



APPLICATION NOTE
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256 Bit

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16 x 16 Bit

SPI Serial AUTOSTORE™ NOVRAM

FEATURES

- 1MHz Clock Rate
- AUTOSTORE™ NOVRAM
 - Automatically Performs a Store Operation Upon Loss of V_{CC}
- Single 5 Volt Supply
- Ideal for use with Single Chip Microcomputers
 - Minimum I/O Interface
 - SPI Mode (0,0 & 1,1) Serial Port Compatible
 - Easily Interfaced to Microcontroller Ports
- Software and Hardware Control of Nonvolatile Functions
- Auto Recall on Power-Up
- TTL and CMOS Compatible
- Low Power Dissipation
 - Active Current: 10mA
 - Standby Current: 50 μ A
- 8-Lead PDIP and 8-Lead SOIC Packages
- High Reliability
 - Store Cycles: 1,000,000
 - Data Retention: 100 Years

DESCRIPTION

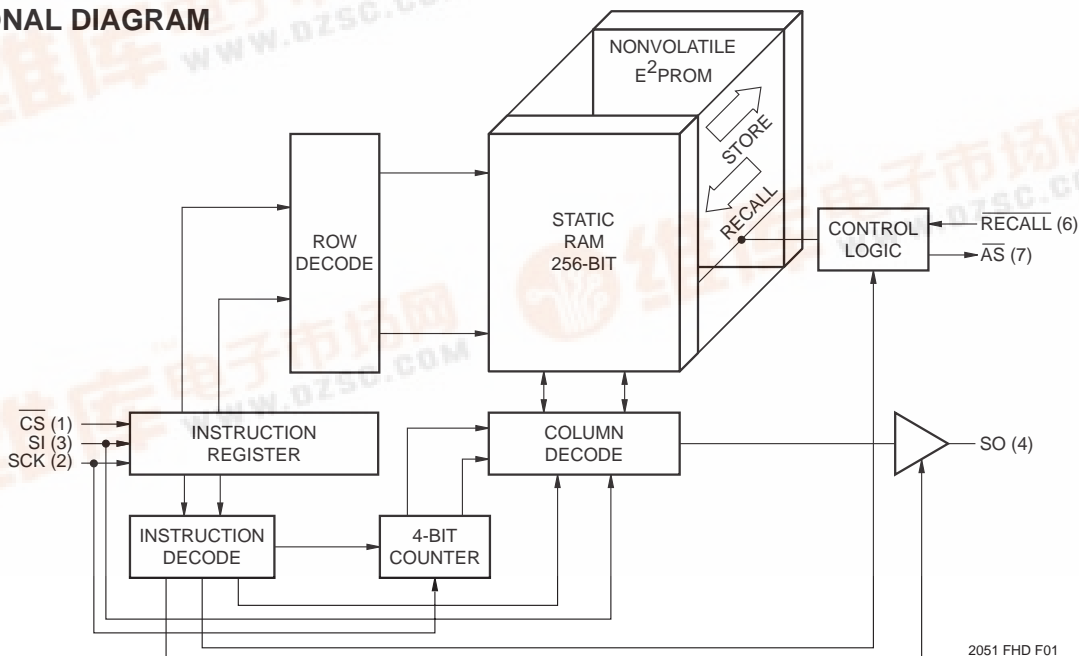
The Xicor X25401 is a serial 256 bit NOVRAM featuring a static RAM configured 16 x 16, overlaid bit-by-bit with a nonvolatile E²PROM array. The X25401 features a Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) and software protocol allowing operation on a simple three-wire bus. The bus signals are a clock input (SCK) plus separate data in (SI) and data out (SO) lines. Access to the device is controlled through a chip select (\overline{CS}) input, allowing any number of devices to share the same bus.

The Xicor NOVRAM design allows data to be transferred between the two memory arrays by means of software commands or external hardware inputs. A store operation (RAM data to E²PROM) is completed in 5ms or less and a recall operation (E²PROM data to RAM) is completed in 2 μ s or less.

The X25401 also includes the AUTOSTORE feature, a user selectable feature that automatically performs a store operation when V_{CC} falls below a preset threshold.

Xicor NOVRAMs are designed for unlimited write operations to RAM, either from the host or recalls from E²PROM and a minimum 1,000,000 store operations. Inherent data retention is specified to be greater than 100 years.

FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM



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PIN DESCRIPTIONS

Chip Select (\overline{CS})

The Chip Select input must be LOW to enable all read/write operations. \overline{CS} must remain LOW following a Read or Write command until the data transfer is complete. \overline{CS} HIGH places the X25401 in the low power standby mode and resets the instruction register. Therefore, \overline{CS} must be brought HIGH after the completion of an operation in order to reset the instruction register in preparation for the next command.

Serial Clock (SCK)

The Serial Clock input is used to clock all data into and out of the device.

Serial Data In (SI)

SI is the serial data input.

Serial Data Out (SO)

SO is the serial data output. It is in the high impedance state except during data output cycles in response to a READ instruction.

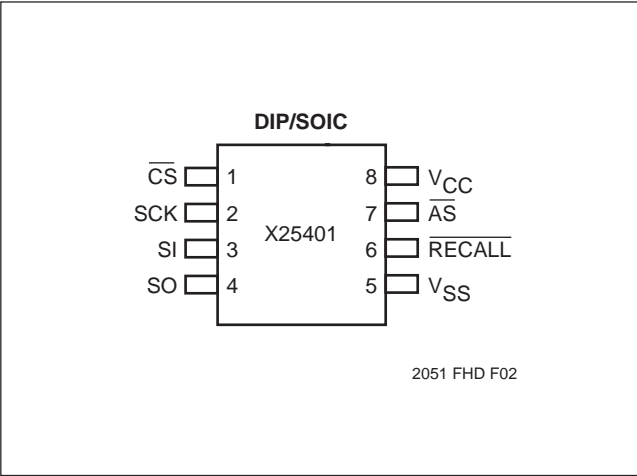
AUTOSTORE Output (\overline{AS})

\overline{AS} is an open drain output which, when asserted indicates V_{CC} has fallen below the AUTOSTORE threshold (V_{ASTH}). \overline{AS} may be wire-ORed with multiple open drain outputs and used as an interrupt input to a micro-controller or as an input to a low power reset circuit.

