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IR2157

FULLY INTEGRATED BALLAST CONTROL IC

Features

- Programmable preheat time & frequency
- Programmable ignition ramp
- Protection from failure-to-strike
- Lamp filament sensing & protection
- Protection from operation below resonance
- Protection from low-line condition & automatic restart (mimics a magnetic ballast)
- Thermal overload protection
- Programmable deadtime
- Integrated 600V level-shifting gate driver
- Internal 15.6V zener clamp diode on VCC
- True micropower startup (150uA)
- Latch immunity protection on all leads
- ESD protection on all leads

Description

The IR2157 is a fully integrated, fully protected 600V ballast control IC designed to drive virtually all types of rapid start fluorescent lamp ballasts. Externally programmable features such as preheat time & frequency, ignition ramp characteristics, and running mode operating frequency provide a high degree of flexibility for the ballast design engineer. Comprehensive protection features such as protection from failure of a lamp to strike, filament failures, low dc bus conditions, thermal overload, or lamp failure during normal operation, as well as an automatic restart function, have been included in the design. The heart of this control IC is a variable frequency oscillator with externally programmmable deadtime. Precise control of a 50% duty cycle is accomplished using a T-flip-flop. The IR2157 is available in both 16 pin DIP and 16 pin narrow body SOIC packages.

Packages

16 Lead SOIC
(narrow body)

16 Lead PDIP

Typical Connection

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Power Turned On

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UVLO Mode
$^1/_2$-Bridge Off
$I_{QCC} \cong 150\mu A$
CPH = 0V
Oscillator Off

SD > 2.0V
(Lamp Removal)
or
VCC < 9.5V
(Power Turned Off)

VCC > 11.4V (UV+)
and
VDC > 5.1V (Bus OK)
and
SD < 1.7V (Lamp OK)
and
T$_J$ < 175C (T$_{jmax}$)

VCC < 9.5V
(VCC Fault or Power Down)
or
VDC < 3.0V
(dc Bus/ac Line Fault or Powe
or
SD > 2.0V
(Lamp Fault or Lamp Remova

FAULT Mode
Fault Latch Set
$^1/_2$-Bridge Off
$I_{QCC} \cong 150\mu A$
CPH = 0V
VCC = 15.6V
Oscillator Off

T$_J$ > 175C
(Over-Temperature)

PREHEAT Mode
$^1/_2$-Bridge @ f$_{PH}$
CPH Charging @ I$_{PH}$ = 1µA
RPH = 0V
RUN = Open Circuit
CS Disabled

CS > 1.0V
(Failure to Strike Lamp
or Hard Switching)
or
T$_J$ > 175C
(Over-Temperature)

CPH > 4.0V
(End of PREHEAT Mode)

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IGNITION RAMP Mode
f$_{PH}$ ramps to f$_{MIN}$
CPH Charging @ I$_{PH}$ = 1µA
RPH = Open Circuit
RUN = Open Circuit
CS 1V Threshold Enabled

CS > 1.0V
(Over-Current or Hard Switching)
or
CS < 0.2V
(No-Load or Below Resonance)
or
T$_J$ > 175C
(Over-Temperature)

CPH > 5.1V
(End of IGNITION RAMP)

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RUN Mode
f$_{MIN}$ Ramps to f$_{RUN}$
CPH Charges to 7.6V Clamp
RPH = Open Circuit
RUN = 0V
CS 0.2V Threshold Enabled

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Absolute maximum ratings indicate sustained limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. All voltage parameters are absolute voltages referenced to COM, all currents are defined positive into any lead. The thermal resistance and power dissipation ratings are measured under board mounted and still air conditions.

Symbol	Definition	Min.	Max.	Units
V_B	High side floating supply voltage	-0.3	625	V
V_S	High side floating supply offset voltage	$V_B - 25$	$V_B + 0.3$	
V_{HO}	High side floating output voltage	$V_S - 0.3$	$V_B + 0.3$	
V_{LO}	Low side output voltage	-0.3	$V_{CC} + 0.3$	
I_{OMAX}	Maximum allowable output current due to miller effect	-500	500	mA
I_{RT}	R_T pin current	-5	5	
V_{CT}	C_T pin voltage	-0.3	$V_{CC} + 0.3$	V
I_{CPH}	CPH pin current	-5	5	mA
V_{RPH}	RPH pin voltage	-0.3	$V_{CC} + 0.3$	V
V_{RUN}	RUN pin voltage	-0.3	$V_{CC} + 0.3$	
V_{DT}	Deadtime pin voltage	-0.3	5.5	
V_{CS}	Current sense pin voltage	-0.3	5.5	
V_{SD}	Shutdown pin voltage	-0.3	5.5	
I_{CC}	Supply current (note 1)	—	20	mA
dV/dt	Allowable offset voltage slew rate	-50	50	V/ns
P_D	Package power dissipation @ $T_A \leq +25°C$ (16 lead PDIP)	—	1.60	
	(16 lead SOIC)	—	1.25	
Rth_{JA}	Thermal resistance, junction to ambient (16 lead PDIP)	—	75	°C/W
	(16 lead SOIC)	—	100	
T_J	Junction temperature	-55	150	
T_S	Storage temperature	-55	150	°C
T_L	Lead temperature (soldering, 10 seconds)	—	300	

Note 1:   This IC contains a zener clamp structure between the chip V_{CC} and COM which has a nominal breakdown voltage of 15.6V. Please note that this supply pin should not be driven by a DC, low impedance power source greater than the V_{CLAMP} specified in the Electrical Characteristics section.

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Recommended Operating Conditions

For proper operation the device should be used within the recommended conditions.

Symbol	Definition	Min.	Max.	Units
V_{BS}	High side floating supply voltage	V_{CC} - 0.7	V_{CLAMP}	
V_S	Steady state high side floating supply offset voltage	-3.0	600	V
V_{CC}	Supply voltage	V_{CCUV+}	V_{CLAMP}	
I_{CC}	Supply current	note 2	10	mA
V_{DC}	V_{DC} lead voltage	0	VCC	V
C_T	C_T lead capacitance	220	—	pF
R_{DT}	Deadtime resistance	1.0	—	kΩ
I_{RT}	R_T lead current (note 3)	-500	-50	uA
I_{RPH}	RPH lead current (note 3)	0	450	uA
I_{RUN}	RUN lead current (note 3)	0	450	uA
I_{SD}	Shutdown lead current	-1	1	mA
I_{CS}	Current sense lead current	-1	1	mA
T_J	Junction temperature	-40	125	^{o}C

Electrical Characteristics

$V_{CC} = V_{BS} = V_{BIAS}$ = 15V +/- 0.25V, R_T = 40.0kΩ, C_T = 470 pF, RPH and RUN leads no connection, V_{CPH} = 0.0V, R_{DT} = 6.1kΩ, V_{CS} = 0.5V, V_{SD} = 0.0V, C_L = 1000pF, T_A = 25°C unless otherwise specified.

Supply Characteristics						
Symbol	Definition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Test Conditions
V_{CCUV+}	V_{CC} supply undervoltage positive going threshold	—	11.4	—	V	V_{CC} rising from 0V
V_{CCUV-}	V_{CC} supply undervoltage positive going threshold	—	9.6	—		V_{CC} falling from 15V
V_{HYSTUV}	V_{CC} supply undervoltage lockout hysteresis	—	1.8	—		
I_{QCCUV}	UVLO mode quiescent current	—	150	—	μA	V_{CC}= 10V rising
I_{QCCFLT}	Fault-mode quiescent current (undervoltage lockout, shutdown, over-current, over-temp)	—	200	—		
I_{QCC}	Quiescent V_{CC} supply current	—	3.8	—	mA	R_T no connection, C_T connected to COM
I_{QCC50K}	V_{CC} supply current, f= 50kHz	—	4.5	—		R_T =36kΩ, R_{DT} = 5.6kΩ, C_T=220pF
V_{CLAMP}	V_{CC} zener clamp voltage	—	15.6	—	V	I_{CC} = 10mA

Note 2: Enough current should be supplied into the VCC lead to keep the internal 15.6V zener clamp diode on this lead regulating its voltage.

Note 3: Due to the fact that the RT input is a voltage-controlled current source, the total RT pin current is sum of all of the parallel current sources connected to that pin. For optimum oscillator current mirror performance, this total current should be kept between 50mA and 500mA. During the preheat mode, the total current flowing out of the RT pin consists of the RPH pin current plus the current due to the RT resistor. During the run mode, the total RT pin current consists of the RUN pin current plus the the current due to the RT resistor.

Electrical Characteristics (cont.)

