

# 24-Channel, 12-Bit PWM LED Driver with 7-Bit Dot Correction and 3-Group, 8-Bit Global Brightness Control

Check for Samples: TLC5951

#### **FEATURES**

- 24-Channel Constant-Current Sink Output
- Current Capability: 40 mA
- Selectable Grayscale (GS) Control with PWM: 12-Bit (4096 Step), 10-Bit (1024 Step), 8-Bit (256 Step)
- Three Independent Grayscale Clocks for Three Color Groups
- Dot Correction (DC): 7-Bit (128 Step)
- Global Brightness Control (BC) for Each Color Group: 8-Bit (256 Step)
- · Auto Display Repeat Function
- Independent Data Port for GS and BC/DC Data
- Communication Path Between Each Data Port
- LED Power-Supply Voltage up to 15 V
- V<sub>CC</sub> = 3.0 V to 5.5 V
- Constant-Current Accuracy:
  - Channel-to-Channel = ±1.5%
  - Device-to-Device = ±3%
- CMOS Logic Level I/O
- Data Transfer Rate: 30 MHz

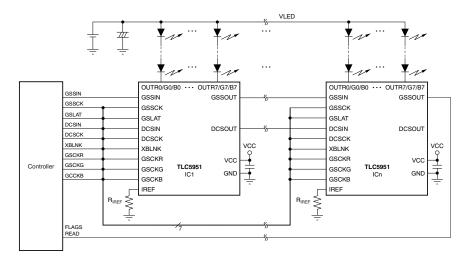
- 33-MHz Grayscale Control Clock
- Continuous Base LED Open Detection (LOD)
- Continuous Base LED Short Detection (LSD)
- Thermal Shutdown (TSD) with Auto Restart
- Grouped Delay to Prevent Inrush Current
- Operating Air Temperature: –40°C to +85°C
- Packages: HTSSOP-38, QFN-40

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Full-Color LED Displays
- LED Signboards

#### DESCRIPTION

The TLC5951 is a 24-channel, constant-current sink driver. Each channel has an individually-adjustable, 4096-step, pulse width modulation (PWM) grayscale (GS) brightness control and 128 step constant-current dot correction (DC). The dot correction adjusts brightness deviation between channels and other LED drivers. The output channels are grouped into three groups of eight channels. Each channel group has a 256-step global brightness control (BC) function and an individual grayscale clock input.



Typical Application Circuit (Multiple Daisy-Chained TLC5951s)

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#### **DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)**

GS, DC, and BC data are accessible via a serial interface port. DC and BC can be programmed via a dedicated serial interface port.

The TLC5951 has three error detection circuits for LED open detection (LOD), LED short detection (LSD), and thermal error flag (TEF). LOD detects a broken or disconnected LED while LSD detects a shorted LED. TEF indicates an over-temperature condition.



This integrated circuit can be damaged by ESD. Texas Instruments recommends that all integrated circuits be handled with appropriate precautions. Failure to observe proper handling and installation procedures can cause damage.

ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

Table 1. ORDERING INFORMATION<sup>(1)</sup>

| PRODUCT  | PACKAGE-LEAD          | ORDERING NUMBER | TRANSPORT MEDIA,<br>QUANTITY |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| TLC5951  | HTSSOP-38 PowerPAD™   | TLC5951DAPR     | Tape and Reel, 2000          |
| 1503931  | H1330F-36 FOWEIFAD*** | TLC5951DAP      | Tube, 40                     |
| TI 05054 | 6 mm 6 mm OFN 40      | TLC5951RHAR     | Tape and Reel, 2500          |
| TLC5951  | 6 mm × 6 mm QFN-40    | TLC5951RHAT     | Tape and Reel, 250           |

<sup>(1)</sup> For the most current package and ordering information see the Package Option Addendum at the end of this document, or see the TI web site at www.ti.com.

#### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS(1) (2)

Over operating free-air temperature range, unless otherwise noted.

|                                       |                                    | TLC5951   | UNIT                          |    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|----|
| V <sub>CC</sub>                       | Supply voltage                     | pply voltage VCC  |                               | V  |
| I <sub>OUT</sub>                      | Output current (dc)                | OUTR0 to R7, OUTG0 to G7, OUTB0 to B7                               | 50                            | mA |
| V <sub>IN</sub> Input voltage range   |                                    | GSSIN, GSSCK, GSLAT, GSCKR, GSCKG, GSCKB, DCSIN, DCSCK, XBLNK, IREF | -0.3 to V <sub>CC</sub> + 0.3 | V  |
| \ /                                   |                                    | GSSOUT, DCSOUT  | -0.3 to V <sub>CC</sub> + 0.3 | V  |
| V <sub>OUT</sub> Output voltage range | OUTR0 to 7, OUTG0 to 7, OUTB0 to 7 | -0.3 to +16   | V                             |    |
| T <sub>J(max)</sub>                   | Operation junction temper          | erature   | +150                          | °C |
| T <sub>STG</sub>                      | G Storage temperature              |   | -55 to +150                   | °C |
| F0D                                   |                                    | Human body model (HBM)  | 2000                          | V  |
|                                       | ESD rating                         | Charged device model (CDM)  | 500                           | V  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Stresses beyond 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 beyond those indicated under recommended operating conditions is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

(2) All voltage values are with respect to network ground terminal.

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#### **DISSIPATION RATINGS**

| PACKAGE  | DERATING FACTOR<br>ABOVE T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C | T <sub>A</sub> < +25°C<br>POWER RATING | T <sub>A</sub> = +70°C<br>POWER RATING | T <sub>A</sub> = +85°C<br>POWER RATING |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| HTSSOP-38 with<br>PowerPAD soldered <sup>(1)</sup>     | 38.8 mW/°C                                      | 4845 mW                                | 3101 mW                                | 2519 mW                                |
| HTSSOP-38 with<br>PowerPAD not soldered <sup>(2)</sup> | 19.9 mW/°C                                      | 2490 mW                                | 1594 mW                                | 1295 mW                                |
| QFN-40 <sup>(3)</sup>                                  | 26.7 mW/°C                                      | 3342 mW                                | 2139 mW                                | 1738 mW                                |

- (1) With PowerPAD soldered onto copper area on printed circuit board (PCB); 2-oz. copper. For more information, see SLMA002 (available for download at www.ti.com).
- With PowerPAD not soldered onto copper area on PCB.

  The package thermal impedance is calculated in accordance with JESD51-5.

#### RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

At  $T_A = -40$ °C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted.

|                                    |  |   | Т                   | LC5951              |     |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|---------------------|-----|
|                                    | PARA                                       | MIN   | NOM MAX             | UNIT                |     |
| DC CHARAC                          | CTERISTICS: V <sub>CC</sub> = 3 V to 5.5 V |   |                     | ·                   |     |
| V <sub>CC</sub>                    | Supply voltage                             |   | 3.0                 | 5.5                 | V   |
| Vo                                 | Voltage applied to output                  | OUTR0-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7,<br>OUTB0-OUTB7  |                     | 15                  | V   |
| V <sub>IH</sub>                    | High level input voltage                   |   | $0.7 \times V_{CC}$ | V <sub>cc</sub>     | V   |
| V <sub>IL</sub>                    | Low level input voltage                    |   | GND                 | $0.3 \times V_{CC}$ | V   |
| I <sub>OH</sub>                    | High level output current                  | GSSOUT, DCSOUT  |                     | -1                  | mA  |
| I <sub>OL</sub>                    | Low level output current                   | GSSOUT, DCSOUT  |                     | 1                   | mA  |
| I <sub>OLC</sub>                   | Constant output sink current               | OUTR0-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7,<br>OUTB0-OUTB7  |                     | 40                  | mA  |
| T <sub>A</sub>                     | Operating free-air temperature             |   | -40                 | +85                 | °C  |
| T <sub>J</sub>                     | Operating junction temperature             |   | -40                 | +125                | °C  |
| AC CHARAC                          | CTERISTICS, V <sub>CC</sub> = 3V to 5.5V   |   |                     |                     |     |
| f <sub>CLK</sub> (SCK)             | Data shift clock frequency                 | GSSCK, DCSCK  |                     | 30                  | MHz |
| f <sub>CLK</sub><br>(GSCKR/G/B)    | Grayscale clock frequency                  | GSCKR, GSCKG, GSCKB   |                     | 33                  | MHz |
| T <sub>WH0</sub> /T <sub>WL0</sub> |  | GSSCK, DCSCK  | 10                  |                     | ns  |
| T <sub>WH1</sub> /T <sub>WL1</sub> | Pulse duration                             | GSLAT   | 30                  |                     | ns  |
| T <sub>WL2</sub>                   |  | XBLNK   | 30                  |                     | ns  |
| T <sub>SU0</sub>                   |  | GSSIN – GSSCK↑, DCSIN – DCSCK↑  | 5                   |                     | ns  |
| T <sub>SU1</sub>                   |  | $XBLNK\uparrow - GSCKR\uparrow, GSCKG\uparrow, or GSCKB\uparrow$                          | 10                  |                     | ns  |
| T <sub>SU2</sub>                   |  | GSLAT↑ – GSSCK↑   | 150                 |                     | ns  |
| T <sub>SU3</sub>                   | Setup time                                 | GSLAT↑ for GS data – GSCKR↑, GSCKG↑, or GSCKB↑ when display timing reset mode is disabled | 40                  |                     | ns  |
| T <sub>SU4</sub>                   |  | GSLAT↑ for GS data – GSCKR↑, GSCKG↑, or GSCKB↑ when display timing reset mode is enabled  | 100                 |                     | ns  |
| T <sub>H0</sub>                    |  | GSSIN – GSSCK↑, DCSIN – DCSCK↑  | 5                   |                     | ns  |
| T <sub>H1</sub>                    | Hold time                                  | GSLAT↑ – GSSCK↑   | 35                  |                     | ns  |
| T <sub>H2</sub>                    |  | GSLAT↓ – GSSCK↑   | 5                   |                     | ns  |

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#### **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

At  $T_A = -40$ °C to +85°C,  $V_{CC} = 3$  V to 5.5 V, and  $V_{LED} = 5$  V, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $T_A = +25$ °C and  $V_{CC} = 3.3 \text{ V}.$ 

|                   |  |   | Т                     | LC5951 |                 |      |
|-------------------|--|---|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|------|
|                   | PARAMETER  | TEST CONDITIONS   | MIN                   | TYP    | MAX             | UNIT |
| V <sub>OH</sub>   | High level output voltage  | At GSSOUT, DCSOUT, I <sub>OH</sub> = -1 mA  | V <sub>CC</sub> - 0.4 |        | V <sub>CC</sub> | V    |
| V <sub>OL</sub>   | Low level output voltage   | At GSSOUT, DCSOUT, I <sub>OL</sub> = 1 mA   |                       |        | 0.4             | V    |
| I                 | Input current  | At GSSCK, GSLAT, DCSIN, DCSCK, GSCKR/G/B with $V_I = V_{CC}$ , At GSSIN, GSSCK, GSLAT, DCSIN, XBLNK, DCSCK, GSCKR/G/B with $V_I = \text{GND}$   | -1                    |        | 1               | μΑ   |
| I <sub>CC1</sub>  |  | GSSIN, GSSCK, GSLAT, DCSIN, DCSCK = low, XBLNK = low, GSCKR/G/B = low, $V_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} = 1$ V, BCR/G/B = FFh, DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range, $R_{IREF} = 24$ k $\Omega$ ( $I_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} = 2$ mA target)  |                       | 1      | 3               | mA   |
| I <sub>CC2</sub>  |  | GSSIN, GSSCK, GSLAT, DCSIN, DCSCK = low, XBLNK = low, GSCKR/G/B = low, $V_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn}$ = 1 V, BCR/G/B = FFh, DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range, $R_{IREF}$ = 2.4 k $\Omega$ ( $I_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn}$ = 20 mA target)  |                       | 6      | 10              | mA   |
| I <sub>CC3</sub>  | Supply current   | GSSIN, GSSCK, GSLAT, DCSIN, DCSCK = low, XBLNK = high, GSCKR/G/B = 33 MHz, $V_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn}$ = 1 V, GSRn/Gn/Bn = FFFh, BCR/G/B = FFh, DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range, $R_{IREF}$ = 2.4 k $\Omega$ ( $I_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn}$ = 20 mA target), auto repeat on             |                       | 12     | 27              | mA   |
| I <sub>CC4</sub>  |  | GSSIN, GSSCK, GSLAT, DCSIN, DCSCK = low, XBLNK = high, GSCKR/G/B = 33 MHz, $V_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn}$ = 1 V, GSRn/Gn/Bn = FFFh, BCR/G/B = FFh, DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range, $R_{IREF}$ = 1.2 k $\Omega$ ( $I_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn}$ = 40 mA target), auto repeat on             |                       | 21     | 55              | mA   |
| l <sub>oLC</sub>  | Constant output current  | At OUTRO-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7, OUTB0-OUTB7, All OUTRn/Gn/Bn = on, BCR/G/B = FFh, DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range, $V_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} = 1 \text{ V}, V_{OUTfix} = 1 \text{ V}, R_{IREF} = 1.2 \text{ k}\Omega \left(I_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} = 40 \text{ mA target}\right)$      | 35                    | 40     | 45              | mA   |
| I <sub>OLKG</sub> | Leakage output current   | At OUTR0-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7 and OUTB0-OUTB7, XBLNK = low, $V_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} = V_{OUTfix} = 15 \text{ V}$ , $R_{IREF} = 1.2 \text{ k}\Omega$  |                       |        | 0.1             | μА   |
| Δl <sub>OLC</sub> | Constant-current error <sup>(1)</sup> (channel-to-channel in same color group) | At OUTR0-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7 and OUTB0-OUTB7, All OUTRn/Gn/Bn = on, BCR/G/B = FFh, DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range, $V_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} = 1 \text{ V, } V_{OUTfix} = 1 \text{ V, } R_{IREF} = 1.2 \text{ k}\Omega \left(I_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} = 40 \text{ mA target}\right)$ |                       | ±1.5   | ±4              | %    |

