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ULN2803A

ULN2803A Darlington Transistor Arrays

Features

- 500-mA-Rated Collector Current (Single Output)
- High-Voltage Outputs: 50 V
- **Output Clamp Diodes**
- Inputs Compatible With Various Types of Logic

Applications

- **Relay Drivers**
- **Hammer Drivers**
- Lamp Drivers
- Display Drivers (LED and Gas Discharge)
- Line Drivers
- Logic Buffers
- Stepper Motors
- IP Camera
- **HVAC Valve and LED Dot Matrix**

3 Description

The ULN2803A device is a 50 V, 500 mA Darlington transistor array. The device consists of eight NPN Darlington pairs that feature high-voltage outputs with common-cathode clamp diodes for switching inductive loads. The collector-current rating of each Darlington pair is 500 mA. The Darlington pairs may be connected in parallel for higher current capability.

Applications include relay drivers, hammer drivers, lamp drivers, display drivers (LED and gas discharge), line drivers, and logic buffers. The ULN2803A device has a 2.7-kΩ series base resistor for each Darlington pair for operation directly with TTL or 5-V CMOS devices.

Device Information⁽¹⁾

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE (NOM)
ULN2803ADW	SOIC (18)	11.55 mm × 7.50 mm

(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.

Logic Diagram

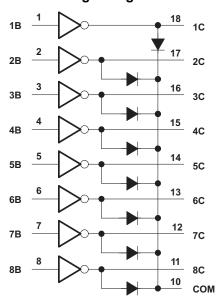




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4 Revision History

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Deleted obsolete orderable ULN2803AN and removed all references to N package	1	
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Deleted V _I from Recommended Operating Conditions	4	
Added Ambient temperature, T _A in Recommended Operating Conditions	4	
Changed coil supply voltage specifications in Design Parameters	11	
Added Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates section and Community Resources section	13	
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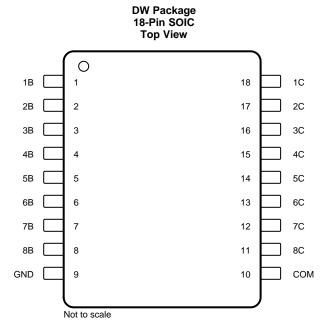
Added Applications, Device Information table, Pin Functions table, ESD Ratings table, Thermal Information table,
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section, Power Supply Recommendations section, Layout section, Device and Documentation Support section, and
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•	Updated document to new TI data sheet format - no specification changes	1	ı			
•	Deleted Ordering Information table.	1	ı			

Product Folder Links: ULN2803A



5 Pin Configuration and Functions



Pin Functions

PIN		TVDE	DECODINE		
NAME	NO.	TYPE	DESCRIPTION		
1B	1				
2B	2				
3B	3				
4B	4		Channel 4 through 9 Darlington has input		
5B	5	ı	Channel 1 through 8 Darlington base input		
6B	6				
7B	7				
8B	8				
1C	18				
2C	17				
3C	16				
4C	15		Channel 4 thurs in 0 Daylington collector authors		
5C	14	0	Channel 1 through 8 Darlington collector output		
6C	13				
7C	12				
8C	11				
GND	9	_	Common emitter shared by all channels (typically tied to ground)		
COM	10	I/O	Common cathode node for flyback diodes (required for inductive loads)		



6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

at 25°C free-air temperature (unless otherwise noted)⁽¹⁾

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
V_{CE}	Collector-emitter voltage		50	V
VI	Input voltage ⁽²⁾		30	V
	Peak collector current		500	mA
I(clamp)	Output clamp current		500	mA
	Total substrate-terminal current		-2.5	Α
T_{J}	Junction temperature	-65	150	°C
T _{stg}	Storage temperature	-65	150	°C

⁽¹⁾ Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under Recommended Operating Conditions. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

6.2 ESD Ratings

			VALUE	UNIT
\/	Floatroototic disabores	Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 (1)	±2000	V
V _(ESD)	Electrostatic discharge	Charged device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101 (2)	±500	V

⁽¹⁾ JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
V_{CE}	Collector-emitter voltage	0	50	V
T_A	Ambient temperature	-40	85	°C

6.4 Thermal Information

	THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾	DW (SOIC)	UNIT
		18 PINS	
$R_{\theta JA}$	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	66.4	°C/W
R ₀ JC(top)	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	29.5	°C/W
$R_{\theta JB}$	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	33.0	°C/W
ΨЈТ	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	6.0	°C/W
ΨЈВ	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	32.5	°C/W
$R_{\theta JC(bot)}$	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	N/A	°C/W

⁽¹⁾ For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics application report.

