



# TC4420/TC4429

## 6A High-Speed MOSFET Drivers

### Features

- Latch-Up Protected: Will Withstand  $>1.5A$  Reverse Output Current
- Logic Input Will Withstand Negative Swing Up To 5V
- ESD Protected: 4 kV
- Matched Rise and Fall Times:
  - 25 ns (2500 pF load)
- High Peak Output Current: 6A
- Wide Input Supply Voltage Operating Range:
  - 4.5V to 18V
- High Capacitive Load Drive Capability: 10,000 pF
- Short Delay Time: 55 ns (typ.)
- CMOS/TTL Compatible Input
- Low Supply Current With Logic '1' Input:
  - 450  $\mu A$  (typ.)
- Low Output Impedance:  $2.5\Omega$
- Output Voltage Swing to Within 25 mV of Ground or  $V_{DD}$
- Space-Saving 8-Pin SOIC and 8-Pin 6x5 DFN Packages

### General Description

The TC4420/TC4429 are 6A (peak), single-output MOSFET drivers. The TC4429 is an inverting driver (pin-compatible with the TC429), while the TC4420 is a non-inverting driver. These drivers are fabricated in CMOS for lower power and more efficient operation versus bipolar drivers.

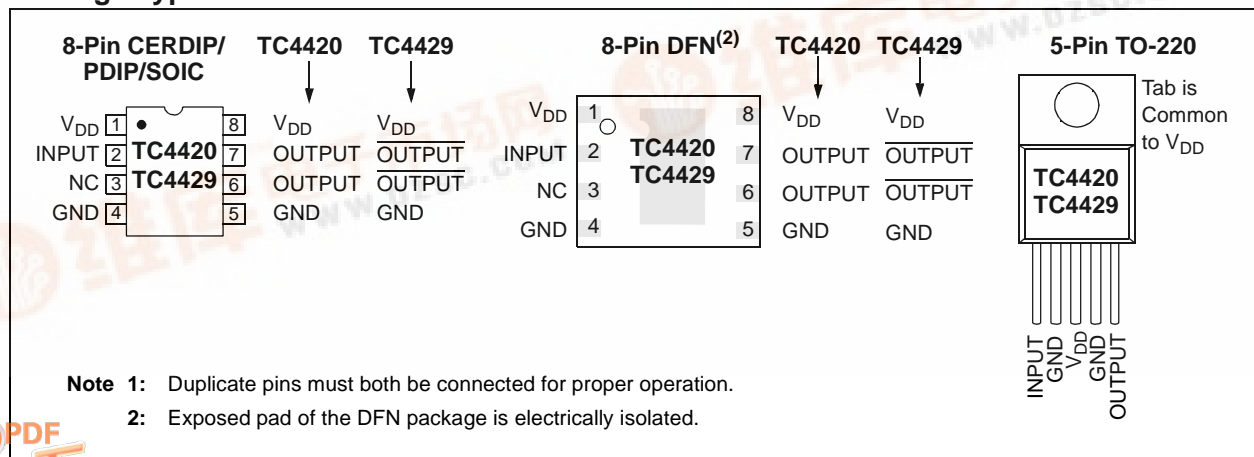
Both devices have TTL/CMOS compatible inputs that can be driven as high as  $V_{DD} + 0.3V$  or as low as  $-5V$  without upset or damage to the device. This eliminates the need for external level-shifting circuitry and its associated cost and size. The output swing is rail-to-rail, ensuring better drive voltage margin, especially during power-up/power-down sequencing. Propagational delay time is only 55 ns (typ.) and the output rise and fall times are only 25 ns (typ.) into 2500 pF across the usable power supply range.

Unlike other drivers, the TC4420/TC4429 are virtually latch-up proof. They replace three or more discrete components, saving PCB area, parts and improving overall system reliability.

### Applications

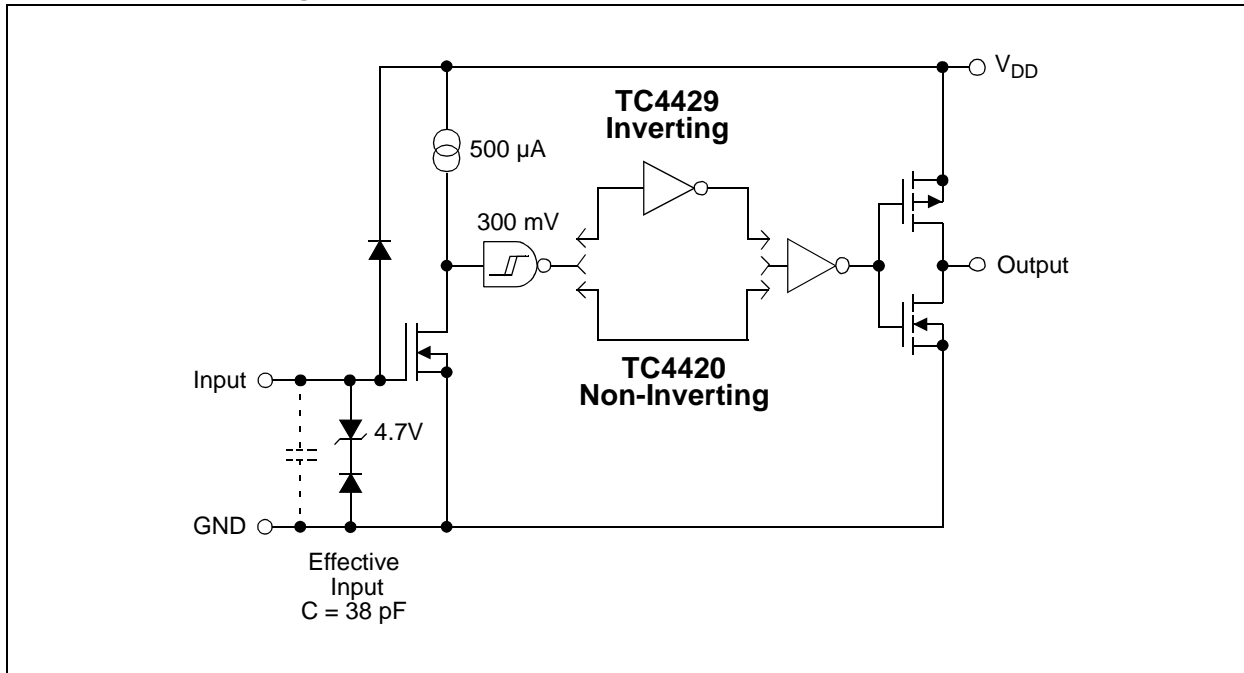
- Switch-Mode Power Supplies
- Motor Controls
- Pulse Transformer Driver
- Class D Switching Amplifiers