The deviation of each output in the same color group from the average of the same color group (OUTR0-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7, or OUTB0-OUTB7) constant current. The deviation is calculated by the formula (X = R, G, or B; n = 0-7):  $\Delta \text{ (\%)} = \left[ \frac{I_{\text{OUTX0}} \text{ (N = 0-7)}}{\frac{(I_{\text{OUTX0}} + I_{\text{OUTX1}} + ... + I_{\text{OUTX6}} + I_{\text{OUTX7}})}{8}} - 1 \right] \times 100$ 

$$\Delta \text{ (\%)} = \left[ \frac{I_{\text{OUTXn}} \text{ (N = 0-7)}}{\frac{(I_{\text{OUTX0}} + I_{\text{OUTX1}} + \dots + I_{\text{OUTX6}} + I_{\text{OUTX7}})}{8}} - 1 \right] \times 100$$



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|                    |   |   | 1    | TLC5951 |      |      |
|--------------------|---|---|------|---------|------|------|
| PARAMETER          |   | TEST CONDITIONS   | MIN  | TYP     | MAX  | UNIT |
| ΔI <sub>OLC1</sub> | Constant current error <sup>(2)</sup><br>(color group to color<br>group in same device) | At OUTRO-OUTR7, OUTGO-OUTG7 and OUTBO-OUTB7, All OUTRn/Gn/Bn = on, BCR/G/B = FFh, DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range, $V_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} = 1 \text{ V}, V_{OUTfix} = 1 \text{ V}, R_{IREF} = 1.2 \text{ k}\Omega \left(I_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} = 40 \text{ mA target}\right)$   |      | ±1      | ±3   | %    |
| ΔI <sub>OLC2</sub> | Constant current error <sup>(3)</sup> (device to device)                                | At OUTRO-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7 and OUTB0-OUTB7, All OUTRn/Gn/Bn = on, BCR/G/B = FFh, DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range, $V_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} = 1 \text{ V}, V_{OUTfix} = 1 \text{ V}, R_{IREF} = 1.2 \text{ k}\Omega \left(I_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} = 40 \text{ mA target}\right)$   |      | ±1      | ±6   | %    |
| Δl <sub>OLC3</sub> | Line regulation <sup>(4)</sup>  | At OUTR0-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7 and OUTB0-OUTB7, All OUTRn/Gn/Bn = on, BCR/G/B = FFh, DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range, $V_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} = 1 \text{ V}, V_{OUTfix} = 1 \text{ V}, R_{IREF} = 1.2 \text{ k}\Omega \left(I_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} = 40 \text{ mA target}\right)$   |      | ±0.5    | ±2   | %/V  |
| ΔI <sub>OLC4</sub> | Load regulation (5)   | At OUTRO-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7 and OUTB0-OUTB7, All OUTRn/Gn/Bn = on, BCR/G/B = FFh, DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range, $V_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} = 1 \text{ V, } V_{OUTfix} = 1 \text{ V, } R_{IREF} = 1.2 \text{ k}\Omega \left(I_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} = 40 \text{ mA target}\right)$ |      | ±1      | ±3   | %/V  |
| T <sub>TEF</sub>   | Thermal error flag threshold (6)  | Junction temperature  | 150  | 163     | 175  | °C   |
| T <sub>HYS</sub>   | Thermal error flag hysteresis (6)   | Junction temperature  | 5    | 10      | 20   | °C   |
| $V_{LOD}$          | LED open detection threshold  | All OUTRn/Gn/Bn = on  | 0.20 | 0.25    | 0.30 | V    |
| V <sub>LSD</sub>   | LED short detection threshold   | All OUTRn/Gn/Bn = on  | 2.4  | 2.5     | 2.6  | V    |
| V <sub>IREF</sub>  | Reference voltage output  | $R_{IREF} = 1.2 \text{ k}\Omega$  | 1.17 | 1.20    | 1.23 | V    |
| R <sub>PDWN</sub>  | Pull-down resistor  | At XBLNK, GSSIN   | 250  | 500     | 750  | kΩ   |

(2) The deviation of each color group in the same device from the average of all constant current. The deviation is calculated by the formula (X = R, G, or B):

$$\Delta \text{ (\%)} = \left[ \frac{\frac{(I_{\text{OUTX0}} + I_{\text{OUTX1}} + \dots + I_{\text{OUTX6}} + I_{\text{OUTX7}})}{8}}{\frac{(I_{\text{OUTR0}} + \dots + I_{\text{OUTR7}} + I_{\text{OUTG9}} + \dots + I_{\text{OUTB0}} + \dots + I_{\text{OUTB7}})}{24}} - 1 \right] \times 100$$

(3) The deviation of the all constant-current average from the ideal constant-current value. The deviation is calculated by the formula:

$$\Delta \text{ (\%) = } \left[ \frac{\frac{(I_{\text{OUTR0}} + ... + I_{\text{OUTR7}} + I_{\text{OUTG0}} + ... + I_{\text{OUTB0}} + ... + I_{\text{OUTB7}})}{24} - \text{(Ideal Output Current)}}{\text{Ideal Output Current}} \right] \times 100$$

Ideal current is calculated by the following equation:

$$I_{OUT(IDEAL, mA)} = 40 \times \left[ \frac{1.20}{R_{IREF}(\Omega)} \right]$$

(4) Line regulation is calculated by the following equation (X = R, G, or B; n = 0-7):

$$\Delta \ (\%/V) = \left( \frac{(I_{OUTXn} \ at \ V_{CC} = 5.5 \ V) - (I_{OUTXn} \ at \ V_{CC} = 3.0 \ V)}{(I_{OUTXn} \ at \ V_{CC} = 3.0 \ V)} \right) \times \frac{100}{5.5 \ V - 3 \ V}$$

(5) Load regulation is calculated by the following equation (X = R, G, or B; n = 0-7):

$$\Delta \text{ (\%/V)} = \left( \frac{(I_{\text{OUTXn}} \text{ at } V_{\text{OUTXn}} = 3 \text{ V}) - (I_{\text{OUTXn}} \text{ at } V_{\text{OUTXn}} = 1 \text{ V})}{(I_{\text{OUTXn}} \text{ at } V_{\text{OUTXn}} = 1 \text{ V})} \right) \times \frac{100}{3 \text{ V} - 1 \text{ V}}$$

(6) Not tested; specified by design.

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#### **SWITCHING CHARACTERISTICS**

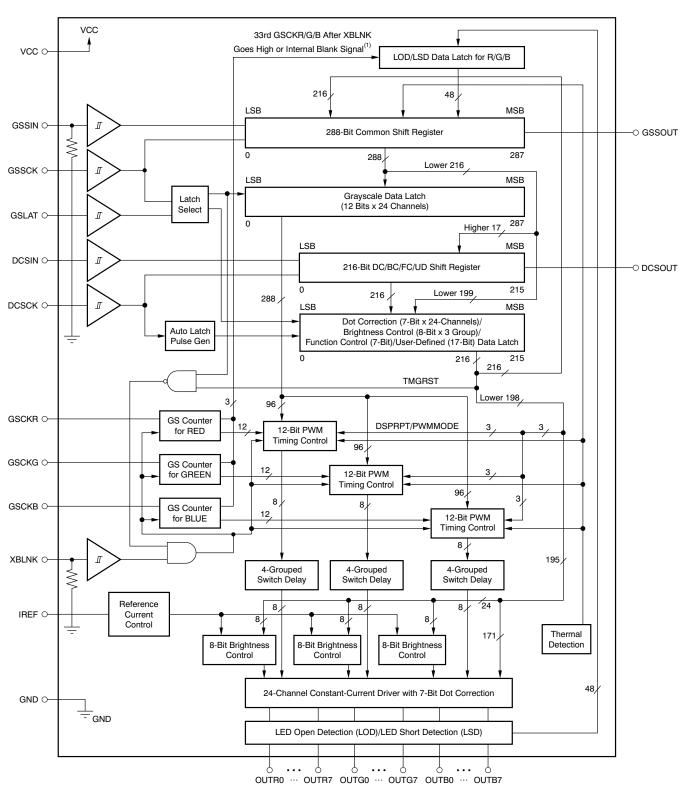
At  $T_A = -40$ °C to +85°C,  $V_{CC} = 3$  V to 5.5 V,  $C_L = 15$  pF,  $R_L = 100$   $\Omega$ ,  $R_{IREF} = 1.2$  k $\Omega$ , and  $V_{LED} = 5.0$  V, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $T_A = +25$ °C and  $V_{CC} = 3.3$  V.

| PARAMETER           |                                     | TEST CONDITIONS  |     |     | MAX | UNIT |  |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|------|--|
| t <sub>R0</sub>     |                                     | GSSOUT, DCSOUT   |     | 6   | 15  | ns   |  |
| t <sub>R1</sub>     | Rise time                           | OUTR0-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7, OUTB0-OUTB7, with BCR/G/B = FFh and DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range   |     | 10  | 30  | ns   |  |
| t <sub>F0</sub>     |                                     | GSSOUT, DCSOUT   |     | 6   | 15  | ns   |  |
| t <sub>F1</sub>     | Fall time                           | Fall time  OUTR0-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7, OUTB0-OUTB7, with BCR/G/B = FFh and DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range  |     |     |     |      |  |
| t <sub>D0</sub>     |                                     | GSSCK↑ to GSSOUT, DCSCK↑ to DCSOUT   |     | 15  | 25  | ns   |  |
| t <sub>D1</sub>     |                                     | GSLAT↑ to GSSOUT   |     | 50  | 100 | ns   |  |
| t <sub>D2</sub>     |                                     | XBLNK↓ to OUTR0/G0/B0, OUTR4/G4/B4 off   |     | 20  | 40  | ns   |  |
| t <sub>D3</sub>     |                                     | GSCKR/G/B↑ to OUTR0/G0/B0, OUTR4/G4/B4 on, with BCR/G/B = FFh and DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range   | 5   | 18  | 40  | ns   |  |
| t <sub>D4</sub>     |                                     | GSCKR/G/B↑ to OUTR1/G1/B1, OUTR5/G5/B5 on, with BCR/G/B = FFh and DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range   | 20  | 42  | 73  | ns   |  |
| t <sub>D5</sub>     | Propagation delay                   | GSCKR/G/B↑ to OUTR2/G2/B2, OUTR6/G6/B6 on, with BCR/G/B = FFh and DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range   | 35  | 66  | 106 | ns   |  |
| t <sub>D6</sub>     |                                     | GSCKR/G/B↑ to OUTR3/G3/B3, OUTR7/G7/B7 on, with BCR/G/B = FFh and DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range   | 50  | 90  | 140 | ns   |  |
| t <sub>D7</sub>     |                                     | Internal latch pulse generation delay from DCSCK   | 3   | 5   | 7   | ms   |  |
| t <sub>D8</sub>     |                                     | GSLAT↑ to I <sub>OUTRn/Gn/Bn</sub> changing by dot correction control (control data are 0Ch → 72h or 72h → 0Ch with DC high adjustment range), BCR/G/B = FFh           |     | 30  | 50  | ns   |  |
| t <sub>D9</sub>     |                                     | GSLAT↑ to I <sub>OUTRn/Gn/Bn</sub> changing by global brightness control (control data are 19h ≥ E6h or E6h ≥ 19h with DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range) |     | 100 | 300 | ns   |  |
| t <sub>ON_ERR</sub> | Output on-time error <sup>(1)</sup> | $t_{OUT\_ON} - T_{GSCKR/G/B}$ , $GS_{DATA} = 001h$ , $GSCKR/G/B = 33$ MHz, with BCR/G/B = FFh and DCRn/Gn/Bn = 7Fh with DC high adjustment range                       | -15 |     | 5   | ns   |  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Output on-time error  $(t_{ON\_ERR})$  is calculated by the formula  $t_{ON\_ERR}$  (ns) =  $t_{OUT\_ON} - T_{GSCKR/G/B}$ .  $t_{OUT\_ON}$  indicates the actual on-time of the constant current driver.  $T_{GSCKR}$  is the period of GSCKR,  $T_{GSCKG}$  is the period of GSCKG, and  $T_{GSCKB}$  is the period of GSCKB.