Floating Supply Characteristics

Symbol	Definition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Test Conditions
I_{QBS0}	Quiescent V_{BS} supply current	—	0	—	µA	$V_{HO} = V_S$
I_{QBS1}	Quiescent V_{BS} supply current	—	30	—		$V_{HO} = V_B$
VBSMIN	Minimum required VBS voltage for proper HO functionality	—	4	5	V	
I_{LK}	Offset supply leakage current	—	—	50	µA	$V_B = V_S = 600V$

Oscillator I/O Characteristics

Symbol	Definition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Test Conditions
f_{osc}	Oscillator frequency	—	30	—	kHz	$R_T = 32k\Omega$, $R_{DT} = 6.1k\Omega$, C_T=470pF
		—	100	—		$R_T = 6.1k\Omega$, $R_{DT} = 6.1k\Omega$, C_T=470pF
df/dV	Oscillator frequency voltage stability	—	0.5	—	%/V	$V_{CCUV}+ < V_{CC} < 15V$
df/dT	Oscillator frequency temperature stability	—	0.02	—	%/C	$-40^oC < Tj < 125^oC$
d	Oscillator duty cycle	—	50	—	%	
$V_{CT}+$	Upper C_T ramp voltage threshold	—	4.0	—	V	
$V_{CT}-$	Lower C_T ramp voltage threshold	—	2.0	—		
VCTFLT	Fault-mode C_T pin voltage	—	0	—	mV	SD = 5V, CS = 2V, or Tj > TSD
V_{RT}	R_T pin voltage	—	2.0	—	V	
VRTFLT	Fault-mode R_T pin voltage	—	0	—	mV	SD = 5V, CS = 2V, or Tj > TSD
tdlo	LO output deadtime	—	2.0	—	µsec	
toho	HO output deadtime	—	2.0	—		
dtd/dV	Deadtime voltage stability	—	0.5	—	%/V	$V_{CCUV}+ < V_{CC} < 15V$
dtd/dT	Deadtime temperature stability	—	0.02	—	%/C	$-40^oC < Tj < 125^oC$

Preheat Characteristics

Symbol	Definition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Test Conditions
I_{CPH}	CPH pin charging current	—	1.0	—	µA	$V_{CPH} = 0V$
VCPHIGN	CPH pin Ignition mode threshold voltage	—	4.0	—	V	
VCPHRUN	CPH pin run mode threshold voltage	—	5.15	—		
VCPHCLMP	CPH pin clamp voltage	—	7.6	—		$I_{CPH} = 1mA$
VCPHFLT	Fault-mode CPH pin voltage	—	0	—	mV	SD = 5V, CS = 2V, or Tj > TSD

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Electrical Characteristics (cont.)

RPH Characteristics

Symbol	Definition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Test Conditions
I_{RPHLK}	Open circuit RPH pin leakage current	—	0.1	—	µA	$V_{RPH} = 5V, V_{RPH} = 5V$
V_{RPHFLT}	Fault-mode RPH pin voltage	—	0	—	mV	SD = 5V, CS = 2V, or Tj > TSD

RUN Characteristics

Symbol	Definition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Test Conditions
I_{RUNLK}	Open circuit RUN pin leakage current	—	0.1	—	µA	$V_{RUN} = 5V$
V_{RUNFLT}	Fault-mode RUN pin voltage	—	0	—	mV	SD = 5V, CS = 2V, or Tj > TSD

Protection Circuitry Characteristics

Symbol	Definition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Test Conditions
V_{SDTH+}	Rising shutdown pin threshold voltage	—	2.0	—	V	
V_{SDHYS}	Shutdown pin threshold hysteresis	—	150	—	mV	
V_{CSTH+}	Over-current sense threshold voltage	—	1.0	—	V	
V_{CSTH-}	Under-current sense threshold voltage	—	0.2	—		
T_{CS}	Over-current sense propogation delay	—	160	—	nsec	Delay from CS to LO or HO
V_{DC+}	Low V_{BUS}/rectified line input upper threshold	—	5.15	—	V	
V_{DC-}	Low V_{BUS}/rectified line input lower threshold	—	3.0	—		
T_{SD}	Thermal shutdown junction temperature	—	175	—	^{o}C	

Gate Driver Output Characteristics

| Symbol	Definition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Test Conditions
VOL	Low-level output voltage	—	0	100	mV	$I_O = 0$
V_{OH}	High level output voltage	—	0	100		$V_{BIAS} - V_O, I_O = 0$
tr	Turn-on rise time	—	85	150	nsec	
tf	Turn-off fall time	—	45	100		

Note 4: When the IC senses an overtemperature condition (Tj > 175ºC), the IC is latched off. In order to reset this Fault Latch, the SD pin must be cycled high and then low, or the VCC supply to the IC must be cycled below the falling undervoltage lockout threshold (VCCUV-).

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Lead Assignments & Definitions

Lead #	Symbol	Description
1	V_{DC}	DC bus sensing input
2	C_{PH}	Preheat timing capacitor
3	R_{PH}	Preheat frequency resistor & ignition capacitor
4	R_T	Oscillator timing resistor
5	RUN	Run frequency resistor
6	C_T	Oscillator timing capacitor
7	D_T	Deadtime programming
8	SD	Shutdown input
9	CS	Current sensing input
10	LO	Low-side gate driver output
11	COM	IC Power & signal ground
12	V_{CC}	Logic & low-side gate driver supply
13	N/C	Unused
14	V_B	High-side gate driver floating supply
15	V_S	High voltage floating return
16	HO	High-side gate driver output

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VDC  1 | o          IR2157    16 | HO
CPH  2 |                      15 | VS
RPH  3 |                      14 | VB
RT   4 |                      13 | N/C
RUN  5 |                      12 | VCC
CT   6 |                      11 | COM
DT   7 |                      10 | LO
SD   8 |                       9 | CS
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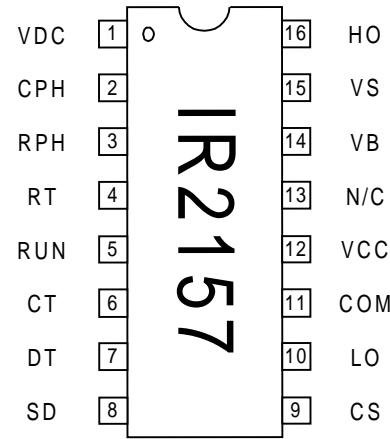
Functional Block Diagram

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16 Lead SOIC (narrow body)

9.98 [.393]
9.80 [.386]
−A− 6

6
−B− 3.99 [.157]
3.81 [.150]

6.20 [.2440]
5.80 [.2284]

⊕ | 0.25 [.010] | Ⓜ | C | B Ⓜ

0.635 [.025]

0.25 [.0098]
0.10 [.0040]

−C−

1.27 [.050]
14X

0.46 [.018]
0.36 [.014] 16X

⊕ | 0.25 [.010] | Ⓜ | C | B Ⓢ | A Ⓢ

NOTES:
1 DIMENSIONING & TOLERANCING PER ANSI Y14.5M−1982.
2 CONTROLLING DIMENSION: MILLIMETER
3 DIMENSIONS ARE SHOWN IN MILLIMETERS [INCHES].
4 OUTLINE CONFORMS TO JEDEC OUTLINE MS−012AC.
5 DIMENSION IS THE LENGTH OF LEAD FOR SOLDERING TO A SUBSTRATE.
6 DIMENSION DOES NOT INCLUDE MOLD PROTUSIONS. MOLD PROTUSIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.15 [.006].

0.48 [.019]
0.28 [.011] X 45°

0° − 8°

1.75 [.0688]
1.35 [.0532]

1.27 [.050]
0.41 [.016]

5 16X

0.25 [.0098]
0.19 [.0075] 16X

01-3064 00

16 Lead PDIP

21.33 [.840]
18.93 [.745] −A− 6

6

16

7.11 [.280]
6.10 [.240]

−B−

1

1.77 [.070]
1.15 [.045]

1.27 [.050]

0.39 [.015]
MIN

−C−

5.33 [.210]
MAX

4.06 [.160]
2.93 [.115]

2.54 [.100]
14X

0.558 [.022]
0.356 [.014] 16X

⊕ | 0.25 [.010] | Ⓜ | C | B Ⓢ | A Ⓢ

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3. DIMENSIONS ARE SHOWN IN MILLIMETERS [INCHES].
4. OUTLINE CONFORMS TO JEDEC OUTLINE MS−001AA.
5 MEASURED WITH THE LEADS CONSTRAINED TO BE PERPENDICULAR TO DATUM PLANE C.
6 DIMENSION DOES NOT INCLUDE MOLD PROTUSIONS. MOLD PROTUSIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.25 [.010].