### Package Types<sup>(1)</sup>



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## Functional Block Diagram



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## 1.0 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

### Absolute Maximum Ratings†

Supply Voltage .....	+20V
Input Voltage .....	– 5V to $V_{DD} + 0.3V$
Input Current ( $V_{IN} > V_{DD}$ ) .....	50 mA
Power Dissipation ( $T_A \leq 70^\circ\text{C}$ )	
5-Pin TO-220 .....	1.6W
CERDIP .....	800 mW
DFN .....	<b>Note 2</b>
PDIP .....	730 mW
SOIC .....	470 mW
Package Power Dissipation ( $T_A \leq 25^\circ\text{C}$ )	
5-Pin TO-220 (With Heatsink) .....	12.5W
Thermal Impedances (To Case)	
5-Pin TO-220 $R_{\theta J-C}$ .....	10°C/W

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

## DC CHARACTERISTICS

Electrical Specifications: Unless otherwise noted, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ with $4.5V \leq V_{DD} \leq 18V$ .						
Parameters	Sym	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
<b>Input</b>						
Logic ‘1’, High Input Voltage	$V_{IH}$	2.4	1.8	—	V	
Logic ‘0’, Low Input Voltage	$V_{IL}$	—	1.3	0.8	V	
Input Voltage Range	$V_{IN}$	–5	—	$V_{DD}+0.3$	V	
Input Current	$I_{IN}$	–10	—	+10	$\mu\text{A}$	$0V \leq V_{IN} \leq V_{DD}$
<b>Output</b>						
High Output Voltage	$V_{OH}$	$V_{DD} - 0.025$	—	—	V	DC TEST
Low Output Voltage	$V_{OL}$	—	—	0.025	V	DC TEST
Output Resistance, High	$R_{OH}$	—	2.1	2.8	$\Omega$	$I_{OUT} = 10 \text{ mA}$ , $V_{DD} = 18V$
Output Resistance, Low	$R_{OL}$	—	1.5	2.5	$\Omega$	$I_{OUT} = 10 \text{ mA}$ , $V_{DD} = 18V$
Peak Output Current	$I_{PK}$	—	6.0	—	A	$V_{DD} = 18V$
Latch-Up Protection Withstand Reverse Current	$I_{REV}$	—	> 1.5	—	A	Duty cycle $\leq 2\%$ , $t \leq 300 \mu\text{sec}$
<b>Switching Time (Note 1)</b>						
Rise Time	$t_R$	—	25	35	ns	Figure 4-1, $C_L = 2,500 \text{ pF}$
Fall Time	$t_F$	—	25	35	ns	Figure 4-1, $C_L = 2,500 \text{ pF}$
Delay Time	$t_{D1}$	—	55	75	ns	Figure 4-1
Delay Time	$t_{D2}$	—	55	75	ns	Figure 4-1
<b>Power Supply</b>						
Power Supply Current	$I_S$	—	0.45	1.5	mA	$V_{IN} = 3V$
		—	55	150	$\mu\text{A}$	$V_{IN} = 0V$
Operating Input Voltage	$V_{DD}$	4.5	—	18	V	

**Note 1:** Switching times ensured by design.

**2:** Package power dissipation is dependent on the copper pad area on the PCB.

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## DC CHARACTERISTICS (OVER OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE)

<b>Electrical Specifications:</b> Unless otherwise noted, over operating temperature range with $4.5V \leq V_{DD} \leq 18V$ .						
Parameters	Sym	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
<b>Input</b>						
Logic '1', High Input Voltage	$V_{IH}$	2.4	—	—	V	
Logic '0', Low Input Voltage	$V_{IL}$	—	—	0.8	V	
Input Voltage Range	$V_{IN}$	−5	—	$V_{DD} + 0.3$	V	
Input Current	$I_{IN}$	−10	—	+10	$\mu A$	$0V \leq V_{IN} \leq V_{DD}$
<b>Output</b>						
High Output Voltage	$V_{OH}$	$V_{DD} - 0.025$	—	—	V	DC TEST
Low Output Voltage	$V_{OL}$	—	—	0.025	V	DC TEST
Output Resistance, High	$R_{OH}$	—	3	5	$\Omega$	$I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$ , $V_{DD} = 18V$
Output Resistance, Low	$R_{OL}$	—	2.3	5	$\Omega$	$I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$ , $V_{DD} = 18V$
<b>Switching Time (Note 1)</b>						
Rise Time	$t_R$	—	32	60	ns	Figure 4-1, $C_L = 2,500\text{ pF}$
Fall Time	$t_F$	—	34	60	ns	Figure 4-1, $C_L = 2,500\text{ pF}$
Delay Time	$t_{D1}$	—	50	100	ns	Figure 4-1
Delay Time	$t_{D2}$	—	65	100	ns	Figure 4-1
<b>Power Supply</b>						
Power Supply Current	$I_S$	—	0.45 60	3 400	mA $\mu A$	$V_{IN} = 3V$ $V_{IN} = 0V$
Operating Input Voltage	$V_{DD}$	4.5	—	18	V	

