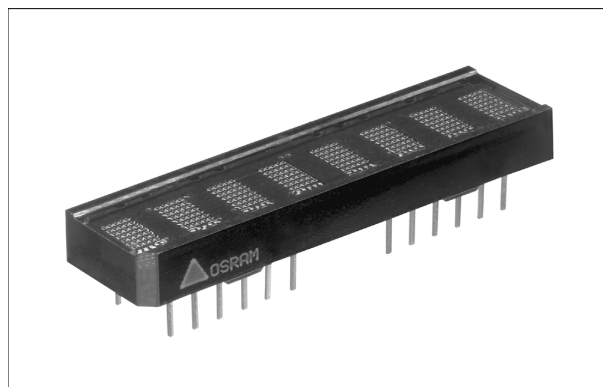


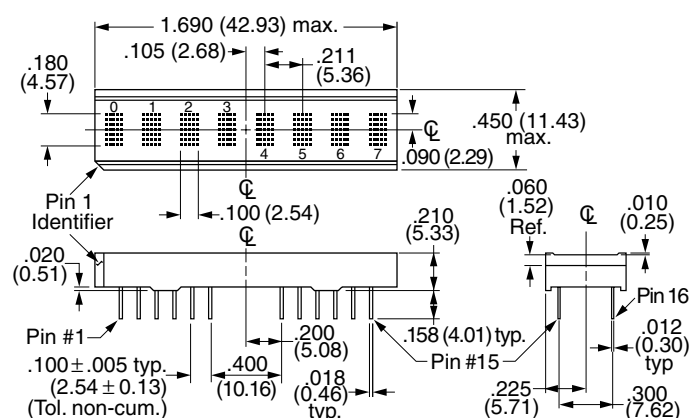
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0.180" 8-Character 5 x 7 Dot Matrix
Alphanumeric Programmable Display™



FEATURES

- **Eight 0.180" Dot Matrix Characters in Red, Yellow, High Efficiency Red, Green, or High Efficiency Green**
- **Built-in 128 Character ROM, Mask Programmable for Custom Fonts**
- **Readable from 8 Feet (2.5 meters)**
- **Built-in Decoders, Multiplexers and Drivers**
- **Wide Viewing Angle, X Axis $\pm 55^\circ$, Y Axis 65°**
- **Programmable Features:**
 - **Individual Flashing Character**
 - **Full Display Blinking**
 - **Multi-Level Dimming and Blanking**
 - **Clear Function**
 - **Self Test**
- **Internal or External Clock**
- **End Stackable Dual-In-Line Plastic Package**
- **Read/Write Capability**
- **16 User Definable Characters**

Package Dimensions in inches (mm)



DESCRIPTION

The PDSP1880 (Red), PDSP1881 (Yellow), PDSP1882 (High Efficiency Red), PDSP1883 (Green), and PDSP1884 (High Efficiency Green) are eight digit, 5 x 7 dot matrix, alphanumeric Programmable Displays. The 0.180 inch high digits are packaged in a rugged, high quality, optically transparent, 0.300 inch lead spacing, 30 pin plastic DIP.

The on-board CMOS has a built-in 128 character ROM. The PDSP188X also has a user definable character (UDC) feature, which uses a RAM that permits storage of 16 arbitrary characters, symbols or icons that are software-definable by the user. The character ROM itself is mask programmable and easily modified by the manufacturer to provide specified custom characters.

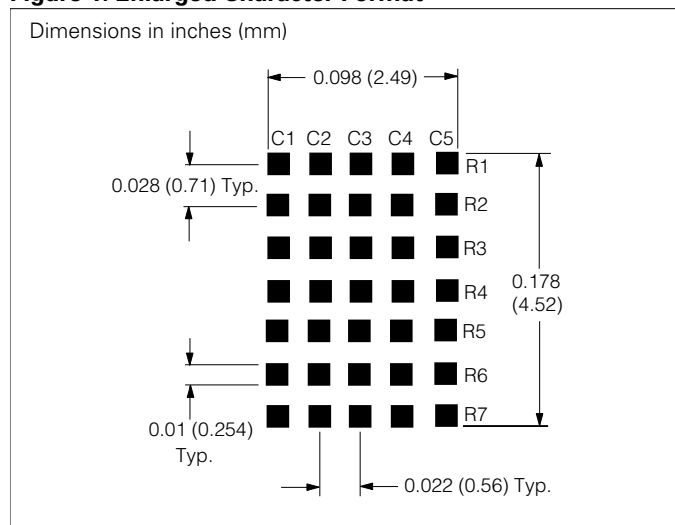
The PDSP188X is designed for standard microprocessor interface techniques, and is fully TTL compatible. The Clock I/O and Clock Select pins allow the user to cascade multiple display modules.

ESD Warning: Standard precautions for CMOS handling should be observed.

Maximum Ratings ($T_A=25^\circ\text{C}$)

DC Supply Voltage, V_{CC} to GND
(max. voltage with no LEDs on) -0.3 to +7.0 VDC
Input Voltage Levels,
All Inputs -0.3 V to $V_{CC} + 0.3$ V
Operating Temperature -40°C to $+85^\circ\text{C}$
Storage Temperature -55°C to $+100^\circ\text{C}$
Relative Humidity (non-condensing) 85%
Operating Voltage, V_{CC} to GND
(Max. voltage with 20 dots/digits on) 5.5 V
Maximum Solder Temperature 0.063"
below the seating plane, $t < 5.0$ s 260°C
ESD Protection at 1.5 k Ω ,
100 pF $V_Z = 4.0$ kV (each pin)

Figure 1. Enlarged Character Format



Switching Specifications

(over operating temperature range and $V_{CC}=4.5$ V)