0° − 15°
16X

7.62 [.300]

5

0.381 [.015]
0.204 [.008] 16X

01-3065 00

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Description of Operation & Component Selection Tips

Supply Bypassing and PC Board Layout Rules

Component selection and placement on the pc board is extremely important when using power control ICs VCC should be bypassed to COM as close to the IC terminals as possible with a low ESR/ESL capacitor, as shown in Figure 1 below.
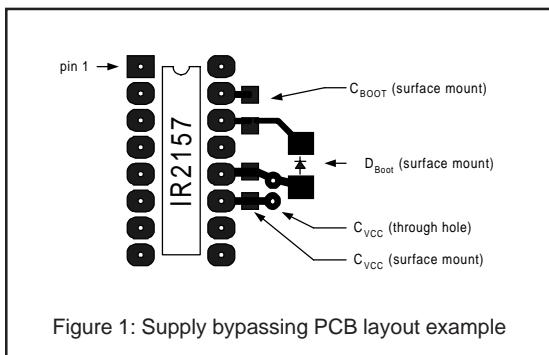
Figure 1: Supply bypassing PCB layout example

A rule of thumb for the value of this bypass capacitor is to keep its minimum value at least 2500 times the value of the total input capacitance (Ciss) of the power transistors being driven. This decoupling capacitor can be split between a higher valued electrolytic type and a lower valued ceramic type connected in parallel, although a good quality electrolytic (e.g., 10mF) placed immediately adjacent to the VCC and COM terminals will work well.

In a typical application circuit, the supply voltage to the IC is normally derived by means of a high value startup resistor (1/4W) from the rectified line voltage, in combination with a charge pump from the output of the half-bridge. With this type of supply arrangement, the internal 15.6V zener clamp diode from VCC to COM will determine the steady state IC supply voltage.

Connecting the IC Ground (COM) to the Power Ground

Both the low power control circuitry and low side gate driver output stage grounds return to this pin within the IC. The COM pin should be connected to the bottom terminal of the current sense resistor in the source of the low side power MOSFET using an individual pc board trace, as shown in Figure 2. In addition, the ground return path of the timing components and VCC decoupling capacitor should be connected directly to the IC COM pin, and not via separate traces or jumpers to other ground traces on the board.
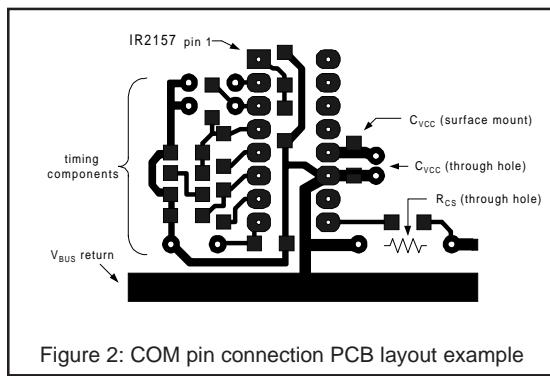
Figure 2: COM pin connection PCB layout example

These connection technique prevents high current ground loops from interfering with sensitive timing component operation, and allows the entire control circuit to reject common-mode noise due to output switching.

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The Control Sequence & Timing Component Selection

The IR2157 uses the following control sequence (Figure 3) to drive rapid start fluorescent lamps.
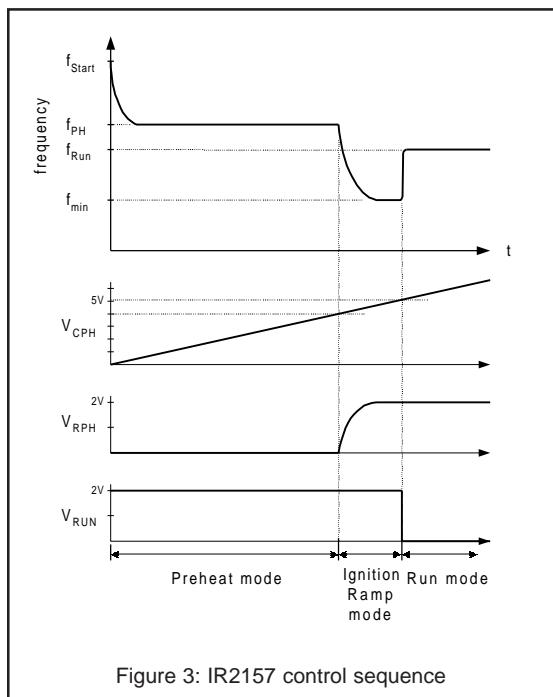
Figure 3: IR2157 control sequence

The control sequence used in the IR2157 allows the Run Mode operating frequency of the ballast to be higher than the ignition frequency (i.e., fstart > fph > frun > fign). This control sequence is recommended for lamp types where the ignition frequency is too close to the run frequency to ensure proper lamp striking for all production resonant LC component tolerances (please note that it is possible to use the IR2157 in systems where fstart > fph > fign > frun, simply by leaving the RUN pin open).

Six pins in the IC are used to control the **Startup, Preheat, Ignition Ramp,** and **Run** modes of operation, and to allow ballast and lamp engineers the flexibility to optimize their designs for virtually any lamp type.

The heart of this controller is an oscillator which resembles those found in many popular PWM voltage regulator ICs. In its simplest form, this oscillator consists of a timing resistor and capacitor connected to ground. The voltage across the timing capacitor CT is a sawtooth, where the rising portion of the ramp is determined by the current in the RT pin, and the falling portion of the ramp is determined by an external deadtime resistor RDT. The oscillograph in Figure 4 illustrates the relationship between the oscillator capacitor waveform and the gate driver outputs.
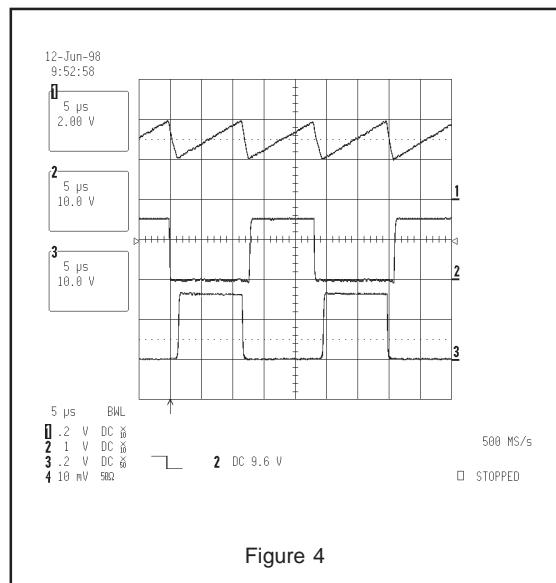
Figure 4

The deadtime can be programmed by means of the external RDT resistor, given a certain range of CT capacitor values, using the graph shown in Figure 5.

The RT input is a voltage-controlled current source, where the voltage is regulated to be approximately 2.0V. In order to maintain proper linearity between the RT pin current and the CT capacitor charging current, the value of the RT pin current should be kept between 50µA and 500µA. The RT pin can also be used as a feedback point for closed loop control.
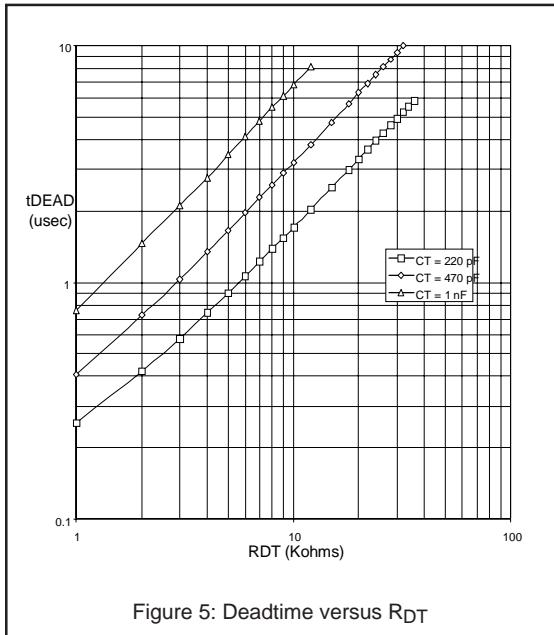
Figure 5: Deadtime versus R_{DT}

During the **Startup Mode**, the operating frequency is determined by the parallel combination of RPH, RSTART , and RT , combined with the values of CSTART, CT and RDT , as shown in Figure 6. This frequency is normally chosen to ensure that the instantaneous voltage across the lamp during the first few cycles of operation does not exceed the strike potential of the lamp. As the voltage across CSTART charges up to the RT pin voltage, the output frequency exponentially decays to the preheat frequency.

