

SN74ACT238 3- to 8-Bit Decoder/Demultiplexer With Non-Inverted Outputs And TTL-Compatible Inputs

1 Features

- Operating voltage range of 4.5V to 5.5V
- TTL-compatible inputs
- Continuous $\pm 24\text{mA}$ output drive at 5V
- Supports up to $\pm 75\text{mA}$ output drive at 5V in short bursts
- Drives 50 Ω transmission lines
- Fast operation with delay of 10.9ns max

2 Applications

- Memory device selection with shared data bus
- Reduce required number of outputs for chip select applications
- Route data

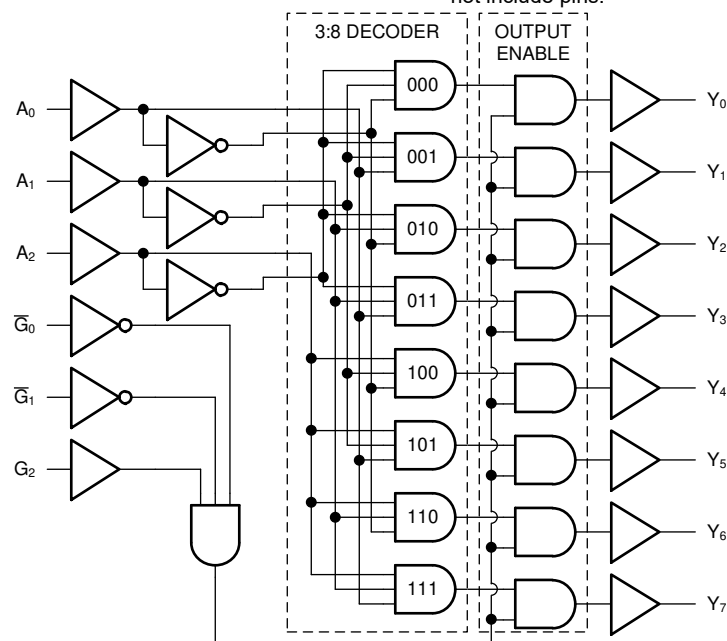
3 Description

The SN74ACT238 is a three to eight decoder with one standard output strobe (G_2) and two active low output strobes (\overline{G}_1 and \overline{G}_0). When the channel strobe inputs are all active, only the selected output is high while all others are low. When any strobe input is inactive, the outputs are all forced into the low state.

Device Information

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE ⁽¹⁾	PACKAGE SIZE ⁽²⁾	BODY SIZE ⁽³⁾
SN74ACT238	BQB (WQFN, 16)	3.5mm × 2.5mm	3.5mm × 2.5mm
	PW (TSSOP, 16)	5mm × 6.4mm	5mm × 4.4mm

- (1) For more information, see [Section 11](#).
- (2) The package size (length × width) is a nominal value and includes pins, where applicable.
- (3) The body size (length × width) is a nominal value and does not include pins.



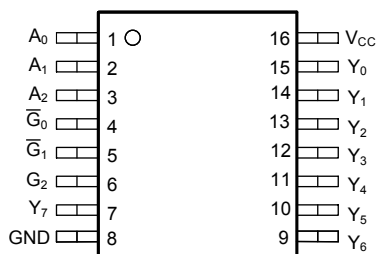
Functional Diagram



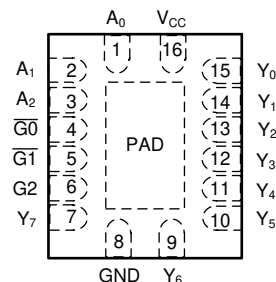
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4 Pin Configuration and Functions



PW Package, 16-Pin TSSOP (Top View)



BQB Package, 16-Pin WQFN (Transparent Top View)

Table 4-1. Pin Functions

PIN		TYPE ⁽¹⁾	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
A ₀	1	I	Address select 0
A ₁	2	I	Address select 1
A ₂	3	I	Address select 2
\overline{G}_0	4	I	Strobe input, active low
\overline{G}_1	5	I	Strobe input, active low
G ₂	6	I	Strobe input
Y ₇	7	O	Output 7
GND	8	—	Ground
Y ₆	9	O	Output 6
Y ₅	10	O	Output 5
Y ₄	11	O	Output 4
Y ₃	12	O	Output 3
Y ₂	13	O	Output 2
Y ₁	14	O	Output 1
Y ₀	15	O	Output 0
V _{CC}	16	—	Positive supply
Thermal Pad ⁽²⁾		—	The thermal pad can be connect to GND or left floating. Do not connect to any other signal or supply.

(1) Signal Types: I = Input, O = Output, I/O = Input or Output.

(2) BQB package only.

5 Specifications

5.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)⁽¹⁾

			MIN	MAX	UNIT
V _{CC}	Supply voltage range		-0.5	7	V
V _I	Input voltage range ⁽²⁾		-0.5	V _{CC} + 0.5V	V
V _O	Output voltage range ⁽²⁾		-0.5	V _{CC} + 0.5V	V
I _{IK}	Input clamp current	V _I < -0.5V or V _I > V _{CC} + 0.5V		±20	mA
I _{OK}	Output clamp current	V _O < -0.5V or V _O > V _{CC} + 0.5V		±50	mA
I _O	Continuous output current	V _O = 0 to V _{CC}		±50	mA
	Continuous output current through V _{CC} or GND			±200	mA
T _J	Junction temperature			150	°C
T _{stg}	Storage temperature		-65	150	°C

- (1) Operation outside the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent device damage. Absolute maximum ratings do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those listed under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. If briefly operating outside the *Recommended Operating Conditions* but within the *Absolute Maximum Ratings*, the device may not sustain damage, but it may not be fully functional. Operating the device in this manner may affect device reliability, functionality, performance, and shorten the device lifetime.
- (2) The input and output voltage ratings may be exceeded if the input and output current ratings are observed.

