

12A High-Speed MOSFET Drivers

Features:

- High Peak Output Current: 13A (typical)
- Low Shoot-Through/Cross-Conduction Current in Output Stage
- Wide Input Supply Voltage Operating Range:
 - 4.5V to 18V
- High Continuous Output Current: 2.6A (maximum)
- · Matched Fast Rise and Fall Times:
 - 21 ns with 10,000 pF Load
 - 42 ns with 22,000 pF Load
- Matched Short Propagation Delays: 44 ns (typical)
- Low Supply Current:
 - With Logic '1' Input 140 μA (typical)
 - With Logic '0' Input 40 µA (typical)
- Low Output Impedance: 0.9Ω (typical)
- Latch-Up Protected: Withstands 1.5A Output Reverse Current
- Input Withstands Negative Inputs Up To 5V
- Pin-Compatible with the TC4420/TC4429, TC4421/TC4422 and TC4421A/TC4422A MOSFET Drivers
- Space-Saving, Thermally-Enhanced, 8-Pin DFN-S Package

Applications:

- Line Drivers for Extra Heavily-Loaded Lines
- · Pulse Generators
- Driving the Largest MOSFETs and IGBTs
- · Local Power On/Off Switch
- · Motor and Solenoid Driver
- LF Initiator

General Description:

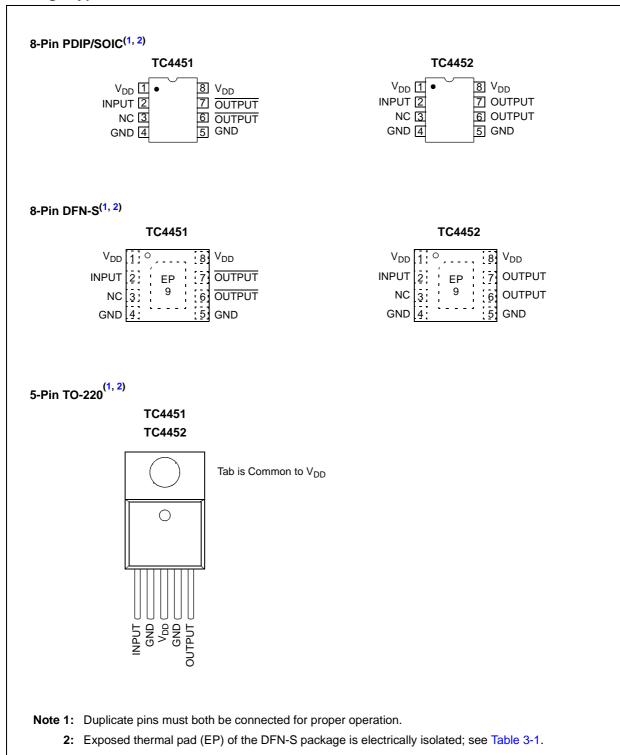
The TC4451/TC4452 are single-output MOSFET drivers. These devices are high-current buffers/drivers capable of driving large MOSFETs and insulated gate bipolar transistors (IGBTs). The TC4451/TC4452 have matched output rise and fall times, as well as matched leading and falling-edge propagation delay times. The TC4451/TC4452 devices also have very low crossconduction current, reducing the overall power dissipation of the device.

These devices are essentially immune to any form of upset, except direct overvoltage or over-dissipation. They cannot be latched under any conditions within their power and voltage ratings. These parts are not subject to damage or improper operation when up to 5V of ground bounce is present on their ground terminals. They can accept, without damage or logic upset, more than 1.5A inductive current of either polarity being forced back into their outputs. In addition, all terminals are fully protected against electrostatic discharge (ESD) up to 4.0 kV (HBM) and 400V (MM).

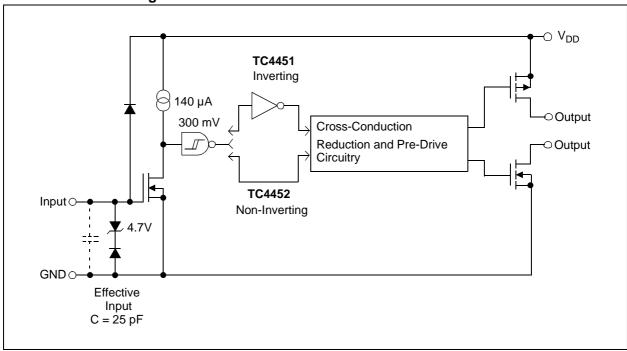
The TC4451/TC4452 inputs may be driven directly from either TTL or CMOS (3V to 18V). Moreover, 300 mV of hysteresis is built into the input, providing noise immunity and enabling the device to be driven from slowly rising or falling waveforms.