During the Preheat Mode, the operating frequency is determined by the parallel combination of RPH and RT , combined with the value of CT and RDT . This frequency, along with the Preheat Time, is normally chosen to ensure that adequate heating of the lamp filaments occurs. Typically, a 4.5:1 ratio of
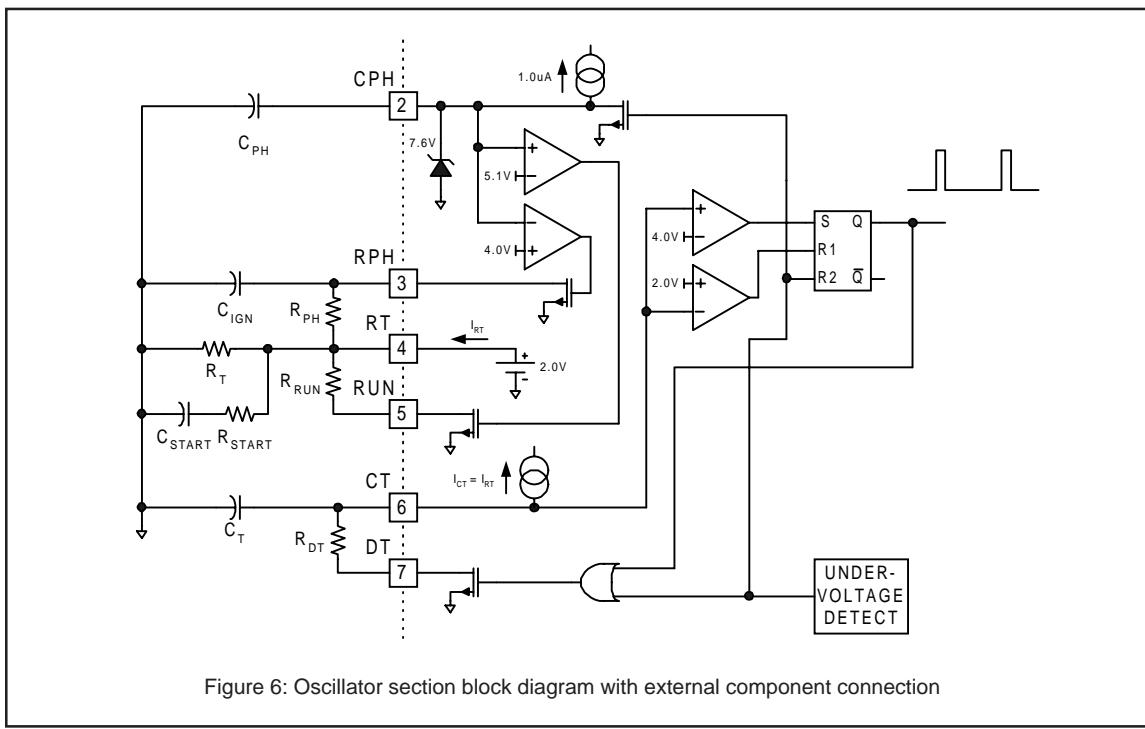
Figure 6: Oscillator section block diagram with external component connection

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the hot filament-to-cold filament resistance is desired for maximum lamp life, as shown in Figure 7

Figure 7: Lamp filament voltage during the preheat, ignition ramp and run modes.
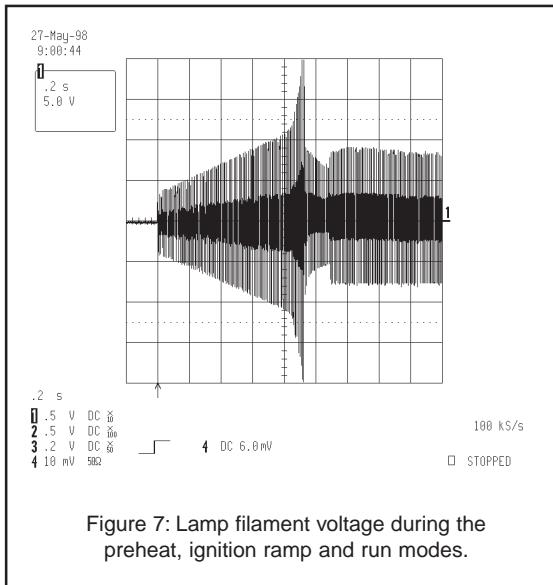
The Preheat Time is programmed by means of the preheat capacitor, CPH, an internal 1mA current source, and an internal threshold on the CPH pin of 4.0V, according to the following formula:

$$t_{PH} = 4E6 \cdot C_{PH}, \quad \text{or}$$
$$C_{PH} = 250E\text{-}9 \cdot t_{PH}$$

At the end of the Preheat Time, the internal, open-drain transistor holding the RPH pin to ground turns off, and the voltage on this pin charges exponentially up to the RT pin potential. During this Ignition Ramp Mode, the output frequency exponentially decays to a minimum value. The rate of decay of this frequency is a function of the RPH * CPH time constant. Because the Ignition Ramp Mode ends when the voltage on the CPH pin reaches 5.15V, the ignition ramp is always 1/4th as long as the preheat time.

When the CPH pin reaches 5.15V, an open-drain transistor on the RUN pin turns on, and the external RRUN resistor is then in parallel with the RT resistor. The Run Mode operating frequency is therefore a function of the parallel combination of RRUN and RT, and this means that the operating power of the lamp can be programmed by means of RRUN.

The following graphs, Figures 8 and 9, illustrate the relationship between the effective RT resistance (i.e., the parallel combination of resistors which programs the CT capacitor charging current) and the operating frequency.
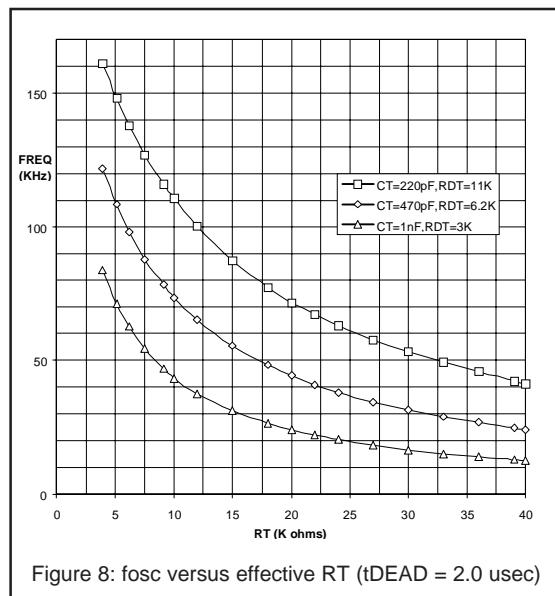
Figure 8: fosc versus effective RT (tDEAD = 2.0 usec)
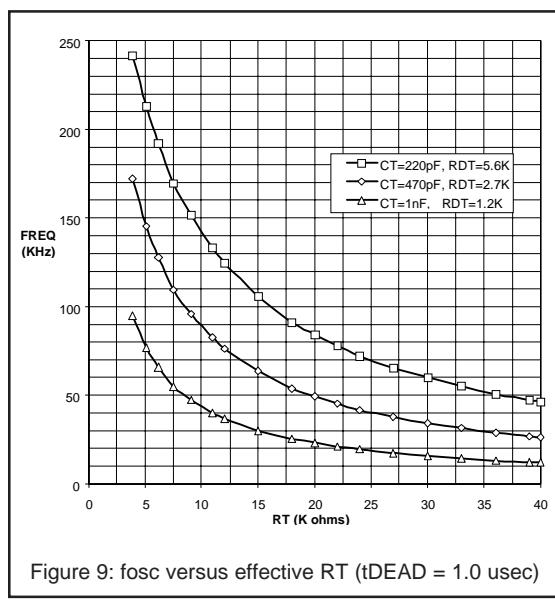
Figure 9: fosc versus effective RT (tDEAD = 1.0 usec)

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## Lamp Protection & Automatic Restart Circuitry Operation

