

## CMOS process ultra-low power single/dual timer

### Description

The **HT555C** and **HT556C** are CMOS RC timers providing significantly improved performance over the standard SE/NE 555/556 and 355 timers, while at the same time being direct replacements for those devices in most applications. Improved parameters include low supply current, wide operating supply voltage range, low Threshold, Trigger and Reset currents, no crowbaring of the supply current during output transitions, higher frequency performance and no requirement to decouple Control Voltage for stable operation.

Specifically, the HT555C and HT556C are stable controllers capable of producing accurate time delays or frequencies. The HT556C is a dual HT555C, with the two timers operating independently of each other, sharing only V+ and GND. In the one shot mode, the pulse width of each circuit is precisely controlled by one external resistor and capacitor. For astable operation as an oscillator, the free running frequency and the duty cycle are both accurately controlled by two external resistors and one capacitor. Unlike the regular bipolar SE/NE 555/556 devices, the Control Voltage terminal need not be decoupled with a capacitor. The circuits are triggered and reset on falling (negative) waveforms, and the output inverter can source or sink currents large enough to drive TTL loads, or provide minimal offsets to drive CMOS loads.

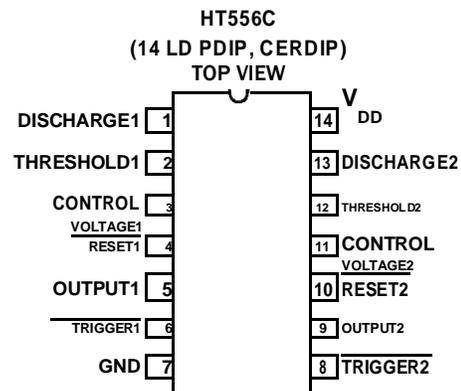
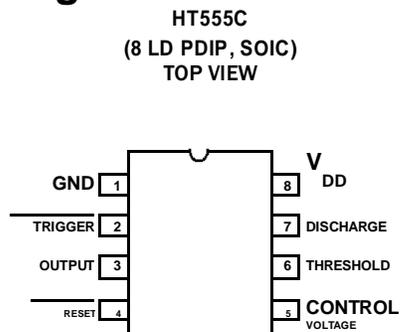
### Features

- Exact equivalent in most cases for SE/NE 555/556 or TLC555/556
- Low supply current
  - HT555C ..... 60μA
  - HT556C ..... 120μA
- Extremely low input currents ..... 20pA
- High speed operation ..... 1MHz
- Guaranteed supply voltage range ..... 2V to 18V
- Temperature stability ..... 0.005%/°C at +25°C
- Normal reset function - no crowbaring of supply during output transition
- Can be used with higher impedance timing elements than regular 555/556 for longer RC time constants
- Timing from microseconds through hours
- Operates in both astable and monostable modes
- Adjustable duty cycle
- High output source/sink driver can drive TTL/CMOS
- Outputs have very low offsets, HIGH and LOW
- Pb-free (RoHS Compliant)

### Applications

- Precision timing
- Pulse generation
- Sequential timing
- Time delay generation
- Pulse width modulation
- Pulse position modulation
- Missing pulse detector

### Pin Configurations



## Absolute Maximum Ratings

Supply Voltage .....	+18V
Input Voltage	
Trigger, Control Voltage, Threshold,	
Reset (Note 4) .....	V+ +0.3V to GND -0.3V
Output Current .....	100mA

## Operating Conditions

Temperature Range	
HT555CC .....	0 °C to +70 °C
HT555CI, HT556CI .....	-25 °C to +85 °C
HT556CM .....	-55 °C to +125 °C

## Thermal Information

Thermal Resistance (Typical, Notes 5, 6)	$\theta_{JA}$ (°C/W)	$\theta_{JC}$ (°C/W)
14 Ld CERDIP Package .....	80	24
14 Ld PDIP Package* .....	115	46
8 Ld PDIP Package* .....	130	69
8 Ld SOIC Package .....	170	67
Maximum Junction Temperature (Hermetic Package) .....	+175 °C	
Maximum Junction Temperature (Plastic Package) .....	+150 °C	
Maximum Storage Temperature .....	-65 °C to +150 °C	

\* Pb-free PDIPs can be used for through-hole wave solder processing only. They are not intended for use in Reflow solder processing applications.

**CAUTION:** Do not operate at or near the maximum ratings listed for extended periods of time. Exposure to such conditions may adversely impact product reliability and result in failures not covered by warranty.

### NOTES:

- Due to the SCR structure inherent in the CMOS process used to fabricate these devices, connecting any terminal to a voltage greater than V+ +0.3V or less than V- -0.3V may cause destructive latch-up. For this reason it is recommended that no inputs from external sources not operating from the same power supply be applied to the device before its power supply is established. In multiple supply systems, the supply of the HT555C and HT556C must be turned on first.
- $\theta_{JA}$  is measured with the component mounted on a low effective thermal conductivity test board in free air. See Tech Brief [TB379](#) for details.
- For  $\theta_{JC}$ , the "case temp" location is taken at the package top center.