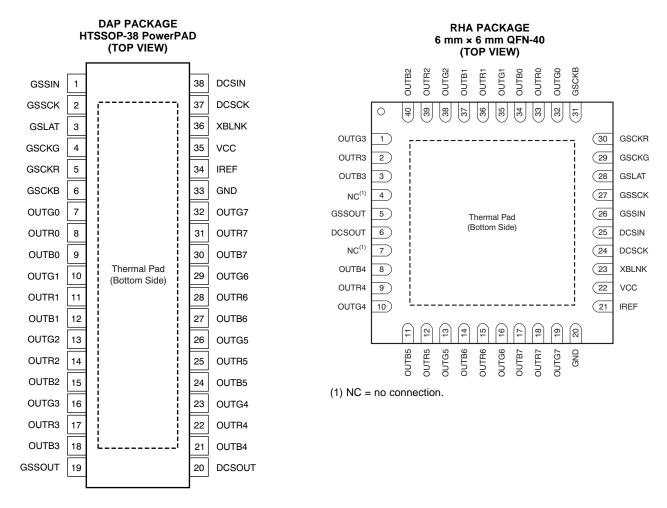
#### **FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM**



(1) The internal blank signal is generated when GSLAT is input for GS data with display timing reset enabling. Furthermore, the signal is generated at the 4096th GSCK when auto repeat mode is enabled. XBLNK can be connected to V<sub>CC</sub> when the display timing reset or auto repeat is enabled.



#### PIN CONFIGURATIONS



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#### **TERMINAL FUNCTIONS**

| TERMINAL        |                                     |                                    |     | TERMINAL FUNCTIONS  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|---|
| NO.             |                                     |                                    |     |   |
| NAME            | DAP                                 | RHA                                | 1/0 | DESCRIPTION   |
| GSSIN           | 1                                   | 26                                 | I   | Serial data input for the 288-bit common shift register for grayscale (GS), dot correction (DC), global brightness control (BC), and function control (FC) data. GSSIN is connected to the LSB of the 288-bit common shift register. This pin is internally pulled to GND with a 500-k $\Omega$ resistor.   |
| GSSCK           | 2                                   | 27                                 | I   | Serial data shift clock for the 288-bit common shift register for GS/DC/BC/FC data. Data present on GSSIN are shifted into the LSB of the shift register with the rising edge of GSSCK. Data in the shift register are shifted toward the MSB at each rising edge of GSSCK. The MSB data of the shift register appear on GSSOUT.  |
| GSLAT           | 3                                   | 28                                 | I   | Data in the 288-bit common shift register are copied to the GS data latch or to the DC/BC/FC data latch at the rising edge of GSLAT. The level of GSLAT at the last GSSCK before the GSLAT rising edge determines which of the two latches the data are transferred into. When GSLAT is low at the last GSSCK rising edge, all 288 bits in the common shift register are copied to the GS data latch. When GSLAT is high at the last GSSCK rising edge, bits 0-198 are copied to the DC/BC/FC data latch and bits 199-215 are copied to the 216-bit DC/BC/FC/UD shift register. The GSLAT rising edge for a DC/BC/FC/UD data write must be input more than 7 ms after a data write through the DCSIN pin. |
| GSSOUT          | 19                                  | 5                                  | 0   | Serial data output of the 288-bit common shift register. LED open detection (LOD), LED short detection (LSD), thermal error flag (TEF), and 199-bit data in the DC/BC/FC data latch can be read via GSSOUT. GSSOUT is connected to the MSB of the shift register. Data are clocked out at the rising edge of GSSCK.   |
| DCSIN           | 38                                  | 25                                 | I   | Serial data input for the 216-bit DC/BC/FC/UD shift register. DCSIN is connected to the LSB of the shift register.  |
| DCSCK           | 37                                  | 24                                 | I   | Serial data shift clock for the 216-bit DC/BC/FC/UD shift register. Data present on DCSIN are shifted into the LSB of the shift register with the DCSCK rising edge. Data in the shift register are shifted toward the MSB at each DCSCK rising edge. The MSB data of the register appear on DCSOUT. The 216-bit data in the shift register are automatically copied to DC/BC/FC/UD data latch 3 ms to 7 ms after the DCSCK rising edge is not input.   |
| DCSOUT          | 20                                  | 6                                  | 0   | Serial data output of the 216-bit shift register. DCSOUT is connected to the MSB of the shift register. Data are clocked out at the rising edge of DCSCK.   |
| GSCKR           | 5                                   | 30                                 | I   | Reference clock for the GS pulse width modulation (PWM) control for the RED LED output group. When XBLNK is high, each GSCKR rising edge increments the RED LED GS counter for PWM control.   |
| GSCKG           | 4                                   | 29                                 | I   | Reference clock for the GS PWM control for the GREEN LED output group. When XBLNK is high, each GSCKR rising edge increments the GREEN LED GS counter for PWM control.  |
| GSCKB           | 6                                   | 31                                 | I   | Reference clock for the GS PWM control for the BLUE LED output group. When XBLNK is high, each GSCKR rising edge increments the BLUE LED GS counter for PWM control.  |
| XBLNK           | 36                                  | 23                                 | I   | When XBLNK is low, all constant-current outputs (OUTR0-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7, OUTB0-OUTB7) are forced off. The grayscale counters for each color group are reset to '0', and the grayscale PWM timing controller is initialized. When XBLNK is high, all constant current outputs are controlled by the grayscale PWM timing controller for each color LED. This pin is internally pulled to GND with a 500 k $\Omega$ resistor.   |
| IREF            | 34                                  | 21                                 | I/O | A resistor connected between IREF and GND sets the maximum current for all constant current outputs.  |
| OUTR0-<br>OUTR7 | 8, 11, 14,<br>17, 22, 25,<br>28, 31 | 2, 9, 12, 15,<br>18, 33, 36,<br>39 | 0   | Constant-current outputs for the RED LED group. These outputs are controlled with the GSCKR clock signal.  The RED LED group is divided into four subgroups: OUTR0/OUTR4, OUTR1/OUTR5, OUTR2/OUTR6, and OUTR3/OUTR7.  Each paired output turns on/off with 24 ns (typ) time delay between other paired outputs. Multiple outputs can be tied together to increase the constant current capability. Different voltages can be applied to each output.  |

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### **TERMINAL FUNCTIONS (continued)**

| TERMINAL        |                                     |                                     |     |  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|--|
|                 | NO.                                 |                                     |     |  |
| NAME            | DAP                                 | RHA                                 | 1/0 | DESCRIPTION  |
| OUTG0-<br>OUTG7 | 7, 10, 13,<br>16, 23, 26,<br>29, 32 | 1, 10, 13,<br>16, 19, 32,<br>35, 38 | 0   | Constant-current outputs for the GREEN LED group. These outputs are controlled with the GSCKG clock signal.  The GREEN LED group is divided into four subgroups: OUTG0/OUTG4, OUTG1/OUTG5, OUTG2/OUTG6, and OUTG3/OUTG7.  Each paired output turns on/off with 24 ns (typ) time delay between other paired outputs. Multiple outputs can be tied together to increase the constant current capability. Different voltages can be applied to each output. |
| OUTB0-<br>OUTB7 | 9, 12, 15,<br>18, 21, 24,<br>27, 30 |                                     | 0   | Constant current outputs for the BLUE LED group. These outputs are controlled with the GSCKB clock signal.  The BLUE LED group is divided into four subgroups: OUTB0/OUTB4, OUTB1/OUTB5, OUTB2/OUTB6, and OUTB3/OUTB7.  Each paired output turns on/off with 24 ns (typ) time delay between other paired outputs. Multiple outputs can be tied together to increase the constant current capability. Different voltages can be applied to each output.   |
| VCC             | 35                                  | 22                                  | _   | Power supply   |
| GND             | 33                                  | 20                                  | _   | Power ground   |
| NC              | _                                   | 4, 7                                | _   | No internal connection   |



#### PARAMETER MEASUREMENT INFORMATION

#### PIN EQUIVALENT INPUT AND OUTPUT SCHEMATIC DIAGRAMS

GND

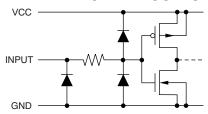


Figure 1. GSSCK, GSLAT, DCSIN, DCSCK, GSCKR, GSCKG, GSCKB

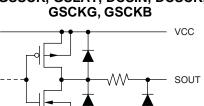


Figure 3. GSSOUT, DCSOUT

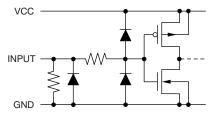


Figure 2. GSSIN, XBLNK

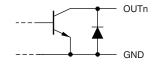


Figure 4. OUTR0/G0/B0 Through OUTR7/G7/B7

#### **TEST CIRCUITS**

- (2) C<sub>L</sub> includes measurement probe and jig capacitance.
- (3) X = R, G, or B; n = 0-7.
- (4) C<sub>L</sub> includes measurement probe and jig capacitance.

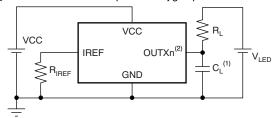


Figure 5. Rise Time and Fall Time Test Circuit for OUTRn/Gn/Bn

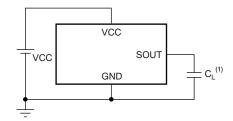
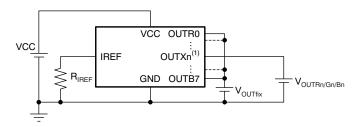


Figure 6. Rise Time and Fall Time Test Circuit for GSSOUT and DCSOUT

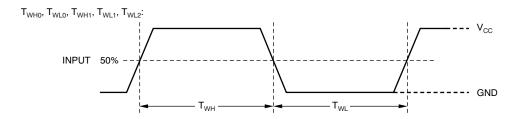


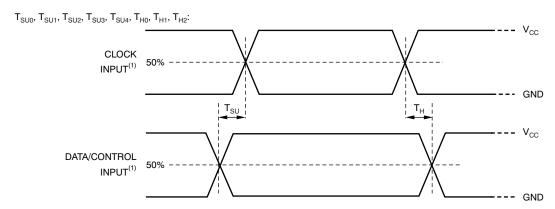
(1) X = R, G, or B; n = 0-7.

Figure 7. Constant-Current Test Circuit for OUTRn/Gn/Bn



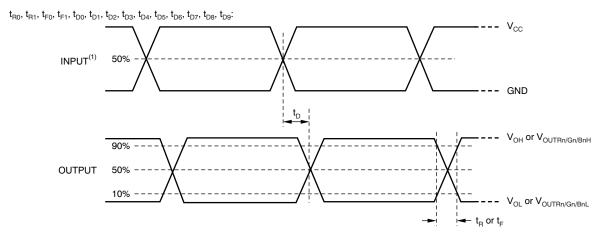
#### **TIMING DIAGRAMS**





(2) Input pulse rise and fall time is 1 ns to 3 ns.

Figure 8. Input Timing



(3) Input pulse rise and fall time is 1 ns to 3 ns.

Figure 9. Output Timing



#### **TIMING DIAGRAMS (continued)**

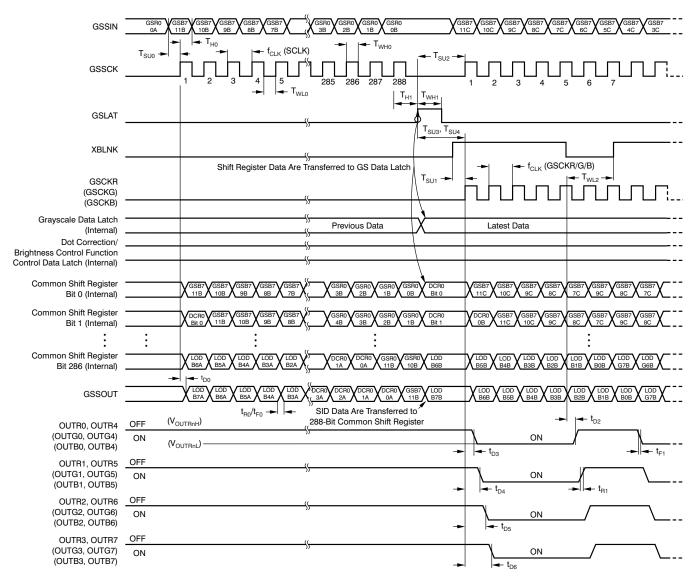


Figure 10. Grayscale Data Write Timing

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#### **TIMING DIAGRAMS (continued)**

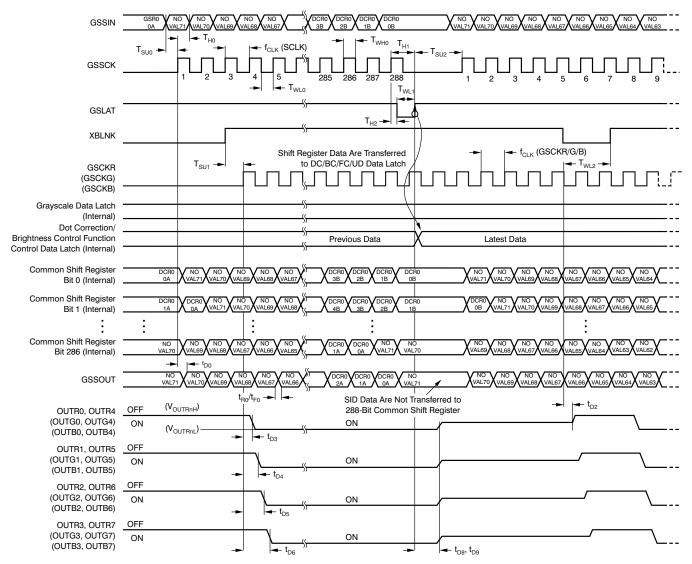


Figure 11. Dot Correction/Global Brightness Control/Function Control/User-Defined
Data Write Timing from GS Data Path