5.2 ESD Ratings

			VALUE	UNIT
V _(ESD)	Electrostatic discharge	Human-body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 ⁽¹⁾	±2000	V
		Charged-device model (CDM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-002 ⁽²⁾	±1000	

- (1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.
- (2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

5.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

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

			MIN	MAX	UNIT
V _{CC}	Supply voltage		4.5	5.5	V
V _{IH}	High-level input voltage		2		V
V _{IL}	Low-Level input voltage			0.8	V
V _I	Input Voltage		0	V _{CC}	V
V _O	Output Voltage		0	V _{CC}	V
I _{OH}	High-level output current			-24	mA
I _{OL}	Low-level output current			24	mA
Δt/Δv	Input transition rise or fall rate			20	ns/V
T _A	Operating free-air temperature		-40	125	°C

5.4 Thermal Information

PACKAGE	PINS	THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾						UNIT
		R _{θJA}	R _{θJC(top)}	R _{θJB}	Ψ _{JT}	Ψ _{JB}	R _{θJC(bot)}	
PW (TSSOP)	16	126.2	60.5	84.2	7.5	83.3	-	°C/W
BQB (WQFN)	16	91.2	95.1	61.4	18.0	61.2	38.0	°C/W

- (1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics](#) application note.

5.5 Electrical Characteristics

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

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	V _{CC}	-40°C to 125°C			UNIT
			MIN	TYP	MAX	
V _{OH}	I _{OH} = -50μA	4.5V	4.4	4.499		V
		5.5V	5.4	5.499		
	I _{OH} = -24mA	4.5V	3.7			
	I _{OH} = -24mA	5.5V	4.7			
	I _{OH} = -75mA ⁽³⁾	5.5V	3.85			
V _{OL}	I _{OL} = 50μA	4.5V		0.001	0.1	V
		5.5V		0.001	0.1	
	I _{OL} = 24mA	4.5V			0.5	
	I _{OL} = 24mA	5.5V			0.5	
	I _{OL} = 75mA ⁽³⁾	5.5V			1.65	
I _I	V _I = 5.5V or GND	0V to 5.5V			±1	μA
I _{CC}	V _I = V _{CC} or GND, I _O = 0	5.5V			2	μA
ΔI _{CC}	V _I = V _{CC} - 2.1V; Any Input	4.5V to 5.5V			200	μA
C _I	V _I = V _{CC} or GND	5V		2		pF
C _{PD} ^{(1) (2)}	C _L = 50pF, F = 1MHz	5V		57		pF

(1) C_{PD} is used to determine the dynamic power consumption, per channel

(2) P_D = V_{CC}² × F_I × (C_{PD} + C_L) where F_I = input frequency, C_L = output load capacitance, V_{CC} = supply voltage

(3) Not more than one output should be tested at a time, and the duration of the test should not exceed 2 ms.

5.6 Switching Characteristics

C_L = 50 pF; over operating free-air temperature range; typical values measured at T_A = 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER	FROM (INPUT)	TO (OUTPUT)	V _{CC}	-40°C to 125°C			UNIT
				MIN	TYP	MAX	
t _{phl}	Any A	Any Y	5V		7.3	10.9	ns
t _{plh}	Any A	Any Y	5V		7.2	10.8	ns
t _{phl}	G ₂	Any Y	5V		7.4	10.4	ns
t _{plh}	G ₂	Any Y	5V		7	10.6	ns
t _{phl}	$\overline{G}_0, \overline{G}_1$	Any Y	5V		6.6	9.6	ns
t _{plh}	$\overline{G}_0, \overline{G}_1$	Any Y	5V		7.4	10.7	ns

5.7 Typical Characteristics

$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (unless otherwise noted)

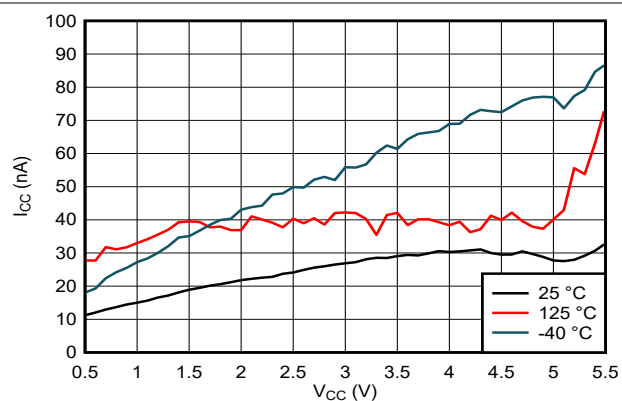


Figure 5-1. Supply Current Across Supply Voltage

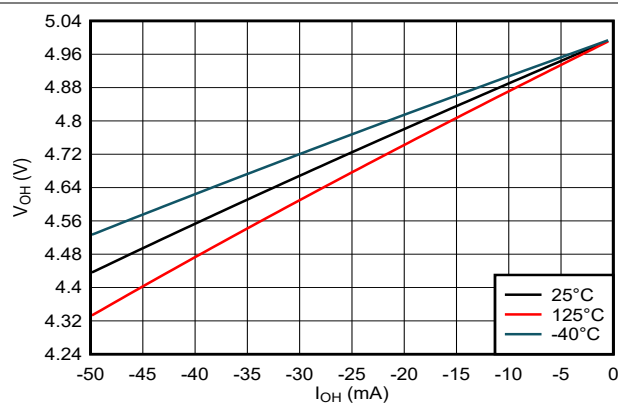


Figure 5-2. Output Voltage vs Current in HIGH State; 5V Supply

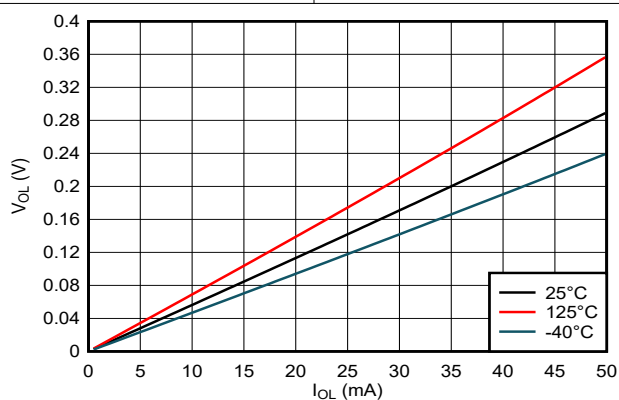
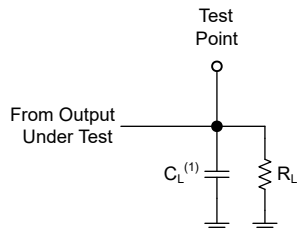


