

High Current MOSFET Driver

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Features

- Fast Fall Times16ns at 10,000pF
- No Supply Current in Quiescent State
- Peak Source Current6A
- Peak Sink Current30A
- High Frequency Operation300kHz

Applications

- Switch Mode Power Supplies
- DC/DC Converters
- Motor Controllers
- Uninterruptible Power Supplies

Ordering Information

PART NUMBER	TEMPERATURE RANGE	PACKAGE
HV400IP	-40°C to +85°C	8 Lead Plastic DIP
HV400IB	-40°C to +85°C	8 Lead Plastic SOIC (N)
HV400MJ/883	-55°C to +125°C	8 Lead Ceramic SBDIP

Description

The HV400 is a single monolithic, non-inverting high current driver designed to drive large capacitive loads at high slew rates. The device is optimized for driving single or parallel connected N-channel power MOSFETs with total gate charge from 5nC to >1000nC. It features two output stages pinned out separately allowing independent control of the MOSFET gate rise and fall times. The current sourcing output stage is an NPN capable of 6A. An SCR provides over 30A of current sinking. The HV400 achieves rise and fall times of 54ns and 16ns respectively driving a 10,000pF load.

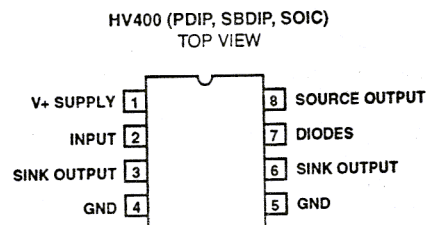
Special features are included in this part to provide a simple, high speed gate drive circuit for power MOSFETs. The HV400 requires no quiescent supply current, however, the input current is approximately 15mA while in the high state. With the internal current steering diodes (pin 7) and an external capacitor, both the timing and MOSFET gate power come from the same pulse transformer; no special external supply is required for high side switches. No high voltage diode is required to charge the bootstrap capacitor.

The HV400 in combination with the MOSFET and pulse transformer makes an isolated power switch building block for applications such as high side switches, secondary side regulation and synchronous rectification. The HV400 is also suitable for driving IGBTs, MCTs, BJTs and small GTOs.

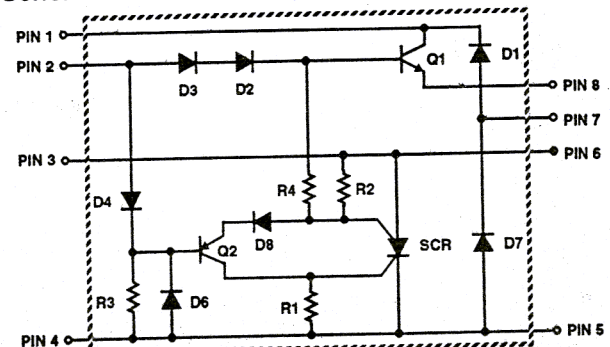
The HV400 is a type of buffer; it does not have input logic level switching threshold voltages. This single stage design achieves propagation delays of 20ns. The output NPN begins to source current when the voltage on pin 2 is approximately 2V more positive than the voltage at pin 8.

The output SCR switches on when the input pin 2 voltage is 1V more negative than the voltage at pins 3/6. Due to the use of the SCR for current sinking, once the output switches low, the input must not go high again until all the internal SCR charge has dissipated, 0.5 μ s - 1.5 μ s later.

Pinout



Schematic



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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Voltage Between Pin1 and Pin 4/5	35V
Input Voltage Pin 7 (Max)	Pin 1 + 1.5V
Input Voltage Pin 7 (Min)	Pin 4/5 - 1.5V
Input Voltage Pin 2 to Pin 4/5	+/- 35V
Input Voltage Pin 2 to Pin 6	-35V
Maximum Clamp Current (Pin 7)	±300mA

Thermal Information

Thermal Resistance	θ_{JA}	θ_{JC}
PDIP	150°C/W	-
SOIC	170°C/W	-
SBDIP	91°C/W	25°C/W
Power Dissipation at $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$		
PDIP		0.8W
SOIC		0.7W
SBIP		2.33W
Operating Temperature Range		
HV400IP/IB	$-40^\circ\text{C} < T_A < +85^\circ\text{C}$	
HV400MJ/883	$-55^\circ\text{C} < T_A < +125^\circ\text{C}$	
Lead Temperature (Soldering 10s)	+265°C	
Maximum Junction Temperature	+150°C	
Storage Temperature Range	$-65^\circ\text{C} < T_A < +150^\circ\text{C}$	

CAUTION: Stresses above those listed in "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress only rating and operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not implied.

