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## ABSTRACT

The goal of this final year thesis project is to investigate the use of a custom made cylindrical capacitor as a sensor, which is constructed from two concentric copper pipes. The varying dielectric constant of the liquid placed between the two pipes of the capacitor and the resulting change in the capacitance will be the basis of the measurements taken.

The various circuits that are necessary for the sensor's operation and which will inter work with it will also be studied and analyzed. This analysis will determine which circuits are most suited to the required specifications and it will also determine which ones yield optimum results. A microcontroller will be used to control these circuits, and to collect the output from the sensor that will be displayed accordingly.

Finally, the actual characteristics of the capacitor will be analyzed to determine how the measurements taken compare to the theoretical values calculated. Any discrepancies found will be explained and possible improvements, if any are required, will be suggested. In conclusion, several sample applications of such a type of sensor coupled with a microcontroller will be discussed.

## KEY WORDS

Capacitor, Dielectric Constant, Microcontroller, 555-Timer, Transistor Switching Circuits, Sensor.

## Περίληψη

Ο σκοπός αυτής της διπλωματικής εργασίας είναι η διερεύνηση ενός πυκνωτή σε σχήμα κυλίνδρου κατασκευασμένος από δυο ομόκεντρους χάλκινους σωλήνες που θα χρησιμοποιηθεί ως αισθητήρας. Η μεταβαλλόμενη διηλεκτρική σταθερά του υγρού το οποίο θα τοποθετηθεί μεταξύ τους δυο ομόκεντρους σωλήνες, και η διαφορά στην χωρητικότητα που προκύπτει θα είναι η βάση των μετρήσεων που θα συλλεχθούν.

Τα διάφορα βοηθητικά κυκλώματα τα οποία είναι απαραίτητα για την λειτουργία του αισθητήρα θα ερευνηθούν και θα εξεταστούν. Η ανάλυση αυτή θα προσδιορίσει πια κυκλώματα είναι τα πλέον κατάλληλα για της απαιτούμενες προδιαγραφές, όπως επίσης και πια κυκλώματα αποφέρουν τα καλύτερα δυνατά αποτελέσματα. Ένας μικροελεγκτής θα χρησιμοποιηθεί για των έλεγχο των κυκλωμάτων αυτών όπως και για της μετρήσεις από την έξοδο του αισθητήρα η οποία θα επιδεικνύεται ανάλογα.

Επίσης, τα ακριβή χαρακτηριστικά του πυκνωτή θα αναλυθούν για να αξιολογηθούν οι μετρήσεις που καταγράφηκαν σε σύγκριση με της θεωρητικές τιμές που υπολογίστηκαν. Θα γίνει επεξήγηση για όποιες ασυμφωνίες προκύψουν μεταξύ της μετρήσεις και της θεωρητικές τιμές, και θα υποδειχθούν πιθανές βελτιώσεις, αν χρειάζονται. Ολοκληρώνοντας, μερικά παραδείγματα θα προταθούν για καθημερινές εφαρμογές ενός τέτοιου τύπου αισθητήρα σε συνεργασία με έναν μικροελεγκτή.

## Λέξεις Κλειδιά

Πυκνωτής, Διηλεκτρική Σταθερά, Μικροελεγκτής, 555-Timer, Μεταγωγικά Κυκλώματα τρανζίστορ, Αισθητήρας

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Various types of sensors can be found all around us in almost every electronic device that we use. These sensors can be as simple as a thermostat in a refrigerator and a water heater or as complex as the speed measurement sensors in a particle accelerator. Sensors are commonly used as an input to control a type of device, and the sensitivity of a sensor determines its overall precision and usually its cost as well.

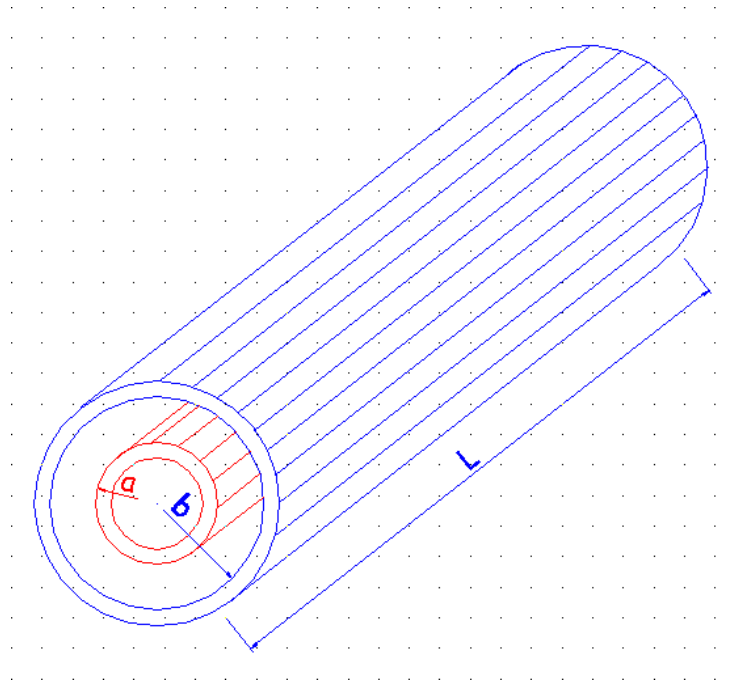
Microcontrollers are increasingly being used for a wide variety of tasks, as an abundant variety of compact and economical models is available on the market. This allows a designer to use a sensor and a microcontroller to control almost anything he can think of. As most microcontrollers cannot handle large currents, a relay can be added to solve this problem, thus allowing for an unlimited amount of ideas that can be developed.

The scope of this final year thesis project is to develop a sensor whose output will be connected to a microcontroller that will display the readings taken. The sensor will operate as a capacitor and the capacitive fluctuations generated by the variable height of the dielectric will be measured. Three qualities of a typical sensor, linearity, sensitivity, and discreteness will be analyzed so that the overall performance of the sensor can be determined.

## 2. THEORY OF SENSOR OPERATION

The capacitance of a capacitor is determined by two factors: The geometry of the conductors that it is constructed of and the permittivity of the medium between these conductors. When a DC voltage is applied across the conductors of a capacitor, a transfer of charge occurs with  $+Q$  on one conductor and  $-Q$  on the other<sup>1</sup>.

For this project, a cylindrical capacitor will be used as a sensor. This capacitor will consist of two conductors, one with an inner conductor of radius  $a$  and an outer conductor of radius  $b$ . The length of the capacitor will be  $L$ , and the area between the two conductors will either consist of free space or it will be filled with a dielectric medium whose permittivity is  $\epsilon$ . Figure 1 below depicts the cylindrical capacitor geometry<sup>1</sup>.



**Figure 1**

By applying Gauss's Law to the cylindrical Gaussian surface within the dielectric, the  $\mathbf{E}$  field can be obtained<sup>1</sup>. This results in:

$$E = a_r E_r = a_r \frac{Q}{2\pi\epsilon Lr}$$

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<sup>1</sup> Field and Wave Electromagnetics

The potential difference between the inner and outer conductors is<sup>2</sup>:

$$V_{ab} = -\int_{r=b}^{r=a} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\int_b^a \left( a_r \frac{Q}{2\pi\epsilon L r} \right) \cdot (a_r dr) = \frac{Q}{2\pi\epsilon L} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

And the resulting capacitance for the cylindrical capacitor is<sup>2</sup>:

$$C = \frac{Q}{V_{ab}} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon L}{\ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)}$$

The capacitor's discharging time will be the characteristic used and the basis of the sensor's operation for this project. After the capacitor is initially charged to a certain potential, it may be allowed to discharge by placing a resistor in parallel with it. The product of **R** and **C** yields the time constant of the circuit and it is this time constant that determines the amount of change in the potential over a specific period of time. The formula below represents the voltage of the capacitor discharging through a resistor in relation to time **t**.<sup>3</sup>

$$v(t) = V_o e^{-t/RC} \quad t \geq 0$$

Similarly, the equation for the charging of a capacitor from an initial potential of 0V is the following.<sup>4</sup>

$$v(t) = V_{VoltageSource} (1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

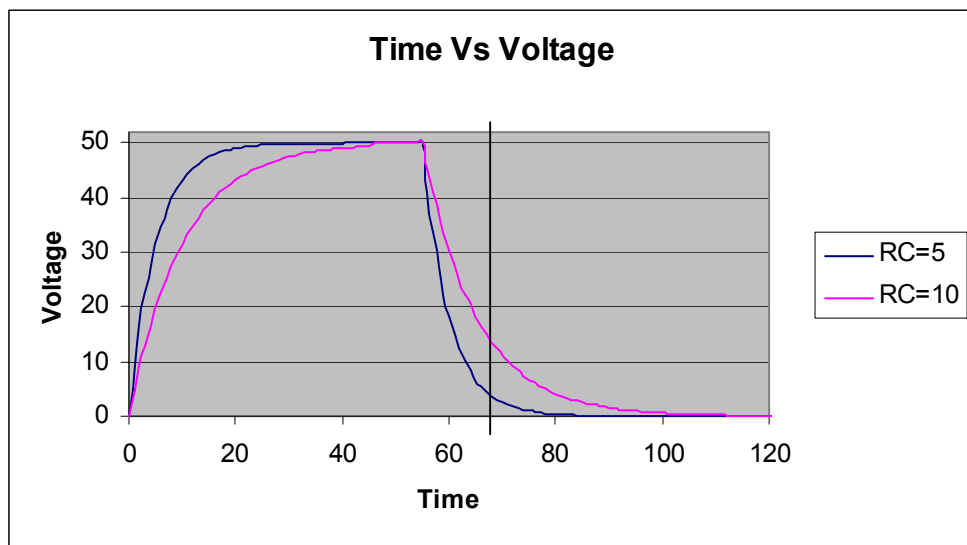
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<sup>2</sup> Field and Wave Electromagnetics

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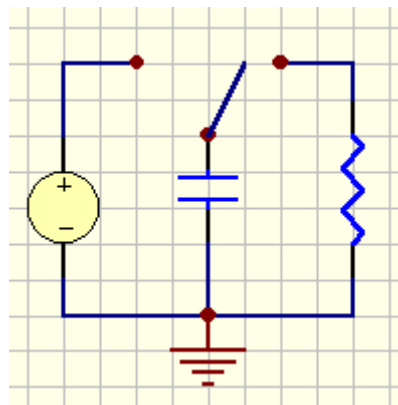
<sup>4</sup> Experiment 4 "RC Circuits"

By increasing or decreasing the total capacitance, the time required to discharge the capacitor varies. Similarly, if  $t=0$  is the time at which the discharging begins, at a constant interval  $t=t_1$  the voltage  $v(t_1)$  will vary accordingly as well. This can be seen in the graph below where time versus voltage is plotted for 2 different RC values.  $V_0$  is set to 50V and the time from  $0 < t < 45$  represents the charging of a capacitor,  $45 < t < 55$  represents the stable state of a fully charged capacitor and  $55 < t < 120$  represents the discharging of a capacitor. At  $t=70$ ,  $v(70)$  will be approximately 5V for one RC constant and approximately 15V for another RC constant.



**Figure 2**

The simple circuit shown below can be used to charge and discharge a capacitor:



**Figure 3**

### 3. CAPACITOR GEOMETRY CALCULATIONS

The capacitor geometry that was used in this project is based on materials that were available in the local market. A cylindrical configuration was selected, as a capacitor can be constructed from two copper pipes, one of a small diameter inserted and centered into a larger diameter copper pipe. Plain copper pipes (1mm thickness) commonly installed in household plumbing installations were used. The following table lists the diameters that were available in the local market.

Ø12mm
Ø15mm
Ø18mm
Ø22mm
Ø28mm
Ø35mm
Ø42mm
Ø54mm

**Table 1**

As one can see, a great number of combinations were possible and each was examined so as to determine if it could be used. Two restrictions were set in order to simplify the task of determining the final capacitor geometry. The first restriction was that the total capacitance should be approximately 10nF. The reasoning behind this was to have a resulting RC constant that was measurable. The second restriction was that the total length of the capacitor should not be longer than 100cm. This restriction was placed so as to have a length that was easy to work with while still being able to divide the total length in as many 5cm sections as possible, thus yielding many measuring points.

Using the following formula for the cylindrical capacitor, as discussed in the previous section, yielded the following:

$$C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon L}{\ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)}$$

where the permittivity  $\epsilon$  was the product of the permittivity of free space,  $\epsilon_o$ , and the relative permittivity of the dielectric used,  $\epsilon_r$ .<sup>5</sup>

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_o \epsilon_r = \frac{1}{36\pi} \times 10^{-9} F / m \times \epsilon_r = 8.85 pF / m \times \epsilon_r$$

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<sup>5</sup> Field and Wave Electromagnetics

By choosing a different dielectric, it was possible to determine the characteristics of the capacitor. For the specific cylindrical capacitor geometry, the dielectric had to be in a liquid form, as the two concentric copper pipes were fixed together with insulating rubber washers in order to ensure a uniform dielectric thickness and to prevent short circuits. A dielectric such as oil would require thorough cleaning after each use in order to ensure accurate measurements. Considering the construction of the cylindrical capacitor, this would have been a very difficult task, thus oil was not used. Other dielectrics like alcohol or diesel fuel presented fire safety hazards and for this reason they were not considered. By default, one of the dielectrics was air. Distilled water and seawater were the other two candidate dielectrics as they were easy to find and work with. Even though oil was not used, the calculations will be presented for comparison purposes only. The relative permittivity constants of the dielectrics are the following<sup>6</sup>:

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_r(\text{air}) &= 1.00 \\ \epsilon_r(\text{oil}) &= 2.30 \\ \epsilon_r(\text{distilled\_water}) &= 80.0 \\ \epsilon_r(\text{seawater}) &= 72.0\end{aligned}$$

thus resulting in the following permittivities:

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{\text{air}} &= 8.85 \text{ pF/m} \\ \epsilon_{\text{oil}} &= 20.4 \text{ pF/m} \\ \epsilon_{\text{distilled\_water}} &= 708 \text{ pF/m} \\ \epsilon_{\text{seawater}} &= 638 \text{ pF/m}\end{aligned}$$

In order to calculate the capacitance using all of the possible copper pipe combinations, **L** was set to **L=100cm** and **ε** was set equal to the respective permittivity constant. The radius of the inner copper pipe was **a** and the outer dimension of the copper pipe was used. The radius of the outer copper pipe was **b** and the inner dimension was used. As the copper pipes had a thickness of 1mm, the inner dimensions of **b** were 2mm less than the diameters listed in table 1.

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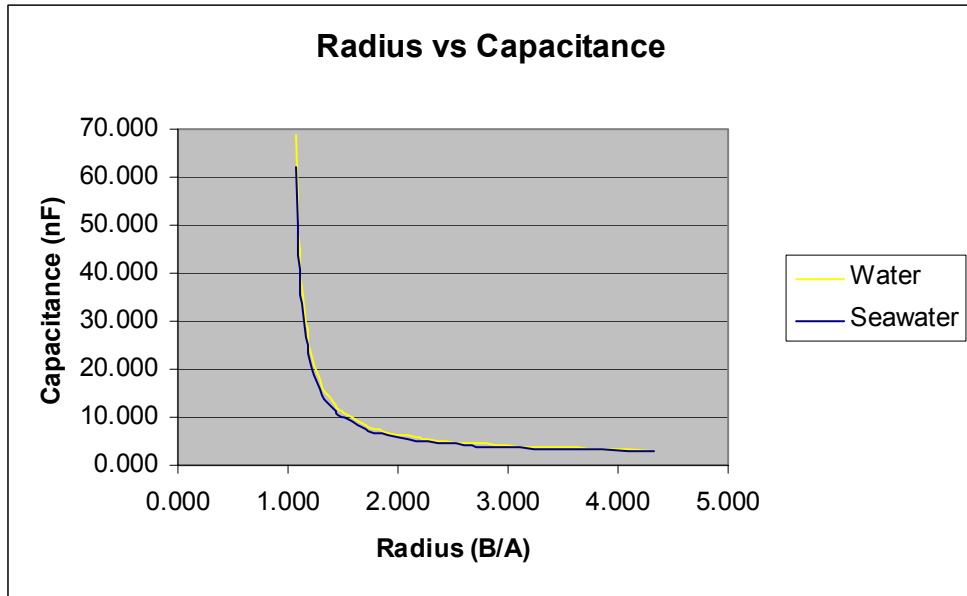
<sup>6</sup> Field and Wave Electromagnetics

The resulting capacitances can be found in table 2 listed below. The values for oil as a dielectric are listed for comparison purposes only. This dielectric was not used for reasons described earlier.

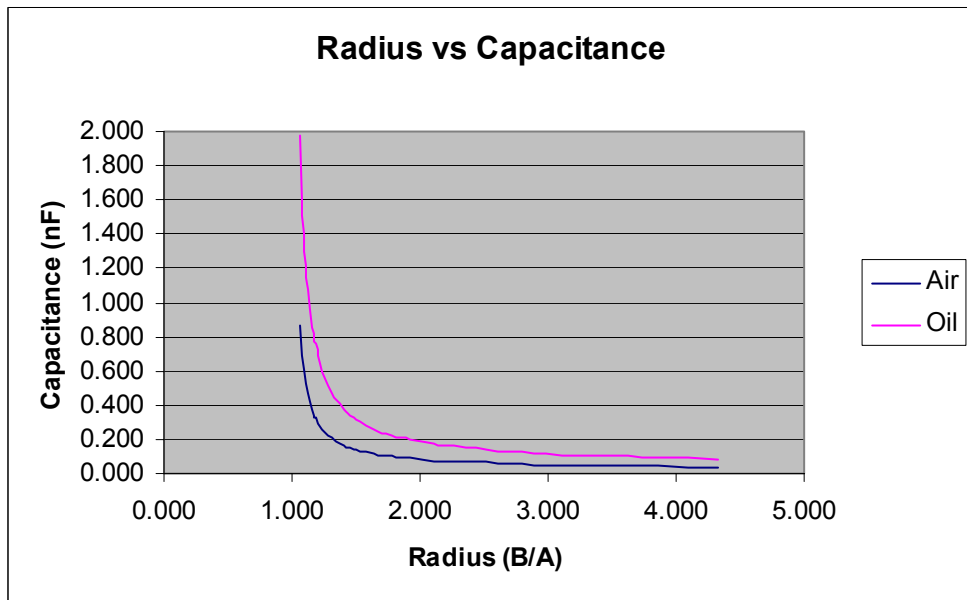
Inner Pipe		Outer Pipe		b/a	Capacitance (nF)			
Ø(a) (mm)	r(a) (mm)	Ø(b) (mm)	r(b) (mm)		Air	Oil	Sea Water	Water
12	6.0	13	6.5	<b>1.083</b>	0.695	1.598	50.019	55.577
12	6.0	16	8.0	<b>1.333</b>	0.193	0.445	13.917	15.463
12	6.0	20	10.0	<b>1.667</b>	0.109	0.250	7.838	8.708
12	6.0	26	13.0	<b>2.167</b>	0.072	0.165	5.178	5.753
12	6.0	33	16.5	<b>2.750</b>	0.055	0.126	3.958	4.397
12	6.0	40	20.0	<b>3.333</b>	0.046	0.106	3.325	3.695
12	6.0	52	26.0	<b>4.333</b>	0.038	0.087	2.730	3.034
15	7.5	16	8.0	<b>1.067</b>	0.862	1.982	62.035	68.928
15	7.5	20	10.0	<b>1.333</b>	0.193	0.445	13.917	15.463
15	7.5	26	13.0	<b>1.733</b>	0.101	0.233	7.279	8.087
15	7.5	33	16.5	<b>2.200</b>	0.071	0.162	5.078	5.642
15	7.5	40	20.0	<b>2.667</b>	0.057	0.130	4.082	4.535
15	7.5	52	26.0	<b>3.467</b>	0.045	0.103	3.220	3.578
18	9.0	20	10.0	<b>1.111</b>	0.528	1.214	37.999	42.222
18	9.0	26	13.0	<b>1.444</b>	0.151	0.348	10.888	12.097
18	9.0	33	16.5	<b>1.833</b>	0.092	0.211	6.605	7.339
18	9.0	40	20.0	<b>2.222</b>	0.070	0.160	5.014	5.571
18	9.0	52	26.0	<b>2.889</b>	0.052	0.121	3.774	4.193
22	11.0	26	13.0	<b>1.182</b>	0.333	0.766	23.966	26.629
22	11.0	33	16.5	<b>1.500</b>	0.137	0.315	9.874	10.971
22	11.0	40	20.0	<b>1.818</b>	0.093	0.214	6.697	7.441
22	11.0	52	26.0	<b>2.364</b>	0.065	0.149	4.654	5.171
28	14.0	33	16.5	<b>1.179</b>	0.338	0.778	24.367	27.075
28	14.0	40	20.0	<b>1.429</b>	0.156	0.359	11.225	12.472
28	14.0	52	26.0	<b>1.857</b>	0.090	0.207	6.468	7.186
35	17.5	40	20.0	<b>1.143</b>	0.416	0.958	29.983	33.314
35	17.5	52	26.0	<b>1.486</b>	0.140	0.323	10.113	11.237
42	21.0	52	26.0	<b>1.238</b>	0.260	0.599	18.746	20.829

**Table 2**

The graphs depicted by figures 4 and 5 show the relationship between the capacitance versus the ratio of b/a. Figure 4 shows the capacitances for a cylindrical capacitor filled with distilled water and seawater respectively while figure 5 shows the capacitance for a cylindrical capacitor filled with air and oil respectively.



**Figure 4**



**Figure 5**

The first conclusion that can be made is that a cylinder filled with air or oil cannot meet the conditions set previously ( $C=10\text{nF}$ ,  $L=100\text{cm}$ ) as the resulting capacitance is between  $0.05\text{nF}$  to  $0.90\text{nF}$  and  $0.10\text{nF}$  to  $2.00\text{nF}$  respectively. In order to construct a cylindrical capacitor filled with air that had a capacitance of approximately  $10\text{nF}$ , the resulting length would have to be anywhere between  $33$  to  $152$  meters, depending on the ratio of  $b/a$  that was used. Constructing such a capacitor would not be feasible as it would be very hard to work with an apparatus of such length. Also, there are inherent difficulties in constructing such a capacitor as the longest copper pipe available on the market is  $3$  meters in length, thus these sections would have to be soldered together to produce the desired length. The soldered



connections would alter the geometry, as the diameter would be different at the joints. These diameter variations would also alter the capacitance as the ratio of **b** to **a** would not be uniform. An argument would be to use the copper pipes that are available on the market in a rolled up coil whose total length exceeds the 3 meters that the straight copper pipes are available in. Using these copper pipes would require straightening them manually, a task that cannot guarantee a perfectly straight copper pipe. The resulting irregularities would produce segments of the capacitor with difference dielectric thicknesses, which would in turn lead to incorrect measurements.

The second conclusion that can be made is that the ratio of **b/a** has to be approximately equal to or less than 1.5 when using seawater or distilled water as the dielectric. This requirement is necessary in order to produce a 10nF capacitor with a maximum 1m length copper pipe; thus resulting in a length that is easy and possible to work with. If the ratio is significantly less than 1.5, the resulting capacitance is greater than 10nF; therefore the length could be decreased accordingly to maintain the required total capacitance of 10nF. The length could not be decreased too much or else the resulting number of 5cm divisions would not be enough to allow for many measurements.

In order to verify the above conclusions, a plot of capacitance versus length was made for different ratios of **b/a**. The graphs depicted by figures 6 to 9 show the results using distilled water, seawater, oil, and air for five sample ratios. These ratios span the total available range of the copper pipe diameters available on the market.

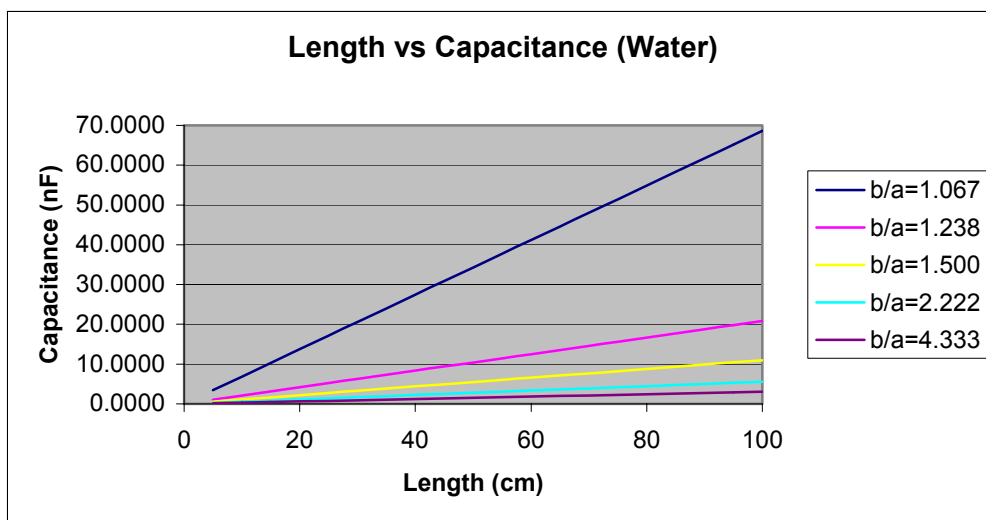
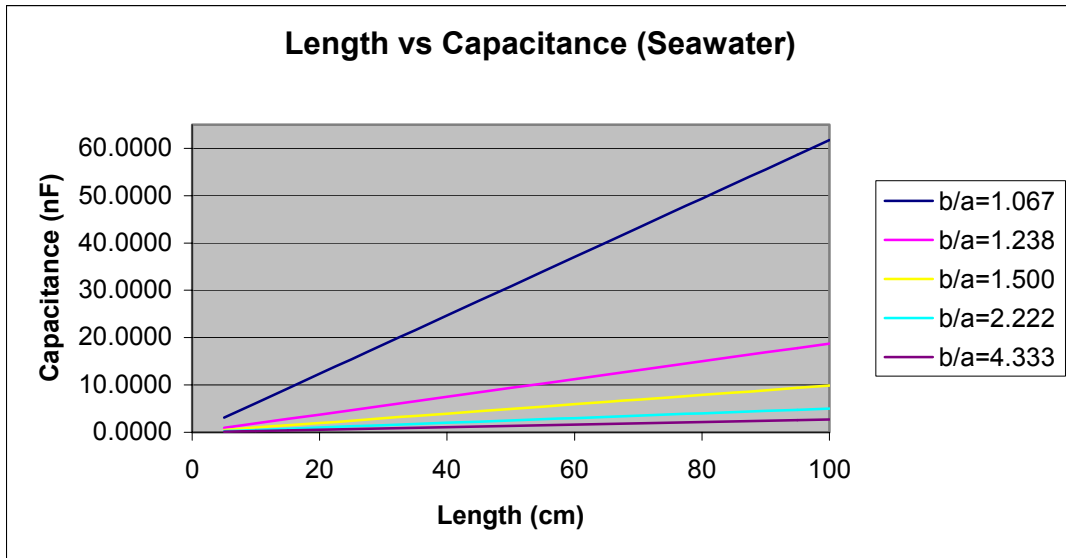
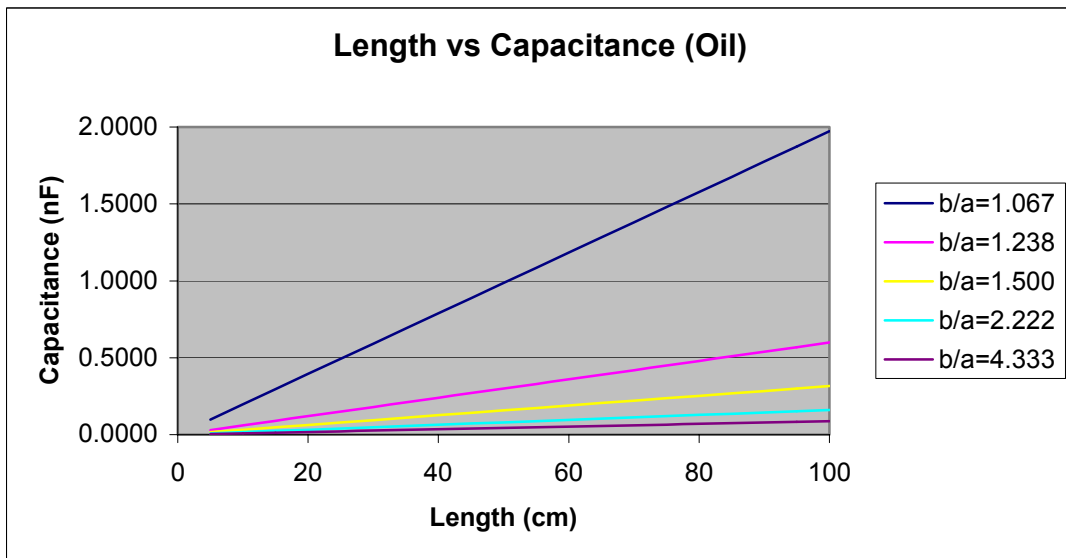


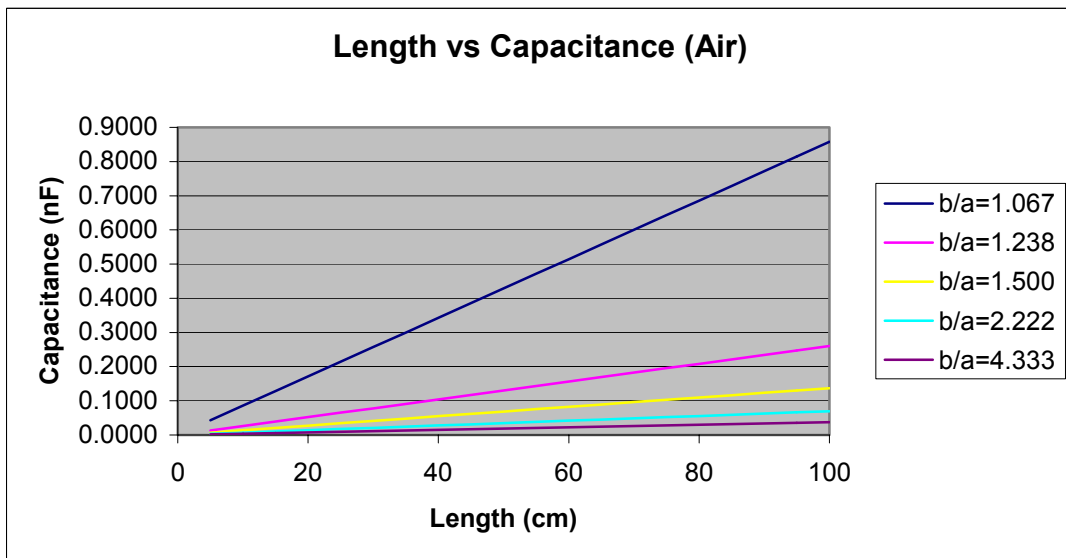
Figure 6



**Figure 7**



**Figure 8**



**Figure 9**

Based on all of the calculations above, there were 13 possible combinations of copper pipes that conformed to the restrictions that were placed. These are listed below along with the corresponding dielectric thickness:

Ø12 and Ø15 (1mm)	Ø18 and Ø28 (8mm)	<b>Ø35 and Ø42 (5mm)</b> Ø35 and Ø54 (17mm) Ø42 and Ø54 (10mm)
Ø12 and Ø18 (4mm)	Ø22 and Ø28 (4mm)	
Ø15 and Ø18 (1mm)	Ø22 and Ø35 (11mm)	
<b>Ø15 and Ø22 (5mm)</b>	<b>Ø28 and Ø35 (5mm)</b>	
Ø18 and Ø22 (2mm)	Ø28 and Ø42 (12mm)	

**Table 3**

The resulting dielectric thicknesses from the 13 possible combinations ranged from 1mm to 17mm. There were three combinations that resulted in a dielectric thickness of 5mm; Ø15/Ø22, Ø28/Ø35, and Ø35/Ø42. By selecting these three combinations, geometrical uniformity was ensured while the ratio of **b/a**, total length **L**, and the dielectric material with permittivity  $\epsilon$ , could be experimented with.

The three combinations of copper pipes resulted in the following ratios of **b/a**: 1.333, 1.179, and 1.143. As the desired capacitance was approximately 10nF, the following copper pipe dimensions were required. Only distilled water and seawater are listed, as the restrictions placed could not be fulfilled with either air or water.

Inner Pipe (mm)		Outer Pipe (mm)		b/a	Distilled Water		Seawater	
Ø(a)	r(a)	Ø(b)	r(b)		L (cm)	C (nF)	L (cm)	C (nF)
15	7.5	20	10.0	1.333	65	10.05	72	10.02
28	14.0	33	16.5	1.179	37	10.02	41	9.99
35	17.5	40	20.0	1.143	30	9.99	34	10.19

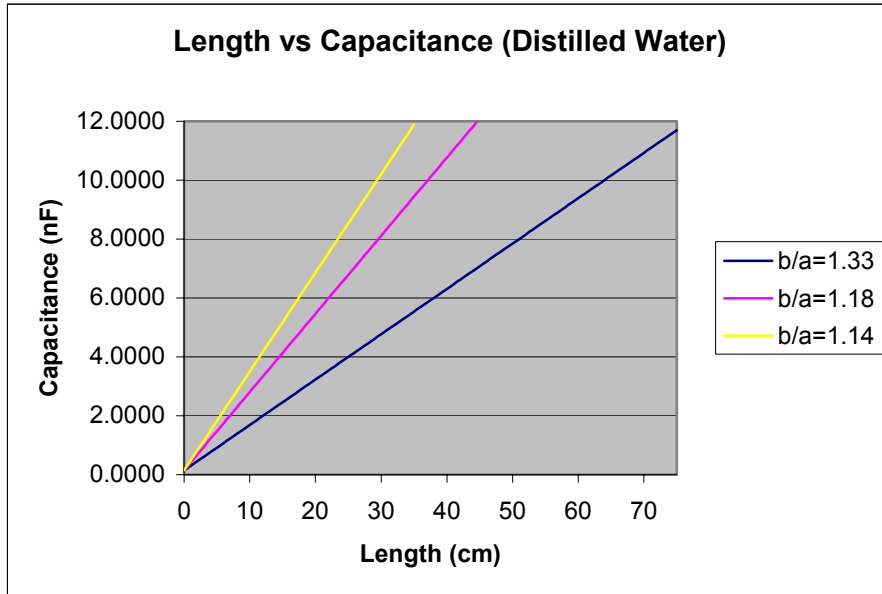
**Table 4**

The dielectric thickness was 5mm for all three combinations. As  $0.05\text{cm} \ll 30\text{cm}$  (the shortest length in the table), the fringing effect near the edges of the conductors could be ignored as it was negligible<sup>7</sup>. The final lengths of the copper pipes, based on table 4, were 75cm, 45cm, and 35cm respectively.