Symbol	Description	Min.	Units
T_{acc}	Display Access Time—Write	210	ns
T_{acc}	Display Access Time—Read	230	ns
T_{acs}	Address Setup Time to \overline{CE}	10	ns
T_{ce}	Chip Enable Active Time—Write	140	ns
T_{ce}	Chip Enable Active Time—Read	160	ns
T_{ach}	Address Hold Time to \overline{CE}	20	ns
T_{cer}	Chip Enable Recovery Time	60	ns
T_{ces}	Chip Enable Active Prior to Rising Edge—Write	140	ns
T_{ces}	Chip Enable Active Prior to Rising Edge—Read	160	ns
T_{ceh}	Chip Enable Hold to Rising Edge of Read/Write Signal	0	ns
T_w	Write Active Time	100	ns
T_{wd}	Data Valid Prior to Rising Edge of Write Signal	50	ns
T_{dh}	Data Write Time	20	ns
T_r	Chip Enable Active Prior to Valid Data	160	ns
T_{rd}	Read Active Prior to Valid Data	95	ns
T_{df}	Read Data Float Delay	10	ns
T_{rc}	Reset Active Time	300	ns

Figure 2. Write Cycle Timing Diagram

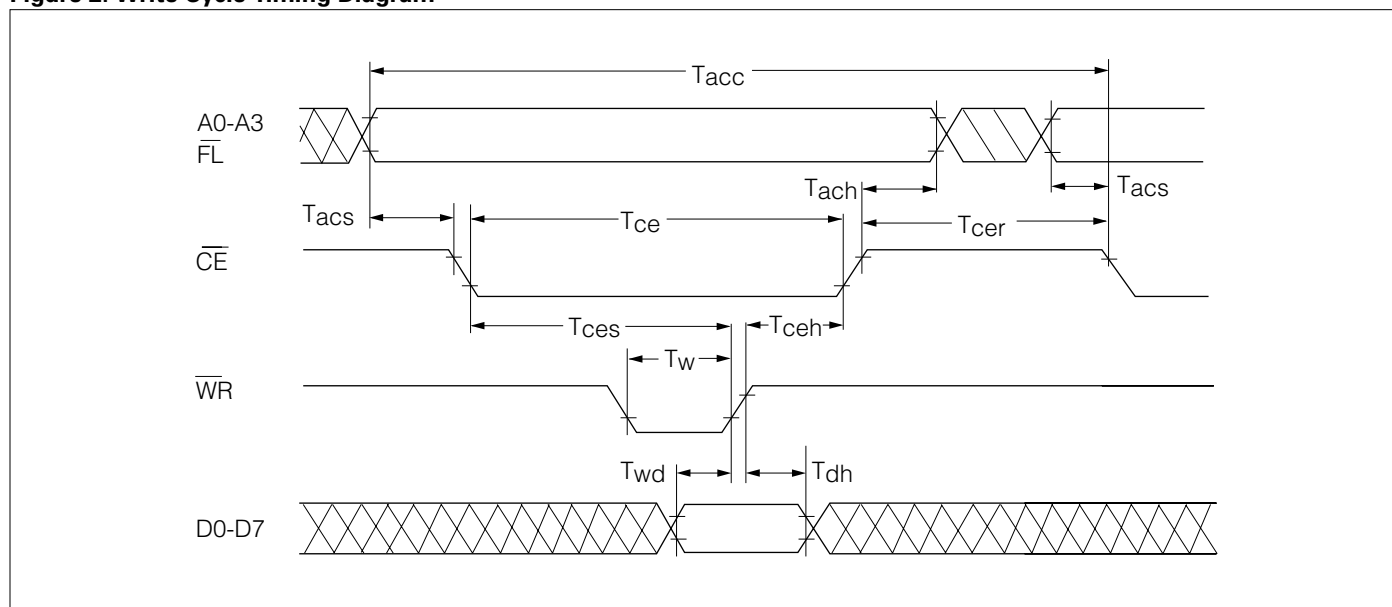


Figure 3. Read Cycle Timing Diagram

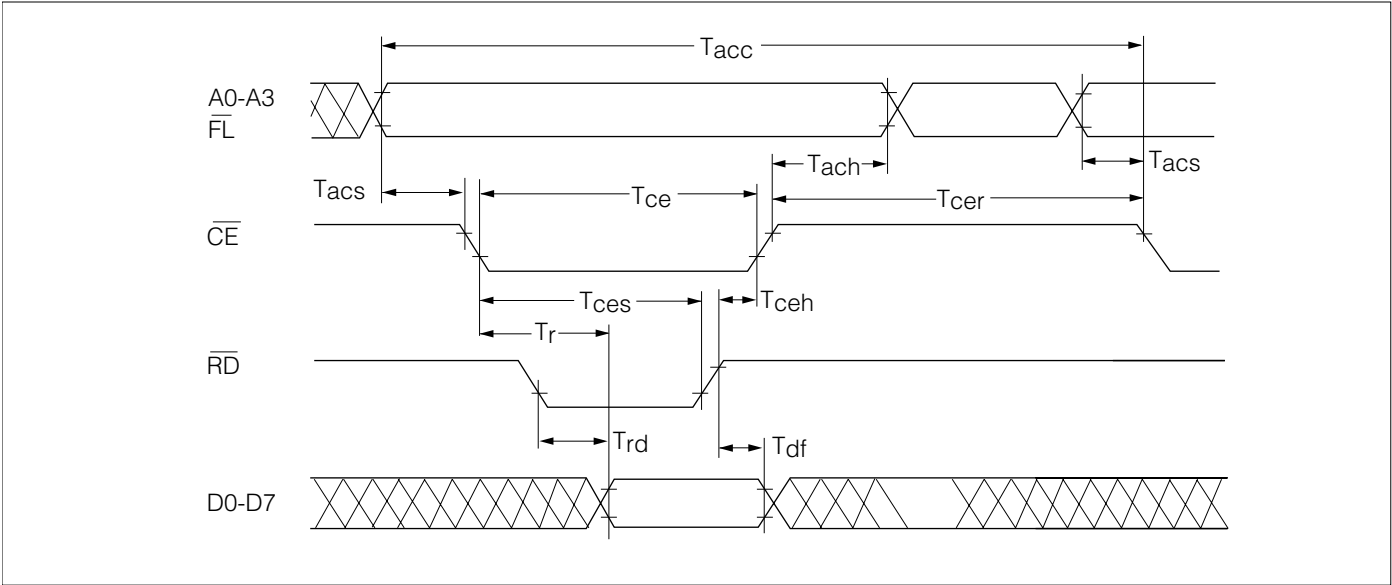


Figure 4. Character Set

ASCII CODE				D0	L	H	L	H	L	H	L	H	L	H	L	H	L	H	L	H			
				D1	L	L	H	H	L	L	H	H	L	L	H	H	L	L	H	H	L	H	
				D2	L	L	L	L	L	H	H	H	H	L	L	L	L	L	H	H	H	H	H
				D3	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
D7	D6	D5	D4	HEX	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F			
L	L	L	L	0																			
L	L	L	H	1																			
L	L	H	L	2																			
L	L	H	H	3																			
L	H	L	L	4																			
L	H	L	H	5																			
L	H	H	L	6																			
L	H	H	H	7																			
H	X	X	X	8	UDC 0	UDC 1	UDC 2	UDC 3	UDC 4	UDC 5	UDC 6	UDC 7	UDC 8	UDC 9	UDC 10	UDC 11	UDC 12	UDC 13	UDC 14	UDC 15			

Notes:

- 1. Upon power up, the device will initialize in a random state.
- 2. X=don't care.

Optical Characteristics at 25°C ($V_{CC}=5.0$ V at full brightness)**Red PDSP1880**

Description	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Units
Peak Luminous Intensity	I_{Vpeak}	70	125	$\mu\text{cd/dot}$
Peak Wavelength	λ_{peak}	—	660	nm
Dominant Wavelength	λ_{dom}	—	639	nm

Yellow PDSP1881

Description	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Units
Peak Luminous Intensity	I_{Vpeak}	125	205	$\mu\text{cd/dot}$
Peak Wavelength	λ_{peak}	—	583	nm
Dominant Wavelength	λ_{dom}	—	585	nm

High Efficiency Red PDSP1882

Description	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Units