⁽²⁾ All voltage values, unless otherwise noted, are with respect to the emitter/substrate terminal GND.

⁽²⁾ JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.



6.5 Electrical Characteristics

at T_A = 25°C free-air temperature (unless otherwise noted)

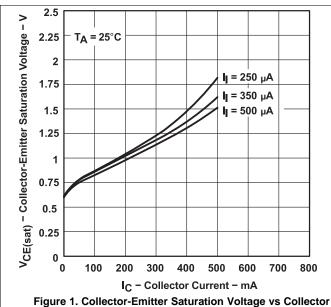
PARAMETER		TEST OF	TEST CONDITIONS		ULN2803A		
		IESI C			TYP	MAX	UNIT
I _{CEX}	Collector cutoff current	V _{CE} = 50 V, see Figure 3	$I_1 = 0$			50	μΑ
I _{I(off)}	Off-state input current	V _{CE} = 50 V, T _A = 70°C	$I_C = 500 \mu A$, see Figure 4	50	65		μΑ
I _{I(on)}	Input current	$V_{I} = 3.85 V,$	See Figure 5		0.93	1.35	mA
			I _C = 200 mA			2.4	
V _{I(on)}	On-state input voltage	V _{CE} = 2 V, see Figure 6	$I_C = 250 \text{ mA}$			2.7	V
		See Figure 6	$I_C = 300 \text{ mA}$			3	
		$I_I = 250 \mu A$, see Figure 7	I _C = 100 mA		0.9	1.1	
V _{CE(sat)}	Collector-emitter saturation voltage	$I_I = 350 \mu A$, see Figure 7	I _C = 200 mA		1	1.3	V
		$I_I = 500 \mu A$, see Figure 7	I _C = 350 mA		1.3	1.6	
I _R	Clamp diode reverse current	V _R = 50 V,	see Figure 8			50	μΑ
V _F	Clamp diode forward voltage	$I_F = 350 \text{ mA}$	see Figure 9		1.7	2	٧
Ci	Input capacitance	$V_I = 0$,	f = 1 MHz		15	25	pF

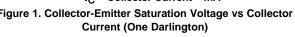
6.6 Switching Characteristics

 $T_{\Lambda} = 25^{\circ}C$

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	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
t _{PLH}	Propagation delay time, low- to high-level output	$V_S = 50 \text{ V}, C_L = 15 \text{ pF}, R_L = 163 \Omega,$		130		20
t _{PHL}	Propagation delay time, high- to low-level output	See Figure 10		20		ns
V _{OH}	High-level output voltage after switching	$V_S = 50 \text{ V}, I_O = 300 \text{ mA}, \text{ see Figure 11}$	V _S - 20			mV

6.7 Typical Characteristics





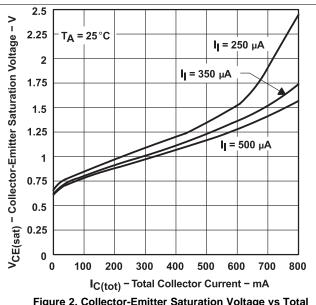


Figure 2. Collector-Emitter Saturation Voltage vs Total Collector Current (Two Darlingtons in Parallel)

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7 Parameter Measurement Information