Figure 5-3. Output Voltage vs Current in LOW State; 5V Supply

6 Parameter Measurement Information

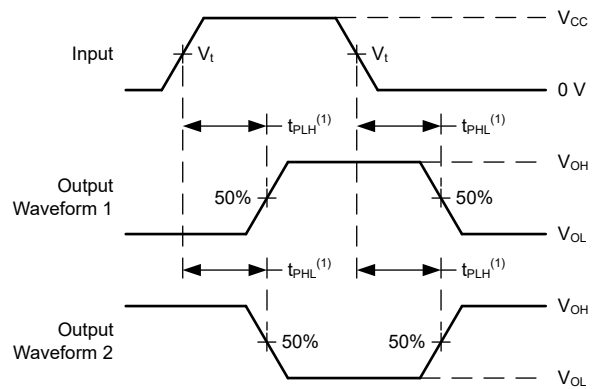
Phase relationships between waveforms were chosen arbitrarily for the examples listed in the following table. All input pulses are supplied by generators having the following characteristics: $PRR \leq 1\text{MHz}$, $Z_O = 50\Omega$, $t_f < 2.5\text{ns}$, $V_t = 1.5\text{V}$. For push-pull outputs, $R_L = 500\Omega$.

The outputs are measured individually with one input transition per measurement.



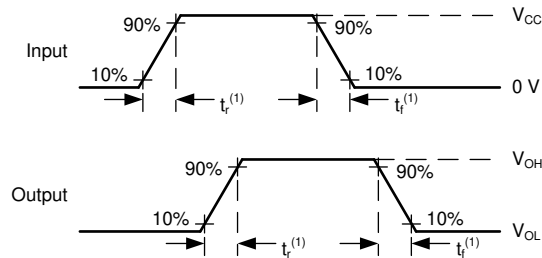
(1) C_L includes probe and test-fixture capacitance.

Figure 6-1. Load Circuit for Push-Pull Outputs



(1) The greater between t_{PLH} and t_{PHL} is the same as t_{pd} .

Figure 6-2. Voltage Waveforms Propagation Delays



(1) The greater between t_r and t_f is the same as t_t .

Figure 6-3. Voltage Waveforms, Input and Output Transition Times

7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The SN74ACT238 is a high speed silicon gate CMOS decoder that is an excellent choice for memory address decoding or data routing applications. It contains a single 3:8 decoder.

The SN74ACT238 has three address select inputs (A_2 , A_1 , and A_0). The circuit functions as a normal one-of-eight decoder.

Three strobe inputs (G_2 , \overline{G}_1 and \overline{G}_0) are provided to simplify cascading and to facilitate demultiplexing. When any input strobe is inactive, all outputs are forced into the low state. When all input strobes are active, only the selected output is high while all other outputs are low.

The demultiplexing function is accomplished by first using the select inputs to choose the desired output, and then using one of the strobe inputs as the data input. Data can be inverted or non-inverted depending on the selected strobe input.

The outputs for the SN74ACT238 are normally low, and high when selected.

7.2 Functional Block Diagram

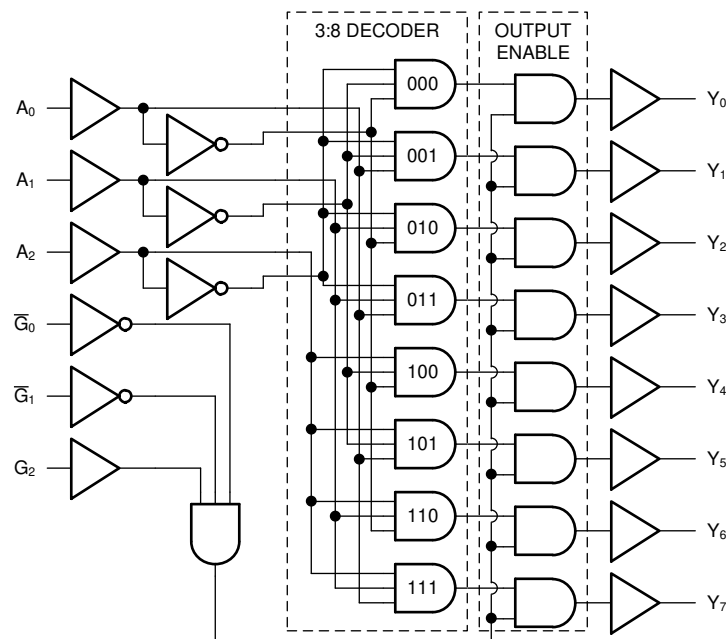


Figure 7-1. Logic Diagram (Positive Logic) for SN74ACT238

7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 Balanced CMOS Push-Pull Outputs

This device includes balanced CMOS push-pull outputs. The term *balanced* indicates that the device can sink and source similar currents. The drive capability of this device may create fast edges into light loads, so routing and load conditions should be considered to prevent ringing. Additionally, the outputs of this device are capable of driving larger currents than the device can sustain without being damaged. It is important to limit the output power of the device to avoid damage due to overcurrent. The electrical and thermal limits defined in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* must be followed at all times.

Unused push-pull CMOS outputs must be left disconnected.

7.3.2 TTL-Compatible CMOS Inputs

This device includes TTL-compatible CMOS inputs. These inputs are specifically designed to interface with TTL logic devices by having a reduced input voltage threshold.

TTL-compatible CMOS inputs are high impedance and are typically modeled as a resistor in parallel with the input capacitance given in the *Electrical Characteristics*. The worst case resistance is calculated with the maximum input voltage, given in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings*, and the maximum input leakage current, given in the *Electrical Characteristics*, using Ohm's law ($R = V \div I$).