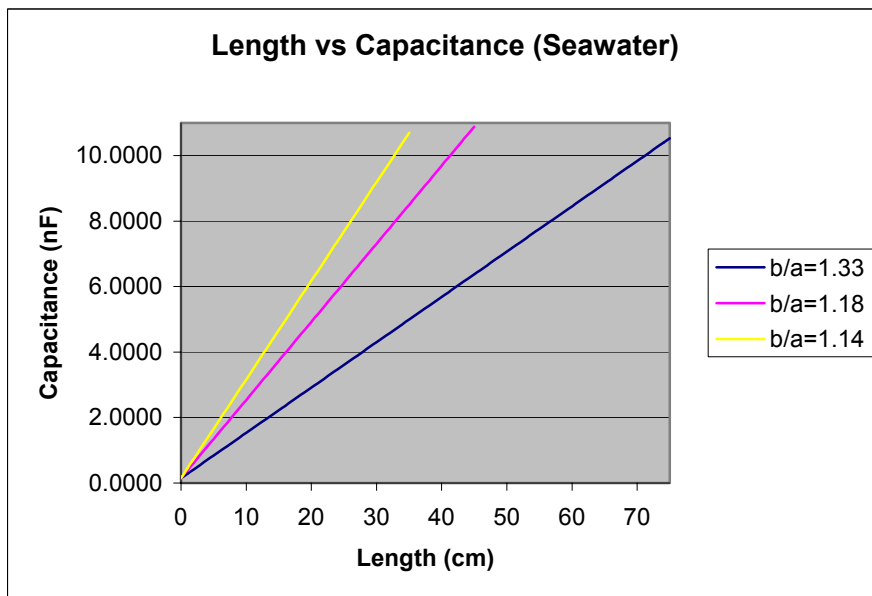
There is one remaining factor that must be calculated, and this is the total capacitance. Up until now, it has always assumed that the copper pipes were completely filled with the dielectric, whether it was air, oil, distilled water or seawater. If the copper pipes were not completely filled with a liquid, the remaining unfilled length would contain air, and this would result in two capacitors in parallel. One capacitor had the dielectric of the liquid and the second capacitor had the dielectric of air. As the two capacitors were connected in parallel, the equivalent capacitance was the sum of the individual capacitances. The level of the liquid

<sup>7</sup> Field and Wave Electromagnetics

determined the capacitance of each capacitor as one had  $L=(\text{liquid level})$  while the second one had  $L=(\text{total length})-(\text{liquid level})$ . Plotting the length versus the total capacitance for each of the three ratios of  $b/a$  that were used yields the following graphs depicted by figures 10 and 11 for distilled water and seawater respectively:



**Figure 10**



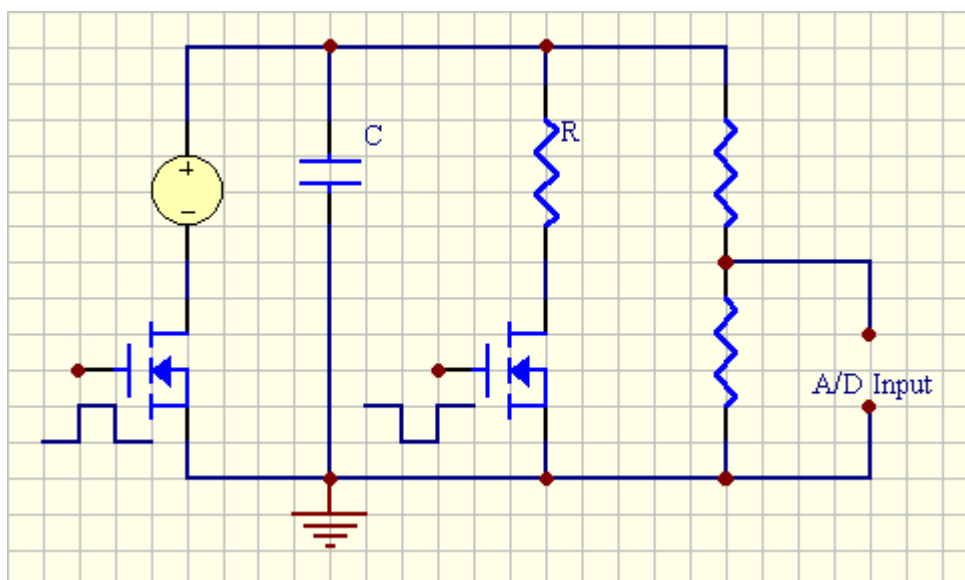
**Figure 11**

## 4. SWITCHING CIRCUITS

The principle on which the cylindrical capacitor operated is the following. The capacitor would be continuously charged and discharged. At a specific time interval,  $t_1$ , the voltage across the capacitor would be measured. This voltage would be proportional to the capacitance of the capacitor and thus proportional to the level of the liquid that acted as the dielectric in the capacitor.

### 4.1 INITIAL MOSFET CIRCUIT

Initially, the circuit shown below was used for taking measurements. The capacitor (C) shown was the cylindrical capacitor that was constructed for this project. The resistor (R) was used to discharge the capacitor.



**Figure 12**

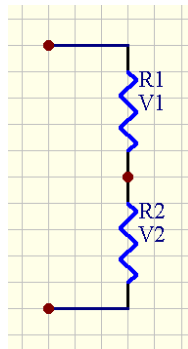
Two transistors, the IRF640 or IRF740 N-Channel enhancement mode MOSFETs, were used as switches. This switching was accomplished by supplying a voltage less than or greater than the gate threshold voltage of the transistor,  $V_{GS(TH)}$ . For both the IRF640 and IRF740,  $V_{GS(TH) MIN}=2V$  and  $V_{GS(TH) MAX}=4V$ . By applying less than 2V, the transistor operates in its cutoff state and therefore it is "OFF". By applying more than 4V, the transistor operates in its saturation region and it is "ON"<sup>8</sup>. As  $V_{GS(TH)}$  ranges from 2V to 4V, standard TTL values can be used to control the transistors. Specifically, 0V were used for "OFF" and +5V were used for "ON".

It was determined that a high charging voltage would allow for better measurements as it would be easier to monitor the discharging of the capacitor. Due

<sup>8</sup> Electrical Engineering: Concepts and Applications

to this, the initial capacitor voltage was set at approximately  $V_0=100V$ . Following the advice of the thesis advisor<sup>9</sup>, it was decided to have a RC time constant of 10msec. Based on this, the corresponding value of the discharging resistor was  $1M\Omega$ . ( $1M\Omega \times 10nF = 0.01sec$ )

The two resistors to the far right of the diagram were used as a voltage divider. This was necessary as the input voltage range on the microcontroller is 0-5VDC while the capacitor would be charged to approximately 100V. The voltage divider consisted of two resistors,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , as shown in figure 13:



**Figure 13**

The following equations were used to calculate the values of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ .

$$V_{total} = V_1 + V_2 = 100V \text{ (approximately)}$$

$$V_2 = 5V \text{ (Maximum\_Microcontroller\_Voltage)}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V \quad V_2 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V$$

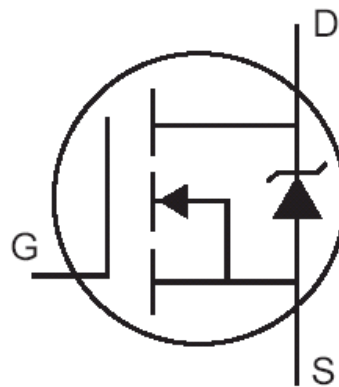
Before applying  $V_0=100V$ , it was decided to test the circuit and verify that the switching part of it worked properly and as expected. The test was done by applying  $V_0=3V$  using 2 "AA" batteries. Unfortunately the results were not the expected ones, as the switching did not work properly. According to the circuit, the voltage across the capacitor should have been equal to  $V_0$  during the charging period and it should have converged to 0V during the discharging period.

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Measurements taken showed that the voltage across the capacitor was  $V_o=3V$  while the transistor was "ON" and charging and at a constant  $(V_o - 0.7V) = 2.3V$  during the "OFF" transistor state.

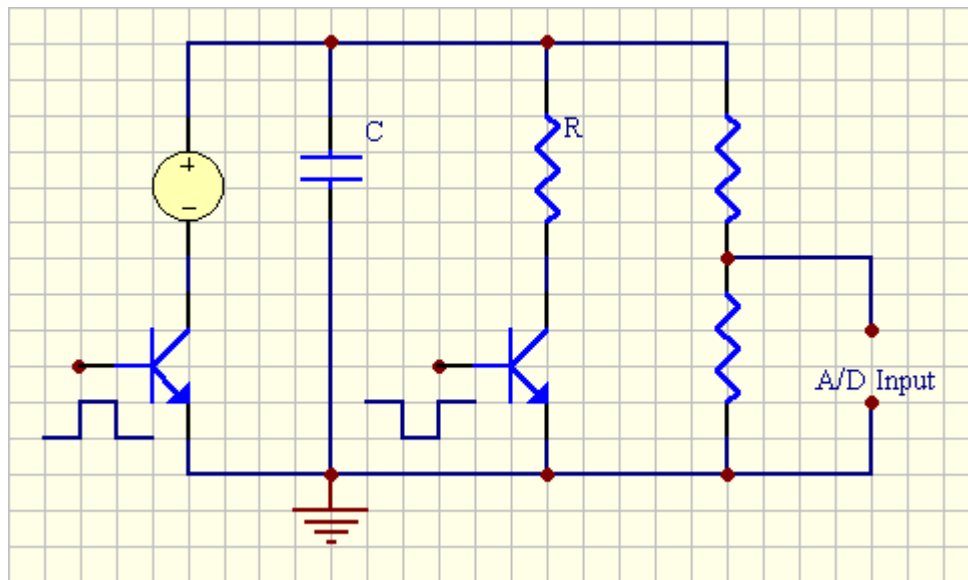
After closer investigation of the datasheets for the IRF640 and IRF740 transistors, it was determined that the diode incorporated in this semiconductor could be at fault. This diode can be seen in figure 14 as included in the transistor datasheet.



**Figure 14**

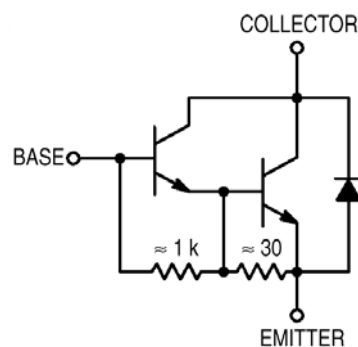
#### 4.2 DARLINGTON TRANSISTOR CIRCUIT

As a second alternative, a NPN Darlington transistor, the BU323A, was substituted for the IRF640/IRF740. The revised circuit used can be seen below in figure 15:



**Figure 15**

Regrettably, this transistor also produced similar results to the IRF640/IRF740, possibly because this transistor also contained an integrated diode, as can be seen in figure 16 from the datasheet. Another solution had to be investigated that overcame these switching problems.

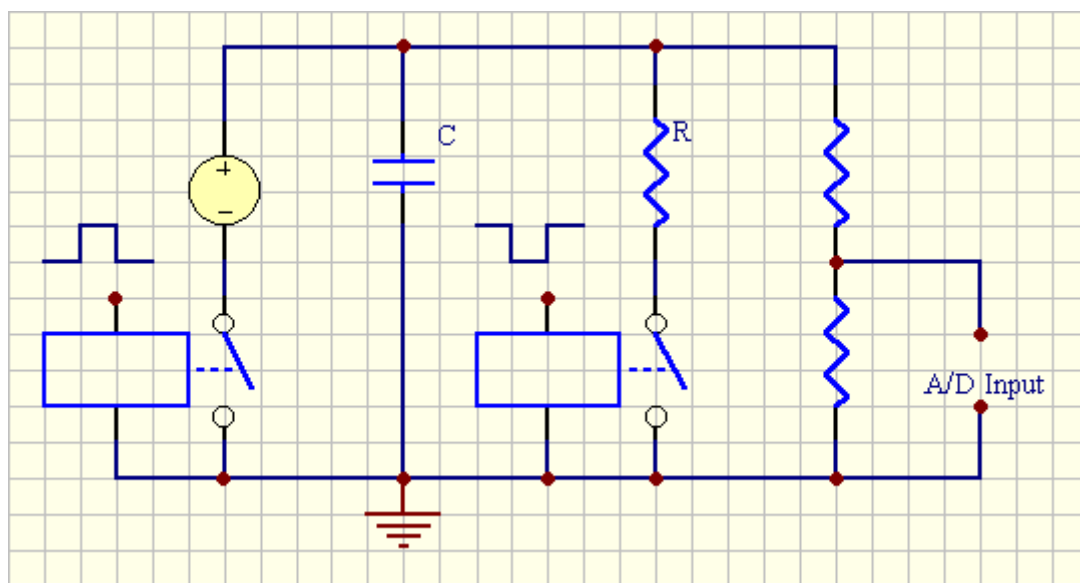


**Figure 16**



### 4.3 SOLID-STATE RELAY CIRCUIT

A decision was made to try and find a solid-state relay that could be used for the switching function of the circuit. A simple low voltage solid-state relay was found to verify that such a device would work properly in the circuit as it would switch approximately 3V instead of the 100V. The device selected was the EDR201A0500 relay. This relay produced the expected results as it switched the power to the capacitor properly but it could not handle the high DC voltage with which the capacitor was going to be charged. The circuit with this relay can be seen below in figure 17:



**Figure 17**

As the "test" solid state relay's operation was as expected, a final device would have to be found that would meet the following conditions: Ability to withstand at least 200VDC across the switching terminals, very fast switching times and switching operation with 0VDC and +5VDC. An extensive search on the Internet revealed many prospective candidates. These candidates were either solid-state relays or high voltage optocouplers.

Examples included the following:

- Siemens LH1056/LH1298/LH1540 High Voltage Solid State Relay Optocouplers
- Supertex HV214 250V Low Charge Injection 8-Channel High Voltage Analog Switch
- NAI S AQW210AH photoMOS Relay
- Crydom CMX200D3 Solid State Relay
- Fairchild HSR312/HSR412 Photovoltaic Solid-State Relay Optocouplers
- International Rectifier PVT412 Power MOSFET Photovoltaic Relay

Unfortunately none of these devices could be located in the local market and the lead-time for ordering most of them was extremely lengthy.

#### 4.4 FINAL TRANSISTOR SWITCHING CIRCUIT

Following the advice of the thesis advisor<sup>10</sup>, a fourth circuit was implemented to overcome all of the shortcomings of the previous 3 switching circuit attempts. The new circuit can be seen below in figure 18:

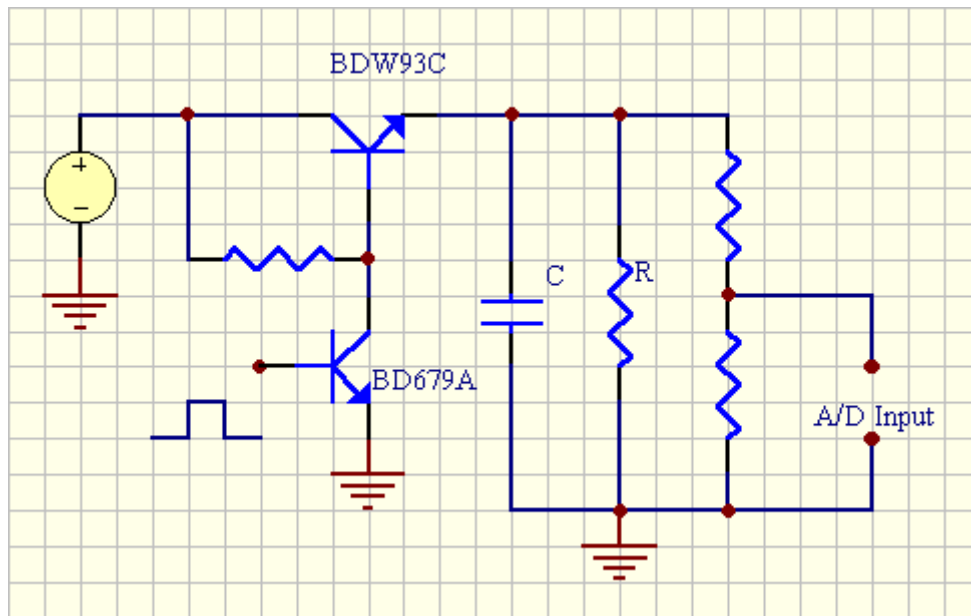


Figure 18

This new circuit required one pulse only, as opposed to two that were required by all of the previous circuits. When this pulse was "HIGH", (+5VDC) it turned "ON" the transistor, which in turn pulled the power resistor to ground. During this "ON" state all of the input current passed through the power resistor and the capacitor's charge was discharged through the discharging resistor (R). When the pulse was "LOW" (0VDC) the transistor was "OFF" and the input current charged the capacitor.

At this point, it should be noted that the charging voltage was reduced from approximately 130VDC to approximately 35VDC. This was necessary as the high voltage, in addition to several other factors, was causing electrolysis. The electrolysis phenomenon will be discussed further in section 8.3.

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## 5. POWER SUPPLY CIRCUITS

Throughout the implementation of this thesis, several power supply circuits were required. As explained earlier, an initial condition for the capacitor's charging voltage was that it should be approximately 100VDC.

### 5.1 INITIAL CIRCUITS

Two methods of producing this voltage were analyzed. The first and easiest method was the use of batteries. By connecting ten 9V batteries in series, the resulting voltage was 99VDC, which fulfilled the approximate 100VDC criteria.

The battery power supply provided acceptable power for the purposes of this project. Unfortunately, due to the electrolysis issues that came up, the voltage fell to 75VDC in a short period of time. As a result, this method of supplying the necessary power was discarded.

The second power supply that was constructed utilized an AC power transformer. The following equations show the relationship between the AC line voltage of a transformer and the RMS voltage at the output.  $V_S$  is the transformer's secondary voltage and  $V_M$  is the maximum of  $V_S$ .<sup>11</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}V_{line} &= \sqrt{2}V_{rms} \sin \omega t \\V_S &= V_M \sin \omega t \\V_M &= N\sqrt{2}V_{rms}\end{aligned}$$

Solving for  $V_M = 100\text{VAC}$ ,  $V_{rms}$  would have to be 70.7VAC, thus requiring a 220VAC to 71VAC transformer. This type of transformer was not readily available on the market and could only be obtained through a special order. This inherently would require a long lead-time and it would entail a high cost.

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An alternative to this was to use a standard voltage transformer available on the market for adapting the local line voltage to appliances manufactured abroad. This is usually found in a 220VAC to 110VAC transformer. A multi-scale transformer was found that could transform the following voltages: 90V, 110V, 125V, 200V, 220V, and 240V. A picture of the transformer is shown below, along with a detailed picture of the input/output voltage selectors:

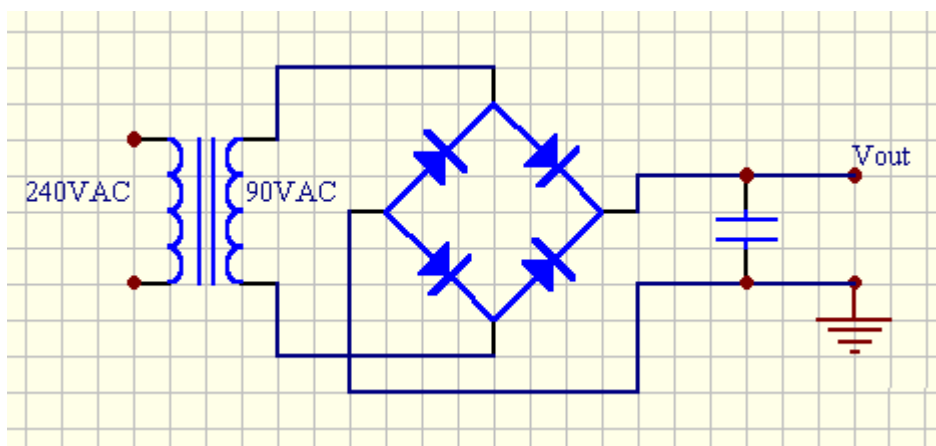


**Figure 19**



**Figure 20**

The line voltage was measured and was found to be 238.5VAC. Using the 240VAC to 90VAC step-down scale, with the given input line voltage, the output voltage was 89.4VAC. By using a full wave rectifier, and based on the formula listed previously, the final DC output voltage was 126.5VDC. The power supply circuit used is shown below in figure 21:

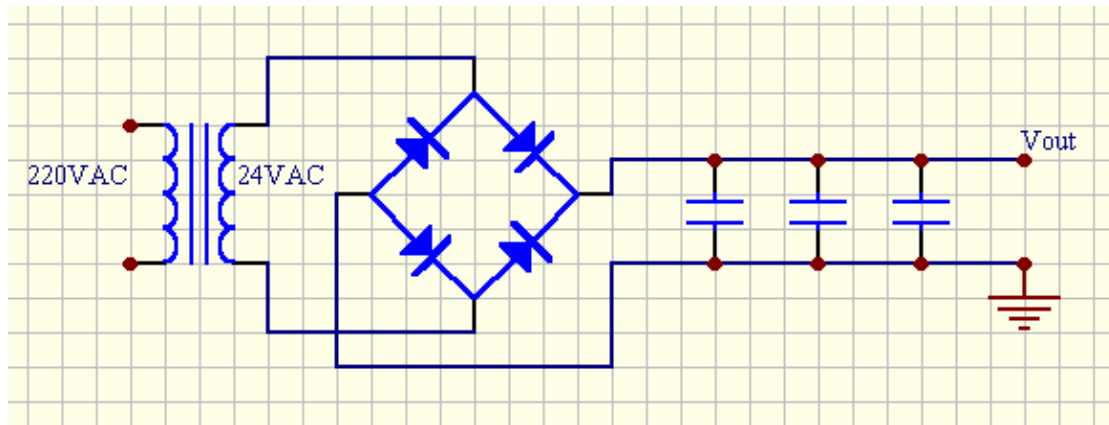


**Figure 21**

## 5.2 FINAL CIRCUIT

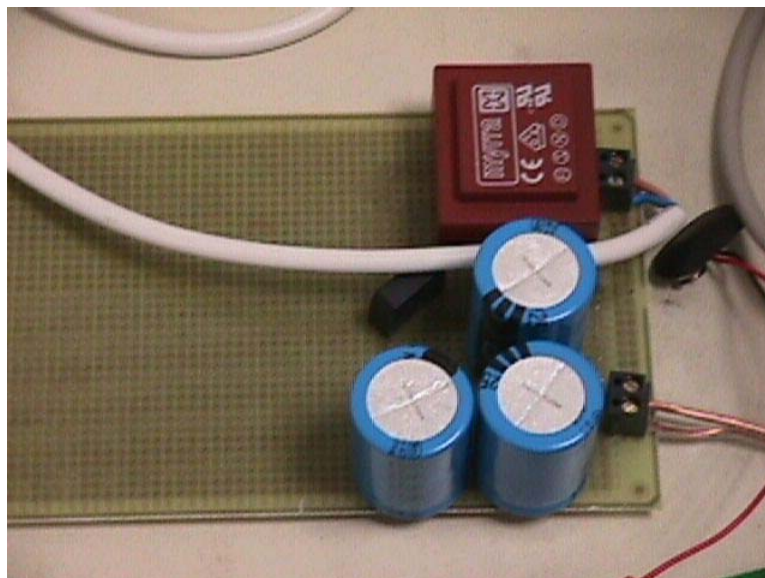
As mentioned earlier, the capacitor's charging voltage had to be reduced from approximately 130VDC to approximately 30VDC. The local market was investigated again and a survey was performed on the available step-down transformers. The largest standard transformer that was found was one that stepped down 220VAC to 24VAC.

Using the 220VAC to 24VAC ratio and the fact that  $V_{line} = 238.5VAC$ , it was calculated that  $V_{rms} = 26VAC$ . By using the equation for  $V_M$  listed above, it was calculated that  $V_M = 36.8VAC$ , and this was the voltage supplied to the capacitor in order to charge it. The complete final power supply circuit used is shown below in figure 22.A:



**Figure 22.A**

A picture of the final power supply circuit is shown below in figure 22.B.

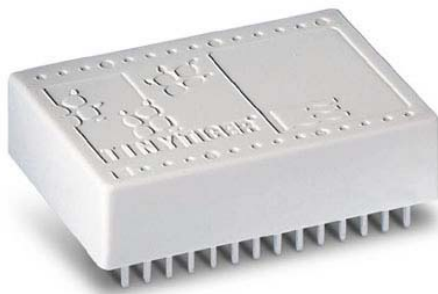


**Figure 22.B**

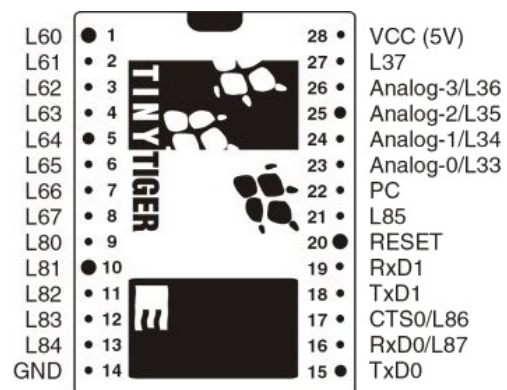
## 6. THE TINY TIGER MICROCONTROLLER

### 6.1 INTRODUCTION

The Tiny Tiger microcontroller is manufactured by Wilke Technology. Several models are available such as the BASIC Tiger, the Tiny Tiger and the Tiny Tiger Economy. For this project the Tiny Tiger Economy module was used along with the Tiny Tiger Prototyping Board. For the remainder of this paper, the Tiny Tiger Economy module will be referred to as the Tiger module for simplicity. The actual Tiger module is shown below with its pin-outs.



**Figure 23**



**Figure 24**

The basic features that differentiate the Tiny Tiger Economy microcontroller from the other two modules are the number of input/output ports, the on-board memory and the lack of an on-board real-time clock. This was acceptable for this project as the requirements of the microcontroller were quite simple: To generate a pulse for driving the switching circuit which in turn caused the capacitor to charge and discharge, and to take a voltage measurement during the capacitor discharging period at a precise interval  $t_m$ . As a 4-line by 20-character LCD module was also available for the Tiger module, this was used to display the voltage during the discharging period. This LCD module is shown below:



**Figure 25**

## 6.2 TIGER BASIC

The Tiger module was programmed with Tiny Tiger Basic, ver 4.01. Tiger Basic includes a modified BASIC instruction set that reduces the familiarization period for the programming of the module and makes this task very simple.

The Tiger module supports multitasking and can execute up to 32 tasks simultaneously. Approximately 10,000 to 100,000 BASIC instructions can be executed per second depending on the complexity of the instruction and the data volume. The memory capacity of the Tiger module is 32Kb. The BASIC program is compiled and downloaded to the Tiger module with the Tiger Basic development software suite.

## 6.3 PULSE GENERATION

The Tiger microcontroller can produce three ranges of frequencies using its base frequency and a division factor. The resulting frequency and time ranges that are possible are shown in the table below<sup>12</sup>:

Range	Range Frequency	Resolution	Time Range
1	2,500,000 Hz	0.400 µsec	0.0004 → 26.214 msec
2	625,000 Hz	1.600 µsec	0.0016 → 104.856 msec
3	156,250 Hz	6.400 µsec	0.0064 → 419.424 msec

**Table 5**

The Tiger microcontroller can produce a pulse using two different methods. The first method is by using the time-base timer device driver that is called "TIMERA". This device driver creates an internal adjustable time base that can be used by other device drivers. The TIMERA device driver is installed with two parameters, RANGE and DIVISION FACTOR and these parameters produce the time ranges listed in the table above. A table in the User's Manual<sup>12</sup> lists all of the possible division factors that can be used and the corresponding frequencies. A copy of these tables may be found in appendix C. To install the driver, the following syntax is used:

***INSTALL\_DEVICE #X, "TIMERA.TDD", Y, Z***

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<sup>12</sup> Basic Tiger Handbook, User Manual: Volume 2



This installs the TIMERA driver as device #**X** with the range parameter **Y** and a division factor of **Z**. Parameter **X** can range from 0 to 63 and parameter **Y** can be 1, 2, 3 or 0. If 0 is selected, the timer is stopped. A second device driver is required that will actually produce the pulse, and this is the PLS02 device driver. To install this driver the following syntax is used:

```
INSTALL_DEVICE #X, "PLS02_Pp.TDD"
```

This installs the PLS02 driver as device #**X** on pin **p** of port **P**. To generate the pulse, the following BASIC instruction is used with the syntax shown:

```
PUT #X, CNT, DUTY, CYCLE
```

This instruction will output **CNT** number of pulses to pin **p** of port **P**. The total time of the pulse will be **CYCLE** and the time that the pulse will be "HIGH" is equal to **DUTY**. Both **DUTY** and **CYCLE** can have a range of 0 to 65535. To produce 300 pulses on pin 0 of port 8 that are "HIGH" for 6msec and "LOW" for 4msec the following set of instructions would be required. Note that the installed time base is 10kHz.

```
INSTALL_DEVICE #2, "TIMERA.TDD", 1, 250  
INSTALL_DEVICE #4, "PLS02_80.TDD"  
PUT #4, 300, 60, 100
```

The second method of producing pulses with the Tiger module is by using the PLSOUT1 device driver. This device driver enables a very fast pulse output and can output pulses with high resolution, thus the advantage in using it. The drawback to this method is that the fast drivers utilize available hardware that cannot be shared; therefore it is not possible to simultaneously use another fast driver. To install this device driver the following syntax is used:

```
INSTALL_DEVICE #X, "PLSOUT1.TDD", AREA
```

This installs the PLSOUT1 driver as device #**X** and the parameter AREA determines the resolution of the driver. This parameter can be 1, 2 or 3 and these ranges

correspond to the ones listed in table 5. The pulse output is always on pin 6 of port 8 and it cannot be changed. Similarly to the first pulse generation method, the **PUT** instruction is used to output the pulse but with the following difference; the **DUTY** parameter signifies the time for which the pulse is "LOW". To produce the same 300 pulses that are "HIGH" for 6msec and "LOW" for 4msec the following set of instructions would be required using this method.

```
INSTALL_DEVICE #3, "PLSOUT1.TDD", 2  
PUT #3, 300, 2500, 6250
```

The output on pin 6 of port 8 is 300 pulses with a total time of 10msec (1.600µsec x 6250) of which 4msec (1.600µsec x 2500) are "LOW", thus the remaining 6msec are "HIGH".

#### *6.4 A/D INPUT*

The last function of the Tiger module that needs to be examined for the scope of this project is the analog to digital input. The voltage drop across the capacitor during its discharging period will be measured using this input method. There are several ways to acquire measurements from the A/D-Inputs on the Tiger module using the two available device drivers, ANALOG1 and ANALOG2. The basic difference between these two drivers is that ANALOG1 reads the instantaneous value of the analog input while ANALOG2 samples the input and stores the results in a first in, first out (FIFO) buffer. The ANALOG2 device driver also requires the TIMERA device driver in order to function, whereas the ANALOG1 does not. Using the ANALOG1 driver, 8-bit and 10-bit resolutions are supported, while using the ANALOG2 driver, 8-bit, 10-bit and 12-bit-interpolated resolutions are supported. The following syntax is used to install the ANALOG1 driver:

```
INSTALL_DEVICE #X, "ANALOG1.TDD"
```

The instantaneous inputs are then read with the GET command. Various ways of reading the A/D inputs are possible depending on the syntax of the GET command that is used, as shown below:

```
GET #X, #0, 1, VALUE (Reads 8-bit value from channel 0)
GET #X, #3, 2, VALUE (Reads 10-bit value from channel 4)
GET #X, #4, 4, VALUE (Reads 8-bit value from channels 0,1,2,3)
GET #X, #5, 8, W$   (Reads 10-bit values from channels 0,1,2,3
                       into a string that should be 4 x 2 bytes)
```

The following example shows how to install and use the ANALOG1 device driver so that it reads the input from A/D channel 0 in a 10-bit format:

```
INSTALL_DEVICE #6, "ANALOG1.TDD"
GET #6, #0, 2, ATOD
```

The ANALOG2 device driver is installed in the same way as the ANALOG1 driver. A prerequisite is the installation of the TIMERA device driver prior to that of the ANALOG2 device driver. The ANALOG2 device driver has several user function codes that set the necessary parameters required for the device driver to function properly and as required by the user. Due to this, the file "UFUNC3.INC" must be included in the program so that the compiler can recognize the symbol names used.