With a wide operating temperature range and having both surface-mount and pin-through-hole packages, the TC4451/TC4452 family of 12A MOSFET drivers fits into any application where high gate/line capacitance drive is required.

Package Types



Functional Block Diagram



1.0 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Absolute Maximum Ratings †

Supply Voltage	+20V
Input Voltage(V _{DD} + 0.3V) to (GI	ND – 5V)
Input Current (V _{IN} > V _{DD})	50 mA

† Notice: Stresses above those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operation sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to Absolute Maximum Rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

DC CHARACTERISTICS

Electrical Specifications: Unless otherwise noted, $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ with $4.5V \le V_{DD} \le 18V$.								
Parameters	Sym.	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units	Conditions		
Input								
Logic '1', High Input Voltage	V _{IH}	2.4	1.5	_	V			
Logic '0', Low Input Voltage	V_{IL}	_	1.3	0.8	V			
Input Current	I _{IN}	-10	_	+10	μΑ	$0V \le V_{IN} \le V_{DD}$		
Input Voltage	V _{IN}	-5	_	V _{DD} + 0.3	V			
Output								
High Output Voltage	V _{OH}	V _{DD} – 0.025	_		V	DC Test		
Low Output Voltage	V _{OL}	_	_	0.025	V	DC Test		
Output Resistance, High	R _{OH}	_	1.0	1.5	Ω	I _{OUT} = 10 mA, V _{DD} = 18V		
Output Resistance, Low	R _{OL}	_	0.9	1.5	Ω	I _{OUT} = 10 mA, V _{DD} = 18V		
Peak Output Current	I _{PK}	_	13		Α	V _{DD} = 18V		
Continuous Output Current	I _{DC}	2.6	_		Α	$10V \le V_{DD} \le 18V$ (Note 2, Note 3)		
Latch-Up Protection Withstand Reverse Current	I _{REV}	_	>1.5	_	Α	Duty cycle ≤ 2%, t ≤ 300 µs		
Switching Time (Note 1)			•					
Rise Time	t _R	_	30	40	ns	Figure 4-1 , C _L = 15,000 pF		
Fall Time	t _F	_	32	40	ns	Figure 4-1 , C _L = 15,000 pF		
Propagation Delay Time	t _{D1}	_	44	52	ns	Figure 4-1 , C _L = 15,000 pF		
Propagation Delay Time	t _{D2}	_	44	52	ns	Figure 4-1 , C _L = 15,000 pF		
Power Supply								
Power Supply Current	I _S	_	140	200	μΑ	V _{IN} = 3V		
		_	40	100	μΑ	$V_{IN} = 0V$		
Operating Input Voltage	V_{DD}	4.5	_	18.0	V			
V _{DD} Ramp Rate	SV _{DD}	0.2	_		V/ms			

Note 1: Switching times ensured by design.

2: Tested during characterization, not production tested.

3: Valid for AT and MF packages only. $T_A = +25$ °C.

DC CHARACTERISTICS (OVER OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE)

Electrical Specifications: Unless otherwise noted, over the operating temperature range with $4.5 \text{V} \le \text{V}_{DD} \le 18 \text{V}$.								
Parameters	Sym.	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units	Conditions		
Input								
Logic '1', High Input Voltage	V _{IH}	2.4	_	_	V			
Logic '0', Low Input Voltage	V _{IL}	_	_	0.8	V			
Input Current	I _{IN}	-10	_	+10	μA	$0V \le V_{IN} \le V_{DD}$		
Output								
High Output Voltage	V _{OH}	V _{DD} – 0.025	_	_	V	DC Test		
Low Output Voltage	V _{OL}	_	_	0.025	V	DC Test		
Output Resistance, High	R _{OH}	_	_	2.2	Ω	I _{OUT} = 10 mA, V _{DD} = 18V		
Output Resistance, Low	R_{OL}	_	_	2.0	Ω	I _{OUT} = 10 mA, V _{DD} = 18V		
Switching Time (Note 1)								
Rise Time	t _R	_	35	60	ns	Figure 4-1 , C _L = 15,000 pF		
Fall Time	t _F	_	38	60	ns	Figure 4-1 , C _L = 15,000 pF		
Propagation Delay Time	t _{D1}	_	55	65	ns	Figure 4-1 , C _L = 15,000 pF		
Propagation Delay Time	t _{D2}	_	55	65	ns	Figure 4-1 , C _L = 15,000 pF		
Power Supply								
Power Supply Current	I _S		200	400	μA	V _{IN} = 3V		
		_	50	150	μA	V _{IN} = 0V		
Operating Input Voltage	V _{DD}	4.5		18.0	V			
V _{DD} Ramp Rate	SV _{DD}	0.2	_	_	V/ms			

Note 1: Switching times ensured by design.