TTL-compatible CMOS inputs require that input signals transition between valid logic states quickly, as defined by the input transition time or rate in the *Recommended Operating Conditions* table. Failing to meet this specification will result in excessive power consumption and could cause oscillations. More details can be found in the [Implications of Slow or Floating CMOS Inputs](#) application report.

Do not leave TTL-compatible CMOS inputs floating at any time during operation. Unused inputs must be terminated at V_{CC} or GND. If a system will not be actively driving an input at all times, a pull-up or pull-down resistor can be added to provide a valid input voltage during these times. The resistor value will depend on multiple factors; however, a 10kΩ resistor is recommended and typically will meet all requirements.

7.3.3 Clamp Diode Structure

As shown in [Figure 7-2](#), the inputs and outputs to this device have both positive and negative clamping diodes.

CAUTION

Voltages beyond the values specified in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* table can cause damage to the device. The input and output voltage ratings may be exceeded if the input and output clamp-current ratings are observed.

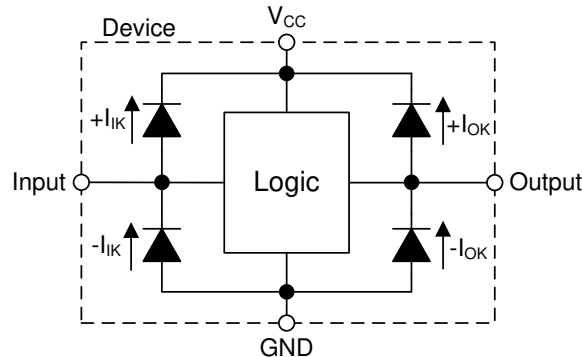


Figure 7-2. Electrical Placement of Clamping Diodes for Each Input and Output

7.4 Device Functional Modes

[Table 7-1](#) lists the functional modes of the SN74ACT238.

Table 7-1. Function Table

INPUTS ⁽¹⁾						OUTPUTS							
G ₂	G ₁	G ₀	A ₂	A ₁	A ₀	Y ₀	Y ₁	Y ₂	Y ₃	Y ₄	Y ₅	Y ₆	Y ₇
X	X	H	X	X	X	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
L	X	X	X	X	X	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
X	H	X	X	X	X	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
H	L	L	L	L	L	H	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
H	L	L	L	L	H	L	H	L	L	L	L	L	L
H	L	L	L	H	L	L	L	H	L	L	L	L	L

Table 7-1. Function Table (continued)

INPUTS ⁽¹⁾						OUTPUTS							
G ₂	\bar{G}_1	\bar{G}_0	A ₂	A ₁	A ₀	Y ₀	Y ₁	Y ₂	Y ₃	Y ₄	Y ₅	Y ₆	Y ₇
H	L	L	L	H	H	L	L	L	H	L	L	L	L
H	L	L	H	L	L	L	L	L	L	H	L	L	L
H	L	L	H	L	H	L	L	L	L	L	H	L	L
H	L	L	H	H	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	H	L
H	L	L	H	H	H	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	H

(1) H = High Voltage Level, L = Low Voltage Level, X = Don't Care

8 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, as well as validating and testing their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

8.1 Application Information

The SN74ACT238 device is used to control multiple devices that operate on a shared data bus. A decoder allows a binary encoded input to activate only one of the device's outputs. This makes this device an excellent choice for solid state memory applications where multiple devices have to be read or written to with a limited number of GPIO pins used on the system controller. The decoder is used to activate the chip select (CS) input to the selected memory device, and the controller can then read or write from that device alone when using a shared bus.

8.2 Typical Application

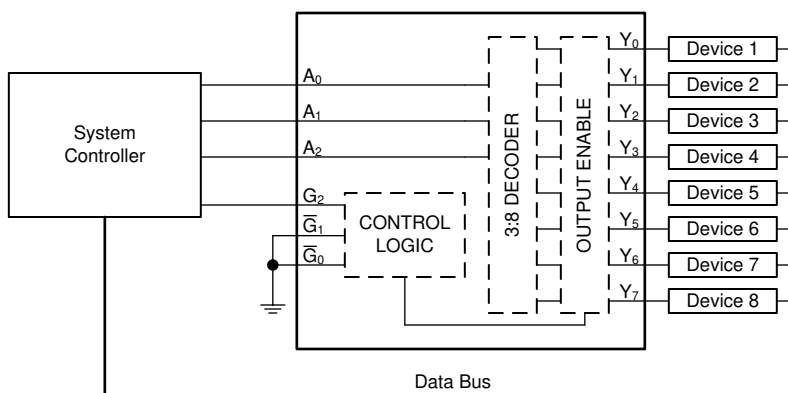


Figure 8-1. Typical Application Block Diagram

8.2.1 Design Requirements

8.2.1.1 Power Considerations

Ensure the desired supply voltage is within the range specified in the *Recommended Operating Conditions*. The supply voltage sets the device's electrical characteristics of the device as described in the *Electrical Characteristics* section.

The positive voltage supply must be capable of sourcing current equal to the total current to be sourced by all outputs of the SN74ACT238 plus the maximum static supply current, I_{CC} , listed in the *Electrical Characteristics*, and any transient current required for switching. The logic device can only source as much current that is provided by the positive supply source. Ensure the maximum total current through V_{CC} listed in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* is not exceeded.

The ground must be capable of sinking current equal to the total current to be sunk by all outputs of the SN74ACT238 plus the maximum supply current, I_{CC} , listed in the *Electrical Characteristics*, and any transient current required for switching. The logic device can only sink as much current that can be sunk into its ground connection. Ensure the maximum total current through GND listed in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* is not exceeded.

The SN74ACT238 can drive a load with a total capacitance less than or equal to 50pF while still meeting all of the data sheet specifications. Larger capacitive loads can be applied; however, it is not recommended to exceed 50pF.