The following table from the user's manual<sup>13</sup> lists the parameters available that can be set using the PUT command:

<b>Parameter Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
UFCO_AD2_CHAN	Set single channel mode. → 0, 1, 2, or 3
UFCO_AD2_RESO	Set resolution → 8=8-bit, 10=10-bit, 12=12-bit
UFCO_AD2_INTEG	Integration width at 12-bit. → 16, 32, 64, or 128
UFCO_AD2_STOVL	Flag: Stop on FIFO Overflow → 0=yes, n=no=wrap-around
UFCO_AD2_ANZ	No. of measurements per channel → 0=endless (FIFO), n=no of measurements (LONG)
UFCO_AD2_PSCAL	Pre-scaler, that divides the reference frequency of TIMERA. → 0,1=no pre-scaler, n=divider
UFCO_AD2_STOP	Stop A/D sampling
UFCO_AD2_GROF	Set string size adjustment flag → 0=spontaneous assignment at end of measurement, else=dynamic adjustment during measurement
UFCO_AD2_SCAN	Set multiple channels mode and number of channels used → n=1, channel used by UFCO_AD2_CHAN, n=2:2-channels (Ch-0, Ch-1), n=3:3-channels (Ch-0, Ch-1, Ch-2), n=4:4-channels (Ch-0, Ch-1, Ch-2, Ch-3)
UFCO_AD2_ISAMP	Integrate samples: Determines that every n <sup>th</sup> measurement will be written to the buffer, only for 12-bit resolution
UFCO_AD2_PSCIMM	Set pre-scaler immediately, (without a restart)

**Table 6**

The ANALOG1 device driver was used in this project, as an instantaneous measurement was required after each pulse. For academic purposes, a sample program that uses the ANALOG2 device driver can be found in Appendix B. This program was written for experimental reasons in order to determine which method of measurements was most suitable for this thesis project.

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<sup>13</sup> Basic Tiger Handbook, User Manual: Volume 2

## 7. PULSE GENERATION

Even though the Tiger module is perfectly capable of producing the necessary pulses to drive the switching circuit that would charge and discharge the capacitor, a second alternative was used initially to examine and analyze the behavior of the capacitor. The second alternative consisted of the 555-timer in an astable operation mode. Recompiling, downloading the program and restarting the Tiger module required a few minutes therefore this second alternative was chosen as the pulse frequency was easily varied by using a potentiometer with the 555-timer rather than reprogramming the Tiger module.

### 7.1 USING THE 555-TIMER

The 555-timer is a highly stable controller capable of producing accurate oscillation<sup>14</sup> (astable operation) by using two resistors and one capacitor, all of which are external components. The 555-timer can also be used for monostable operation but this mode of operation will not be discussed, as it is not applicable to this project. The typical circuit for astable operation is the following, as shown from the datasheet<sup>14</sup>:

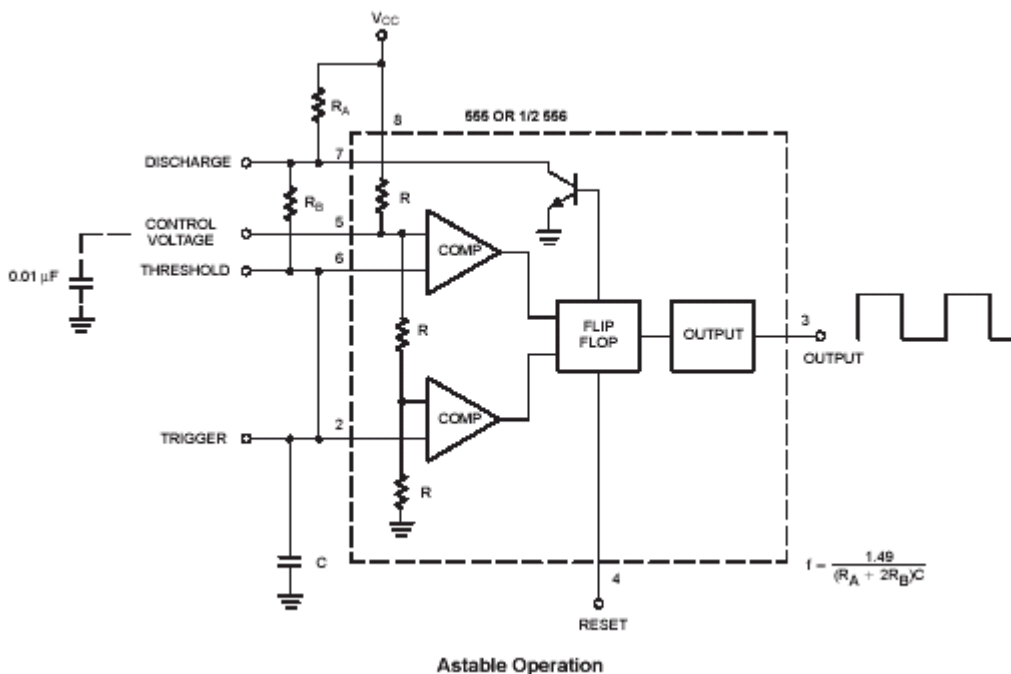


Figure 26

<sup>14</sup> NE/SA/SE555/SE555C Datasheet, Philips Semiconductors

This circuit produces a square wave pulse output whose HIGH-level duration is  $t_H$  and LOW-level duration is  $t_L$ . The respective high and low level durations can be calculated using the following equations<sup>15</sup>:

$$t_H = 0.693(R_A + R_B)C$$

$$t_L = 0.693(R_B)C$$

Using the above equations with the following component values resulted in these final high and low level durations:  $t_L = 25.6\text{msec}$  and  $t_H = 25.6 \rightarrow 25.8\text{msec}$ :

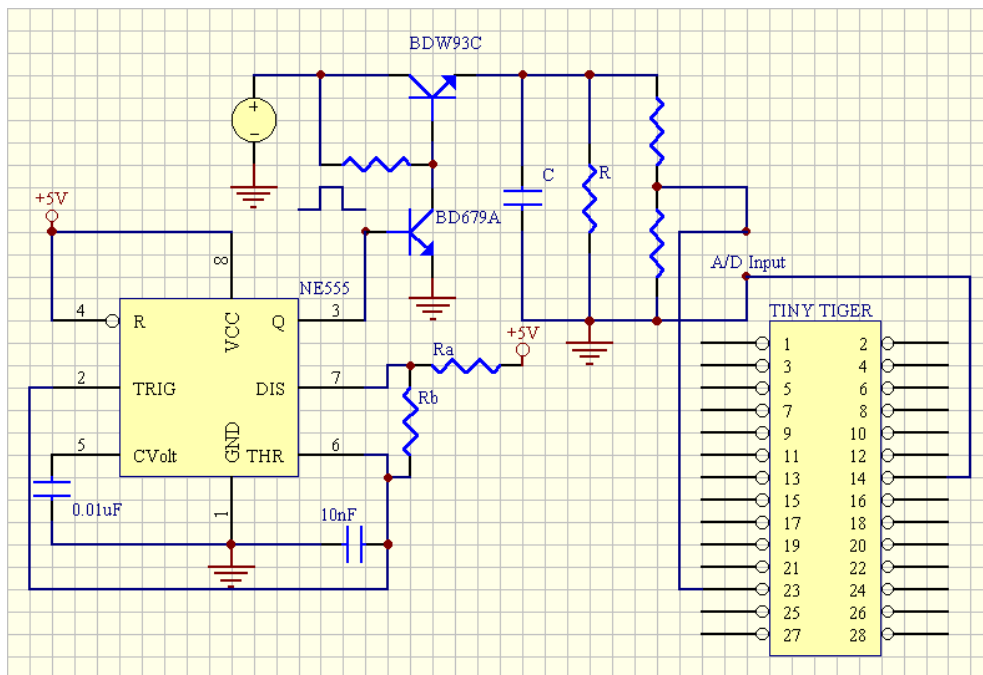
$$C = 10\text{nF}$$

$$R_A = 22\text{K}\Omega \text{ Potentiometer}$$

$$R_B = 3.7\text{M}\Omega$$

These times were selected as such, since they were approximately 2½ times the RC constant (10msec) of the capacitor under analysis (10nF) and the discharging resistor (1MΩ). This allowed ample time for charging the capacitor and provided an adequate settling period after the capacitor has discharged. As the switching circuit described in figure 18 from section 4.4 resulted in the capacitor's discharge during the pulse's high-level output, having  $t_H > t_L$  ensured that the discharging time would be greater than the charging time.

Taking the component values that were calculated into account, the final 555-timer circuit that was used for the initial measurements is the following:



**Figure 27**

<sup>15</sup> NE555, SA555, SE555 Precision Timers Datasheet, Texas Instruments

## 7.2 USING THE TINY TIGER MICROCONTROLLER

Using the Tiger module to produce a pulse was a relatively easy task, as described in section 6.3. The corresponding  $t_H$  and  $t_L$  times were set via software. The final Tiger module circuit that was used is the following:

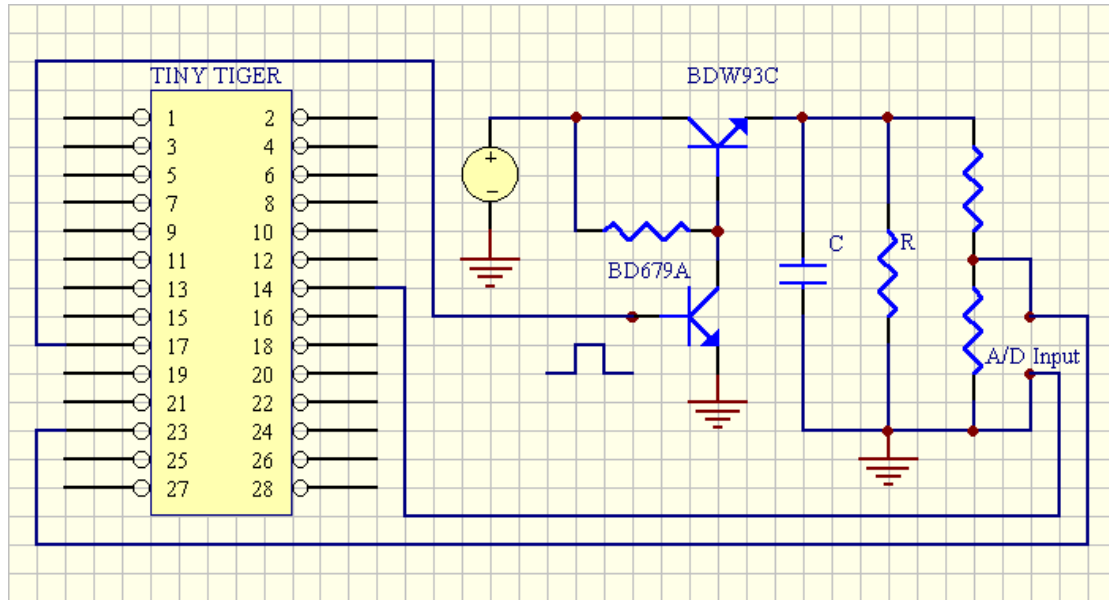
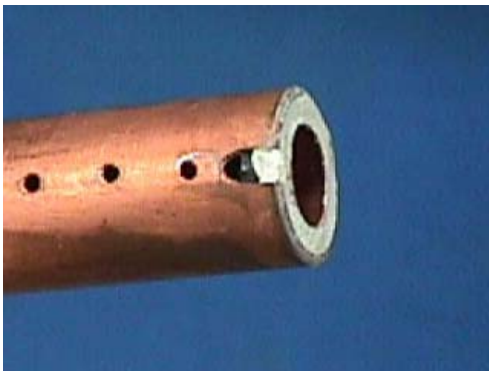


Figure 28

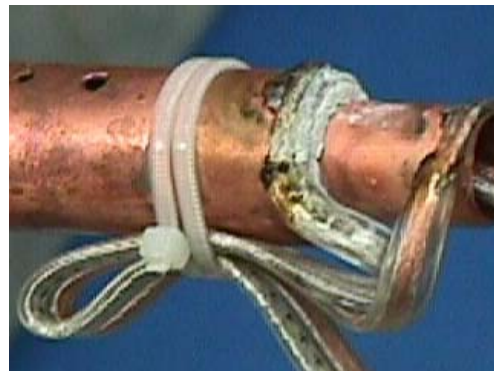
## 8. CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

### 8.1 CAPACITOR CONSTRUCTION

Recalling from section 3, there were three possible combinations of copper pipes that could be used to construct a capacitor that met the restrictions placed. Two of these three possible capacitors were constructed, the 75cm and the 45cm ones. The inner copper pipe was left 3cm longer than the outer copper pipe in order to be able to solder the leading cables without creating any short circuits and to facilitate the alignment of the two copper pipes. The two copper pipes that made up the capacitor were placed concentrically and were kept centered with a rubber washer. This rubber washer was pushed in approximately 2mm from the edge of the copper pipes and the resulting gap was filled with an epoxy-like compound that hardened and kept the copper pipes stable. The details of the copper pipe ends can be seen in the following pictures:



**Figure 29**



**Figure 30**

The outer copper pipe was drilled every 1cm so that the dielectric could enter the two pipes and fill the gap in between them. This was necessary as the ends of the copper pipe were sealed. An early thought was to leave some holes in the ends of these washers so that the liquid could enter the tubes. This idea was discarded, as the holes would compromise the alignment of the two copper pipes. A detail of the holes that were made can be seen in the picture below, noting that the larger holes represent the 5cm divisions:



**Figure 31**

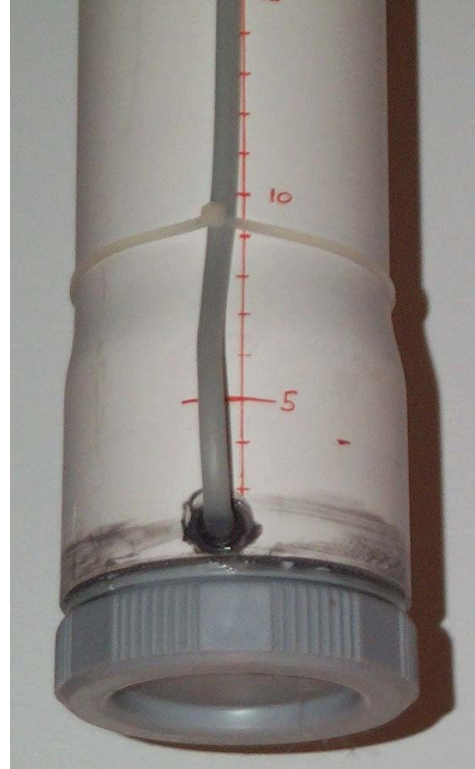


## ***8.2 HOLDING TANK CONSTRUCTION***

A 75mm diameter plastic pipe was used as a holding tank to house the liquids that would act as the capacitor's dielectric. The construction details of this plastic pipe can be seen in the picture below:



**Figure 32**



**Figure 33**

The small exterior transparent tube was used to view the level of the liquid inside the plastic pipe.

## ***8.3 ELECTROLYSIS AND CORRECTIVE MEASURES***

The problem of electrolysis was encountered early during the initial measurement periods. This was a reason for redesigning half of the project, primarily the power supply circuit and the construction of the capacitor. The electrolysis problem was partially solved with the aid of a clear varnish spray. One of the capacitors constructed, specifically the 45cm one, was taken apart and coated with a film of varnish on all 3 of the copper pipe surfaces, excluding the inner surface of the inner copper pipe. This capacitor was selected for the modifications as it was made of copper pipes that were shorter in length and larger in diameter than the 75cm capacitor, thus making it easier to coat the interior copper pipe surface.

Special care was taken to ensure that the varnish was applied as uniformly as possible. Coating the entire inside surface of the outer copper pipe proved to be

difficult as the overall length of the copper pipe was 45cm and the spray did not reach the center of the pipe easily. The inner surface of the inner copper pipe was not coated as the critical surfaces were the ones between the two copper pipes, specifically the outer surface of the inner pipe and the inner surface of the outer pipe. The varnish was allowed to dry over night and the capacitor was reassembled the next day.

The modified capacitor, along with the new power supply circuit, was successfully tested with the lowered voltage and the problem of electrolysis had been solved, at least for the most part. The solution was a partial remedy as some very minor electrolysis was still evident due to the fact that the varnish had not uniformly coated the copper pipe surfaces. This electrolysis was still evident as some green residue was visible in the holding tank's water after period of time had elapsed while taking measurements.

This layer of varnish surely altered the total capacitance of the capacitor. Determining the magnitude of this change was not pursued as the effect was assumed to be minimal. This is due to the thickness of the varnish coating being very small and the fact that varnish is an insulator thus the dielectric constant is insignificant compared to the dielectric constant of water. To illustrate the insignificance of the varnish, the following example can be used: Assume that the insulation thickness of a flat 2-conductor antenna cable is altered. If the distance between the two conductors is not changed, the effect on the capacitance will be insignificant.<sup>16</sup>

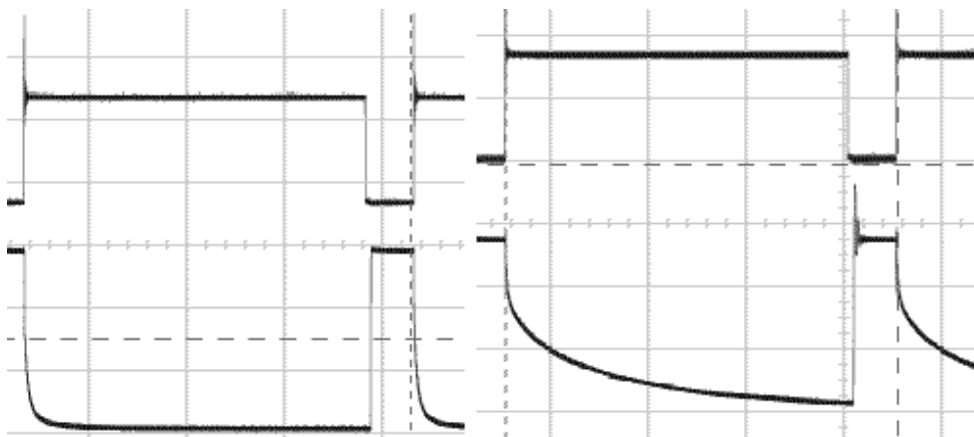
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<sup>16</sup> Field and Wave Electromagnetics

## 9. MEASUREMENTS AND RESULTS

### 9.1 INITIAL CAPACITOR RESPONSE MEASUREMENTS

A variety of measurements for each capacitor were made in the lab that yielded some very interesting results. Initial microcontroller A/D measurements were not usable, as the results did not show anything but zero values, mostly due to the electrolysis that was observed. An oscilloscope was then used to troubleshoot the behavior of the capacitor. With the help of the thesis advisor,<sup>17</sup> and a colleague from the lab who had built a similar 555-timer pulse circuit, the response of the capacitor was examined. The results are shown in the picture below:



**Figure 34**

The waveform on the left shows the 555-timer pulse and voltage across the 45cm capacitor as it discharges, without any water. The charging voltage applied to the capacitor was 30VDC. The waveform on the right was obtained when the capacitor was completely filled with distilled water. The 45cm capacitor had been coated with the coat of varnish when these measurements were made.

Comparing the above waveforms with the theoretical waveforms from section 2, one can see that the capacitor exhibits the expected results as the voltage across the capacitor exhibits an exponential decay. As the capacitance increases, due to an increase of the dielectric between the two pipes, the capacitor takes longer to discharge. The waveforms shown above depict the two extreme conditions of the dielectric's height; without any water and completely filled with water. Measurements were also taken at 10cm intervals and these can be found in appendix A.

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## 9.2 TINY TIGER MEASUREMENTS

The second set of measurements taken was with the Tiger module. The Tiger module was used to produce the pulse output and the total pulse cycle was 6.4msec, with a 3.2msec high-level followed by a 3.2msec low level. This translates to a pulse frequency of 156.25Hz. Measurements were made at every 5cm divisions of water. The resulting combined oscilloscope output is shown below.

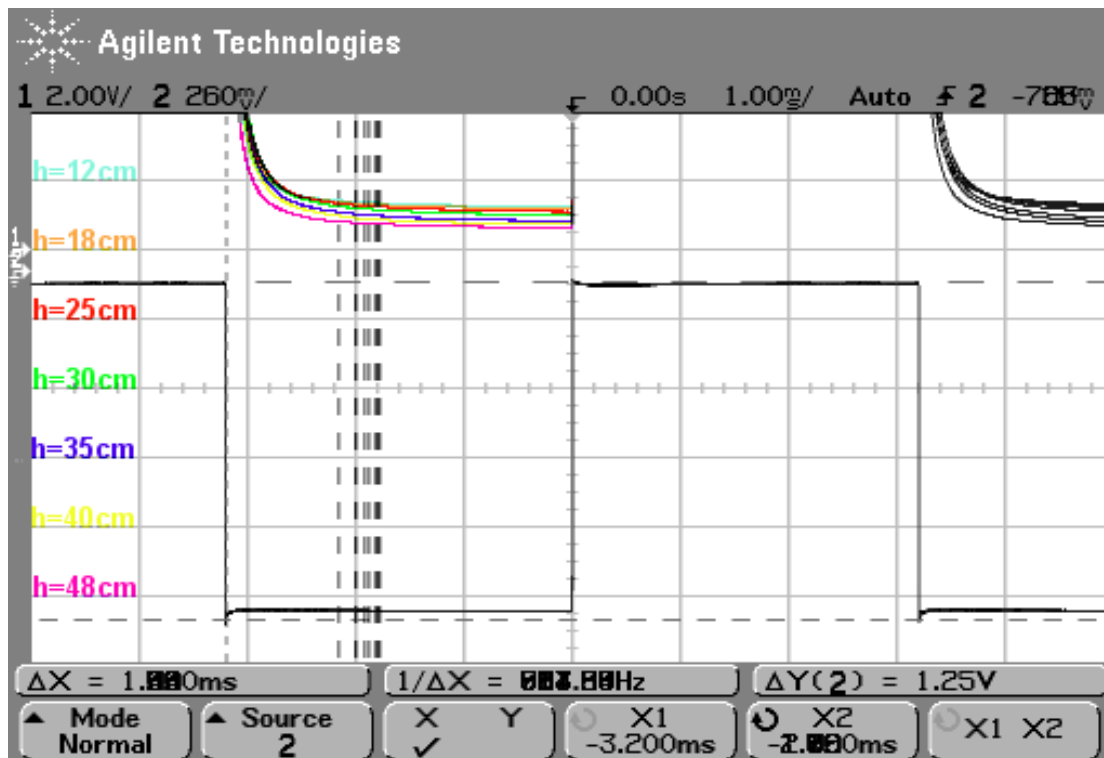


Figure 35

The waveforms shown are not in line with the expected results for the following reasons. (Individual waveforms can be found in appendix A.) In fact, the results obtained are the exact opposite of the theoretical results. As one can see from the above waveforms, the capacitor discharges in a shorter period of time as the water level increases, incorrectly indicating that the capacitance is decreasing. A second irregularity is that the discharging of the capacitor appears to happen while the microcontroller pulse is low. This is also not in line with the expected results as the circuit used charges the capacitor while the pulse is low and discharges it while the pulse is high. These results may be the result of either one of the following: incorrect oscilloscope probe placement on the circuit or unexpected circuit behavior due to the

low frequency pulse that was used as the capacitor did not have enough time to charge and discharge completely.

Unfortunately, no additional measurements are available from the Tiger module. During the measurements phase, a resistor's connections from the A/D voltage divider were accidentally shorted and 40VDC were applied to the Tiger module's A/D input. This high voltage ruined the Tiger module, as the maximum A/D voltage input allowed is 5VDC. This Tiger module was obtained through a special order from abroad and ordering a replacement module in a timely fashion that would allow further measurements was not feasible.

### 9.3 FINAL 555-TIMER MEASUREMENTS

Additional measurements were also made with the oscilloscope using the 555-timer circuit. The resistor values for  $R_A$  and  $R_B$  that were originally calculated in section 7.1 did not produce any useable results. One reason was that the potentiometer was not sensitive enough to lock onto a specific value. The resulting waveforms contained too much distortion and the oscilloscope's trigger couldn't work properly. This problem was overcome by using a 12K $\Omega$  precision trimmer that was available in the lab.  $R_B$  was replaced with a 1.1K $\Omega$  resistor instead of the 3.7M $\Omega$  resistor, based on the following graph from the datasheets<sup>18</sup>:

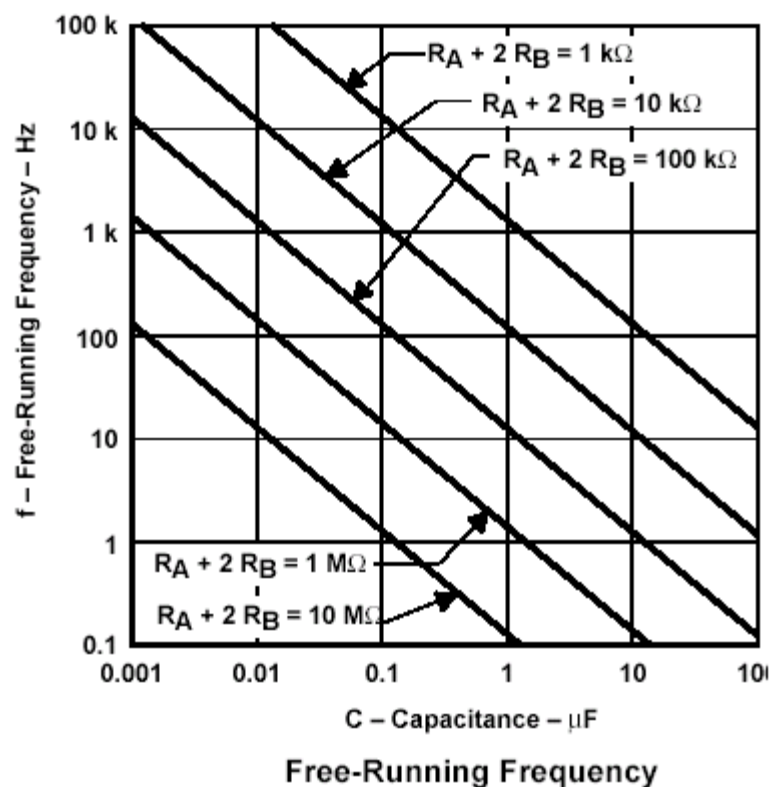


Figure 36

These values result in a frequency range of approximately 10kHz to 100kHz, a range that is higher than the one used for the initial capacitor response measurements which was 5kHz.

<sup>18</sup> NE555, SA555, SE555 Precision Timers Datasheet, Texas Instruments

The resulting measurements from the capacitor were exactly as expected and in accordance with the theoretical results. The combined graph of the 45cm capacitor discharging with water at every 5cm interval can be seen below:

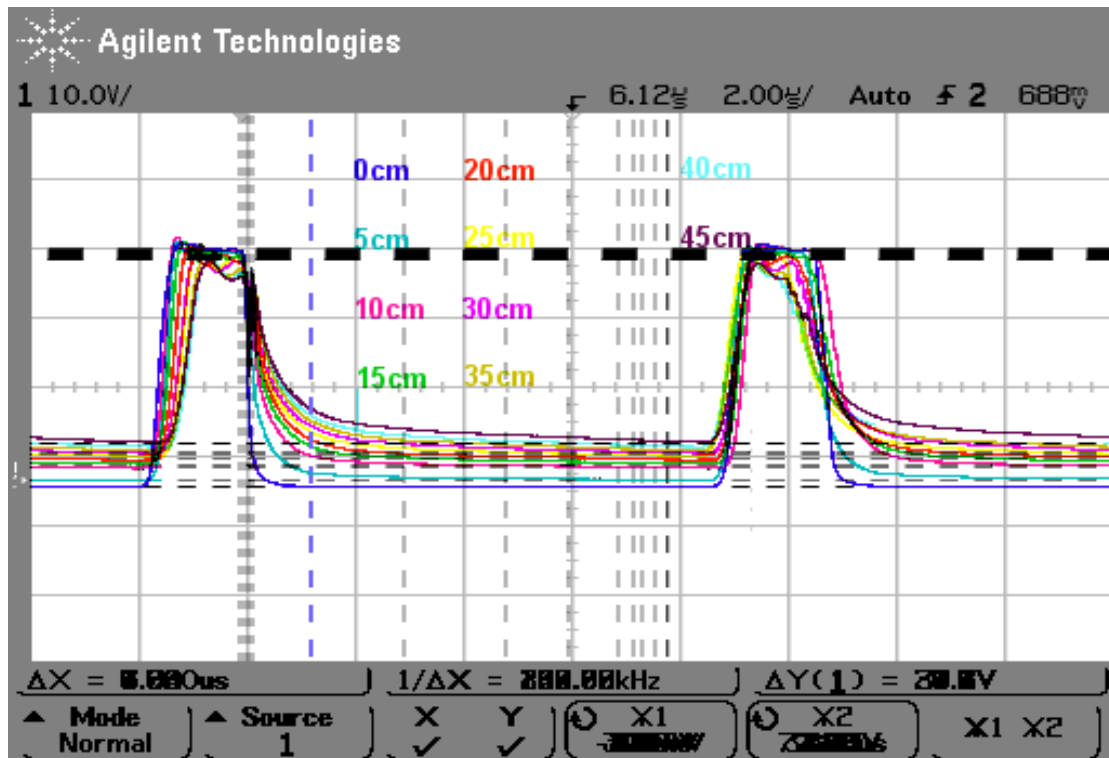
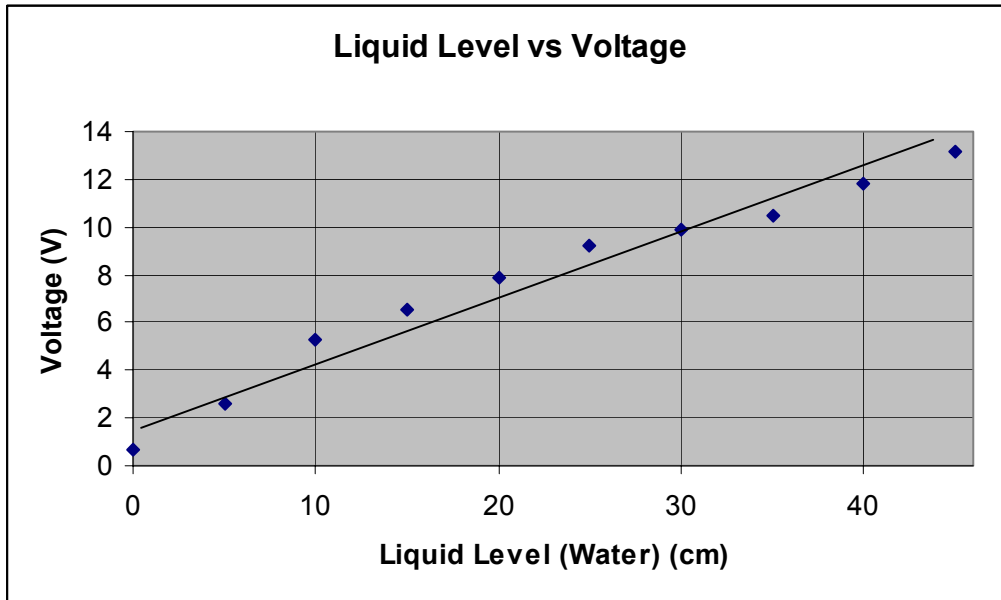


Figure 37

The pulse frequency is approximately 90kHz and an adequate settling period can be observed on the graph. Based on that fact that each major division is 2µsec, one can see that the microcontroller would have to take an A/D measurement 1.2µsec after the pulse generated initially goes into a HIGH state. Individual graphs for each 5cm interval can be found in appendix A.

By taking a measurement at 1.2μsec after the capacitor starts discharging, the behavior of the sensor can be examined. This particular measuring point can be seen in figure 37, depicted by the blue vertical dashed line. The relationship between the height of the liquid and the voltage across the capacitor can be seen in the graph below depicted by figure 38.



**Figure 38**

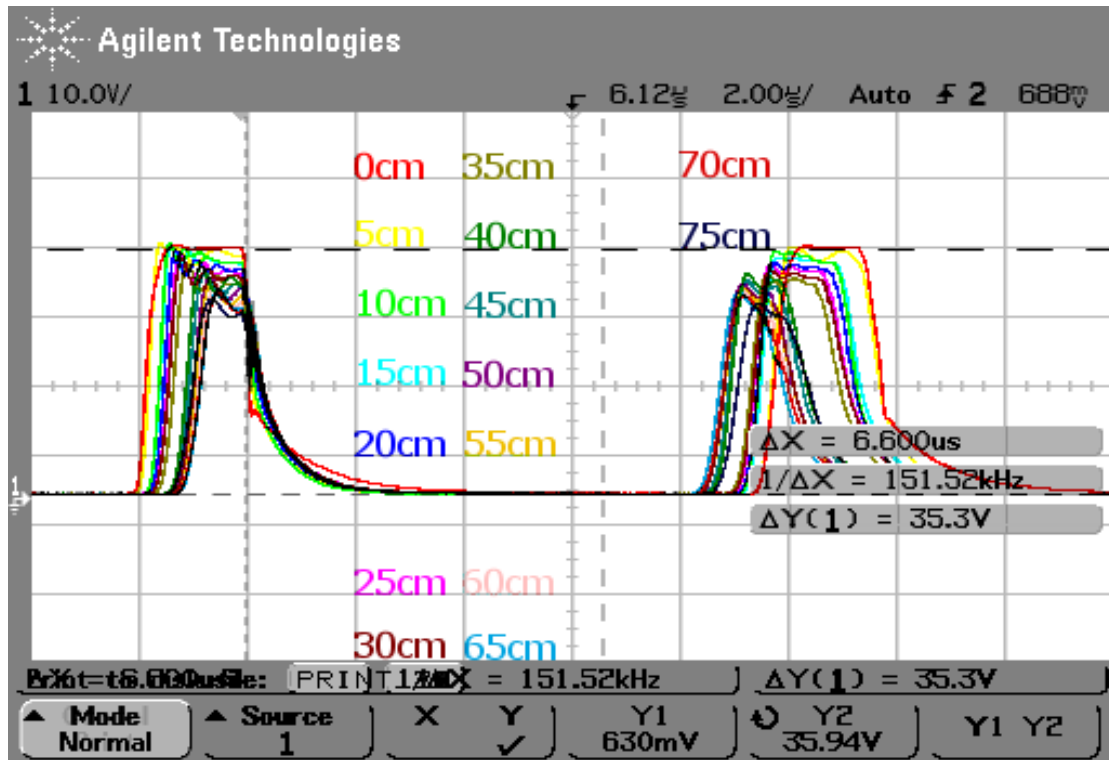
The individual measurements taken from the capacitor can be seen in the graph and a best-fit line has also been inserted. Several of the points exhibit a deviation from the best-fit line and this is expected as the cause can be experimental error and/or deviations caused by the electrolysis. The best-fit line shows that the sensor exhibits a linear response and discreteness in the measurements as each height has only one corresponding voltage. The relationship between the height of the liquid and the voltage can be depicted by the following equation, which results from the slope and y-intercept of the best-fit line:

$$V = 0.275h + 1.5$$

The sensitivity of the sensor cannot be extracted from this graph. To measure the sensitivity, one would have to gradually increase the height of the liquid while observing the point at which the voltage would change. A sensor with a high sensitivity would exhibit a change in voltage with a few millimeters of liquid while a low sensitivity sensor would require several centimeters of liquid before showing a change in the voltage. As the microcontroller was damaged, it was not possible to take these sensitivity measurements.