TEMPERATURE CHARACTERISTICS

Electrical Specifications: Unless otherwise noted, all parameters apply with $4.5V \le V_{DD} \le 18V$.								
Parameters	Sym.	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units	Conditions		
Temperature Ranges	Temperature Ranges							
Specified Temperature Range (V)	T _A	-40	_	+125	°C			
Maximum Junction Temperature	TJ		_	+150	°C			
Storage Temperature Range	T_A	-65	_	+150	°C			
Package Thermal Resistances								
Thermal Resistance, 5L-TO-220	θ_{JA}		39.5		°C/W	Without heat sink		
Thermal Resistance, 8L-6x5 DFN-S	$\theta_{\sf JA}$		35.7		°C/W	Typical four-layer board with vias to ground plane		
Thermal Resistance, 8L-PDIP	θ_{JA}	_	89.3	_	°C/W			
Thermal Resistance, 8L-SOIC	θ_{JA}	_	149.5	_	°C/W			

2.0 TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES

Note: The graphs and tables provided following this note are a statistical summary based on a limited number of samples and are provided for informational purposes only. The performance characteristics listed herein are not tested or guaranteed. In some graphs or tables, the data presented may be outside the specified operating range (e.g., outside specified power supply range) and therefore outside the warranted range.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ with $4.5V \le V_{DD} \le 18V$.

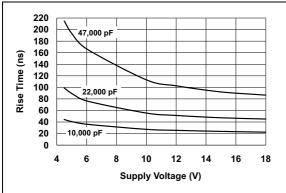


FIGURE 2-1: Rise Time vs. Supply Voltage.

300

250

200 150

100

0 ⊨ 100

Rise Time (ns)



100000

FIGURE 2-2: Rise Time vs. Capacitive Load.

Capacitive Load (pF)

10000

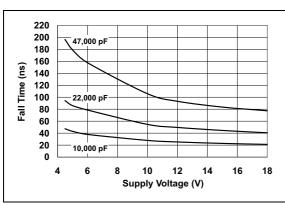


FIGURE 2-3: Fall Time vs. Supply Voltage.

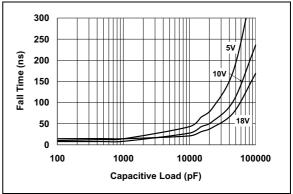


FIGURE 2-4: Fall Time vs. Capacitive Load.

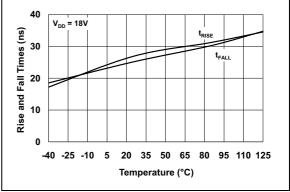


FIGURE 2-5: Rise and Fall Times vs. Temperature.

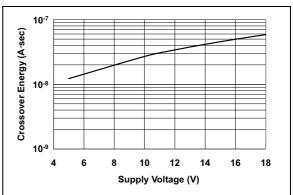


FIGURE 2-6: Crossover Energy vs. Supply Voltage.

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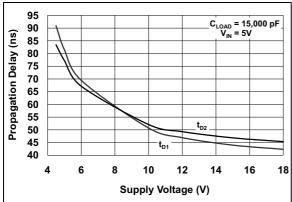


FIGURE 2-7: Propagation Delay vs. Supply Voltage.

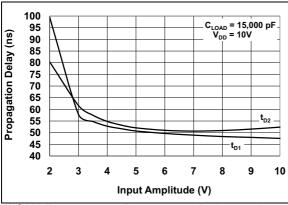


FIGURE 2-8: Propagation Delay vs. Input Amplitude.

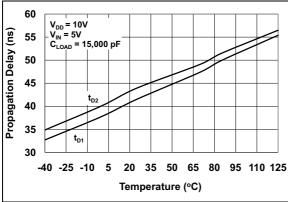


FIGURE 2-9: Propagation Delay vs. Temperature.

