

**4-channel Read/Write Amplifier for MR-Ind Head Hard Disk Drive****Description**

The CXA3081R is a Read/Write amplifier for MR-Ind (Magneto Resistive-Inductive) heads used in hard disk drives, and is capable of supporting up to four channels.

**Features**

- Single +5 V power supply.
- Drives up to four heads.
- Servo Write function, drives four channels.
- Differential P-ECL write data input.  
Write data passes through the T flip-flop.
- Power-saving function.
- Read amplifier has an emitter follower differential output.
- Bias-on function activate the read amplifier in write mode.
- Input noise of  $0.85 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  (typ.),  $R_{\text{MR}}=30 \Omega$ ,  $I_{\text{B}}=20 \text{ mA}$ .
- Single - ended Input is terminated by MR head to GND
- Head unsafe detection circuit.
- Without Damping resistors.
- Fast recovery time. Write to read ;  $1 \mu\text{s}$ .

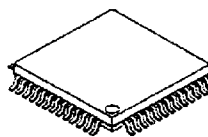
**Applications**

Hard disk drives with MR-Ind heads.

**Structure**

Bipolar silicon monolithic IC.

52 pin LQFP (Plastic)

**Absolute Maximum Ratings** ( $T_a=25^\circ\text{C}$ )

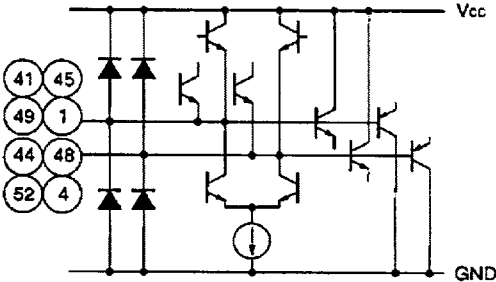
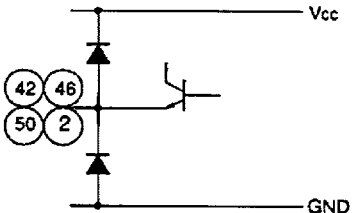
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| • Supply voltage                         | $V_{\text{CC}}$  | 7           | V                |
| • Allowable power dissipation (on board) | $P_{\text{D}}$   | 1300        | mW               |
| • Write current                          | $I_{\text{W}}$   | 50          | mA               |
| • Bias current                           | $I_{\text{B}}$   | 22          | mA               |
| • Operating temperature                  | $T_{\text{opr}}$ | -20 to +70  | $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| • Storage temperature                    | $T_{\text{stg}}$ | -55 to +150 | $^\circ\text{C}$ |

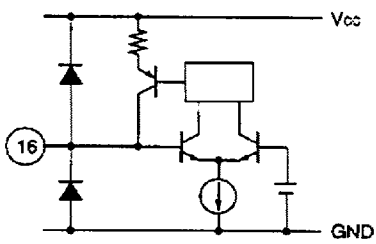
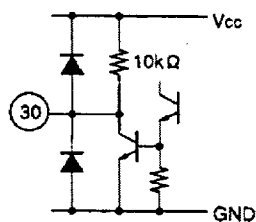
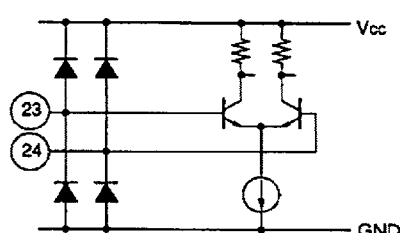
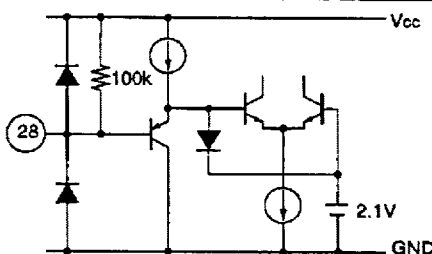
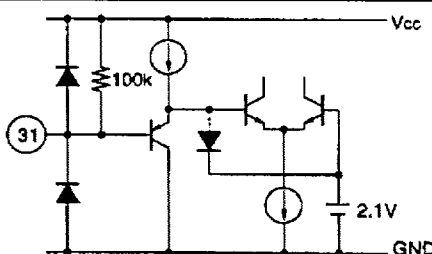
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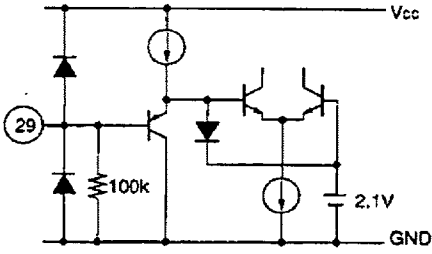
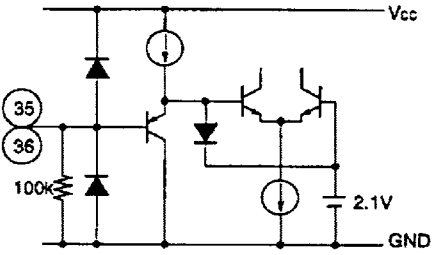
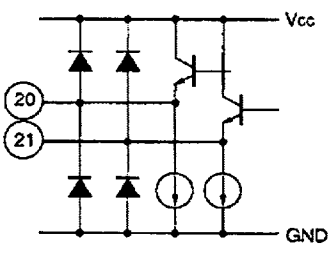
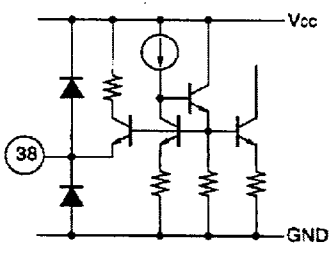
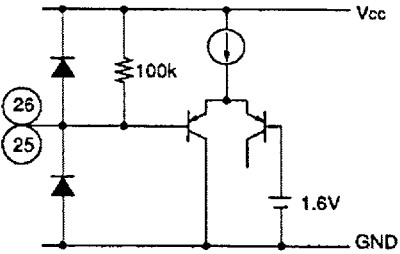
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| • Supply voltage  | $V_{\text{CC}}$                           | $5 \text{ V} \pm 10\%$ | %  |
| • MR bias voltage   | $V_{\text{MR}}$                           | 130 to 650             | mV |
| • Bias current  | $I_{\text{B}}$                            | 10 to 20               | mA |
| • Write Current in Servo Write Mode ( $T_a \leq 30^\circ\text{C}$ ) | four channels Servo Write $I_{\text{WS}}$ | 10 to 20               | mA |

