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TI's intelligent LED drivers in automotive cluster systems

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LED Drivers

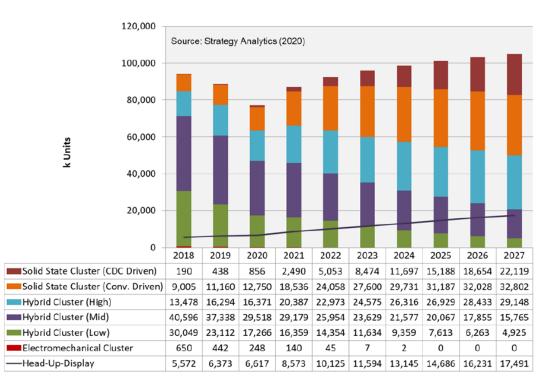


Outline

- Automotive instrument cluster system trends
- Automotive LED indicator
- Global dimming backlight LED driver
- Local dimming backlight architecture and LED driver
- Aid functional safety cluster system design
- Q&A



Automotive instrument cluster system demand volume



- Hybrid cluster: consists of both analog gauges and a display panel
- Solid state cluster: consists of a single display panel, containing no analog gauges

Source: Strategy Analytics, Automotive Instrument Clusters: Moving Towards Cockpit Integration and 3D Displays, May 2020



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LED drivers in instrument clusters



Source: Ford

- Hybrid cluster:
 - backlight LED driver (low/mid power)
 - LED indicator



Source: Audi

- Solid state cluster:
 - backlight LED driver (mid/high power)
 - LED indicator for tell-tales (optional)



Multi-channel automotive LED indicator family

New Generation		TLC6C598/12-Q1 TLC6C5816-Q1 Shift Register Power Logic Shift Register Power Logic 40V Breakdown Voltage 40V Breakdown Voltage Vcc = 3 ~ 5.5V Vcc = 3 ~ 5.5V Cont. <50mA per channel (8/12 ch) Cont. <50mA per channel (16 ch) Thermal Shutdown Protection LED Open & Short Diagnostic	TLC6C5712-Q1 Const. Current Sink 7V Breakdown Voltage Vcc = 3 ~ 5.5V, SPI Cont. <75mA/ch (12 ch) 8 bit Dot Correction 6 Ext. PWM arbitrary mapping Full Diagnostic & Protection Deactivated LED Fault Detection 	TLC6C5716/24-Q1 Const. Current Sink 7V Breakdown Voltage Vcc = 3 ~ 5.5V, Serial I/F Cont. <50mA/ch (24/16 ch) 7 bit Dot Correction, 8 bit BC 12/10/8 bit Int. Ind. PWM Full Diagnostic & Protection Deactivated LED Fault Detection	
Old Generation		TPIC6C596 TPIC2810 > Shift Register Power Logic > I2C Power Logic > 33V Breakdown Voltage > 40V Breakdown Voltage > Vcc = 4.5 ~ 5.5V > Vcc = 3 ~ 5.5V > Cont. <100mA per channel (8 ch) > Cont. <100mA per channel (8 ch)	TLC5916/17-Q1 TLC5926/27-Q1 Const. Current Sink 17V Breakdown Voltage Vcc = 3 ~ 5.5V, Serial I/F Cont. <120mA/ch (8/16 ch) 8 bit Global Dot Correction OT, LED Open LED Short (7 only)	TLC5941-Q1 Const. Current Sink T7V Breakdown Voltage Vcc = 3 ~ 5.5V, Serial I/F Cont. <90mA/ch (16 ch) 6 bit Ind. Dot Correction 12 bit Int. Ind. PWM OT, LED Open	TLC59116-Q1 • Const. Current Sink • 17V Breakdown Voltage • Vcc = 3 ~ 5.5V, FM+ 12C • Cont. <120mA/ch (16 ch) • 8 bit Global Dot Correction • 8 bit Int. Ind. PWM • OT, LED Open
Topology	V _{BAT} : 9-18V	V _{BAT} : 9-18V MCU - No Diagnostic or Simple Diagnostic - Simple ON/OFF		V _{CC} MCU +	
	- Requires Parallel wires from MCU	- MCU Serial I/F & Daisy Chain Option		- MCU Serial I/F & Daisy Chain Optio	on 5
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TLC6C5816-Q1