DC Electrical Specifications $V_{SUPPLY} = 15V$

PARAMETERS	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	TEMPERATURE	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
INPUT (PIN 2)							
Input High Differential Voltage (Pin 2 - Pin 8)	V_{IH}	$V_{OUT} = 0V, I_{OUT HI} = 10mA$	+25°C	0.6	1.7	2.8	V
			Full	0.5	-	3.5	V
Input Low Differential Voltage (Pin 2 - Pin 3/6)	V_{IL}	$V_{OUT} = 12V, I_{OUT LO} = -3mA$	+25°C	-1.1	-0.9	-0.8	V
			Full	-1.26	-	-0.65	V
Input High Current	I_{IH}	$V_{PIN 1,2} = 30V, I_{SOURCE} = 0$	+25°C	15	18	20	mA
			Full	15		22	mA
Input High Current Peak	I_{IHP}	$I_{SOURCE} = 6A, 1\mu s$ pulse, $V_{IN} = 9V, V_{OUT} = 0V$	+25°C		700		mA
Input Low Current	I_{IL}	$V_{PIN 2} = -30V$	+25°C	-80	-50		μA
			Full	-120			μA
SOURCE OUTPUT (PIN 8)							
High Output Voltage	V_{OH}	$V_{IN} = +V, I_{OUT} = 150mA$	+25°C	12.1	12.8	13.4	V
			Full	12.0		13.5	V
Peak Output Current	I_{OPe}	$V_{IN} = 9V, 1\mu s$ Pulse, $V_{OUT} = 0V$	+25°C		6		A
Output Low Leakage	I_{OL}	$V_{OUT} = 0V, V_{IN} = 0V$	+25°C	0	10	50	μA
			Full			55	μA
SINK OUTPUT (PIN 3/6)							
Low Output Voltage	V_{OL}	$V_{IN} = 0V, I_{OUT} = -150mA$	+25°C	0.8	0.89	1.0	V
			Full	0.8		1.05	V
Peak Output Current	I_{OPs}	$V_{IN} = 0V, 5\mu s$ Pulse, $V_{OUT} = 4V$	+25°C		30		A
Output High Leakage	I_{OH}	$V_{IN} = 15V$	+25°C	0	0.3	2	μA
			Full	0		13.5	μA
DIODES D1 AND D7 (PIN 7)							
Forward Voltage	V_F	$I_D = 100mA$	+25°C	0.8	1.03	1.4	V
			Full	0.8		1.6	V
Reverse Leakage Current	I_R	$V_R = 30V$	+25°C	0	0.1	1	μA
			Full	0		1	μA
Diode (Pin 7) Stored Charge	Q_{RR}	$I_D = 100mA$	+25°C		6.5		nC

NOTE: Limits are 100% tested at +25°C; limits over the full temperature range are guaranteed but not tested.

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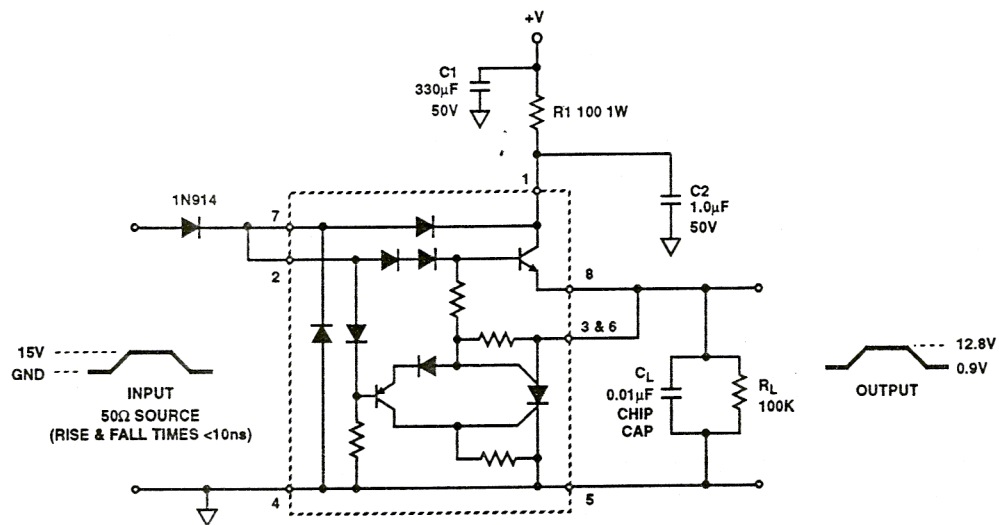
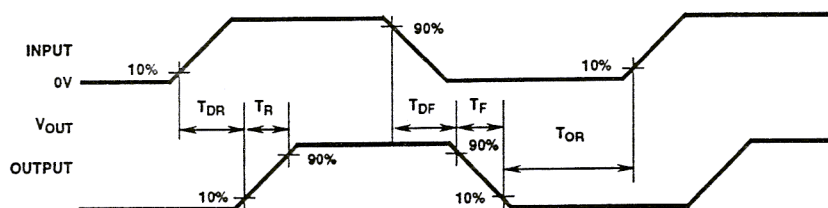
Switching Time Specifications $V_{SUPPLY} = 15V$