Peak Luminous Intensity	I_{Vpeak}	125	350	$\mu\text{cd/dot}$
Peak Wavelength	λ_{peak}	—	630	nm
Dominant Wavelength	λ_{dom}	—	626	nm

Green PDSP1883

Description	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Units
Peak Luminous Intensity	I_{Vpeak}	125	275	$\mu\text{cd/dot}$
Peak Wavelength	λ_{peak}	—	565	nm
Dominant Wavelength	λ_{dom}	—	570	nm

High Efficiency Green PDSP1884

Description	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Units
Peak Luminous Intensity	I_{Vpeak}	125	500	$\mu\text{cd/dot}$
Peak Wavelength	λ_{peak}	—	568	nm
Dominant Wavelength	λ_{dom}	—	574	nm

DC Electrical Characteristics at 25°C

Parameters	Limits				Conditions
	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	
V_{CC}	4.5	5.0	5.5	V	—
I_{CC} Blank	—	0.65	1.0	mA	$V_{CC}=5.0\text{ V}$, $V_{IN}=5.0\text{ V}$
I_{CC} 12 dots/digit on ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	—	200	255	mA	$V_{CC}=5.0\text{ V}$, "V" in all 8 digits
I_{CC} 20 dots/digit on ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	—	300	370	mA	$V_{CC}=5.0\text{ V}$, "#" in all 8 digits
I_{ILP} (with pull-up) Input Leakage	−18	−11	−5.0	μA	$V_{CC}=5.0\text{ V}$, $V_{IN}=0\text{ V}$ to V_{CC} (\overline{WR} , \overline{CE} , \overline{FL} , \overline{RST} , \overline{RD} , \overline{CLKSEL})
I_{IL} (no pull-up) Input Leakage	−1.0	—	+1.0	μA	$V_{CC}=5.0\text{ V}$, $V_{IN}=5.0\text{ V}$ (CLK, A0–A3, D0–D7)
V_{IH} Input Voltage High	2.0	—	$V_{CC}+0.3$	V	$V_{CC}=4.5\text{ V}$ to 5.5 V
V_{IL} Input Voltage Low	GND −0.3	—	—	V	$V_{CC}=4.5\text{ V}$ to 5.5 V
V_{OL} (D0–D7), Output Voltage Low	—	—	0.4	V	$V_{CC}=4.5\text{ V}$, $I_{OL}=1.6\text{ mA}$
V_{OL} (CLK), Output Voltage Low	—	—	0.4	V	$V_{CC}=4.5\text{ V}$, $I_{OL}=40\text{ μA}$
V_{OH} Output Voltage High	2.4	—	—	V	$V_{CC}=4.5\text{ V}$, $I_{OH}=40\text{ μA}$
θ_{JC} Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case	—	25	—	°C/W	—
Clock I/O Frequency	28	57.34	81.14	kHz	$V_{CC}=4.5$ to 5.5 V
FM, Digit Multiplex Frequency	125	256	362.5	Hz	$V_{CC}=4.5$ to 5.5 V
Blinking Rate	0.98	2.0	2.83	Hz	—
Clock I/O Buss Loading	—	—	2.40	pF	—
Clock Out Rise Time	—	—	500	nsec	$V_{CC}=4.5\text{ V}$, $V_{OH}=2.4\text{ V}$
Clock Out Fall Time	—	—	500	nsec	$V_{CC}=4.5\text{ V}$, $V_{OH}=0.4\text{ V}$

Notes:

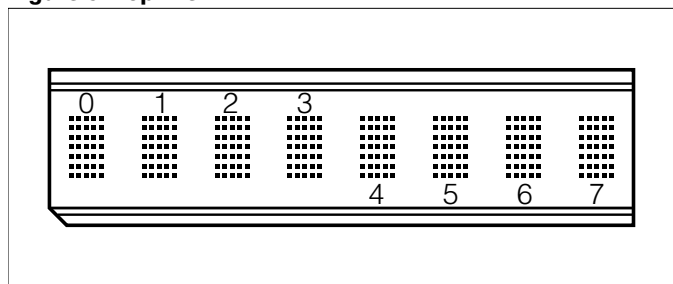
¹⁾ I_{CC} is an average value.