**Note 1:** Switching times ensured by design.

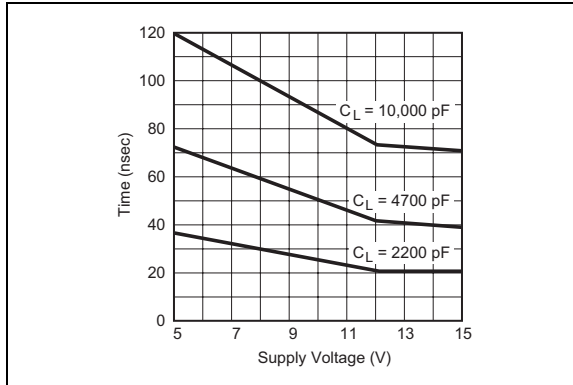
## TEMPERATURE CHARACTERISTICS

<b>Electrical Specifications:</b> Unless otherwise noted, all parameters apply with $4.5V \leq V_{DD} \leq 18V$ .						
Parameters	Sym	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
<b>Temperature Ranges</b>						
Specified Temperature Range (C)	$T_A$	0	—	+70	$^{\circ}C$	
Specified Temperature Range (I)	$T_A$	−25	—	+85	$^{\circ}C$	
Specified Temperature Range (E)	$T_A$	−40	—	+85	$^{\circ}C$	
Specified Temperature Range (V)	$T_A$	−40	—	+125	$^{\circ}C$	
Maximum Junction Temperature	$T_J$	—	—	+150	$^{\circ}C$	
Storage Temperature Range	$T_A$	−65	—	+150	$^{\circ}C$	
<b>Package Thermal Resistances</b>						
Thermal Resistance, 5L-TO-220	$\theta_{JA}$	—	71	—	$^{\circ}C/W$	
Thermal Resistance, 8L-CERDIP	$\theta_{JA}$	—	150	—	$^{\circ}C/W$	
Thermal Resistance, 8L-6x5 DFN	$\theta_{JA}$	—	33.2	—	$^{\circ}C/W$	Typical four-layer board with vias to ground plane.
Thermal Resistance, 8L-PDIP	$\theta_{JA}$	—	125	—	$^{\circ}C/W$	
Thermal Resistance, 8L-SOIC	$\theta_{JA}$	—	155	—	$^{\circ}C/W$	

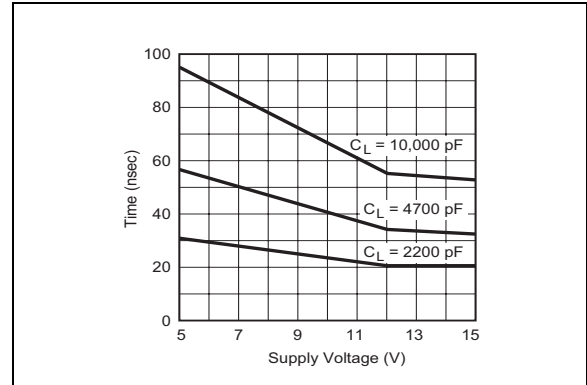
## 2.0 TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES

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

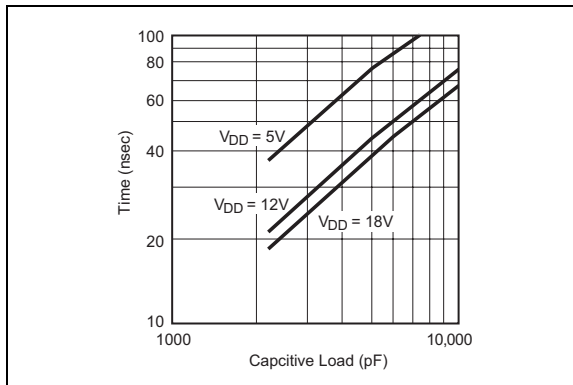
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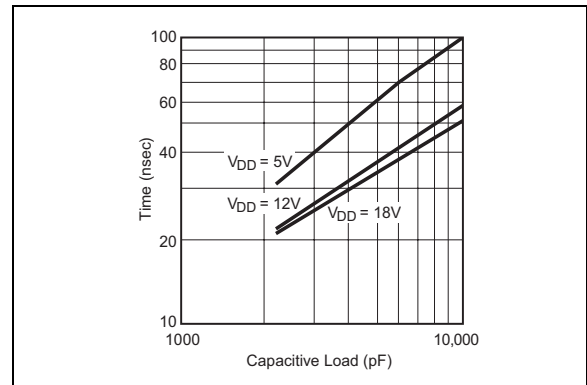
**FIGURE 2-1:** Rise Time vs. Supply Voltage.



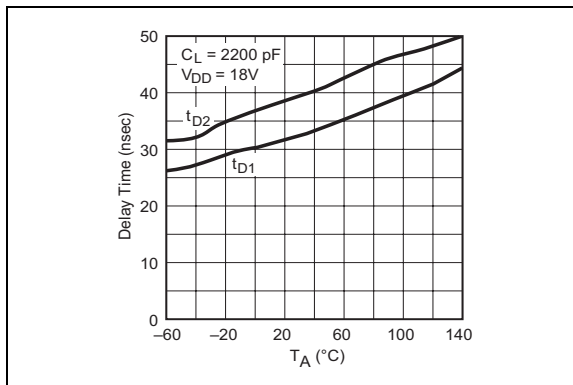
**FIGURE 2-4:** Fall Time vs. Supply Voltage.



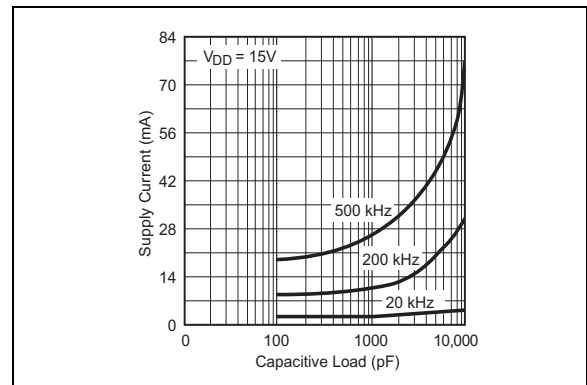
**FIGURE 2-2:** Rise Time vs. Capacitive Load.



**FIGURE 2-5:** Fall Time vs. Capacitive Load.



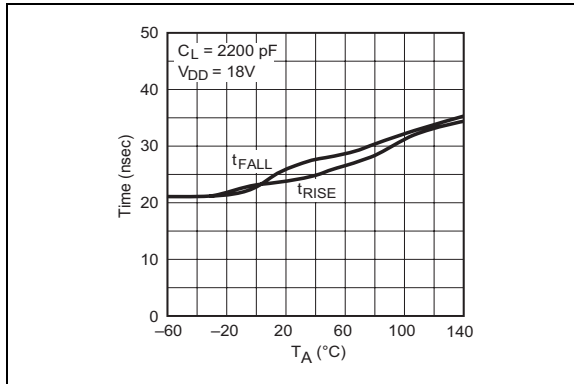
**FIGURE 2-3:** Propagation Delay Time vs. Temperature.