PARAMETERS	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	TEMPERATURE	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Rise Time	T_R	See Switching Test Circuit	Full		50	66	ns
Fall Time	T_F	See Switching Test Circuit	Full		15	24	ns
Delay Time (Lo to Hi)	T_{DR}	See Switching Test Circuit	Full		20	25	ns
Delay Time (Hi to Lo)	T_{DF}	See Switching Test Circuit	Full		17	28	ns
Minimum Off Time	T_{OR}	See Switching Test Circuit	Full		900	1500	ns

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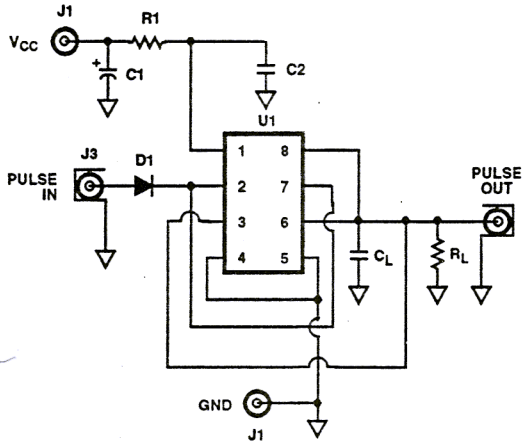
1. Switching times are guaranteed but not tested
2. Typical values are for +25°C

Switching Diagram and Test Circuit



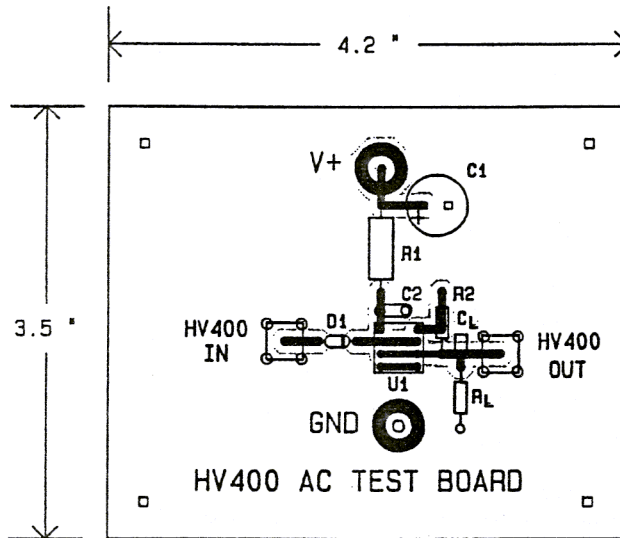
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HV400 Switching Test Circuit



Parts List

- R1 100Ω, 1W Carbon Resistor
- R2 Wire
- R_L 100KΩ, 1/8W Carbon Resistor
- C1 330μF, 50V Capacitor
- C2 1μF, 50V Capacitor
- C_L 0.01μF, 50V Chip Capacitor
- D1 1N914 Diode
- J1, J2 PC Mount Banana Jack Johnson 108-0740-001
- J3, J4 PC Mount SMA Connector Johnson EFJ142
- U1 Harris HV400 I.C.