#### **TIMING DIAGRAMS (continued)**

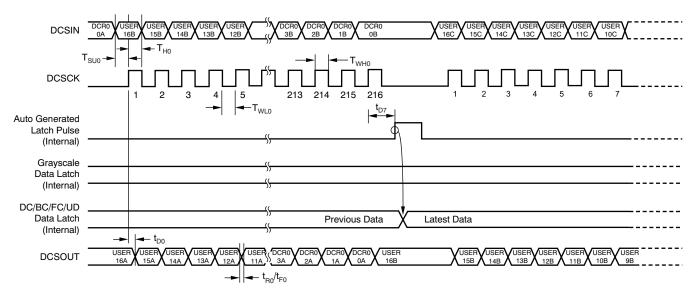


Figure 12. Dot Correction/Global Brightness Control/Function Control **Data Write Timing from DC Data Path** 

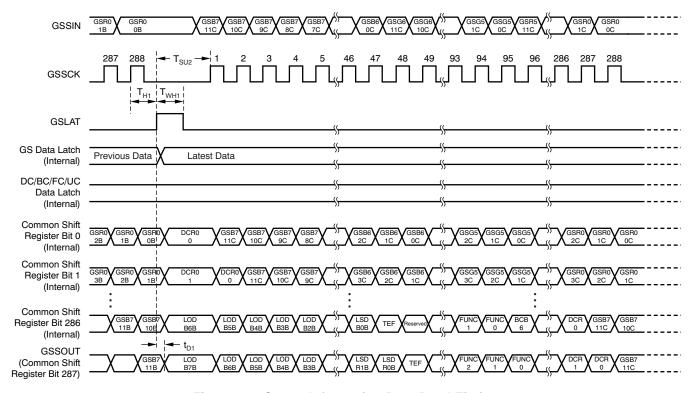


Figure 13. Status Information Data Read Timing

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#### TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

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#### REFERENCE RESISTOR vs OUTPUT CURRENT

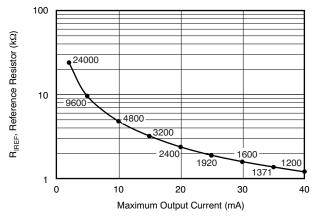


Figure 14.

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**POWER DISSIPATION vs TEMPERATURE** 

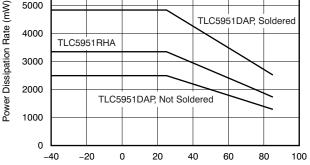


Figure 15.

Free-Air Temperature (°C)

#### **OUTPUT CURRENT vs OUTPUT VOLTAGE**

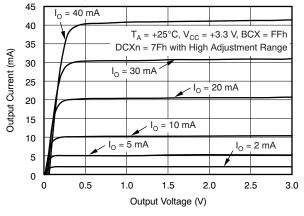


Figure 16.

#### **OUTPUT CURRENT vs OUTPUT VOLTAGE**

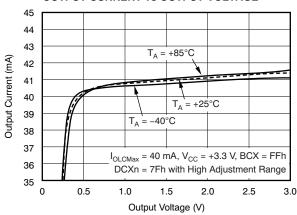


Figure 17.

#### **OUTPUT CURRENT vs OUTPUT VOLTAGE**

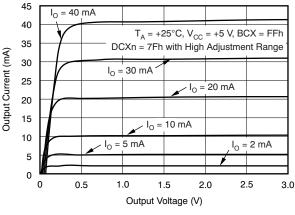


Figure 18.

#### **OUTPUT CURRENT vs OUTPUT VOLTAGE**

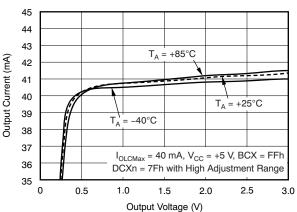


Figure 19.



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# CONSTANT-CURRENT ERROR vs AMBIENT TEMPERATURE (Channel-to-Channel, RED Color)

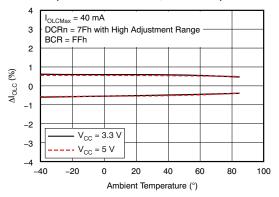


Figure 20.

(Channel-to-Channel, BLUE Color)

# CONSTANT-CURRENT ERROR VS AMBIENT TEMPERATURE

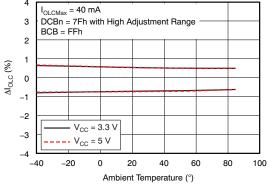


Figure 22.

## CONSTANT-CURRENT ERROR vs OUTPUT (Channel-to-Channel, GREEN Color)

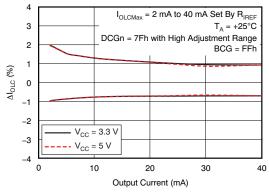


Figure 24.

#### CONSTANT-CURRENT ERROR vs AMBIENT TEMPERATURE (Channel-to-Channel, GREEN Color)

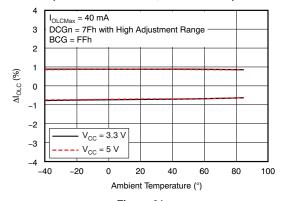


Figure 21.

## CONSTANT-CURRENT ERROR vs OUTPUT (Channel-to-Channel, RED Color)

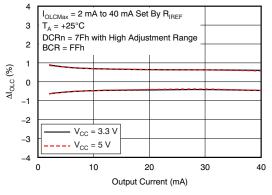


Figure 23.

## CONSTANT-CURRENT ERROR vs OUTPUT (Channel-to-Channel, BLUE Color)

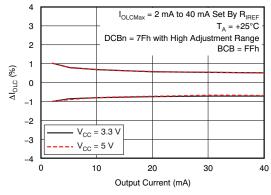


Figure 25.



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#### **CONSTANT-CURRENT ERROR vs OUTPUT** (Channel-to-Channel, RED Color)

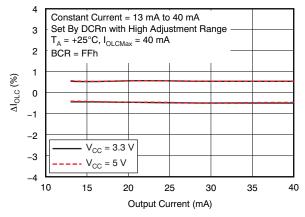


Figure 26.

#### **CONSTANT-CURRENT ERROR vs OUTPUT** (Channel-to-Channel, GREEN Color)

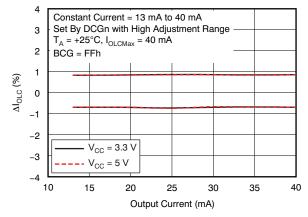


Figure 27.

#### **CONSTANT-CURRENT ERROR vs OUTPUT** (Channel-to-Channel, BLUE Color)

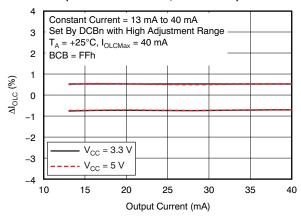


Figure 28.

#### **CONSTANT-CURRENT ERROR vs OUTPUT** (Channel-to-Channel, RED Color)

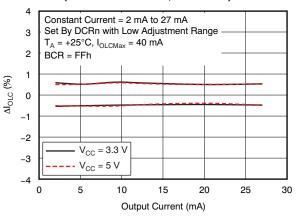
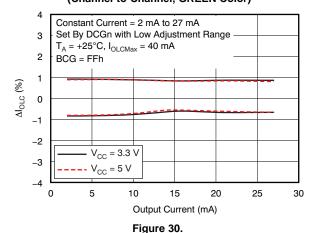


Figure 29.

#### **CONSTANT-CURRENT ERROR vs OUTPUT** (Channel-to-Channel, GREEN Color)



**CONSTANT-CURRENT ERROR vs OUTPUT** (Channel-to-Channel, BLUE Color)

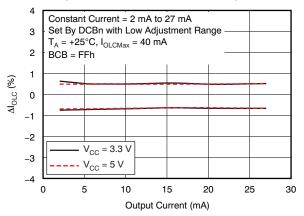


Figure 31.



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## CONSTANT-CURRENT ERROR vs OUTPUT (Channel-to-Channel, RED Color)

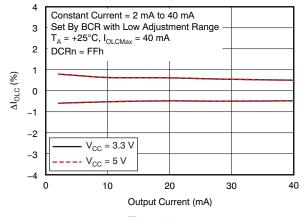


Figure 32.

### CONSTANT-CURRENT ERROR vs OUTPUT (Channel-to-Channel, GREEN Color)

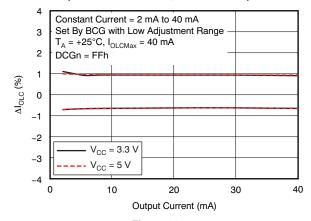


Figure 33.

### CONSTANT-CURRENT ERROR vs OUTPUT (Channel-to-Channel, BLUE Color)

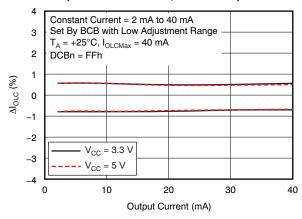


Figure 34.

## DOT CORRECTION LINEARITY (I<sub>OLCMax</sub> with Upper Range)

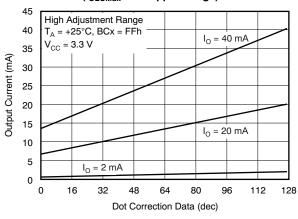


Figure 35.

## DOT CORRECTION LINEARITY (I<sub>OLCMax</sub> with Lower Range)

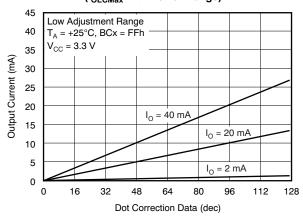


Figure 36.

### DOT CORRECTION LINEARITY (I<sub>OLCMax</sub> with Upper and Lower Range)

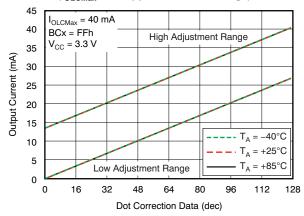
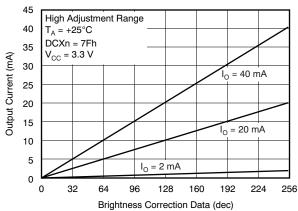


Figure 37.



At  $T_A$  = +25°C and  $V_{CC}$  = 3.3 V, unless otherwise noted.

## GLOBAL BRIGHTNESS CONTROL LINEARITY (I<sub>OLCMax</sub> with Upper Range)



## GLOBAL BRIGHTNESS CONTROL LINEARITY (Ambient Temperature with Upper Range)

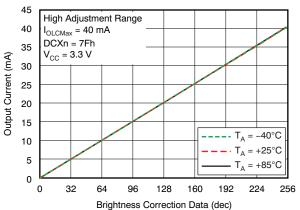


Figure 39.

#### Figure 38.

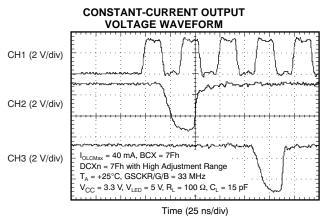


Figure 40.

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#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

#### **MAXIMUM CONSTANT SINK CURRENT VALUE**

The TLC5951 maximum constant sink current value for each channel,  $I_{OLCMax}$ , is determined by an external resistor,  $R_{IREF}$ , placed between  $R_{IREF}$  and GND. The  $R_{IREF}$  resistor value is calculated with Equation 1.

$$R_{IREF} (k\Omega) = \frac{V_{IREF} (V)}{I_{OLCMax} (mA)} \times 40$$
(1)

Where:

V<sub>IREF</sub> = the internal reference voltage on IREF (1.20 V, typically)

 $I_{OLCMax}$  is the largest current for each output. Each output sinks the  $I_{OLCMax}$  current when it is turned on, the dot correction is set to the maximum value of 7Fh (127d), and the global brightness control data are set to the maximum value of FFh (255d). Each output sink current can be reduced by lowering the output dot correction or brightness control value.

 $R_{IREF}$  must be between 1.2 k $\Omega$  and 24 k $\Omega$  to keep  $I_{OLCMax}$  between 40 mA (typ) and 2mA (typ); the output may be unstable when  $I_{OLCMax}$  is set lower than 2 mA. Output currents lower than 2 mA can be achieved by setting  $I_{OLCMax}$  to 2 mA or higher and then using dot correction and global brightness control to lower the output current.