## Electrical Specifications Applies to HT555C and HT556C, unless otherwise specified.

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS	$T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$			(Note 8) $-55^\circ\text{C TO } +125^\circ\text{C}$			UNIT		
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX			
Static Supply Current	$I_{DD}$	HT555C	VDD = 5V		40	200			300	$\mu\text{A}$	
			VDD = 15V		60	300			300	$\mu\text{A}$	
		HT556C	VDD = 5V		80	400			600	$\mu\text{A}$	
			VDD = 15V		120	600			600	$\mu\text{A}$	
Monostable Timing Accuracy		RA = 10k, C = 0.1 $\mu\text{F}$ , VDD = 5V		2						%	
							858		1161		$\mu\text{s}$
Drift with Temperature (Note 7)		VDD = 5V						150		ppm/°C	
			VDD = 10V						200		ppm/°C
			VDD = 15V						250		ppm/°C
Drift with Supply (Note 7)		VDD = 5V to 15V		0.5				0.5		%/V	
Astable Timing Accuracy		RA = RB = 10k, C = 0.1 $\mu\text{F}$ , VDD = 5V		2						%	
							1717		2323		$\mu\text{s}$
Drift with Temperature (Note 7)		VDD = 5V						150		ppm/°C	
			VDD = 10V						200		ppm/°C
			VDD = 15V						250		ppm/°C
Drift with Supply (Note 7)		VDD = 5V to 15V		0.5				0.5		%/V	
Threshold Voltage	$V_{TH}$	VDD = 15V	62	67	71	61			72	% VDD	
Trigger Voltage	$V_{TRIG}$	VDD = 15V	28	32	36	27			37	% VDD	
Trigger Current	$I_{TRIG}$	VDD = 15V			10				50	nA	
Threshold Current	$I_{TH}$	VDD = 15V			10				50	nA	
Control Voltage	$V_{CV}$	VDD = 15V	62	67	71	61			72	% VDD	

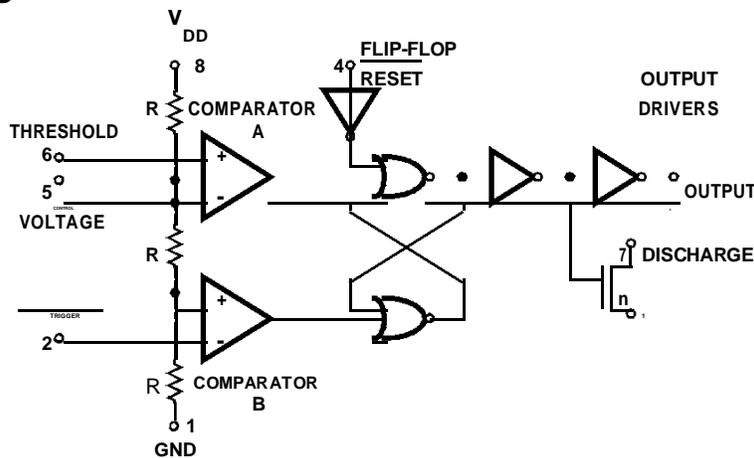
**Electrical Specifications** Applies to HT555C and HT556C, unless otherwise specified. (Continued)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS	TA = +25°C			(Note 8) -55°C TO +125°C			UNIT
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
Reset Voltage	V <sub>RST</sub>	VDD = 2V to 15V	0.4		1.0	0.2		1.2	V
Reset Current	I <sub>RST</sub>	VDD = 15V			10			50	nA
Discharge Leakage	I <sub>DIS</sub>	VDD = 15V			10			50	nA
Output Voltage	V <sub>OL</sub>	VDD = 15V, ISINK = 20mA		0.4	1.0			1.25	V
		VDD = 5V, ISINK = 3.2mA		0.2	0.4			0.5	V
	V <sub>OH</sub>	VDD = 15V, ISOURCE = 0.8mA	14.3	14.6		14.2			V
		VDD = 5V, ISOURCE = 0.8mA	4.0	4.3		3.8			V
Discharge Output Voltage	V <sub>DIS</sub>	VDD = 5V, ISINK = 15mA		0.2	0.4			0.6	V
		VDD = 15V, ISINK = 15mA						0.4	V
Supply Voltage (Note 7)	V <sub>DD</sub>	Functional Operation	2.0		18.0	3.0		16.0	V
Output Rise Time (Note 7)	t <sub>R</sub>	RL = 10M, CL = 10pF, VDD = 5V		75					ns
Output Fall Time (Note 7)	t <sub>F</sub>	RL = 10M, CL = 10pF, VDD = 5V		75					ns
Oscillator Frequency (Note 7)	f <sub>MAX</sub>	VDD = 5V, RA = 470Ω, RB = 270Ω, C = 200pF		1					MHz

**NOTES:**

7. These parameters are based upon characterization data and are not tested.
8. Applies only to military temperature range product (M suffix).

## Functional Diagram



NOTE: This functional diagram reduces the circuitry down to its simplest equivalent components. Tie down unused inputs.