²⁾ I_{CC} is measured with the display at full brightness. Peak $I_{CC}=^{28}/_{15} I_{CC}$ average (#displayed).

Recommended Operating Conditions ($T_A=-40^\circ\text{C}$ to $+85^\circ\text{C}$)

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Max.	Units
Supply Voltage	V_{CC}	4.5	5.5	V
Input Voltage Low	V_{IL}	—	0.8	V
Input Voltage High	V_{IH}	2.0	—	V
Output Voltage Low	V_{OL}	—	0.4	V
Output Voltage High	V_{OH}	2.4	—	V

Figure 5. Top View



Pin Assignments

Pin #	Name	Symbol	Definition
1	Reset	$\overline{\text{RST}}$	Initializes display; clears Character RAM (20H), Flash RAM (00H), control word (00H), and resets internal counters. UDC Address Register and UDC RAM unaffected.
2	Flash	$\overline{\text{FL}}$	Accesses Flash RAM. Address inputs A0–A2 select digit address while data bit D0 sets (D0=1) or resets (D0=0) Flash bit, A3 and A4 ignored.
3	Address input	A0	A0–A2 select specific digits. See Table 1.
4		A1	Same as A0
5		A2	Same as A0
6	Address input	A3	A3 and A4 access parts of memory together with Flash pin. See Table 1.
7–9	No pins	—	No connections
10	Address input	A4	Same as A3
11	Clock Select	CLS	Selects internal or external clock source. CLS=1 selects internal clock (master), CLS=0 selects external clock (slave operation).
12	Clock In/ Out	CLK	Inputs or outputs clock as determined by CLS.
13	Write	$\overline{\text{WR}}$	Writes data into display when $\overline{\text{WR}}=0$. Note $\overline{\text{CE}}=0$ to enable write cycle.
14	Chip Enable	$\overline{\text{CE}}$	Enables display's write and read cycles when $\overline{\text{CE}}=0$.
15	Positive supply	V_{CC}	Positive power supply input.

Pin Assignment (continued)

Pin #	Name	Symbol	Definition
16	Supply ground	GND_{sup}	Analog ground for LED drivers
17	—	NC	No connection
18	Logic ground	GND_{log}	Logic ground for digital circuitry
19	Read	$\overline{\text{RD}}$	Reads data from display when $\overline{\text{RD}}=0$. Also $\overline{\text{CE}}=0$.
20	Data bit zero	D0	Least significant data bit.
21	Data bit one	D1	Second data bit.
22–24	No pins	—	No connections
25	Data bit two	D2	Third data bit.
26	Data bit three	D3	Fourth data bit.
27	Data bit four	D4	Fifth data bit.
28	Data bit five	D5	Sixth data bit.
29	Data bit six	D6	Seventh data bit.
30	Data bit seven	D7	Most significant data bit.

Cascading Displays

The PDSP188X is designed to drive up to 16 other PDSP188Xs with input loading of 15 pF each.

General requirements for cascading 16 displays together:

- Determine the correct address for each display.
- Use $\overline{\text{CE}}$ from an address decoder to select the correct display.
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- Select one of the Displays to provide the Clock for the other displays. Connect $\overline{\text{CLKSEL}}$ to V_{CC} for this display.
- Tie $\overline{\text{CLKSEL}}$ to ground on other displays.
- Use $\overline{\text{RST}}$ to synchronize the blinking between the displays.

The diagram illustrates a 14-chip display system. Two 'Display' blocks are shown, each with inputs RD, WR, FL, RST, CLK I/O, and CLKSEL, and outputs D0-D7, A0-A4, and CE. A central arrow indicates 'Up to 14 More Displays in between'. An 'Address Decoder' block takes inputs A6, A7, A8, and A9, and outputs 0, 'Address Decode Chip 1 to 14', and 15. The 'Data I/O' and 'Address' buses are shown connecting the displays to the decoder.

The block diagram illustrates the architecture of the 8-Digit Display System. The system is powered by an OSC (Oscillator) which provides a clock signal to several counters: a ÷32 Counter, a ÷7 Counter, a ÷3 Counter, and a ÷128 Counter. The ÷32 Counter and ÷7 Counter are connected to the Row Drivers, which in turn drive the 8 Digit Display. The ÷7 Counter is also connected to the ÷128 Counter. The ÷3 Counter is connected to the Character RAM Decode block. The Character RAM Decode block is connected to the Character RAM, which is connected to the D Latch Holding Register. The D Latch Holding Register is connected to the ROM Word Decode block, which is connected to the ROM. The ROM is connected to the Column Latch Master and the Column Latch Slave. The Column Latch Master and Slave are connected to the Cursor Controls and Display MUX. The Cursor Controls and Display MUX is connected to the Column Drivers, which drive the 8 Digit Display. The Cursor Controls and Display MUX is also connected to the Self Test block, the Control Word Register, and the Flash RAM. The Control Word Register is connected to the Self Test block. The Flash RAM is connected to the Control Word Register. The Data Bus (4 bits) is connected to the UDC Address Register, which is connected to the Character Decode (Read/Write) block. The Character Decode (Read/Write) block is connected to the UDC RAM. The UDC RAM is connected to the ROM Word Decode block and the Character Decode for Display block. The Character Decode for Display block is connected to the ROM Word Decode block. The ROM Word Decode block is connected to the ROM. The ROM is connected to the Column Latch Master and the Column Latch Slave. The Column Latch Master and Slave are connected to the Cursor Controls and Display MUX. The Cursor Controls and Display MUX is connected to the Column Drivers, which drive the 8 Digit Display. The Cursor Controls and Display MUX is also connected to the Self Test block, the Control Word Register, and the Flash RAM. The Control Word Register is connected to the Self Test block. The Flash RAM is connected to the Control Word Register.