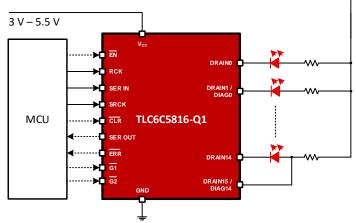
Features

- AEC-Q100 Qualified for Automotive Applications
- 16 Channel Power DMOS Transistor Outputs
 - Open drain output up to 50mA/channel
 - Rdson 6.2 Ohm (25C Junction, typ)
 - Rdson 13.5 Ohm (150C Junction, worst case)
 - 40V Output for load dump, support load directly connect to battery
 - Optimized slow slew rate helps reduce EMI
- Serial Interface & PWM inputs
 - Shift register compatible with 596/598/5912
 - Fault register readback with RCK high
 - 2 PWM inputs, each control 8 outputs.
- Diagnostic & Protection
 - Over Temperature Protection
 - 8 Channel On-demand LED Open / Short Diagnostics
 - Serial Interface Communication Error Detection
 - Open-drain error output for MCU interruption
- Package
 - HTSSOP-28

Benefits

- 16 channels in one chip for more cost efficient to power each LED
- On-demand LED Short & Open Detection to easy fulfill diagnostics and save system cost
- Optimized Slew Rate helps reduce EMI
- Dual PWM input to support two different dimming scenarios
- SPI Checksum readback to enhance SPI communication reliability

Battery 5 V - 40 V



Applications	Key Parameter Overview		
Instrumentation Cluster	Vcc operating voltage	3 ~ 5.5	V
HVAC / Head-unit Faceplate	Output voltage maximum rating	40	V
Center Stack HMI	Channel output maximum current	50	mA
Electronic Gear Shifter	Rds(on) typical	6.2	Ω



TLC6C5712-Q1

Features

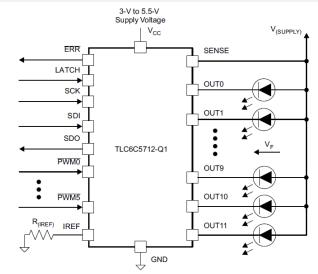
- AEC-Q100 Qualified for Automotive Applications
- 12 Channel Power DMOS Transistor Outputs
 - Constant current up to 75mA, set via external resistor
 - Breakdown voltage up to 7V
 - Max drop-out voltage: 0.75V @ 50mA/ch, 1.2V @ 75mA/ch
 - Configurable slew rate for optimized EMI performance
- Precision Constant Current
 - Channel-Channel difference < ±3%
 - Device-Device difference < ±3%
 - 8-bit, 256-step linear dot correction for each channel
- Serial Interface & PWM inputs
 - 6 PWM Inputs with frequency supervision
 - Programmable PWM mapping capability via SPI interface
- Diagnostic & Protection
 - Open-load, Short-to-GND, Shorted-LED detection for both activated and deactivated states
 - LED Weak Supply Detection
 - Adjacent Pin Short Detection
 - Reference Resistor Open/Short Detection & Protection
 - Thermal Prewarning and Shutdown
 - Input PWM Timeout Monitoring
 - Open-drain Error reporting
 - Force Error for SPI Integrity Diagnostics
 - SPI register lock for content protection
- Small & thermal effective package
 - 28 HTSSOP (PowerPAD)

Applications

- Instrumentation Cluster
- HVAC / Head-unit Faceplate, Center Stack HMI, Electronic Gear Shifter
- Local Dimming Display
- RGB Ambient Lighting