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Pin Descriptions

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
DC INPUT PARAMETERS	
V_{IH}	The differential voltage between the input (Pin 2) to the output (Pin 8) required to source 10mA
V_{IL}	The differential voltage between the input (Pin 2) to the output (Pins 3, 6) required to sink 3mA
I_{IH}	The current required to maintain the input (Pin 2) high with $I_{OUT} = 0A$
I_{IHP}	The input (Pin 2) current for a given pulsed output current
I_{IL}	The current require to maintain the input (Pin 2) low
DC OUTPUT PARAMETERS	
V_{OH}	The output (Pin 8) voltage with input (Pin 2) = V+
I_{OP8}	The pulsed peak source current form output (Pin 8)
I_{OL}	The output (Pin 8) leakage current with the input (Pin 2) = Ground
V_{OL}	The output (Pins 3, 6) voltage with the input (Pin 2) = Ground
I_{OP6}	The pulsed peak sink current into output (Pins 3, 6)
I_{OH}	The output (Pins 3, 6) leakage current with the input (Pin 2) = V+
V_F	The forward voltage of diode D1 or D7
I_R	The reverse leakage current of diode D1 or D7
Q_{RR}	The time integral of the reverse current at turn off
AC PARAMETERS (See Switching Time Specifications)	
T_R	The low to high transition of the output
T_F	The high to low transition of the output
T_{DR}	The output propagation delay from the input (Pin 2) rising edge
T_{DF}	The output propagation delay from the input (Pin 2) falling edge
T_{OR}	The minimum time required after an output high to low transition before the next input low to high transition

Application Information

Circuit Operation

The HV400's operation is easily explained by referring to the schematic. The control signal is applied to pin 2. If the control signal is about 2V above pin 8, the output NPN Q1 turns on charging the MOSFET gate from a capacitor connected to pin 1. Resistor R4 helps keep the SCR off by applying a reverse bias to the SCR anode gate.

When the control input drops about 1V below pin 3/6, PNP Q2 turns on which triggers the SCR by driving both the anode and cathode gates. The SCR discharges the MOSFET gate and when its current becomes less than 10mA, it turns off. Transistor Q2 conducts any gate leakage currents, through resistors R1 and R2, once the SCR turns off. Figure 7 shows the output characteristics before the SCR turns on and after it turns off. When the SCR turns on, resistor R4 provides a path to remove Q1 base charge. Resistor R3 provides the base current for Q2 to reduce the turn off delay time. Resistors R1 and R2 reduce the SCR recovery time.

The two diodes connected to the diode input pin 7 provide some operation flexibility. With pins 2 and 7 connected together, diode D1 provides a path to recharge the storage capacitor once the MOSFET gate is pulled high and, along with diodes D2 and D3, keeps Q1 from going into hard saturation which would increase delay times. Diode D7 would clamp the input near ground and provide a current path if an input DC blocking capacitor is used.

Alternatively, pin 7 can be connected to pin 6 so that the SCR and NPN Q1 don't have to pass reverse current if the output "rings" above the supply or below ground. When high performance diodes are required, pin 7 can be left disconnected and external diodes substituted.

The diodes in series with pin 2 decouple the input from the output during negative going transitions. The absence of input current turns off Q1 and allows Q2 to trigger the SCR. Diode D8 turns off Q2 once the SCR turns on pulling the output low, otherwise Q2 would saturate and slow down circuit operation. In addition, the diodes D2, D3 and D8 improve noise immunity by adding about 2.5V of input hysteresis.

The HV400 is capable of large output currents but only for brief durations due to power dissipation.

Circuit Board Layout

PC board layout is very important. Pins 3 and 6 should be connected together as should pins 4 and 5. Otherwise the internal interconnect impedance is doubled and only half of the bond wires are used which would degrade the reliability.

The bootstrap capacitor should hold at least 10x the charge of the MOSFET and should be connected between pins 1 and 4/5 with minimum lead lengths and spacings. Likewise, the HV400 should be as close to the MOSFET as possible. Any long PC traces (parasitic inductances) between the MOSFET gate and pins 8 or 3/6 or between the source and

pins 4/5 should be avoided. Inductance between the HV400 and the MOSFET limit the MOSFET switching time. If they are too large, the HV400 may operate erratically as discussed below.

Cross Conduction Faults

It is possible to have both Q1 and the SCR on at the same time resulting in very large cross conduction currents. The SCR has larger current capacity so the output goes low and the storage capacitor is discharged. The conditions that cause cross conduction and precautions are discussed below.

Minimum Off Time

The SCR requires a recovery time before voltage can be reapplied without it switching back on. Figure 13 shows how this SCR recovery time, called "minimum off time" (T_{OR}), is a function of the load capacitance. If the input voltage goes high before this recovery time is complete, the SCR will switch back on.