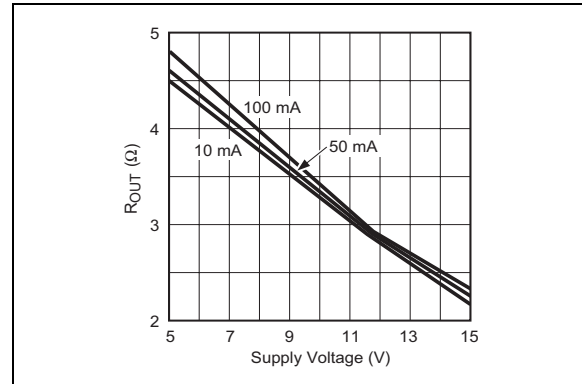
**FIGURE 2-6:** Supply Current vs. Capacitive Load.

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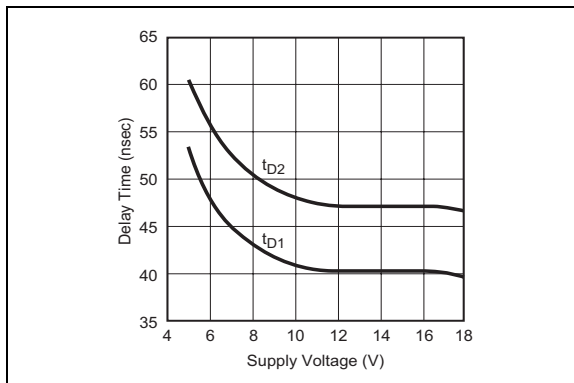
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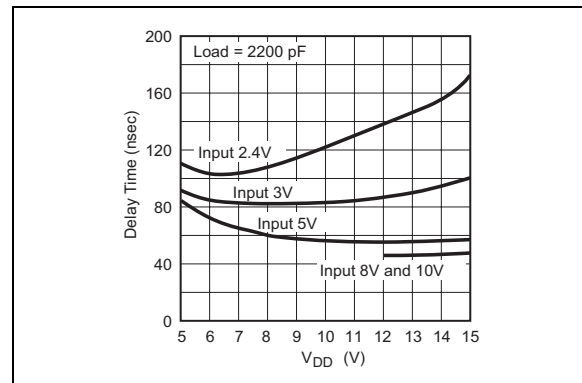
**FIGURE 2-7:** Rise and Fall Times vs. Temperature.



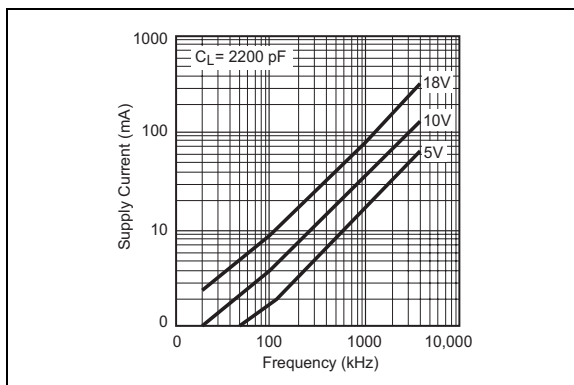
**FIGURE 2-10:** High-State Output Resistance vs. Supply Voltage.



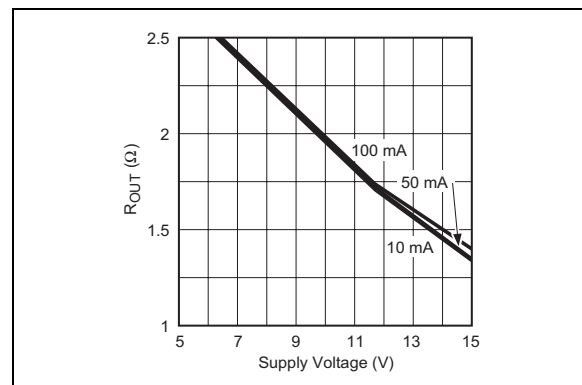
**FIGURE 2-8:** Propagation Delay Time vs. Supply Voltage.



**FIGURE 2-11:** Effect of Input Amplitude on Propagation Delay.



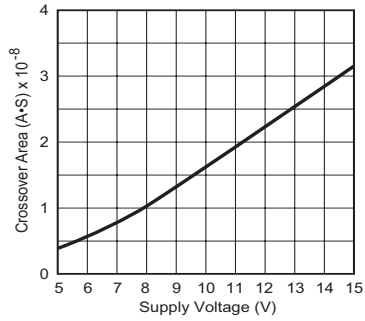
**FIGURE 2-9:** Supply Current vs. Frequency.



**FIGURE 2-12:** Low-State Output Resistance vs. Supply Voltage.

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



The values on this graph represent the loss seen by the driver during one complete cycle. For a single transition, divide the value by 2.

**FIGURE 2-13:** Crossover Energy.

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## 3.0 PIN DESCRIPTIONS

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

TABLE 3-1: PIN FUNCTION TABLE

Pin No. 8-Pin CERDIP/ PDIP/SOIC	Pin No. 8-Pin DFN	Pin No. 5-Pin TO-220	Symbol	Description
1	1	—	$V_{DD}$	Supply input, 4.5V to 18V
2	2	1	INPUT	Control input, TTL/CMOS compatible input
3	3	—	NC	No Connection
4	4	2	GND	Ground
5	5	4	GND	Ground
6	6	5	OUTPUT	CMOS push-pull output
7	7	—	OUTPUT	CMOS push-pull output
8	8	3	$V_{DD}$	Supply input, 4.5V to 18V
—	PAD	—	NC	Exposed Metal Pad
—	—	TAB	$V_{DD}$	Metal Tab is at the $V_{DD}$ Potential

### 3.1 Supply Input ( $V_{DD}$ )

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

### 3.2 Control Input

The MOSFET driver input is a high-impedance, TTL/CMOS compatible input. The input circuitry of the TC4420/TC4429 MOSFET driver also has a “speed-up” capacitor. This helps to decrease the propagation delay times of the driver. Because of this, input signals with slow rising or falling edges should not be used, as this can result in double-pulsing of the MOSFET driver output.