Benefits

- Output current high accuracy ensure whole system close to zero deviation in LED Display
- Full Programmable via SPI to offer the flexibility for various applications
- Complete Diagnostic and Protection to meet high functional safety requirements



Key Parameter Overview		
Vcc operating voltage	3 ~ 5.5	V
Output voltage maximum rating	7	V
Full range output current	75	mA
Output current accuracy	±3	%



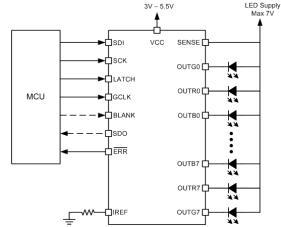
TLC6C5716/24-Q1

Features

- AEC-Q100 Qualified for Automotive Applications
- 24/16 Channel Outputs
 - Constant current up to 50mA, set via external resistor
 - Breakdown voltage up to 7V
- Precision Constant Current
 - Channel to Channel: ±8%
 - Device to Device: ±2%
 - 7-bit, 128-step Dot correction for each channel
 - 8-bit, 256-step Brightness Control for each color group
- Serial Interface & PWM Dimming
 - up to 4MHz SCK and 8MHz GCLK frequency, optimized for Automotive application
 - 12/10/8 Bits internal PWM dimming configurable by each channel
 - EMI friendly with programmable Output Channel Turn On/Off Slew Rate
 - Grouped Delay to Prevent Inrush Current
- Diagnostic & Protection
 - LED open error (LOD), LED short error (LSD), Output pin short to GND error (OSD)
 - LOD/LSD detection circuit failure, LOD/LSD register failure
 - PWM operation error, GCLK signal missing error
 - Adjacent pin short error (APS)
 - Thermal Prewarning (TPW), Thermal error and Shutdown (TEF)
 - IREF resistor open failure (IOF), IREF resistor short failure (ISF)
- Small & thermal effective package
 - 38 HTSSOP (PowerPAD)

Benefits

- High system reliability by fault detection and readback, including PWM error, GCLK missing, etc
- Suitable to drive eight RGB color mixing LED lamps
- Mixed LED Binning with DC/BC compensation and high accuracy of constant current
- EMI friendly with low inrush current and group delay



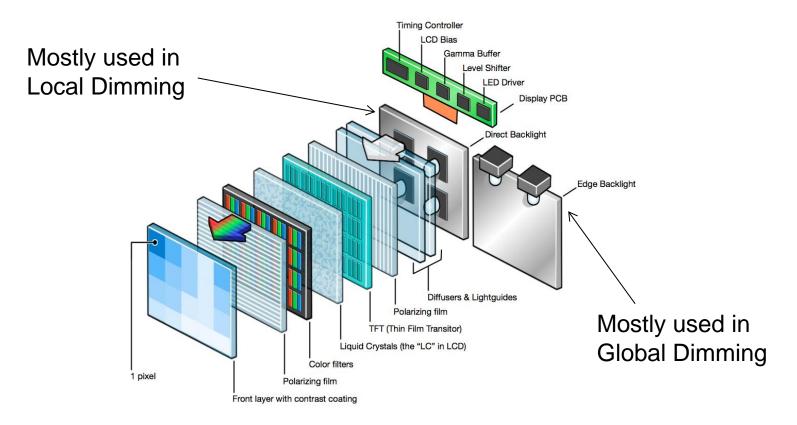
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Vcc operating voltage	3 ~ 5.5	V
Output voltage maximum rating	7	V
Full range output current	50	mA
Output current accuracy	±8	%