FIGURE 1. FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM

### TRUTH TABLE

THRESHOLD VOLTAGE	TRIGGER VOLTAGE	RESET	OUTPUT	DISCHARGE SWITCH
Don't Care	Don't Care	Low	Low	On
$> \frac{2}{3}(V_+)$	$> \frac{1}{3}(V_+)$	High	Low	On
$< \frac{2}{3}(V_+)$	$> \frac{1}{3}(V_+)$	High	Stable	Stable
Don't Care	$< \frac{1}{3}(V_+)$	High	High	Off

NOTE: RESET will dominate all other inputs: TRIGGER will dominate over THRESHOLD.

## Schematic Diagram

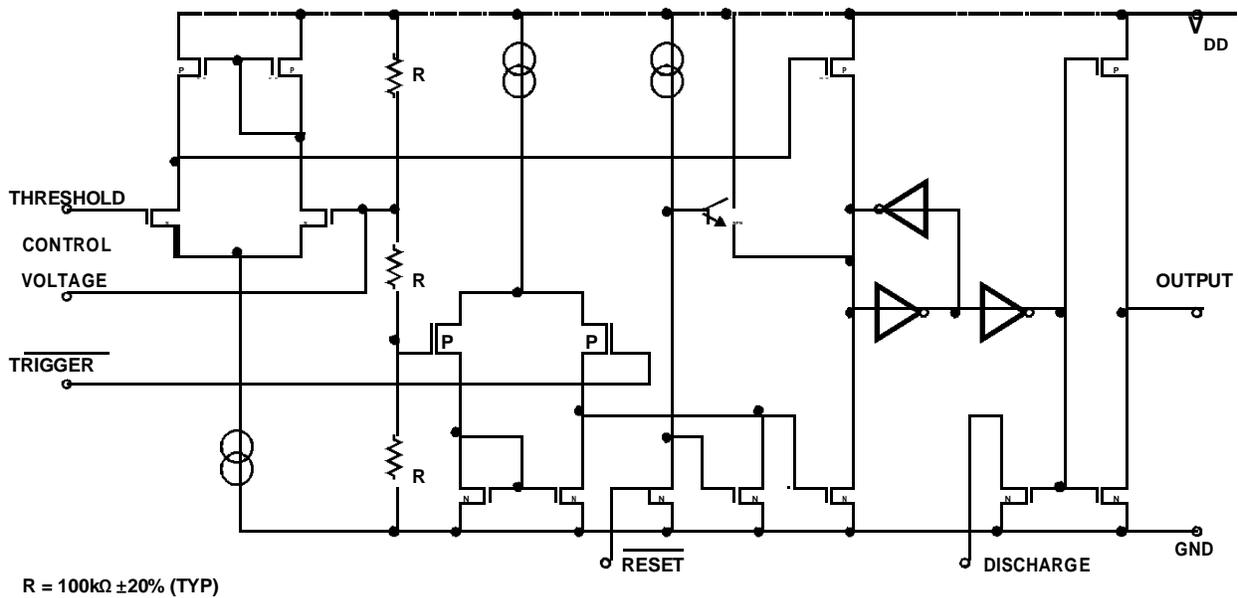


FIGURE 2. SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM

## Application Information

### General

The HT555C and HT556C devices are, in most instances, direct replacements for the SE/NE 555/556 devices. However, it is possible to effect economies in the external component count using the HT555C and HT556C. Because the bipolar SE/NE 555/556 devices produce large crowbar currents in the output driver, it is necessary to decouple the power supply lines with a good capacitor close to the device. The HT555C and HT556C devices produce no such transients (see [Figure 3](#)).

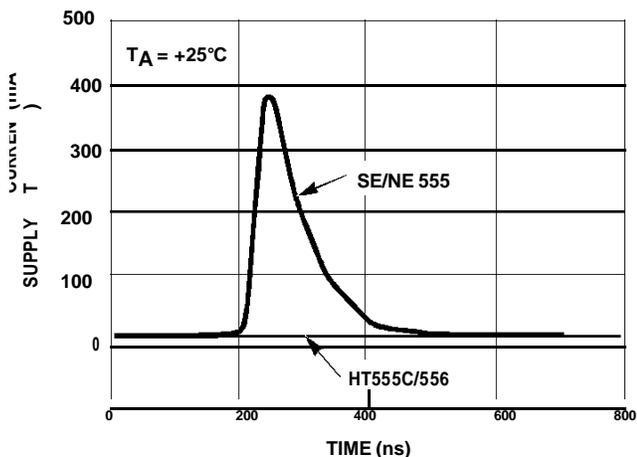


FIGURE 3. SUPPLY CURRENT TRANSIENT COMPARED WITH A STANDARD BIPOLAR 555 DURING AN OUTPUT TRANSITION

The HT555C and HT556C produce supply current spikes of only 2mA to 3mA instead of 300mA to 400mA and supply decoupling is normally not necessary. Also, in most instances, the Control Voltage decoupling capacitors are not required since the input impedance of the CMOS comparators on chip are very high. Thus, for many applications, two capacitors can be saved using an HT555C and three capacitors with an HT556C.