The SN74ACT238 can drive a load with total resistance described by $R_L \geq V_O / I_O$, with the output voltage and current defined in the *Electrical Characteristics* table with V_{OH} and V_{OL} . When outputting in the HIGH state, the output voltage in the equation is defined as the difference between the measured output voltage and the supply voltage at the V_{CC} pin.

Total power consumption can be calculated using the information provided in [CMOS Power Consumption and Cpd Calculation](#).

Thermal increase can be calculated using the information provided in [Thermal Characteristics of Standard Linear and Logic \(SLL\) Packages and Devices](#).

CAUTION

The maximum junction temperature, $T_{J(max)}$ listed in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings*, is an additional limitation to prevent damage to the device. Do not violate any values listed in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings*. These limits are provided to prevent damage to the device.

8.2.1.2 Input Considerations

Input signals must cross $V_{IL(max)}$ to be considered a logic LOW, and $V_{IH(min)}$ to be considered a logic HIGH. Do not exceed the maximum input voltage range found in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings*.

Unused inputs must be terminated to either V_{CC} or ground. The unused inputs can be directly terminated if the input is completely unused, or they can be connected with a pull-up or pull-down resistor if the input will be used sometimes, but not always. A pull-up resistor is used for a default state of HIGH, and a pull-down resistor is used for a default state of LOW. The drive current of the controller, leakage current into the SN74ACT238 (as specified in the *Electrical Characteristics*), and the desired input transition rate limits the resistor size. A 10k Ω resistor value is often used due to these factors.

The SN74ACT238 has CMOS inputs and thus requires fast input transitions to operate correctly, as defined in the *Recommended Operating Conditions* table. Slow input transitions can cause oscillations, additional power consumption, and reduction in device reliability.

Refer to the *Feature Description* section for additional information regarding the inputs for this device.

8.2.1.3 Output Considerations

The positive supply voltage is used to produce the output HIGH voltage. Drawing current from the output will decrease the output voltage as specified by the V_{OH} specification in the *Electrical Characteristics*. The ground voltage is used to produce the output LOW voltage. Sinking current into the output will increase the output voltage as specified by the V_{OL} specification in the *Electrical Characteristics*.

Push-pull outputs that could be in opposite states, even for a very short time period, should never be connected directly together. This can cause excessive current and damage to the device.

Two channels within the same device with the same input signals can be connected in parallel for additional output drive strength.

Unused outputs can be left floating. Do not connect outputs directly to V_{CC} or ground.

Refer to the *Feature Description* section for additional information regarding the outputs for this device.

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

1. Add a decoupling capacitor from V_{CC} to GND. The capacitor needs to be placed physically close to the device and electrically close to both the V_{CC} and GND pins. An example layout is shown in the *Layout* section.
2. Ensure the capacitive load at the output is $\leq 50\text{pF}$. This is not a hard limit; by design, however, it will optimize performance. This can be accomplished by providing short, appropriately sized traces from the SN74ACT238 to one or more of the receiving devices.
3. Ensure the resistive load at the output is larger than $(V_{CC} / I_{O(max)})\Omega$. Doing this will prevent the maximum output current from the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* from being violated. Most CMOS inputs have a resistive load measured in $M\Omega$; much larger than the minimum calculated previously.
4. Thermal issues are rarely a concern for logic gates; the power consumption and thermal increase, however, can be calculated using the steps provided in the application report, [CMOS Power Consumption and Cpd Calculation](#).

8.2.3 Application Curve

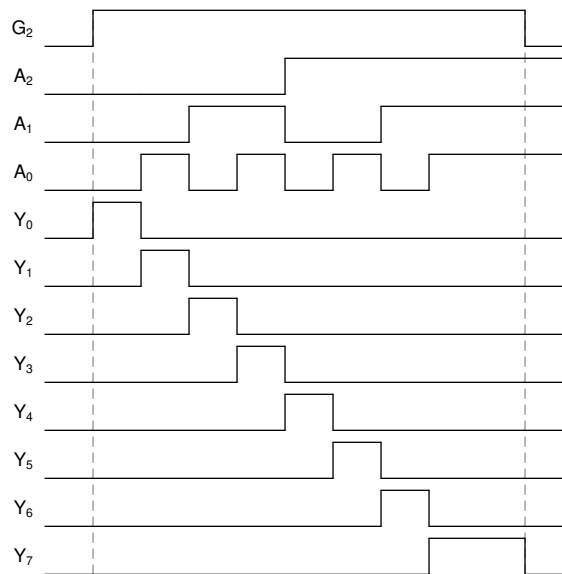


Figure 8-2. Application Timing Diagram

8.3 Power Supply Recommendations

The power supply can be any voltage between the minimum and maximum supply voltage rating listed in the *Recommended Operating Conditions*.

Each V_{CC} terminal should have a good bypass capacitor to prevent power disturbance. For the SN74ACT238, a $0.1\mu\text{F}$ bypass capacitor is recommended. To reject different frequencies of noise, use multiple bypass capacitors in parallel. Capacitors with values of $0.1\mu\text{F}$ and $1\mu\text{F}$ are commonly used in parallel.

8.4 Layout

8.4.1 Layout Guidelines

- Bypass capacitor placement
 - Place near the positive supply terminal of the device
 - Provide an electrically short ground return path
 - Use wide traces to minimize impedance
 - Keep the device, capacitors, and traces on the same side of the board whenever possible
- Signal trace geometry
 - 8mil to 12mil trace width
 - Lengths less than 12cm to minimize transmission line effects

- Avoid 90° corners for signal traces
- Use an unbroken ground plane below signal traces
- Flood fill areas around signal traces with ground
- For traces longer than 12cm
 - Use impedance controlled traces
 - Source-terminate using a series damping resistor near the output
 - Avoid branches; buffer signals that must branch separately