\overline{RECALL}

\overline{RECALL} LOW will initiate an internal transfer of data from E2PROM to the RAM array.

PIN CONFIGURATION



PIN NAMES

Symbol	Description
\overline{CS}	Chip Enable
SCK	Serial Clock
SI	Serial Data In
SO	Serial Data Out
\overline{RECALL}	Recall Input
\overline{AS}	AUTOSTORE Output
V_{CC}	+5V
V_{SS}	Ground

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DEVICE OPERATION

The X25401 contains an 8-bit instruction register. It is accessed via the SI input, with data being clocked in on the rising edge of SCK. \overline{CS} must be LOW during the entire data transfer operation.

Table 1 contains a list of the instructions and their operation codes. The most significant bit (MSB) of all instructions is a logic one (HIGH), bits 6 through 3 are either RAM address bits (A) or don't cares (X) and bits 2 through 0 are the operation codes. The X25401 requires the instruction to be shifted in with the MSB first.

After \overline{CS} is LOW, the X25401 will not begin to interpret the data stream until a logic "1" has been shifted in on SI. Therefore, \overline{CS} may be brought LOW with SCK running and SI LOW. SI must then go HIGH to indicate the start condition of an instruction before the X25401 will begin any action.

In addition, the SCK clock is totally static. The user can completely stop the clock and data shifting will be stopped. Restarting the clock will resume shifting of data.

RCL and \overline{RECALL}

Either a software RCL instruction or a LOW on the \overline{RECALL} input will initiate a transfer of E²PROM data into RAM. This software or hardware recall operation sets an internal "previous recall" latch. This latch is

reset upon power-up and must be intentionally set by the user to enable any write or store operations. Although a recall operation is performed upon power-up, the previous recall latch is not set by this operation.

WRDS and WREN

Internally the X25401 contains a "write enable" latch. This latch must be set for either writes to the RAM or store operations to the E²PROM. The WREN instruction sets the latch and the WRDS instruction resets the latch, disabling both RAM writes and E²PROM stores, effectively protecting the nonvolatile data from corruption. The write enable latch is automatically reset on power-up.

STO

The software STO instruction will initiate a transfer of data from RAM to E²PROM. In order to safeguard against unwanted store operations, the following conditions must be true:

- STO instruction issued.
- The internal "write enable" latch must be set (WREN instruction issued).
- The "previous recall" latch must be set (either a software or hardware recall operation).

Once the store cycle is initiated, all other device functions are inhibited. Upon completion of the store cycle, the write enable latch is reset. Refer to Figure 4 for a state diagram description of enabling/disabling conditions for store operations.

TABLE 1. INSTRUCTION SET

Instruction	Format, I ₂ I ₁ I ₀	Operation
WRDS (Figure 3)	1XXXX000	Reset Write Enable Latch (Disables Writes and Stores)
STO (Figure 3)	1XXXX001	Store RAM Data in E ² PROM
ENAS	1XXXX010	Enable AUTOSTORE Feature
WRITE (Figure 2)	1AAAA011	Write Data into RAM Address AAAA
WREN (Figure 3)	1XXXX100	Set Write Enable Latch (Enables Writes and Stores)
RCL (Figure 3)	1XXXX101	Recall E ² PROM Data into RAM
READ (Figure 1)	1AAAA11X	Read Data from RAM Address AAAA

X = Don't Care
A = Address

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WRITE

The WRITE instruction contains the 4-bit address of the word to be written. The write instruction is immediately followed by the 16-bit word to be written. \overline{CS} must remain LOW during the entire operation. \overline{CS} must go HIGH before the next rising edge of SCK. If \overline{CS} is brought HIGH prematurely (after the instruction but before 16 bits of data are transferred), the instruction register will be reset and the data that was shifted-in will be written to RAM.

If \overline{CS} is kept LOW for more than 24 SCK clock cycles (8-bit instruction plus 16-bit data), the data already shifted-in will be overwritten.

READ

The READ instruction contains the 4-bit address of the word to be accessed. Unlike the other six instructions, I_0 of the instruction word is a “don’t care”. This provides two advantages. In a design that ties both SI and SO together, the absence of an eighth bit in the instruction allows the host time to convert an I/O line from an output to an input. Secondly, it allows for valid data output during the ninth SCK clock cycle.

All data bits are clocked by the falling edge of SCK (refer to Read Cycle Diagram).

LOW POWER MODE

When \overline{CS} is HIGH, non-critical internal devices are powered-down, placing the device in the standby power mode, thereby minimizing power consumption.

AUTOSTORE Feature

The AUTOSTORE instruction (ENAS) sets the “AUTOSTORE enable” latch, allowing the X25401 to automatically perform a store operation when V_{CC} falls below the AUTOSTORE threshold (V_{ASTH}).

WRITE PROTECTION

The X25401 provides two software write protection mechanisms to prevent inadvertent stores of unknown data.

Power-Up Condition

Upon power-up the “write enable” and “AUTOSTORE enable” latches are in the reset state, disabling any store operation.

Unknown Data Store

The “previous recall” latch must be set after power-up. It may be set only by performing a software or hardware recall operation, which assures that data in all RAM locations is valid.

SYSTEM CONSIDERATIONS

Power-Up Recall

The X25401 performs a power-up recall that transfers the E²PROM contents to the RAM array. Although the data may be read from the RAM array, this recall does not set the “previous recall” latch. During this power-up recall operation, all commands are ignored. Therefore, the host should delay any operations with the X25401 a minimum of t_{PUR} after V_{CC} is stable.