Figure 14 and Table 2 show the constant sink current versus external resistor, R<sub>IREF</sub>, characteristics. Multiple outputs can be tied together to increase the constant-current capability. Different voltages can be applied to each output.

| External Resistor Value           |                        |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| I <sub>OLCMax</sub> (mA, Typical) | R <sub>IREF</sub> (kΩ) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40                                | 1.2                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35                                | 1.371                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30                                | 1.6                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25                                | 1.92                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20                                | 2.4                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15                                | 3.2                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10                                | 4.8                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5                                 | 9.6                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2                                 | 24                     |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 2. Maximum Constant Current Output versus External Resistor Value

#### **DOT CORRECTION (DC) FUNCTION**

The TLC5951 has the capability to adjust the output current of each channel (OUTR0-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7, OUTB0-OUTB7) individually. This function is called dot correction (DC). The DC function allows the brightness and color deviations of LEDs connected to each output to be individually adjusted. Each output DC is programmed with a 7-bit word for each channel output. Each channel output current is adjusted with 128 steps within one of two adjustment ranges. The dot correction high adjustment range allows the output current to be adjusted from 33.3% to 100% of the maximum output current, I<sub>OLCMax</sub>. The dot correction low adjustment range allows the output current to be adjusted from 0% to 66.7% of I<sub>OLCMax</sub>. The range control bits in the function control latch select the high or low adjustment range. Equation 2 and Equation 3 calculate the actual output current as a function of R<sub>IREF</sub>, DC value, adjustment range, and brightness control value. There are three range control bits that control the DC adjustment range for three groups of outputs: OUTR0-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7, and OUTB0-OUTB7. DC data are programmed into the TLC5951 via the serial interface.

When the IC is powered on, the DC data in the 216-bit common shift register and data latch contain random data. Therefore, DC data must be written to the DC latch before turning the constant-current output on. Additionally, XBLNK should be low when the device turns on to prevent the outputs from turning on before the proper grayscale values can be written. All constant-current outputs are off when XBLNK is low.

Product Folder Link(s): TLC5951



#### **GLOBAL BRIGHTNESS CONTROL (BC) FUNCTION**

The TLC5951 has the capability to adjust the output current of each color group simultaneously. This function is called global brightness control (BC). The global brightness control for each of the three color groups, (OUTR0-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7, and OUTB0-OUTB7), is programmed with a separate 8-bit word. The BC of each group is adjusted with 256 steps from 0% to 100%. 0% corresponds to 0 mA. 100% corresponds to the maximum output current programmed by  $R_{IREF}$  and each output DC value. Note that even though the BC value for all color groups are identical, the output currents can be different if the DC values are different. Equation 2 and Equation 3 calculate the actual output current as a function of  $R_{IREF}$ , DC adjustment range, and brightness control value. BC data are programmed into the TLC5951 via the serial interface.

When the IC is powered on, the BC data in the 216-bit common shift register and data latch contain random data. Therefore, BC data must be written to the BC latch before turning the constant-current output on. Additionally, XBLNK should be low when the device turns on to prevent the outputs from turning on before the proper grayscale values can be written. All constant-current outputs are off when XBLNK is low.

Equation 2 determines the output sink current for each color group when the dot correction high adjustment range is chosen.

$$I_{OUT} (mA) = \left[ \frac{1}{3} I_{OLCMax} (mA) + \frac{2}{3} I_{OLCMax} (mA) \times \left[ \frac{DC}{127} \right] \right] \times \left[ \frac{BC}{255} \right]$$
 (2)

Equation 3 determines the output sink current for each color group when the dot correction low adjustment range is chosen.

$$I_{OUT} (mA) = \left[ \frac{2}{3} I_{OLCMax} (mA) \times \left[ \frac{DC}{127} \right] \right] \times \left[ \frac{BC}{255} \right]$$
(3)

#### Where:

I<sub>OLCMax</sub> = the maximum channel current for each channel determined by R<sub>IREF</sub>

DC = the decimal dot correction value for the output. This value ranges between 0 and 127.

BC = the decimal brightness control value for the output color group. This value ranges between 0 and 255.

Table 3. Output Current versus DC Data and I<sub>OLCMax</sub> with Dot Correction High Adjustment Range (BC Data = FFh)

| DC DATA<br>(Binary) | DC DATA<br>(Decimal) | DC DATA<br>(Hex) | BC DATA<br>(Hex) | PERCENTAGE<br>OF I <sub>OLCMax</sub> (%) | I <sub>OUT</sub> , mA<br>(I <sub>OLCMax</sub> = 40 mA) | I <sub>OUT</sub> , mA<br>(I <sub>OLCMax</sub> = 2 mA) |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|--|--|---|
| 000 0000            | 0                    | 00               | FF               | 33.3                                     | 13.33  | 0.67  |
| 000 0001            | 1                    | 01               | FF               | 33.9                                     | 13.54  | 0.68  |
| 000 0010            | 2                    | 02               | FF               | 34.4                                     | 13.75  | 0.69  |
| _                   | _                    | _                | _                | _  | _  | _   |
| 111 1101            | 125                  | 7D               | FF               | 99.0                                     | 39.58  | 1.98  |
| 111 1110            | 126                  | 7E               | FF               | 99.5                                     | 39.79  | 1.99  |
| 111 1111            | 127                  | 7F               | FF               | 100.0                                    | 40.00  | 2.00  |



# Table 4. Output Current versus DC Data and $I_{OLCMax}$ with Dot Correction Low Adjustment Range (BC Data = FFh)

| DC DATA<br>(Binary) | DC DATA<br>(Decimal) | DC DATA<br>(Hex) | BC DATA<br>(Hex) | PERCENTAGE<br>OF I <sub>OLCMax</sub> (%) | I <sub>OUT</sub> , mA<br>(I <sub>OLCMax</sub> = 40 mA) | I <sub>OUT</sub> , mA<br>(I <sub>OLCMax</sub> = 2 mA) |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|--|--|---|
| 000 0000            | 0                    | 00               | FF               | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| 000 0001            | 1                    | 01               | FF               | 0.5                                      | 0.21   | 0.01  |
| 000 0010            | 2                    | 02               | FF               | 1.0                                      | 0.42   | 0.01  |
| _                   | _                    | _                | _                | _  | _  | _   |
| 111 1101            | 125                  | 7D               | FF               | 65.6                                     | 26.25  | 1.31  |
| 111 1110            | 126                  | 7E               | FF               | 66.1                                     | 26.46  | 1.32  |
| 111 1111            | 127                  | 7F               | FF               | 66.7                                     | 26.67  | 1.33  |

# Table 5. Output Current versus BC Data and $I_{OLCMax}$ with Dot Correction High Adjustment Range (DC Data = 7Fh)

| BC DATA<br>(Binary) | BC DATA<br>(Decimal) | BC DATA<br>(Hex) | DC DATA<br>(Hex) | PERCENTAGE<br>OF I <sub>OLCMax</sub> (%) | I <sub>OUT</sub> , mA<br>(I <sub>OLCMax</sub> = 40 mA) | I <sub>OUT</sub> , mA<br>(I <sub>OLCMax</sub> = 2 mA) |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|--|--|---|
| 000 0000            | 0                    | 00               | 7F               | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| 000 0001            | 1                    | 01               | 7F               | 0.4                                      | 0.16   | 0.01  |
| 000 0010            | 2                    | 02               | 7F               | 0.8                                      | 0.31   | 0.02  |
| _                   | _                    | _                | _                | _  | _  | _   |
| 111 1101            | 253                  | FD               | 7F               | 99.2                                     | 39.69  | 1.98  |
| 111 1110            | 254                  | FE               | 7F               | 99.6                                     | 39.84  | 1.99  |
| 111 1111            | 255                  | FF               | 7F               | 100.0                                    | 40.00  | 2.00  |

# Table 6. Output Current versus BC Data, DC Data, and $I_{\rm OLCMax}$ with Dot Correction High Adjustment Range

| BC DATA<br>(Hex) | BC DATA<br>(Decimal) | DC DATA<br>(Hex) | DC DATA<br>(Decimal) | PERCENTAGE<br>OF I <sub>OLCMax</sub> (%) | I <sub>OLCMax</sub> = 40 mA<br>(mA, Typical) | I <sub>OLCMax</sub> = 2 mA<br>(mA, Typical) |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|--|---|
| 00               | 0                    | 20               | 32                   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| _                | _                    | _                | _                    | _  | _  | _   |
| 33               | 51                   | 20               | 32                   | 10.02                                    | 4.01   | 0.2   |
| _                | _                    | _                | _                    | _  | _  | _   |
| 80               | 128                  | 20               | 32                   | 25.16                                    | 10.06  | 0.5   |
| _                | _                    | _                | _                    | _  | _  | _   |
| CC               | 204                  | 20               | 32                   | 40.10                                    | 16.04  | 0.8   |
| _                | _                    | _                | _                    | _  | _  | _   |
| FF               | 255                  | 20               | 32                   | 50.13                                    | 13.33  | 1.0   |



#### **GRAYSCALE (GS) FUNCTION (PWM CONTROL)**

The TLC5951 can adjust the brightness of each output channel using a pulse width modulation (PWM) control scheme. The use of 12 bits per channel results in 4096 brightness steps, from 0% up to 100% brightness. The grayscale circuitry is duplicated for each of the three color groups.

The PWM operation for each color group is controlled by a 12-bit GS counter. Three GS counters are implemented to control each of the three color outputs, OUTR0-OUTR7, OUTG0-OUTG7, and OUTB0-OUTB7. Each counter increments on each rising edge of the grayscale reference clock (GSCKR, GSCKG, or GSCKB). The falling edge of XBLNK resets the three counter values to '0'. The grayscale counter values are held at '0' while XBLNK is low, even if the GS clock input is toggled high and low. Pulling XBLNK high enables the GS clock. The first rising edge of a GS clock after XBLNK goes high increments the corresponding grayscale counter by one and switches on all outputs with a non-zero GS value programmed into the GS latch. Each additional rising edge on a GS clock increases the corresponding GS counter by one.

The GS counters keep track of the number of clock pulses from the respective GS clock inputs (GSCKR, GSCKG, and GSCKB). Each output stays on while the counter is less than or equal to the programmed grayscale value. Each output turns off at the rising edge of the GS counter value when the counter is larger than the output grayscale latch value.

Equation 4 calculates each output (OUTRn/Gn/Bn) on-time (t<sub>OUT ON</sub>):

$$t_{OUTON}$$
 (ns) =  $T_{GSCLKR/G/B}$  (ns) × GSn (4)

#### Where:

 $T_{GSCKR/G/B}$  = one period of GS clock for the color

GSn = the programmed grayscale value for OUTRn/Gn/Bn (GSn = 0d to 4095d)

When new GS data are latched into the GS data latch with the rising edge on GSLAT during a PWM cycle, the GS data latch registers are immediately updated. This latching can cause the outputs to turn on or off unexpectedly. For proper operation, GS data should only be latched into the IC at the end of a display period when XBLNK is low. Table 7 summarizes the GS data value versus the output on-time duty cycle.

When the IC is powered up, the 288-bit common shift register and GS data latch contain random data. Therefore, GS data must be written to the GS latch before turning the constant-current output on. Additionally, XBLNK should be low when the device is powered up to prevent the outputs from turning on before the proper GS values are programmed into the registers. All constant-current outputs are off when XBLNK is low.

If there are any unconnected outputs (OUTRn, OUTGn, and OUTBn), including LEDs in a failed short or failed open condition, the GS data corresponding to the unconnected output should be set to '0' before turning on the LEDs. Otherwise, the VCC supply current (I<sub>VCC</sub>) increases while that constant-current output is programmed to be on.

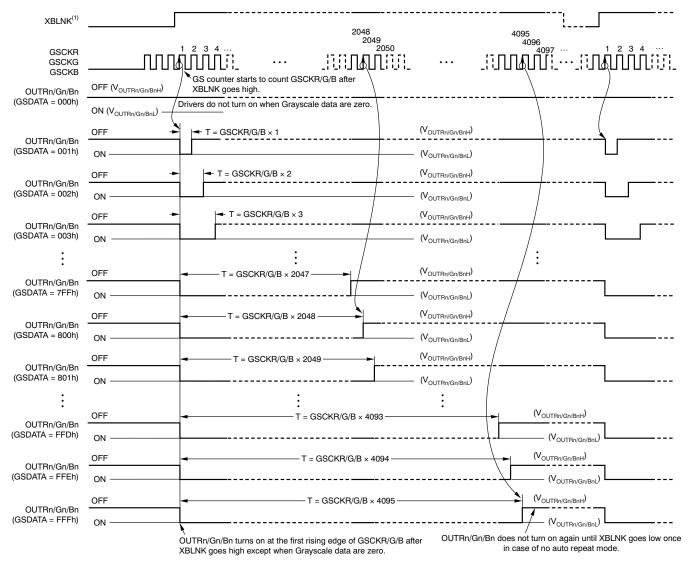
Table 7. Output Duty Cycle and On-Time versus GS Data

| GS DATA<br>(Binary) | GS DATA<br>(Decimal) |     |             | OUTPUT ON-TIME<br>(33-MHz GS Clock) (ns) |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----|-------------|--|
| 0000 0000 0000      | 0                    | 000 | 0           | 0  |
| 0000 0000 0001      | 1                    | 001 | 0.02        | 30                                       |
| 0000 0000 0010      | 2                    | 002 | 0.05        | 61                                       |
| _                   | _                    | _   | _           | _  |
| 0111 1111 1111      | 2047                 | 7FF | 49.99       | 62030                                    |
| 1000 0000 0000      | 2048                 | 800 | 50.01       | 62061                                    |
| 1000 0000 0001      | 2049                 | 801 | 50.04       | 62091                                    |
| _                   | _                    | _   | _           | _  |
| 1111 1111 1101      | 4093                 | FFD | 99.95       | 124030                                   |
| 1111 1111 1110      | 4094                 | FFE | 99.98 12406 |  |
| 1111 1111 1111      | 4095                 | FFF | 100 124091  |  |

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#### **PWM Counter 12-Bit Mode Without Auto Repeat**



(1) The internal blank signal is generated when GSLAT is input for GS data with display timing reset enabled. Also, the signal is generated at 4096th GSCKR/G/B when the auto repeat mode is enabled. XBLNK can be connected to VCC when the display timing reset or auto repeat is enabled.