8.4.2 Layout Example

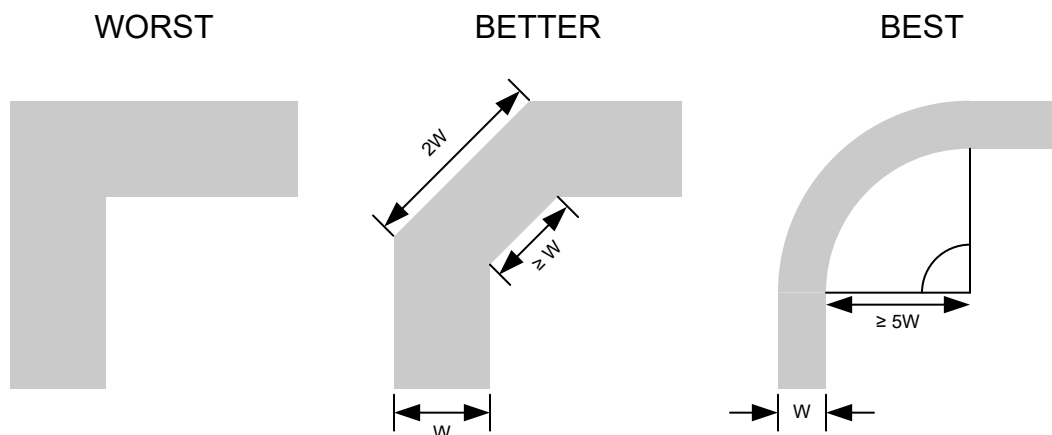


Figure 8-3. Example Trace Corners for Improved Signal Integrity

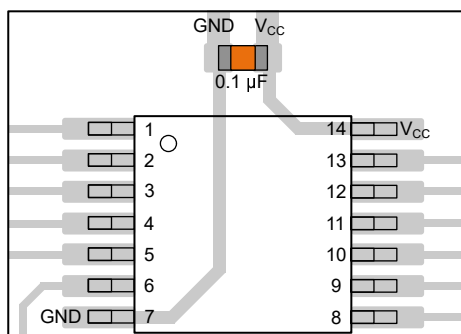


Figure 8-4. Example Bypass Capacitor Placement for TSSOP and Similar Packages

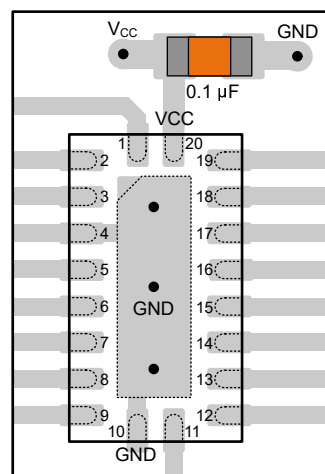


Figure 8-5. Example Bypass Capacitor Placement for WQFN and Similar Packages

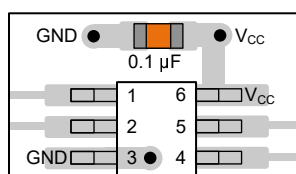


Figure 8-6. Example Bypass Capacitor Placement for SOT, SC70 and Similar Packages

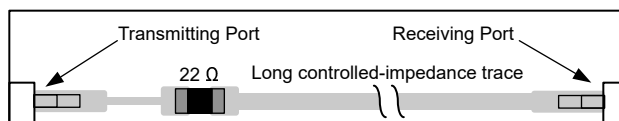


Figure 8-7. Example Damping Resistor Placement for Improved Signal Integrity

9 Device and Documentation Support

TI offers an extensive line of development tools. Tools and software to evaluate the performance of the device, generate code, and develop solutions are listed below.

9.1 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

To receive notification of documentation updates, navigate to the device product folder on [ti.com](https://www.ti.com). Click on *Notifications* to register and receive a weekly digest of any product information that has changed. For change details, review the revision history included in any revised document.

9.2 Support Resources

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9.4 Electrostatic Discharge Caution



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

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

9.5 Glossary

[TI Glossary](#) This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

10 Revision History

NOTE: Page numbers for previous revisions may differ from page numbers in the current version.

DATE	REVISION	NOTES
November 2024	*	Initial release

11 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.

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Orderable part number	Status (1)	Material type (2)	Package Pins	Package qty Carrier	RoHS (3)	Lead finish/ Ball material (4)	MSL rating/ Peak reflow (5)	Op temp (°C)	Part marking (6)
SN74ACT238BQBR	Active	Production	WQFN (BQB) 16	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AD238
SN74ACT238BQBR.A	Active	Production	WQFN (BQB) 16	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AD238
SN74ACT238PWR	Active	Production	TSSOP (PW) 16	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AD238
SN74ACT238PWR.A	Active	Production	TSSOP (PW) 16	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AD238

⁽¹⁾ **Status:** For more details on status, see our [product life cycle](#).

⁽²⁾ **Material type:** When designated, preproduction parts are prototypes/experimental devices, and are not yet approved or released for full production. Testing and final process, including without limitation quality assurance, reliability performance testing, and/or process qualification, may not yet be complete, and this item is subject to further changes or possible discontinuation. If available for ordering, purchases will be subject to an additional waiver at checkout, and are intended for early internal evaluation purposes only. These items are sold without warranties of any kind.

⁽³⁾ **RoHS values:** Yes, No, RoHS Exempt. See the [TI RoHS Statement](#) for additional information and value definition.

⁽⁴⁾ **Lead finish/Ball material:** Parts may have multiple material finish options. Finish options are separated by a vertical ruled line. Lead finish/Ball material values may wrap to two lines if the finish value exceeds the maximum column width.

⁽⁵⁾ **MSL rating/Peak reflow:** The moisture sensitivity level ratings and peak solder (reflow) temperatures. In the event that a part has multiple moisture sensitivity ratings, only the lowest level per JEDEC standards is shown. Refer to the shipping label for the actual reflow temperature that will be used to mount the part to the printed circuit board.

⁽⁶⁾ **Part marking:** There may be an additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category of the part.

Multiple part markings will be inside parentheses. Only one part marking contained in parentheses and separated by a "~" will appear on a part. If a line is indented then it is a continuation of the previous line and the two combined represent the entire part marking for that device.