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Figure 1. RAM Read

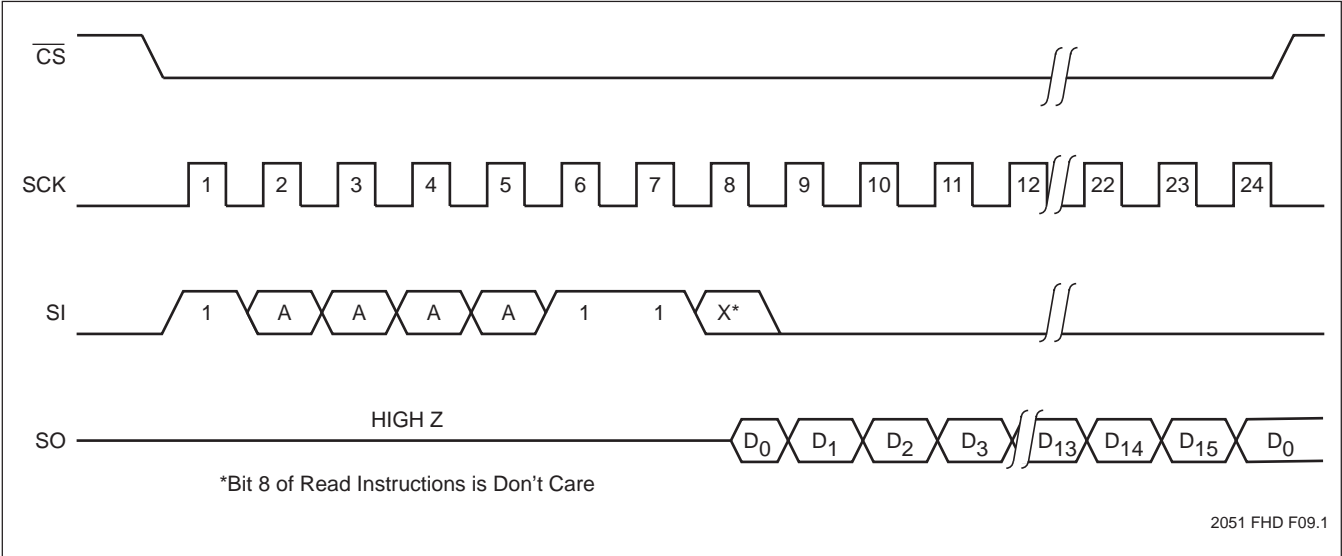


Figure 2. RAM Write

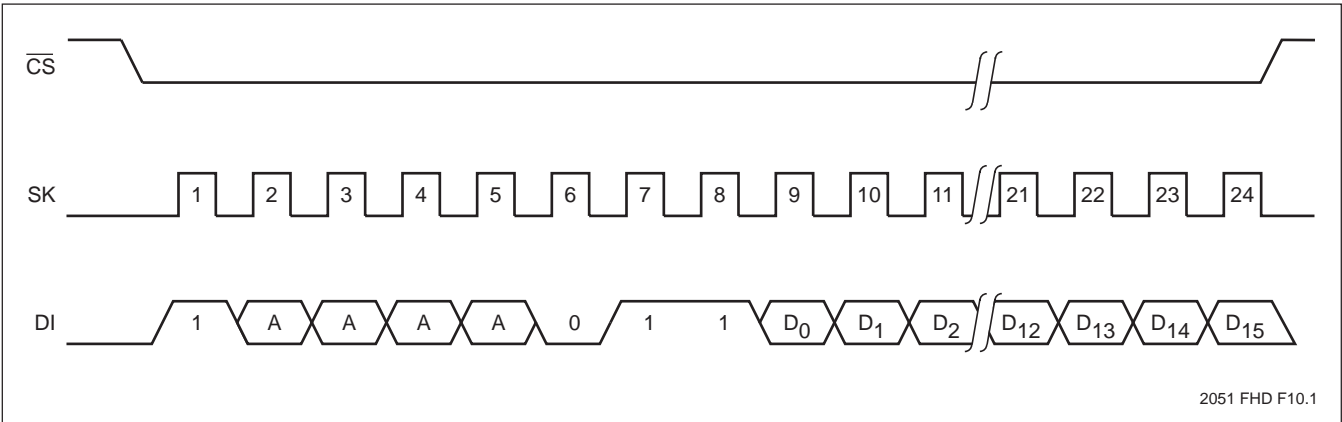
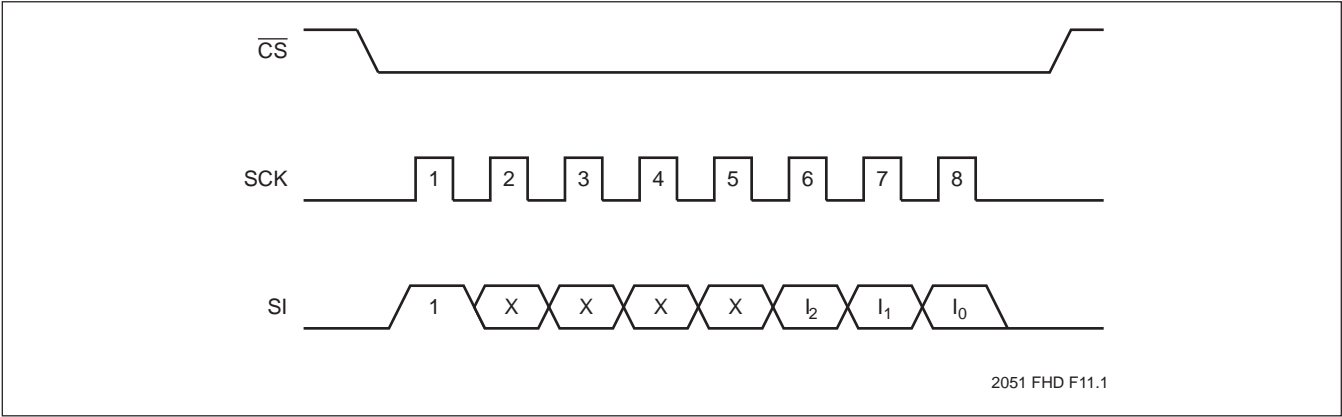
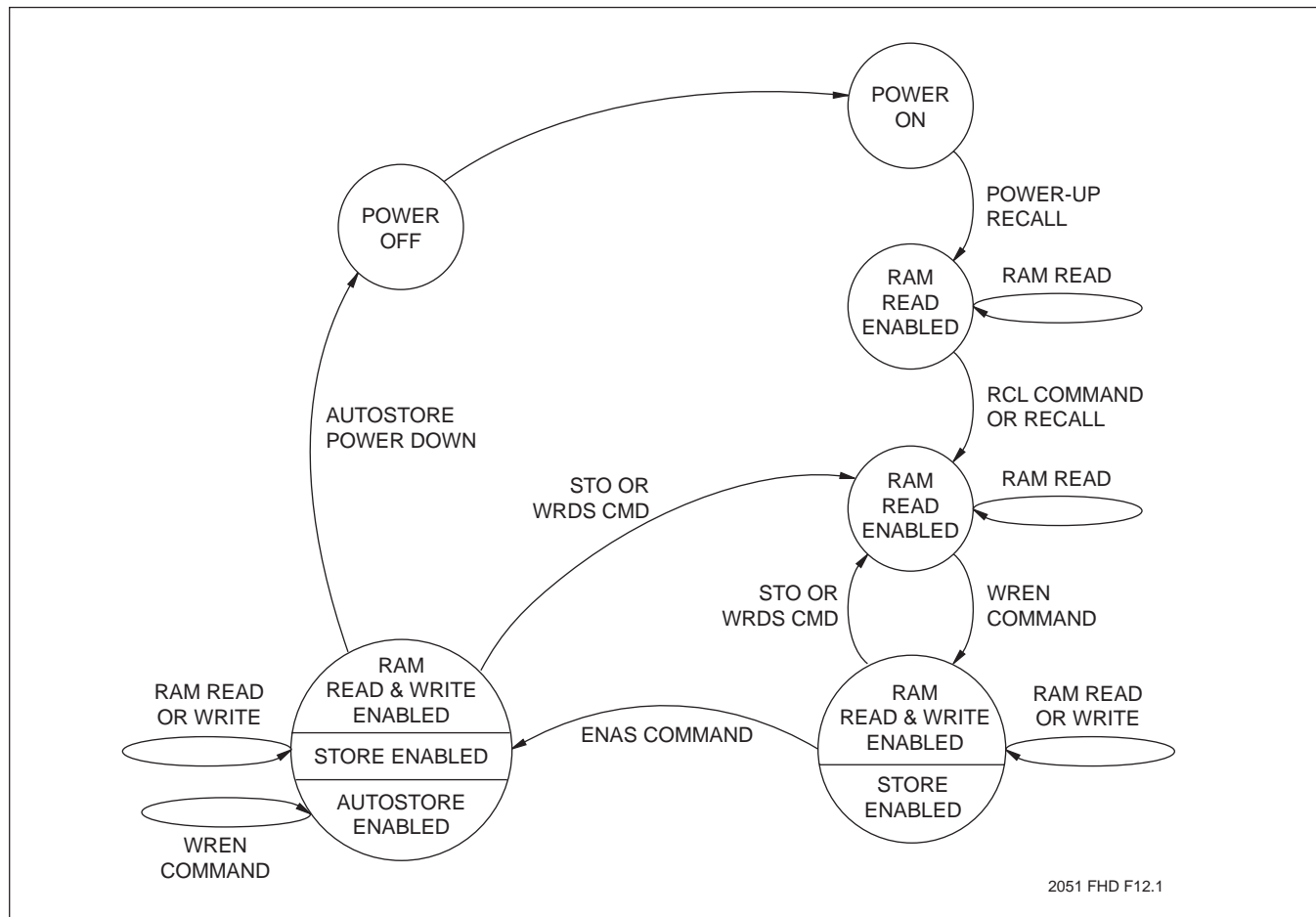


Figure 3. Non-Data Operations



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Figure 4. X25401 State Diagram



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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS*

Temperature under Bias -65°C to $+135^{\circ}\text{C}$
Storage Temperature -65°C to $+150^{\circ}\text{C}$
Voltage on any Pin with
 Respect to V_{SS} -1V to $+7\text{V}$
D.C. Output Current 5mA
Lead Temperature
 (Soldering, 10 seconds) 300°C

*COMMENT

Stresses above those listed under “Absolute Maximum Ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and the functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Temperature	Min.	Max.
Commercial	0°C	$+70^{\circ}\text{C}$
Industrial	-40°C	$+85^{\circ}\text{C}$
Military	-55°C	$+125^{\circ}\text{C}$

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Supply Voltage	Limits
X25401	$5\text{V} \pm 10\%$

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D.C. OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS (Over recommended operating conditions unless otherwise specified.)