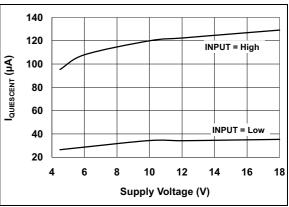


FIGURE 2-10: Quiescent Supply Current vs. Supply Voltage.

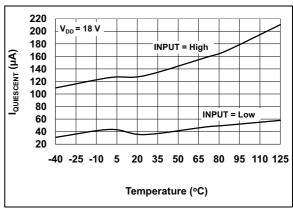


FIGURE 2-11: Quiescent Supply Current vs. Temperature.

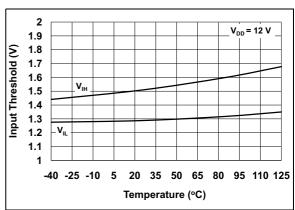


FIGURE 2-12: Input Threshold vs. Temperature.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ with $4.5V \le V_{DD} \le 18V$.

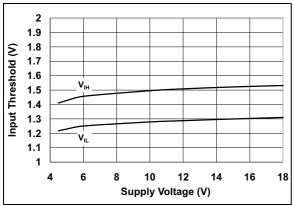


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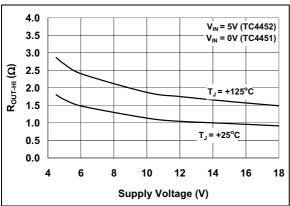


FIGURE 2-14: High State Output Resistance vs. Supply Voltage.

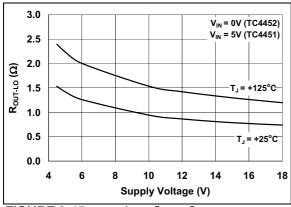


FIGURE 2-15: Low State Output Resistance vs. Supply Voltage.

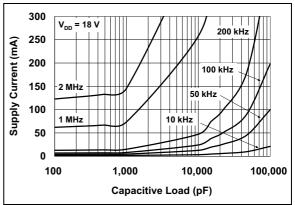


FIGURE 2-16: Supply Current vs. Capacitive Load ($V_{DD} = 18V$).

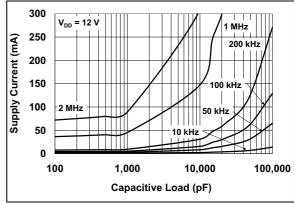


FIGURE 2-17: Supply Current vs. Capacitive Load ($V_{DD} = 12V$).

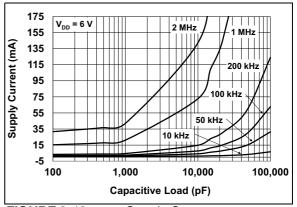


FIGURE 2-18: Supply Current vs. Capacitive Load ($V_{DD} = 6V$).

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, T_A = +25°C with 4.5V \leq V_{DD} \leq 18V.

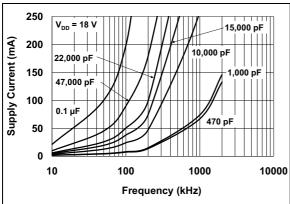


FIGURE 2-19: Supply Current vs. Frequency $(V_{DD} = 18V)$.

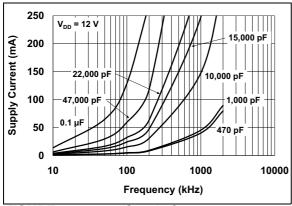


FIGURE 2-20: Supply Current vs. Frequency $(V_{DD} = 12V)$.

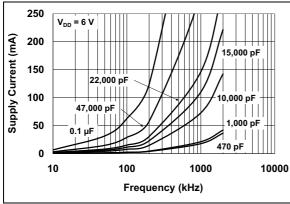


FIGURE 2-21: Supply Current vs. Frequency $(V_{DD} = 6V)$.

3.0 PIN DESCRIPTIONS

The descriptions of the pins are listed in Table 3-1.

TABLE 3-1: PIN FUNCTION TABLE

8-Pin PDIP, SOIC	8-Pin DFN-S	5-Pin TO-220	Symbol	Description
1	1	_	V_{DD}	Supply input, 4.5V to 18V
2	2	1	INPUT	Control input, TTL/CMOS-compatible input
3	3	_	NC	No connection
4	4	2	GND	Ground
5	5	4	GND	Ground
6	6	5	OUTPUT/OUTPUT	CMOS push-pull output
7	7	_	OUTPUT/OUTPUT	CMOS push-pull output
8	8	3	V_{DD}	Supply input, 4.5V to 18V
_	9	_	EP	Exposed thermal pad
	_	TAB	V _{DD}	Thermal tab is at the V _{DD} potential

3.1 Supply Input (V_{DD})

The V_{DD} input is the bias supply for the MOSFET driver and is rated for 4.5V to 18V with respect to the ground pin. The V_{DD} input should be bypassed to ground with a local ceramic capacitor. The value of the capacitor should be chosen based on the capacitive load that is being driven. A minimum value of 1.0 μ F is suggested.