Note that reverse current flowing through the SCR, for example due to load inductance ringing, extends the minimum off time. Since the minimum off time is really dependent upon how much stored charge remains in the SCR when the anode (pin 3/6) is taken positive, it may vary for different applications. Figure 13 indirectly shows that the minimum off time increases with larger currents. It also increases at elevated temperatures as shown in Figure 14. Excessive ringing increases the minimum off time since the stored charge doesn't begin to dissipate until the current drops below 10mA for the last time. Rising anode voltage acts on the internal SCR capacitance to generate its own triggering current. The excess stored charge increases this capacitance. Faster rise times and/or higher voltages also increase the amount of internal trigger current from the internal capacitance so applications with larger dV/dt require longer minimum off times.

The minimum off time must be considered for all occurrences of SCR current. For example, in a half bridge switch mode power supply, there are two MOSFET's connected to the transformer primary. Assume that the high side MOSFET switch is off. When the low side MOSFET switch is turned on, the HV400 driving the high side MOSFET will have to sink gate current from C_{gd} and will have to source gate current when the low side MOSFET switches back off. Both of these current pulses will try to flow through pin 3/6 since the pin 8 output is turned off. Sourcing current from pins 3/6 through the SCR is possible, the pin 3/6 voltage becoming negative with respect to pins 4/5 (See Figure 8). But a better practice would be to connect a Schottky diode between pins 4/5 (anode) and 3/6 (cathode) so reverse current does not flow through the SCR.

False SCR Triggering

The SCR may be triggered inadvertently. The output may overshoot the input due to inductive loading or over driving the output NPN (allowing it to saturate). Whenever pin 6 is more positive than pin 2 by 1V, the SCR is triggered on. Also,

if the output rises too rapidly, greater than 0.5V/nS, the SCR may self trigger. Both issues are resolved by minimizing the load inductance and inserting sufficient resistance, usually 0.1 to 10 ohms, between pin 8 and the load.

A very fast negative going input voltage can result in minimum off times of about 2.5 μ s. If the output can not keep up with the falling input, the stored charge of diode D4 is transferred into the base of Q2. This excess charge in Q2 must have time to dissipate. Otherwise, when pin 3/6 goes positive, Q2 will turn on and trigger the SCR. An external diode in series with pin 2, as shown in Figure 1, will prevent D4 from discharging into the base of Q2 but that will also reduce the output voltage by the forward voltage of that diode.

Internal Diodes

The internal diodes connected to pin 7 are provided for convenience but may not be suitable for large currents. Since they are part of the integrated circuit, they are physically small, operate at high current densities, and have long recovery times. Figure 15 shows that their forward characteristics degrade above 100mA. In addition, Figure 16 shows their reverse recovery charge as a function of forward current. The product of this charge, the applied reverse voltage and the frequency is the additional power dissipation due to the diodes. For stored charge calculations, use the peak forward current within 100ns of the application of reverse bias. In addition to the extra power dissipation, the capacitance of these diodes may extend the switching delay times.

Power Dissipation Calculations

The power required to drive the MOSFET is the product of its total gate charge times the gate supply voltage (maximum voltage on HV400 pin 1, 2 or 7) times the frequency. Assuming that the MOSFET gate resistance is negligible, this power is dissipated within the HV400. If resistors are placed between the HV400 and the MOSFET, then some of the power is dissipated in the resistors, the percentage depending upon the ratio of resistors to HV400 output impedance.

There are two other sources of power dissipation to consider. First there is the power in R3 which is the product of the input pin 2 current and voltage (with no output current) times the duty cycle. Second is the product of the pin 7 diode stored charge, which is dependent upon the forward current, times the applied diode reverse voltage times the frequency. This information is available from figures 3 and 16 in this data sheet.

Applications Circuits

The HV400 was designed to interface a pulse transformer to a power MOSFET. There must be some means to balance the transformer volt-second product over a cycle. The unipolar drive shown in Figure 1 lets the core magnetization inductance reverse the primary and secondary voltages. The zener diode on the primary side limits this voltage and must

be capable of dissipating the energy stored in the transformer. The load may be connected to either the power MOSFET drain or source.

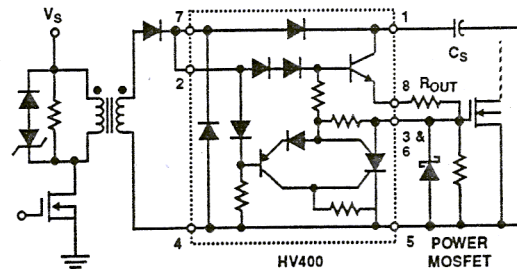


FIGURE 1. UNIPOLAR DRIVE

A diode is added in series with pins 2 and 7 to allow the transformer secondary to go negative. The charge storage of the pin 7 diode may cause the turn off delay time to be too long. Alternatively, pin 7 could be left disconnected and a second external diode connected between the transformer (anode) and pin 1 (cathode). In some applications the diode in series with pin 2 may be unnecessary but the -35V input to output or ground maximum rating should be observed.