Symbol	Parameter	Limits		Units	Test Conditions
		Min.	Max.		
I_{CC1}	V_{CC} Supply Current (TTL Inputs)		10	mA	SCK = $0.4\text{V}/2.4\text{V}$ Levels @ 1MHz , SO = Open, All Other Inputs = V_{IH}
I_{CC2}	V_{CC} Supply Current (During AUTOSTORE)		2	mA	All Inputs = V_{IH} , $\overline{CS} = V_{IL}$, SO = Open, $V_{CC} = 4.3\text{V}$
I_{SB1}	V_{CC} Standby Current (TTL Inputs)		1	mA	SO = Open, $\overline{CS} = V_{IL}$, All Other Inputs = V_{IH}
I_{SB2}	V_{CC} Standby Current (CMOS Inputs)		50	μA	SO = Open, $\overline{CS} = V_{SS}$, All Other Inputs = $V_{CC} - 0.3\text{V}$
I_{LI}	Input Load Current		10	μA	$V_{IN} = V_{SS}$ to V_{CC}
I_{LO}	Output Leakage Current		10	μA	$V_{OUT} = V_{SS}$ to V_{CC}
$V_{IL}^{(1)}$	Input LOW Voltage	-1	0.8	V	
$V_{IH}^{(1)}$	Input HIGH Voltage	2	$V_{CC} + 1$	V	
V_{OL}	Output LOW Voltage		0.4	V	$I_{OL} = 4.2\text{mA}$
V_{OH}	Output HIGH Voltage	2.4		V	$I_{OH} = -2\text{mA}$
$V_{OL(AS)}$	Output LOW Voltage (AS)		0.4	V	$I_{OL(AS)} = 1\text{mA}$

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ENDURANCE AND DATA RETENTION

Parameter	Min.	Units
Endurance	100,000	Data Changes Per Bit
Store Cycles	1,000,000	Store Cycles
Data Retention	100	Years

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CAPACITANCE $T_A = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $f = 1\text{MHz}$, $V_{CC} = 5\text{V}$

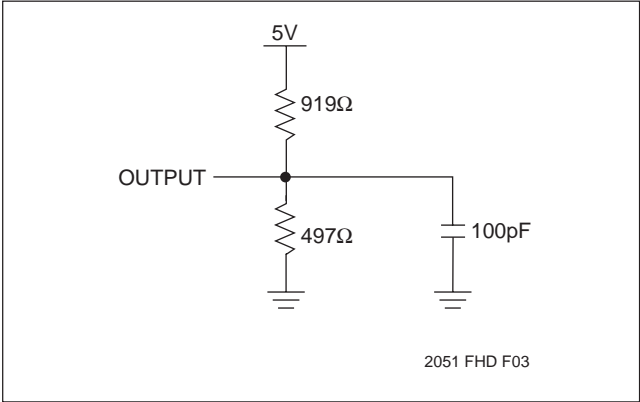
Symbol	Parameter	Max.	Units	Test Conditions
$C_{OUT}^{(2)}$	Output Capacitance	8	pF	$V_{OUT} = 0\text{V}$
$C_{IN}^{(2)}$	Input Capacitance	6	pF	$V_{IN} = 0\text{V}$

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Notes: (1) V_{IL} min. and V_{IH} max. are for reference only and are not tested.
(2) This parameter is periodically sampled and not 100% tested.

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EQUIVALENT A.C. LOAD CIRCUIT



A.C. CONDITIONS OF TEST

Input Pulse Levels	0V to 3V
Input Rise and Fall Times	10ns
Input and Output Timing Levels	1.5V

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A.C. CHARACTERISTICS (Over the recommended operating conditions unless otherwise specified.)

Read and Write Cycle Limits

Symbol	Parameter	Min.	Max.	Units
$F_{SK}^{(3)}$	SCK Frequency		1	MHz
t_{SCKH}	SCK Positive Pulse Width	400		ns
t_{SCKL}	SCK Negative Pulse Width	400		ns
t_{DS}	Data Setup Time	400		ns
t_{DH}	Data Hold Time	80		ns
t_{PD1}	SCK to Data Bit 0 Valid		375	ns
t_{PD}	SCK to Data Valid		375	ns
t_z	Chip Select to Output High Z		1	μs
t_{CSS}	Chip Select Setup	800		ns
t_{CSH}	Chip Select Hold	350		ns
t_{CDS}	Chip Deselect	800		ns

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POWER-UP TIMING

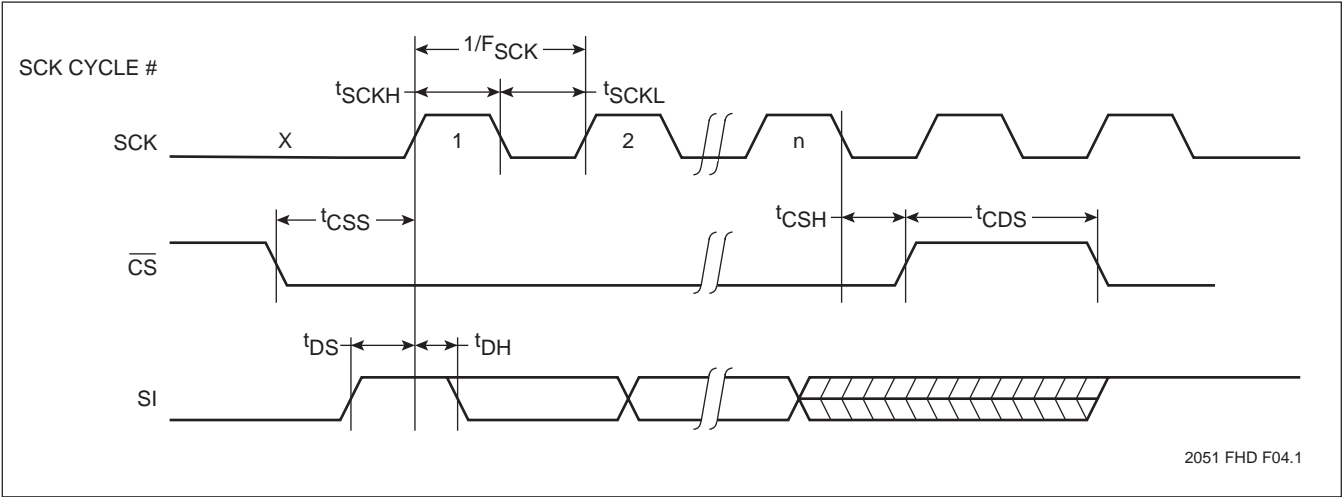
Symbol	Parameter	Max.	Units
$t_{PUR}^{(4)}$	Power-up to Read Operation	200	μs
$t_{PUW}^{(4)}$	Power-up to Write or Store Operation	5	ms