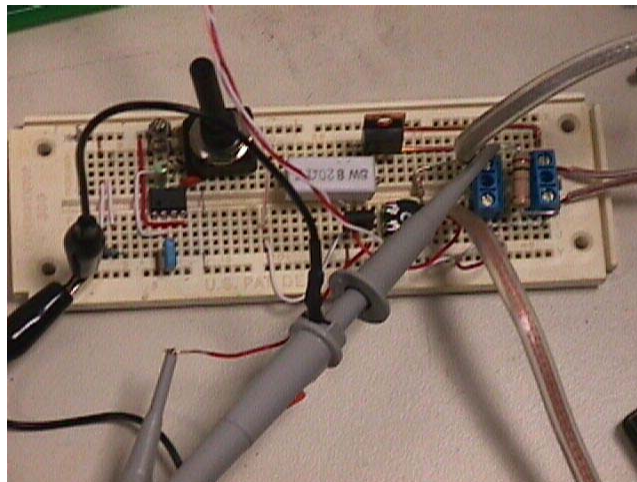
Lastly, the 75cm capacitor that was not coated with a coat of varnish was also measured for comparison reasons. Looking at the graph below, it is obvious that no measurements can be taken to distinguish the height of the liquid. The results are most likely due to the fact that electrolysis is taking place and therefore the capacitor is not exhibiting the characteristics of a capacitor.



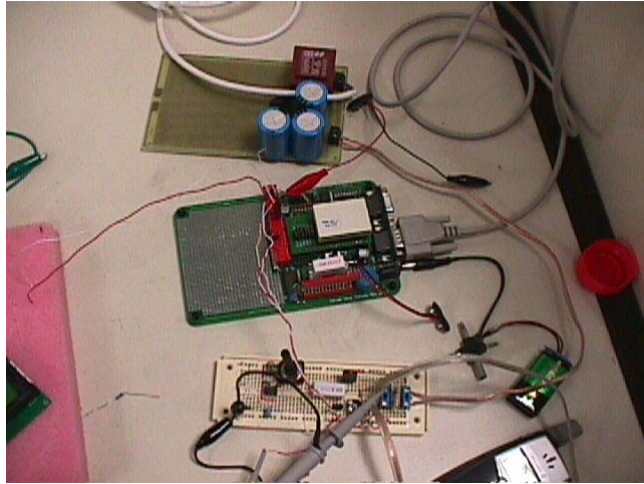
**Figure 39**

Only the 0cm and 75cm individual graphs are included in appendix A for reference. Inclusion of the remaining ones is deemed unnecessary.

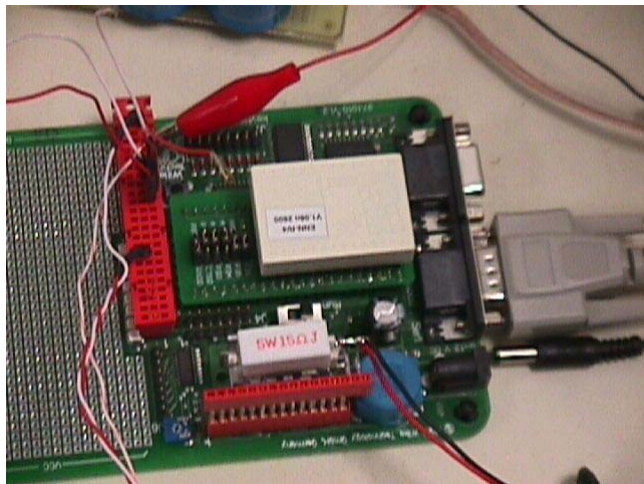
Several photographs taken during the measurements are included below:



This photograph shows the breadboard and oscilloscope probe. The Tiger module is being used to produce the pulses driving the transistors.



This photograph shows the overall power supply, Tiger module and breadboard interconnections.



A close-up photograph of the Tiger module without the LCD display module.



A photograph of the copper pipes inside the holding tank.

#### 9.4 PRECISION COMPONENT TESTER MEASUREMENTS

The final measurements that were collected dealt with the capacitor itself. A precision component tester was available in the lab and three types of measurements were made for the capacitor at 5cm intervals of dielectric liquid for the 45cm capacitor. These measurements were the total capacitance, and AC impedance that consists of the resistance and the impedance angle of the capacitor. Under ideal conditions, a capacitor will have zero resistance and an impedance angle of  $-90^\circ$ . (Similarly, an ideal inductor will have zero resistance and an impedance angle of  $+90^\circ$ .) A resistor does not have an impedance angle, as it is not an energy-storage element<sup>19</sup>. The measurements taken are listed in the table below.

	10kHz	20kHz	40kHz	100kHz	200kHz	400kHz	1MHz
<b>0cm</b>	1.4 nF 5300 $\Omega$ -26.9 $^\circ$	0.95 nF 4200 $\Omega$ -30.0 $^\circ$	0.65 nF 3300 $\Omega$ -32.2 $^\circ$	0.41 nF 2400 $\Omega$ -38.1 $^\circ$	0.33 nF 1800 $\Omega$ -47.8 $^\circ$	0.29 nF 1200 $\Omega$ -61.0 $^\circ$	0.28 nF 600 $\Omega$ -74.8 $^\circ$
<b>10cm</b>	16.3 nF 387 $\Omega$ -23.7 $^\circ$	9.90 nF 314 $\Omega$ -23.1 $^\circ$	5.68 nF 268 $\Omega$ -22.6 $^\circ$	3.41 nF 227 $\Omega$ -29.1 $^\circ$	2.92 nF 183 $\Omega$ -42.0 $^\circ$	3.94 nF 122 $\Omega$ -58.3 $^\circ$	3.24 nF 51 $\Omega$ -73.4 $^\circ$
<b>15cm</b>	25.5 nF 267 $\Omega$ -25.4 $^\circ$	15.3 nF 214 $\Omega$ -24.4 $^\circ$	8.74 nF 182 $\Omega$ -23.6 $^\circ$	5.13 nF 152 $\Omega$ -29.3 $^\circ$	4.31 nF 122 $\Omega$ -41.5 $^\circ$	5.77 nF 82 $\Omega$ -57.4 $^\circ$	5.09 nF 33 $\Omega$ -71.9 $^\circ$
<b>20cm</b>	34.8 nF 211 $\Omega$ -27.5 $^\circ$	20.8 nF 167 $\Omega$ -26.0 $^\circ$	67.3 nF 141 $\Omega$ -24.7 $^\circ$	6.7 nF 118 $\Omega$ -29.8 $^\circ$	5.6 nF 95 $\Omega$ -41.6 $^\circ$	7.5 nF 63 $\Omega$ -57.3 $^\circ$	7.0 nF 24 $\Omega$ -70.9 $^\circ$
<b>25cm</b>	42.2 nF 187 $\Omega$ -29.9 $^\circ$	24.1 nF 148 $\Omega$ -26.8 $^\circ$	74.6 nF 126 $\Omega$ -24.9 $^\circ$	7.8 nF 107 $\Omega$ -31.4 $^\circ$	6.7 nF 84 $\Omega$ -45.0 $^\circ$	8.6 nF 53 $\Omega$ -60.7 $^\circ$	8.97 nF 19 $\Omega$ -72.4 $^\circ$
<b>30cm</b>	52.6 nF 162 $\Omega$ -32.4 $^\circ$	30.2 nF 126 $\Omega$ -28.6 $^\circ$	86.1 nF 106 $\Omega$ -25.7 $^\circ$	9.2 nF 89 $\Omega$ -31.1 $^\circ$	7.8 nF 71 $\Omega$ -44.3 $^\circ$	10.21 nF 45 $\Omega$ -59.9 $^\circ$	11.1 nF 15 $\Omega$ -70.9 $^\circ$
<b>35cm</b>	62.3 nF 148 $\Omega$ -35.3 $^\circ$	36.6 nF 112 $\Omega$ -31.0 $^\circ$	92.3 nF 93 $\Omega$ -27.6 $^\circ$	11.0 nF 77 $\Omega$ -32.3 $^\circ$	9.3 nF 61 $\Omega$ -44.9 $^\circ$	12.0 nF 38 $\Omega$ -60.2 $^\circ$	14.0 nF 12 $\Omega$ -69.8 $^\circ$
<b>40cm</b>	71.9 nF 134 $\Omega$ -37.2 $^\circ$	43.1 nF 100 $\Omega$ -32.8 $^\circ$	100.4 nF 82 $\Omega$ -28.9 $^\circ$	12.9 nF 67 $\Omega$ -33.1 $^\circ$	10.8 nF 53 $\Omega$ -45.5 $^\circ$	14.0 nF 33 $\Omega$ -60.4 $^\circ$	17.9 nF 10 $\Omega$ -68.2 $^\circ$
<b>46cm</b>	79.2 nF 126 $\Omega$ -38.0 $^\circ$	46.8 nF 94 $\Omega$ -33.5 $^\circ$	105.9 nF 76 $\Omega$ -29.5 $^\circ$	13.9 nF 63 $\Omega$ -33.2 $^\circ$	11.6 nF 49 $\Omega$ -45.3 $^\circ$	15.1 nF 30 $\Omega$ -60.1 $^\circ$	19.9 nF 9 $\Omega$ -67.1 $^\circ$

**Table 7**

<sup>19</sup> Electrical Engineering: Concepts and Applications

Plotting the capacitance values for each frequency and height of water yields the following graph:

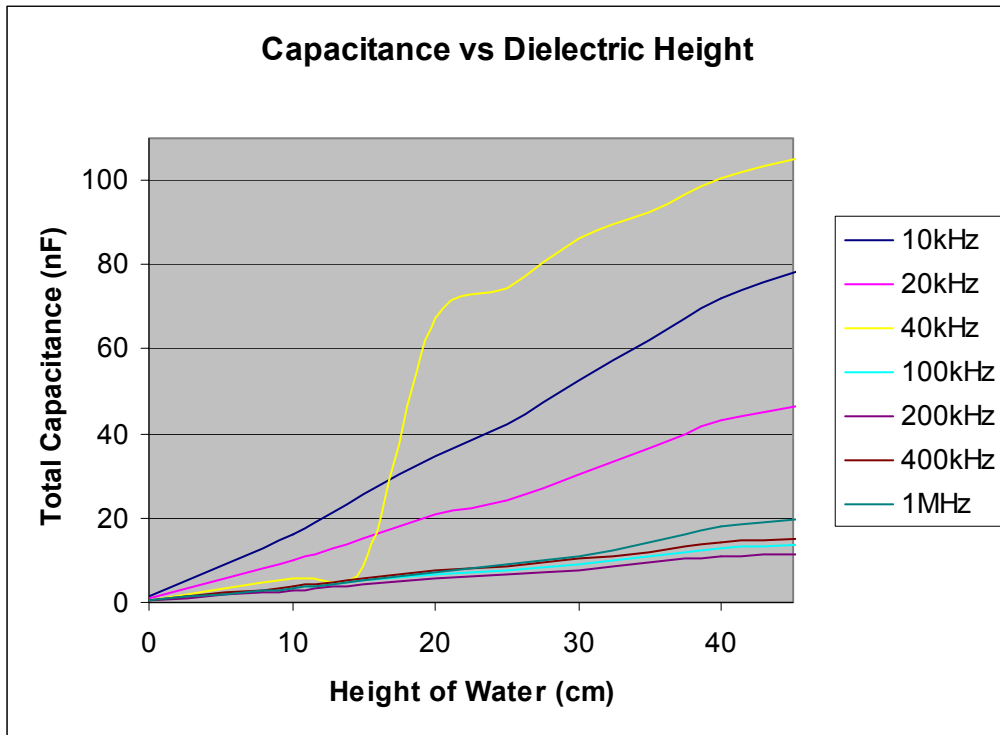


Figure 40

The same data can be plotted in a three dimensional graph as shown below:

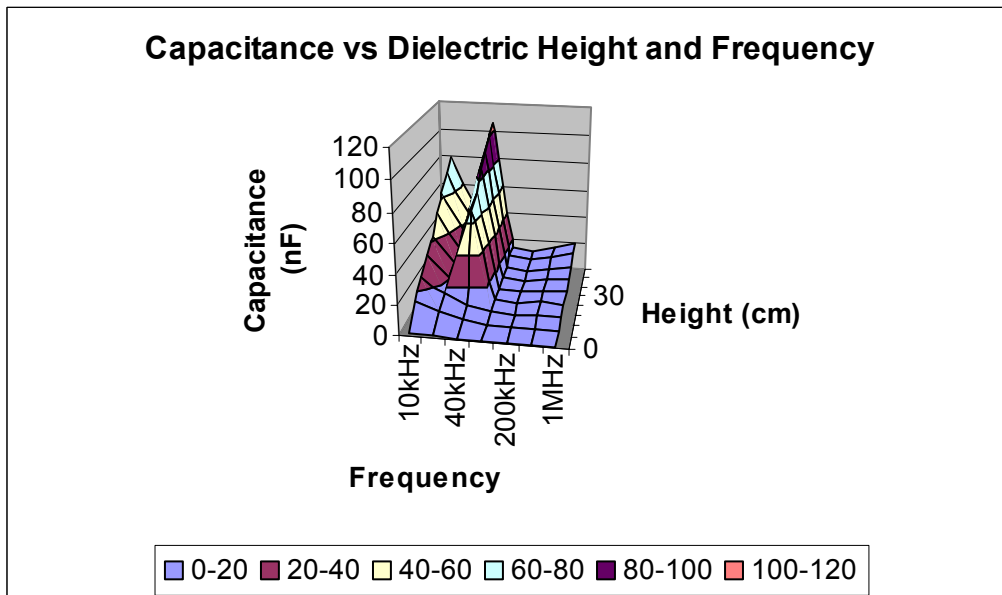
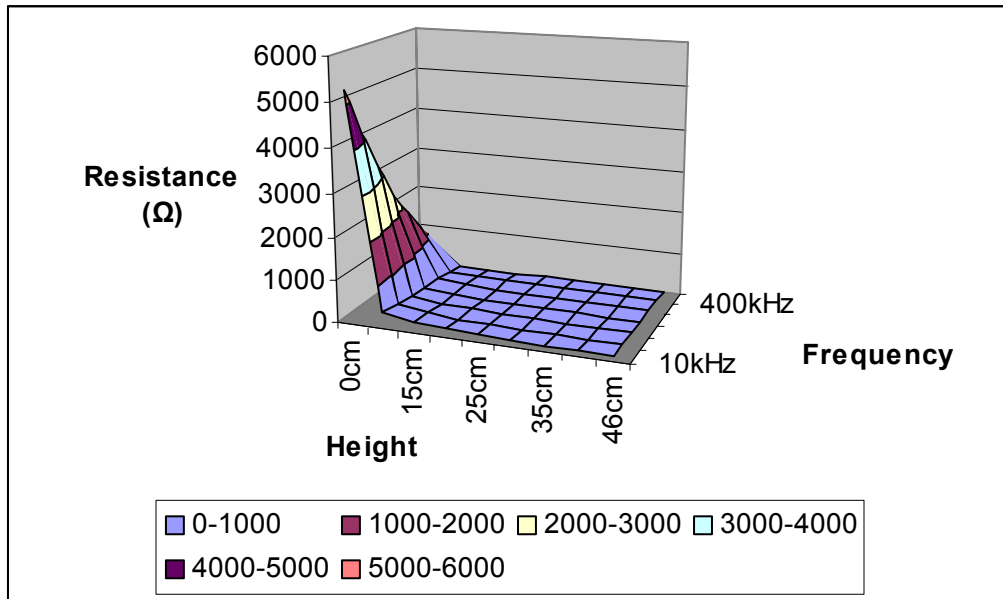


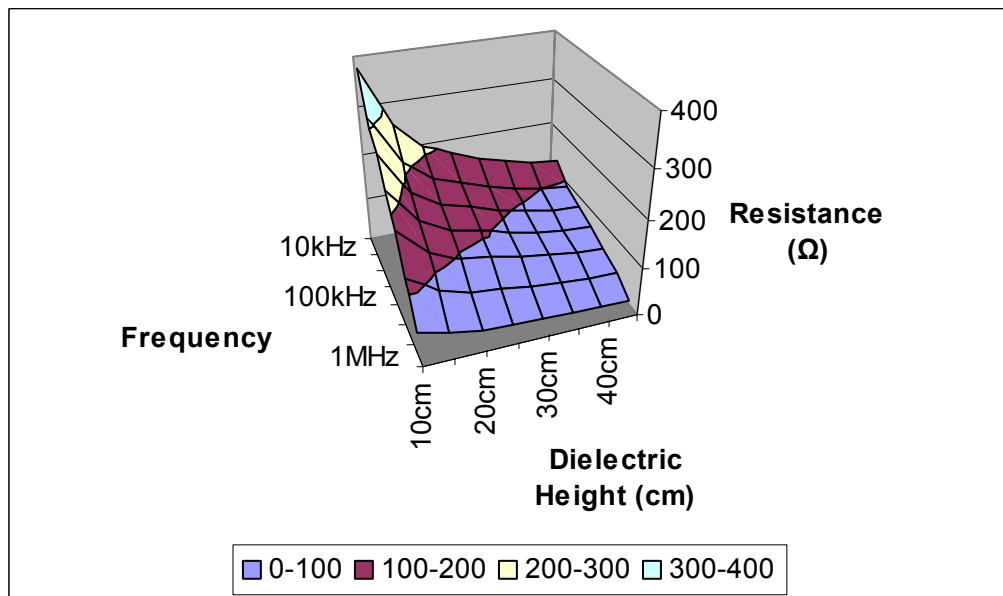
Figure 41

Plotting the resistance component of the impedance versus the height of the dielectric and the frequency yields the following graph:



**Figure 42**

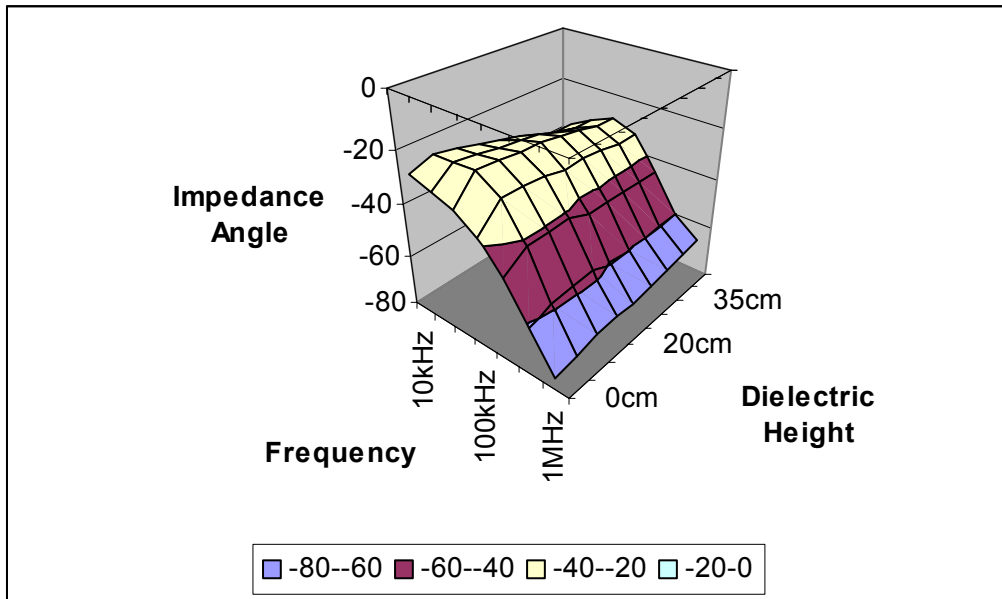
Examining the initial data and the graph above, one can see that the measurements taken when the dielectric height was 0cm are about ten times greater than all of the other measurements. As a result, the above graph does not depict the 10cm-46cm values accurately. If the 0cm measurements are omitted, the result is the following graph:



**Figure 43**

This new graph depicts the resistance of the capacitor more accurately.

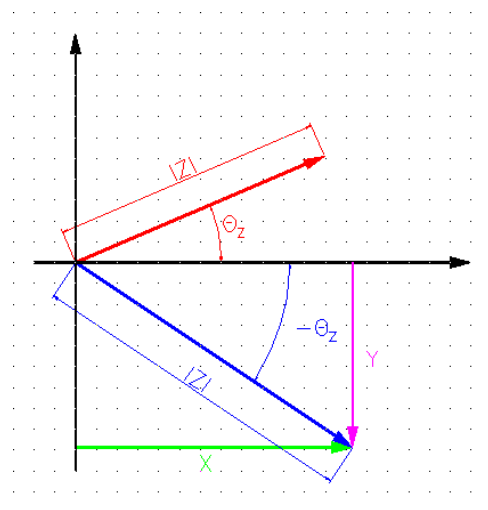
Plotting the impedance angle versus the height of the dielectric and the frequency yields the following graph:



**Figure 44**

By analyzing the graphs plotted above, some interesting conclusions can be made about the capacitor that has been constructed. One such conclusion is that the capacitor behaves a lot like the theoretical behavior discussed in the beginning of this paper when the test frequency applied is over 200kHz. This applies to the total capacitance as the impedance angle starts to approach the theoretical value of  $-90^\circ$  when the test frequency is about 1MHz.

The impedance values measured consist of a resistance and an angle. These two values together constitute an impedance vector that is stated in polar coordinates as shown in the figure below.



**Figure 45**

To convert the polar coordinates to Cartesian coordinates, the following equations are used:

$$X = Z \cos(\theta_z)$$

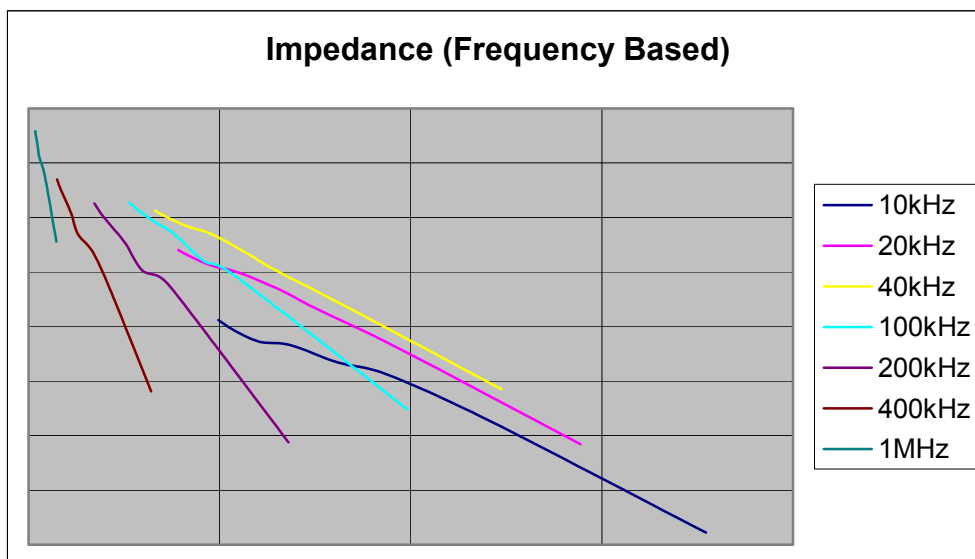
$$Y = Z \sin(\theta_z)$$

The following table shows the corresponding X & Y values that were calculated from the initial measurements table:

	10kHz	20kHz	40kHz	100kHz	200kHz	400kHz	1MHz
<b>0cm (X)</b>	4726.5	3637.3	2792.4	1888.6	1209.1	581.8	157.3
<b>(Y)</b>	-2397.9	-2100.0	-1758.5	-1480.9	-1333.4	-1049.5	-579.0
<b>10cm (X)</b>	354.4	288.8	247.4	198.3	136.0	64.1	14.6
<b>(Y)</b>	-155.6	-123.2	-103.0	-110.4	-122.5	-103.8	-48.9
<b>15cm (X)</b>	241.2	194.9	166.8	132.6	91.4	44.2	10.3
<b>(Y)</b>	-114.5	-88.4	-72.9	-74.4	-80.8	-69.1	-31.4
<b>20cm (X)</b>	187.2	150.1	128.1	102.4	71.0	34.0	7.9
<b>(Y)</b>	-97.4	-73.2	-58.9	-58.6	-63.1	-53.0	-22.7
<b>25cm (X)</b>	162.1	132.1	114.3	91.3	59.4	25.9	5.7
<b>(Y)</b>	-93.2	-66.7	-53.1	-55.7	-59.4	-46.2	-18.1
<b>30cm (X)</b>	136.8	110.6	95.5	76.2	50.8	22.6	4.9
<b>(Y)</b>	-86.8	-60.3	-46.0	-46.0	-49.6	-38.9	-14.2
<b>35cm (X)</b>	120.8	96.0	82.4	65.1	43.2	18.9	4.1
<b>(Y)</b>	-85.5	-57.7	-43.1	-41.1	-43.1	-33.0	-11.3
<b>40cm (X)</b>	106.7	84.1	71.8	56.1	37.1	16.3	3.7
<b>(Y)</b>	-81.0	-54.2	-39.6	-36.6	-37.8	-28.7	-9.3
<b>46cm (X)</b>	99.3	78.4	66.1	52.7	34.5	15.0	3.5
<b>(Y)</b>	-77.6	-51.9	-37.4	-34.5	-34.8	-26.0	-8.3

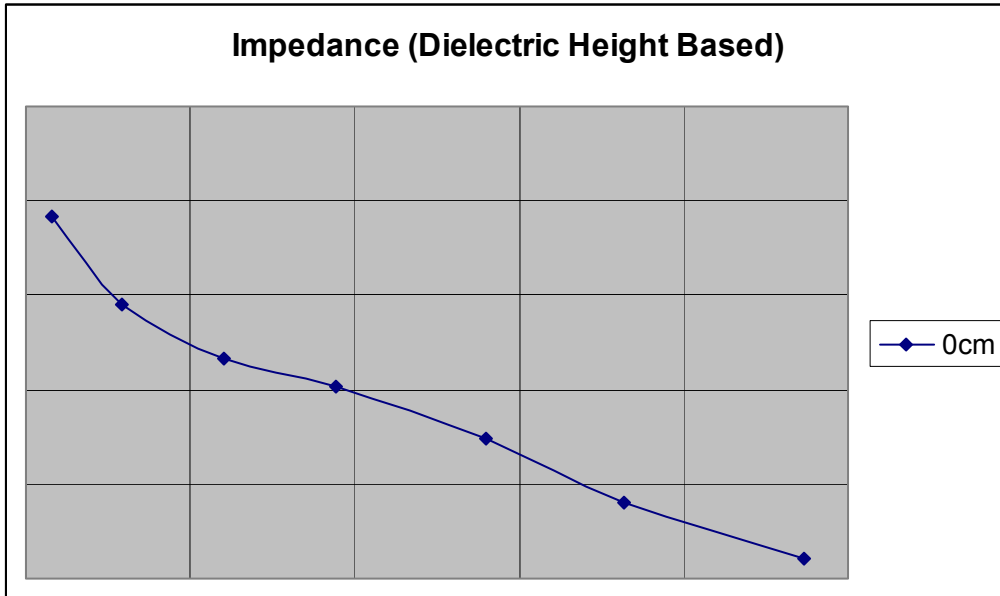
**Table 8**

Using the above X & Y values to plot the impedance based on the frequency yields the following graph depicted by figure 46. The 0cm values have been excluded, as they are not consistent with the other values, and this is expected because in this case the capacitor is filled with air only.

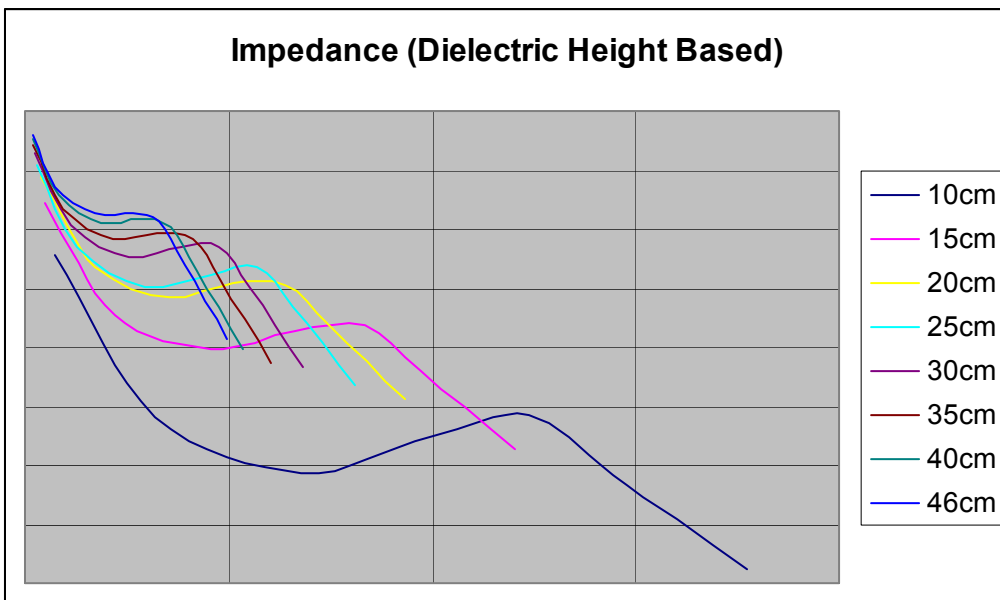


**Figure 46**

The same X & Y values can be used to produce an impedance graph based on the height of the dielectric. As the 0cm values ten times larger in magnitude compared to all of the other values, a separate graph was made for this dielectric height. These two graphs are shown below, depicted by figures 47 and 48:



**Figure 47**



**Figure 48**

From the above graphs and in addition to the frequency based impedance graph, one can see that the resulting impedance curve is dependent on the test frequency. The magnitude of the resistance depends on the height of the dielectric.



As the impedance curve based on the dielectric height for 0cm differs from the other impedance curves based on the dielectric height, one can assume that this is due to the coat of varnish that hasn't coated the copper pipes entirely. The surface that is not covered with the coat of varnish contributes to electrolysis and this affects the overall capacitance. This results in the capacitor's "non-ideal capacitor" behavior and the resulting graphs.

## 10. CONCLUSIONS AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

### 10.1 CONCLUSIONS

Every effort was made in this project to present numerous alternatives for every task being performed. This allowed the end user to determine which alternative was best suited to the task at hand and it also ensured that a successful end result was achieved.

There are many conclusions that can be drawn from all of the data that was collected and analyzed within the scope of this project. A basic capacitance theory was examined and a capacitor was constructed. As a result of initial measurements, this capacitor was improved so its modified behavior could be investigated. This led to a capacitor that provided very good results and also allowed it to be used as a very good sensor in determining the height of a liquid. This resulting sensor showed all of the desired characteristics of a sensor for linearity and discreteness.

Taking all of the information gathered in this thesis project one step further, one could further develop the concepts studied here and could improve upon some of the shortcomings that were discovered. The entire system that was investigated in the project, which consisted of the power supply circuit, the capacitor charging/discharging circuit, the microcontroller application and the capacitor that was constructed, can easily be used as a stand-alone product for various applications. These example applications and suggestions for further improvements will be discussed in the next section.

## *10.2 IMPROVEMENTS*

This project, like all others, always has room for further improvements and developments. This is also evident in systems that are commercially available where upgrades are released periodically that correct faults from previous versions or new features and functionalities are added. There are two areas of development that can be applied to the capacitors that were built in this project. The first area is a better type of construction and the second area is the custom construction of the capacitor for specialized applications.

### *10.2.1 CAPACITOR CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS*

The basic improvement that is necessary for the construction of the capacitors is the proper coating of varnish to prevent electrolysis. This can be achieved by dipping the copper pipes into a varnish bath so as to ensure that the coating is uniform throughout the whole length of the copper pipes.

Another way to eliminate the electrolysis phenomenon is to coat the copper pipes with a liquid epoxy-type compound, provided that this coating is very thin. The type of coating would also allow the capacitor to measure the level of a solvent that would normally dissolve the coat of varnish. These types of solvents may include several types of fuels or certain corrosive chemicals.

### *10.2.2 SAMPLE APPLICATIONS*

The capacitance phenomena analyzed throughout this project could be used in many real-life applications. There are two ways of using the capacitor that was constructed. The first method involves using the capacitor to measure the height of a liquid whereas the second method is to use the capacitor to detect a change in the liquid.

For example, a common problem in automobiles when they age is that the flanges between the pieces of metal of the engine block break down either due to age and/or exposure to high temperatures. These flanges keep the water based anti-freeze mixture that is used to cool the engine separated from the engine oil that lubricates and circulates in the pistons' oil rings. Should the flanges break down, the two different liquids will mix and contaminate each other, resulting in the potential damage of the engine. If left long enough, the anti-freeze and oil mixture create a soapy liquid that is damaging to the engine, radiator and to the oil pump. The capacitor used in this project could be used to detect this type of leak and

subsequent mixture from an early stage. If the engine oil is allowed to flow through the copper pipe capacitor, the capacitance will be a certain constant value based on the dielectric constant of the oil. Should a leak occur, the oil would be mixed with the water based anti-freeze solution and the dielectric constant would be altered. As the relative permittivity of oil is  $\epsilon_r = 2.3$ , and the relative permittivity of distilled water  $\epsilon_r = 80$ , the resulting capacitance would increase significantly and this increase could be detected by the microcontroller which in turn could activate a warning light. The capacitor could also be placed on the anti-freeze system, something that is easier to implement in an engine as this system has many rubber tubes that can be tapped. Similarly, should oil enter the water based liquid, the capacitance would change due to a new dielectric constant, although the change would not be as great since the oil's relative permittivity is a lot less than water's. In this case the sensor would have to be more accurate to detect the smaller change, something that could be done by fine-tuning the A/D circuit of the microcontroller. A car's 12V battery or a truck's 24V battery could be used to apply the voltage to the capacitor and a voltage regulator could provide +5V DC to the remaining circuit.

