

#### **PRECISION TIMERS**

**CONT** 

#### **Description**

These devices are precision timing circuits capable of producing accurate time delays or oscillation. In the timedelay or monostable mode of operation, the timed interval is controlled by a single external resistor and capacitor network. In the astable mode of operation, the frequency and duty cycle can be controlled independently with two external resistors and a single external capacitor.

The threshold and trigger levels normally are two-thirds and one-third, respectively, of  $V_{CC}$ . These levels can be altered by use of the control-voltage terminal. When the trigger input falls below the trigger level, the flip-flop is set, and the output goes high. If the trigger input is above the trigger level and the threshold input is above the threshold level, the flip-flop is reset and the output is low. The reset (RESET) input can override all other inputs and can be used to initiate a new timing cycle. When RESET goes low, the flip-flop is reset, and the output goes low. When the output is low, a lowimpedance path is provided between discharge (DISCH) and ground.

The output circuit is capable of sinking or sourcing current up to 200mA. Operation is specified for supplies of 5V to 15V. With a 5-V supply, output levels are compatible with TTL inputs.

#### **(Top View)**  $V_{\text{CC}}$ **DISCH THRES OUT** TRIG GND

**Pin Assignments**

RESET

**SO-8**

#### **Features**

- Timing from microseconds to hours
- Astable or monostable operation
- Adjustable duty cycle
- TTL compatible output can source or sink up to 200mA
- "Green" Molding Compound (No Br, Sb)
- Lead Free Finish/ RoHS Compliant (Note 1)

Notes: 1. EU Directive 2002/95/EC (RoHS). All applicable RoHS exemptions applied. Please visit our website at [http://www.diodes.com/products/lead\\_free.html](http://www.diodes.com/products/lead_free.html)*.*



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#### **Pin Descriptions**



#### **Functional Block Diagram**



#### **RESET can override TRIG, which can override THRESH**

#### **Functional Table**



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#### **Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 2) @ TA = 25**°**C unless otherwise stated**



#### **Recommended Operating Conditions (TA = 25°C)**



Notes: 2. Stresses beyond those listed under "absolute maximum ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only. Functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under "recommended operating conditions" is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

3. All voltage values are with respect ground.

 4. Maximum power dissipation is a function of TJ(max), θJA, and TA. The maximum allowable power dissipation at any allowable ambient temperature is  $P_D = (T_J(max) - T_A)/\theta_{JA}$ . Operating at the absolute maximum  $T_J$  of 150°C can affect reliability.

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#### **Electrical Characteristics (** $V_{CC}$  **= 5V to 15V,**  $T_A$  **= 25°C unless otherwise stated)**





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Notes: 6. This parameter influences the maximum value of the timing resistors R<sub>A</sub> and R<sub>B</sub> in the circuit of Figure 12. For example, when V<sub>CC</sub> = 5 V, the

maximum value is  $R = R_A + R_B \approx 3.4 M\Omega$ , and for V<sub>CC</sub> = 15 V, the maximum value is 10M $\Omega$ .

7. No protection against excessive pin 7 current is necessary providing package dissipation rating is not exceeded

8. Timing interval error is defined as the difference between the measured value and the average value of a random sample from each process run.

9. Values specified are for a device in a monostable circuit similar to Figure 9, with the following component values: RA = 2kΩ to 100kΩ, C = 0.1uF.

10. Values specified are for a device in an astable circuit similar to Figure 12, with the following component values: R<sub>A</sub> = 1kΩ to 100kΩ, C = 0.1uF.



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#### **Typical Performance Characteristics**



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#### **Typical Performance Characteristics (cont.)**





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#### **Typical Applications Characteristics**

#### **Monostable Operation**

For monostable operation, any of the '555 timers can be connected as shown in Figure 1. If the output is low, application of a negative-going pulse to the trigger (TRIG) sets the internal flip-flop and drives the output high. Capacitor C is then charged through RA until the voltage across the capacitor reaches the threshold voltage of the threshold (THRES) input. If TRIG has returned to a high level, the output of the threshold comparator resets the internal flip-flop, drives the output low, and discharges C.



#### **Fig 1. Monostable operation**

Monostable operation is initiated when TRIG voltage falls below the trigger threshold. Once initiated, the sequence ends only if TRIG is high for at least 10μs before the end of the timing interval. When the trigger is grounded, the comparator storage time can be as long as 10μs, which limits the minimum monostable pulse width to 10μs. Because of the threshold level and saturation voltage of Q1, the output pulse duration is approximately  $t_W = 1.1R_AC$ . Figure 3 is a plot of the time constant for various values of  $R_A$  and C. The threshold levels and charge rates both are directly proportional to the supply voltage,  $V_{CC}$ . The timing interval is, therefore, independent of the supply voltage, so long as the supply voltage is constant during the time interval.

Applying a negative-going trigger pulse simultaneously to RESET and TRIG during the timing interval discharges C and reinitiates the cycle, commencing on the positive edge of the reset pulse. The output is held low as long as the reset pulse is low. To prevent false triggering, when RESET is not used, it should be connected to  $V_{CC}$ .