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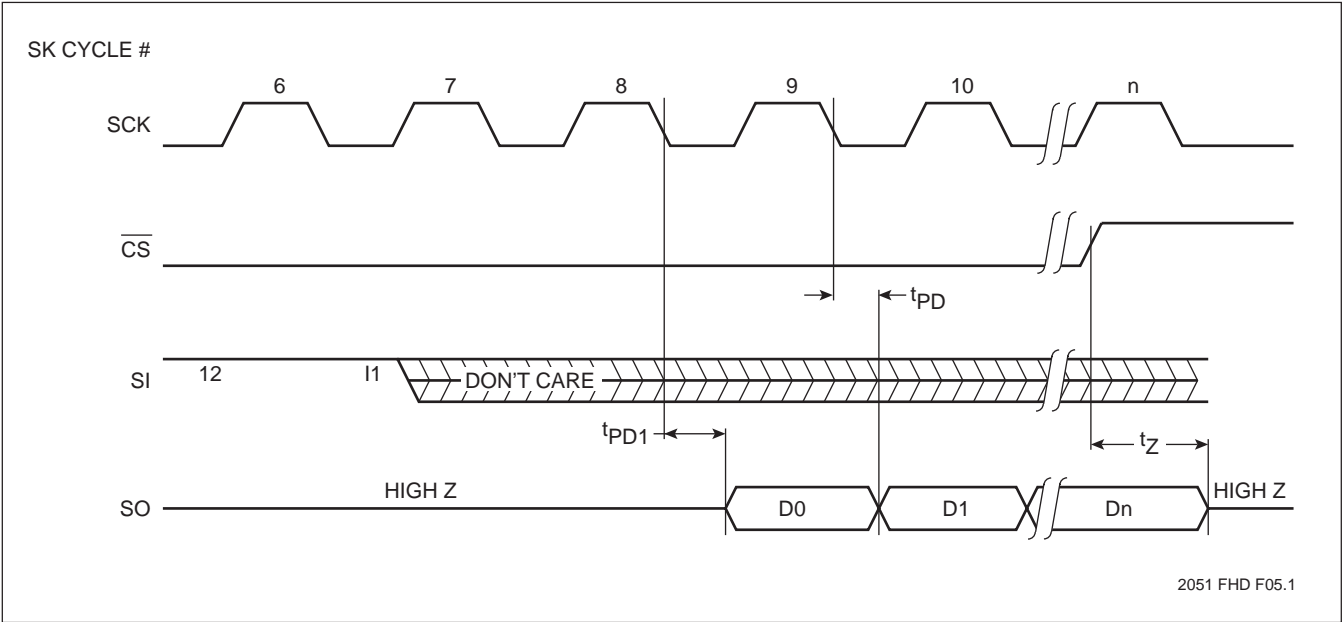
- Notes:** (3) SCK rise and fall times must be less than 50ns.
(4) t_{PUR} and t_{PUW} are the delays required from the time V_{CC} is stable until the specified operation can be initiated. These parameters are periodically sampled and not 100% tested.

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Write Cycle



Read Cycle



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NONVOLATILE OPERATIONS

Operation	$\overline{\text{RECALL}}$	Software Instruction	Write Enable Latch State	Previous Recall Latch State
Hardware Recall	0	NOP ⁽⁵⁾	X	X
Software Recall	1	RCL	X	X
Software Store	1	STO	SET	SET

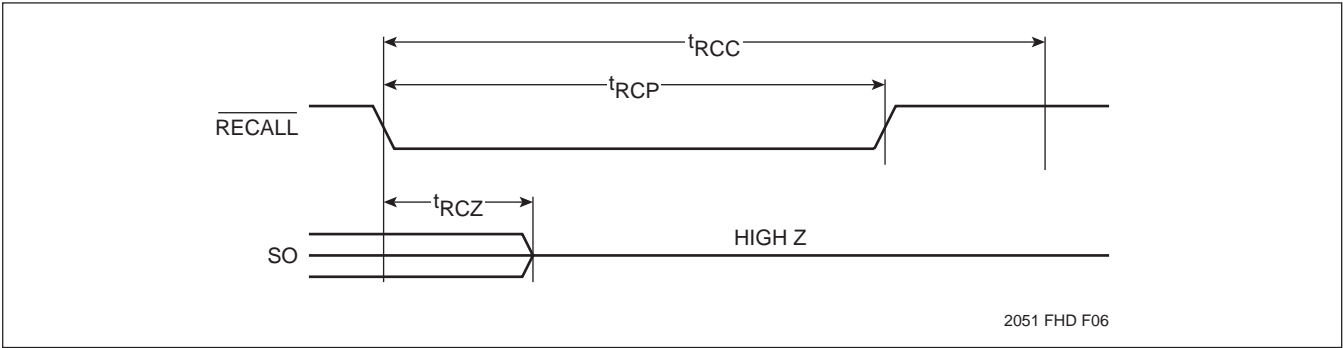
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ARRAY RECALL LIMITS

Symbol	Parameter	Min.	Max.	Units
t_{RCC}	Recall Cycle Time	2		μs
t_{RCP}	Recall Pulse Width ⁽⁶⁾	500		ns
t_{RCZ}	Recall to Output in High Z		500	ns

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Recall Timing



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SOFTWARE STORE CYCLE LIMITS

Symbol	Parameter	Min.	Typ. ⁽⁷⁾	Max.	Units
t_{ST}	Store Time After Clock 8 of STO Command		2	5	ms

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- Notes:** (5) NOP designates when the X25401 is not currently executing an instruction.
(6) Recall rise time must be $<10\mu\text{s}$.
(7) Typical values are for $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ and nominal supply voltage.