A second example of how this capacitor could be used in a real-life application is the following. Certain gas station owners may dilute the gas or diesel fuel they sell with water. The capacitor constructed in this project could be used to perform spot checks of the gas station's deposit tanks to verify that no dilution has taken place. As the various fuels have a lower density than water, they tend to float to the top while the water remains on the bottom, undetectable to the naked eye. A one meter capacitor could be constructed with the copper pipes used in this project. This capacitor could be calibrated with various types of fuel and the total capacitance could be calculated. In turn, this one meter capacitor could be dipped into the gas station's deposit tanks and a reading could be taken. Should water exist at the bottom of the tank, the total capacitance would be the capacitance due to the height of the water in the pipes plus the capacitance due to the height of the fuel. If the water and fuel mixture has not had enough time to settle, then the capacitor will still measure an altered capacitance as the dielectric between the copper pipes will consist of both water and the fuel in question, thus giving a different result compared to fuel only. The microcontroller can be programmed via a selector switch as to the type of fuel in question and a liquid crystal display could be used to display "OK" or "Not OK". For a more economical solution, two light emitting diodes could be used, a green one for "Ok" and a red one for "Not Ok". A third solution would be the

use of a buzzer where an audible beep could signify whether the fuel was diluted or not.

A third application could be the use of the capacitor to control the mixture of several liquids in the chemical or pharmaceutical industry. Each liquid component of a mixture would have a unique dielectric constant based on the permittivity of the liquid. When two or more liquid are to be mixed together, the resulting dielectric constant should also be unique. Based on this information, the microcontroller could use the input from the capacitor to control several servomotors that in turn would control the amount of liquid being mixed. The accomplishment is a system that accurately controls the mixing process of several liquids. The microcontroller could also control an electrical valve that would open and allow the mixture to flow to a holding tank only when the final mixture contained the proper ratios of the initial liquids. If the final mixture was not correct, the microcontroller could close the valve thus redirecting the output to a waste tank. The waste produced could be considered a disadvantage in this case.

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## 12. APPENDICES

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*APPENDIX C: TIMERA DEVICE DRIVER FREQUENCY RANGE TABLES*

*APPENDIX D: DATASHEETS*



12.1 APPENDIX A: OSCILLOSCOPE OUTPUT

12.1.1 INITIAL CAPACITOR RESPONSE MEASUREMENTS

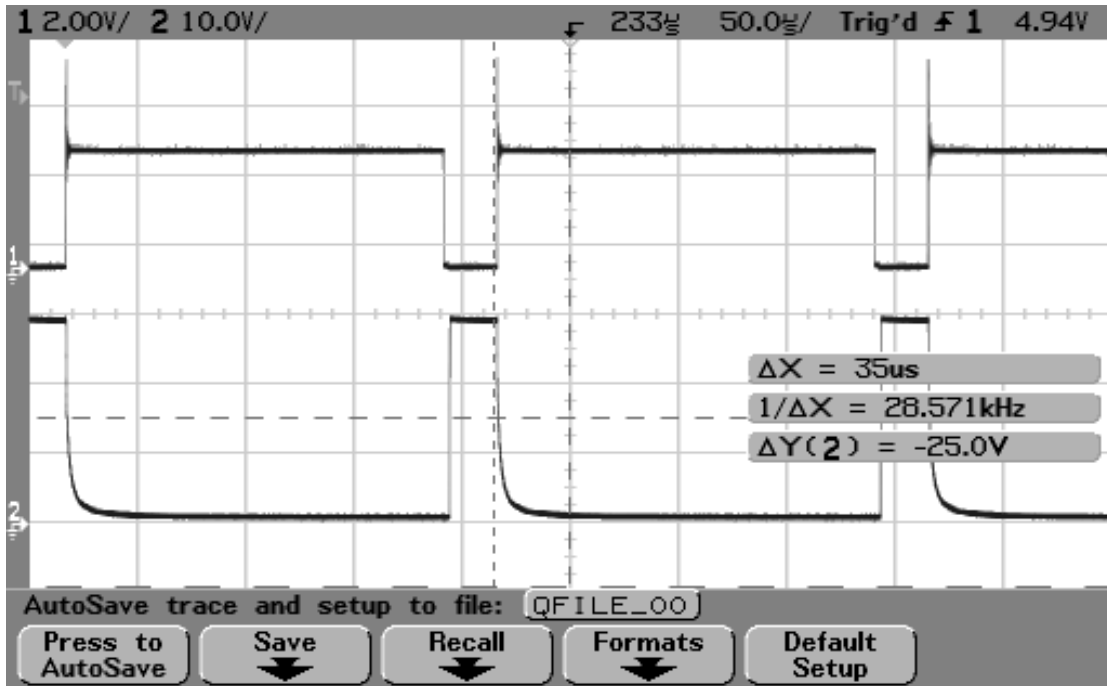


Figure 49 (0cm Water)

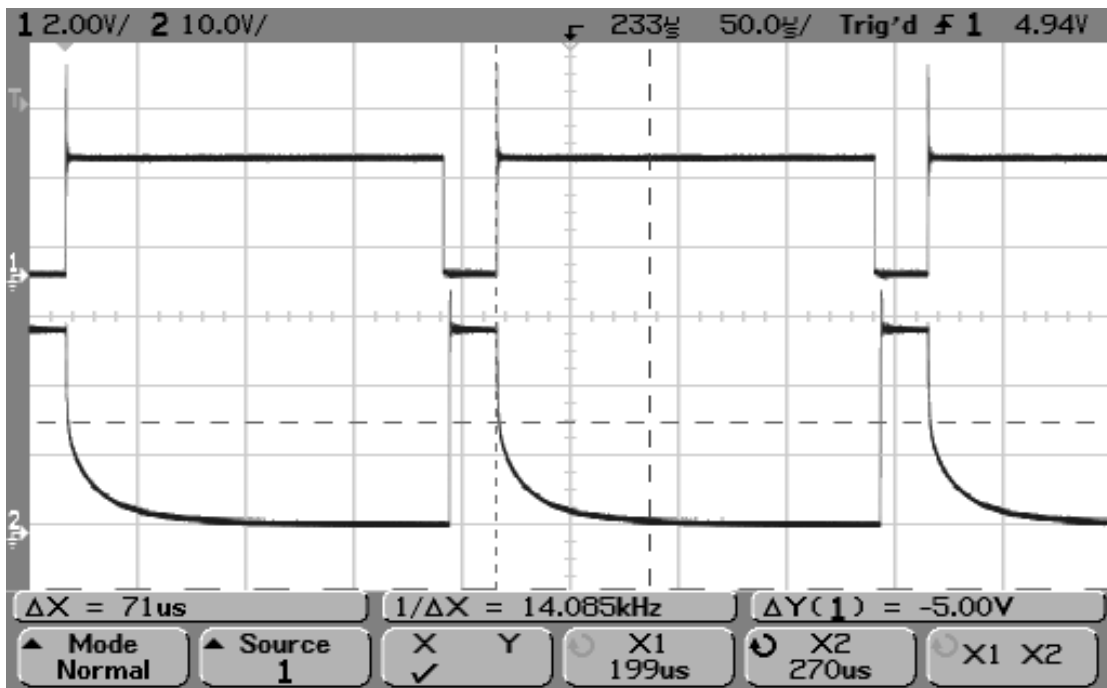


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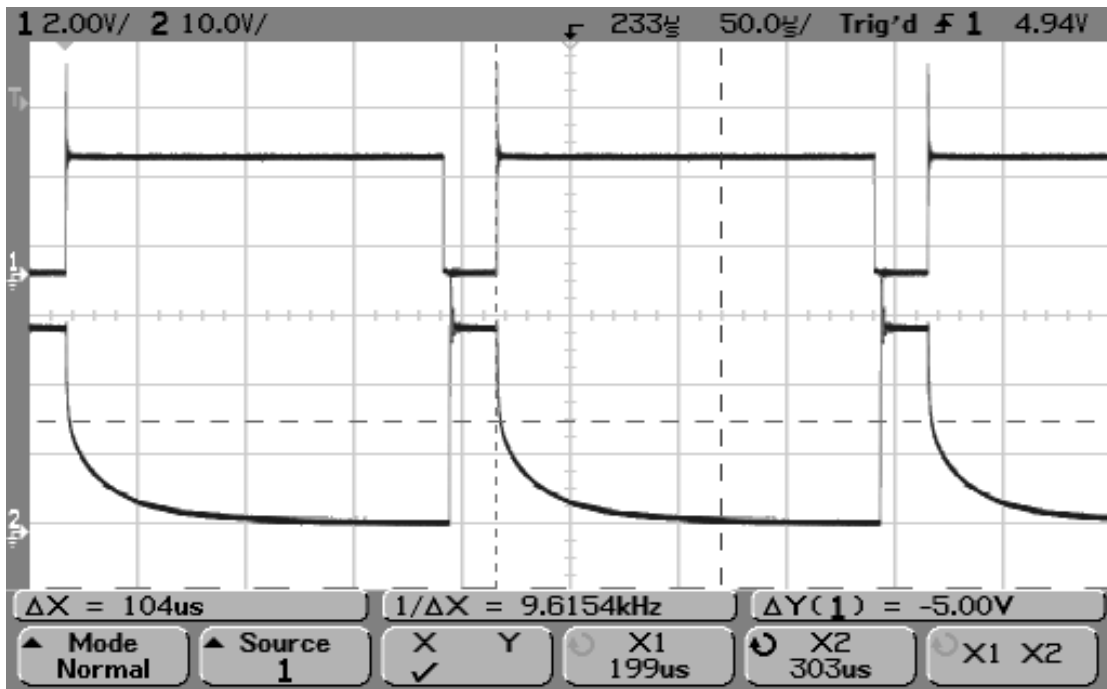


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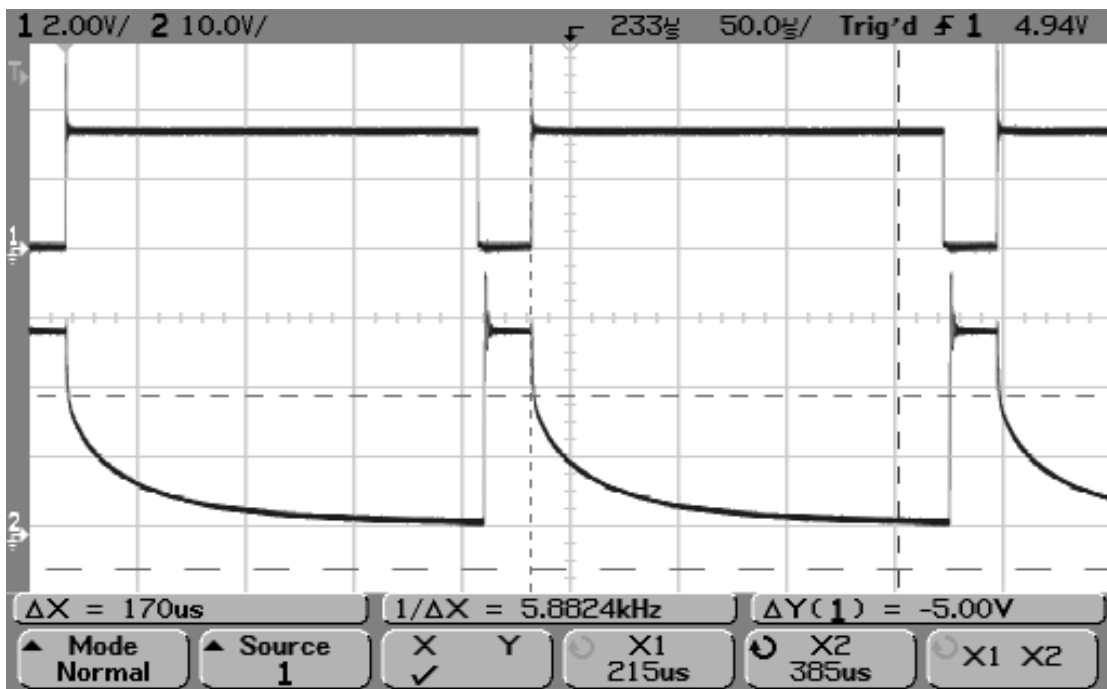


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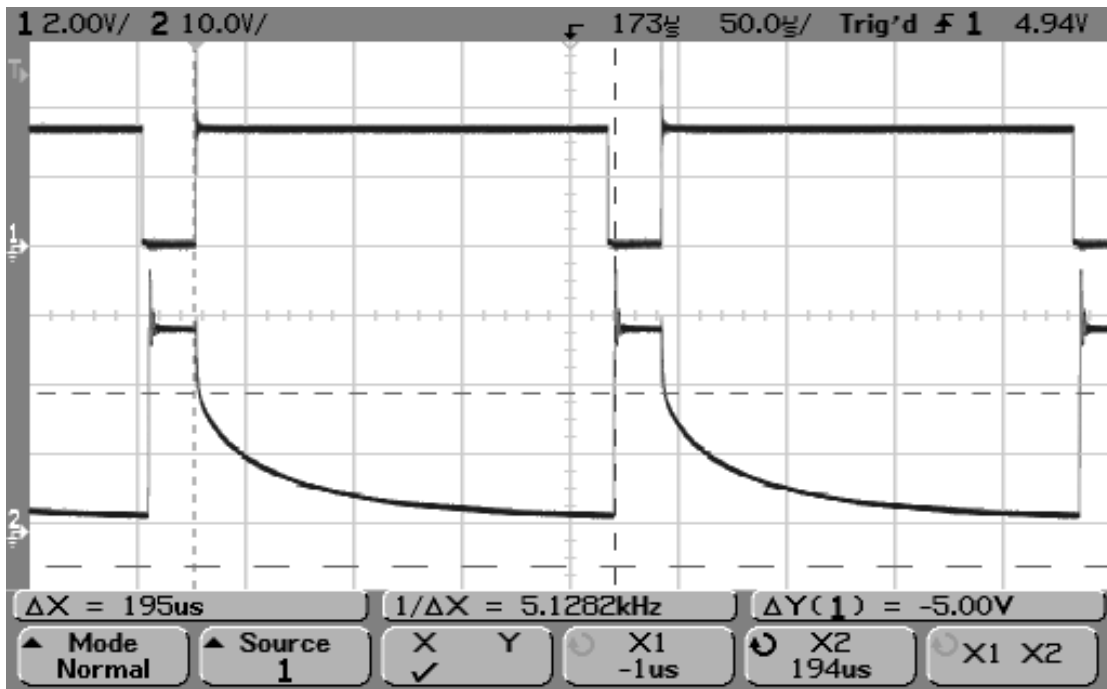


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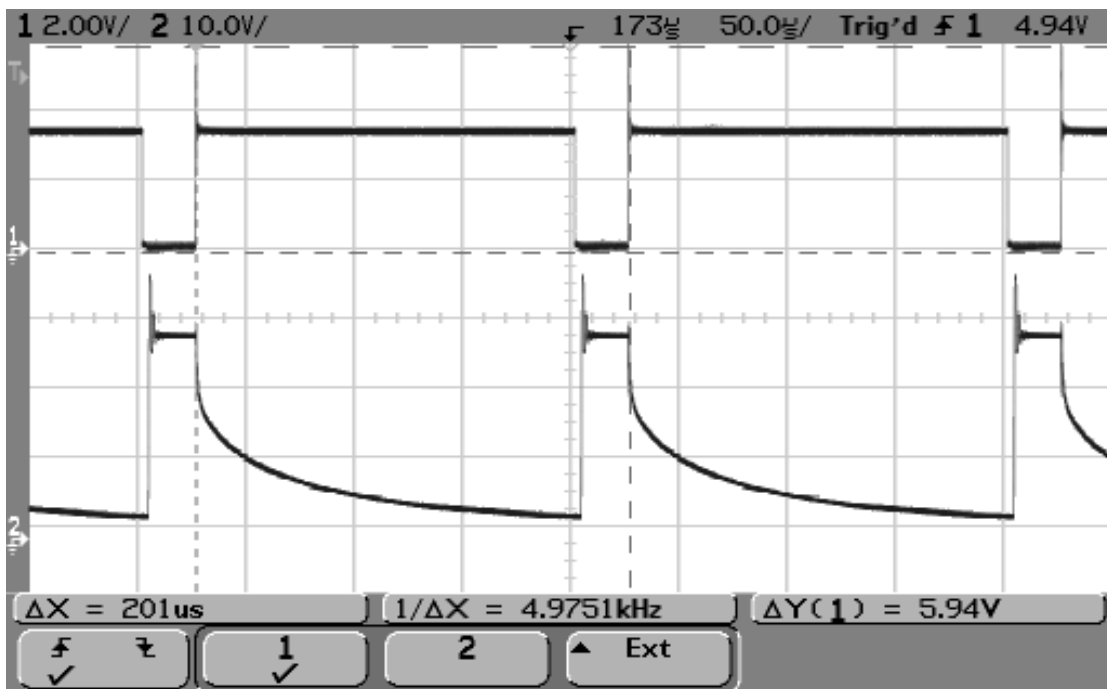


Figure 54 (50cm Water)

12.1.2 TINY TIGER MEASUREMENTS

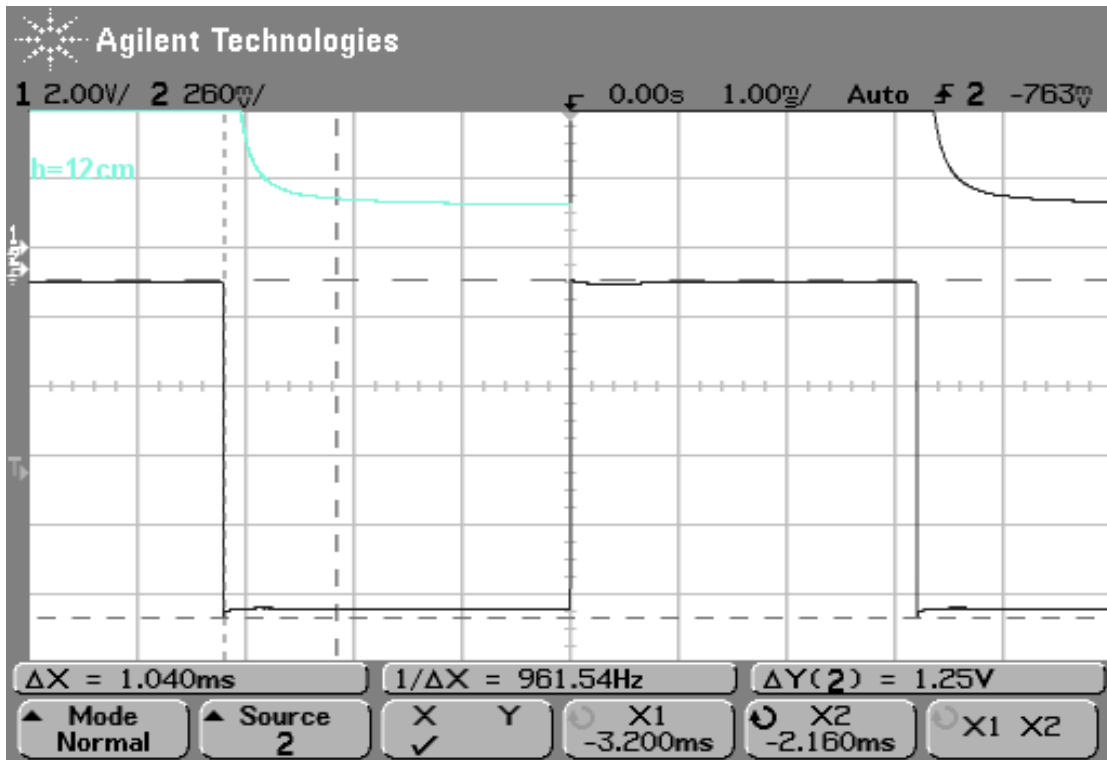


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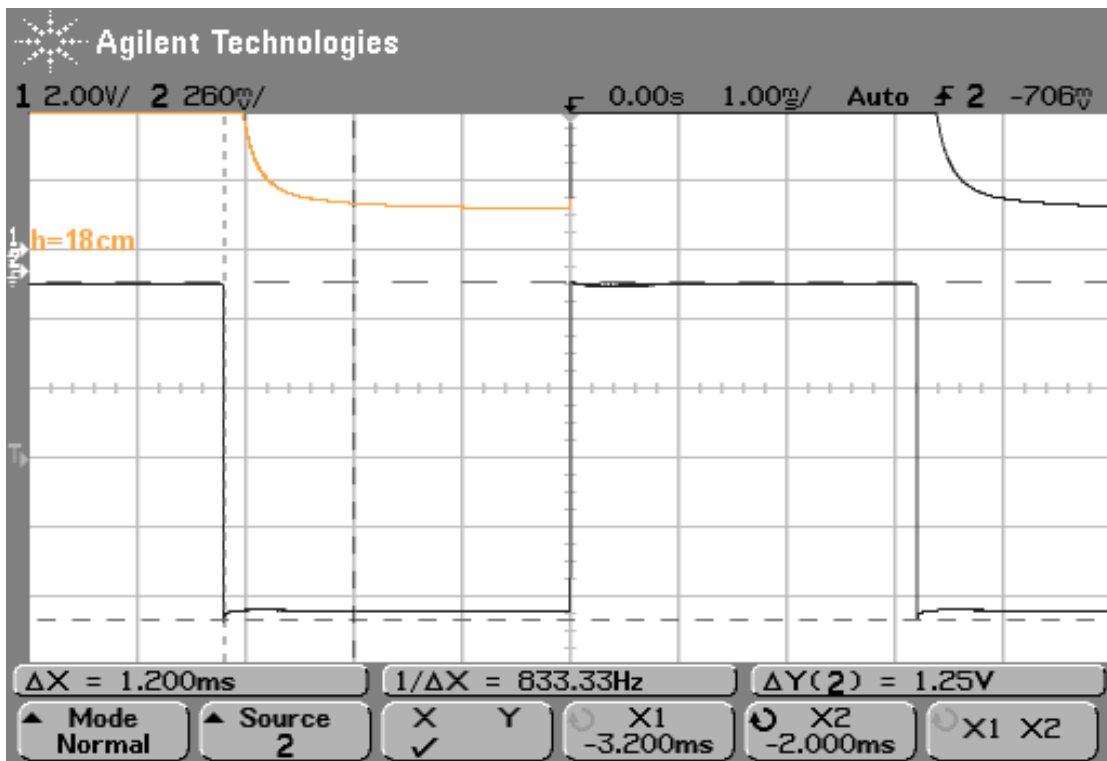


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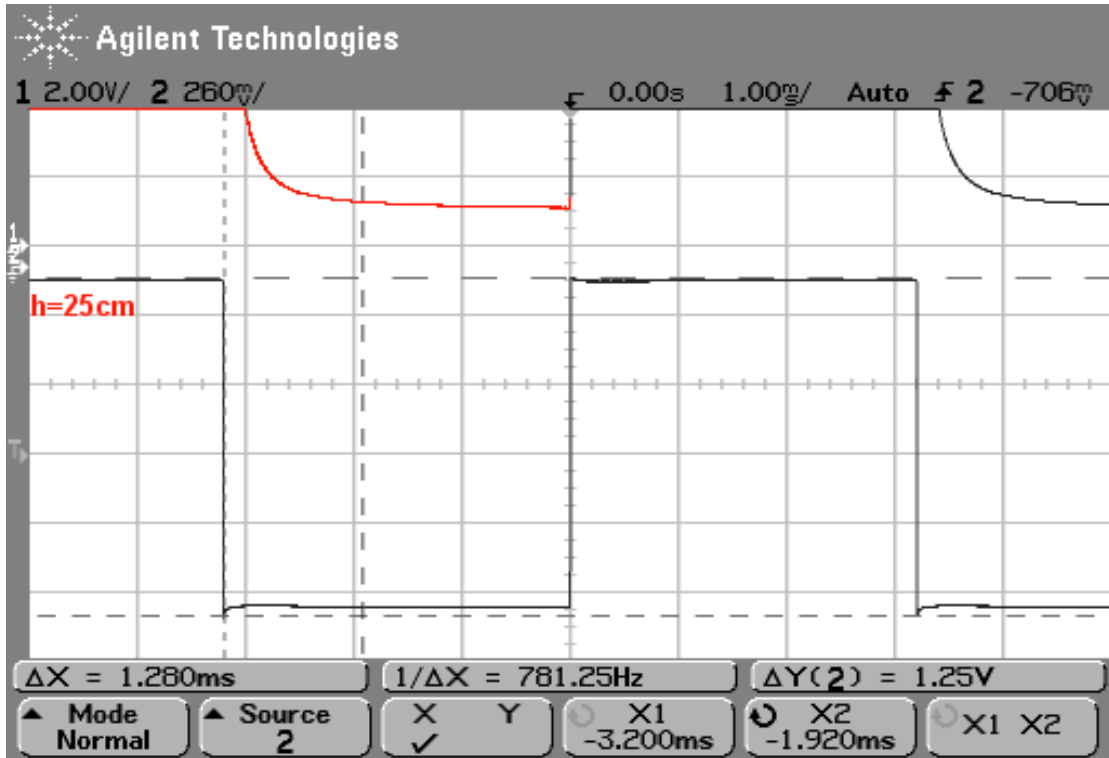


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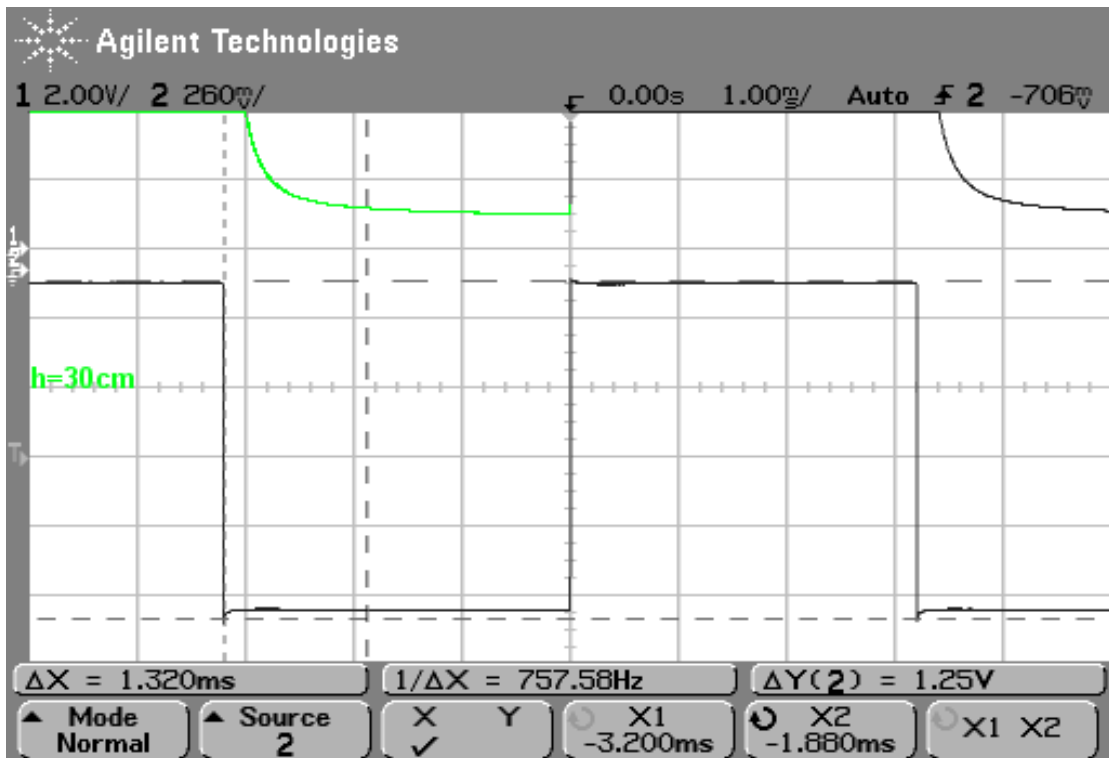


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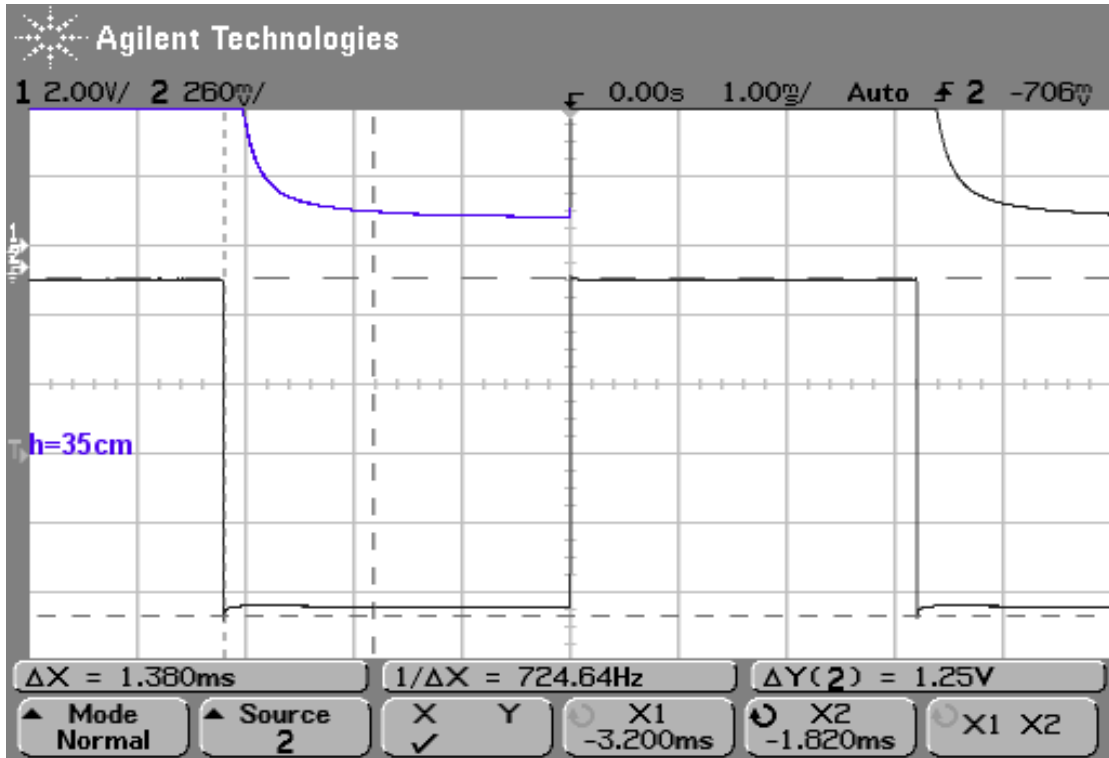


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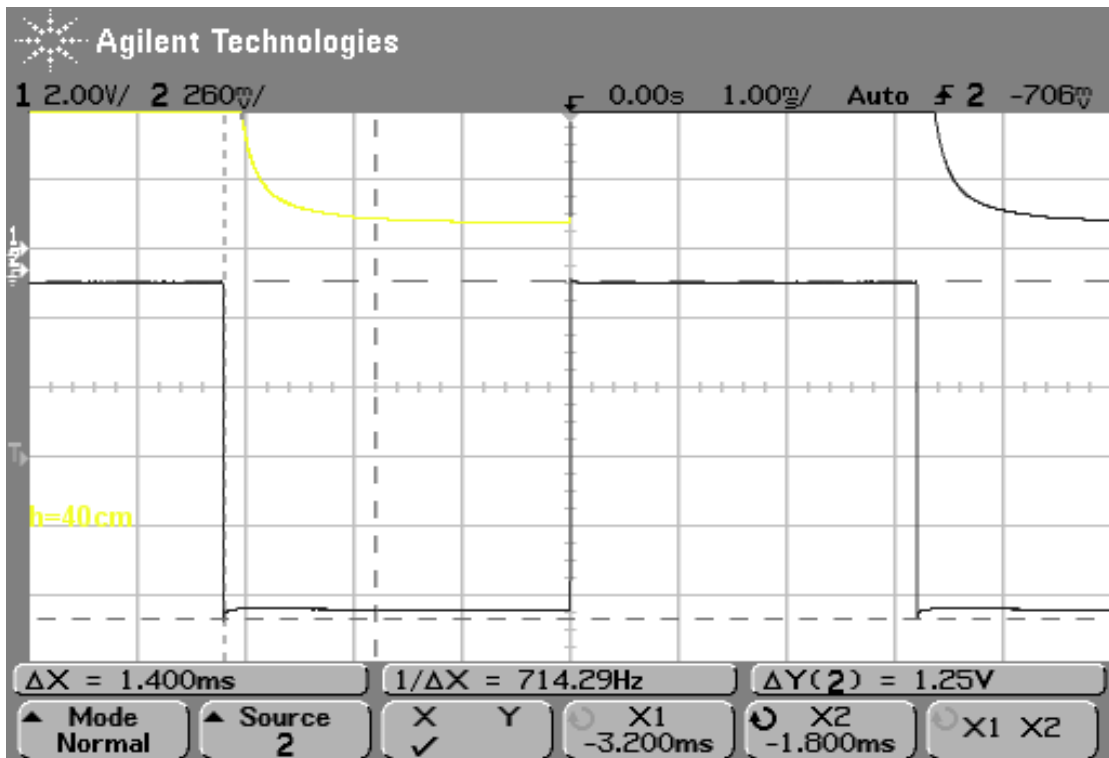