3.2 Control Input (INPUT)

The MOSFET driver input is a high-impedance, TTL/CMOS-compatible input. The input also has 300 mV of hysteresis between the high and low thresholds that prevents output glitching even when the rise and fall time of the input signal is very slow.

3.3 <u>CMOS Push-Pull Output (OUTPUT,</u> OUTPUT)

The MOSFET driver output is a low-impedance, CMOS, push-pull style output capable of driving a capacitive load with 12A peak currents. The MOSFET driver output is capable of withstanding 1.5A peak reverse currents of either polarity.

3.4 Ground (GND)

The ground pins are the return path for the bias current and for the high peak currents that discharge the load capacitor. The ground pins should be tied into a ground plane or have very short traces to the bias supply source return.

3.5 Exposed Thermal Pad (EP)

The exposed thermal pad of the 6x5 DFN-S package is not internally connected to any potential. Therefore, this pad can be connected to a ground plane or other copper plane on a printed circuit board (PCB) to help remove heat from the package.

3.6 Thermal Tab

The thermal tab of the TO-220 package is connected to the V_{DD} potential of the device and this connection is used as a current-carrying path.

4.0 APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

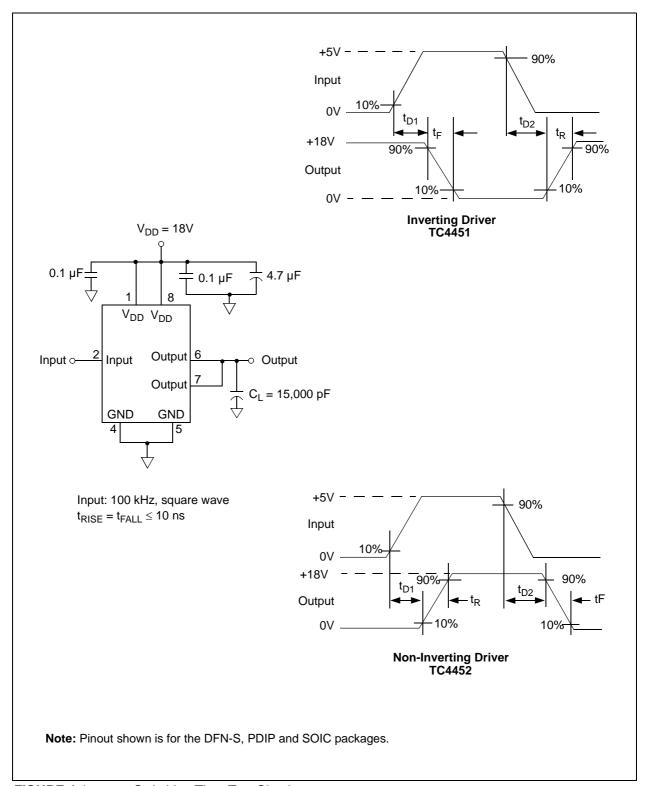


FIGURE 4-1: Switching Time Test Circuits.

5.0 PACKAGING INFORMATION

5.1 Package Marking Information

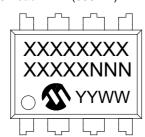
5-Lead TO-220



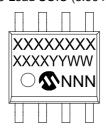
8-Lead DFN-S (6x5x0.9 mm)



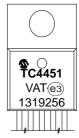
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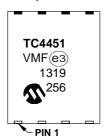
8-Lead SOIC (3.90 mm)



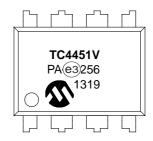
Example



Example



Example



Example



Legend: XX...X Customer-specific information

Y Year code (last digit of calendar year)
YY Year code (last 2 digits of calendar year)
WW Week code (week of January 1 is week '01')

NNN Alphanumeric traceability code

e3 Pb-free JEDEC® designator for Matte Tin (Sn)