Three pins on the IR2157 are used for protection, as shown in Figure 10 below. These are VDC (dc bus monitor), SD (unlatched shutdown), and CS (latched shutdown).
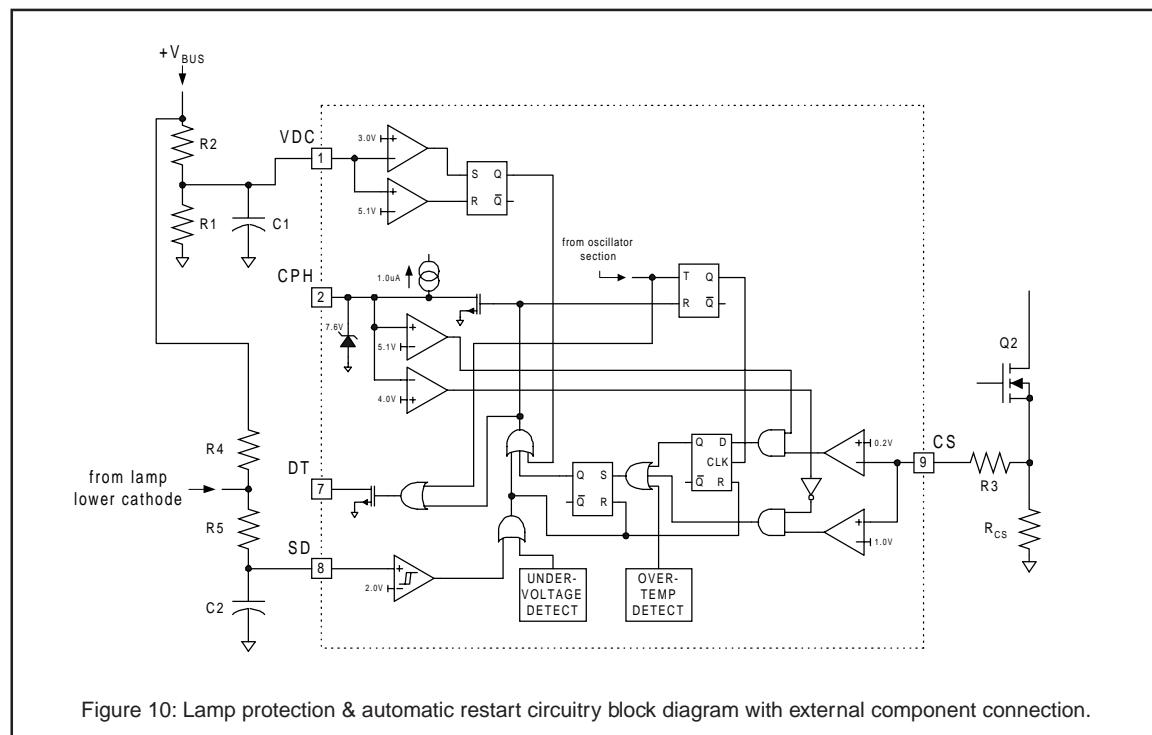
Figure 10: Lamp protection & automatic restart circuitry block diagram with external component connection.

Sensing the DC Bus Voltage

The first of these protection pins senses the voltage on the DC bus by means of an external resistor divider and an internal comparator with hysteresis. When power is first supplied to the IC at system startup, 3 conditions are required before oscillation is initiated: 1.) the voltage on the VCC pin must exceed the rising undervoltage lockout threshold (11.5V), 2.) the voltage at the VDC pin must exceed 5.1V, and 3.) the voltage on the SD pin must be below approximately 1.85V. If a low dc bus condition occurs during normal operation, or if power to the ballast is shut off, the dc bus will collapse prior to the VCC of the chip (assuming the VCC is derived from a charge

pump off of the output of the half-bridge). In this case, the voltage on the VDC pin will shut the oscillator off, thereby protecting the power transistors from potentially hazardous hard switching. Approximately 2V of hysteresis has been designed into the internal comparator sensing the VDC pin, in order to account for variations in the dc bus voltage under varying load conditions. When the dc bus recovers, the chip restarts from the beginning of the control sequence, as shown in timing diagram 11 below.

Figure 11: VDC pin fault and auto restart

Figure 12: Lamp presence detection circuit connection (shaded area)

Figure 13: SD pin fault and auto restart
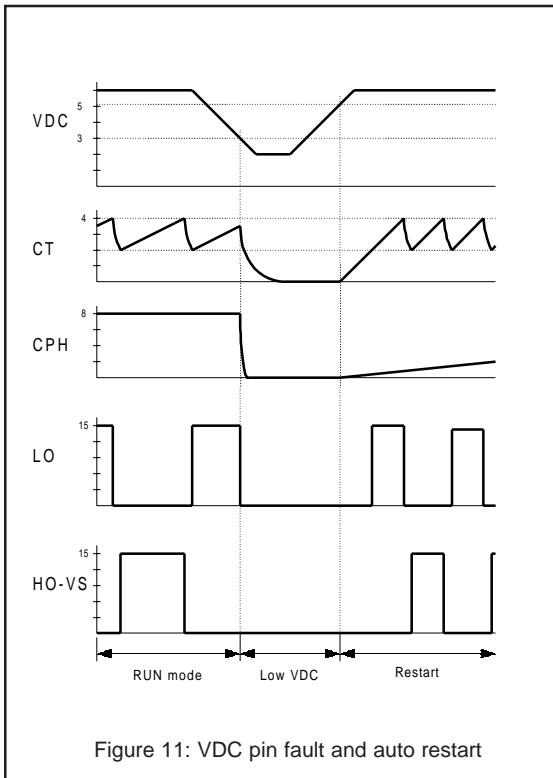
Lamp Presence Detection and Automatic Restart

The second protection pin, SD, is used for both unlatched shutdown and automatic restart functions. The SD pin would normally be connected to an external circuit which senses the presence of the lamp (or lamps), as shown in Figure 12.

When the SD pin exceeds 2.0V (approximately 150mV of hysteresis is included to increase noise immunity), signaling either a lamp fault or lamp removal, the oscillator is disabled, both gate driver outputs are pulled low, and the chip is put into the micropower mode. Since a lamp fault would normally lead to a lamp exchange, when a new lamp is inserted into the fixture, the SD pin would be pulled back to near the ground potential. Under these conditions a reset signal would restart the chip from the beginning of the control sequence, as shown in the timing diagram in Figure 13.
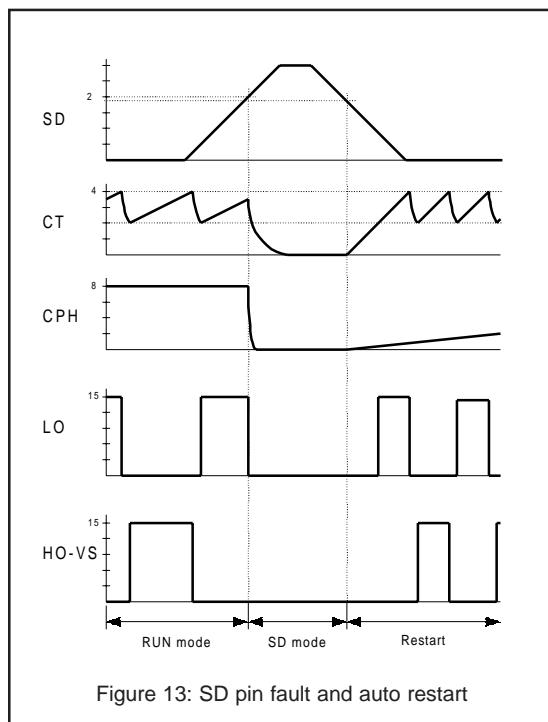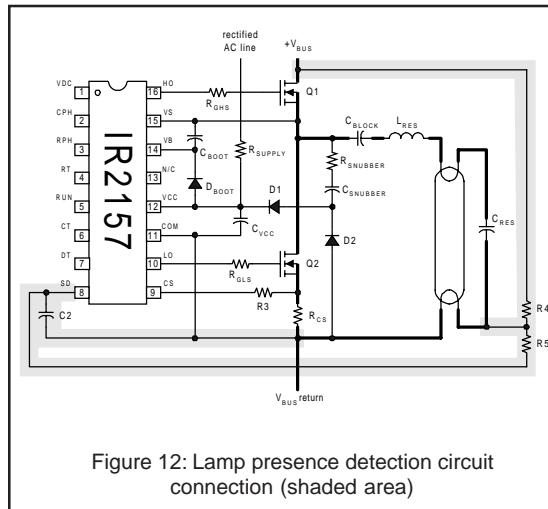
Thus, for a lamp removal and replacement, the ballast automatically restarts the lamp in the proper manner, maximizing lamp life and minimizing stress on the power MOSFETs or IGBTs. The SD pin contains an internal 7.5V zener diode clamp, thereby reducing the number of external components required.

Half-Bridge Current Sensing and Protection

The third pin used for protection is the CS pin, which is normally connected to a resistor in the source of the lower power MOSFET, as shown in Figure 14.