Functional Description

The display's user interface is organized into five memory areas. They are accessed using the Flash Input, $\overline{\text{FL}}$, and address lines, A3 and A4. All the listed RAMs and Registers may be read or written through the data bus. See Table 1. Each input pin is described in Pin Definitions.

Five Basic Memory Areas

Character RAM	Stores either ASCII (Katakana) character data or an UDC RAM address
Flash RAM	1 x 8 RAM which stores Flash data
User-Defined Character RAM (UDC RAM)	Stores dot pattern for custom characters
User-Defined Address Register (UDC Address Register)	Provides address to UDC RAM when user is writing or reading a custom character
Control Word Register	Enables adjustment of display brightness, flash individual characters, blink, self test or clearing the display.

$\overline{\text{RST}}$ can be used to initialize display operation upon power up or during normal operation. When activated, $\overline{\text{RST}}$ will clear the Flash RAM and Control Word Register (00H) and reset the internal counter. All eight display memory locations will be set to 20H to show blanks in all digits.

$\overline{\text{FL}}$ pin enables access to the **Flash RAM**. The **Flash RAM** will set (D0=1) or reset (D0=0) flashing of the character addressed by A0-A2.

The 1 x 8 bit **Control Word Register** is loaded with attribute data if A3=0.

The **Control Word Logic** decodes attribute data for proper implementation.

Character ROM is designed for 128 ASCII characters. The ROM is Mask Programmable for custom fonts.

The **Clock Source** could either be the internal oscillator (CLKSEL=1) of the device or an external clock (CLKSEL=0) could be an input from another HDSP211X display for the synchronization of blinking for multiple displays.

The **Display Multiplexer** controls the Row Drivers so no additional logic is required for a display system.

The **Display** has eight digits. Each digit has 35 LEDs clustered into a 5 x 7 dot matrix.

Table 1. Memory Selection

$\overline{\text{FL}}$	A4	A3	Section of Memory	A2-A0	Data Bits Used
0	X	X	Flash RAM	Character Address	D0
1	0	0	UDC Address Register	Don't Care	D3-D0
1	0	1	UDC RAM	Row Address	D4-D0
1	1	1	Character RAM	Character Address	D7-D0
1	1	0	Control Word Register	Don't Care	D7-D0

Theory of Operation

The PDSP188X Programmable Display is designed to work with all major microprocessors. Data entry is via an eight bit parallel bus. Three bits of address route the data to the proper digit location in the RAM. Standard control signals like $\overline{\text{WR}}$ and $\overline{\text{CE}}$ allow the data to be written into the display.

D0-D7 data bits are used for both Character RAM and control word data input. A3 acts as the mode selector. If A3=1, character RAM is selected. Then input data bit D7 will determine whether input data bits D0-D6 is ASCII coded data (D7=0) or UDC data (D7=1). See section on UDC Address Register and RAM.

For normal operation $\overline{\text{FL}}$ pin should be held high. When $\overline{\text{FL}}$ is held low, Flash RAM is accessed to set character blinking.

The seven bit ASCII code is decoded by the Character ROM to generate Column data. Twenty columns worth of data is sent out each display cycle, and it takes fourteen display cycles to write into eight digits.

The rows are multiplexed in two sets of seven rows each. The internal timing and control logic synchronizes the turning on of rows and presentation of column data to assure proper display operation.

Power Up Sequence

Upon power up display will come on at random. Thus the display should be reset on power-up. The reset will clear the Flash RAM, Control Word Register and reset the internal counter. All the digits will show blanks and display brightness level will be 100%.

The display must not be accessed until three clock pulses (110 μ seconds minimum using the internal clock) after the rising edge of the reset line.

Microprocessor Interface

The interface to a microprocessor is through the 8-bit data bus (D0-D7), the 4-bit address bus (A0-A3) and control lines $\overline{\text{FL}}$, $\overline{\text{CE}}$ and $\overline{\text{WR}}$.

To write data (ASCII/Control Word) into the display $\overline{\text{CE}}$ should be held low, address and data signals stable and $\overline{\text{WR}}$ should be brought low. The data is written on the low to high transition of $\overline{\text{WR}}$.

The Control Word is decoded by the Control Word Decode Logic. Each code has a different function. The code for display brightness changes the duty cycle for the column drivers. The peak LED current stays the same but the average LED current diminishes depending on the intensity level.

The character Flash Enable causes 2.0 Hz coming out of the counter to be ANDed with column drive signal and makes the column driver to cycle at 2.0 Hz. Thus the character flashes at 2.0 Hz.

The display Blink works the same way as the Flash Enable but causes all twenty column drivers to cycle at 2.0 Hz thereby making all eight digits to blink at 2.0 Hz.

The Self Test function of the IC consists of two internal routines which exercise major portions of the IC and illuminates all the LEDs.

Clear bit clears the character RAM and writes a blank into the display memory. It however does not clear the control word.

ASCII Data or Control Word Data can be written into the display at this point. For multiple display operation, CLK I/O must be properly selected. CLK I/O will output the internal clock if $\overline{\text{CLKSEL}}=1$, or will allow input from an external clock if $\overline{\text{CLKSEL}}=0$.