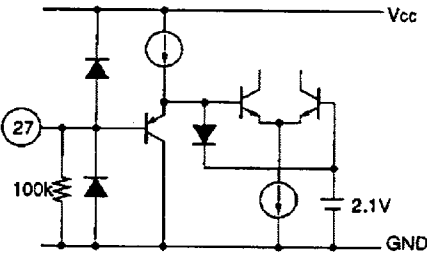
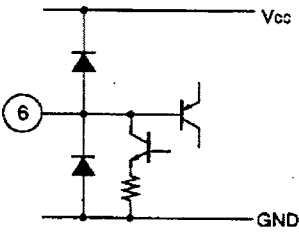
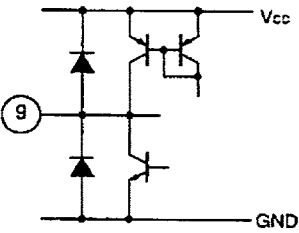
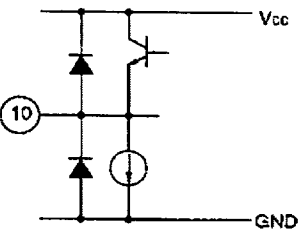
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## Pin Description

| Pin No.  | Symbol   | Equivalent circuit   | Description  |
|--|--|--|--|
| 41<br>44<br>45<br>48<br>49<br>52<br>1<br>4                   | IN0X<br>IN0Y<br>IN1X<br>IN1Y<br>IN2X<br>IN2Y<br>IN3X<br>IN3Y |  | Inductive heads for write.<br>Four channels are provided.  |
| 42<br>46<br>50<br>2  | MR0+<br>MR1+<br>MR2+<br>MR3+                                 |   | MR heads for Read.<br>Connect the MR heads<br>between each pin and GND.<br>Four channels are provided. |
| 43<br>47<br>51<br>3  | MR0-<br>MR1-<br>MR2-<br>MR3-                                 |  | MR head GND.<br>Connect each pin to GND.   |
| 11   | DVCC   |  | 5 V power supply (Digital) .   |
| 12   | AVCC   |  | 5 V power supply (Analog) .  |
| 7<br>18<br>34  | GND  |  | Ground.  |
| 33   | DGND   |  | Ground.  |
| 5<br>8<br>13<br>14<br>15<br>17<br>19<br>22<br>32<br>37<br>40 | NC   |  |  |

| Pin No.  | Symbol           | Equivalent circuit  | Description   |
|----------|------------------|---|---|
| 16       | WC               |    | Write current setting resistor is connected between this pin and GND.   |
| 30       | HUS              |    | Head unsafe detection output. Detects abnormal states when the collector output transistor is OFF in the Read mode, and the collector output transistor is OFF in the Write mode. |
| 23<br>24 | WDX<br>WDY       |   | Differential write data input for P-ECL. Includes T-FF.   |
| 28       | PS               |  | Power saving signal input. The power saving function is activated when high.  |
| 31       | $\overline{R/W}$ |  | Read / Write signal input. Read when high, write when low.  |

| Pin No.  | Symbol     | Equivalent circuit  | Description  |
|----------|------------|---|--|
| 29       | WSER       |    | Servo Write signal input.<br>Servo Write mode when high.                                     |
| 35<br>36 | HS0<br>HS1 |    | Head select signal.<br>Selects one of the four heads<br>as shown in table 2.                 |
| 20<br>21 | RDX<br>RDY |   | Read amplifier output.<br>High impedance in the write<br>mode.<br>(with coupling capacitors) |
| 38       | BC         |  | Connect a current control<br>resistor between this pin and<br>GND.                           |
| 39       | CEX3       |   | Connect an external capacitor<br>of Read amplifier between this<br>pin and GND.              |
| 26<br>25 | B0<br>B1   |  | Current control signal input.<br>See the bias current of MR<br>heads as shown in Table 4.    |

| Pin No. | Symbol | Equivalent circuit  | Description  |
|---------|--------|---|--|
| 27      | IBON   |    | IBON signal input.<br>In Write mode, read amplifier is activated when high, keeping output high impedance. |
| 6       | CEX1   |    | Connect an external capacitor of Read amplifier between this pin and GND.                                  |
| 9       | CEX2   |   | Connect an external capacitor of Read amplifier between this pin and pin 10 (CEX2V).                       |
| 10      | CEX2V  |  | Regulator terminal of Read amplifier.  |

## Electrical characteristics

(Unless otherwise specified  $V_{CC}=5\text{ V}$ ,  $T_a=25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $I_w=30\text{ mA}$ ,  $I_B=20\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_{EX1}=0.047\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{EX2}=C_{EX3}=0.1\mu\text{F}$ )