### POWER SUPPLY CONSIDERATIONS

Although the supply current consumed by the HT555C and HT556C devices is very low, the total system supply current can be high unless the timing components are high impedance. Therefore, use high values for R and low values for C in [Figures 4](#), [5](#), and [6](#).

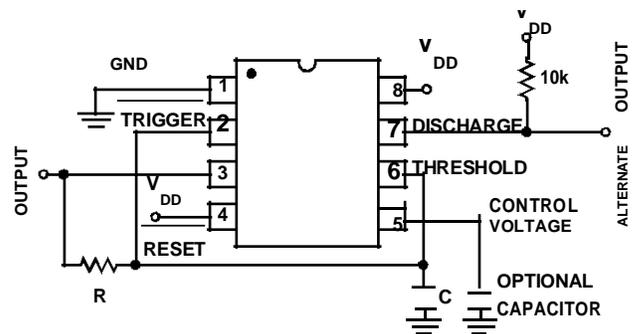


FIGURE 4. ASTABLE OPERATION

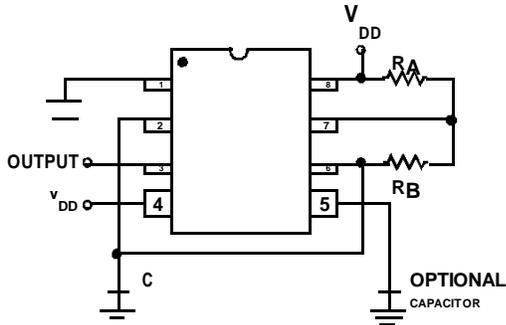


FIGURE 5. ALTERNATE ASTABLE CONFIGURATION

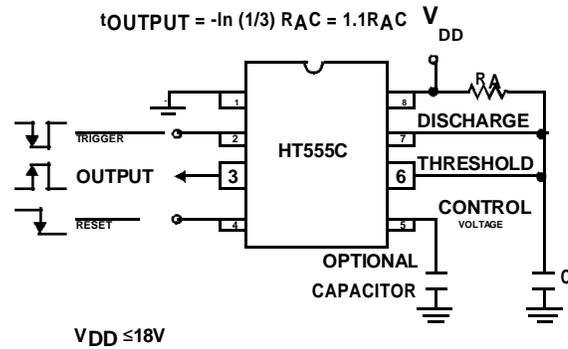


FIGURE 6. MONOSTABLE OPERATION

## OUTPUT DRIVE CAPABILITY

The output driver consists of a CMOS inverter capable of driving most logic families including CMOS and TTL. As such, if driving CMOS, the output swing at all supply voltages will equal the supply voltage. At a supply voltage of 4.5V or more, the HT555C and HT556C will drive at least two standard TTL loads.

## ASTABLE OPERATION

The circuit can be connected to trigger itself and free run as a multivibrator, see [Figure 4](#). The output swings from rail-to-rail, and is a true 50% duty cycle square wave. Trip points and output swings are symmetrical. Less than a 1% frequency variation is observed over a voltage range of +5V to +15V.

$$f = \frac{1}{1.1RC} \quad (\text{EQ. 1})$$

The timer can also be connected as shown in [Figure 5](#). In this circuit, the frequency is as shown by [Equation 2](#):

$$f = 1.44 / (R_A + 2R_B) C \quad (\text{EQ. 2})$$

The duty cycle is controlled by the values of  $R_A$  and  $R_B$ , by [Equation 3](#):

$$D = (R_A + R_B) / (R_A + 2R_B) \quad (\text{EQ. 3})$$

## MONOSTABLE OPERATION

In this mode of operation, the timer functions as a one-shot (see [Figure 6](#)). Initially the external capacitor (C) is held discharged by a transistor inside the timer. Upon application of a negative Trigger pulse to pin 2, the internal flip-flop is set, which releases the short-circuit across the external capacitor and drives the Output high. The voltage across the capacitor now increases

exponentially with a time constant  $t = R_A C$ . When the voltage

across the capacitor equals  $\frac{2}{3} V_+$ , the comparator resets the flip-flop, which in turn discharges the capacitor rapidly and also drives the OUTPUT to its low state. Trigger must return to a high state before the OUTPUT can return to a low state.

## CONTROL VOLTAGE

The Control Voltage terminal permits the two trip voltages for the Threshold and Trigger internal comparators to be controlled. This provides the possibility of oscillation frequency modulation in the astable mode or even inhibition of oscillation, depending on the applied voltage. In the monostable mode, delay times can be changed by varying the applied voltage to the Control Voltage pin.

## RESET

The Reset terminal is designed to have essentially the same trip voltage as the standard bipolar 555/556, i.e., 0.6V to 0.7V. At all supply voltages it represents an extremely high input impedance. The mode of operation of the Reset function is, however, much improved over the standard bipolar

SE/NE 555/556 in that it controls only the internal flip-flop, which in turn controls simultaneously the state of the Output and Discharge pins. This avoids the multiple threshold problems sometimes encountered with slow falling edges in the bipolar devices.