Character RAM

The Character RAM is selected when $\overline{\text{FL}}$, A4 and A3 are set to 1,1,1 during a read or write cycle. The Character RAM is a 8 by 8 bit RAM with each of the eight locations corresponding to a digit on the display. Digit 0 is on the left side of the display and digit 7 is on the right side of the display. Address lines, A2-A0 select the digit address with A2 being the most significant bit and A0 being the least significant bit. The two types of data stored in the Character RAM are the ASCII coded data and the UDC Address Data. The type of data stored in the Character RAM is determined by data bit, D7. If D7 is low, then ASCII coded data is stored in data bits D6-D0. If D7 is high, then UDC Address Data is stored in data bit D3-D0.

The ASCII coded data is a 7 bit code used to select one of 128 ASCII characters permanently stored in the ASCII ROM.

The UDC Address data is a 4 bit code used to select one of the UDC characters in the UDC RAM. There are up to 16 characters available. See Figure 8.

UDC Address Register and UDC RAM

The UDC Address Register and UDC RAM allows the user to generate and store up to 16 custom characters. Each custom character is defined in 5 x 7 dot matrix pattern. It takes 8 write cycles to define a custom character, one cycle to load the UDC Address Register and 7 cycles to define the character. The contents of the UDC Address Register will store the 4 bit address for one of the 16 UDC RAM locations. The UDC RAM is used to store the custom character.

UDC Address Register

The UDC Address Register is selected by setting $\overline{\text{FL}}=1$, A4=0, A3=0. It is a 4 bit register and uses data bits, D3-D0 to store the 4 bit address code (D7-D4 are ignored). The address code selects one of 16 UDC RAM locations for custom character generation.

UDC RAM

The UDC RAM is selected by setting $\overline{\text{FL}}=1$, A4=0, A3=1. The RAM is comprised of a 7 x 5 bit RAM. As shown in Figure 10, address lines, A2-A0 select one of the 7 rows of the custom character. Data bits, D4-D0 determine the 5 bits of column data in each row. Each data bit corresponds to a LED. If the data bit is high, then the LED is on. If the data bit is low, the LED is off. To create a character, each of the 7 rows of column data need to be defined. See Figure 9 for logic.

Figure 8. Character RAM Access Logic

$\overline{\text{RST}}$	$\overline{\text{CE}}$	$\overline{\text{WR}}$	$\overline{\text{RD}}$	$\overline{\text{FL}}$	A4	A3	A2 A1 A0	D7 D6 D5 D4 D3 D2 D1 D0
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	Character Address, Digits 0-7	0 7 bit ASCII code for a Write Cycle
1	0	1	0	1	1	1	Character Address, Digits 0-7	0 7 bit ASCII code read during a Read Cycle
1	0	0	1	1	0	1	Character Address, Digits 0-7	1 D3-D0=UDC address for a Write Cycle
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	Character Address, Digits 0-7	1 D3-D0=UDC address for Read Data

Figure 9. UDC Address Register and UDC Character RAM

$\overline{\text{RST}}$	$\overline{\text{CE}}$	$\overline{\text{WR}}$	$\overline{\text{RD}}$	$\overline{\text{FL}}$	A4	A3	A2 A1 A0	D7 D6 D5 D4 D3 D2 D1 D0	
1	0	0	1	1	0	0	Not used for UDC Address Register	D3-D0=UDC RAM Address Code, Write Cycle	UDC Address Register
1	0	1	0	1	0	0	Not used for UDC Address Register	D3-D0=UDC RAM Address Code, Read Cycle	
1	0	0	1	1	0	1	A2-A0=Character Row Address	D4-D0=Character Column Data, Write Cycle	UDC RAM
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	A2-A0=Character Row Address	D4-D0=Character Column Data, Read Cycle	

Flash RAM

The Flash RAM allows the display to flash one or more of the characters being displayed. The Flash Ram is accessed by setting $\overline{\text{FL}}$ low. A4 and A3 are ignored. The Flash RAM is a 8 x 1 bit RAM with each bit corresponding to a digit address. Digit 0 is on the left side of the display and digit 7 is on the right side of the display. Address lines, A2-A0 select the digit address with A2 being the most significant digit and A0 being the least significant digit. Data bit, D0, sets and resets the flash bit for each digit. When D0 is high, the flash bit is set and when D0 is low, it is reset. See Figure 10.

Control Word

The Control Word is used to set up the attributes required by the user. It is addressed by setting $\overline{\text{FL}}=1$, A4=1, A3=0. The Control Word is an 8 bit register and is accessed using data bits, D7–D0. See Figures 11 and 12 for the logic and attributed control. The Control Word has 5 functions. They are brightness control, flashing character enable, blinking character enable, self test, and clear (Flash and Character RAMS only).

Brightness Control

Control Word bits, D2–D0, control the brightness of the display with a binary code of 000 being 100% brightness and 111 being display blank. See Figure 12 for brightness level versus binary code. The average I_{CC} can be calculated by multiplying the 100% brightness level I_{CC} value by the display's brightness level. For example, a display set to 80% brightness with a 100% average I_{CC} value of 200 mA will have an average I_{CC} value of 200 mA x 80%=160 mA.

Flash Function

Control Word bit, D3, enables or disables the Flash Function. When D3 is 1, the Flash Function is enabled and any digit with its corresponding bit set in the Flash RAM will flash at approximately 2.0 hertz. When using an external clock, the flash rate can be determined by dividing the clock rate by 28,672. When D3 is 0, the Flash Function is disabled and the contents of the Flash RAM is ignored. For synchronized flashing on multiple displays, see the Reset Section.