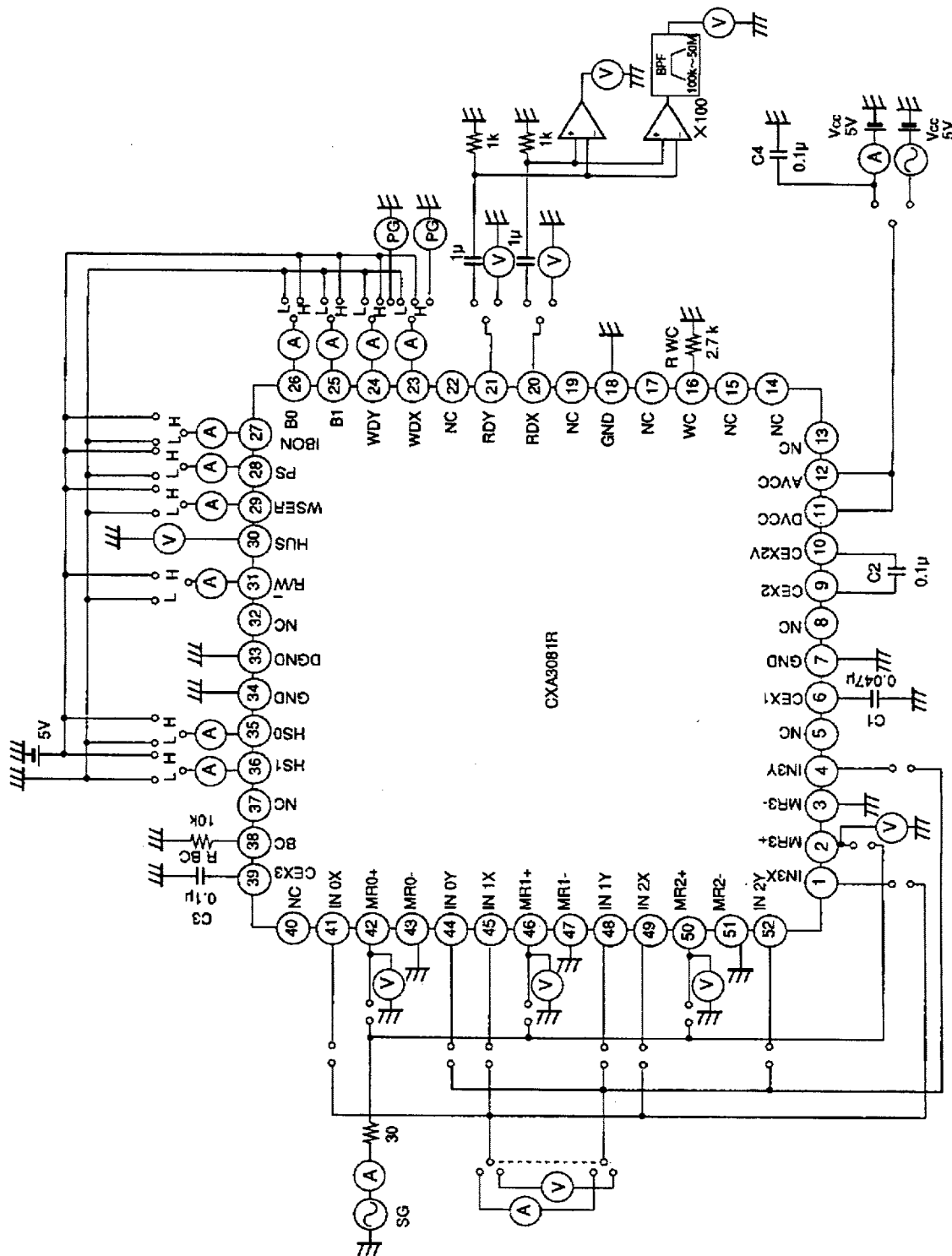
| No. | Item   | Symbol     | Measurement conditions  | Min.          | Typ.                  | Max.          | Unit.         |
|-----|--|------------|---|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1-1 | Current consumption for Read                   | $I_{CCR}$  |   | 31<br>+ $I_B$ | 44<br>+ $I_B$         | 59<br>+ $I_B$ | mA            |
| 1-2 | Current consumption for Write                  | $I_{CCW}$  |   | 26<br>+ $I_w$ | 37<br>+ $I_w$         | 49<br>+ $I_w$ | mA            |
| 1-3 | Current consumption for Servo Write            | $I_{CCS}$  | Drives four channels<br>$I_w=20\text{ mA}$  |               | 93+<br>$I_w \times 4$ |               | mA            |
| 1-4 | Current consumption for Power saving           | $I_{CCP}$  |   | 1.4           | 2                     | 2.7           | mA            |
| 2-1 | Digital Input low input voltage                | $V_{IL}$   | Digital input:<br>Pins 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 35, and 36   |               |                       | 0.8           | V             |
| 2-2 | Digital Input high input voltage               | $V_{IH}$   |   | 2.0           |                       |               | V             |
| 2-3 | Digital Input low input current                | $I_{IL}$   | High voltage: 5 V<br>Low voltage: 0 V   | -100          |                       |               | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| 2-4 | Digital Input high input current               | $I_{IH}$   |   |               |                       | 100           | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| 3-1 | Write data input low input voltage             | $V_{WDL}$  | Write data input:<br>Pins 23, 24  | $V_{CC}-2.0$  |                       | $V_{CC}-1.5$  | V             |
| 3-2 | Write data input high input voltage            | $V_{WDH}$  |   | $V_{CC}-1.0$  |                       | $V_{CC}-0.5$  | V             |
| 3-3 | Write data input current                       | $I_{WD}$   |   | -20           |                       | 20            | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| 4-1 | Head unsafe output low output voltage          | $V_{HUSL}$ | 10 k $\Omega$ internal resistance pull up   |               |                       | 0.5           | V             |
| 4-2 | Head unsafe output high output voltage         | $V_{HUSH}$ | 10 k $\Omega$ internal resistance pull up   | 4.8           |                       | 5.0           | V             |
| 5   | Power supply ON/OFF detector threshold voltage | $V_{TH}$   | For write, When $V_{CC}$ drops below 5 V, the $V_{CC}$ voltage at which $I_w$ stops flowing is regarded as $V_{THOFF}$ .<br>When $V_{CC}$ rises above 3 V, the $V_{CC}$ voltage at which $I_w$ begins flowing is regarded as $V_{THON}$ . | 3.6           |                       | 4.3           | V             |
| 6   | Write current setting range                    | $I_w$      |   | 10            |                       | 40            | mA            |
| 7-1 | Write current setting constant                 | $K_w$      | Assuming the Write current as $I_w$ [mA] ( $R_{wc}=2.7\text{ k}\Omega$ )<br>$K_w=R_{wc} \times I_w=2.7 \times I_w$  | 75.9          | 82.5                  | 89.1          |               |
| 7-2 | Write current setting terminal voltage         | $V_{wc}$   |   | 1.21          | 1.295                 | 1.38          | V             |