# Typical Performance Curves

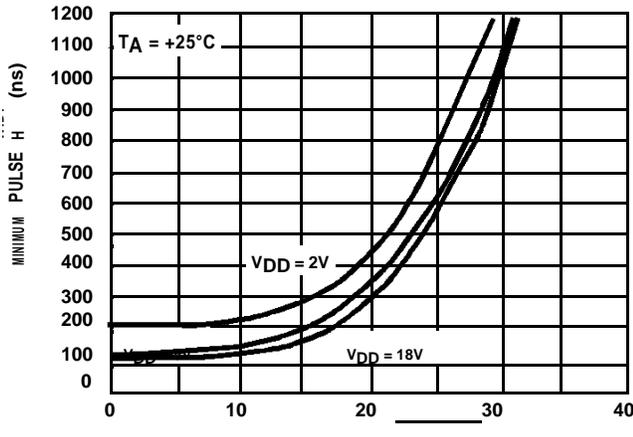


FIGURE 7. MINIMUM PULSE WIDTH REQUIRED FOR TRIGGERING

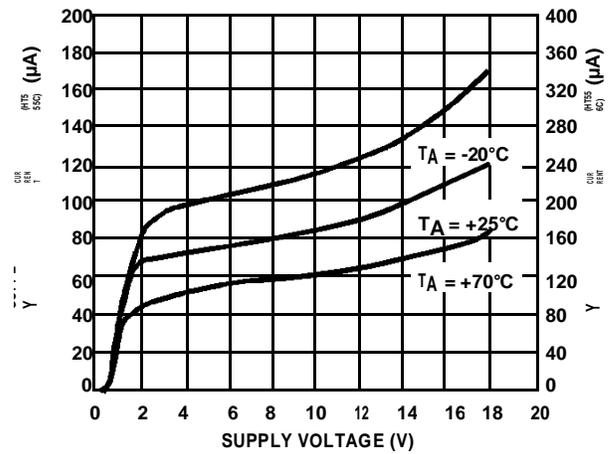


FIGURE 8. SUPPLY CURRENT vs SUPPLY VOLTAGE

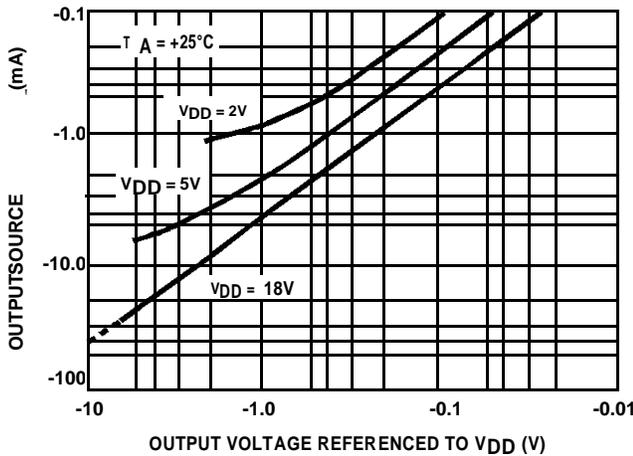


FIGURE 9. OUTPUT SOURCE CURRENT vs OUTPUT VOLTAGE

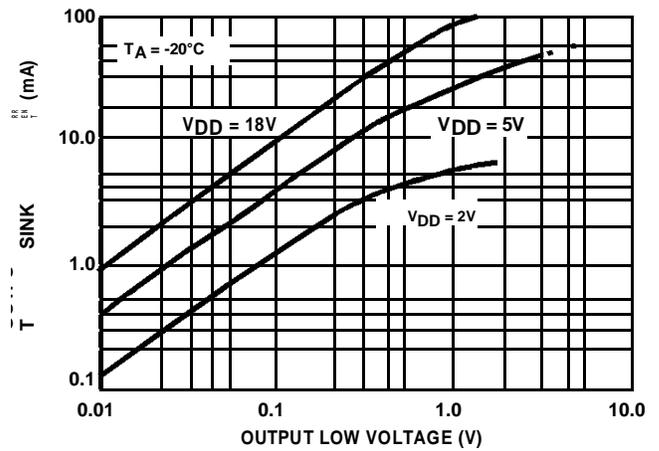


FIGURE 10. OUTPUT SINK CURRENT vs OUTPUT VOLTAGE

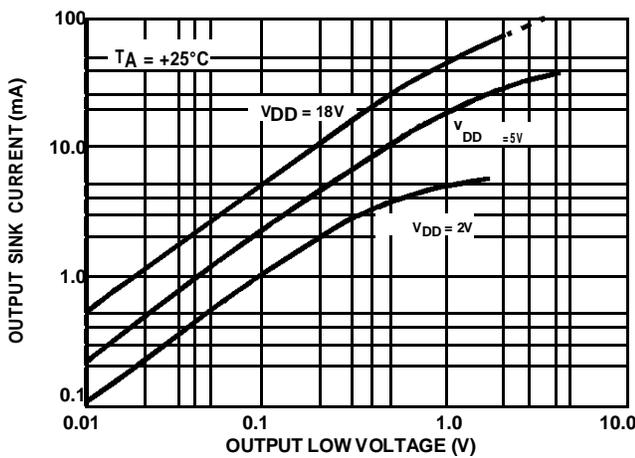


FIGURE 11. OUTPUT SINK CURRENT vs OUTPUT VOLTAGE

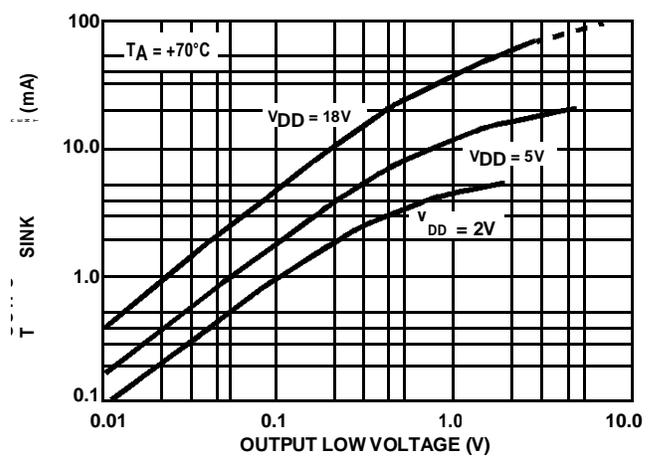


FIGURE 12. OUTPUT SINK CURRENT vs OUTPUT VOLTAGE

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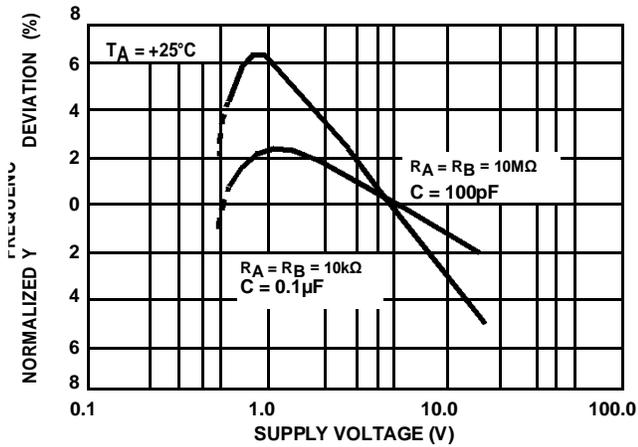