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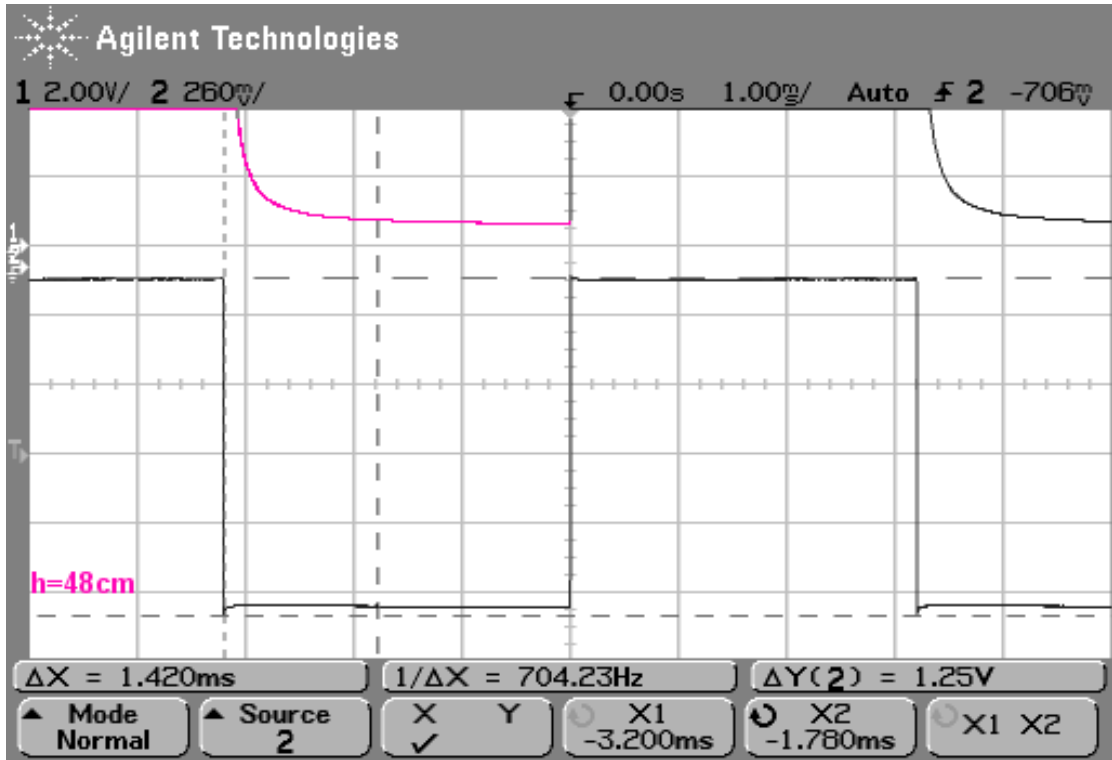


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12.1.3 FINAL 555-TIMER MEASUREMENTS (45CM CAPACITOR)

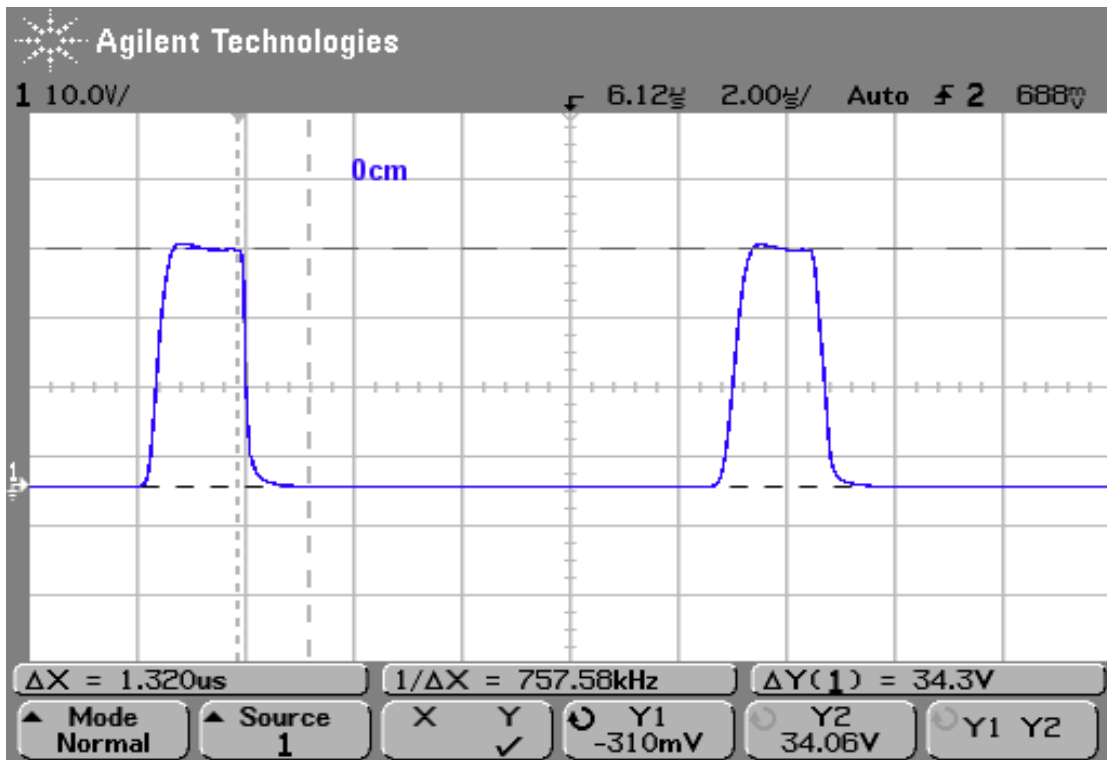


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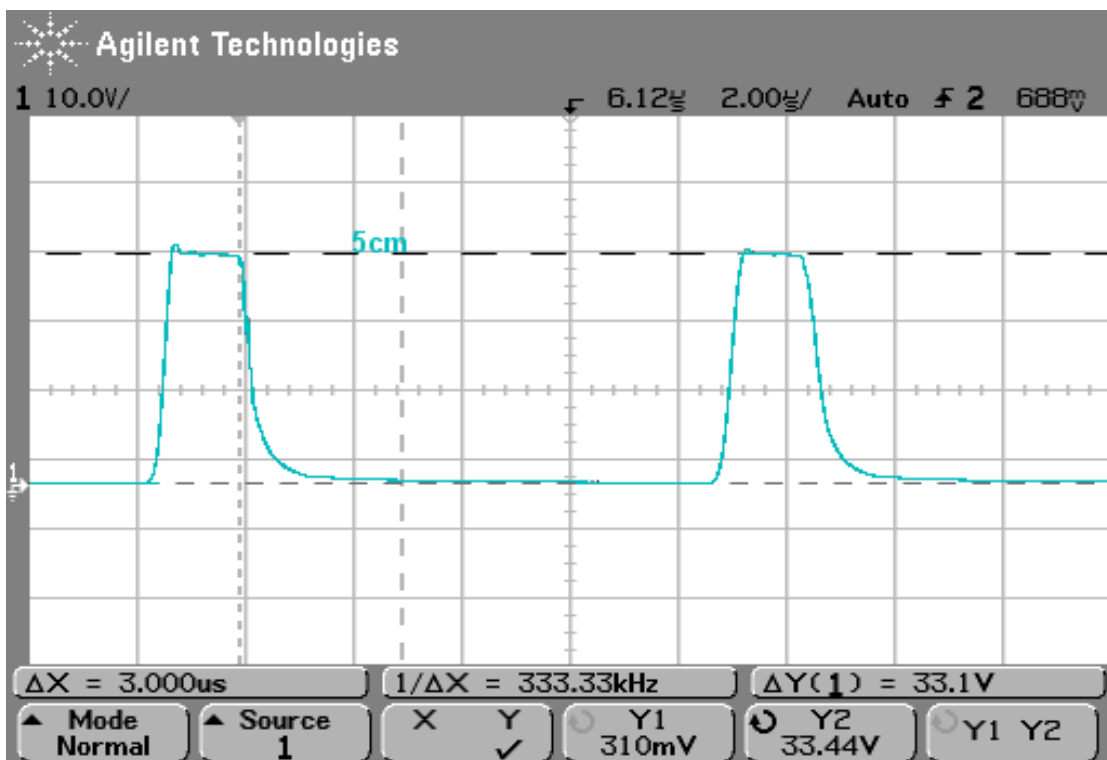


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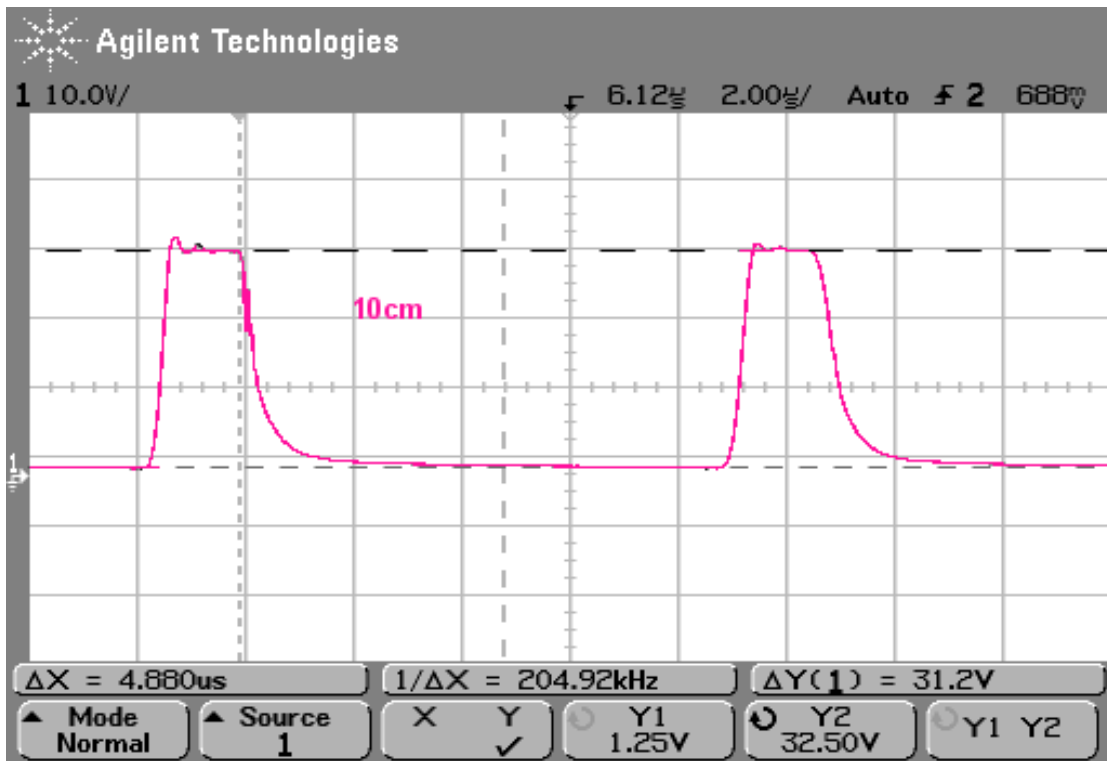


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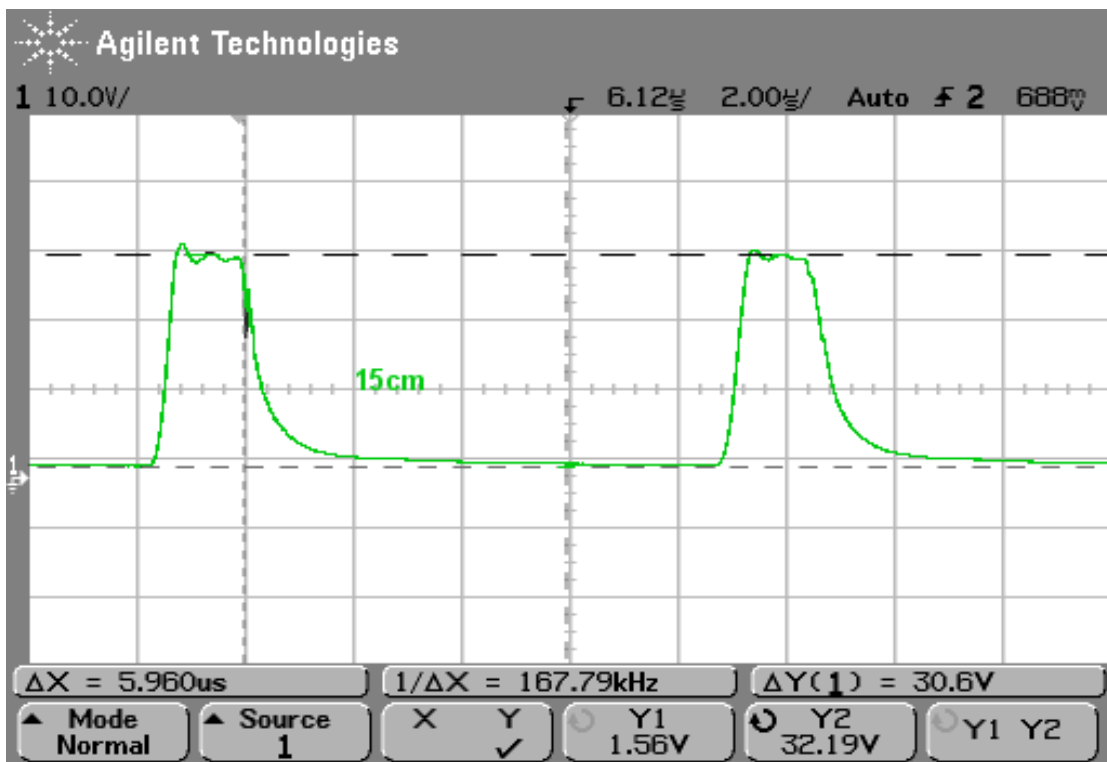


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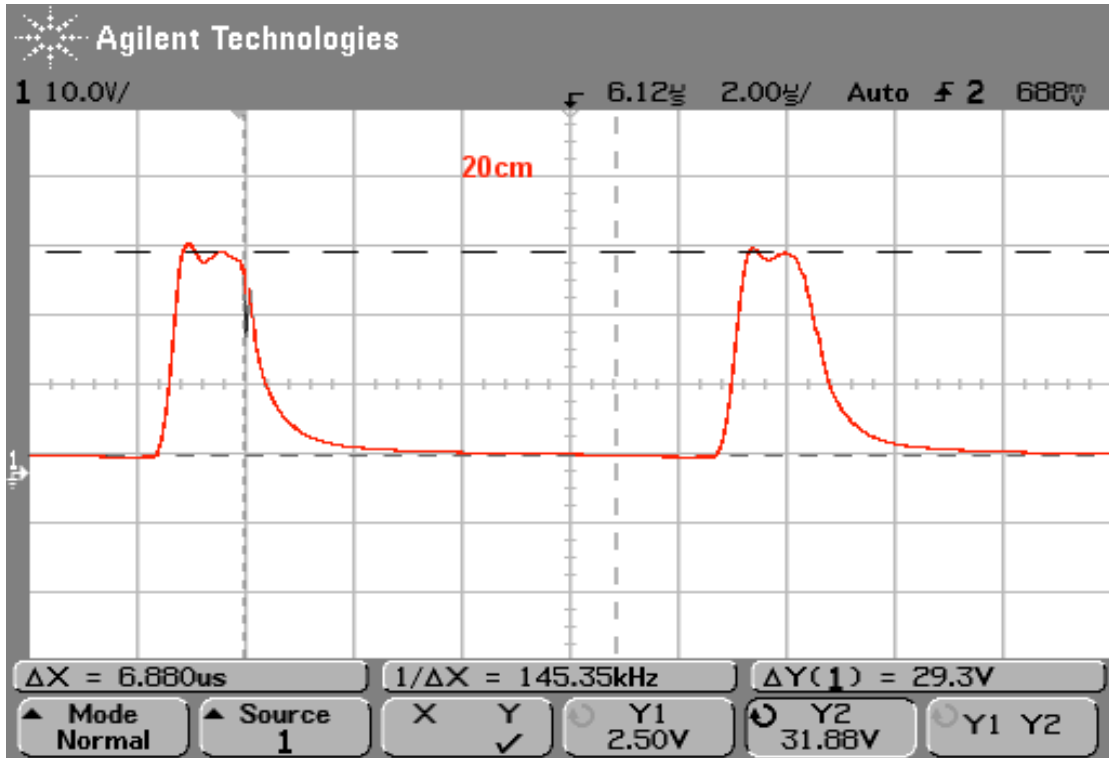


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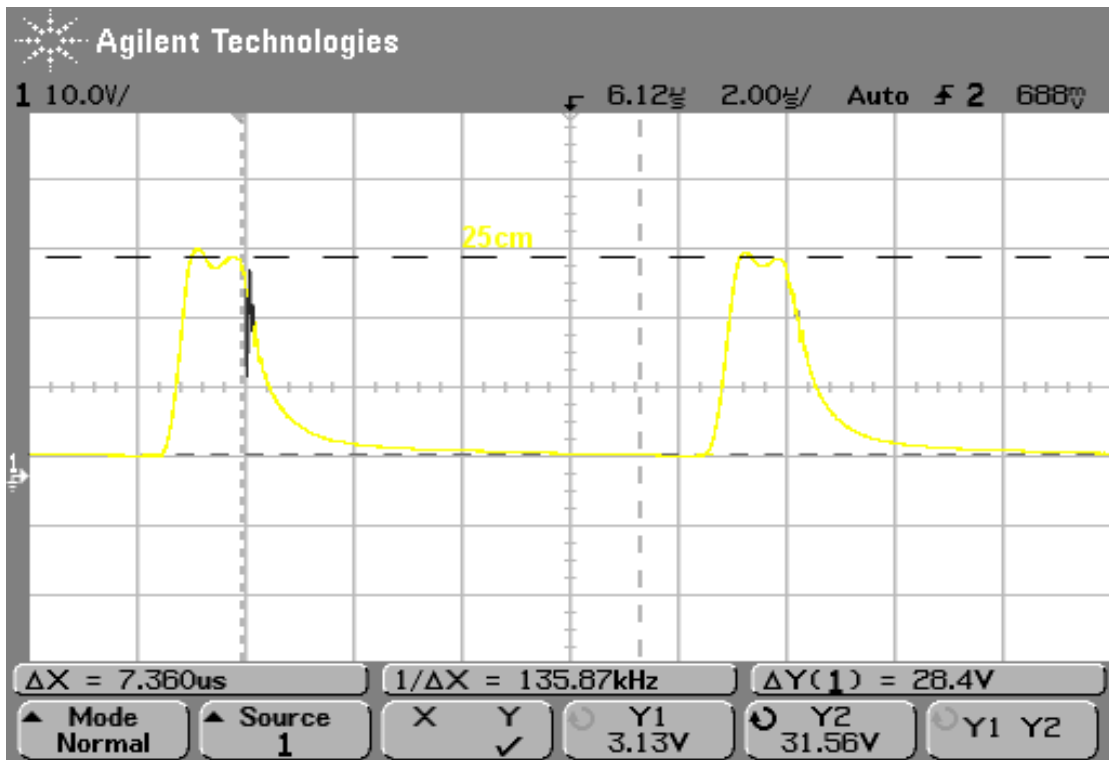


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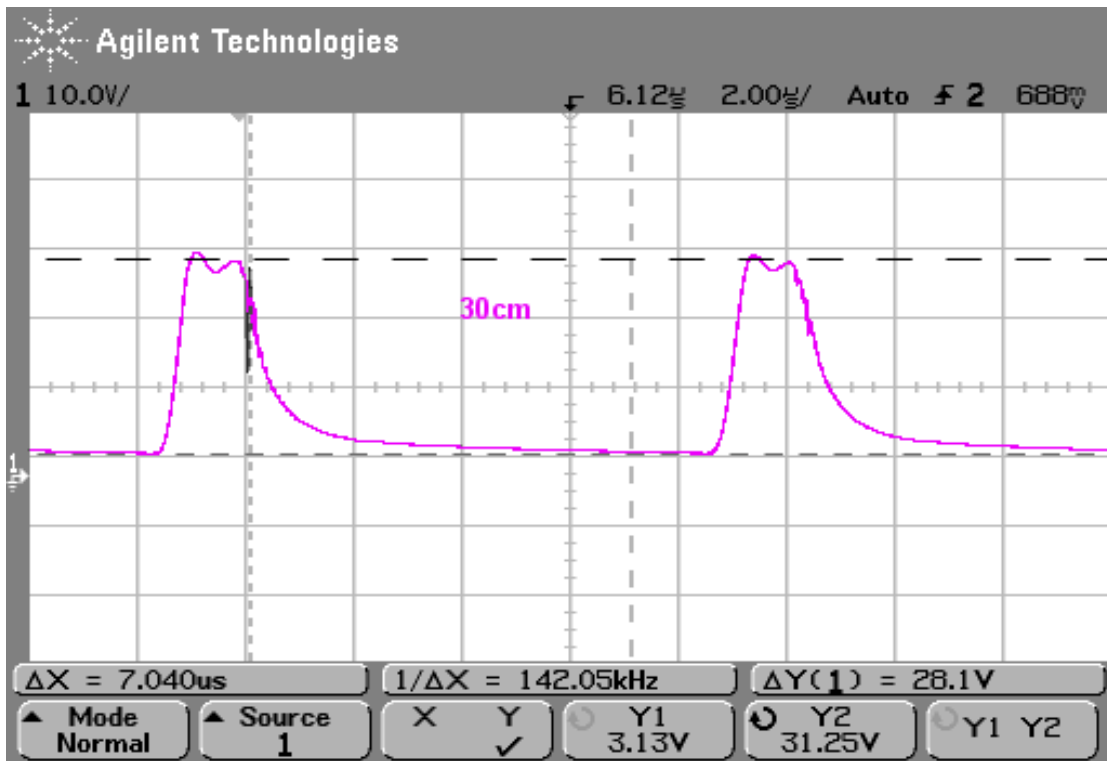


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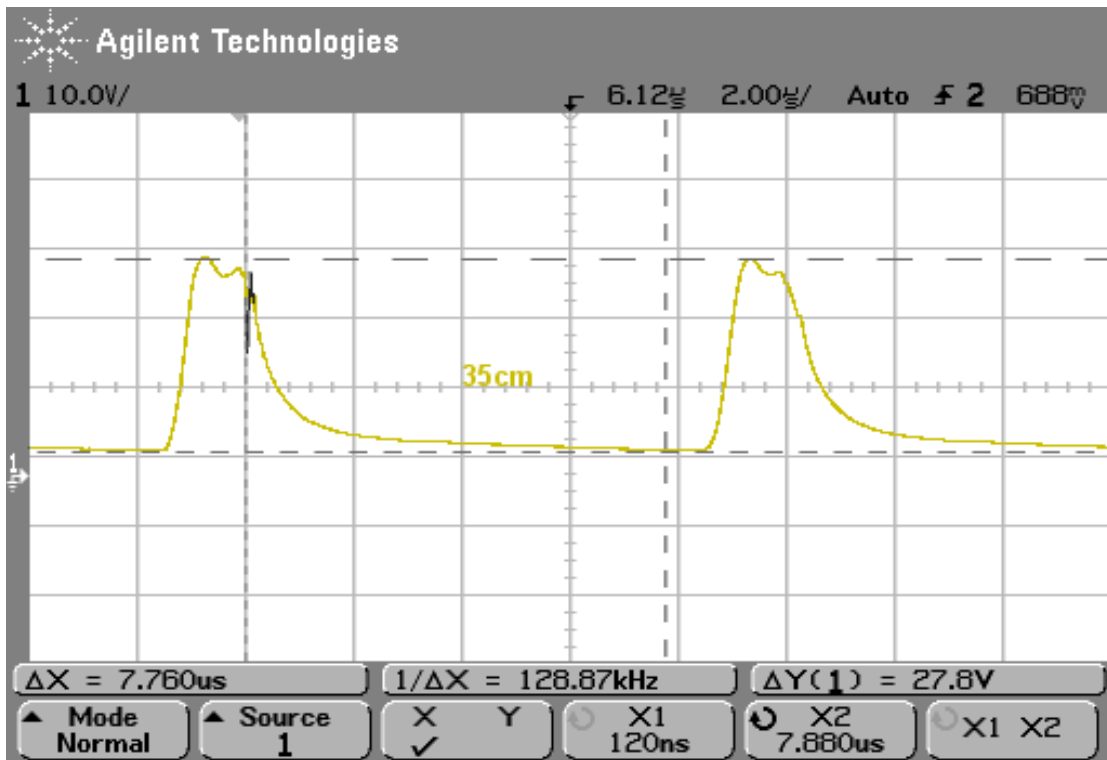


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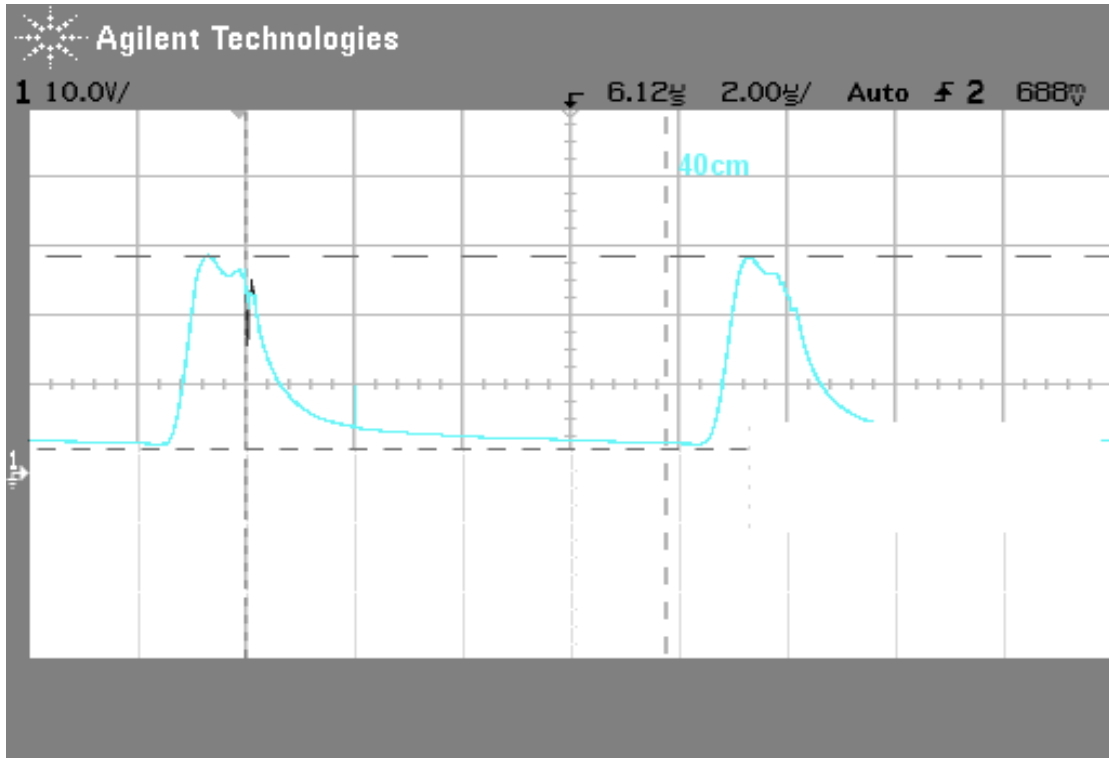


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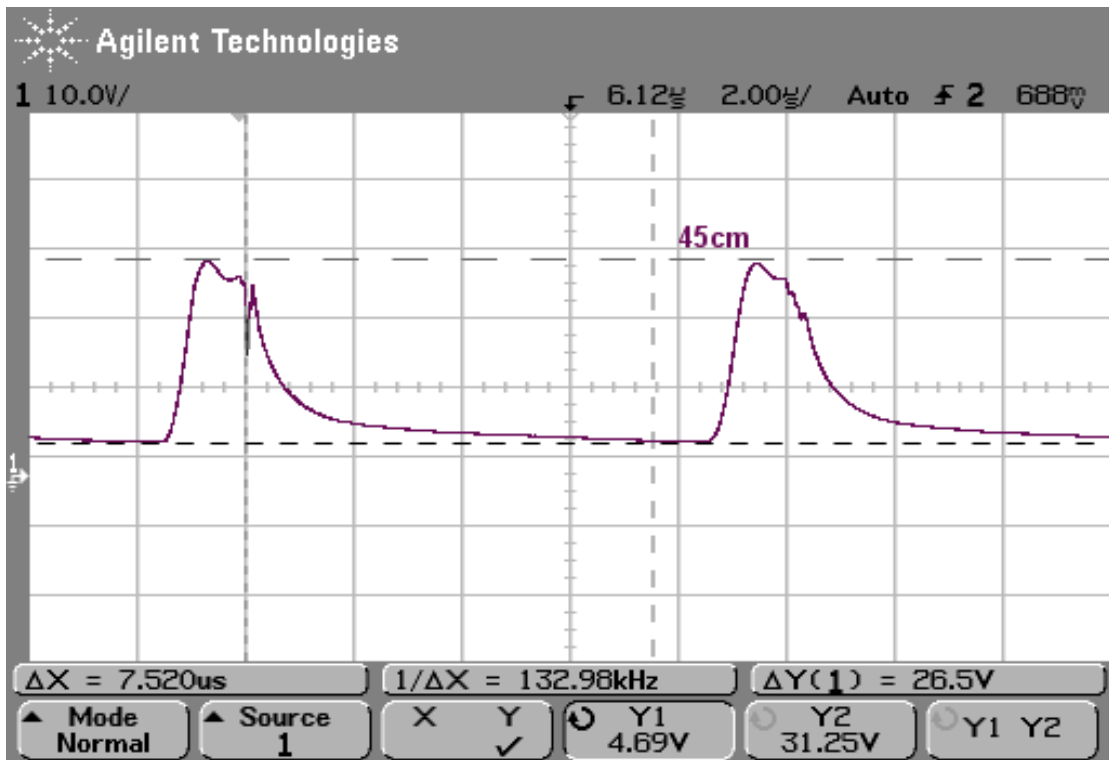


Figure 71

12.1.4 FINAL 555-TIMER MEASUREMENTS (75CM CAPACITOR)

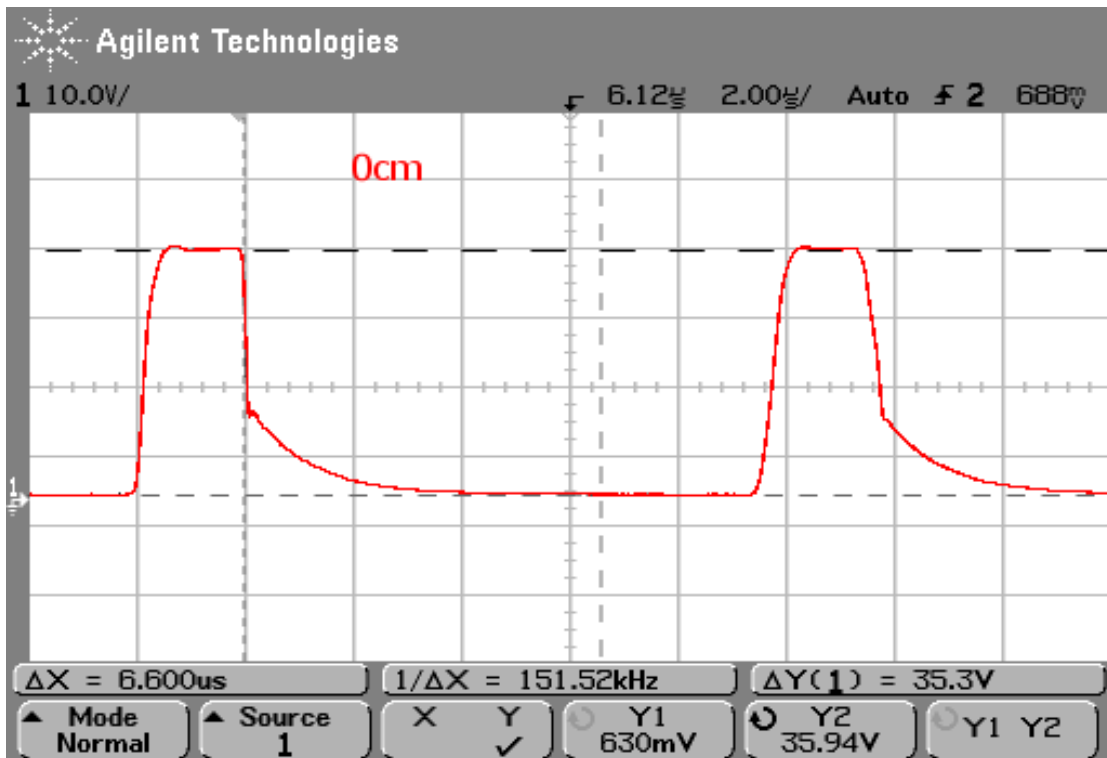


Figure 72 (0cm Water)