| No.  | Item                                     | Symbol     | Measurement conditions   | Min.  | Typ.  | Max.  | Unit.                  |
|------|--|------------|--|-------|-------|-------|------------------------|
| 8    | Read amplifier differential voltage gain | $A_v$      | Input voltage: 1 mVp-p, 1 MHz<br>Output voltage: $V_0$ [mVp-p]<br>$A_v = \frac{V_0}{1}$<br>resistance (RDX, RDY): 1 k $\Omega$<br>$R_{MR}=30 \Omega$ , $R_{SC}=10 \text{ k}\Omega$<br>at B0=H, B1=H  | 158   | 193   | 228   | V/V                    |
| 9    | Frequency band-Low frequency cut-off     | FCL        | Low frequency where $A_v$ drops by 3 dB  |       | 100   | 200   | kHz                    |
| 10   | Frequency band-High frequency cut-off    | FCH        | High frequency where $A_v$ drops by 3 dB   | 70    | 90    |       | MHz                    |
| 11-0 | Bias current setting constant            | $K_B$      | Assuming the Bias current as $I_B$ [mA]<br>( $R_{BC}=10 \text{ k}\Omega$ )<br>$K_B=R_{BC} \times I_B$<br>at B0=H, B1=H   | 173   | 192   | 211   |                        |
| 11-1 | Bias current ratio B0, B1 control        |            | Assuming $I_{B0}$ [mA] as the bias current at B0=H, B1=H   |       |       |       |                        |
|      |  | $K_{RB1}$  | $I_{B1}$ ; $I_B$ at B0=L, B1=H<br>$K_{RB1}=I_{B1}/I_{B0}$  | 0.935 | 0.955 | 0.975 |                        |
| 11-2 |  | $K_{RB2}$  | $I_{B2}$ ; $I_B$ at B0=H, B1=L<br>$K_{RB2}=I_{B2}/I_{B0}$  | 0.89  | 0.91  | 0.93  |                        |
| 11-3 |  | $K_{RB3}$  | $I_{B3}$ ; $I_B$ at B0=L, B1=L<br>$K_{RB3}=I_{B3}/I_{B0}$  | 0.84  | 0.86  | 0.88  |                        |
| 12   | Input referred noise voltage             | ENO        | Head impedance: 30 $\Omega$<br>Assuming $V_N$ [Vrms] as the voltage which the read voltage output is amplified by a factor of 100 is passed through a BPF (band width of 100 kHz to 50 MHz):<br>$EN_{30} = \frac{V_N}{100 \cdot A_v \sqrt{49.9 \times 10^6}}$<br>$EN_0 = \sqrt{(EN_{30})^2 - (4KT30)}$ |       | 0.85  | 1.05  | nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ |
| 13   | Power supply rejection ratio             | PSRR       | Ripple voltage: 100m Vp-p, 5 MHz<br>Assuming the Read amplifier output as $V_p$ [mVp-p]<br>$PSRR = 20 \log \frac{100}{V_p} + 20 \log A_v$  | 40    |       |       | dB                     |
| 14   | Read data output offset voltage for read | $V_{OFFR}$ | $V_{OFFR} = V_{RDX} - V_{RDY}$   | -400  |       | 400   | mV                     |
| 15   | Unselected head voltage                  | $V_{USH}$  | MR Head  |       |       | 100   | mV                     |

