 5.5	32 to 256 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 105	I ² C	TSSOP56	Y
PCA8553BTT ^[1]	40	80	120	160	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	1.8 to 5.5	32 to 256 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 105	SPI	TSSOP56	Y
PCA8546ATT ^[1]	-	-	-	176	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 9	60 to 300 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 95	l ² C	TSSOP56	Y
PCA8546BTT ^[1]	-	-	-	176	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 9	60 to 300 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 95	SPI	TSSOP56	Y
PCA8547AHT ^[1]	44	88	-	176	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 9	60 to 300 ^[2]	Y	Y ^[3]	-40 to 95	l ² C	TQFP64	Y
PCA8547BHT ^[1]	44	88	-	176	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 9	60 to 300 ^[2]	Y	Y ^[3]	-40 to 95	SPI	TQFP64	Y
PCF85134HL	60	120	180	240	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 6.5	82	N	N	-40 to 85	I ² C	LQFP80	N

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Type name	Num	ber o	f elem	ents a	at MU	X		V _{DD} (V)	V _{LCD} (V)	f _{fr} (Hz)	V _{LCD} (V)	V _{LCD} (V)	T _{amb} (°C)	Interface	Package	AEC-
	1:1	1:2	1:3	1:4	1:6	1:8	1:9				charge pump	temperature compensat.				Q100
PCA85134H	60	120	180	240	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 8	82	N	Ν	-40 to 95	I ² C	LQFP80	Y
PCA8543AHL	60	120	-	240	-	-	-	2.5 to 5.5	2.5 to 9	60 to 300 ^[2]	Y	Y	-40 to 105	I ² C	LQFP80	Y
PCF8545ATT ^[1]	-	-	-	176	252	320	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 5.5	60 to 300 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 85	I ² C	TSSOP56	Ν
PCF8545BTT ^[1]	-	-	-	176	252	320	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 5.5	60 to 300 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 85	SPI	TSSOP56	Ν
PCF8536AT ^[4]	-	-	-	176	252	320	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 9	60 to 300 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 85	l ² C	TSSOP56	Ν
PCF8536BT ^[4]	-	-	-	176	252	320	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 9	60 to 300 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 85	SPI	TSSOP56	Ν
PCA8536AT ^[4]	-	-	-	176	252	320	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 9	60 to 300 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 95	l ² C	TSSOP56	Y
PCA8536BT ^[4]	-	-	-	176	252	320	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 9	60 to 300 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 95	SPI	TSSOP56	Y
PCF8537AH	44	88	-	176	276	352	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 9	60 to 300 ^[2]	Y	Y ^[3]	-40 to 85	l ² C	TQFP64	Ν
PCF8537BH	44	88	-	176	276	352	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 9	60 to 300 ^[2]	Y	Y ^[3]	-40 to 85	SPI	TQFP64	Ν
PCA8537AH	44	88	-	176	276	352	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 9	60 to 300 ^[2]	Y	Y ^[3]	-40 to 95	I ² C	TQFP64	Y
PCA8537BH	44	88	-	176	276	352	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 9	60 to 300 ^[2]	Y	Y ^[3]	-40 to 95	SPI	TQFP64	Y
PCA9620H	60	120	-	240	320	480	-	2.5 to 5.5	2.5 to 9	60 to 300 ^[2]	Y	Y ^[3]	-40 to 105	I ² C	LQFP80	Y
PCA9620U	60	120	-	240	320	480	-	2.5 to 5.5	2.5 to 9	60 to 300 ^[2]	Y	Y ^[3]	-40 to 105	l ² C	bare die	Y
PCF8552DUG ^[1]	36	72	108	144	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	1.8 to 5.5	32 to 128 ^[2]	N	Ν	-40 to 85	I ² C, SPI	bare die	Ν
PCA8552DUG ^[1]	36	72	108	144	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	1.8 to 5.5	32 to 256 ^[2]	N	Ν	-40 to 105	I ² C, SPI	bare die	Y
PCF8576DU	40	80	120	160	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 6.5	77	N	Ν	-40 to 85	l ² C	bare die	Ν
PCF8576EUG	40	80	120	160	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 6.5	77	N	Ν	-40 to 85	l ² C	bare die	Ν
PCA8576FUG ^[1]	40	80	120	160	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 8	200	N	Ν	-40 to 105	l ² C	bare die	Y
PCF85133U	80	160	240	320	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 6.5	82, 110 ^[5]	N	Ν	-40 to 85	l ² C	bare die	Ν
PCA85133U	80	160	240	320	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 8	82, 110 ^[5]	N	Ν	-40 to 95	l ² C	bare die	Y
PCA85233U	80	160	240	320	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	2.5 to 8	150, 220 ^[5]	N	N	-40 to 105	I ² C	bare die	Y
PCA8530DUG ^[1]	102	204	-	408	-	-	-	2.5 to 5.5	4 to 12	45 to 300 ^[2]	Y	Y ^[3]	-40 to 105	I ² C, SPI	bare die	Y
PCF85132U	160	320	480	640	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	1.8 to 8	60 to 90 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 85	l ² C	bare die	N