FIGURE 13. NORMALIZED FREQUENCY STABILITY IN THE ASTABLE MODE vs SUPPLY VOLTAGE

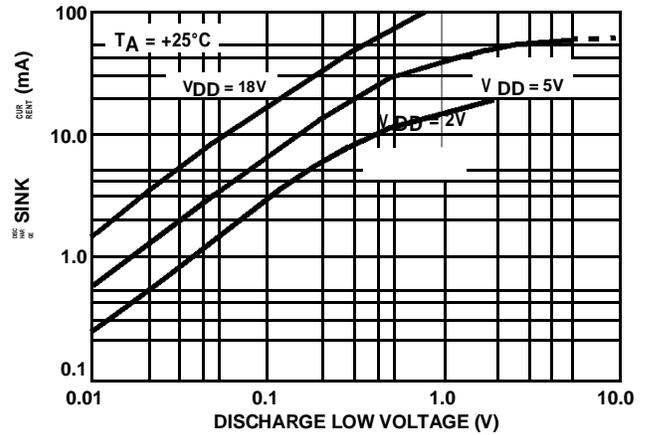


FIGURE 14. DISCHARGE OUTPUT CURRENT vs DISCHARGE OUTPUT VOLTAGE

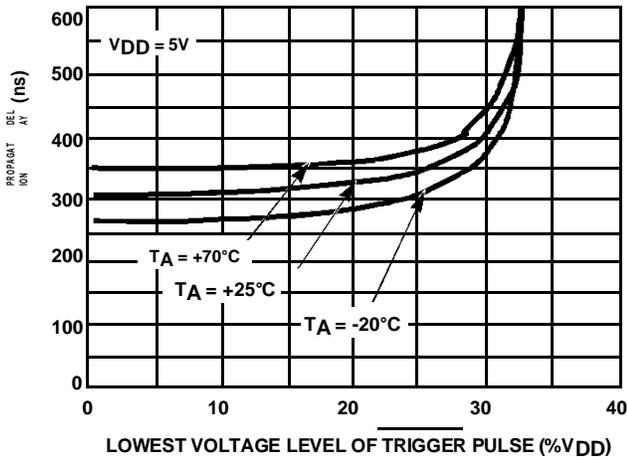


FIGURE 15. PROPAGATION DELAY vs VOLTAGE LEVEL OF TRIGGER PULSE

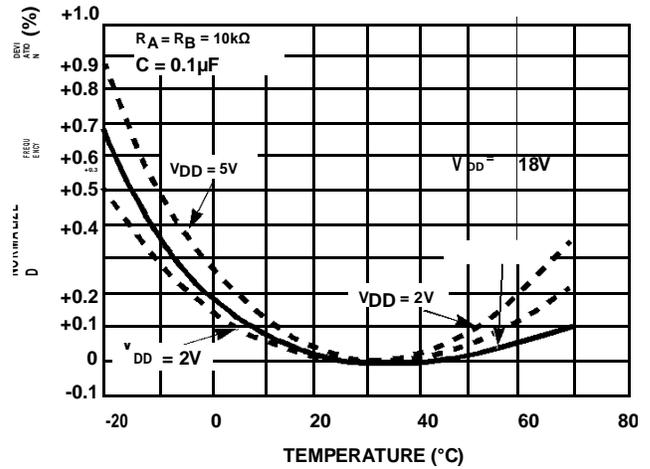


FIGURE 16. NORMALIZED FREQUENCY STABILITY IN THE ASTABLE MODE vs TEMPERATURE