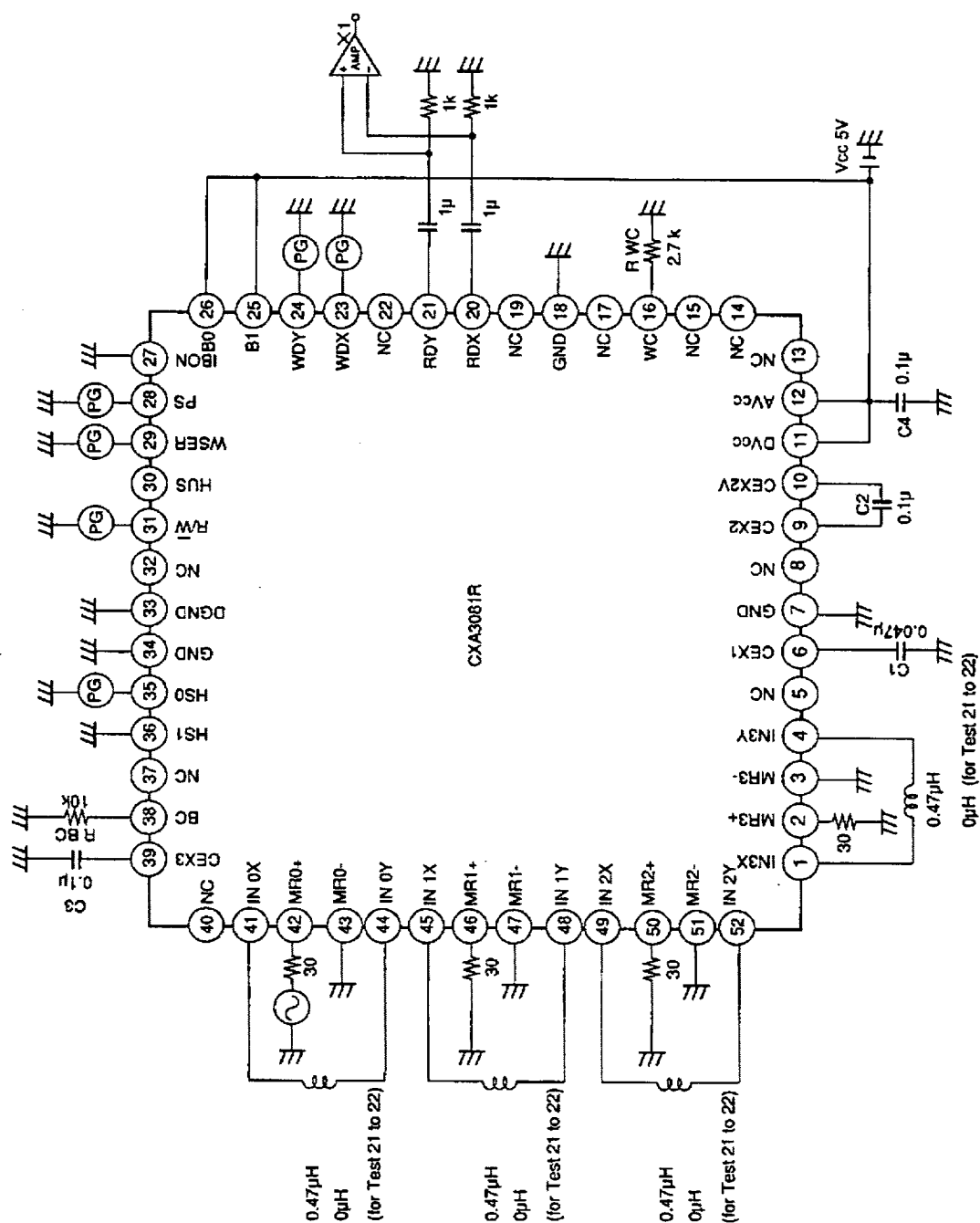
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| 16   | Head differential voltage amplitude           | V <sub>SW</sub>                | Difference in electric potential between INX and INY when the Write current is switched: head open   | 4.4  | 5.2  |      | Vp-p  |
| 17   | Mode switching time from Read to Write        | T <sub>RW</sub>                | T <sub>RW</sub> is the time interval between the change of Pin 31 from high to low and the Write current reaches 90 %.   |      | 0.3  | 0.5  | μs    |
| 18-1 | Mode switching time from Write to Read        | T <sub>WR1</sub>               | T <sub>WR1</sub> is the time interval between the change of Pin 31 from low to high and the Read amplifier output reaches 90 %, ±100 mV of read DC                         |      | 1.0  | 2    | μs    |
| 18-2 | Mode switching time from Write to Read        | T <sub>WR2</sub>               | T <sub>WR2</sub> is the time interval between the change of Pin 31 from low to high and the Write current falls to 10 %.   |      | 0.2  | 0.5  | μs    |
| 19   | Mode switching time from Power saving to Read | T <sub>PR</sub>                | T <sub>PR</sub> is the time interval between the change of Pin 28 from high to low and the Read amplifier output reaches 90 %.   |      | 3    | 4.5  | μs    |
| 20   | Head switching time                           | T <sub>H</sub>                 | T <sub>H</sub> is the time interval between the change of the selected head and the Read output* reaches 90 % in the Read mode.  |      | 3    | 4    | μs    |
| 21   | Write current propagation delay time          | T <sub>PD</sub>                | LH=0 μH RH=0 Ω<br>T <sub>PD</sub> is the time interval between the write data rising transition and the Write current reaches 90 %.  |      | 10   | 25   | ns    |
| 22   | Write current rise/fall time                  | T <sub>R</sub> /T <sub>F</sub> | LH=0 μ RH=0 Ω<br>T <sub>R</sub> is the time for the write current to rise from 10 % to 90%.<br>T <sub>F</sub> is the time for the Write current to fall from 90 % to 10 %. |      | 3    | 6    | ns    |
| 23   | Mode switching time Read safe.                | T <sub>RS</sub>                | T <sub>RS</sub> is the time interval between the change of pin 31 from low to high and Pin 30 becomes low.   |      | 0.5  | 1    | μs    |
| 24   | Mode switching time safe to unsafe            | T <sub>SA1</sub>               | T <sub>SA1</sub> is the time required for Pin 30 to turn "High" after the last transition of Write data** when Write data is stopped in Write mode.                        | 3    | 5    | 8    | μs    |
| 25   | Mode switching time unsafe to safe.           | T <sub>SA2</sub>               | T <sub>SA2</sub> is the time required for Pin 30 to turn "Low" after the first transition of Write data** in Write mode.   |      | 0.3  | 1    | μs    |

\*Read output 100 mVp-p 10 MHz, \*\*Write data f<sub>wd</sub>=5 MHz





**Fig. 1 TEST CIRCUIT 1 (for Test 1 to 16)**



**Fig. 2 TEST CIRCUIT 2 (for Test 17 to 25)**

**Description of Functions****• Read amplifier**

This is a low-noise amplifier for amplifying the micro signals generated from the heads, in write mode the emitter follower outputs become high impedance with coupling capacitors. The differential output signal appears at RDX and RDY pins.

**• Write circuit**

Write data which is input to WD pin passes through a T flip-flop and frequency is divided by 2. Then it drives the write switch circuit and flows write current to the head.

Write current flows into X side after  $R/\bar{W}$  pin changed from high to low.

**• Mode control**

The modes are set by  $R/\bar{W}$ , WSER and PS pins as shown in Table 1.

| $R/\bar{W}$ | WSER | PS | HS0 | HS1 | Mode                        |
|-------------|------|----|-----|-----|-----------------------------|
| L           | L    | L  | X   | X   | Write                       |
| H           | L    | L  | X   | X   | Read                        |
| X           | H    | L  | L   | L   | 0, 1, 2, 3 head Servo Write |
| X           | X    | H  | X   | X   | Power save                  |

Table 1 Mode selection

**• Head selection**

The heads are selected by HS0 and HS1 pins as shown in Table 2.

| HS0 | HS1 | Head |
|-----|-----|------|
| L   | L   | 0    |
| H   | L   | 1    |
| L   | H   | 2    |
| H   | H   | 3    |

Table 2 Head selection

**• Head unsafe detection circuit**

This circuit detects abnormal states.

The normal and abnormal states for read and write are shown in Table 3.

An abnormality occurs for write in the following instances:

- The head is open under the condition which write data frequency is  $\leq 20$  MHz.
- The head is shorted either to GND or to  $V_{cc}$ .
- The write data frequency is abnormally low.
- There is no write current.
- At abnormal supply voltage.

(Refer to the item "Power supply ON/OFF detection".)

An abnormality occurs for read in the following instances:

- The MR head is open.
- The MR head is shorted to GND.
- At abnormal supply voltage. (Refer to the item "Power supply ON/OFF detection".)

| Mode              | Normal | Abnormal |
|-------------------|--------|----------|
| Read              | L      | H        |
| Write/Servo Write | L      | H        |
| Power save        | H      | H        |

Table 3 Head unsafe

#### • Power supply ON/OFF detection

This circuit monitors  $V_{CC}$  to detect erroneous writes.