Figure 41. PWM Operation 1



#### PWM Counter 8-, 10-, or 12-Bit Mode Without Auto Repeat

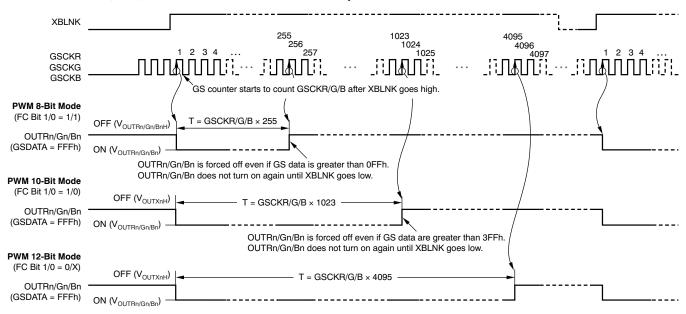


Figure 42. PWM Operation 2

#### PWM Counter 8-, 10-, or 12-Bit Mode With Auto Repeat

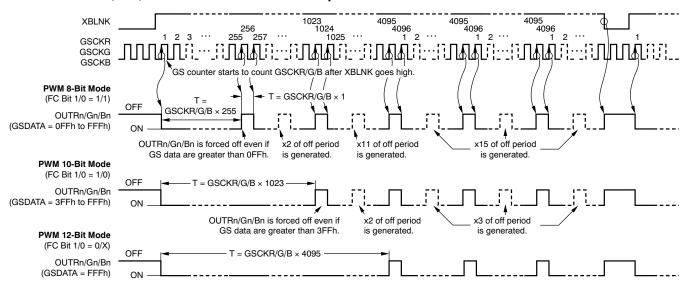


Figure 43. PWM Operation 3



#### REGISTER AND DATA LATCH CONFIGURATION

The TLC5951 has two data latches to store information: the grayscale (GS) data latch and the DC/BC/FC/UD data latch. The GS data latch can be written as 288-bit data through GSSIN with GSSCK. The DC/BC/FC/UD data latch can be written as data through DCSIN with DCSCK. Also, DC/BC/FC data can be written to the DC/BC/FC/UD data latch through GSSIN with GSSCK. UD data are written to the upper 17 bits of the 216-bit DC/BC/FC/UD shift register at the same time. The data in the DC/BC/FC/UC data latch can be read via GSSOUT with GSSCK. Figure 44 shows the grayscale shift register and data latch configuration.

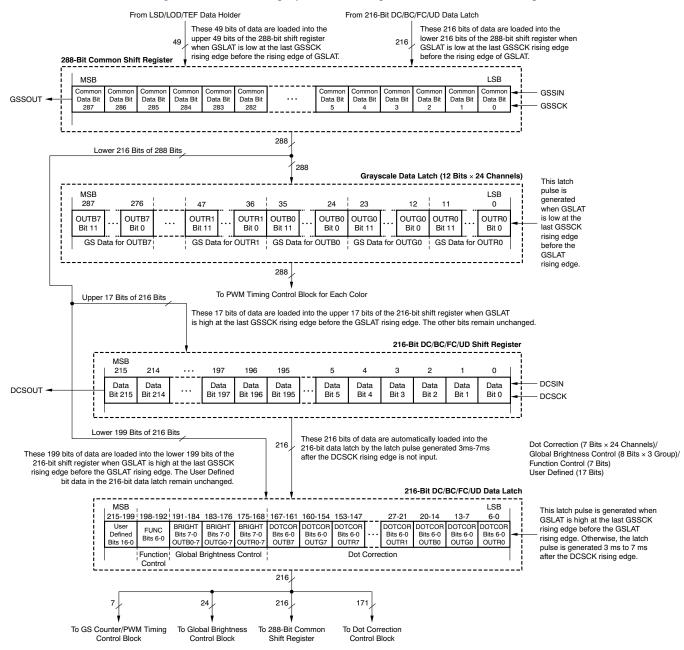


Figure 44. Grayscale Shift Register and Data Latch Configuration



#### 288-Bit Common Shift Register

The 288-bit common shift register is used to shift data from the GSSIN pin into the TLC5951. The data shifted into this register are used for grayscale data, global brightness control, and dot correction data. The register LSB is connected to GSSIN and the MSB is connected to GSSOUT. On each GSSCK rising edge, the data on GSSIN are shifted into the register LSB and all 288 bits are shifted towards the MSB. The register MSB is always connected to GSSOUT.

The level of GSLAT at the last GSSCK before the GSLAT rising edge determines which latch the data are transferred into. When GSLAT is low at the last GSSCK rising edge, all 288 bits are latched into the grayscale data latch. When GSLAT is high at the last GSSCK rising edge, bits 0-198 are copied to bits 0-198 in the DC/BC/FC/UD data latch and bits 199-215 are copied to bits 199-215 in the 216-bit DC/BC/FC/UD shift register at the GSLAT rising edge. To avoid data from being corrupted, the GSLAT rising edge must be input more than 7 ms after the last DCSCK for a DC/BC/FC/UD data write. When the IC powers on, the 288-bit common shift register contains random data.

#### **Grayscale Data Latch**

The grayscale (GS) data latch is 288 bits long. This latch contains the 12-bit PWM grayscale value for each of the TLC5951 constant-current outputs. The PWM grayscale values in this latch set the PWM on-time for each constant-current driver. See Table 7 for the on-time duty of each GS data bit. Figure 45 shows the shift register and latch configuration. Refer to Figure 10 for the timing diagram for writing data into the GS shift register and latch.

Data are latched from the 288-bit common shift register into the GS data latch at the rising edge of the GSLAT pin. The conditions for latching data into this register are described in the 288-Bit Common Shift Register section. When data are latched into the GS data latch, the new data are immediately available on the constant-current outputs. For this reason, data should only be latched when XBLNK is low. If data are latched with XBLNK high, the outputs may turn on or off unexpectedly.

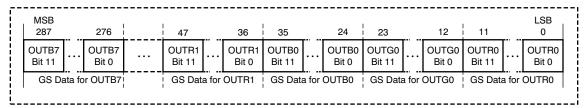


Figure 45. Grayscale Data Latch Configuration

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When the IC powers on, the grayscale data latch contains random data. Therefore, grayscale data must be written to the 288-bit common shift register and latched into the GS data latch before turning on the constant-current outputs. XBLNK should be low when powering on the TLC5951 to force all outputs off until the internal registers can be programmed. All constant-current outputs are forced off when XBLNK is low. The data bit assignment is shown in Table 8.

**BITS** DATA **BITS DATA** 11-0 OUTR0 OUTR4 155-144 OUTG0 OUTG4 23-12 167-156 OUTB0 OUTB4 35-24 179-168 47-36 OUTR1 191-180 OUTR5 59-48 OUTG1 203-192 OUTG5 71-60 OUTB1 OUTB5 215-204 83-72 OUTR2 227-216 OUTR6 OUTG6 95-84 OUTG2 239-228 107-96 OUTB2 251-240 OUTB6 119-108 OUTR3 263-252 OUTR7 131-120 OUTG3 OUTG7 275-264

Table 8. Grayscale Data Bit Assignment

#### DC/BC/FC/UD Shift Register

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The 216-bit DC/BC/FC/UD shift register is used to shift data from the DSSIN pin into the TLC5951. The data shifted into this register are used for the dot correction (DC), global brightness control (BC), function control (FC), and user-defined (UD) data latches. Each of these latches is described in the following sections. The register LSB is connected to DCSIN and the MSB is connected to DCSOUT. On each DCSCK rising edge, the data on DCSIN are shifted into the register LSB and all 216 bits are shifted towards the MSB. The register MSB is always connected to DCOUT. When the IC is powered on, the 216-bit DC/BC/FC/UD shift register contains random data.

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#### DC/BC/FC/UD Data Latch

The 216-bit DC/BC/FC/UD data latch contains dot correction (DC) data, global brightness control (BC) data, function control (FC) data, and user-defined (UD) data. Data can be written into this latch from the DC/BC/FC/UD shift register. Furthermore, DC/BC/FC data can be written into this latch from the 288-bit common shift register. At this time, UD data are written to bits 199-215 in the 216-bit DC/BC/FC/UD shift register data latch. When the IC is powered on, the DC/BC/FC/UD data latch contains random data.

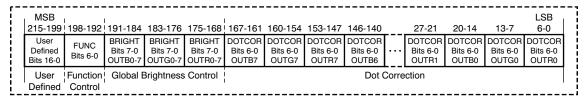


Figure 46. DC/BC/FC/UD Data Latch Configuration

#### **Dot Correction Data Latch**

The dot correction (DC) data latch is 168 bits long. The DC data latch consists of bits 0-167 in the DC/BC/FC/UD data latch. This latch contains the 7-bit DC value for each of the TLC5951 constant-current outputs. Each DC value individually adjusts the output current for each constant-current driver. As explained in the *Dot Correction (DC) Function* section, the DC values are used to adjust the output current from 0% to 66.7% of the maximum value when the dot correction low adjustment range is selected and from 33.3% to 100% of the maximum value when the dot correction high adjustment range is selected. The adjustment range is selected by the range control bits in the function control latch.

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Table 3 and Table 4 show how the DC data affect the percentage of the maximum current each output. See Figure 46 for the DC data latch configuration. Figure 11 illustrates the timing diagram for writing data from the GS data path into the shift registers and latches. Figure 12 illustrates the timing diagram for writing data from the DC data path into the shift registers and DC latches. DC data are automatically latched from the DC/BC/FC/UD shift register into the DC data latch with an internal latch signal. The internal latch signal is generated in 3 ms to 7 ms after the last DCSCK rising edge.

When the IC powers on, the DC data latch contains random data. Therefore, DC data must be written into the TLC5951 and latched into the DC data latch before turning on the constant-current outputs. XBLNK should be low when powering on the TLC5951 to force all outputs off until the internal registers can be programmed. All constant-current outputs are forced off when XBLNK is low. The data bit assignment is shown in Table 9.

**Table 9. Dot Correction Data Bit Assignment** 

| BITS  | DATA  | BITS    | DATA  |
|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| 6-0   | OUTR0 | 90-84   | OUTR4 |
| 13-7  | OUTG0 | 97-91   | OUTG4 |
| 20-14 | OUTB0 | 104-98  | OUTB4 |
| 27-21 | OUTR1 | 111-105 | OUTR5 |
| 34-28 | OUTG1 | 118-112 | OUTG5 |
| 41-35 | OUTB1 | 125-119 | OUTB5 |
| 48-42 | OUTR2 | 132-126 | OUTR6 |
| 55-49 | OUTG2 | 139-133 | OUTG6 |
| 62-56 | OUTB2 | 146-140 | OUTB6 |
| 69-63 | OUTR3 | 153-147 | OUTR7 |
| 76-70 | OUTG3 | 160-154 | OUTG7 |
| 83-77 | OUTB3 | 167-161 | OUTB7 |

#### Global Brightness Control Data Latch

The global brightness control (BC) data latch is 24 bits long. The BC data latch consists of bits 168-191 in the DC/BC/FC/UD data latch.

The data of the BC data latch are used to adjust the constant-current values for eight channel constant-current drivers of each color group. The current can be adjusted from 0% to 100% of each output current adjusted by brightness control with 8-bit resolution. Table 5 describes the percentage of the maximum current for each brightness control data.

When the IC is powered on, the data in the BC data latch are not set to a specific default value. Therefore, brightness control data must be written to the BC latch before turning on the constant-current output. The data bit assignment is shown in Table 10.

Table 10. Data Bit Assignment

| BITS    | GLOBAL BRIGHTNESS CONTROL DATA BITS 7-0 |
|---------|---|
| 175-168 | OUTR0-OUTR7 group                       |
| 183-176 | OUTG0-OUTG7 group                       |
| 191-184 | OUTB0-OUTB7 group                       |

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#### **Function Control Data Latch**

The function control (FC) data latch is 7 bits in length and is used to select the dot correction adjustment range, grayscale counter mode, enabling of the auto display repeat, and display timing reset function. When the IC is powered on, the data in the FC latch are not set to a specific default value. Therefore, function control data must be written to the FC data latch before turning on the constant current output.