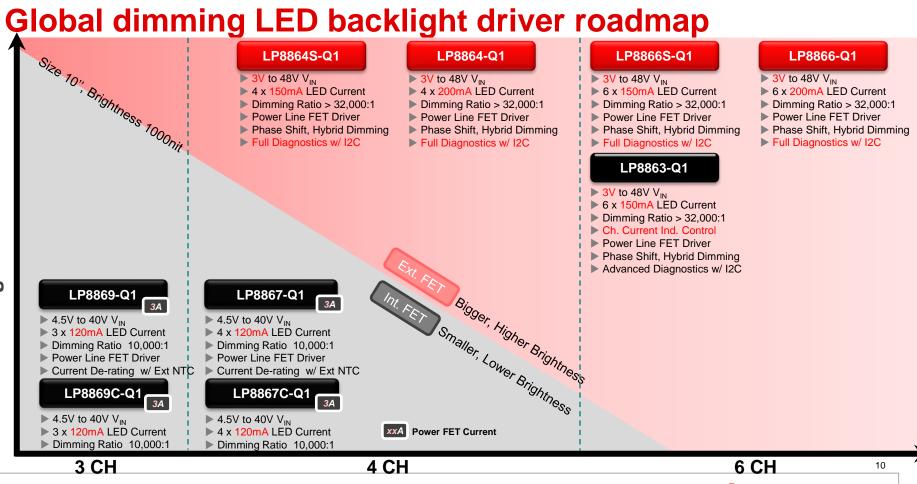
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TFT LCD architecture







TEXAS INSTRUMENTS

Diagnostic Level

LP8866-Q1 / LP8866S-Q1

Features

- AEC-Q100 Qualified for Automotive Applications (Grade 1: T_A -40C to +125C)
- Six High-Precision Current Sinks
 - Output Current up to 200/150 mA/Channel
 - Current Matching 1% (typical)
 - Up to 16-bit LED Dimming Resolution
 - Individual LED String Brightness Control
 - Dimming Ratio 32,000:1 @ 152Hz PWM
 - I2C, PWM Brightness Control Modes
 - 8 configurable LED strings configuration
 - Automatically adjusts phase shift for number of LED strings
- Boost Controller for LED String Power
 - Input Voltage Operating Range 3 V to 48 V
 - Switching Frequency 100 kHz to 2.2 MHz
 - Boost SYNC input to set boost switching frequency from an external clock
 - Spread Spectrum for lower EMI
 - Adaptive Voltage Control for Power Optimization
 - Output voltage automatically discharged when boost is disabled
- Full Protection and Diagnostic Features
 - Open, Shorted, Short-to-GND LED Fault Detection
 - Boost Output OVP and OCP
 - Boost Input UVLO, OVP and OCP
 - External Resistor Fault/Charge Pump Fault/CRC Errors
 - VDD UVLO and Thermal Shutdown

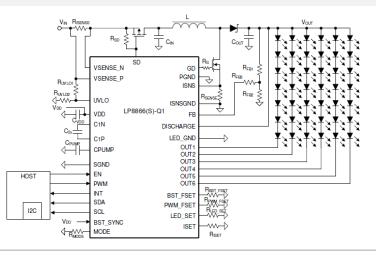
• HTSSOP-38 Package (DCP)

Applications

- Backlight for:
 - Automotive Infotainment
 - Automotive Instrument Clusters
 - Smart Mirrors
 - Heads-Up Displays (HUD)
 - Central Information Displays (CID)
 - Audio-Video Navigation (AVN)

Benefits

- High brightness and big size LCD panel support with
 - 6 * 200/150 mA LED output
- Good Cold cranking behavior with
 - Input Voltage Operating Range 3 V to 48 V
- Good EMI Performance with
 - Phase shifted LED outputs
 - Boost converter Spread Spectrum
 - Hybrid Dimming (Linear + PWM)
 - Boost synchronization input
- Ease Customer design with
 - Resistor configuration for PWM /Boost frequency/LED configuration/Dimming mode
 - Integrated Discharge function