Figure 10. Flash RAM Access Logic

$\overline{\text{RST}}$	$\overline{\text{CE}}$	$\overline{\text{WR}}$	$\overline{\text{RD}}$	$\overline{\text{FL}}$	A4	A3	A2	A1	A0	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
1	0	0	1	0	X	X	Flash RAM Address for Digits 0–7			D0=Flash Data, 0=Flash Off and 1=Flash On (Write Cycle)							
1	0	1	0	0	X	X	Flash RAM Address for Digits 0–7			D0=Flash Data, 0=Flash Off and 1=Flash On (Read Cycle)							

Figure 11. Control Word Access Logic

$\overline{\text{RST}}$	$\overline{\text{CE}}$	$\overline{\text{WR}}$	$\overline{\text{RD}}$	$\overline{\text{FL}}$	A4	A3	A2	A1	A0	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
1	0	0	1	1	1	0	Not used for Control Word			Control Word data for a Write Cycle, see Figure 12							
1	0	1	0	1	1	0	Not used for Control Word			Control Word data for a Read during a Read Cycle							

Blink Function

Control Word bit, D4, enables or disables the Blink Function. When D4 is 1, the Blink Function is enabled and all characters on the display will blink at approximately 2.0 hertz. The Blink Function will override the Flash Function if both functions are enabled. When D4 is 0, the Blink Function is disabled. When using an external clock, the blink rate can be determined by dividing the clock rate by 28,672. For synchronized blinking on multiple displays, see the Reset Section.

Row Data				Column Data				
A2	A1	A0	Row #	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
				D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
0	0	0	1	5 x 7 Dot Matrix Pattern				
0	0	1	2					
0	1	0	3					
0	1	1	4					
1	0	0	5					
1	0	1	6					
1	1	0	7					

Self Test

Before starting Self Test, Reset must first be activated. Control Word bits, D6 and D5, are used for the Self Test Function. When D6 is 1, the Self Test is initiated. Results of the Self Test are stored in bits D5. Control Word bit, D5, is a read only bit. When D5 is 1, Self Test passed is indicated. When D5 is 0, Self Test failed is indicated. The Self Test function of the IC consists of two internal routines which exercise major portions of the IC and illuminates all of the LEDs. The first routine cycles the ASCII decoder ROM through all states and performs a check sum on the output. If the check sum agrees with the correct value, D5 is set to a 1.

The second routine provides a visual test of the LEDs using the drive circuitry. This is accomplished by writing checkered and inversed checkered patterns to the display. Each pattern is displayed for approximately 2.0 seconds. During the self test function the display must not be accessed. The time needed to execute the self test function is calculated by multiplying the clock time by 262,144 (typical time=4.6 sec.). At the end of the self test function, the Character RAM is loaded with blanks; the Control Word Register is set to zeroes except D5, and the Flash RAM is cleared and the UDC Address Register is set to all 1.0s.

Clear Function (see Figure 12 and Figure 13)

Control Word bit, D7 clears the character RAM to 20 hex and the flash RAM to all zeroes. The RAMs are cleared within three clock cycles (110 μ s minimum, using the internal clock) when D7 is set to 1. During the clear time the display must not be accessed. When the clear function is finished, bit 7 of the Control Word RAM will be reset to a "0".

Reset Function

The display should be reset on power up of the display ($\overline{\text{RST}}=\text{LOW}$). When the display is reset, the Character RAM, Flash RAM, and Control Word Register are cleared. The display's internal counters are reset. Reset cycle takes three clock cycles (110 μ seconds minimum using the internal clock). The display must not be accessed during this time.

To synchronize the flashing and blinking of multiple displays, it is necessary for the display to use a common clock source and reset all the displays at the same time to start the internal counters at the same place.

While $\overline{\text{RST}}$ is low, the display must not be accessed by RD nor $\overline{\text{WR}}$.

Figure 12. Control Word Data Definition

D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
C	ST	ST	BL	FL	Br	Br	Br

0

0

0

100% Brightness

0

0

1

80% Brightness

0

1

0

53% Brightness

0

1

1

40% Brightness

1

0

0

27% Brightness

1

0

0

20% Brightness

1

1

0

13% Brightness

1

1

1

Blank Display

0

Flash Function Disabled

1

Flash Function Enabled

0

Blink Function Disabled

1

Blink Function Enabled (overrides Flash Function)

0

X

Normal Operation X=bit ignored

1

R

Run Self Test, R=Test Result, R=1/pass, 0=fail

0

Normal Operation

1

Clear Flash RAM & Character RAM (Character RAM=20 Hex)

Key

C Clear Function

ST Self test

BL Blink function

FL Flash function

Br Brightness control

Key

- C Clear Function
- ST Self test
- BL Blink function
- FL Flash function
- Br Brightness control

Figure 13. Clear Function

$\overline{\text{CE}}$	$\overline{\text{WR}}$	$\overline{\text{FL}}$	A4	A3	A2	A1	A0	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	Operation
0	0	1	1	0	X	X	X	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Clear Disabled
0	0	1	1	0	X	X	X	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Clear User RAM, Flash RAM and Display

Figure 14. Display Cycle Using Built-in ROM Example

Display message "Showtime." Digit 0 is leftmost—Closest to Pin 1.

Logic levels: 0=Low, 1=High, X=Don't care.

RST	CE	WR	RD	FL	A4	A3	A2	A1	A0	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	Operation	Display
0	0	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Reset. No Read/Write within 3 Clock Cycles	All blank
1	0	0	1	1	1	0	X	X	X	0	0	X	0	0	0	1	1	53% Brightness Selected	All blank
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	Write "S" to Digit 0	S
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	Write "H" to Digit 1	SH
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	Write "O" to Digit 2	SHO
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	Write "W" to Digit 3	SHOW
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	Write "T" to Digit 4	SHOWT
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	Write "I" to Digit 5	SHOWTI
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	Write "M" to Digit 6	SHOWTIM
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	Write "E" to Digit 7	SHOWTIME

Figure 15. Displaying User Defined Character Example

Load character "A" into UDC-5 and then display it in digit 2.

Logic levels: 0=Low, 1=High, X=Don't care.