Sometimes the volt-second balance is achieved by a push-pull drive on the pulse transformer primary. This is especially useful if there are two secondary windings driving two HV400's out of phase such as in a half-bridge configuration

Other times it is more convenient to achieve volt-second balance by using capacitors to block DC in the primary and secondary windings as shown in Figure 2. The pin 7 diodes provide a path for discharging the secondary side DC blocking capacitor. Both capacitors, C_{IN} and C_S, should be at least 10 times the equivalent MOSFET gate capacitance.

The HV400 can be used as a current booster for low side switches by connecting directly to the PWM output. The circuit would be similar to the switching time test circuit.

It is worth restating that some consideration (and experimentation) should be given to the choice of external components, i.e. resistors, capacitors and diodes, to optimize performance in a given application.

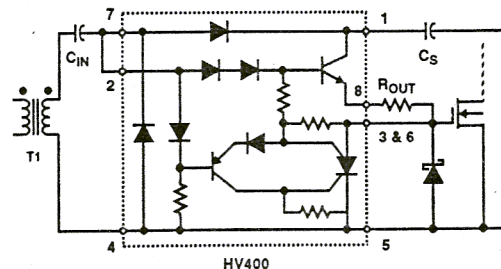


FIGURE 2. BIPOLAR DRIVE WITH DC BLOCKING CAPACITOR

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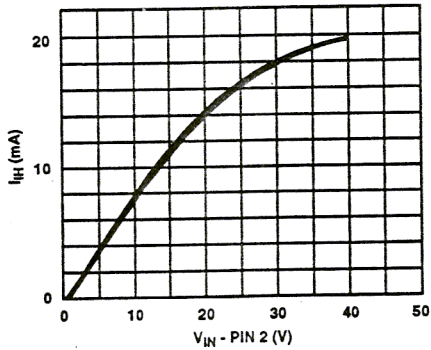


FIGURE 3. PIN 2 INPUT CURRENT vs INPUT VOLTAGE WITH ZERO OUTPUT CURRENT

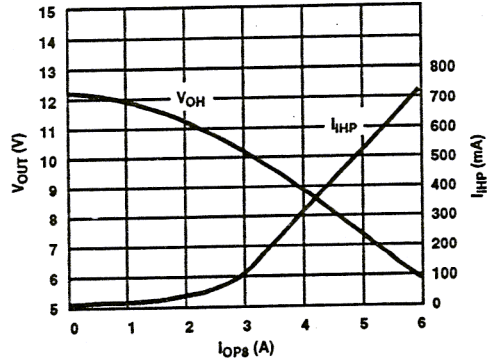


FIGURE 4. PIN 2 I_{HP} & V_{OH} vs OUTPUT SOURCE CURRENT

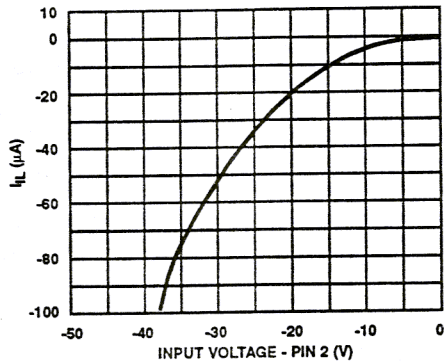


FIGURE 5. PIN 2 I_{IL} vs INPUT VOLTAGE

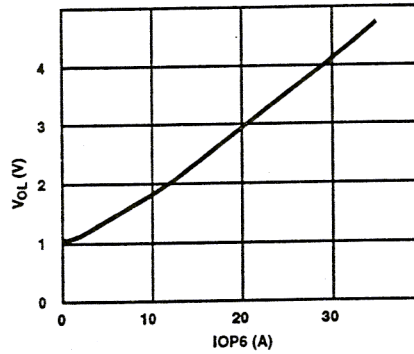


FIGURE 6. V_{OL} vs I_{OP6} (5 μs PULSES)