### 3.3 CMOS Push-Pull Output

The MOSFET driver output is a low-impedance, CMOS, push-pull style output capable of driving a capacitive load with 6.0A peak currents. The MOSFET driver output is capable of withstanding 1.5A peak reverse currents of either polarity.

### 3.4 Ground

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

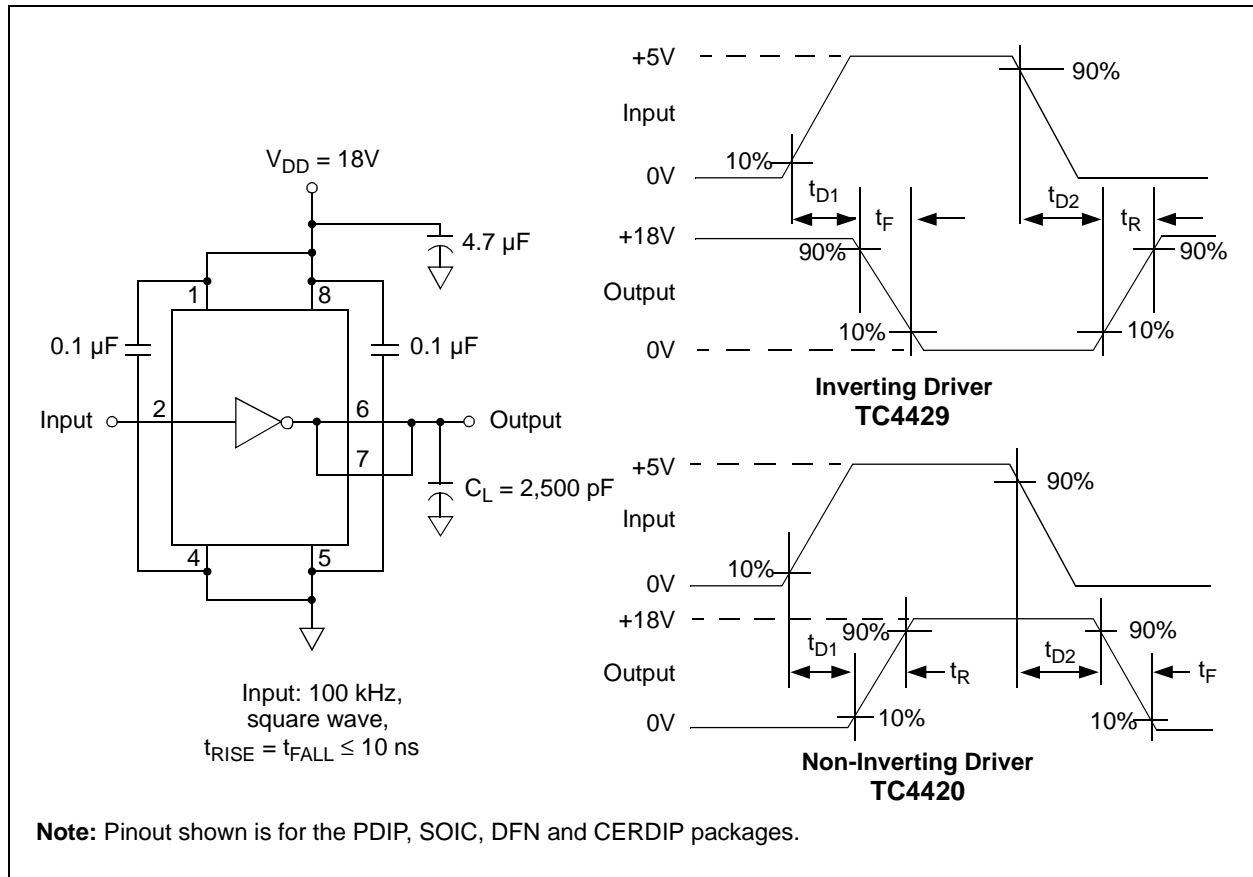
### 3.5 Exposed Metal Pad

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



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## 4.0 APPLICATIONS INFORMATION



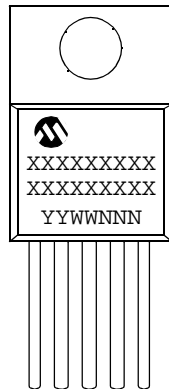
**FIGURE 4-1:** Switching Time Test Circuits.

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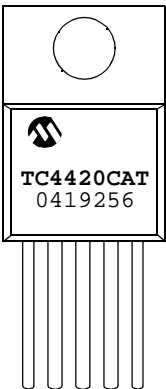
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### 5.1 Package Marking Information

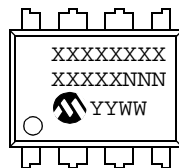
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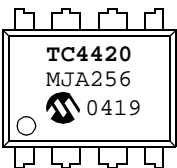
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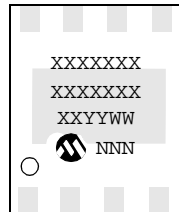
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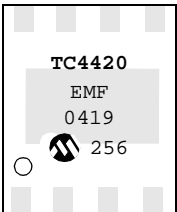
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8-Lead DFN



Example:



<b>Legend:</b>	XX...X	Customer specific information*
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	WW	Week code (week of January 1 is week '01')
	NNN	Alphanumeric traceability code

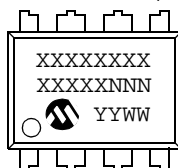
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\* Standard OTP marking consists of Microchip part number, year code, week code, and traceability code.