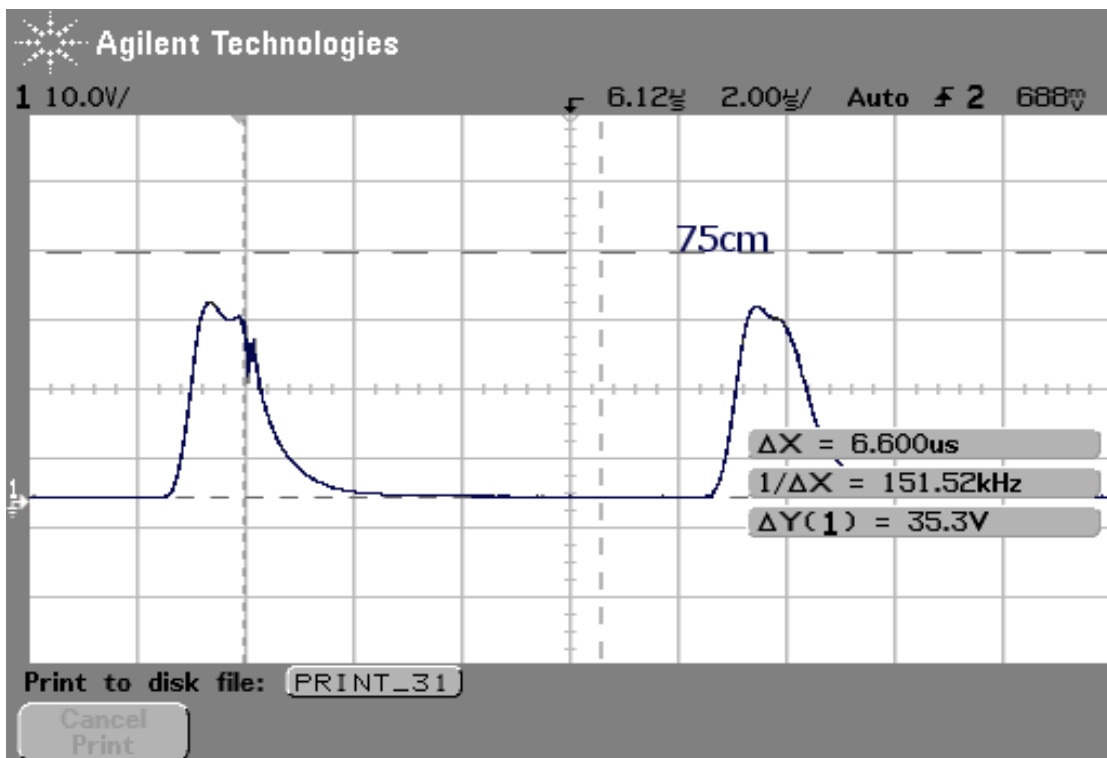


Figure 73 (75cm Water)

## 12.2 APPENDIX B: TIGER BASIC PROGRAM CODES

### 12.2.1 MAIN PROJECT PROGRAM

```
-----
' Name:    Capacitor_Discharge.TIG (Main Program)
' Author:  Alex Toulouzas
' Description: This program will generate a square wave pulse on pin
'             6 of port 8 and will read the instantaneous A/D input
'             from A/D input 0. The program will stop executing
'             after the specified number of pulses have been output.
-----
USER_VAR_STRICT                ' compiler uses strict
                               variable checks
#include DEFINE_A.INC           ' general defines
#include UFUNC3.INC            ' User Function Codes

TASK MAIN
    LONG COUNT, CYCLE, DUTY, ATOD, N    ' variable declarations

' install the LCD-driver (TINY-Tiger)
INSTALL DEVICE #1, "LCD1.TDD", 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 80h, 8

' install the ANALOG-1 driver
INSTALL DEVICE #4, "ANALOG1.TDD"

' install the PLSOUT1 driver for pulse output
INSTALL_DEVICE #9, "PLSOUT1.TDD", 3    ' Time base range = 3

' clear the LCD screen
PRINT #1, "<1Bh>c<0><F0h>";
PRINT #1, "<1>";

' display the headings for the number of pulses remaining
' and the A/D voltage
PRINT #1, "<1Bh>A"; CHR$(0); CHR$(0); "<F0h>Remaining:";
PRINT #1, "<1Bh>A"; CHR$(0); CHR$(2); "<F0h>Voltage:";

COUNT = 65535                ' 65535 pulses of length
CYCLE = 1000                   ' 1000 x 6,4usec = 6,4msec
DUTY = 500                     ' duty 50% = 3.2msec
PUT #9, COUNT, DUTY, CYCLE     ' pulse output is on pin 86

FOR N=999999999 TO 0 STEP -1   ' countdown end when N=0
    GET #9,#0,#UFCI_OPL_STAT, 4, N    ' read remaining pulses
    PRINT #1, "<1Bh>A"; CHR$(11); CHR$(0); "<F0h> "; N
    GET #4, #0, 2, ATOD             ' read A/D input
    USING "UD<5><4>* 0.0.0.2.3"
    PRINT_USING #1, "<1Bh>A"; CHR$(9); CHR$(2); 5*ATOD; "  "
NEXT
END
```

## 12.2.2 SAMPLE PROGRAM FOR THE ANALOG2 DEVICE DRIVER

```

'-----
' Name:   Analog2_Sample.TIG
' Author: Alex Toulouzas
' Description: This program will charge the capacitor for 5 seconds
'              and then it will measure the discharging by using a
'              FIFO buffer. This action is done once. The reset button
'              on the Tiger module must be pressed to repeat the
'              charging & discharging sequence.
'-----
USER_VAR_STRICT
#INCLUDE DEFINE_A.INC           ' general defines
#INCLUDE UFUNC3.INC           ' User Function Codes

TASK MAIN
    FIFO SAMPLE (2048) OF WORD           ' Sample-buffer
    WORD ATOD                        ' var. for analog value
    WORD K

' install LCD-driver (TINY-Tiger)
INSTALL_DEVICE #1, "LCD1.TDD", 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 80h, 8
' install TIMER-A driver (time-base timer: 12500 Hz)
INSTALL_DEVICE #2, "TIMERA.TDD", 2, 50
' install ANALOG-2 driver
INSTALL_DEVICE #4, "ANALOG2.TDD"

DIR_PORT 8,0                       ' configure port 8 as output
PUT #4,#0,#UFCO_AD2_RESO, 10        ' 10-bit resolution
PUT #4,#0,#UFCO_AD2_SCAN, 1         ' no. of channels = 1
PUT #4,#0,#UFCO_AD2_STOVL, 0        ' stop on overflow
PUT #4,#0,#UFCO_AD2_PSCAL, 5        ' prescaler:12500/5=2500 S/sec
CLEAR_FIFO SAMPLE                   ' clear the FIFO buffer

LL_IPORT_OUT 8, 00000000b           ' set all pins on port 8 LOW

' clear the LCD screen and display the headings
PRINT #1, "<1Bh>c<0><F0h>";
PRINT #1, "<1>";
PRINT #1, "<1Bh>A"; CHR$(0); CHR$(0); "<F0h>Action:";
PRINT #1, "<1Bh>A"; CHR$(0); CHR$(2); "<F0h>Voltage:";

LL_IPORT_OUT 8, 00001100b           ' set pins 2&3 on port 8 HIGH
PRINT #1, "<1Bh>A"; CHR$(8); CHR$(0); "<F0h>Charging(5s)";
WAIT_DURATION 5000                  ' wait 5 sec
PRINT #1, "<1Bh>A"; CHR$(8); CHR$(0); "<F0h>Discharging ";
LL_IPORT_OUT 8, 00000000b           ' set all pins on port 8 LOW
PUT #4, SAMPLE                       ' start measurement

K = 0
WHILE K < 60                          ' end when FIFO is full
    K = LEN_FIFO(SAMPLE)
    PRINT #1, "<1Bh>A"; CHR$(0); CHR$(3); "<F0h>K="; K; " ";
ENDWHILE

' display the values sequentially from the FIFO buffer
FOR K = 0 TO LEN_FIFO(SAMPLE)
    GET_FIFO SAMPLE, ATOD
    USING "UD<5><4>* 0.0.0.2.3"
    PRINT_USING #1, "<1Bh>A"; CHR$(9); CHR$(2); 5*ATOD; " ";
    WAIT_DURATION 250                ' wait 0.25 sec
NEXT

PRINT #1, "<1Bh>A"; CHR$(8); CHR$(0); "<F0h>** DONE ** ";
PRINT #1, "<1Bh>A"; CHR$(0); CHR$(3); "<F0h>Reset to Repeat Meas";
END

```

### 12.3 APPENDIX C: TIMERA DEVICE DRIVER FREQUENCY RANGE TABLES

#### 12.3.1 RANGE I

Factor	Frequency	Factor	Frequency	Factor	Frequency
200	12.500	219	11.416	238	10.504
201	12.438	220	11.364	239	10.460
202	12.376	221	11.312	240	10.417
203	12.315	222	11.261	241	10.373
204	12.255	223	11.211	242	10.331
205	12.195	224	11.161	243	10.288
206	12.136	225	11.111	244	10.246
207	12.077	226	11.062	245	10.204
208	12.019	227	11.013	246	10.163
209	11.962	228	10.965	247	10.121
210	11.905	229	10.917	248	10.081
211	11.848	230	10.870	249	10.040
212	11.792	231	10.823	250	10.000
213	11.737	232	10.776	251	9.960
214	11.682	233	10.730	252	9.920
215	11.628	234	10.684	253	9.881
216	11.574	235	10.638	254	9.842
217	11.521	236	10.593	255	9.803
218	11.468	237	10.549	0	9.765



12.3.2 RANGE 2

Factor	Frequency	Factor	Frequency	Factor	Frequency
50	12.500	93	6.720	136	4.595
51	12.255	94	6.648	137	4.562
52	12.019	95	6.578	138	4.528
53	11.792	96	6.510	139	4.496
54	11.574	97	6.443	140	4.464
55	11.364	98	6.377	141	4.432
56	11.161	99	6.313	142	4.401
57	10.965	100	6.250	143	4.370
58	10.776	101	6.188	144	4.340
59	10.593	102	6.127	145	4.310
60	10.417	103	6.067	146	4.280
61	10.246	104	6.009	147	4.251
62	10.081	105	5.952	148	4.222
63	9.920	106	5.896	149	4.194
64	9.765	107	5.841	150	4.166
65	9.615	108	5.787	151	4.139
66	9.469	109	5.733	152	4.111
67	9.328	110	5.681	153	4.084
68	9.191	111	5.630	154	4.058
69	9.057	112	5.580	155	4.032
70	8.928	113	5.530	156	4.006
71	8.802	114	5.482	157	3.980
72	8.680	115	5.434	158	3.955
73	8.561	116	5.387	159	3.930
74	8.445	117	5.341	160	3.906
75	8.333	118	5.296	161	3.881
76	8.223	119	5.252	162	3.858
77	8.116	120	5.208	163	3.834
78	8.012	121	5.165	164	3.810
79	7.911	122	5.122	165	3.787
80	7.812	123	5.081	166	3.765
81	7.716	124	5.040	167	3.742
82	7.621	125	5.000	168	3.720
83	7.530	126	4.960	169	3.698
84	7.440	127	4.921	170	3.676
85	7.352	128	4.882	171	3.654
86	7.267	129	4.844	172	3.633
87	7.183	130	4.807	173	3.612
88	7.102	131	4.770	174	3.591
89	7.022	132	4.734	175	3.571
90	6.944	133	4.699	176	3.551
91	6.868	134	4.664	177	3.531
92	6.793	135	4.629	178	3.511

Factor	Frequency
179	3.491
180	3.472
181	3.453
182	3.434
183	3.415
184	3.396
185	3.378
186	3.360
187	3.342
188	3.324
189	3.306
190	3.289
191	3.272
192	3.255
193	3.238
194	3.221
195	3.205
196	3.188
197	3.172
198	3.156
199	3.140
200	3.125
201	3.109
202	3.094
203	3.078
204	3.063

Factor	Frequency
205	3.048
206	3.033
207	3.019
208	3.004
209	2.990
210	2.976
211	2.962
212	2.948
213	2.934
214	2.920
215	2.906
216	2.893
217	2.880
218	2.866
219	2.853
220	2.840
221	2.828
222	2.815
223	2.802
224	2.790
225	2.777
226	2.765
227	2.753
228	2.741
229	2.729
230	2.717

Factor	Frequency
231	2.705
232	2.693
233	2.682
234	2.670
235	2.659
236	2.648
237	2.637
238	2.626
239	2.615
240	2.604
241	2.593
242	2.582
243	2.572
244	2.561
245	2.551
246	2.540
247	2.530
248	2.520
249	2.510
250	2.500
251	2.490
252	2.480
253	2.470
254	2.460
255	2.450
0	2.441

12.3.3 RANGE 3

Factor	Frequency	Factor	Frequency	Factor	Frequency
12	13.020	56	2.790	100	1.562
13	12.019	57	2.741	101	1.547
14	11.160	58	2.693	102	1.531
15	10.416	59	2.648	103	1.516
16	9.765	60	2.604	104	1.502
17	9.191	61	2.561	105	1.488
18	8.680	62	2.520	106	1.474
19	8.223	63	2.480	107	1.460
20	7.812	64	2.441	108	1.446
21	7.440	65	2.403	109	1.433
22	7.102	66	2.367	110	1.420
23	6.793	67	2.332	111	1.407
24	6.510	68	2.297	112	1.395
25	6.250	69	2.264	113	1.382
26	6.009	70	2.232	114	1.370
27	5.787	71	2.200	115	1.358
28	5.580	72	2.170	116	1.346
29	5.387	73	2.140	117	1.335
30	5.208	74	2.111	118	1.324
31	5.040	75	2.083	119	1.313
32	4.882	76	2.055	120	1.302
33	4.734	77	2.029	121	1.291
34	4.595	78	2.003	122	1.280
35	4.464	79	1.977	123	1.270
36	4.340	80	1.953	124	1.260
37	4.222	81	1.929	125	1.250
38	4.111	82	1.905	126	1.240
39	4.006	83	1.882	127	1.230
40	3.906	84	1.860	128	1.220
41	3.810	85	1.838	129	1.211
42	3.720	86	1.816	130	1.201
43	3.633	87	1.795	131	1.192
44	3.551	88	1.775	132	1.183
45	3.472	89	1.755	133	1.174
46	3.396	90	1.736	134	1.166
47	3.324	91	1.717	135	1.157
48	3.255	92	1.698	136	1.148
49	3.188	93	1.680	137	1.140
50	3.125	94	1.662	138	1.132
51	3.063	95	1.644	139	1.124
52	3.004	96	1.627	140	1.116
53	2.948	97	1.610	141	1.108
54	2.893	98	1.594	142	1.100
55	2.840	99	1.578	143	1.092

Factor	Frequency
144	1.085
145	1.077
146	1.070
147	1.062
148	1.055
149	1.048
150	1.041
151	1.034
152	1.027
153	1.021
154	1.014
155	1.008
156	1.001
157	995
158	988
159	982
160	976
161	970
162	964
163	958
164	952
165	946
166	941
167	935
168	930
169	924
170	919
171	913
172	908
173	903
174	897
175	892
176	887
177	882
178	877
179	872
180	868
181	863
182	858

Factor	Frequency
183	853
184	849
185	844
186	840
187	835
188	831
189	826
190	822
191	818
192	813
193	809
194	805
195	801
196	797
197	793
198	789
199	785
200	781
201	777
202	773
203	769
204	765
205	762
206	758
207	754
208	751
209	747
210	744
211	740
212	737
213	733
214	730
215	726
216	723
217	720
218	716
219	713
220	710
221	707

Factor	Frequency
222	703
223	700
224	697
225	694
226	691
227	688
228	685
229	682
230	679
231	676
232	673
233	670
234	667
235	664
236	662
237	659
238	656
239	653
240	651
241	648
242	645
243	643
244	640
245	637
246	635
247	632
248	630
249	627
250	625
251	622
252	620
253	617
254	615
255	612
0	610

*12.4 APPENDIX D: DATASHEETS*

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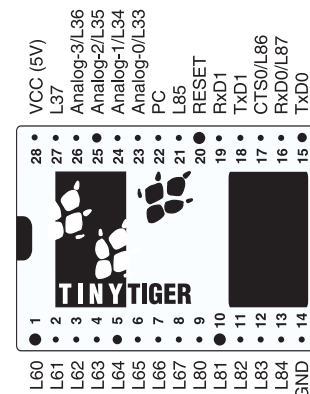
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### 544 kB to 1 MB FLASH + SRAM



### ENN-R/4, ENN-1/4, ENN-4/4

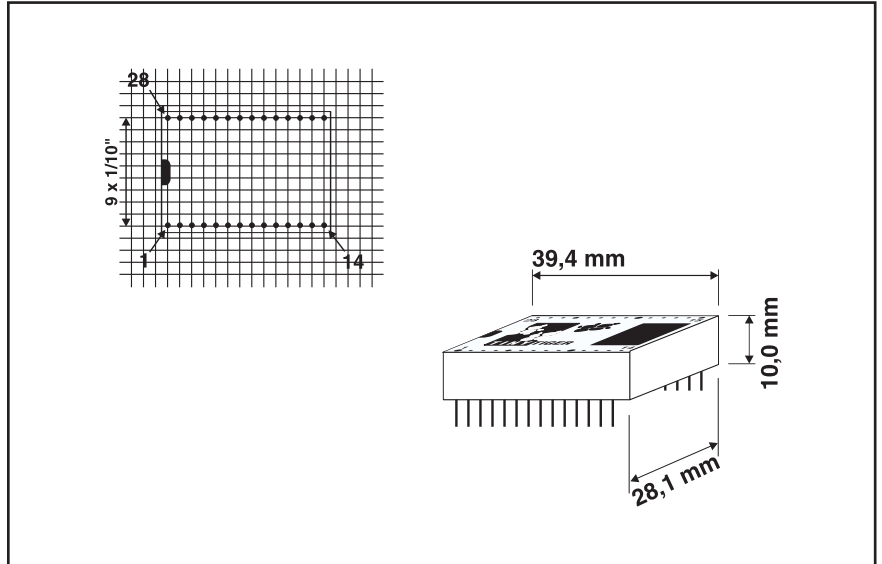
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Data

- ♦ Dimensions: approx. 28.1 x 39.4 x 10.0 mm / 1.11 x 1.55 x 0.39"  
28-pin DIP type case  
pin to pin clearance 2.54 mm / 0.1", row distance 22.86 mm / 0.9"  
square pins 0.64 x 0.64 mm / 0.025 x 0.025"
- ♦ Weight: approx. 20g / 0.7 ounces
- ♦ Operating temperature: Standard: 0°C to +70°C  
Expanded: expanded temperature ranges on request
- ♦ Power supply: 4.6V - 5.5V / 45-60 mA typ.
- ♦ System timebase accuracy: +/-50 ppm base tolerance,  
+/-30 ppm over temp. range -20°C to +70°C  
+/-5 ppm per year max. aging  
Other specifications available optional
- ♦ Reset: Power-ON reset internal, active @Vcc = 4.5V +/- 0.1V  
Reset input: LOW-active, internal pull-up R = 10 KΩ typ.
- ♦ I/O pins: 24 universal I/O-pins

## High Speed Multitasking Computers

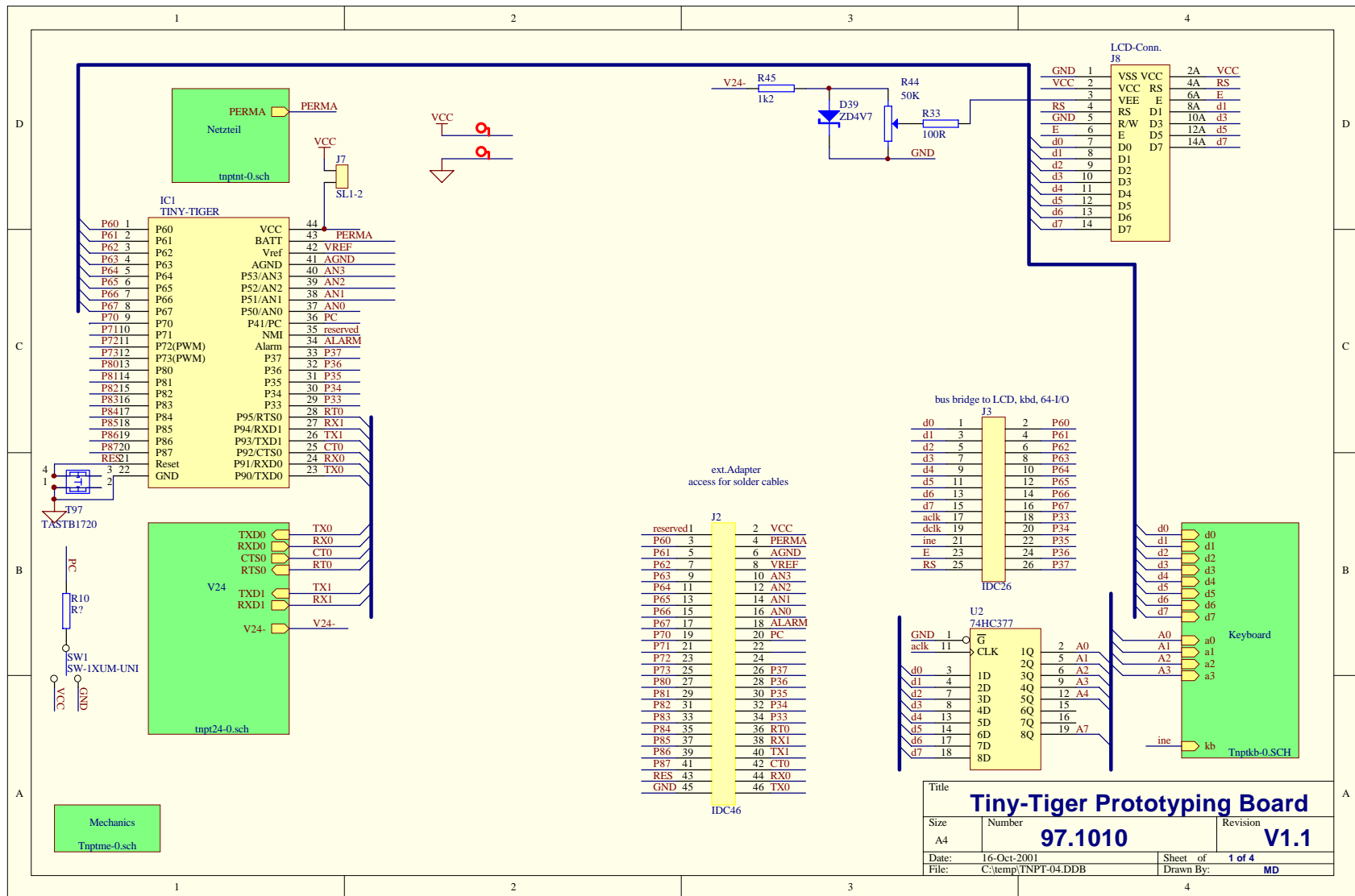
- ♦ Max current for digital outputs: 1.6 mA / pin (low, U=0.45V max)  
-0.4 mA / pin (high, U=2.4V min)  
Max. darlington driver current: -3,5 mA (U=1.5V), max 8 pins
- ♦ Rising time / falling time: 15 ns typ. (10%, 90%)
- ♦ Impedance digital Inputs: High-Impedance or additional pull-up resistor:  
L33 ... L37 pull-up 50 ... 150 k $\Omega$   
L41 pull-up 50 ... 150 k $\Omega$   
L60 ... L67 pull-up 50 ... 150 k $\Omega$   
L80...L87 pull-up 50 ... 150 k $\Omega$   
L90...L94 pull-up 50 ... 150 k $\Omega$
- ♦ Digital Inputs: Input voltage „high“: 0.7 \* Vcc min  
Input voltage „low“: 0.8V max
- ♦ Analog input: 4 channels
- ♦ Vref analog inputs: Vcc internal
- ♦ Impedance analog inputs: 20 k $\Omega$  typ., note: low impedance in power down state
- ♦ Analog input range: 0...Vcc
- ♦ Analog input resolution: 10 bit internal hardware resolution,  
12 bit through moving window integration.  
Linearisation and calibration through software function LIN\_APPROX and flash calibration tables.
- ♦ Analog input accuracy: +/- 0.5 LSB quantize error  
+/- 1.5 LSB typ, +/- 4 LSB max at normal speed (-20°C ... 70°C)  
+/- 4.0 LSB typ, +/- 8 LSB max in high speed (-20°C ... 70°C)
- ♦ Analog sampling rate: up to 50,000 samples / sec
- ♦ Analog sampling buffer: up to 30 kByte
- ♦ Memory internal: 32 KB ... 512 KB Static RAM  
512 KB FLASH
- ♦ Serial channels: 2 buffered UART channels:  
CH-0: RxD, TxD, CTS  
Baudrates: 300,600,1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 76800,  
153600, 614400  
Data/Parity: 7N, 7E, 7O, 8N, 8E, 8O, 9N  
Buffer sizes: 256, 512, 1024, 2048, 4096 Bytes  
CH-1: as above, RxD and TxD lines  
  
Level systems: 5V TTL levels  
  
Up to 8 additional serial I/O channels through software driver SER2.TDD.  
Selectable: RxD, TxD or RxD + TxD per channel  
Max baudrate (1 channel): 9600 Bd TxD, 4800 Bd RxD  
Max baudrate multi channel: -> divided by no of channels
- ♦ Pulses: Resolutions: 0.4 / 1.6 / 6.4 / 50  $\mu$ s



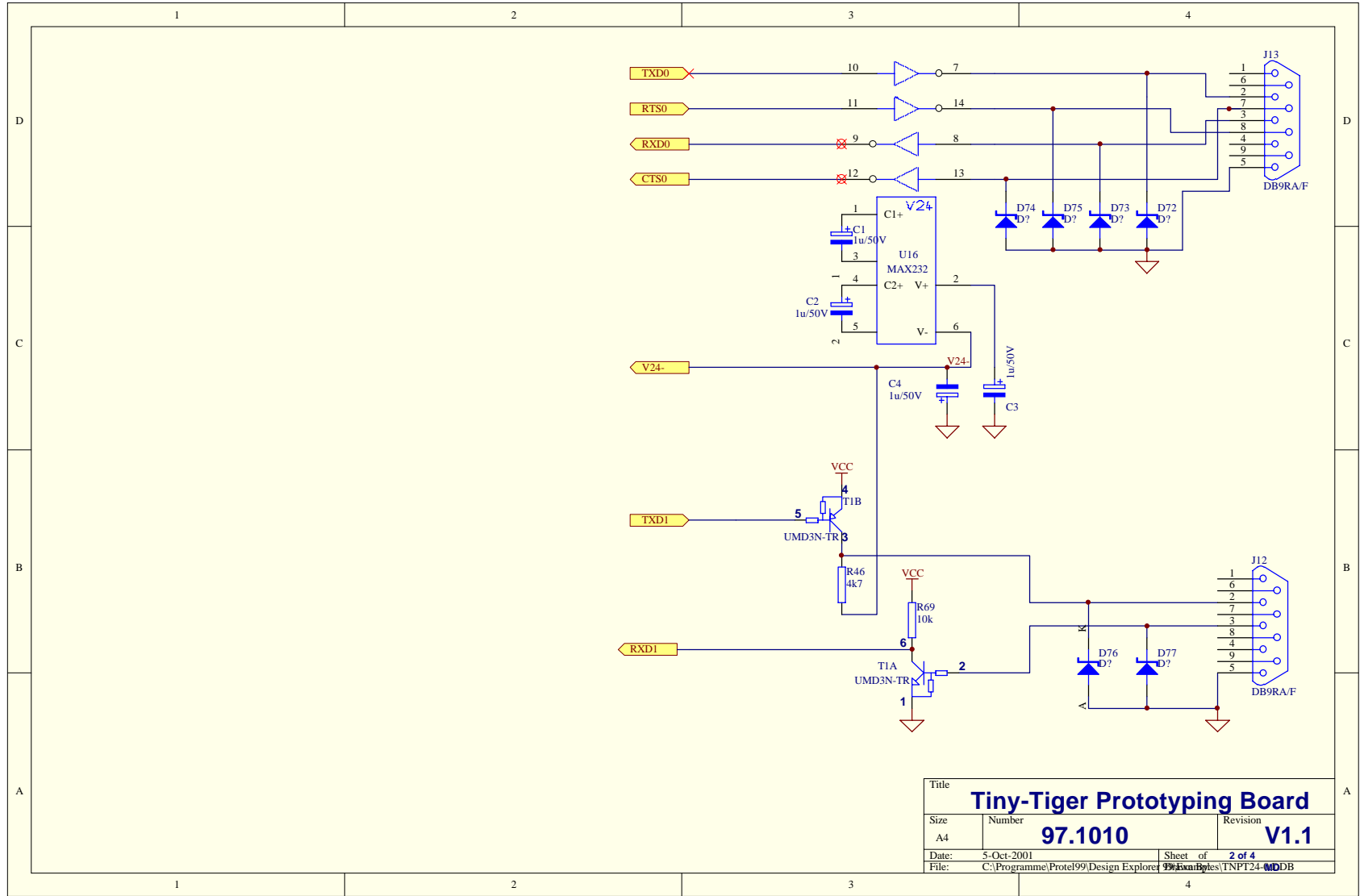
ECONO Tiger™ Computer Modules:

Type	SRAM	FLASH	Serial	Realtime Clock
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ENN-1/4	128 KByte	512 KByte	5V	-
ENN-4/4	512 KByte	512 KByte	5V	-

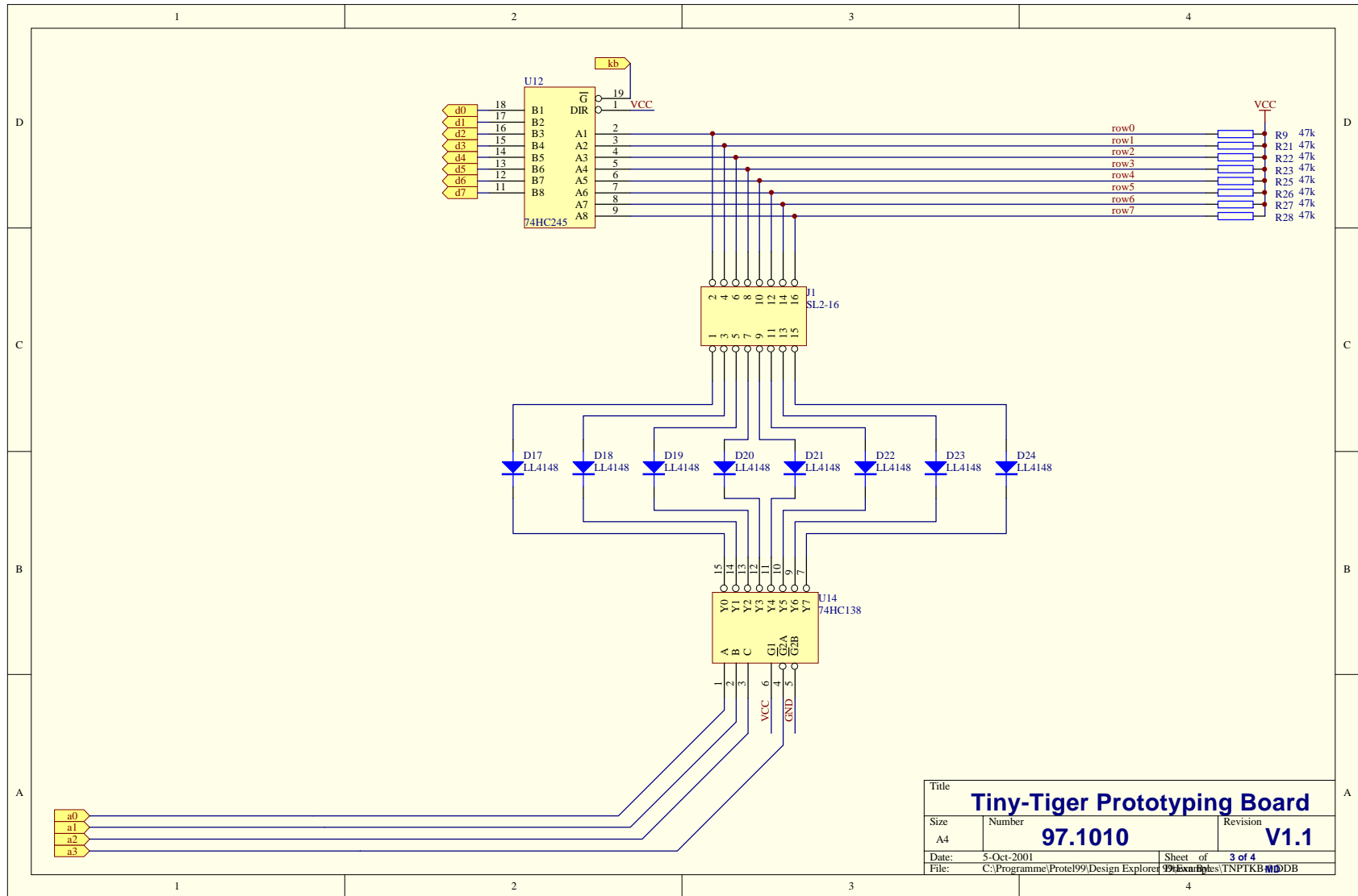




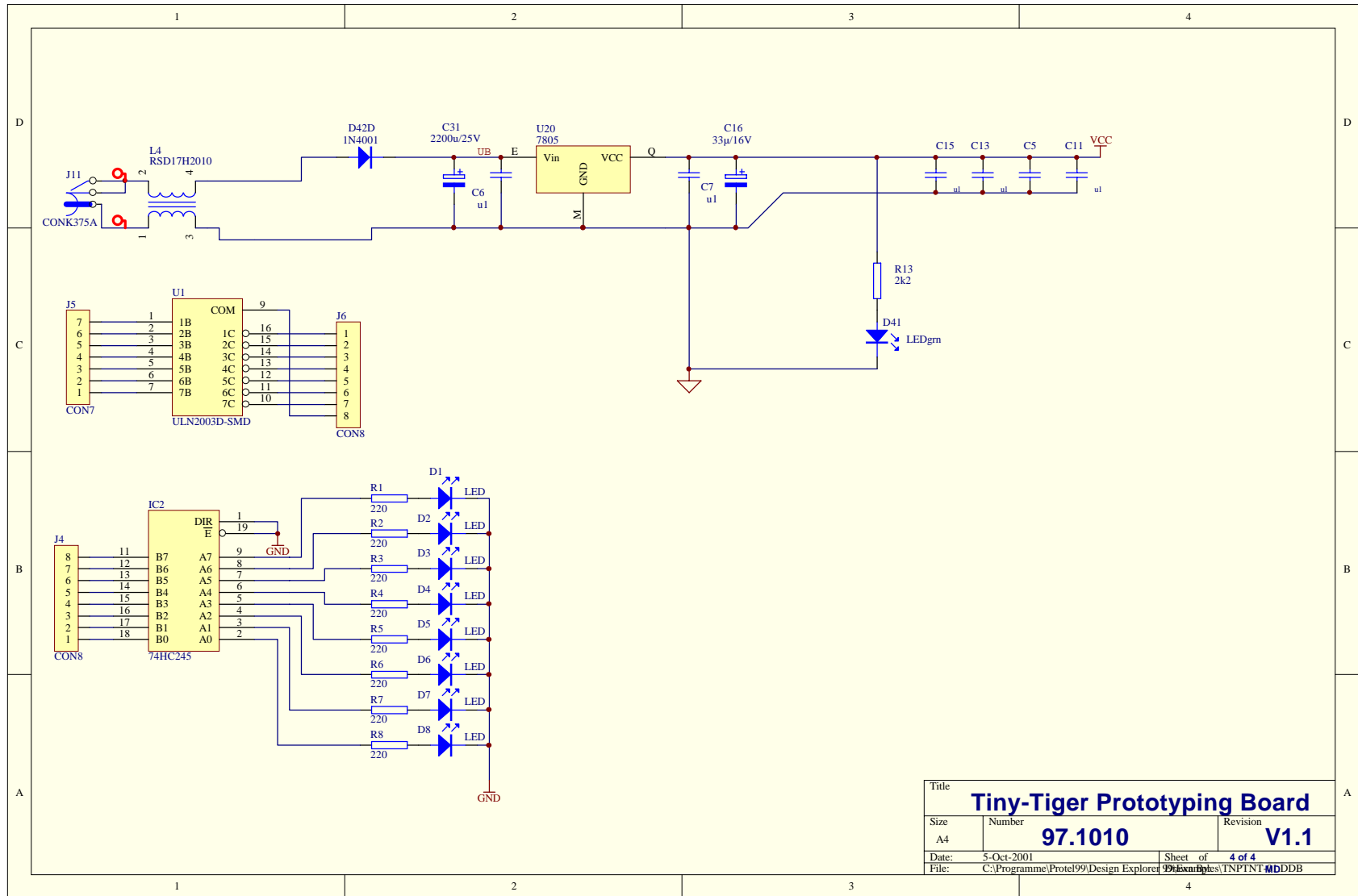
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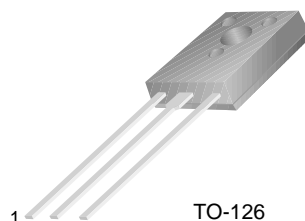
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## BD675A/677A/679A/681