The error status is established when  $V_{CC}$  falls below the threshold voltage ( $V_{TH}$ ) of the power supply ON/OFF detector, in which case the recording and playback function are prohibited.

When  $V_{CC}$  is above  $V_{TH}$ , the prohibition of these functions is released.

#### • Bias current control

The bias current of MR heads are controlled by B0 and B1.

| B0 | B1 | Bias current |
|----|----|--------------|
| L  | L  | $0.86IB_0$   |
| H  | L  | $0.91IB_0$   |
| L  | H  | $0.955IB_0$  |
| H  | H  | $IB_0$       |

Table 4 Bias control

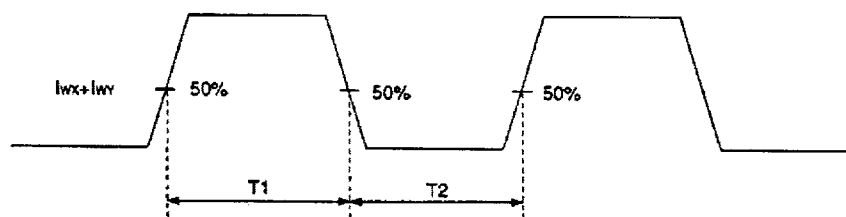
#### Application Notes

Use the following characteristics for reference.

$V_{CC}=5\text{ V}$ ,  $T_a=25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

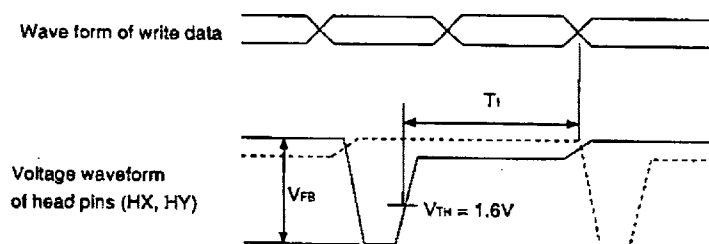
| Item   |                                 | Symbol     | Conditions  | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit       |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|---|------|------|------|------------|
| Write Head   | Differential output capacitance | $C_o$      | Between head input pins   |      |      | 15   | pF         |
|  | Differential output resistance  | $R_o$      |   | 100  |      |      | k $\Omega$ |
| Read   | Output resistance               | $R_{RD}$   | RDX or RDY,<br>$f=5\text{ MHz}$   |      | 40   | 60   | $\Omega$   |
| Unselected head differential current in write mode |                                 | $I_{us}$   | $L_H=0.3\text{ }\mu\text{H}$ , $R_H=30\text{ }\Omega$<br>$I_w=20\text{ mA}$ |      |      | 0.5  | mAp-p      |
| Write current symmetry                             |                                 | $T_{AS}^*$ | $L_H=0\text{ }\mu\text{H}$ , $R_H=0\text{ }\Omega$<br>$I_w=20\text{ mA}$    | -0.5 |      | 0.5  | ns         |

$T_{AS}^*=T_1-T_2$

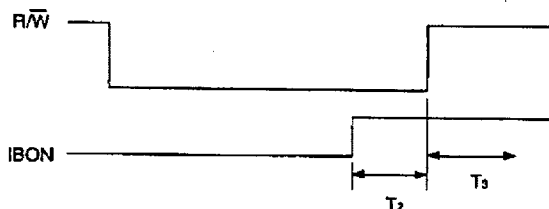


## Notes on operation

- This device handles high frequency and high gain signals. Please note the following;
  - Connect  $V_{CC}$  decoupling capacitor of approximately 1000 pF near the device.
  - Make the GND area as large as possible.
- When using for only two channels, leave the unused head pins open.
- The BC pin is a constant voltage pin. When noise affects this pin affects the noise of read amplifier, therefore locate the external resistor,  $R_{BC}$ , to the device as close as possible.
- The WC pin is a constant voltage pin. When noise affects this pin affects the noise of write current, therefore locate the external resistor,  $R_{WC}$ , to the device as close as possible.
- Write unsafe detection circuit  
This circuit uses the voltage waveforms of the head pins for detection.