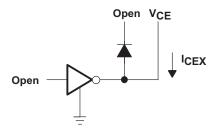


Figure 3. I_{CEX} Test Circuit

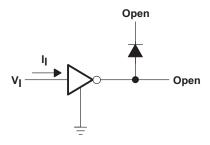


Figure 5. I_{I(on)} Test Circuit

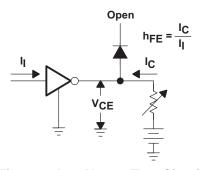


Figure 7. h_{FE} , $V_{CE(sat)}$ Test Circuit

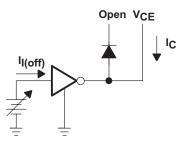


Figure 4. I_{I(off)} Test Circuit

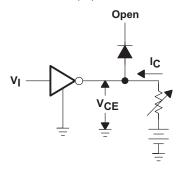


Figure 6. $V_{I(on)}$ Test Circuit

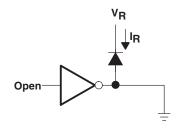
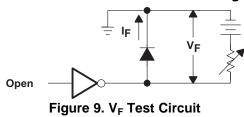
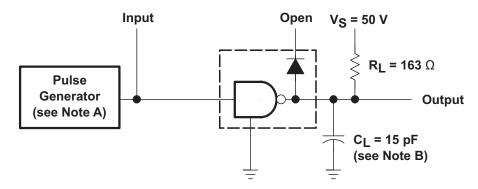


Figure 8. I_R Test Circuit

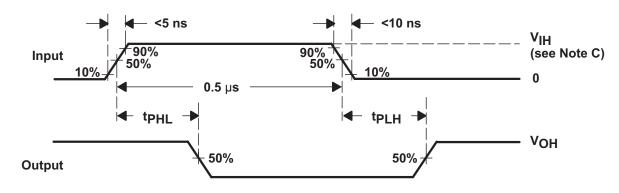




Parameter Measurement Information (continued)



Test Circuit



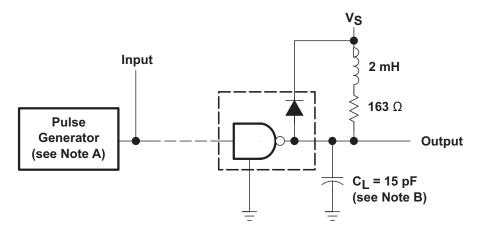
- **Voltage Waveforms**
- A. The pulse generator has the following characteristics: PRR = 12.5 kHz, Z_0 = 50 Ω .
- B. C_L includes probe and jig capacitance.
- C. $V_{IH} = 3 V$

Figure 10. Propagation Delay Times

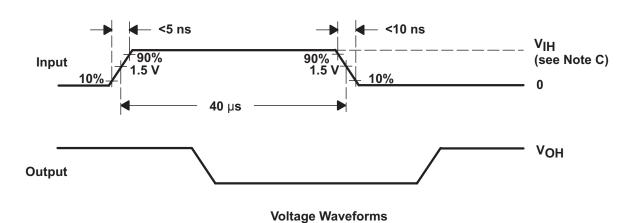
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Parameter Measurement Information (continued)



Test Circuit



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- C. $V_{IH} = 3 V$

Figure 11. Latch-Up Test



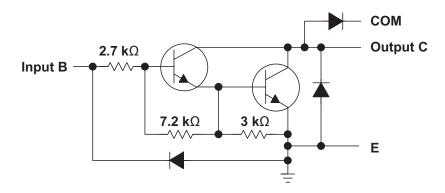
8 Detailed Description

8.1 Overview

This standard device has proven ubiquity and versatility across a wide range of applications. This is due to its integration of 8 Darlington transistors that are capable of sinking up to 500 mA and wide GPIO range capability.

The ULN2803A is comprised of eight high voltage, high current NPN Darlington transistor pairs. All units feature a common emitter and open collector outputs. To maximize their effectiveness, these units contain suppression diodes for inductive loads. The ULN2803A has a series base resistor to each Darlington pair, thus allowing operation directly with TTL or CMOS operating at supply voltages of 5 V or 3.3 V. The ULN2803A offers solutions to a great many interface needs, including solenoids, relays, lamps, small motors, and LEDs. Applications requiring sink currents beyond the capability of a single output may be accommodated by paralleling the outputs.

8.2 Functional Block Diagram



8.3 Feature Description

Each channel of ULN2803A consists of Darlington connected NPN transistors. This connection creates the effect of a single transistor with a very-high current gain. The very high β allows for high output current drive with a very-low input current, essentially equating to operation with low GPIO voltages.

The GPIO voltage is converted to base current through the 2.7-k Ω resistor connected between the input and base of the predriver Darlington NPN.

The diodes connected between the output and COM pin are used to suppress the kick-back voltage from an inductive load that is excited when the NPN drivers are turned off (stop sinking) and the stored energy in the coils causes a reverse current to flow into the coil supply through the kick-back diode.