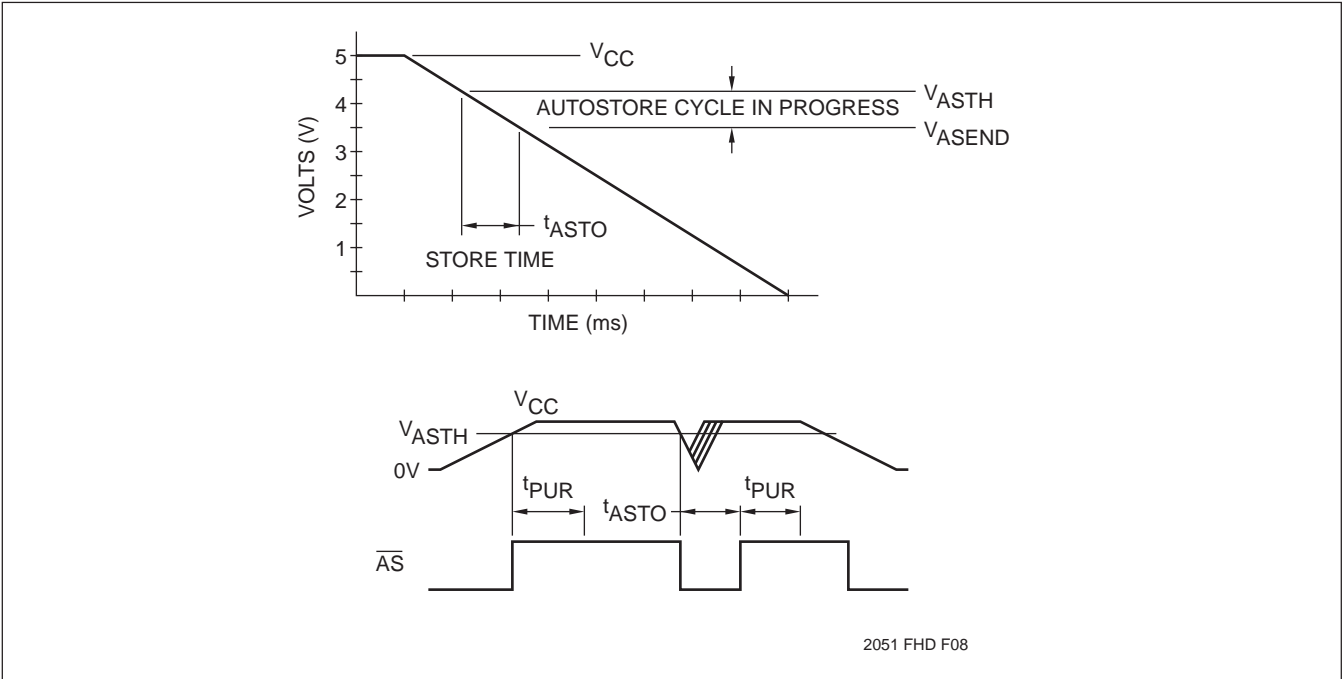
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AUTOSTORE Cycle Limits

Symbol	Parameter	Min.	Max.	Units
V_{ASTO}	AUTOSTORE Cycle Time		5	ms
V_{ASTH}	AUTOSTORE Threshold Voltage	4.0	4.3	V
V_{ASEND}	AUTOSTORE Cycle End Voltage	3.5		V

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AUTOSTORE Cycle Timing Diagrams



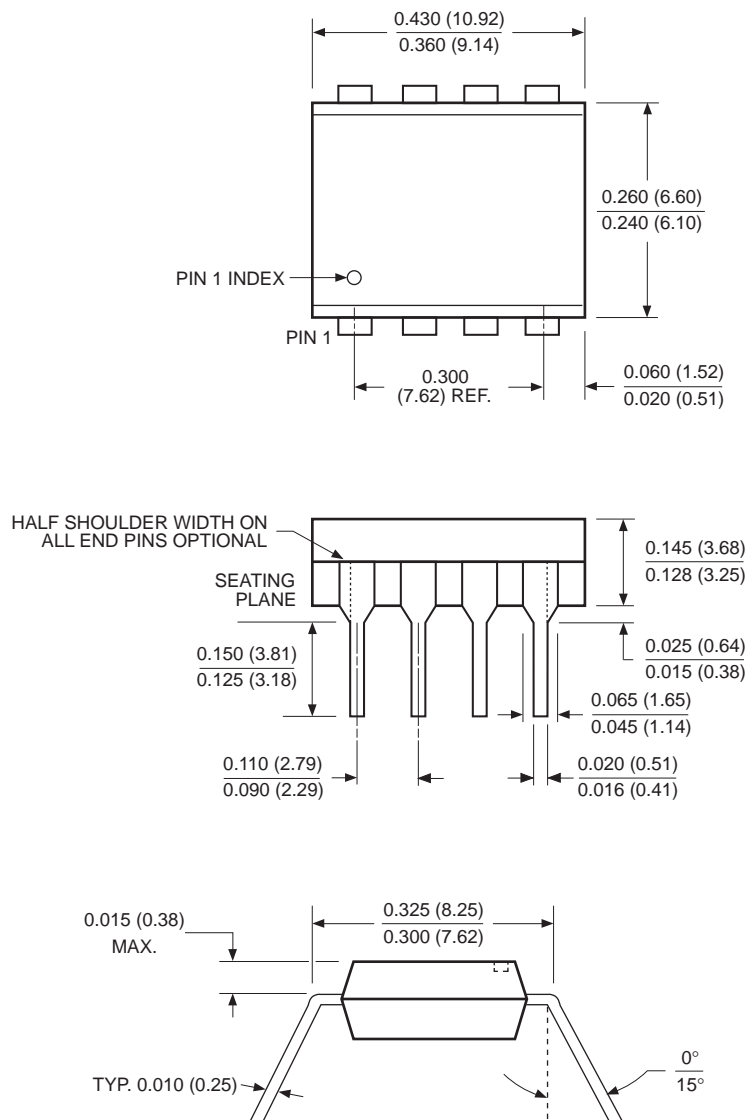
SYMBOL TABLE

WAVEFORM	INPUTS	OUTPUTS
	Must be steady	Will be steady
	May change from LOW to HIGH	Will change from LOW to HIGH
	May change from HIGH to LOW	Will change from HIGH to LOW
	Don't Care: Changes Allowed	Changing: State Not Known
	N/A	Center Line is High Impedance