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OTHER QUALIFIED VERSIONS OF SN74ACT238 :

- Automotive : [SN74ACT238-Q1](#)

NOTE: Qualified Version Definitions:

- Automotive - Q100 devices qualified for high-reliability automotive applications targeting zero defects

TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION



*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
SN74ACT238BQBR	WQFN	BQB	16	3000	180.0	12.4	2.8	3.8	1.2	4.0	12.0	Q1
SN74ACT238PWR	TSSOP	PW	16	3000	330.0	12.4	6.9	5.6	1.6	8.0	12.0	Q1

TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS



*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
SN74ACT238BQBR	WQFN	BQB	16	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0
SN74ACT238PWR	TSSOP	PW	16	3000	353.0	353.0	32.0

GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW

BQB 16

WQFN - 0.8 mm max height

2.5 x 3.5, 0.5 mm pitch

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD

This image is a representation of the package family, actual package may vary.
Refer to the product data sheet for package details.

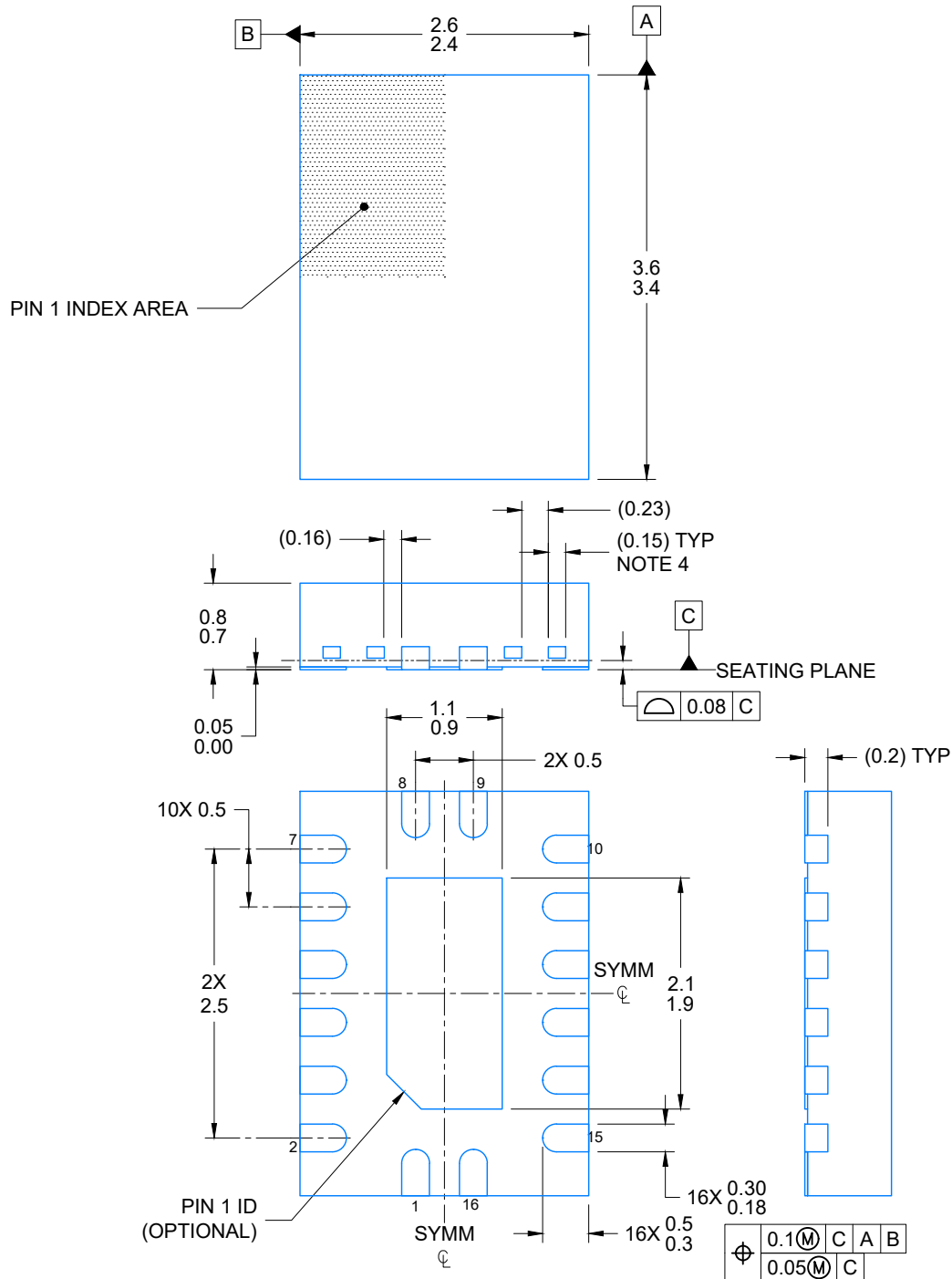


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WQFN - 0.8 mm max height

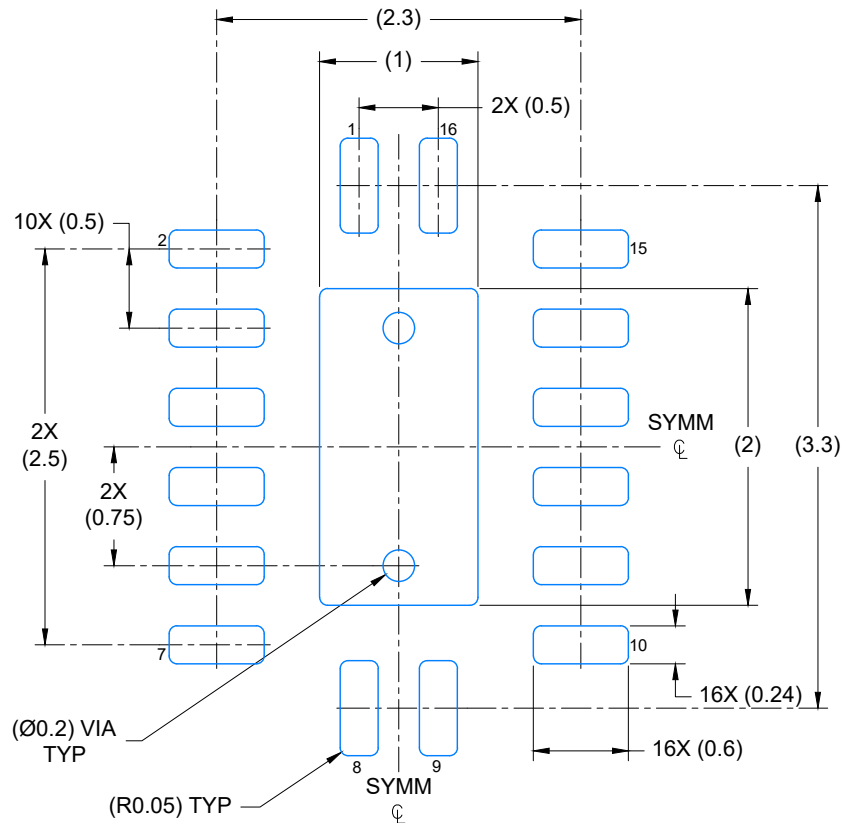
PLASTIC QUAD FLAT PACK-NO LEAD



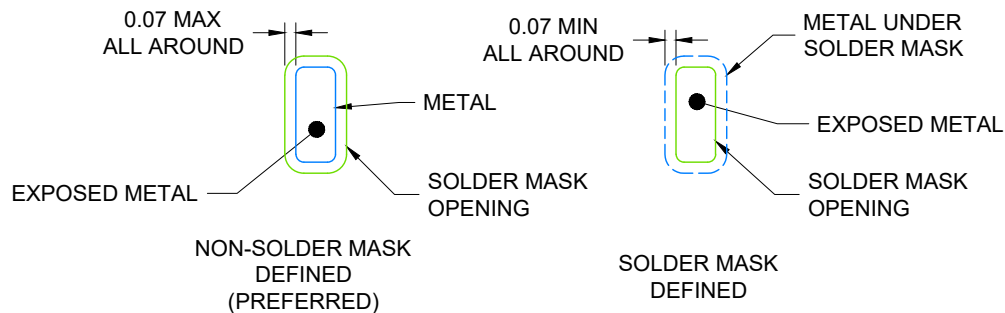
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NOTES:

1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
3. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the printed circuit board for optimal thermal and mechanical performance.
4. Features may differ or may not be present



LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN
SCALE: 20X

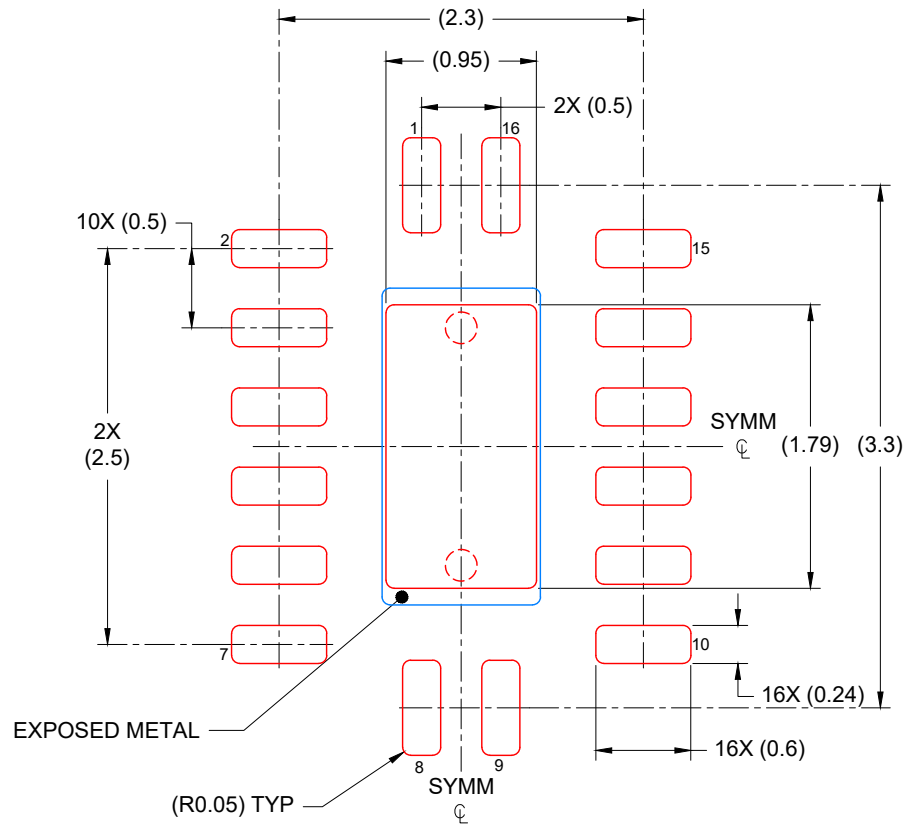


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1. NOTES: (continued)

- This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number SLUA271 (www.ti.com/lit/slua271).
- Vias are optional depending on application, refer to device data sheet. If any vias are implemented, refer to their locations shown on this view. It is recommended that vias under paste be filled, plugged or tented.

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SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
BASED ON 0.125 mm THICK STENCIL

EXPOSED PAD
85% PRINTED COVERAGE BY AREA
SCALE: 20X

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NOTES: (continued)

7. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.



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NOTES:

1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
3. This dimension does not include mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs. Mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs shall not exceed 0.15 mm per side.
4. This dimension does not include interlead flash. Interlead flash shall not exceed 0.25 mm per side.
5. Reference JEDEC registration MO-153.

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

PW0016A

TSSOP - 1.2 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE PACKAGE



LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN
SCALE: 10X



SOLDER MASK DETAILS

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NOTES: (continued)

6. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.

7. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

PW0016A

TSSOP - 1.2 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE PACKAGE



SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
BASED ON 0.125 mm THICK STENCIL
SCALE: 10X

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NOTES: (continued)

8. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.
9. Board assembly site may have different recommendations for stencil design.

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