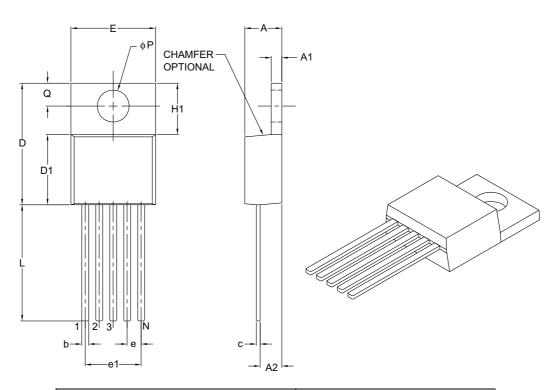
This package is Pb-free. The Pb-free JEDEC designator (@3)

can be found on the outer packaging for this package.

Note: In the event the full Microchip part number cannot be marked on one line, it will be carried over to the next line, thus limiting the number of available characters for customer-specific information.

5-Lead Plastic Transistor Outline (AT) [TO-220]

Note: For the most current package drawings, please see the Microchip Packaging Specification located at http://www.microchip.com/packaging



	Units	INCHES			
D	imension Limits	MIN	NOM	MAX	
Number of Pins	N		5		
Pitch	е		.067 BSC		
Overall Pin Pitch	e1		.268 BSC		
Overall Height	А	.140	-	.190	
Overall Width	E	.380	_	.420	
Overall Length	D	.560	_	.650	
Molded Package Length	D1	.330	-	.355	
Tab Length	H1	.204	-	.293	
Tab Thickness	A1	.020	_	.055	
Mounting Hole Center	Q	.100	_	.120	
Mounting Hole Diameter	φP	.139	-	.156	
Lead Length	L	.482	_	.590	
Base to Bottom of Lead	A2	.080	_	.115	
Lead Thickness	С	.012	_	.025	
Lead Width	b	.015	.027	.040	

Notes:

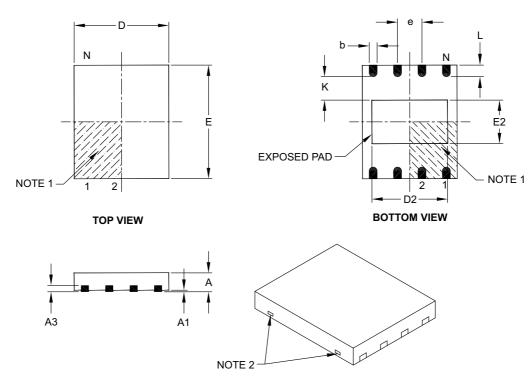
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- 2. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.

BSC: Basic Dimension. Theoretically exact value shown without tolerances.

Microchip Technology Drawing C04-036B

8-Lead Plastic Dual Flat, No Lead Package (MF) - 6x5 mm Body [DFN-S]

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	Units		MILLIMETERS		
	Dimension Limits	MIN	NOM	MAX	
Number of Pins	N		8		
Pitch	е		1.27 BSC		
Overall Height	A	0.80	0.85	1.00	
Standoff	A1	0.00 0.01 0.0			
Contact Thickness	A3	0.20 REF			
Overall Length	D	5.00 BSC			
Overall Width	E		6.00 BSC		
Exposed Pad Length	D2	3.90	4.00	4.10	
Exposed Pad Width	E2	2.20	2.30	2.40	
Contact Width	b	0.35 0.40 0.48			
Contact Length	L	0.50 0.60 0.75			
Contact-to-Exposed Pad	K	0.20	_	_	

Notes:

- 1. Pin 1 visual index feature may vary, but must be located within the hatched area.
- 2. Package may have one or more exposed tie bars at ends.
- 3. Package is saw singulated.
- 4. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.

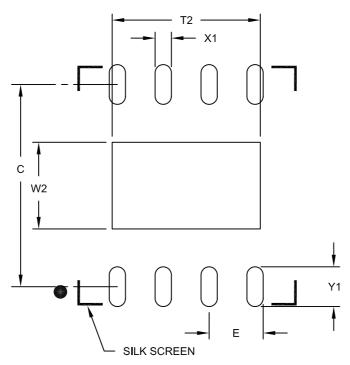
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REF: Reference Dimension, usually without tolerance, for information purposes only.