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Full diagnostics

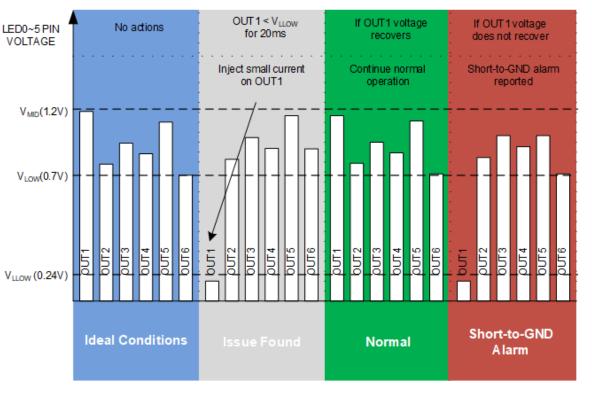
REGISTER NAME	FUNCTION
FSM_LIVE_STATUS	Current state of the functional state machine
PWM_INPUT_STATUS	Measured 16-bit duty cycle of the PWM pin input
LED_PWM_STATUS	16-bit LED PWM duty cycle from state machine
LED_CURRENT_STATUS	12-bit LED current DAC value from state machine
VBOOST_STATUS	10-bit value for adaptive boost voltage target — value is linear between VBOOST_MIN and VBOOST_MAX calculations
MODE_SEL_CFG	Dimming mode configuration from MODE detection
LED_STRING_CFG	LED string phase configuration from LEDSET detection
BOOST_FREQ_SEL	Boost switching frequency value from BST_FSET detection
PWM_FREQ_SEL	LED PWM frequency value from PWM_FSET detection

The LP8866-Q1 contains several diagnostic registers that can be read with the I2C interface for debugging or additional device information.



LED SHORT_TO_GND

- Support the industry's quickest detection of LED short to GND fault
- Avoid the glare when LED is short to GND
 - Risk of blinding driver at night





Full fault detection and handling

Supply Fault	Boost Fault	
VIN undervoltage	Boost OVP low	
VIN overvoltage	Boost OVP high	
VIN overcurrent	Boost overcurrent	
VDD undervoltage	LEDSET detection fault	
Charge pump fault Charge pump components missing Boost sync clock invalid fault	MODE detection fault	
	FSET detection fault	
	ISET resistor fault	
	Thermal shutdown	
Internal Register		
CRC Fault		

LED Fault
Open LED string
Shorted LED
LED short to GND fault
Invalid LED string detected

- The Interrupt Fault Status registers can be read back in three fault registers
- Fault in red means critical fault which will make the chip enter into fault recovery state. It will shutdown all the modules and retry periodically



High reliability & diagnostic coverage

LP8866-Q1 could survive (no damage) when any pin is OPEN/ Short to GND or short with adjacent pin

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ISNSGND No No I	No
ISET No No I	No
FB No No I	No
NC No No I	No
DISCHARGE No No I	No
NC No No I	No
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OUT5 No No I	No
OUT4 No No I	No
OUT3 No No I	No
OUT2 No No I	No
OUT1 No No I	No
NC No No I	No
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Local dimming architecture

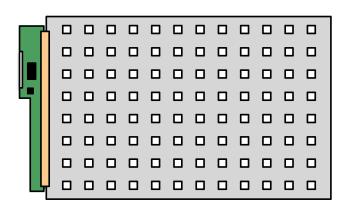
	Global Dimming	Local Dimming
TCON	Process Video stream only	Process both Video stream and backlight control signal
LED Backlight Unit	Mostly edge-lit	Direct lit only. Each zone contains at least one LED
LED Driver	Channel current output global controlled	Channel current output individually controlled Digital interface cascaded
	Video Stream	LCD Panel
System Board	Timing Controller (TCON) HX8880	Image: Constraint of the constraint
	SPI Backlight Control Signal	LED Driver

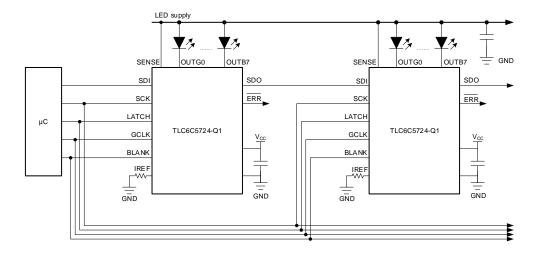


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Channel individual control LED driver (direct)