Table 11. Data Bit Assignment

| BIT      | DESCRIPTION  |
|----------|--|
| 192      | Dot correction adjustment range for the RED color output (0 = lower range, 1 = higher range).  When this bit is '0', dot correction can control the range of constant current by 0% to 66.7% (typ) of the maximum current set by an external resistor. This mode only operates the output for the red LED driver group.  When this bit is '1', dot correction can control the range of constant current by 33.3% (typ) to 100% of the maximum current set by an external resistor.   |
| 193      | Dot correction adjustment range for the GREEN color output (0 = lower range, 1 = higher range).  When this bit is '0', dot correction can control the range of constant current by 0% to 66.7% (typ) of the maximum current set by an external resistor. This mode only operates the output for the green LED driver group.  When this bit is '1', dot correction can control the range of constant current by 33.3% (typ) to 100% of the maximum current set by an external resistor.   |
| 194      | Dot correction adjustment range for the BLUE color output (0 = lower range, 1 = higher range).  When this bit is '0', dot correction can control the range of constant current by 0% to 66.7% (typ) of the maximum current set by an external resistor. This mode only operates the output for the blue LED driver group.  When this bit is '1', dot correction can control the range of constant current by 33.3% (typ) to 100% of the maximum current set by an external resistor.   |
| 195      | Auto display repeat mode (0 = disabled, 1 = enabled).  When this bit is '0', the auto repeat function is disabled. Each output driver is turned on and off once after XBLNK goes high.  When this bit is '1', each output driver is repeatedly toggled on/off every 4096th grayscale clock without the XBLNK level changing when the GS counter is configured as a 12-bit mode. If the GS counter is configured as a 10-bit mode, the outputs continue to cycle on/off every 1024th grayscale clock. If the GS counter is set to the 8-bit mode, the output on/off repetition cycles every 256th grayscale clock.  |
| 196      | Display timing reset mode (0 = disabled, 1 = enabled).  When this bit is '1', the GS counter is reset to '0' and all outputs are forced off at the GSLAT rising edge for a GS data write.  This function is identical to the low pulse of the XBLNK signal when input. Therefore, the XBLNK signal is not needed to control from a display controller. PWM control starts again from the next input GSCKR/G/B rising edge.  When this bit is '0', the GS counter is not reset and no outputs are forced off even if a GSLAT rising edge is input. In this mode, the XBLNK signal should be input after the PWM control of all LED are finished. Otherwise, the PWM control might be not exact. |
| 198, 197 | Grayscale counter mode select, bits 1-0. The grayscale counter mode is selected by the setting of bits 1 and 0. Table 12 shows the GS counter mode.  |

#### **Table 12. GS Counter Mode Truth Table**

| GRAYSCALE | COUNTER MODE   |  |
|-----------|----------------|--|
| BIT 1     | BIT 0          | FUNCTION MODE  |
| 0         | X (don't care) | 12-bit counter mode (maximum output on-time = 4095 × GS clock) |
| 1         | 0              | 10-bit counter mode (maximum output on-time = 1023 × GS clock) |
| 1         | 1              | 8-bit counter mode (maximum output on-time = 255 x GS clock)   |

The grayscale data latch bit length is always 288 bits in any grayscale counter mode. All constant-current outputs are forced off at the 256th grayscale clock in the 8-bit mode even if all grayscale data are FFFh. In 10-bit mode, all outputs are forced off at 1024th grayscale clock even if all grayscale data are FFFh.

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#### User-Defined Data Latch

The user-defined (UD) data latch is 17 bits in length and is not used for any device functionality. However, these data can be used for communication between a controller connected to DCSIN and another controller connected to GSSIN. When the IC is powered on, the data in the UD latch are not set to a specific default value.

**Table 13. Data Bit Assignment** 

| BITS    | USER-DEFINED DATA BITS |
|---------|------------------------|
| 215-199 | 16-0                   |

#### **STATUS INFORMATION DATA (SID)**

Status information data (SID) are 288 bits in length and are read-only data. SID consists of the LED open detection (LOD) error, LED short detection (LSD), thermal error flag (TEF), and the data in the DC/BC/FC/UD data latch. The SID are shifted out onto GSSOUT with the GSSCK rising edge after GSLAT is input for a GS data write. These SID are loaded into the 288-bit common shift register after data in the 288-bit common shift register are copied to the data latch.

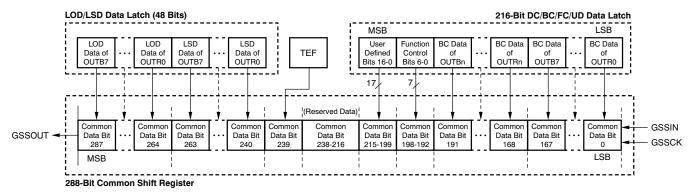


Figure 47. DC/BC/FC Data Load Assignment



#### **Table 14. Data Bit Assignment**

| BITS    | DESCRIPTION  |
|---------|--|
| 6-0     | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTR0   |
| 13-7    | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTG0   |
| 20-14   | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTB0   |
| 27-21   | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTR1   |
| 34-28   | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTG1   |
| 41-35   | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTB1   |
| 48-42   | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTR2   |
| 55-49   | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTG2   |
| 62-56   | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTB2   |
| 69-63   | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTR3   |
| 76-70   | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTG3   |
| 83-77   | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTB3   |
| 90-84   | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTR4   |
| 97-91   | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTG4   |
| 104-98  | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTB4   |
| 111-105 | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTR5   |
| 118-112 | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTG5   |
| 125-119 | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTB5   |
| 132-126 | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTR6   |
| 139-133 | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTG6   |
| 146-140 | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTB6   |
| 153-147 | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTR7   |
| 160-154 | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTG7   |
| 167-161 | Dot correction data bits 6-0 for OUTB7   |
| 175-168 | Global brightness control data bits 7-0 for OUTR0-OUTR7 group  |
| 183-176 | Global brightness control data bits 7-0 for OUTG0-OUTG7 group  |
| 191-184 | Global brightness control data bits 7-0 for OUTB0-OUTB7 group  |
| 198-192 | Function control data bits 6-0   |
| 215-199 | User-defined data bits 16-0  |
| 238-216 | Reserved for TI test   |
| 239     | Thermal error flag (TEF)  1 = High temperature condition, 0 = Normal temperature condition               |
| 247-240 | LED short detection (LSD) data for OUTR7-OUTR0  1 = LED is short, 0 = Normal operation                   |
| 255-248 | LSD data for OUTG7-OUTG0  1 = LED is short, 0 = Normal operation   |
| 263-256 | LSD data for OUTB7-OUTB0  1 = LED is short, 0 = Normal operation   |
| 271-264 | LED open detection (LOD) data for OUTR7-OUTR0  1 = LED is open or connected to GND, 0 = Normal operation |
| 279-272 | LOD data for OUTG7-OUTG0  1 = LED is open or connected to GND, 0 = Normal operation                      |
| 287-280 | LOD data for OUTB7-OUTB0  1 = LED is open or connected to GND, 0 = Normal operation                      |

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#### CONTINUOUS BASE LOD, LSD, AND TEF

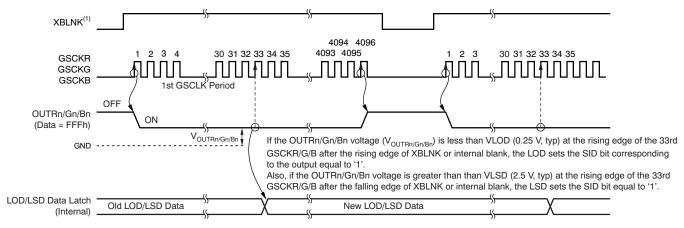
The LOD data are updated at the rising edge of the 33rd GSCKR/G/B pulse after XBLNK goes high; LOD/LSD data are retained until the next 33rd GSCKR/G/B. LOD/LSD data are only checked for outputs that are turned on during the rising edge of the 33rd GSCKR/G/B pulse. A '1' in an LOD bit indicates an open LED or shorted LED to GND condition for the corresponding output. A '0' indicates normal operation. It is possible for LOD/LSD data to show a '0' even if the LED is open when the grayscale data are less than 20h (32d).

The TEF bit indicates that the IC temperature is too high. The TEF flag also indicates that the IC has turned off all drivers to avoid damage by overheating the device. A '1' in the TEF bit means that the IC temperature has exceeded the detect temperature threshold ( $T_{\text{TEF}}$ ) and all outputs are turned off. A '0' in the TEF bit indicates normal operation with normal temperature conditions.

The IC automatically turns the drivers back on when the IC temperature decreases to less than  $(T_{TEF} - T_{HYST})$ . When the IC is powered on, LOD/LSD data do not show correct values. Therefore LOD/LSD data must be read from the 33rd GSCKR/G/B pulse input after XBLNK goes high. Table 15 shows a truth table for LOD/LSD and TEF.

CONDITION SID DATA **LED OPEN DETECTION (LODn)** LED SHORT DETECTION (LSDn) THERMAL ERROR FLAG (TEF) Device temperature is lower than LED is not opened LED is not shorted n high-side detect temperature  $(V_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} > V_{LOD})$  $(V_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} \le V_{LSD})$ (Temperature ≤T<sub>TEF</sub>) Device temperature is higher than LED is shorted between anode and LED is open or shorted to GND high-side detect temperature and driver is cathode or shorted to higher voltage side  $(V_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} \le V_{LOD})$ forced off  $(V_{OUTRn/Gn/Bn} > V_{LSD})$  $(Temperature > T_{TEF})$ 

Table 15. LOD/LSD/TEF Truth Table



(1) The internal blank signal is generated when GSLAT is input for GS data with display timing reset enabled. Also, the signal is generated at the 4096th GSCK when auto repeat mode is enabled. XBLNK can be connected to VCC when the display timing reset or auto repeat is enabled.

Figure 48. LED Open Detection (LOD) LED Shorted Detection Data Update Timing

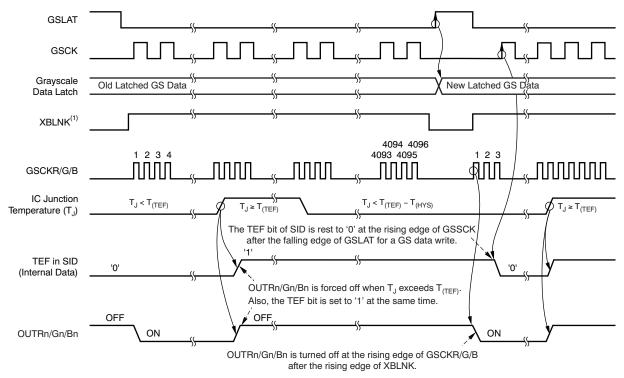
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#### THERMAL SHUTDOWN AND THERMAL ERROR FLAG

The thermal shutdown (TSD) function turns off all constant-current outputs on the IC when the junction temperature  $(T_J)$  exceeds the threshold  $(T_{TEF} = +163^{\circ}\text{C}, \text{typ})$  and sets the thermal error flag (TEF) to '1'. All outputs are latched off when TEF is set to '1' and remain off until the next grayscale cycle after XBLNK goes high and the junction temperature drops below  $(T_{TEF} - T_{HYST})$ . TEF remains as '1' until GSLAT is input with low temperature. TEF is set to '0' once the junction temperature drops below  $(T_{TEF} - T_{HYST})$ , but the output does not turn on until the first GSCKR/G/B in the next display period even if TEF is set to '0'.



(1) The following internal signal also works to turn the constant outputs on as same as XBLNK inputting. The internal blank signal is generated when GSLAT is input for GS data with display timing reset enabled. Also, the signal is generated at the 4096th GSCKR/G/B when auto repeat mode is enabled. XBLNK can be connected to VCC when the display timing reset or auto repeat is enabled.

Figure 49. TEF/TSD Timing

#### **NOISE REDUCTION**

Large surge currents may flow through the IC and the board on which the device is mounted if all 24 outputs turn on simultaneously at the start of each grayscale cycle. These large current surges could induce detrimental noise and electromagnetic interference (EMI) into other circuits. The TLC5951 turns the outputs on in a series delay for each group independently to provide a circuit soft-start feature. The output current sinks are grouped into four groups in each color group. For example, for the RED color output, the first grouped outputs that are turned on/off are OUTR0 and OUTR4. The second grouped outputs that are turned on/off are OUTR1 and OUTR5. The third grouped outputs are OUTR2 and OUTR6 and the fourth grouped outputs are OUTR3 and OUTR7. Each grouped output is turned on and off sequentially with a small delay between groups. However, each color output on and off is controlled by the color grayscale clock.