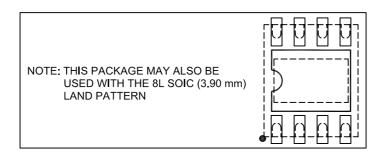
Microchip Technology Drawing C04-122B

8-Lead Plastic Dual Flat, No Lead Package (MF) - 6x5 mm Body [DFN-S]

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RECOMMENDED LAND PATTERN



	MILLIMETERS			
Dimension	MIN	NOM	MAX	
Contact Pitch	E	1.27 BSC		
Optional Center Pad Width	W2	2.40		
Optional Center Pad Length T2				4.10
Contact Pad Spacing	С		5.60	
Contact Pad Width (X8)	X1			0.45
Contact Pad Length (X8)	Y1			1.10

Notes:

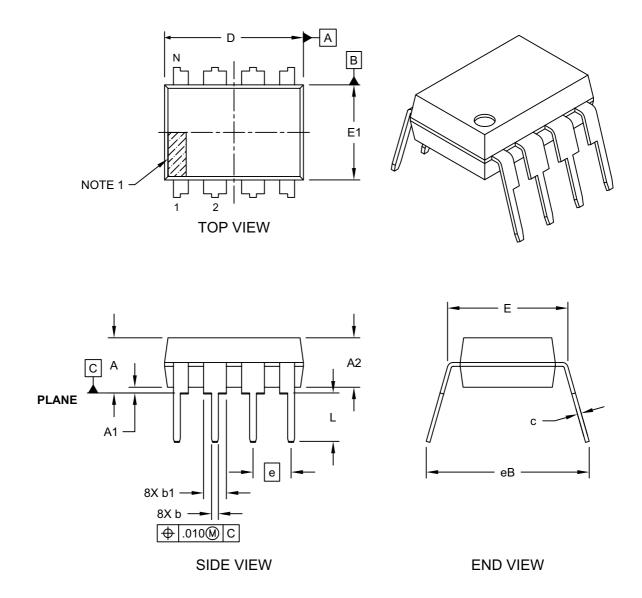
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8-Lead Plastic Dual In-Line (PA) - 300 mil Body [PDIP]

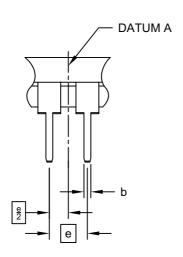
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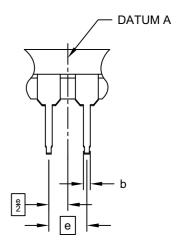
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8-Lead Plastic Dual In-Line (PA) - 300 mil Body [PDIP]

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ALTERNATE LEAD DESIGN (VENDOR DEPENDENT)



	INCHES			
Dimension	Limits	MIN	NOM	MAX
Number of Pins	N		8	
Pitch	е		.100 BSC	
Top to Seating Plane	Α	-	-	.210
Molded Package Thickness	A2	.115	.130	.195
Base to Seating Plane	A1	.015	-	-
Shoulder to Shoulder Width	Е	.290	.310	.325
Molded Package Width	E1	.240	.250	.280
Overall Length	D	.348	.348 .365	
Tip to Seating Plane	L	.115	.130	.150
Lead Thickness	С	.008	.010	.015
Upper Lead Width b1		.040	.060	.070
Lower Lead Width	.014	.018	.022	
Overall Row Spacing §	eВ	-	-	.430

Notes:

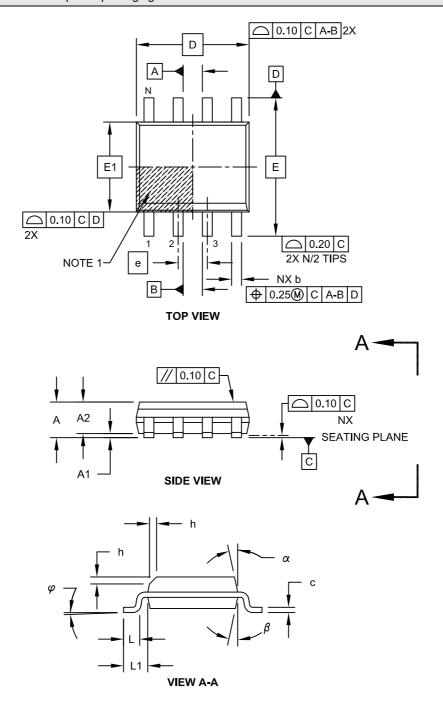
- 1. Pin 1 visual index feature may vary, but must be located within the hatched area.
- 2. § Significant Characteristic
- 3. Dimensions D and E1 do not include mold flash or protrusions. Mold flash or protrusions shall not exceed .010" per side.
- 4. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M

BSC: Basic Dimension. Theoretically exact value shown without tolerances.