- All the LEDs are driven at the same time in parallel
- One backlight zone needs one LED driver's channel

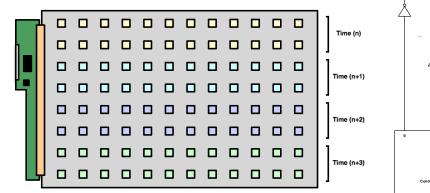


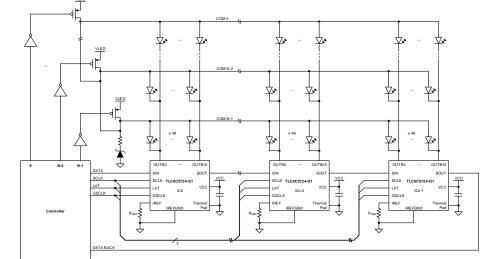




Channel individual control LED driver (scan)

- The backlight LEDs are driven sequentially in groups.
- One LED driver's channel could cover multiple zones (depending on multiplexing config)
- High peak current for each LED and LED driver's channel since each LED could be only on in a duty cycle (25% in the 4:1 multiplexing example below).





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Thermal dissipation

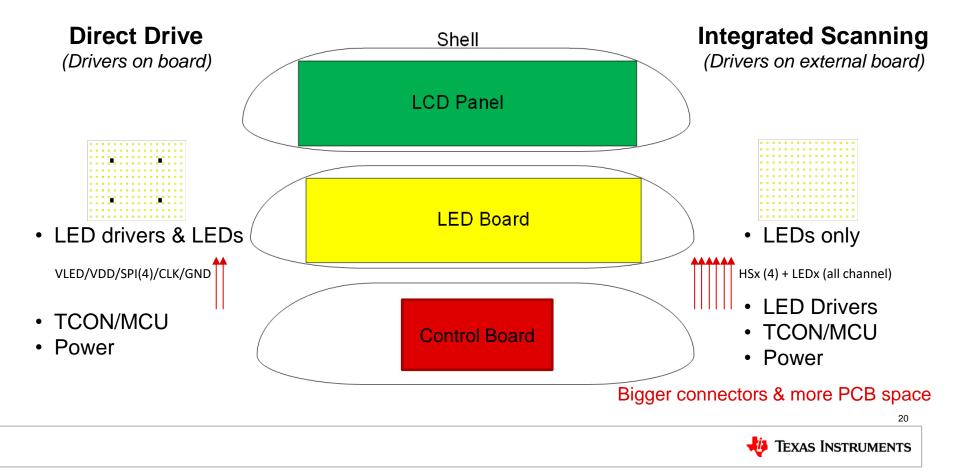
Direct Drive Scan

• Feasible to put chip on LED board

- Higher LED power consumption and higher LED driver power consumption
- Higher PCB thermal peak
- Unfeasible to put chip on LED board



Direct vs. scanning LED driver placement



Local dimming roadmap

TLC5941-Q1

- ▶ 16 CH Const. Current Sink
- 17V breakdown Voltage
- Vcc = 3 ~ 5.5V, 30MHz Serial I/F
- ▶ 60mA/ch
- 6 bit Dot Correction
- ▶ 12 bit Int. Ind. PWM
- ▶ OT, LED Open
- HTTSOP-28, 4.4 mm* 9.7 mm

TLC6C5716/24-Q1

- 16/24 CH Const. Current Sink
- 8V breakdown Voltage
- Vcc = 3 ~ 5.5V, 4MHz Serial I/F
- ▶ 50mA/ch
- ▶ 7 bit Dot Correction, 8 bit BC
- 12/10/8 bit Int. Ind. PWM
- OT, LED Open/Short/Short-to-GND
- HTTSOP-38, 6.2 mm* 12.5 mm