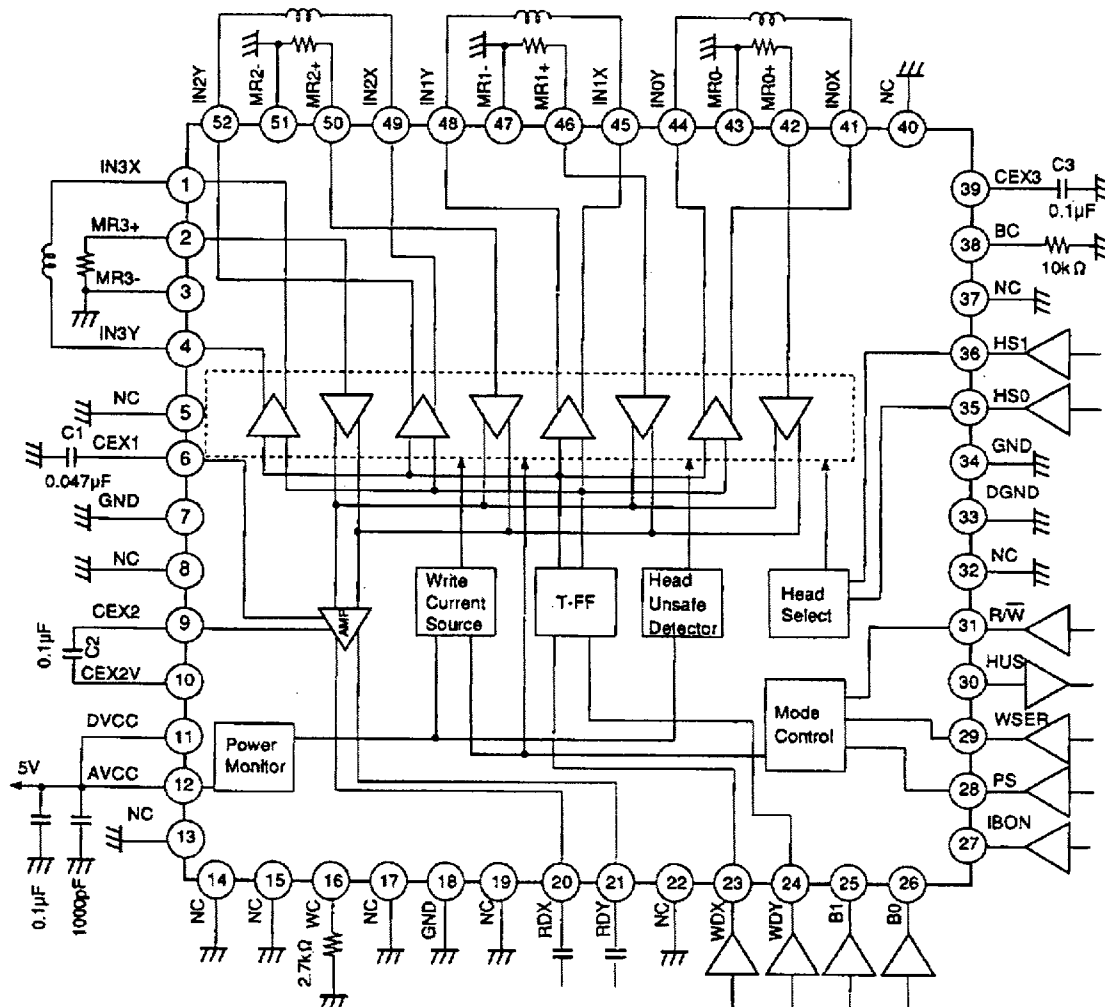
- The condition of  $T_1 > 5$  ns must be met for the WUS detection circuit to operate properly.
- $V_{FB}$  must be more than 2 V. When  $V_{FB} < 2$  V, it is possible that write unsafe detection maximum frequency becomes more than 1 MHz.
- IBON function  
IBON control will enable bias current during the last part of write mode to decrease the read recovery time.  
 $T_2$  must be less than 20  $\mu$ s to keep IC the under maximum junction temperature.  
Please keep  $T_3$  more than 1  $\mu$ s.  $T_3$  is high level time of IBON after R/W goes to high.



- In Servo write mode, use the IC with  $T_a$  at 30 °C or less.

## Application circuit

Top view



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Fig. 3 Normalized Write current vs. Supply voltage