RST	CE	WR	RD	FL	A4	A3	A2	A1	A0	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	Operation	Display
0	X	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Reset. No Read/Write within 3 Clock Cycles	All blank
1	0	0	1	1	0	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	1	0	1	Select UDC-5	All blank
1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	X	X	X	0	1	1	1	0	Write into Row 1, UDC-5	All blank
1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	X	X	X	1	0	0	0	1	Write into Row 2, UDC-5	All blank
1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	X	X	X	1	0	0	0	1	Write into Row 3, UDC-5	All blank
1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	Write into Row 4, UDC-5	All blank
1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	X	X	X	1	0	0	0	1	Write into Row 5, UDC-5	All blank
1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	X	X	X	1	0	0	0	1	Write into Row 6, UDC-5	All blank
1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	X	X	X	1	0	0	0	1	Write into Row 7, UDC-5	All blank
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	X	X	X	0	1	0	1	Write UDC-5 into Digit 2	(Digit2) A

Electrical and Mechanical Considerations

Voltage Transient Suppression

For best results power the display and the components that interface with the display to avoid logic inputs higher than V_{CC} . Additionally, the LEDs may cause transients in the power supply line while they change display states. The common practice is to place a parallel combination of a .01 μ F and a 22 μ F capacitor between V_{CC} and GND for all display packages.

ESD Protection

The input protection structure of the PDSP188X provides significant protection against ESD damage. It is capable of withstanding discharges greater than 4.0 kV. Take all the standard precautions, normal for CMOS components. These include properly grounding personnel, tools, tables, and transport carriers that come in contact with unshielded parts. If these conditions are not, or cannot be met, keep the leads of the device shorted together or the parts in anti-static packaging. Refer to Appnote 18 at www.infineon.com/opto.

Soldering Considerations

The PDSP188X can be hand soldered with SN63 solder using a grounded iron set to 260°C.

Wave soldering is also possible following these conditions: Pre-heat that does not exceed 93°C on the solder side of the PC board or a package surface temperature of 85°C. Water soluble organic acid flux (except carboxylic acid) or rosin-based RMA flux without alcohol can be used.

Direct contact with alcohol or alcohol vapor will cause degradation of the package.

Wave temperature of 245°C \pm 5°C with a dwell between 1.5 sec. to 3.0 sec. Exposure to the wave should not exceed temperatures above 260°C for five seconds at 0.063" below the seating plane. The packages should not be immersed in the wave.

Post Solder Cleaning Procedures

The least offensive cleaning solution is hot D.I. water (60°C) for less than 15 minutes. Addition of mild saponifiers is acceptable. Do not use commercial dishwasher detergents.

For faster cleaning, solvents may be used. Exercise care in choosing solvents as some may chemically attack the polycarbonate package. Maximum exposure should not exceed two minutes at elevated temperatures. Acceptable solvents are TF (trichlorotrifluorethane), and IPA.

Some major solvent manufacturers are: Allied Chemical Corporation, Specialty Chemical Division, Morristown, NJ; Baron-Blakeslee, Chicago, IL; Dow Chemical, Midland, MI; E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington, DE.

For further information refer to Appnote 19 at www.infineon.com/opto.

An alternative to soldering and cleaning the display modules is to use sockets. Naturally, 28 pin DIP sockets .300" wide with .100" centers work well for single displays. Multiple display

assemblies are best handled by longer SIP sockets or DIP sockets when available for uniform package alignment. Socket manufacturers are Aries Electronics, Inc., Frenchtown, NJ; Garry Manufacturing, New Brunswick, NJ; Robinson-Nugent, New Albany, IN; and Samtec Electronic Hardware, New Albany, IN.

For further information refer to Appnote 22 at www.infineon.com/opto.

Optical Considerations

The .180" high character of the PDSP188X gives readability up to eight feet. Proper filter selection enhances readability over this distance.

Using filters emphasizes the contrast ratio between a lit LED and the character background. This will increase the discrimination of different characters. The only limitation is cost. Take into consideration the ambient lighting environment for the best cost/benefit ratio for filters.

Incandescent (with almost no green) or fluorescent (with almost no red) lights do not have the flat spectral response of sunlight. Plastic band-pass filters are an inexpensive and effective way to strengthen contrast ratios. The PDSP1880 /1882 are red/high efficiency red displays and should be matched with long wavelength pass filter in the 570 nm to 590 nm range. The PDSP1883 should be matched with a yellow-green band-pass filter that peaks at 565 nm. For displays of multiple colors, neutral density grey filters offer the best compromise.

Additional contrast enhancement is gained by shading the displays. Plastic band-pass filters with built-in louvers offer the next step up in contrast improvement. Plastic filters can be improved further with anti-reflective coatings to reduce glare. The trade-off is fuzzy characters. Mounting the filters close to the display reduces this effect. Take care not to overheat the plastic filter by allowing for proper air flow.

Optimal filter enhancements are gained by using circular polarized, anti-reflective, band-pass filters. The circular polarizing further enhances contrast by reducing the light that travels through the filter and reflects back off the display to less than 1%.

Several filter manufacturers supply quality filter materials. Some of them are: Panelgraphic Corporation, W. Caldwell, NJ; SGL Homalite, Wilmington, DE; 3M Company, Visual Products Division, St. Paul, MN; Polaroid Corporation, Polarizer Division, Cambridge, MA; Marks Polarized Corporation, Deer Park, NY; Hoya Optics, Inc., Fremont, CA.

One last note on mounting filters: recessing displays and bezel assemblies is an inexpensive way to provide a shading effect in overhead lighting situations. Several bezel manufacturers are: R.M.F. Products, Batavia, IL; Nobex Components, Griffith Plastic Corp., Burlingame, CA; Photo Chemical Products of California, Santa Monica, CA; I.E.E.-Atlas, Van Nuys, CA.