In normal operation, the diodes on base and collector pins to emitter will be reverse biased. If these diode are forward biased, internal parasitic NPN transistors will draw (a nearly equal) current from other (nearby) device pins.

8.4 Device Functional Modes

8.4.1 Inductive Load Drive

When the COM pin is tied to the coil supply voltage, ULN2803A is able to drive inductive loads and suppress the kick-back voltage through the internal free wheeling diodes.

8.4.2 Resistive Load Drive

When driving resistive loads, COM can be left unconnected or connected to the load voltage supply. If multiple supplies are used, connect to the highest voltage supply.



9 Application and Implementation

NOTE

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes. Customers should validate and test their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

9.1 Application Information

ULN2803A will typically be used to drive a high voltage and/or current peripheral from an MCU or logic device that cannot tolerate these conditions. The following design is a common application of ULN2803A, driving inductive loads. This includes motors, solenoids, and relays. Each load type can be modeled by what is seen in Figure 12.

9.2 Typical Application

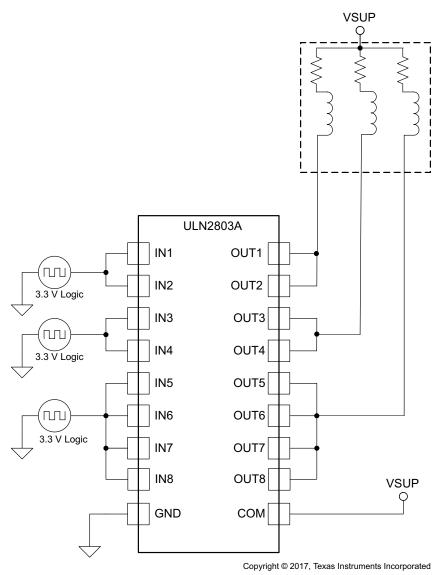


Figure 12. ULN2803A as Inductive Load Driver

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Typical Application (continued)

9.2.1 Design Requirements

For this design example, use the parameters listed in Table 1 as the input parameters.

Table 1. Design Parameters

DESIGN PARAMETER	EXAMPLE VALUE		
GPIO voltage	3.3 or 5 V		
Coil supply voltage	12 to 50 V		
Number of channels	8		
Output current (R _{COIL})	20 to 300 mA per channel		
Duty cycle	100%		

9.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

When using ULN2803A in a coil driving application, determine the following:

- Input voltage range
- Temperature range
- Output and drive current
- Power dissipation

9.2.2.1 Drive Current

The coil current is determined by the coil voltage (VSUP), coil resistance, and output low voltage (Vol or $V_{CE(SAT)}$).

$$I_{COIL} = (V_{SUP} - V_{CE(SAT)}) / R_{COIL}$$
(1)

9.2.2.2 Output Low Voltage

The output low voltage (V_{OL}) is the same thing as $V_{CE(SAT)}$ and can be determined by Figure 1, Figure 2, or Electrical Characteristics.

9.2.2.3 Power Dissipation and Temperature

The number of coils driven is dependent on the coil current and on-chip power dissipation. To determine the number of coils possible, use Equation 2 to calculate ULN2803A on-chip power dissipation P_D.

$$P_{D} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} V_{OLi} \times I_{Li}$$

where

- N is the number of channels active together.
- V_{OLi} is the OUT_i pin voltage for the load current I_{Li} . This is the same as $V_{CE(SAT)}$ (2)

To ensure the reliability of ULN2803A and the system, the on-chip power dissipation must be lower that or equal to the maximum allowable power dissipation (PD) dictated by Equation 3.

$$PD_{(MAX)} = \begin{pmatrix} T_{J(MAX)} - T_{A} \end{pmatrix}_{\theta_{JA}}$$

where

- $T_{J(MAX)}$ is the target maximum junction temperature.
- T_A is the operating ambient temperature.
- θ_{JA} is the package junction to ambient thermal resistance.

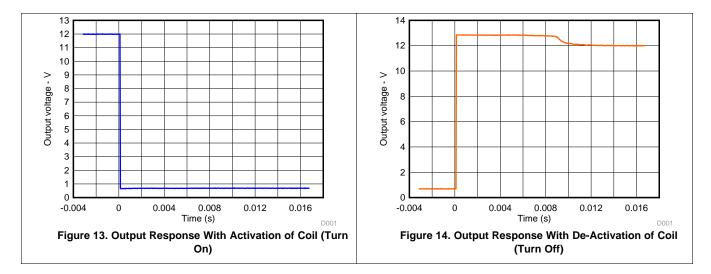
(3)

TI recommends to limit ULN2803A IC's die junction temperature to <125°C. The IC junction temperature is directly proportional to the on-chip power dissipation.