The CS pin is used to sense fault conditions such a failure of a lamp to strike, over-current during normal operation, hard switching, no load, and operation below resonance. If any one of these conditions is sensed, the fault latch is set, the oscillator is disabled, the gate driver outputs go low, and the chip is put into the micropower mode. The CS pin performs its sensing functions on a cycle-by-cycle basis in order to maximize ballast reliability. failure-to-strike, and For the over-current, hard switching fault conditions, the 1V, positive-going CS threshold is enabled at the end of the preheat time. For the under-current
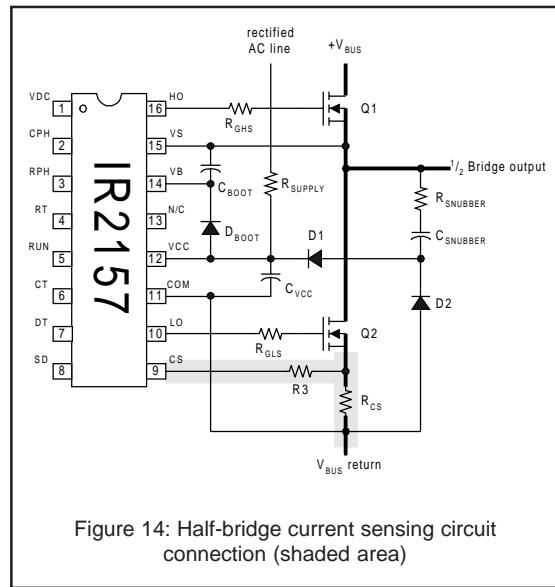
and under-resonance conditions, there is a negative-going threshold of 0.2V which is enabled at the onset of the run mode. The sensing of this 0.2V threshold is synchronized with the falling edge of the LO output.

Figures 15, 16 and 17 are oscillographs of fault conditions. Figure 15 shows a failure of the lamp to strike, Figure 16 shows a hard switching condition and Figure 17 shows an under-current condition.


Figure 15: Lamp failure to strike

Figure 14: Half-bridge current sensing circuit connection (shaded area)


Figure 16: Hard switching condition
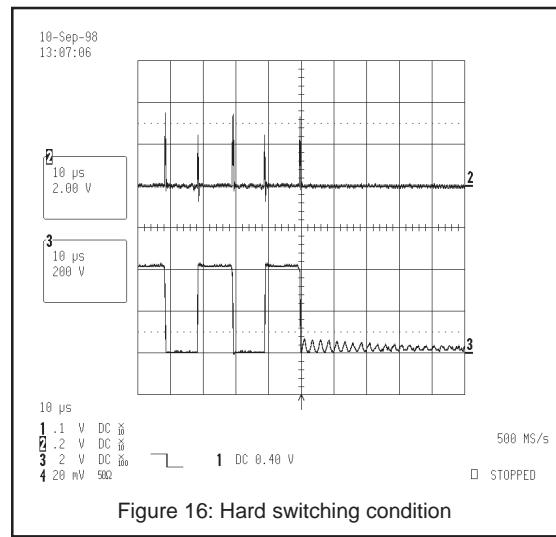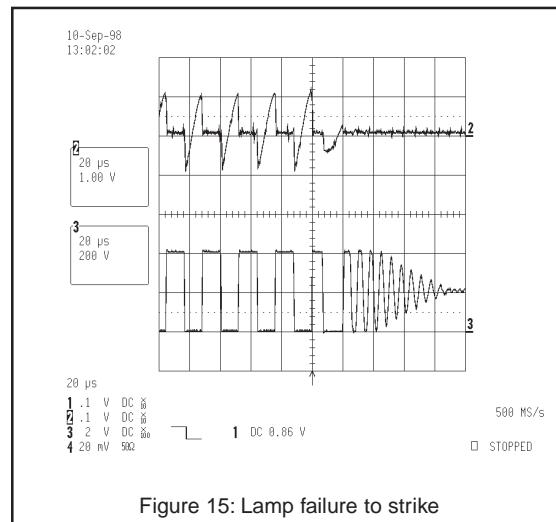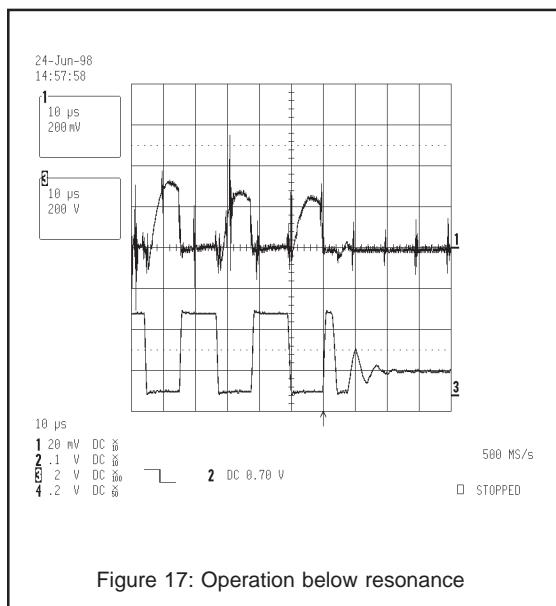
Figure 17: Operation below resonance
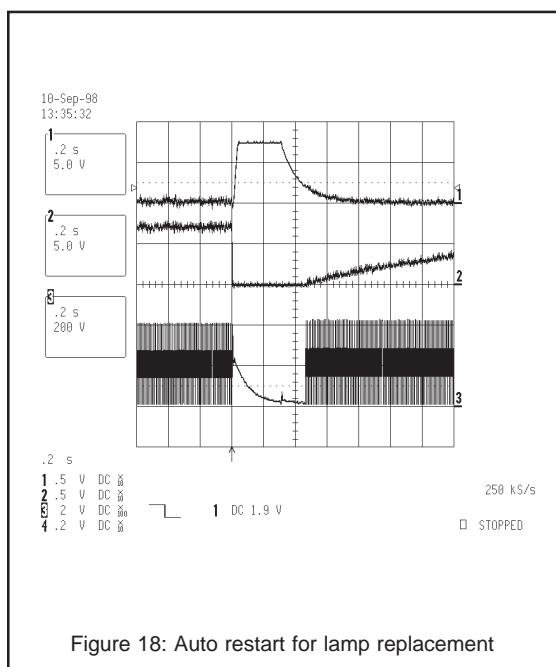
Figure 18: Auto restart for lamp replacement

Recovery from such a fault condition is accomplished by cycling either SD pin or the VCC pin. When a lamp is removed, the SD pin goes high, the fault latch is reset, and the chip is held off in an unlatched state. Lamp replacement causes the SD pin to go low again, reinitiating the startup sequence. The fault latch can also be reset by the undervoltage lockout signal, if VCC falls below the lower undervoltage threshold.

Bootstrap Supply Considerations

Power is normally supplied to the high-side circuitry by means of a simple charge pump from VCC, as shown in Figure 19 below.
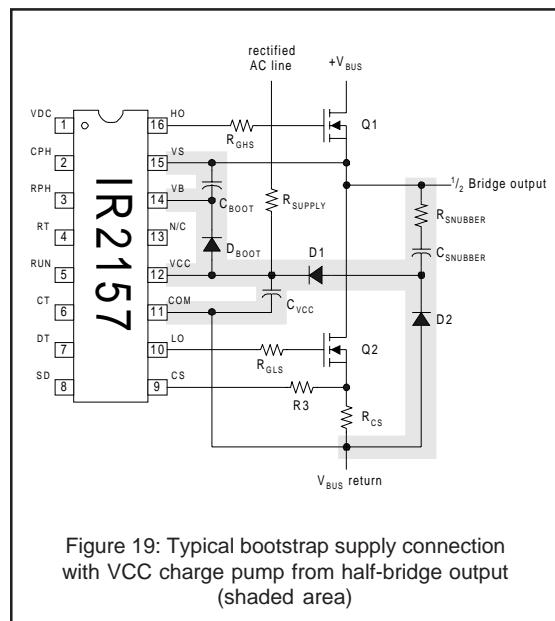

Figure 19: Typical bootstrap supply connection with VCC charge pump from half-bridge output (shaded area)

A high voltage, fast recovery diode DBOOT (the so-called bootstrap diode) is connected between VCC (anode) and VB (cathode), and a capacitor CBOOT (the so-called bootstrap capacitor) is connected between the VB and VS pins. During half-bridge switching, when MOSFET Q2 is on and Q1 is off, the bootstrap capacitor CBOOT is charged from the VCC decoupling capacitor, through the bootstrap diode DBOOT, and through Q2. Alternately, when Q2 is off and Q1 is on, the bootstrap diode is reverse-biased,

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and the bootstrap capacitor (which 'floats' on the source of the upper power MOSFET) serves as the power supply to the upper gate driver CMOS circuitry. Since the quiescent current in this CMOS circuitry is very low (typically 45mA in the on-state), the majority of the drop in the VBS voltage when Q1 is on occurs due to the transfer of charge from the bootstrap capacitor to the gate of the power MOSFET.