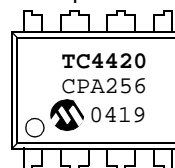
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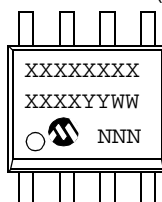
8-Lead PDIP (300 mil)



Example:



8-Lead SOIC (150 mil)

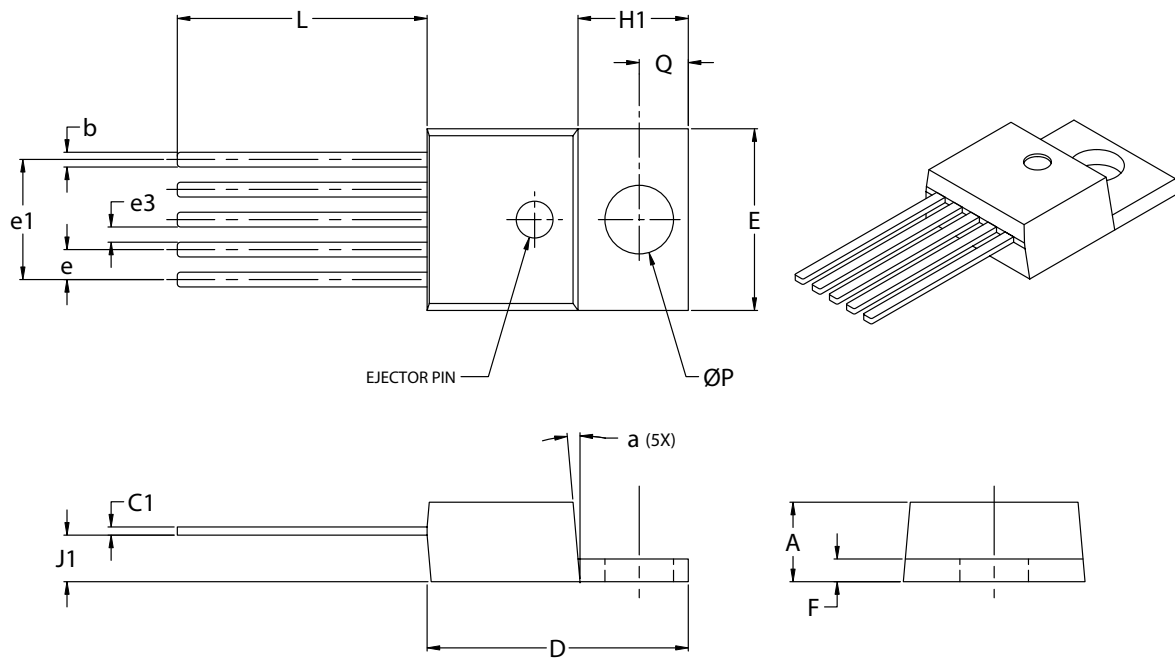


Example:



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## 5-Lead Plastic Transistor Outline (AT) (TO-220)



Units		INCHES*		MILLIMETERS	
Dimension Limits		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
Lead Pitch	e	.060	.072	1.52	1.83
Overall Lead Centers	e1	.263	.273	6.68	6.93
Space Between Leads	e3	.030	.040	0.76	1.02
Overall Height	A	.160	.190	4.06	4.83
Overall Width	E	.385	.415	9.78	10.54
Overall Length	D	.560	.590	14.22	14.99
Flag Length	H1	.234	.258	5.94	6.55
Flag Thickness	F	.045	.055	1.14	1.40
Through Hole Center	Q	.103	.113	2.62	2.87
Through Hole Diameter	P	.146	.156	3.71	3.96
Lead Length	L	.540	.560	13.72	14.22
Base to Bottom of Lead	J1	.090	.115	2.29	2.92
Lead Thickness	C1	.014	.022	0.36	0.56
Lead Width	b	.025	.040	0.64	1.02
Mold Draft Angle	a	3°	7°	3°	7°

\*Controlling Parameter

Notes:

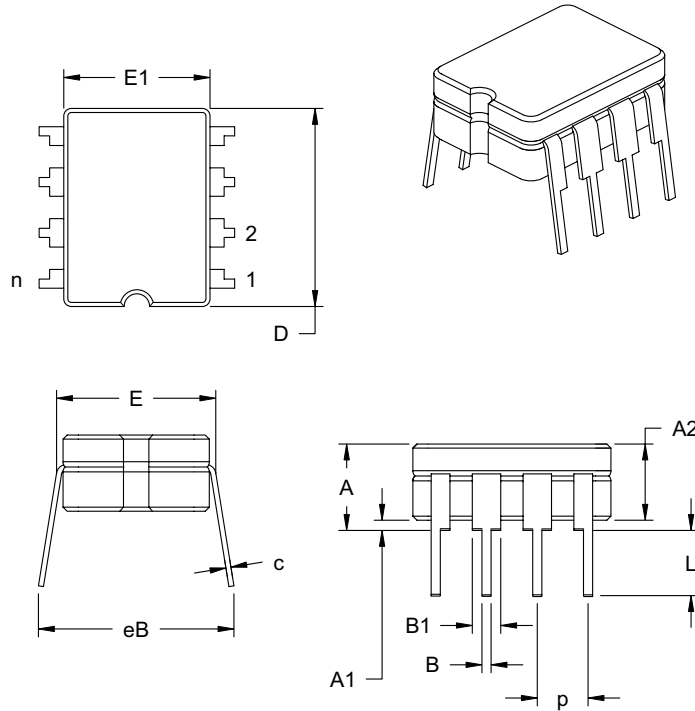
Dimensions D and E1 do not include mold flash or protrusions. Mold flash or protrusions shall not exceed .010" (0.254mm) per side.

JEDEC equivalent: TO-220

Drawing No. C04-036

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## 8-Lead Ceramic Dual In-line – 300 mil (JA) (CERDIP)



Units		INCHES*			MILLIMETERS		
Dimension Limits		MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX
Number of Pins	n		8			8	
Pitch	p		.100			2.54	
Top to Seating Plane	A	.160	.180	.200	4.06	4.57	5.08
Standoff §	A1	.020	.030	.040	0.51	0.77	1.02
Shoulder to Shoulder Width	E	.290	.305	.320	7.37	7.75	8.13
Ceramic Pkg. Width	E1	.230	.265	.300	5.84	6.73	7.62
Overall Length	D	.370	.385	.400	9.40	9.78	10.16
Tip to Seating Plane	L	.125	.163	.200	3.18	4.13	5.08
Lead Thickness	c	.008	.012	.015	0.20	0.29	0.38
Upper Lead Width	B1	.045	.055	.065	1.14	1.40	1.65
Lower Lead Width	B	.016	.018	.020	0.41	0.46	0.51
Overall Row Spacing	eB	.320	.360	.400	8.13	9.15	10.16