9.2.3 Application Curves

The following curves were generated with ULN2803A driving an OMRON G5NB relay – V_{in} = 5.0 V; V_{sup} = 12 V and R_{COIL} = 2.8 k Ω



10 Power Supply Recommendations

This part does not need a power supply; however, the COM pin is typically tied to the system power supply. When this is the case, make sure that the output voltage does not heavily exceed the COM pin voltage. This will heavily forward bias the flyback diodes and cause a large current to flow into COM, potentially damaging the on-chip metal or overheating the part.

11 Layout

11.1 Layout Guidelines

Thin traces can be used on the input due to the low current logic that is typically used to drive ULN2803A. Take care to separate the input channels as much as possible, as to eliminate crosstalk. TI recommends thick traces for the output, in order to drive high currents as desired. Wire thickness can be determined by the trace material's current density and desired drive current.

Because all of the channels currents return to a common emitter, it is best to size that trace width to be very wide. Some applications require up to 2.5 A.

11.2 Layout Example

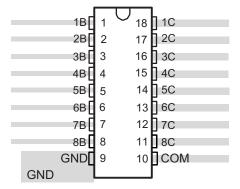


Figure 15. Package Layout



12 Device and Documentation Support

12.1 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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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.

12.5 Glossary

SLYZ022 — TI Glossary.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

13 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.



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PACKAGING INFORMATION

Orderable Device	Status	Package Type	Package Drawing		Package Qty	Eco Plan	Lead finish/ Ball material	MSL Peak Temp	Op Temp (°C)	Device Marking (4/5)	Samples
							(6)				
ULN2803ADWR	OBSOLETE	SOIC	DW	18		TBD	Call TI	Call TI	-40 to 85	ULN2803A	

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- (4) There may be additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category on the device.
- (5) Multiple Device Markings will be inside parentheses. Only one Device Marking contained in parentheses and separated by a "~" will appear on a device. If a line is indented then it is a continuation of the previous line and the two combined represent the entire Device Marking for that device.
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PLASTIC DUAL-IN-LINE PACKAGE

16 PINS SHOWN



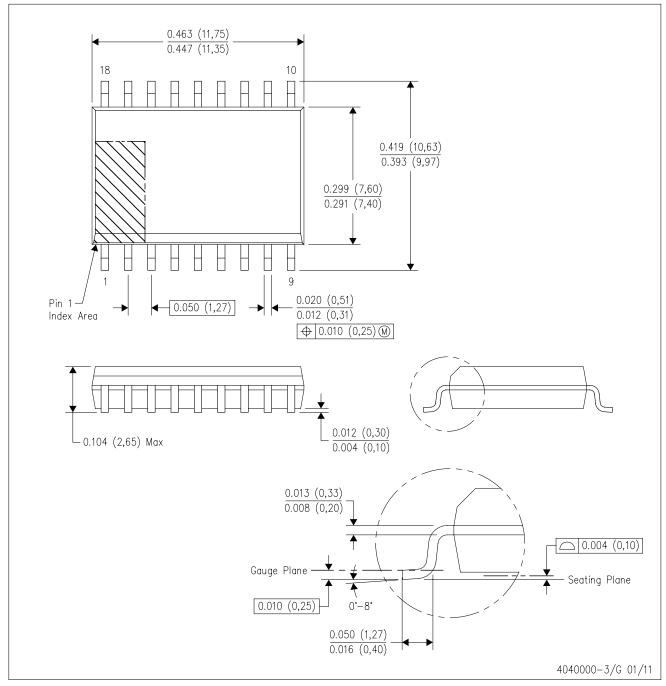
NOTES:

- A. All linear dimensions are in inches (millimeters).
- B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
- Falls within JEDEC MS-001, except 18 and 20 pin minimum body length (Dim A).
- The 20 pin end lead shoulder width is a vendor option, either half or full width.



DW (R-PDSO-G18)

PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE



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- D. Falls within JEDEC MS-013 variation AB.



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