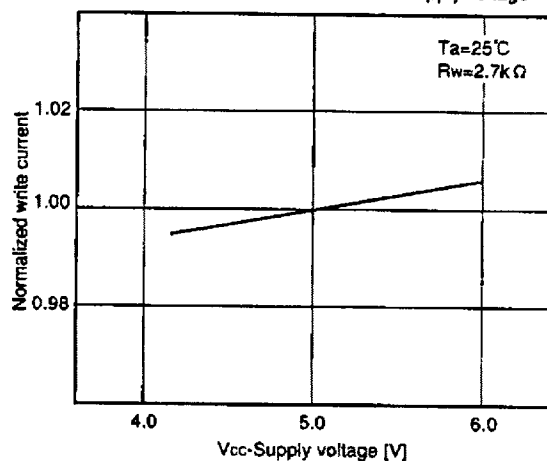


Fig. 4 Normalized Write current vs. Ambient temperature

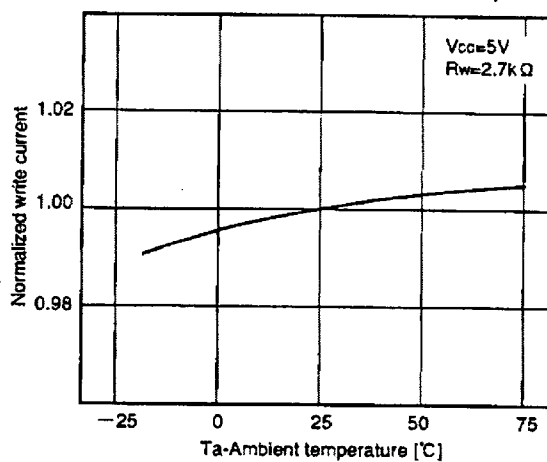


Fig. 5 Normalized Bias current vs. Supply voltage

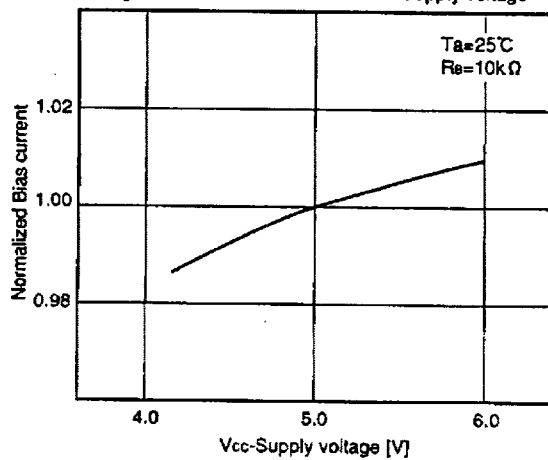


Fig. 6 Normalized Bias current vs. Ambient temperature

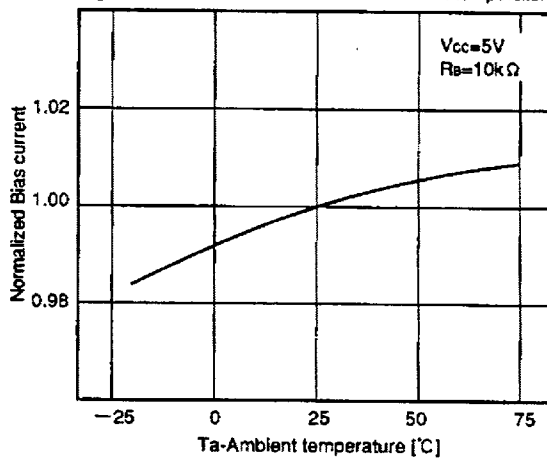


Fig. 7 Normalized Read amplifier voltage gain vs. Supply voltage

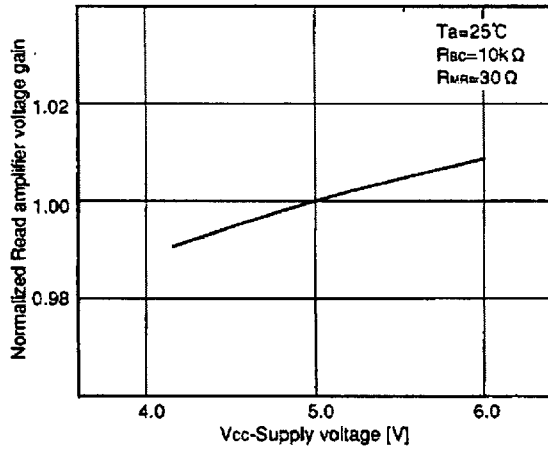


Fig. 8 Normalized Read amplifier voltage gain vs. Ambient temperature

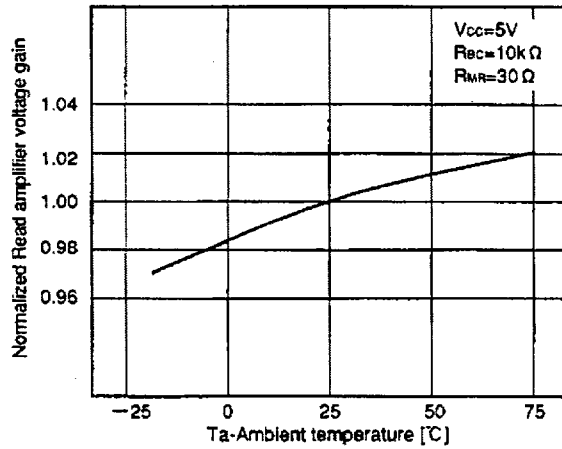


Fig. 9 Power supply ON/OFF detector threshold voltage vs. Ambient temperature

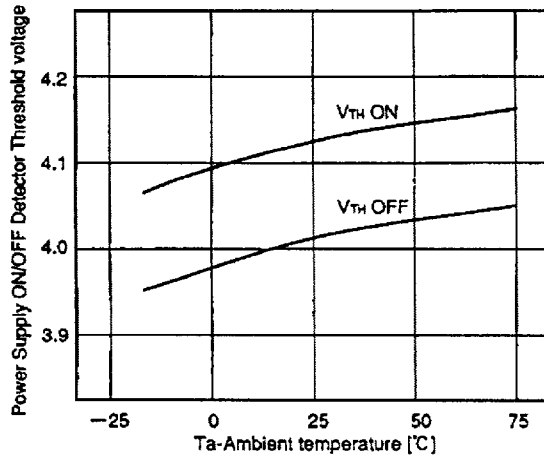


Fig. 10 Bias current setting constant K vs. Bias current

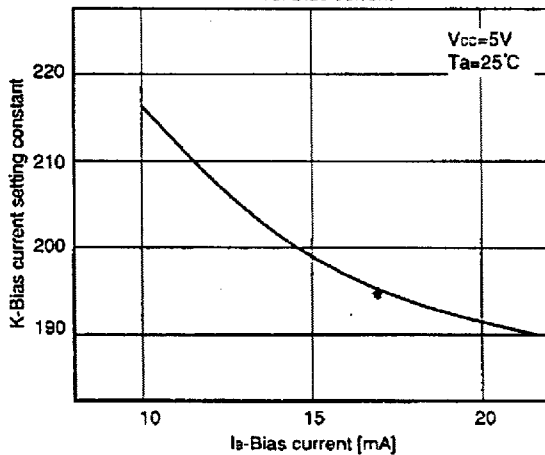
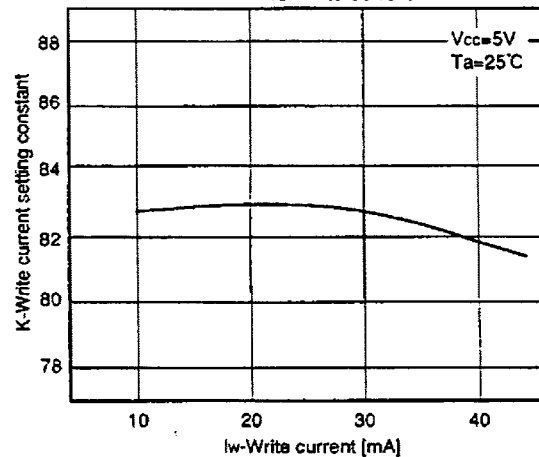


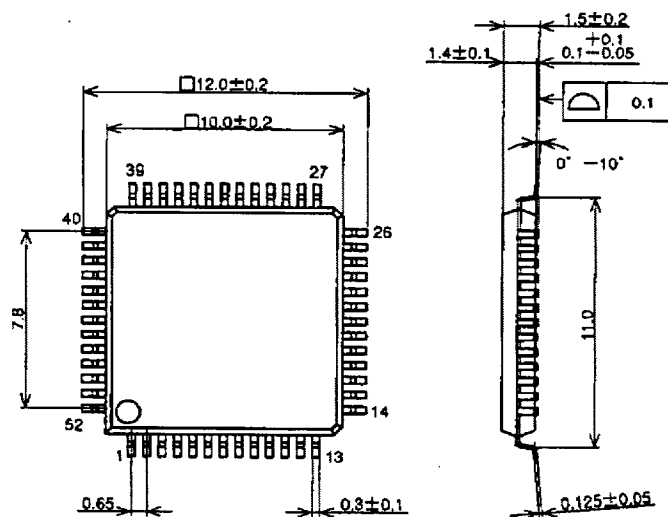
Fig. 11 Write Current setting constant K vs. Write Current





Package Outline Unit : mm

## 52PIN LQFP(PLASTIC)



## PACKAGE STRUCTURE

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| SONY CODE  | LQFP-52P-L081  |
| EIAJ CODE  | LQFP052-P-1010 |
| JEDEC CODE | ---            |

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| PACKAGE MATERIAL | EPOXY RESIN    |
| LEAD TREATMENT   | SOLDER PLATING |
| LEAD MATERIAL    | COPPER ALLOY   |
| PACKAGE WEIGHT   | 0.4g           |