VB should be bypassed to VS as close as possible to the pins of the IC with a low ESR/ESL capacitor. A PCB layout example is shown in figure 20. A rule of thumb for the value of this capacitor is to keep its minimum value at least 50 times the value of the total input capacitance (Ciss) of the MOSFET or IGBT being driven. In addition, the VS pin should be connected directly to the high side power MOSFET source.
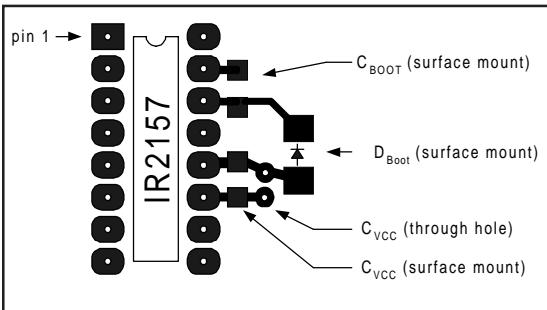

Figure 20: Supply bypassing PCB layout example

Characteristic Curves
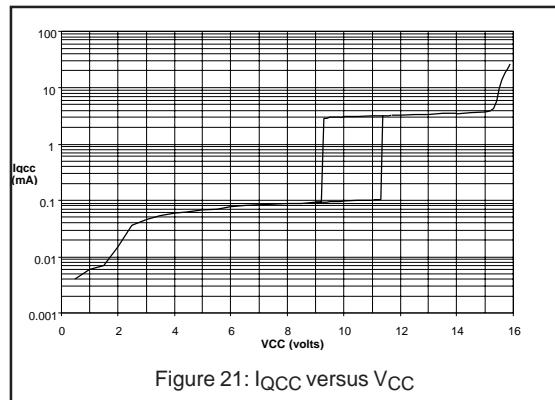
Figure 21: I_{QCC} versus V_{CC}
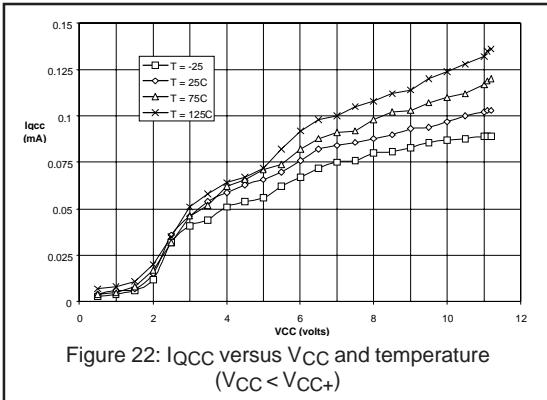