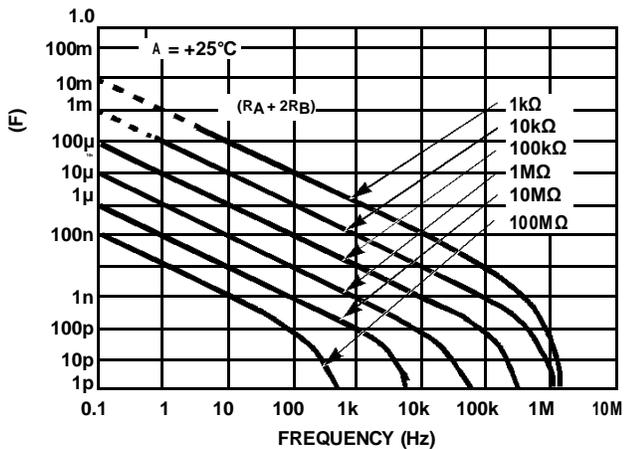


FIGURE 17. FREE RUNNING FREQUENCY vs  $R_A$ ,  $R_B$  AND  $C$

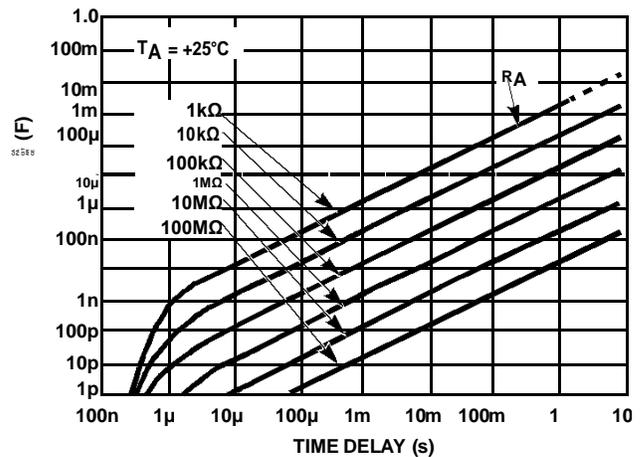
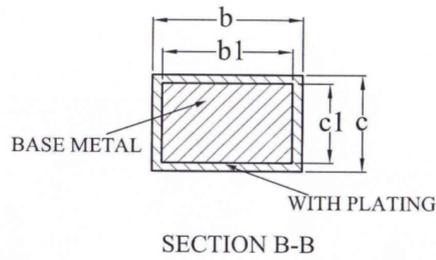
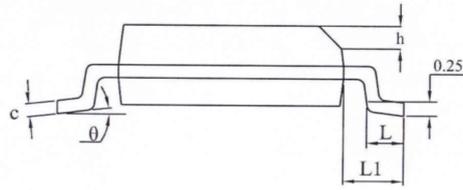
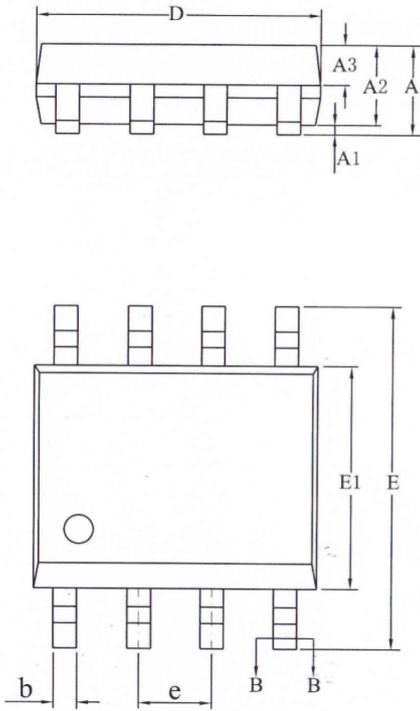
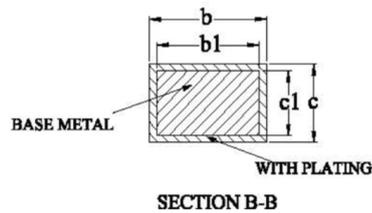
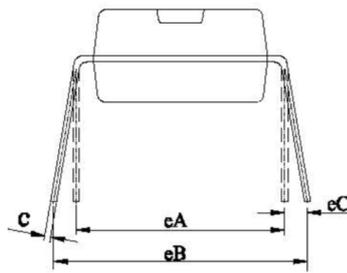
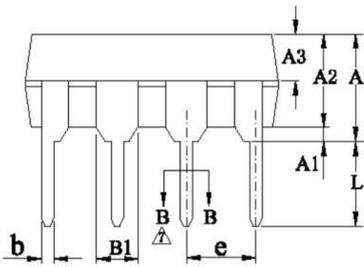