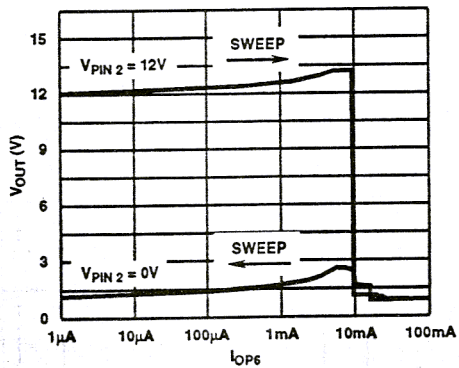


FIGURE 7. PIN 3/6 ILLUSTRATING OUTPUT VOLTAGE vs SCR OUTPUT SINK LATCHING AND HOLDING CURRENT

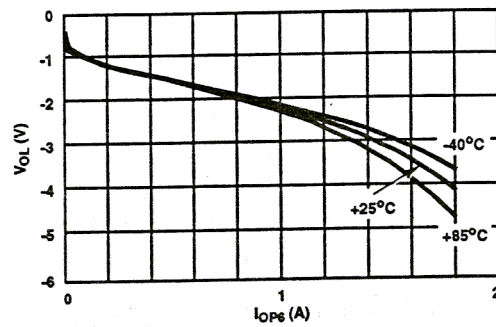


FIGURE 8. PIN 3/6 VOLTAGE vs REVERSE CURRENT 300 μs PULSES

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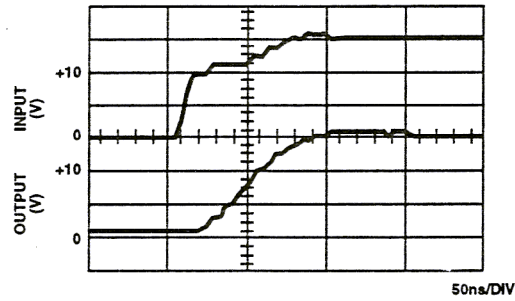


FIGURE 9. LOW TO HIGH TRANSIENT RESPONSE WAVEFORMS ($C_L = 10\text{nF}$)

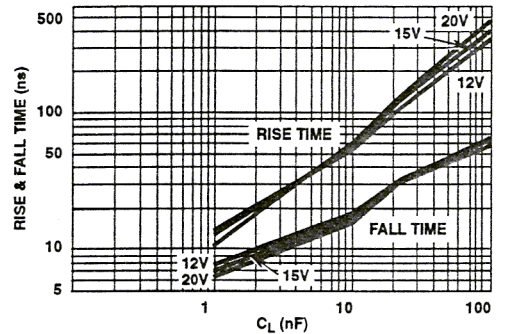


FIGURE 10. RISE AND FALL TIMES vs C_L ($V+ = 12\text{V}, 15\text{V}, 20\text{V}$)

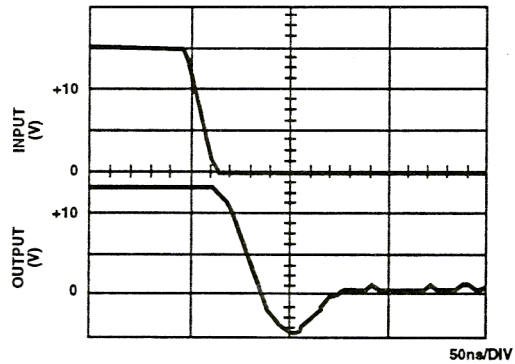


FIGURE 11. HIGH TO LOW TRANSIENT RESPONSE WAVEFORMS ($C_L = 10\text{nF}$)