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8-Lead Plastic Small Outline (OA) - Narrow, 3.90 mm Body [SOIC]

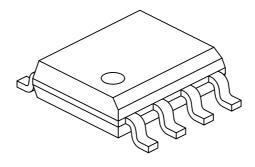
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8-Lead Plastic Small Outline (OA) - Narrow, 3.90 mm Body [SOIC]

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	MILLIMETERS			
Dimension	Limits	MIN	NOM	MAX
Number of Pins	N		8	
Pitch	е		1.27 BSC	
Overall Height	Α	ı	ı	1.75
Molded Package Thickness	A2	1.25	ı	_
Standoff §	A1	0.10	ı	0.25
Overall Width	E		6.00 BSC	
Molded Package Width	E1		3.90 BSC	
Overall Length	D	4.90 BSC		
Chamfer (Optional)	h	0.25	ı	0.50
Foot Length	L	0.40	ı	1.27
Footprint	L1		1.04 REF	
Foot Angle	φ	0°	ı	8°
Lead Thickness	С	0.17 - 0.25		
Lead Width	b	0.31 - 0.51		
Mold Draft Angle Top	α	5° - 15°		
Mold Draft Angle Bottom	β	5°	-	15°

Notes:

- 1. Pin 1 visual index feature may vary, but must be located within the hatched area.
- 2. § Significant Characteristic
- 3. Dimensions D and E1 do not include mold flash or protrusions. Mold flash or protrusions shall not exceed 0.15mm per side.
- 4. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M

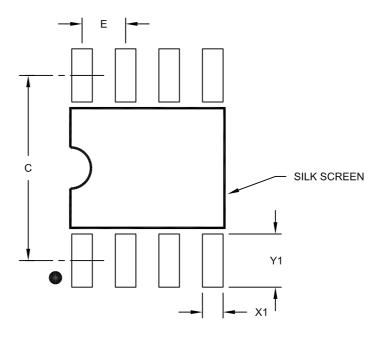
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REF: Reference Dimension, usually without tolerance, for information purposes only.

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8-Lead Plastic Small Outline (OA) - Narrow, 3.90 mm Body [SOIC]

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	MILLIMETERS				
Dimension	Limits	MIN	MIN NOM		
Contact Pitch	E	1.27 BSC			
Contact Pad Spacing	С	5.40			
Contact Pad Width (X8)	X1	0.60			
Contact Pad Length (X8)	Y1			1.55	

Notes:

1. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M

BSC: Basic Dimension. Theoretically exact value shown without tolerances.

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APPENDIX A: REVISION HISTORY

Revision C (July 2014)

The following is the list of modifications:

- Added value for Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) protection – Machine Model (MM) in General Description: column.
- Updated package marking information and drawings in Section 5.0, Packaging Information.
- 3. Minor grammatical and spelling corrections.

Revision B (March 2012)

The following is the list of modifications:

- Added V_{DD} Ramp Rate value in both DC Characteristics and DC Characteristics (Over Operating Temperature Range) tables.
- 2. Updated package thermal resistances values in Temperature Characteristics table.
- Updated package specification drawings in Section 5.0, Packaging Information to show all available drawings.

Revision A (February 2006)

· Original release of this document.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

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PART NO. X	<u>xx</u>	XXX	Exa	imples:	
Device Temper Rang		e & Reel	a)	TC4451VAT:	12A High-Speed Inverting MOSFET Driver, TO-220 package
Device:	TC4452: 12A High-Speed	d MOSFET Driver, Inverting d MOSFET Driver, Non-Inverting	b)	TC4451VOA:	12A High-Speed Inverting MOSFET Driver, SOIC package
Temperature Range:			c)	TC4451VMF:	12A High-Speed Inverting MOSFET Driver,
Package: *	MF = Dual, Flat, No-L	Lead (6x5 mm Body), 8-lead Lead (6x5 mm Body), 8-lead			DFN-S package
	(Tape and Reel) PA = Plastic DIP (300) 0 mil Body), 8-lead 50 mil Body), 8-lead 50 mil Body), 8-lead	a)	TC4452VPA:	12A High-Speed Non-Inverting MOSFET Driver, PDIP package
	*All package offerings are	<i>'</i>	b)	TC4452VOA:	12A High-Speed Non-Inverting MOSFET Driver, SOIC package
			c)	TC4452VMF:	12A High-Speed Non-Inverting MOSFET Driver, DFN-S package

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