**Fig. 2 Typical Monostable Waveforms Fig. 3 Output Pulse Duration vs. Capacitance** 



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#### **Typical Applications Characteristics (cont.)**

#### **Astable Operation**

As shown in Figure 4, adding a second resistor, R<sub>B</sub>, to the circuit of Figure 1 and connecting the trigger input to the threshold input causes the timer to self-trigger and run as a multivibrator. The capacitor C charges through  $R_A$  and  $R_B$  and then discharges through  $R_B$ . Therefore, the duty cycle is controlled by the values of  $R_A$  and  $R_B$ .

This astable connection results in capacitor C charging and discharging between the threshold-voltage level ( $*0.67V_{CC}$ ) and the trigger-voltage level ( $*0.33V_{CC}$ ). As in the monostable circuit, charge and discharge times (and, therefore, the frequency and duty cycle) are independent of the supply voltage.



Decoupling CONT voltage to ground with a capacitor can improve operation. This should be evaluated for individual applications.



Time-0.5ms/div

#### **Fig. 4 Circuit for Astable Operation Fig. 5 Typical Astable Waveforms**

Figure 5 shows typical waveforms generated during astable operation. The output high-level duration  $t_H$  and low-level duration  $t_1$  can be calculated as follows:

 $t_H = 0.693(R_A + R_B)C$ 

 $t_L = 0.693(R_B)C$ 

Other useful equations are:

period =  $t_H + t_L = 0.693(R_A + 2R_B)C$ 

frequency = 
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1.44/(R_A + 2R_B)C
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output driver duty cycle =  $t_L/(t_H + t_L) = R_B/(R_A + 2R_B)$ 

output waveform duty cycle =  $t_H/(t_H + t_L) = 1 - R_B/(R_A + 2R_B)$ 

low to high ratio =  $t_L/t_H = R_B/(R_A + R_B)$ 



**Fig. 6 Free Running Frequency** 



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#### **Typical Applications Characteristics (cont.)**

#### **Missing Pulse Detector**

The circuit shown in Figure 7 can be used to detect a missing pulse or abnormally long spacing between consecutive pulses in a train of pulses. The timing interval of the monostable circuit is retriggered continuously by the input pulse train as long as the pulse spacing is less than the timing interval. A longer pulse spacing, missing pulse, or terminated pulse train permits the timing interval to be completed, thereby generating an output pulse as shown in Figure 8.



# $V_{CC}$ =5V R<sub>A</sub>=1kΩ C=0.1uF See Figure 7 Voltage-2V/div **Input Voltage** Output Voltage **Capacitor Voltage** Time-0.1ms/div

#### Fig. 7 Circuit for Missing Pulse Dectector Fig. 8 Timing Waveforms for Missing Pulse **Dectector**

#### **Frequency Divider**

By adjusting the length of the timing cycle, the basic circuit of Figure 1 can be made to operate as a frequency divider. Figure 9 shows a divide-by-three circuit that makes use of the fact that retriggering cannot occur during the timing cycle.



Time-0.1ms/div

**Fig. 9 Divide by Three Circuit Waveforms** 



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#### **Typical Applications Characteristics (cont.)**

#### **Pulse Width Modulation**

The operation of the timer can be modified by modulating the internal threshold and trigger voltages, which is accomplished by applying an external voltage (or current) to CONT. Figure 10 shows a circuit for pulse-width modulation. A continuous input pulse train triggers the monostable circuit, and a control signal modulates the threshold voltage. Figure 11 shows the resulting output pulse-width modulation. While a sine-wave modulation signal is shown, any wave shape could be used.



The modulating signal can be directly or capacitively coupled to CONT. For direct coupling, the effects of modulation source voltage and impedance on the bias of the timer should be considered.





#### **Pulse Position Modulation**

As shown in Figure 12, any of these timers can be used as a pulse-position modulator. This application modulates the threshold voltage and, thereby, the time delay, of a free-running oscillator. Figure 13 shows a triangular-wave modulation signal for such a circuit; however, any wave shape could be used.



The modulating signal can be directly or capacitively coupled to CONT. For direct coupling, the effects of modulation source voltage and impedance on the bias of the timer should be considered.









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#### **Typical Applications Characteristics (cont.)**

#### **Sequential Timer**

Many applications, such as computers, require signals for initializing conditions during start-up. Other applications, such as test equipment, require activation of test signals in sequence. These timing circuits can be connected to provide such sequential control. The timers can be used in various combinations of astable or monostable circuit connections, with or without modulation, for extremely flexible waveform control. Figure 14 shows a sequencer circuit with possible applications in many systems, and Figure 15 shows the output waveforms.





**Fig 14. Circuit for Sequential Timer** 



t - Time - 1s/div

**Fig 15. Sequential timer waveforms** 



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#### **Ordering Information**





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Notes: 10. Pad layout as shown on Diodes Inc. suggested pad layout document AP02001, which can be found on our website at [http://www.diodes.com/datasheets/ap02001.pdf.](http://www.diodes.com/datasheets/ap02001.pdf) 

#### **Marking Information**







## **PRECISION TIMERS**

#### **Package Outline Dimensions (All Dimensions in mm)**

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#### **Suggested Pad Layout**

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