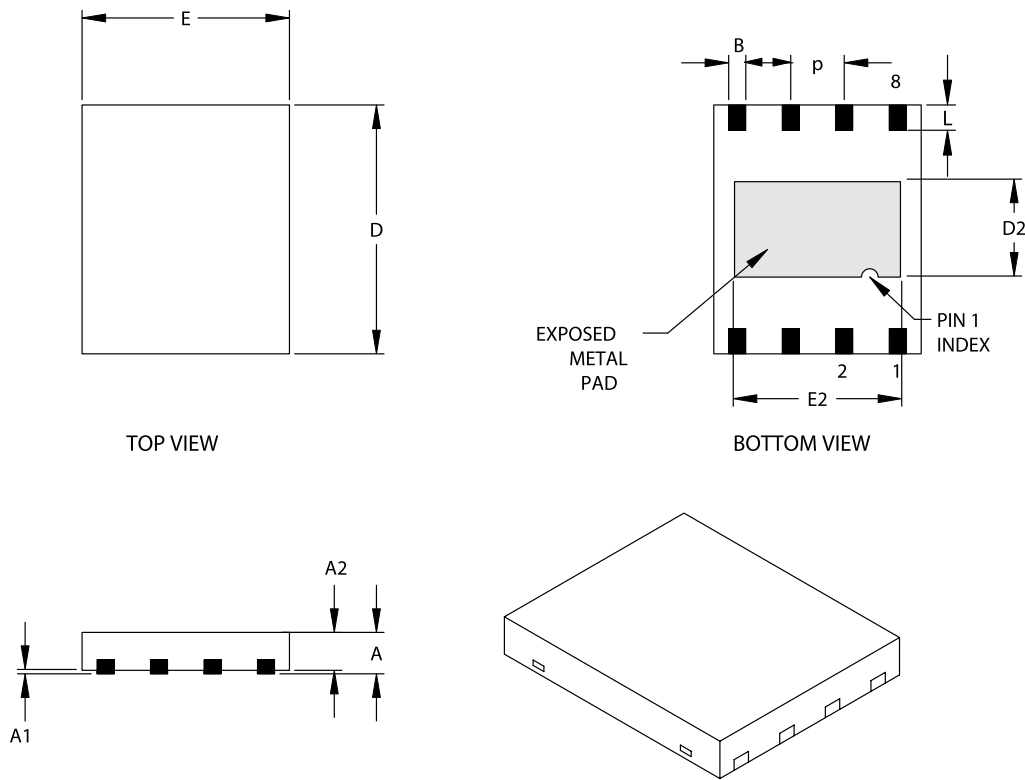
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JEDEC Equivalent: MS-030

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## 8-Lead Plastic Dual Flat No Lead Package (MF) 6x5 mm Body (DFN-S) – Saw Singulated



Units		INCHES			MILLIMETERS*		
Dimension Limits		MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX
Number of Pins	n	8			8		
Pitch	P	.050 BSC			1.27 BSC		
Overall Height	A	.033	.035	.037	0.85	0.90	0.95
Package Thickness	A2	.031	.035	.037	0.80	0.89	0.95
Standoff	A1	.000	.0004	.002	0.00	0.01	0.05
Base Thickness	A3	.007	.008	.009	0.17	0.20	0.23
Overall Length	E	.195	.197	.199	4.95	5.00	5.05
Exposed Pad Length	E2	.152	.157	.163	3.85	4.00	4.15
Overall Width	D	.234	.236	.238	5.95	6.00	6.05
Exposed Pad Width	D2	.089	.091	.093	2.25	2.30	2.35
Lead Width	B	.014	.016	.019	0.35	0.40	0.47
Lead Length	L	.024		.026	0.60		0.65

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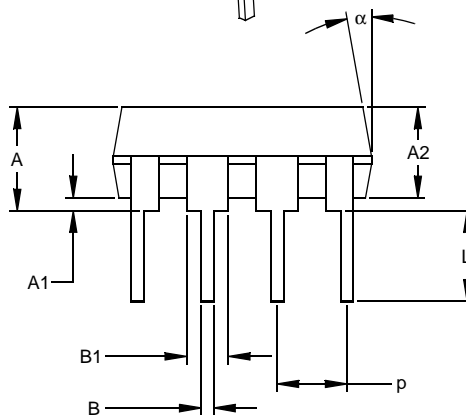
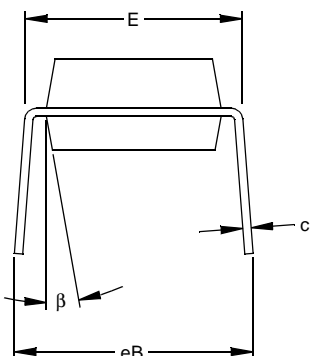
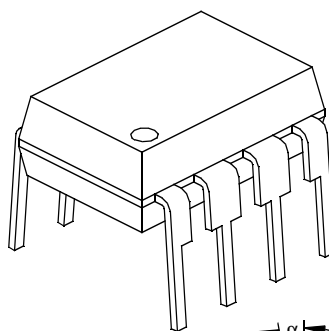
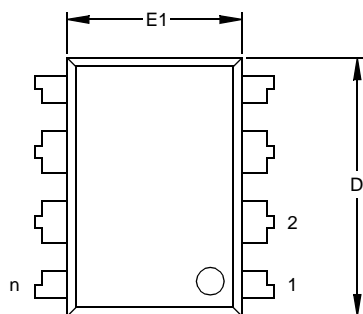
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## 8-Lead Plastic Dual In-line (PA) – 300 mil (PDIP)



Units		INCHES*			MILLIMETERS		
Dimension Limits		MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX
Number of Pins	n		8			8	
Pitch	p		.100			2.54	
Top to Seating Plane	A	.140	.155	.170	3.56	3.94	4.32
Molded Package Thickness	A2	.115	.130	.145	2.92	3.30	3.68
Base to Seating Plane	A1	.015			0.38		
Shoulder to Shoulder Width	E	.300	.313	.325	7.62	7.94	8.26
Molded Package Width	E1	.240	.250	.260	6.10	6.35	6.60
Overall Length	D	.360	.373	.385	9.14	9.46	9.78
Tip to Seating Plane	L	.125	.130	.135	3.18	3.30	3.43
Lead Thickness	c	.008	.012	.015	0.20	0.29	0.38
Upper Lead Width	B1	.045	.058	.070	1.14	1.46	1.78
Lower Lead Width	B	.014	.018	.022	0.36	0.46	0.56
Overall Row Spacing	§ eB	.310	.370	.430	7.87	9.40	10.92
Mold Draft Angle Top	α	5	10	15	5	10	15
Mold Draft Angle Bottom	β	5	10	15	5	10	15