TLC6C5748-Q1

- 48 CH Const. Current Sink
- 11V breakdown Voltage
- Vcc = 3 ~ 5.5V, 25MHz Serial I/F
- ▶ 32mA/ch
- 7 bit Dot Correction, 7 bit BC
- 3 bit MC, Integrated IREF
- ▶ 16 bit Int. Ind. PWM, ES-PWM
- OT, LED Open/Short
- HTTSOP-56, 6.1 mm * 14 mm

Lower cost per channel



TLC6C5748-Q1

48ch, 16bit PWM LED Driver with low headroom voltage and high output voltage

Features

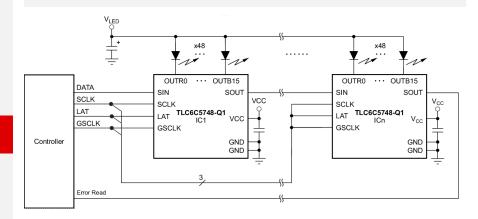
- 48 Outputs with 7bit DC for each output
- 16bit PWM Constant-Current with 7bit Brightness Control and 3bit Max Current Control for 31.9mA, no external RIREF resister
- IC Supply Voltage Range: 3.0 5.5V
- LED Breakdown Voltage: 11V
- Precise Constant Current Regulation: Channel-to-Channel: ± 2% (typ) Device-to-Device: ± 2% (typ)
- Low Headroom Voltage: 0.25V@19mA
- LED Open/Short Detection
- Over Temperature Detection
- Power Save Mode: 7uA consumption
- HTTSOP-56 Package (DCA) 6.1 mm * 14 mm
- Operating Junction Temperature Range: -40 C to +125C

Applications

- Automotive Local Dimming Backlight
- Automotive Pixel Lamp
- Automotive RGB display

Benefits

- Best to drive 48 LED zones with uniformity
- Perfect solution for chip-on-LED-board architecture
- Direct daisy chain interface with TCON controller
- Max 3 single-junction LEDs/ 1 dual-junction LED in series
- Reduces system power consumption
- Reduces system cost
- Unlimited device cascading





XTIDA-020036 384-Zone 12" Local Dimming Backlight Reference Design

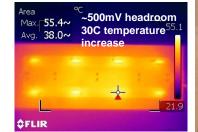
Features

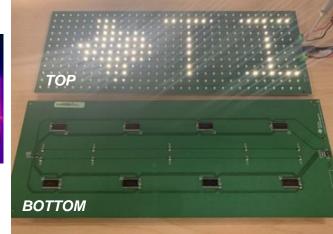
- 384 zones & LEDs
 - 12x32 matrix; 1S1P
 - 0.9 cm pitch
- PCB Specifications
 - Direct driver on back of PCB
 - 2 layer PCB
- SPI control for 8x daisy-chain
- 8x 48-ch low-side LED drivers
- Compatible with local dimming TCONs
- LED Specifications
 - OSRAM Mini TOPLED White 120° SMD
 - Size : 2.3mm x 1.9mm (91mil x 75mil)
 - Single junction @ 3.05V forward voltage
 - 20mA per LED

Tools & Resources

- TIDA-020036 Folder
- Design Guide
- **Design Files:** Schematics, BOM, Gerbers, Software, etc.
- Device Datasheets:
 - TLC6C5748-Q1
 - SN74LVC2G17
 - LCW MVSG.EC-BXCX









Aiding Functional Safety cluster system designs

- TI offers **Functional Safety-Capable** LED drivers to aid system-level functional-safety cluster system design
- Documentation we can provide:
 - Functional safety FIT rate
 - Based on IEC TR 62380 or SN 29500 standards
 - Calculated at a 90% confidence interval for safety-related rate estimation in compliance with IEC 61508 and ISO 26262
 - Failure mode distribution (FMD)
 - Pin FMA *
 - Diagnostic description and fault handling routine *
 - * Available for select products









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