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Type name	Num	ber of	f elem	ents a	at MU	K		V _{DD} (V)	V _{LCD} (V)	f _{fr} (Hz)	V _{LCD} (V)	V _{LCD} (V)	T _{amb} (°C)	Interface	Package	AEC-
	1:1	1:2	1:3	1:4	1:6	1:8	1:9				charge pump	temperature compensat.				Q100
PCA85132U	160	320	480	640	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	1.8 to 8	60 to 90 ^[2]	N	Ν	-40 to 95	I ² C	bare die	Y
PCA85232U	160	320	480	640	-	-	-	1.8 to 5.5	1.8 to 8	117 to 176 ^[2]	N	N	-40 to 95	I ² C	bare die	Y
PCF8538UG ^[1]	102	204	-	408	612	816	918	2.5 to 5.5	4 to 12	45 to 300 ^[2]	Y	Y ^[3]	-40 to 85	I ² C, SPI ^[5]	bare die	Ν
PCA8538UG	102	204	-	408	612	816	918	2.5 to 5.5	4 to 12	45 to 300 ^[2]	Y	Y ^[3]	-40 to 105	I ² C, SPI ^[5]	bare die	Y

[1] In development.

Can be selected by command. Extra feature: Temperature sensor. [2]

[3]

Extra feature: 6 PWM channels. [4]

[5] Can be selected by pin configuration.

20 Abbreviations

Table 40. Abbr	reviations
Acronym	Description
CDM	Charged-Device Model
CMOS	Complementary Metal-Oxide Semiconductor
DC	Direct Current
EMC	ElectroMagnetic Compatibility
EPROM	Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory
ESD	ElectroStatic Discharge
HBM	Human Body Model
I ² C	Inter-Integrated Circuit bus
IC	Integrated Circuit
LCD	Liquid Crystal Display
LSB	Least Significant Bit
MSB	Most Significant Bit
MSL	Moisture Sensitivity Level
MUX	Multiplexer
OTP	One Time Programmable
PCB	Printed-Circuit Board
POR	Power-On Reset
RC	Resistance-Capacitance
RAM	Random Access Memory
RGB	Red Green Blue
RMS	Root Mean Square
SCL	Serial CLock line
SDA	Serial DAta line
SPI	Serial Peripheral Interface

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- [1] JESD22-A114 Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) Sensitivity Testing Human Body Model (HBM)
- [2] JESD22-C101 Field-Induced Charged-Device Model Test Method for Electrostatic-Discharge-Withstand Thresholds of Microelectronic Components
- [3] JESD78 IC Latch-Up Test
- [4] UM10569 Store and transport requirements

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