\* Controlling Parameter

§ Significant Characteristic

Notes:

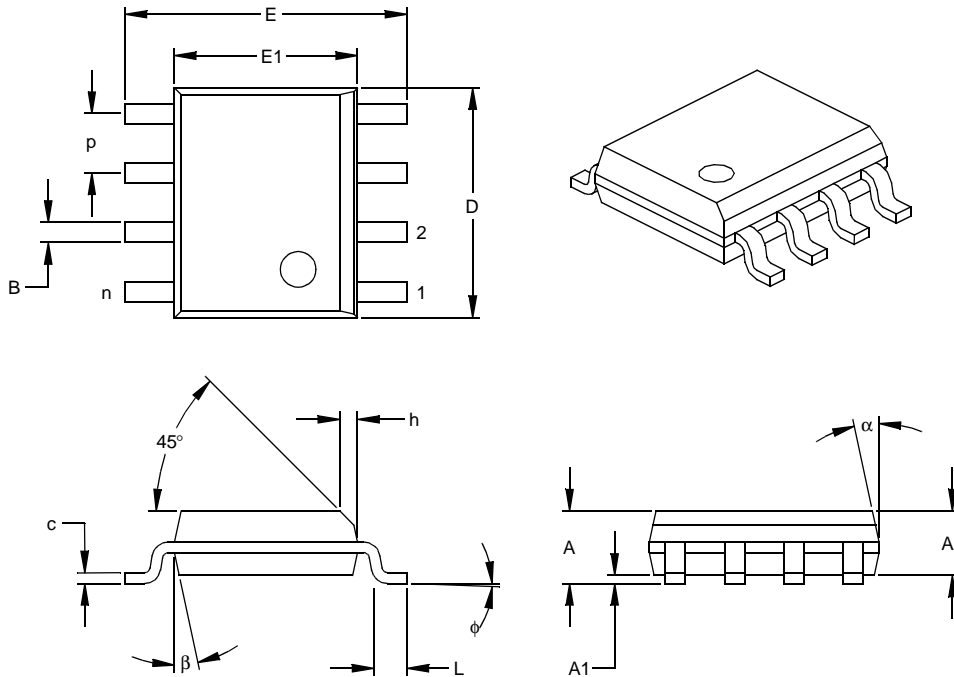
Dimensions D and E1 do not include mold flash or protrusions. Mold flash or protrusions shall not exceed .010" (0.254mm) per side.

JEDEC Equivalent: MS-001

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## 8-Lead Plastic Small Outline (OA) – Narrow, 150 mil (SOIC)



Units		INCHES*			MILLIMETERS		
Dimension Limits		MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX
Number of Pins	n		8			8	
Pitch	p		.050			1.27	
Overall Height	A	.053	.061	.069	1.35	1.55	1.75
Molded Package Thickness	A2	.052	.056	.061	1.32	1.42	1.55
Standoff §	A1	.004	.007	.010	0.10	0.18	0.25
Overall Width	E	.228	.237	.244	5.79	6.02	6.20
Molded Package Width	E1	.146	.154	.157	3.71	3.91	3.99
Overall Length	D	.189	.193	.197	4.80	4.90	5.00
Chamfer Distance	h	.010	.015	.020	0.25	0.38	0.51
Foot Length	L	.019	.025	.030	0.48	0.62	0.76
Foot Angle	φ	0	4	8	0	4	8
Lead Thickness	c	.008	.009	.010	0.20	0.23	0.25
Lead Width	B	.013	.017	.020	0.33	0.42	0.51
Mold Draft Angle Top	α	0	12	15	0	12	15
Mold Draft Angle Bottom	β	0	12	15	0	12	15

\* Controlling Parameter

§ Significant Characteristic

### Notes:

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JEDEC Equivalent: MS-012

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<u>PART NO.</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>XX</u>	<u>XXX</u>	<u>X</u>
Device	Temperature Range	Package	Tape and Reel	PB Free
Device:	TC4420: 6A High-Speed MOSFET Driver, Non-Inverting TC4429: 6A High-Speed MOSFET Driver, Inverting			
Temperature Range:	C = 0°C to +70°C (PDIP, SOIC, and TO-220 Only) I = -25°C to +85°C (CERDIP Only) E = -40°C to +85°C V = -40°C to +125°C			
Package:	AT = TO-220, 5-lead (C-Temp Only) JA = Ceramic Dual In-line (300 mil Body), 8-lead (I-Temp Only) MF = Dual, Flat, No-Lead (6X5 mm Body), 8-lead MF713 = Dual, Flat, No-Lead (6X5 mm Body), 8-lead (Tape and Reel) PA = Plastic DIP (300 mil Body), 8-lead OA = Plastic SOIC, (150 mil Body), 8-lead OA713 = Plastic SOIC, (150 mil Body), 8-lead (Tape and Reel)			
PB Free	G = Lead-Free device* = Blank			
* Available on selected packages. Contact your local sales representative for availability				
<b>Examples:</b>				
a)	TC4420CAT:	6A High-Speed MOSFET Driver, Non-inverting, TO-220 package, 0°C to +70°C.		
b)	TC4420EOA:	6A High-Speed MOSFET Driver, Non-inverting, SOIC package, -40°C to +85°C.		
c)	TC4420VMF:	6A High-Speed MOSFET Driver, Non-inverting, DFN package, -40°C to +125°C.		
a)	TC4429CAT:	6A High-Speed MOSFET Driver, Inverting, TO-220 package, 0°C to +70°C		
b)	TC4429EPA:	6A High-Speed MOSFET Driver, Inverting, PDIP package, -40°C to +85°C		
c)	TC4429VMF:	6A High-Speed MOSFET Driver, Inverting, DFN package, -40°C to +125°C		

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