FIGURE 18. TIME DELAY IN THE MONOSTABLE MODE vs  $R_A$  AND  $C$

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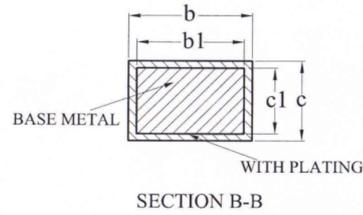
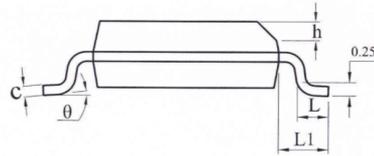
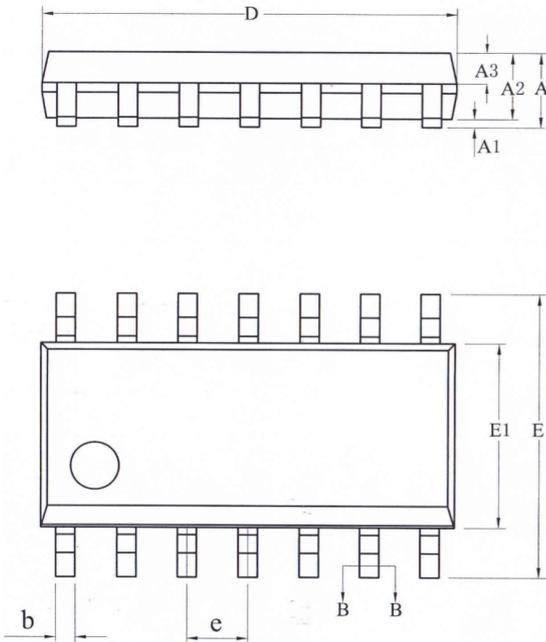
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	MIN	NOM	MAX
A	—	—	1.75
A1	0.10	—	0.225
A2	1.30	1.40	1.50
A3	0.60	0.65	0.70
b	0.39	—	0.47
b1	0.38	0.41	0.44
c	0.20	—	0.24
c1	0.19	0.20	0.21
D	4.80	4.90	5.00
E	5.80	6.00	6.20
E1	3.80	3.90	4.00
e	1.27BSC		
h	0.25	—	0.50
L	0.50	—	0.80
L1	1.05REF		
$\theta$	0	—	8°

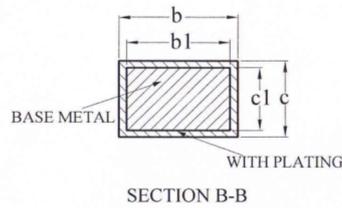
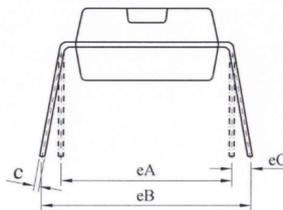
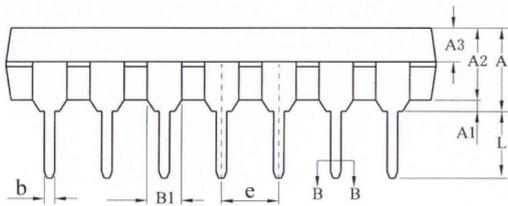
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SYMBOL	MILLIMETER		
	MIN	NOM	MAX
A	3.60	3.80	4.00
A1	0.51	—	—
A2	3.20	3.30	3.40
A3	1.55	1.60	1.65
b	0.44	—	0.52
b1	0.43	0.46	0.49
B1	1.52REF		
c	0.25	—	0.29
c1	0.24	0.25	0.26
D	9.15	9.25	9.35
E1	6.25	6.35	6.45
e	2.54BSC		
eA	7.62REF		
eB	7.62	—	9.30
eC	0	—	0.84
L	3.00	—	—

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SYMBOL	MILLIMETER		
	MIN	NOM	MAX
A	—	—	1.75
A1	0.05	—	0.225
A2	1.30	1.40	1.50
A3	0.60	0.65	0.70
b	0.39	—	0.47
b1	0.38	0.41	0.44
c	0.20	—	0.24
c1	0.19	0.20	0.21
D	8.55	8.65	8.75
E	5.80	6.00	6.20
E1	3.80	3.90	4.00
e	1.27BSC		
h	0.25	—	0.50
L	0.50	—	0.80
L1	1.05REF		
$\theta$	0	—	8°

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SYMBOL	MILLIMETER		
	MIN	NOM	MAX
A	3.60	3.80	4.00
A1	0.51	—	—
A2	3.20	3.30	3.40
A3	1.47	1.52	1.57
b	0.44	—	0.52
b1	0.43	0.46	0.49
BI	1.52REF		
c	0.25	—	0.29
c1	0.24	0.25	0.26
D	19.00	19.10	19.20
E1	6.25	6.35	6.45
e	2.54BSC		
eA	7.62REF		
eB	7.62	—	9.30
eC	0	—	0.84
L	3.00	—	—