#### **REVISION HISTORY**

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| Cr | nanges from Revision A (April 2009) to Revision B   | Page |
|----|---|------|
| •  | Changed product status from mixed to production data  | 1    |
| •  | Changed TLC5951 RHA package status to production data   | 2    |
| •  | Deleted footnote 2 from <i>Ordering Information</i> table   | 2    |
| •  | Changed test conditions of t <sub>D8</sub> in Switching Characteristics table   | 6    |
| •  | Deleted footnote 1 from RHA pinout  | 8    |
| •  | Changed header for second column in Table 10  | 30   |
| •  | Changed description for bits 175-168, 183-176, and 191-184 in Table 14  | 33   |
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| •  | Changed T <sub>SU3</sub> minimum specification to 40 ns in the <i>Recommended Operating Conditions</i> table  | 3    |
| •  | Changed V <sub>O</sub> minimum specification to maximum specification in the Recommended Operating Conditions table                                 | 3    |
| •  | Changed I <sub>OH</sub> minimum specification to maximum specification in the <i>Recommended Operating Conditions</i> table                         | 3    |
| •  | Changed I <sub>OL</sub> minimum specification to maximum specification in the Recommended Operating Conditions table                                | 3    |
| •  | Changed I <sub>OLC</sub> minimum specification to maximum specification in the <i>Recommended Operating Conditions</i> table                        | 3    |
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| •  | Changed I <sub>CC3</sub> typical value to 12 mA and maximum value to 27 mA in the <i>Electrical Characteristics</i> table                           | 4    |
| •  | Changed I <sub>CC4</sub> typical value to 21 mA and maximum value to 55 mA in the <i>Electrical Characteristics</i> table                           | 4    |
| •  | Changed Δl <sub>OLC2</sub> typical value to ±1% in the <i>Electrical Characteristics</i> table  | 4    |
| •  | Changed Δl <sub>OLC3</sub> typical value to ±0.5% in the <i>Electrical Characteristics</i> table  | 4    |
| •  | Changed t <sub>R0</sub> typical value to 6 ns in the Switching Characteristics table  | 6    |
| •  | Changed t <sub>F0</sub> typical value to 6 ns in the Switching Characteristics table  | 6    |
| •  | Changed fourth paragraph of Maximum Constant Sink Current Value section to reference correct graph  | 21   |
| •  | Changed DC function adjustment range description to reflect proper adjustment range for each control in <i>Dot Correction (DC) Function</i> section | 21   |
| •  | Changed brightness control to dot correction data in 288-Bit Common Shift Register section  | 28   |
| •  | Corrected number of bits contained within the DC/BC/FC/UD shift register in the DC/BC/FC/UD Shift Register section                                  | 29   |
| •  | Corrected typo about which bits are written in the DC/BC/FC/UD Data Latch section   | 29   |
| •  | Corrected percentage of adjustment rage selected in the <i>Dot Correction Data Latch</i> section  |      |
| •  | Deleted second paragraph of Status Information Data (SID) section   |      |
| •  | Updated LOD bit = '1' condition description in the Continuous Base LOD, LSD, and TEF section  |      |
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#### PACKAGE OPTION ADDENDUM

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#### PACKAGING INFORMATION

| Orderable Device | Status <sup>(1)</sup> | Package<br>Type | Package<br>Drawing | Pins | Package<br>Qty | e Eco Plan <sup>(2)</sup> | Lead/Ball Finish | MSL Peak Temp <sup>(3)</sup> |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| TLC5951DAP       | ACTIVE                | HTSSOP          | DAP                | 38   | 40             | Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)   | CU NIPDAU        | Level-3-260C-168 HR          |
| TLC5951DAPR      | ACTIVE                | HTSSOP          | DAP                | 38   | 2000           | Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)   | CU NIPDAU        | Level-3-260C-168 HR          |
| TLC5951RHAR      | ACTIVE                | VQFN            | RHA                | 40   | 2500           | Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)   | CU NIPDAU        | Level-3-260C-168 HR          |
| TLC5951RHAT      | ACTIVE                | VQFN            | RHA                | 40   | 250            | Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)   | CU NIPDAU        | Level-3-260C-168 HR          |

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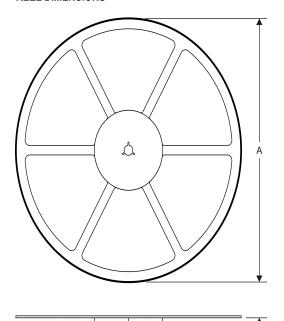
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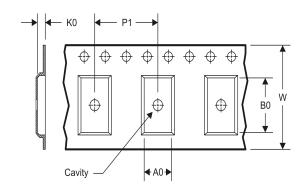
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#### TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION

#### **REEL DIMENSIONS**



#### **TAPE DIMENSIONS**



| A0 | Dimension designed to accommodate the component width     |
|----|---|
| В0 | Dimension designed to accommodate the component length    |
| K0 | Dimension designed to accommodate the component thickness |
| W  | Overall width of the carrier tape                         |
| P1 | Pitch between successive cavity centers                   |

#### TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION

#### \*All dimensions are nominal

| Device      | Package<br>Type | Package<br>Drawing |    | SPQ  | Reel<br>Diameter<br>(mm) | Reel<br>Width<br>W1 (mm) | A0<br>(mm) | B0<br>(mm) | K0<br>(mm) | P1<br>(mm) | W<br>(mm) | Pin1<br>Quadrant |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|----|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| TLC5951RHAR | VQFN            | RHA                | 40 | 2500 | 330.0                    | 16.4                     | 6.3        | 6.3        | 1.1        | 12.0       | 16.0      | Q2               |
| TLC5951RHAT | VQFN            | RHA                | 40 | 250  | 180.0                    | 16.4                     | 6.3        | 6.3        | 1.1        | 12.0       | 16.0      | Q2               |

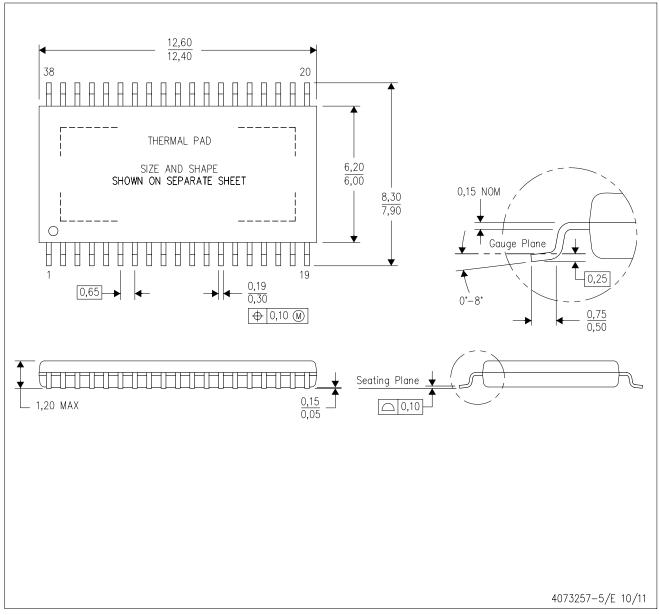
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#### \*All dimensions are nominal

| Device      | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ  | Length (mm) | Width (mm) | Height (mm) |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| TLC5951RHAR | VQFN         | RHA             | 40   | 2500 | 367.0       | 367.0      | 38.0        |
| TLC5951RHAT | VQFN         | RHA             | 40   | 250  | 210.0       | 185.0      | 35.0        |

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NOTES:

- A. All linear dimensions are in millimeters.
  - B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
  - C. Body dimensions do not include mold flash or protrusion. Mold flash and protrusion shall not exceed 0.15 per side.
  - D. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. Refer to Technical Brief, PowerPad Thermally Enhanced Package, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLMA002 for information regarding recommended board layout. This document is available at www.ti.com <a href="https://www.ti.com">www.ti.com</a>.
- E. See the additional figure in the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad features and dimensions.
- Falls within JEDEC MO-153 Variation DDT-1.

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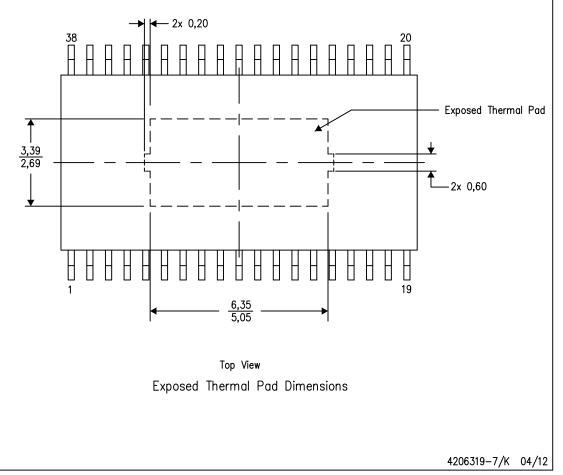
PowerPAD™ PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE

#### THERMAL INFORMATION

This PowerPAD package incorporates an exposed thermal pad that is designed to be attached to a printed circuit board (PCB). The thermal pad must be soldered directly to the PCB. After soldering, the PCB can be used as a heatsink. In addition, through the use of thermal vias, the thermal pad can be attached directly to the appropriate copper plane shown in the electrical schematic for the device, or alternatively, can be attached to a special heatsink structure designed into the PCB. This design optimizes the heat transfer from the integrated circuit (IC).

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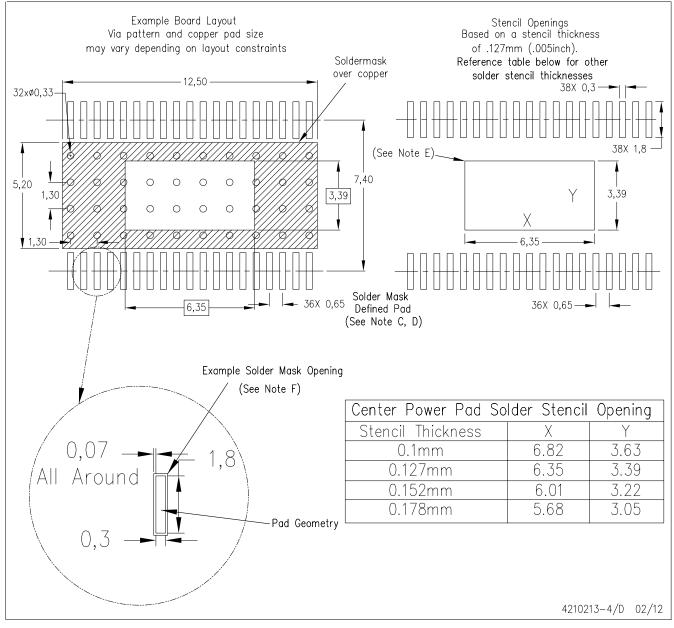


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### DAP (R-PDSO-G38) PowerPAD™ PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE PACKAGE



NOTES:

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- B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
- C. Customers should place a note on the circuit board fabrication drawing not to alter the center solder mask defined pad.
- D. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. Refer to Technical Brief, PowerPad Thermally Enhanced Package, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLMA002, SLMA004, and also the Product Data Sheets for specific thermal information, via requirements, and recommended board layout. These documents are available at www.ti.com <a href="http://www.ti.com">http://www.ti.com</a>. Publication IPC-7351 is recommended for alternate designs.
- E. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and also rounding corners will offer better paste release. Customers should contact their board assembly site for stencil design recommendations. Example stencil design based on a 50% volumetric metal load solder paste. Refer to IPC-7525 for other stencil recommendations.
- F. Contact the board fabrication site for recommended soldermask tolerances.

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  - B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
  - C. QFN (Quad Flatpack No-Lead) Package configuration.
  - D. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the board for thermal and mechanical performance.
  - E. See the additional figure in the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad features and dimensions.
  - F. Package complies to JEDEC MO-220 variation VJJD-2.



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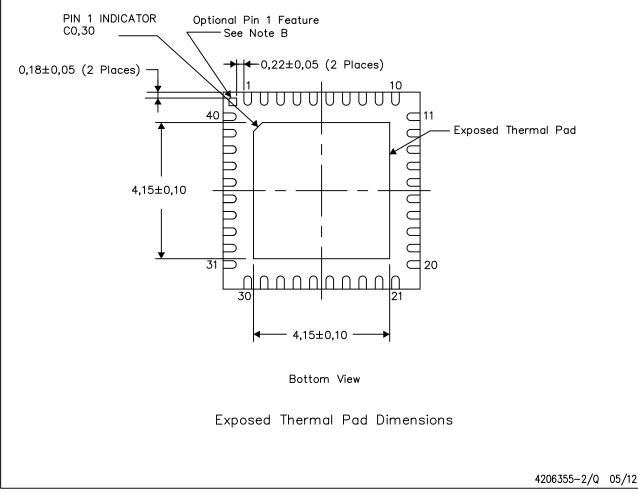
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#### THERMAL INFORMATION

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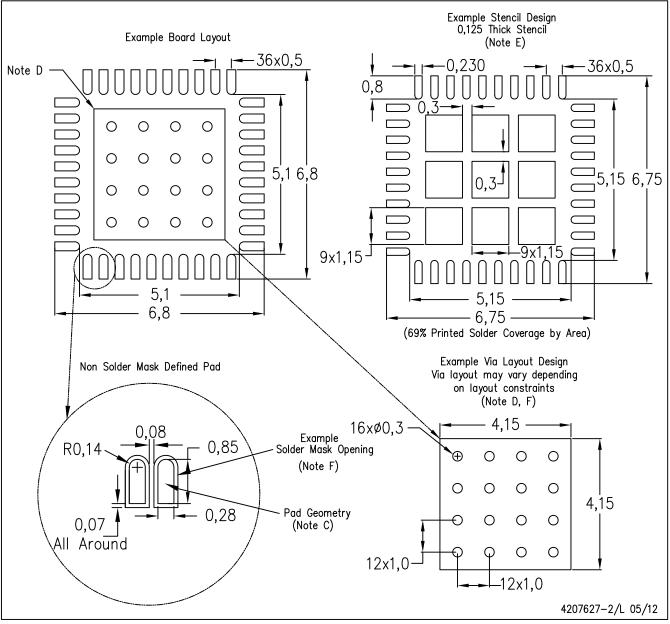
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### RHA (S-PVQFN-N40)

### PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK NO-LEAD



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- C. Publication IPC-7351 is recommended for alternate designs.
- D. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. Refer to Application Note, Quad Flat—Pack Packages, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLUA271, and also the Product Data Sheets for specific thermal information, via requirements, and recommended board layout. These documents are available at www.ti.com <a href="https://www.ti.com">http://www.ti.com</a>>.
- E. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and also rounding corners will offer better paste release. Customers should contact their board assembly site for stencil design recommendations. Refer to IPC 7525 for stencil design considerations.
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