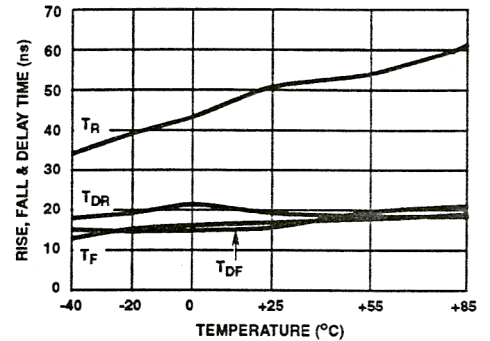


FIGURE 12. RISE, FALL AND DELAY TIMES vs TEMPERATURE

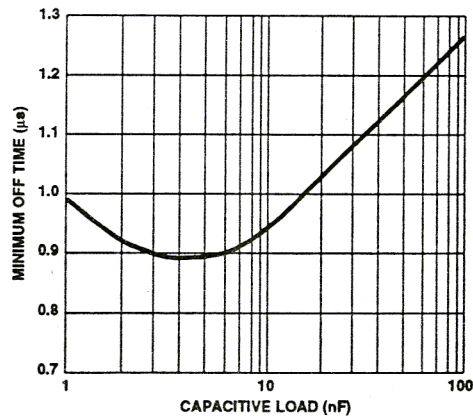


FIGURE 13. MINIMUM OFF TIME (T_{OR}) vs C_L AT $+25^\circ\text{C}$

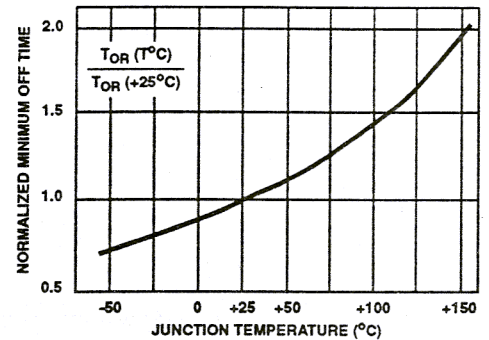


FIGURE 14. NORMALIZED MINIMUM OFF TIME (T_{OR}) vs TEMPERATURE ($C_L = 10\text{nF}$)

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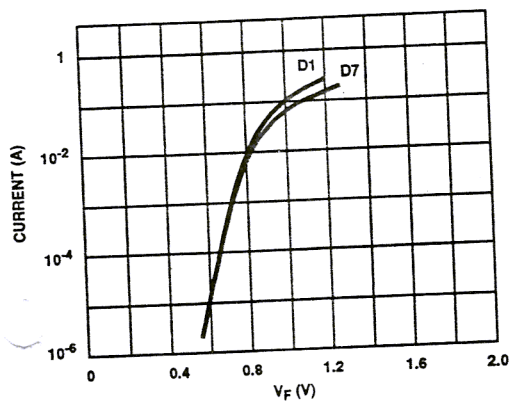


FIGURE 15. DIODE D1 AND D7 CURRENT vs V_F

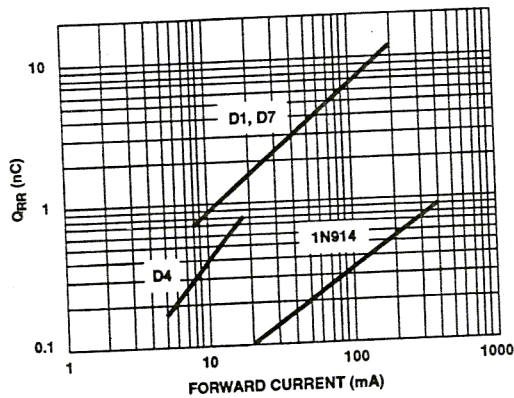
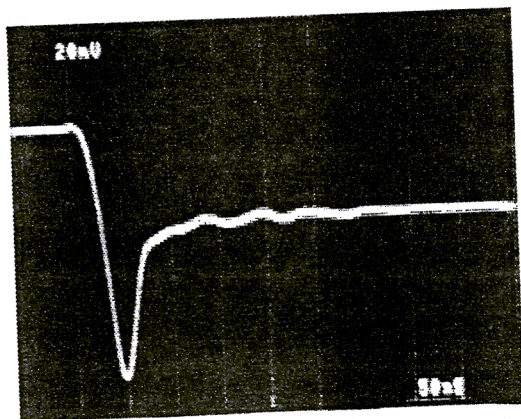


FIGURE 16. DIODE Q_{RR} vs FORWARD CURRENT



Vertical 100mA/div
Horizontal 50ns/div

FIGURE 17. DIODE D1 REVERSE RECOVERY WAVEFORM
 $I_F = 200\text{mA}$, 20V REVERSE BIAS

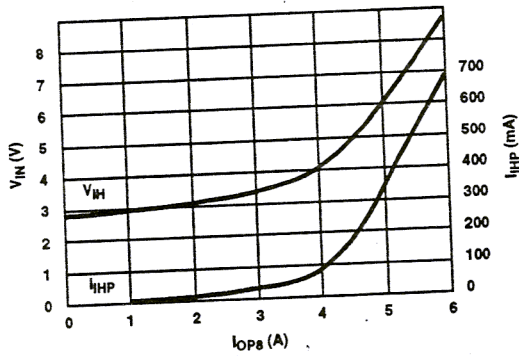


FIGURE 18. V_{RH} AND I_{RHP} vs I_{OP8} [V_{OUT} (PIN 8) = 0, $V_+ = 15\text{V}$, 1 μs PULSE]

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