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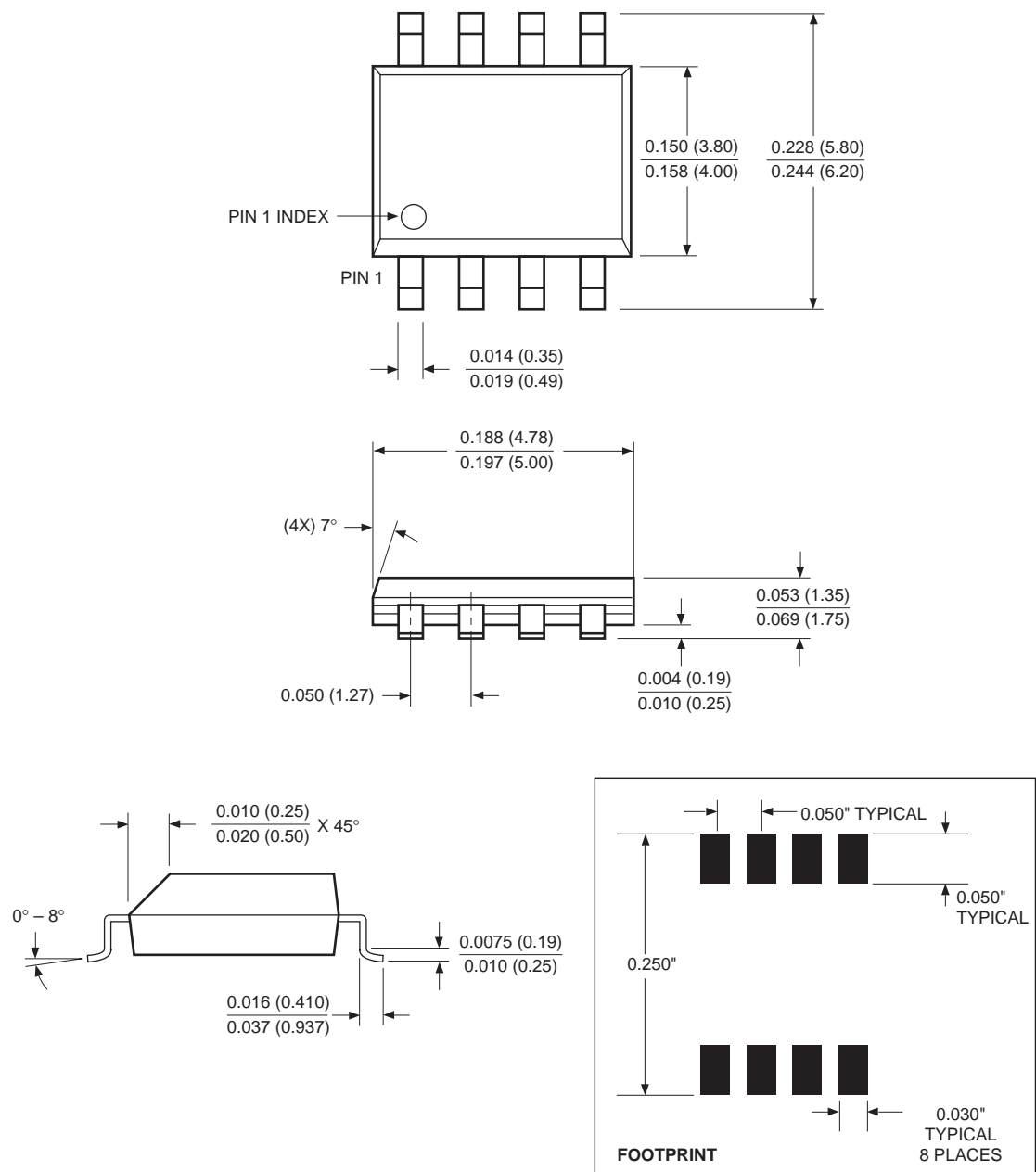
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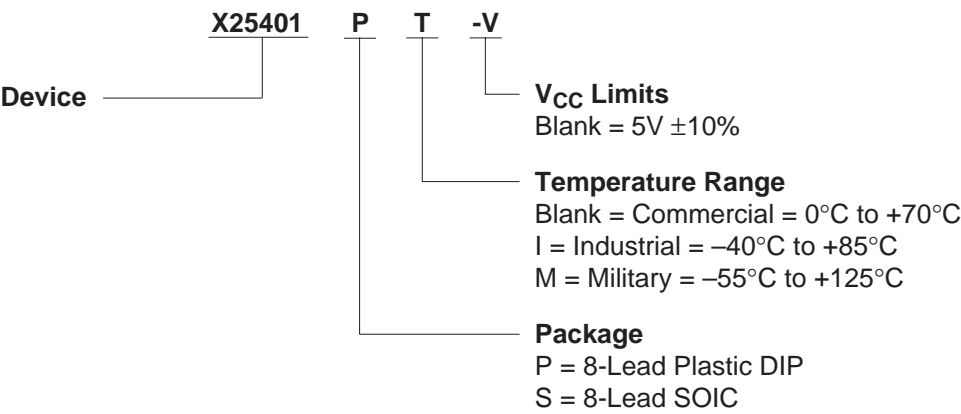
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