Figure 22: I_{QCC} versus V_{CC} and temperature $(V_{CC} < V_{CC+})$
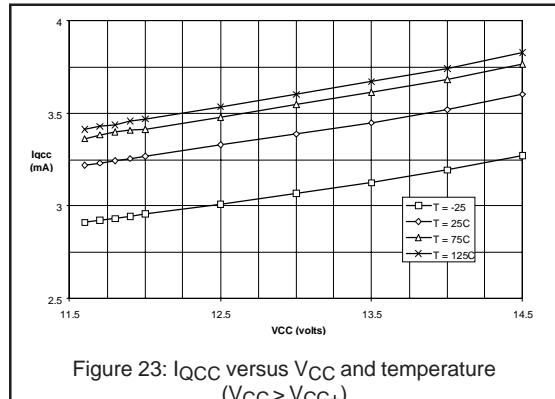
Figure 23: I_{QCC} versus V_{CC} and temperature $(V_{CC} > V_{CC+})$
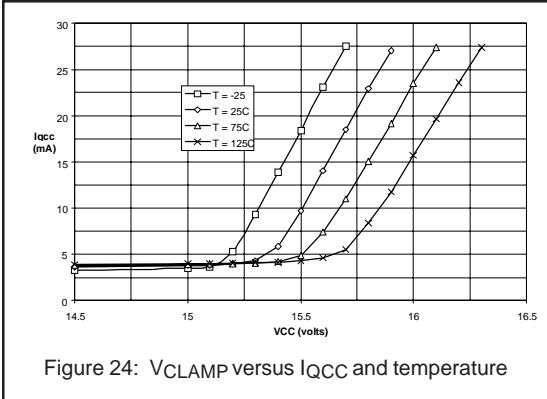
Figure 24: V_{CLAMP} versus I_{QCC} and temperature
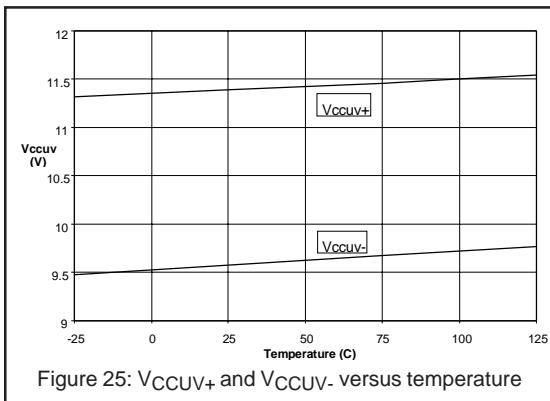
Figure 25: V_{CCUV+} and V_{CCUV-} versus temperature
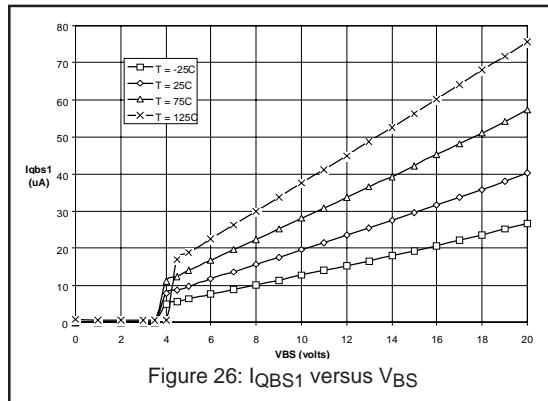
Figure 26: I_{QBS1} versus V_{BS}
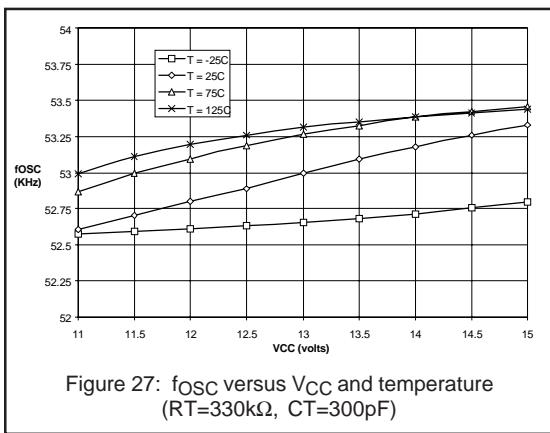
Figure 27: f_{OSC} versus V_{CC} and temperature
(RT=330kΩ, CT=300pF)
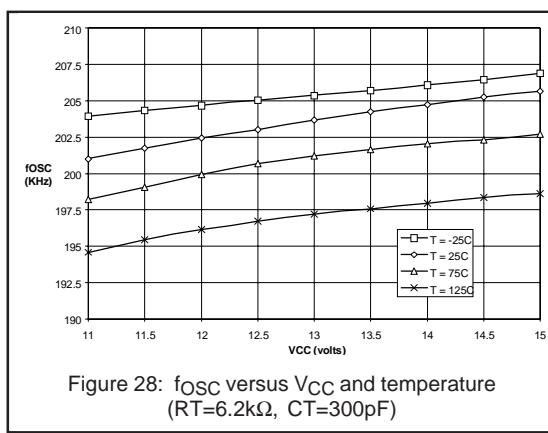
Figure 28: f_{OSC} versus V_{CC} and temperature
(RT=6.2kΩ, CT=300pF)
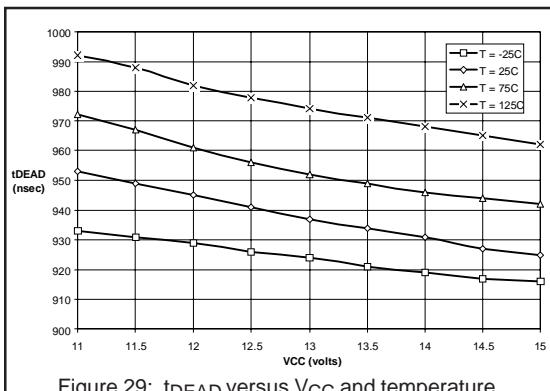
Figure 29: t_{DEAD} versus V_{CC} and temperature
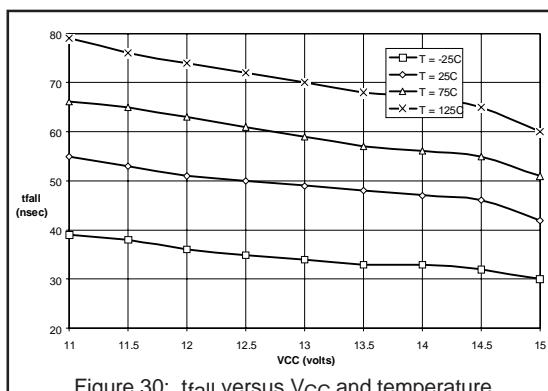
Figure 30: t_{fall} versus V_{CC} and temperature
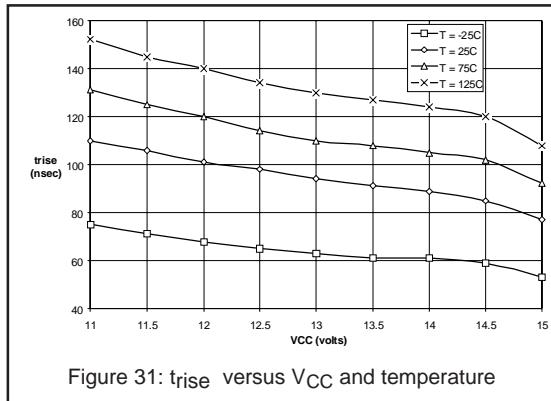
Figure 31: t$_{rise}$ versus V$_{CC}$ and temperature
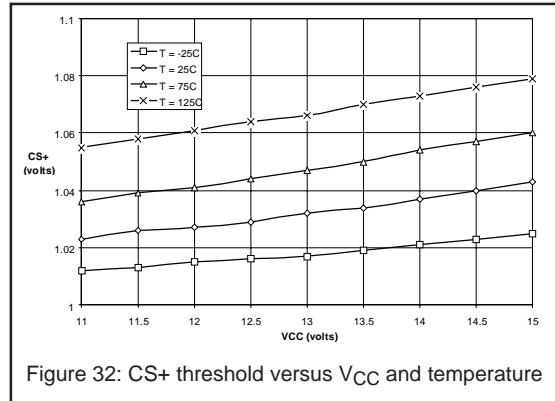
Figure 32: CS+ threshold versus V$_{CC}$ and temperature
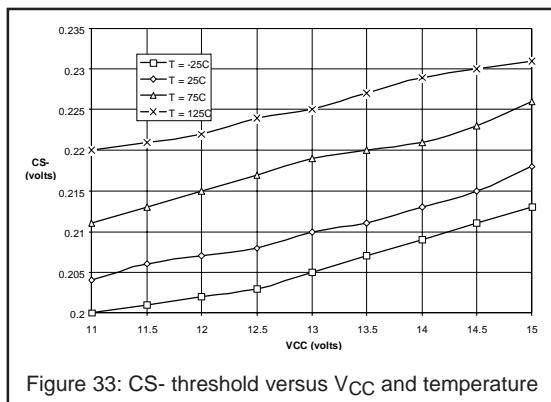
Figure 33: CS- threshold versus V$_{CC}$ and temperature
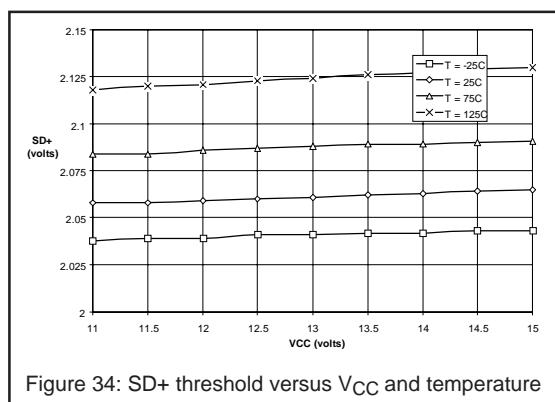
Figure 34: SD+ threshold versus V$_{CC}$ and temperature
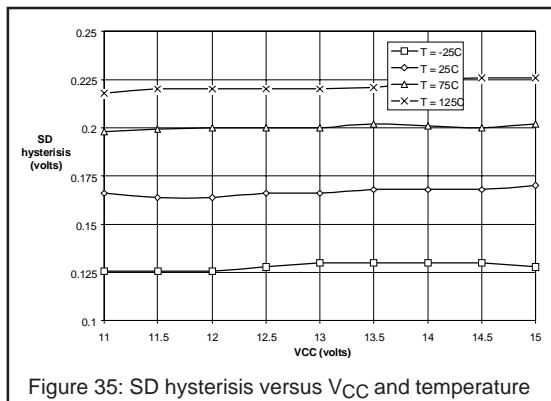
Figure 35: SD hysterisis versus V$_{CC}$ and temperature
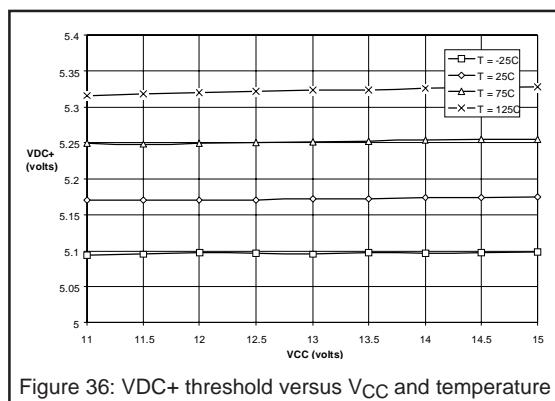
Figure 36: VDC+ threshold versus V$_{CC}$ and temperature
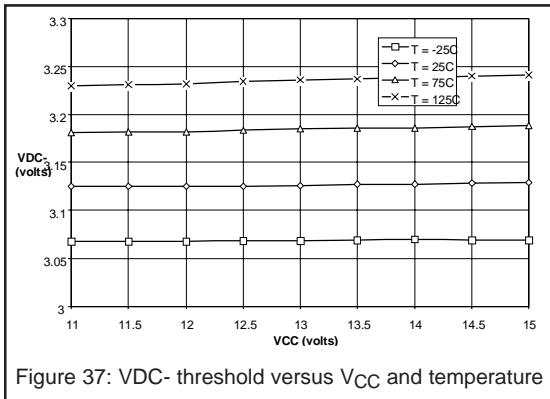
Figure 37: VDC- threshold versus V_{CC} and temperature
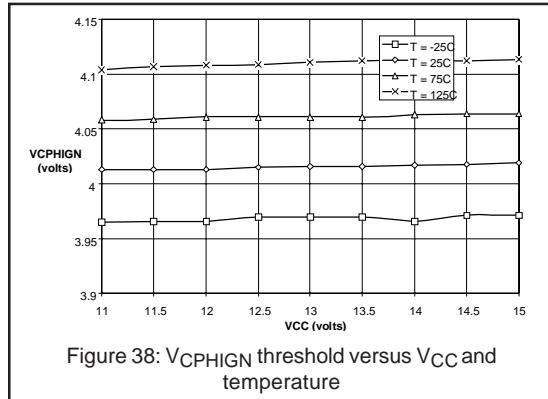
Figure 38: V_{CPHIGN} threshold versus V_{CC} and temperature
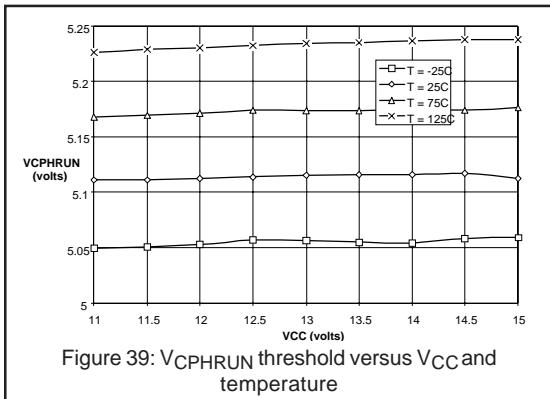
Figure 39: V_{CPHRUN} threshold versus V_{CC} and temperature
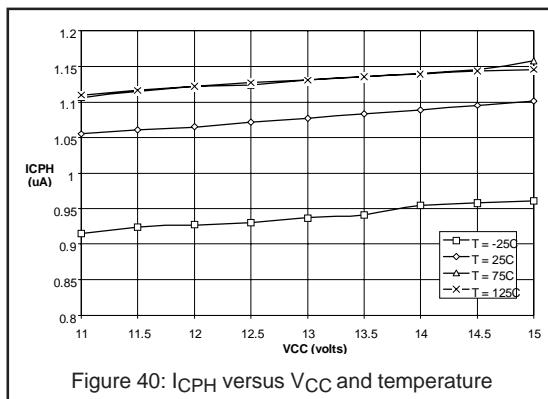
Figure 40: I_{CPH} versus V_{CC} and temperature

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