### Medium Power Linear and Switching Applications

- Medium Power Darlington TR
- Complement to BD676A, BD678A, BD680A and BD682 respectively

### NPN Epitaxial Silicon Transistor



TO-126  
1. Emitter 2. Collector 3. Base

### Absolute Maximum Ratings $T_C=25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Units
$V_{CB0}$	Collector-Base Voltage : BD675A	45	V
	: BD677A	60	V
	: BD679A	80	V
	: BD681	100	V
$V_{CEO}$	Collector-Emitter Voltage : BD675A	45	V
	: BD677A	60	V
	: BD679A	80	V
	: BD681	100	V
$V_{EBO}$	Emitter-Base Voltage	5	V
$I_C$	Collector Current (DC)	4	A
$I_{CP}$	*Collector Current (Pulse)	6	A
$I_B$	Base Current	100	mA
$P_C$	Collector Dissipation ( $T_C=25^\circ\text{C}$ )	40	W
$T_J$	Junction Temperature	150	$^\circ\text{C}$
$T_{STG}$	Storage Temperature	- 65 ~ 150	$^\circ\text{C}$

### Electrical Characteristics $T_C=25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted

Symbol	Parameter	Test Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
$V_{CEO(sus)}$	*Collector-Emitter Sustaining Voltage : BD675A	$I_C = 50\text{mA}, I_B = 0$	45			V
	: BD677A					V
	: BD679A					V
	: BD681					V
$I_{CBO}$	Collector-Base Voltage : BD675A	$V_{CB} = 45\text{V}, I_E = 0$			200	$\mu\text{A}$
	: BD677A	$V_{CB} = 60\text{V}, I_E = 0$			200	$\mu\text{A}$
	: BD679A	$V_{CB} = 80\text{V}, I_E = 0$			200	$\mu\text{A}$
	: BD681	$V_{CB} = 100\text{V}, V_{BE} = 0$			200	$\mu\text{A}$
$I_{CEO}$	Collector Cut-off Current : BD675A	$V_{CE} = 45\text{V}, V_{BE} = 0$			500	$\mu\text{A}$
	: BD677A	$V_{CE} = 60\text{V}, V_{BE} = 0$			500	$\mu\text{A}$
	: BD679A	$V_{CE} = 80\text{V}, V_{BE} = 0$			500	$\mu\text{A}$
	: BD681	$V_{CE} = 100\text{V}, V_{BE} = 0$			500	$\mu\text{A}$
$I_{EBO}$	Emitter Cut-off Current	$V_{EB} = 5\text{V}, I_C = 0$			2	mA
$h_{FE}$	* DC Current Gain : BD675A/677A/679A	$V_{CE} = 3\text{V}, I_C = 2\text{A}$	750			
	: BD681	$V_{CE} = 3\text{V}, I_C = 1.5\text{A}$	750			
$V_{CE(sat)}$	* Collector-Emitter Saturation Voltage : BD675A/677A/679A	$I_C = 2\text{A}, I_B = 40\text{mA}$			2.8	V
	: BD681	$I_C = 1.5\text{A}, I_B = 30\text{mA}$			2.5	V
$V_{BE(on)}$	* Base-Emitter ON Voltage : BD675A/677A/679A	$V_{CE} = 3\text{V}, I_C = 2\text{A}$			2.5	V
	: BD681	$V_{CE} = 3\text{V}, I_C = 1.5\text{A}$			2.5	V

\* Pulse Test: PW=300 $\mu\text{s}$ , duty Cycle=1.5% Pulsed

# Typical Characteristics

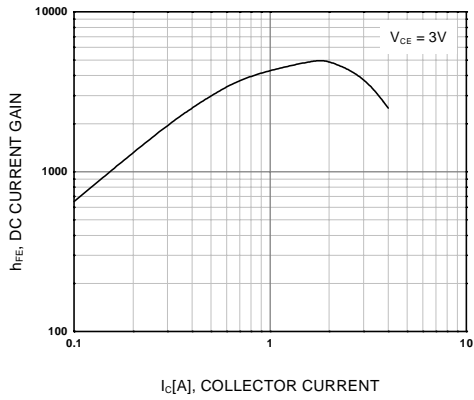


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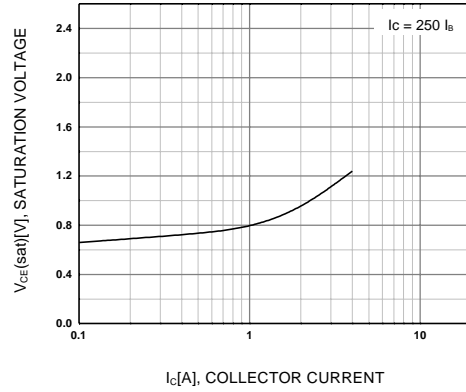


Figure 2. Collector-Emitter Saturation Voltage

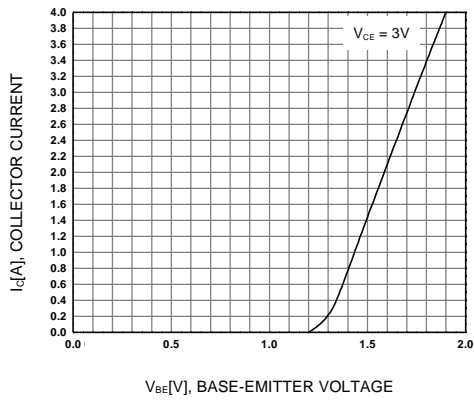


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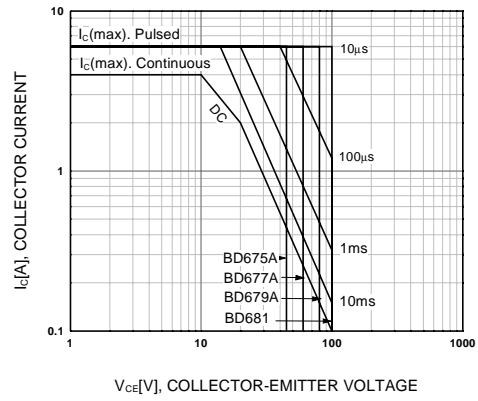


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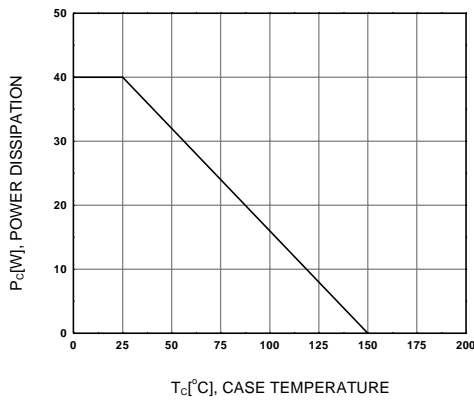
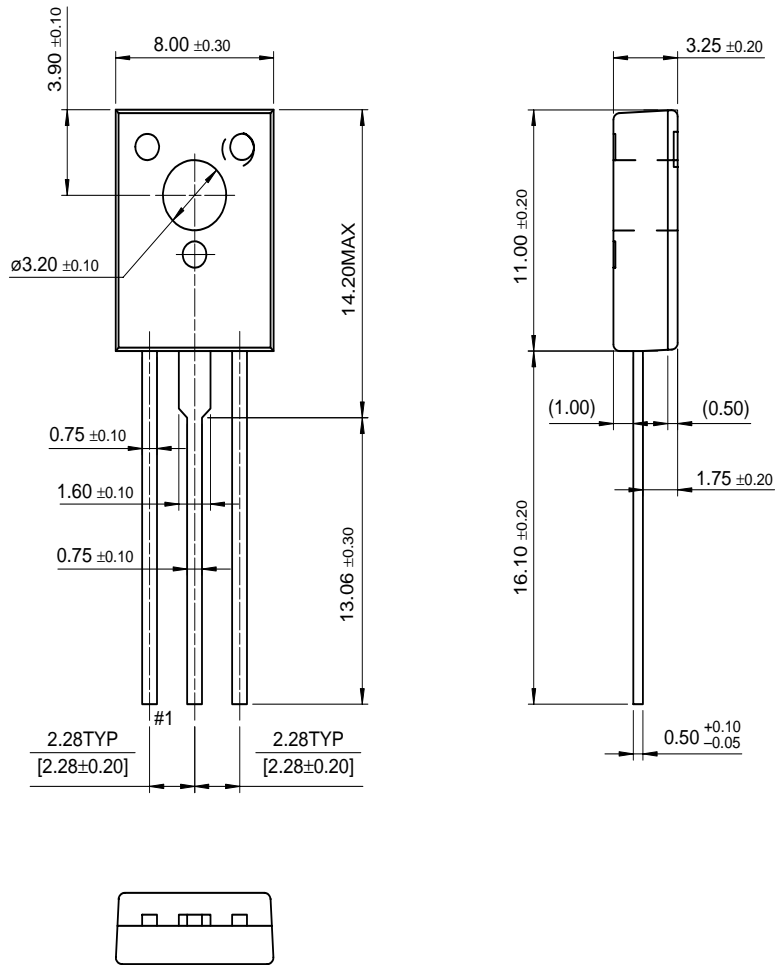


Figure 5. Power Derating

# Package Dimensions

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BD675A/677A/679A/681

Dimensions in Millimeters

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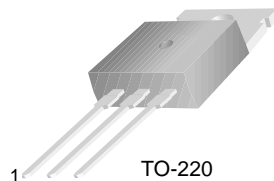
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## BDW93/A/B/C

### Hammer Drivers, Audio Amplifiers Applications

- Power Darlington TR
- Complement to BDW94, BDW94A, BDW94B and BDW94C respectively



TO-220  
1.Base 2.Collector 3.Emitter

### NPN Epitaxial Silicon Transistor

#### Absolute Maximum Ratings $T_C=25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Units
$V_{CBO}$	Collector-Base Voltage		
	: BDW93	45	V
	: BDW93A	60	V
	: BDW93B	80	V
	: BDW93C	100	V
$V_{CEO}$	Collector-Emitter Voltage		
	: BDW93	45	V
	: BDW93A	60	V
	: BDW93B	80	V
	: BDW93C	100	V
$I_C$	Collector Current (DC)	12	A
$I_{CP}$	*Collector Current (Pulse)	15	A
$I_B$	Base Current	0.2	A
$P_C$	Collector Dissipation ( $T_C=25^\circ\text{C}$ )	80	W
$T_J$	Junction Temperature	150	$^\circ\text{C}$
$T_{STG}$	Storage Temperature	- 65 ~ 150	$^\circ\text{C}$

#### Thermal Characteristics $T_C=25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Units
$R_{\theta jc}$	Thermal Resistance	1.5	$^\circ\text{C/W}$
	Junction to Case		

**Electrical Characteristics**  $T_C=25^\circ\text{C}$  unless otherwise noted

Symbol	Parameter	Test Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
$BV_{CEO(sus)}$	* Collector-Emitter Sustaining Voltage : BDW93 : BDW93A : BDW93B : BDW93C	$I_C = 100\text{mA}, I_B = 0$	45 60 80 100			V V V V
$I_{CBO}$	Collector Cut-off Current : BDW93 : BDW93A : BDW93B : BDW93C	$V_{CB} = 45\text{V}, I_E = 0$ $V_{CB} = 60\text{V}, I_E = 0$ $V_{CB} = 80\text{V}, I_E = 0$ $V_{CB} = 100\text{V}, I_E = 0$			100 100 100 100	$\mu\text{A}$ $\mu\text{A}$ $\mu\text{A}$ $\mu\text{A}$
$I_{CEO}$	Collector Cut-off Current : BDW93 : BDW93A : BDW93B : BDW93C	$V_{CE} = 45\text{V}, I_B = 0$ $V_{CE} = 60\text{V}, I_B = 0$ $V_{CE} = 80\text{V}, I_B = 0$ $V_{CE} = 100\text{V}, I_B = 0$			1 1 1 1	mA mA mA mA
$I_{EBO}$	Emitter Cut-off Current	$V_{EB} = 5\text{V}, I_C = 0$			2	mA
$h_{FE}$	* DC Current Gain	$V_{CE} = 3\text{V}, I_C = 3\text{A}$ $V_{CE} = 3\text{V}, I_C = 5\text{A}$ $V_{CE} = 3\text{V}, I_C = 10\text{A}$	1000 750 100		20000	
$V_{CE(sat)}$	* Collector-Emitter Saturation Voltage	$I_C = 5\text{A}, I_B = 20\text{mA}$ $I_C = 10\text{A}, I_B = 100\text{mA}$			2 3	V V
$V_{BE(sat)}$	* Base-Emitter Saturation Voltage	$I_C = 5\text{A}, I_B = 20\text{mA}$ $I_C = 10\text{A}, I_B = 100\text{mA}$			2.5 4	V V
$V_F$	* Parallel Diode Forward Voltage	$I_F = 5\text{A}$ $I_F = 10\text{A}$		1.3 1.8	2 4	V V

\* Pulse Test: PW=300 $\mu\text{s}$ , duty Cycle =1.5% Pulsed

# Typical characteristics

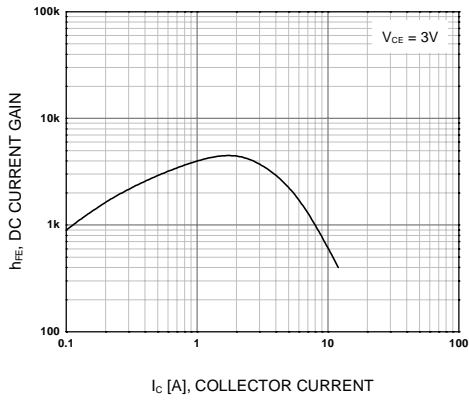


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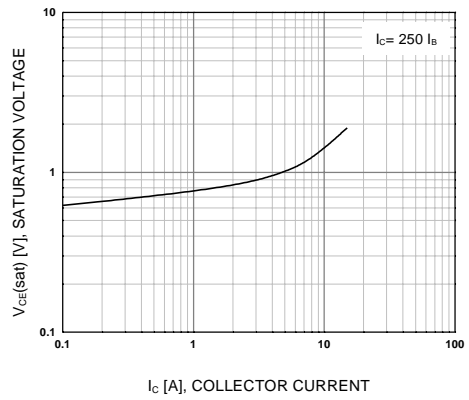


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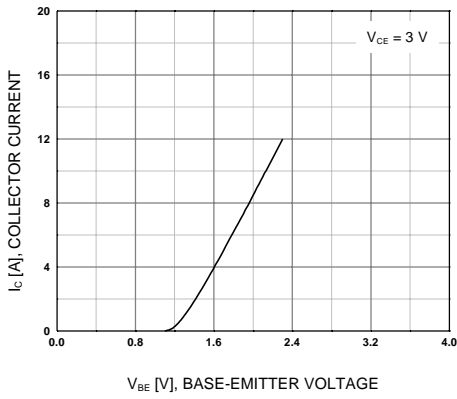


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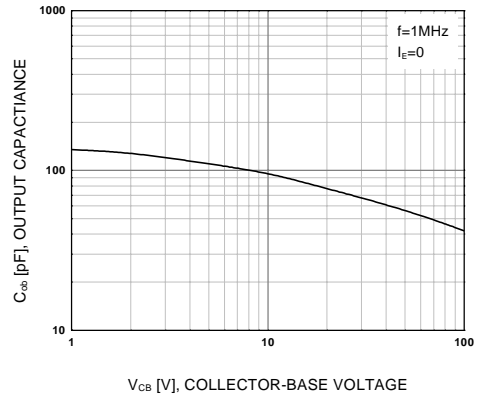


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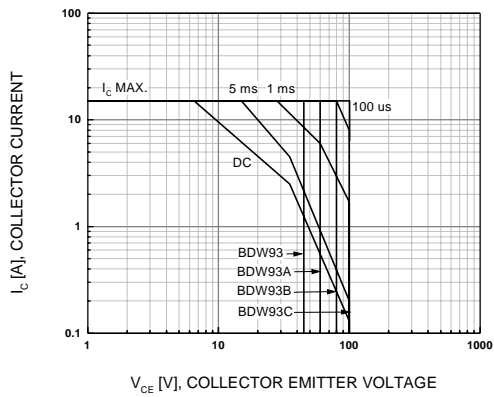


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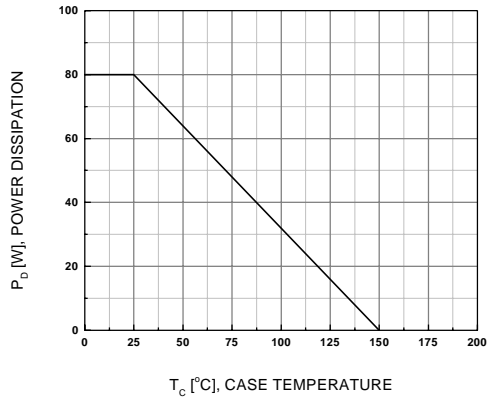


Figure 6. Power Derating

# Package Dimensions

BDW93/A/B/C

## TO-220



Dimensions in Millimeters

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- Advanced Process Technology
- Dynamic dv/dt Rating
- 175°C Operating Temperature
- Fast Switching
- Fully Avalanche Rated
- Ease of Paralleling
- Simple Drive Requirements

### Description

Fifth Generation HEXFET® Power MOSFETs from International Rectifier utilize advanced processing techniques to achieve extremely low on-resistance per silicon area. This benefit, combined with the fast switching speed and ruggedized device design that HEXFET Power MOSFETs are well known for, provides the designer with an extremely efficient and reliable device for use in a wide variety of applications.

The TO-220 package is universally preferred for all commercial-industrial applications at power dissipation levels to approximately 50 watts. The low thermal resistance and low package cost of the TO-220 contribute to its wide acceptance throughout the industry.

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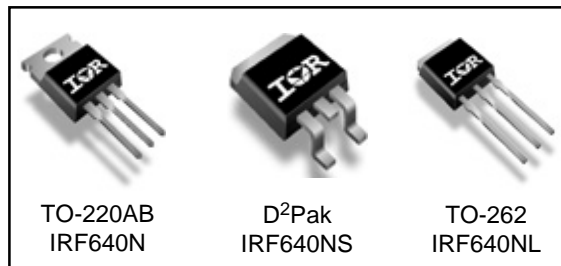
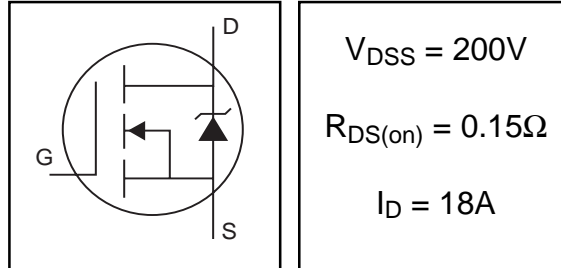
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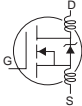
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$I_D$ @ $T_C = 100^\circ\text{C}$	Continuous Drain Current, $V_{GS} @ 10\text{V}$	13	
$I_{DM}$	Pulsed Drain Current ①	72	
$P_D$ @ $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$	Power Dissipation	150	W
	Linear Derating Factor	1.0	W/°C
$V_{GS}$	Gate-to-Source Voltage	$\pm 20$	V
$E_{AS}$	Single Pulse Avalanche Energy②	247	mJ
$I_{AR}$	Avalanche Current①	18	A
$E_{AR}$	Repetitive Avalanche Energy①	15	mJ
dv/dt	Peak Diode Recovery dv/dt ③	8.1	V/ns
$T_J$	Operating Junction and Storage Temperature Range	-55 to +175	°C
$T_{STG}$			
	Mounting torque, 6-32 or M3 screw④	10 lbf•in (1.1N•m)	

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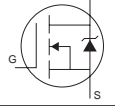
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## Electrical Characteristics @ T<sub>J</sub> = 25°C (unless otherwise specified)

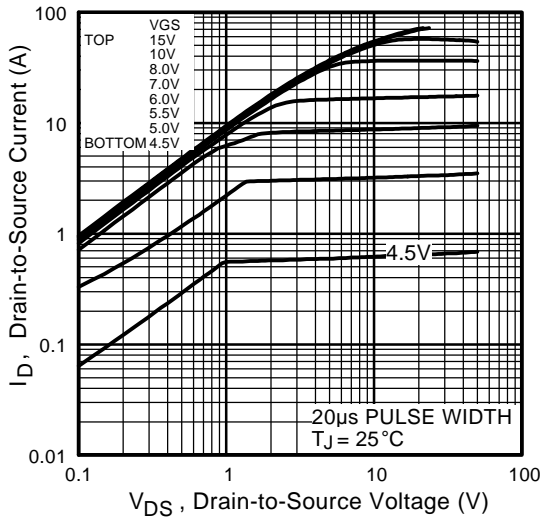
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V <sub>(BR)DSS</sub>	Drain-to-Source Breakdown Voltage	200	—	—	V	V <sub>GS</sub> = 0V, I <sub>D</sub> = 250μA
ΔV <sub>(BR)DSS</sub> /ΔT <sub>J</sub>	Breakdown Voltage Temp. Coefficient	—	0.25	—	V/°C	Reference to 25°C, I <sub>D</sub> = 1mA
R <sub>DS(on)</sub>	Static Drain-to-Source On-Resistance	—	—	0.15	Ω	V <sub>GS</sub> = 10V, I <sub>D</sub> = 11A ③
V <sub>GS(th)</sub>	Gate Threshold Voltage	2.0	—	4.0	V	V <sub>DS</sub> = V <sub>GS</sub> , I <sub>D</sub> = 250μA
g <sub>fs</sub>	Forward Transconductance	6.8	—	—	S	V <sub>DS</sub> = 50V, I <sub>D</sub> = 11A ③
I <sub>DSS</sub>	Drain-to-Source Leakage Current	—	—	25	μA	V <sub>DS</sub> = 200V, V <sub>GS</sub> = 0V
		—	—	250		V <sub>DS</sub> = 160V, V <sub>GS</sub> = 0V, T <sub>J</sub> = 150°C
I <sub>GSS</sub>	Gate-to-Source Forward Leakage	—	—	100	nA	V <sub>GS</sub> = 20V
	Gate-to-Source Reverse Leakage	—	—	-100		V <sub>GS</sub> = -20V
Q <sub>g</sub>	Total Gate Charge	—	—	67	nC	I <sub>D</sub> = 11A
Q <sub>gs</sub>	Gate-to-Source Charge	—	—	11		V <sub>DS</sub> = 160V
Q <sub>gd</sub>	Gate-to-Drain ("Miller") Charge	—	—	33		V <sub>GS</sub> = 10V, See Fig. 6 and 13
t <sub>d(on)</sub>	Turn-On Delay Time	—	10	—	ns	V <sub>DD</sub> = 100V
t <sub>r</sub>	Rise Time	—	19	—		I <sub>D</sub> = 11A
t <sub>d(off)</sub>	Turn-Off Delay Time	—	23	—		R <sub>G</sub> = 2.5Ω
t <sub>f</sub>	Fall Time	—	5.5	—		R <sub>D</sub> = 9.0Ω, See Fig. 10 ③
L <sub>D</sub>	Internal Drain Inductance	—	4.5	—	nH	Between lead, 6mm (0.25in.) from package and center of die contact
L <sub>S</sub>	Internal Source Inductance	—	7.5	—		
C <sub>iss</sub>	Input Capacitance	—	1160	—	pF	V <sub>GS</sub> = 0V
C <sub>oss</sub>	Output Capacitance	—	185	—		V <sub>DS</sub> = 25V
C <sub>rss</sub>	Reverse Transfer Capacitance	—	53	—		f = 1.0MHz, See Fig. 5

## Source-Drain Ratings and Characteristics

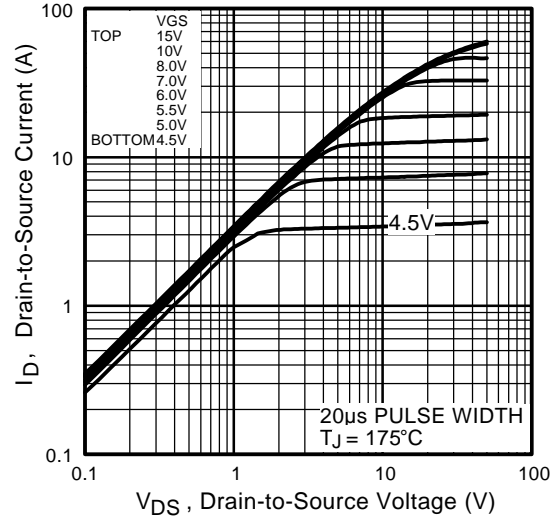
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I <sub>S</sub>	Continuous Source Current (Body Diode)	—	—	18	A	MOSFET symbol showing the integral reverse p-n junction diode. 
I <sub>SM</sub>	Pulsed Source Current (Body Diode)①	—	—	72		
V <sub>SD</sub>	Diode Forward Voltage	—	—	1.3	V	T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C, I <sub>S</sub> = 11A, V <sub>GS</sub> = 0V ③
t <sub>rr</sub>	Reverse Recovery Time	—	167	251	ns	T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C, I <sub>F</sub> = 11A
Q <sub>rr</sub>	Reverse Recovery Charge	—	929	1394	nC	di/dt = 100A/μs ③
t <sub>on</sub>	Forward Turn-On Time	Intrinsic turn-on time is negligible (turn-on is dominated by L <sub>S</sub> +L <sub>D</sub> )				

## Thermal Resistance

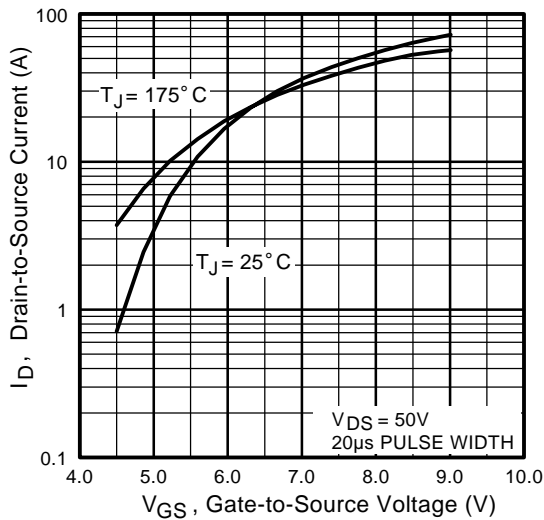
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R <sub>θJC</sub>	Junction-to-Case	—	1.0	°C/W
R <sub>θCS</sub>	Case-to-Sink, Flat, Greased Surface ④	0.50	—	
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R <sub>θJA</sub>	Junction-to-Ambient (PCB mount)⑤	—	40	



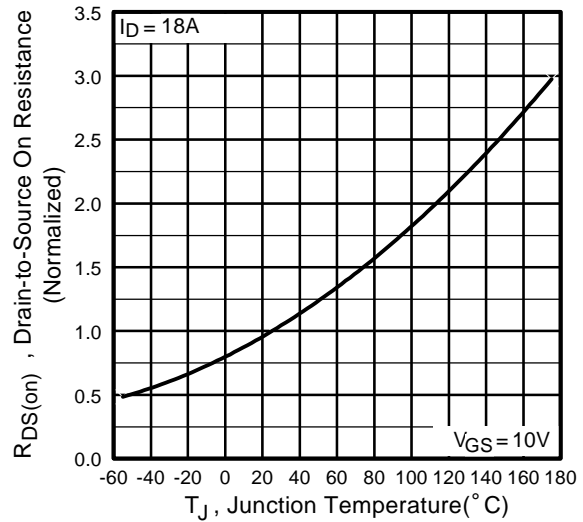
**Fig 1.** Typical Output Characteristics



**Fig 2.** Typical Output Characteristics



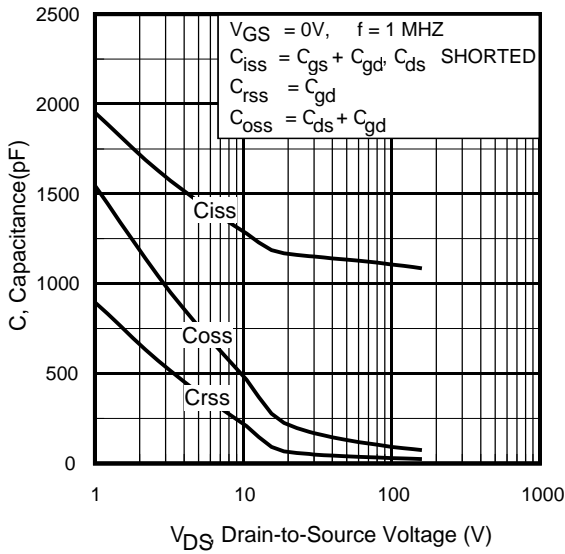
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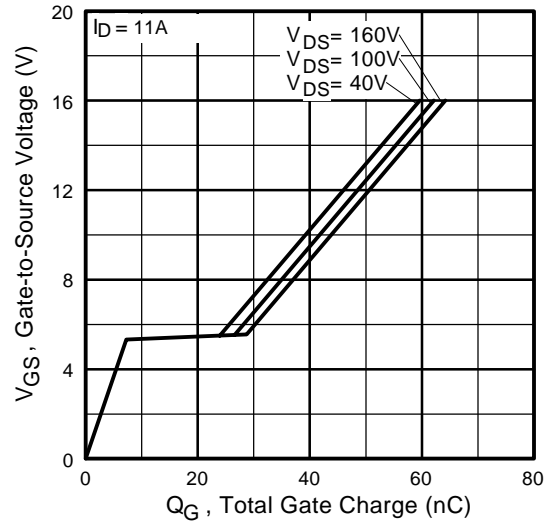
**Fig 4.** Normalized On-Resistance Vs. Temperature



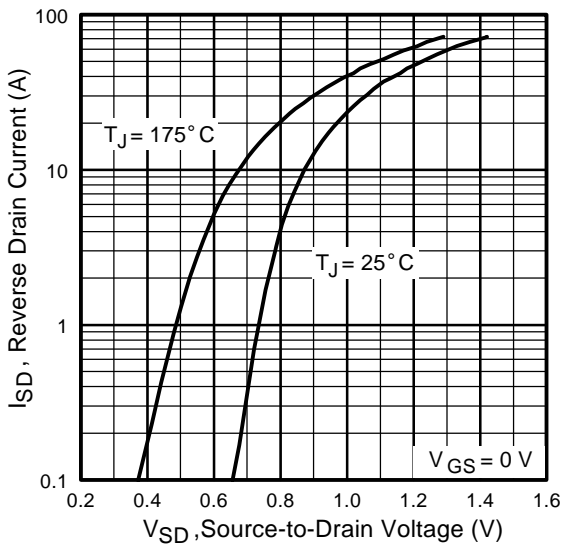
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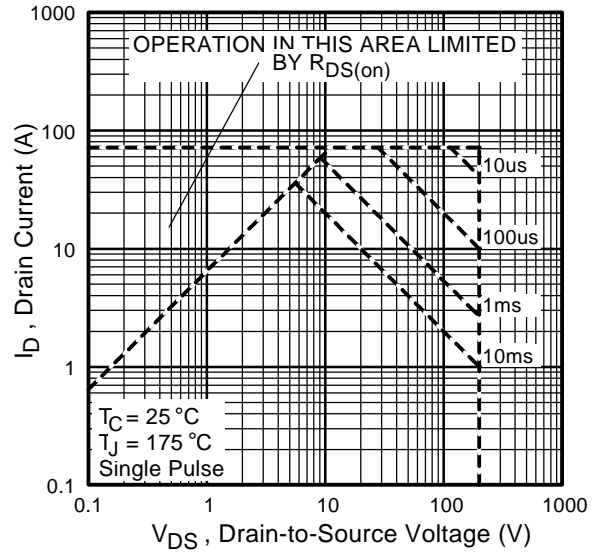
**Fig 5.** Typical Capacitance Vs. Drain-to-Source Voltage



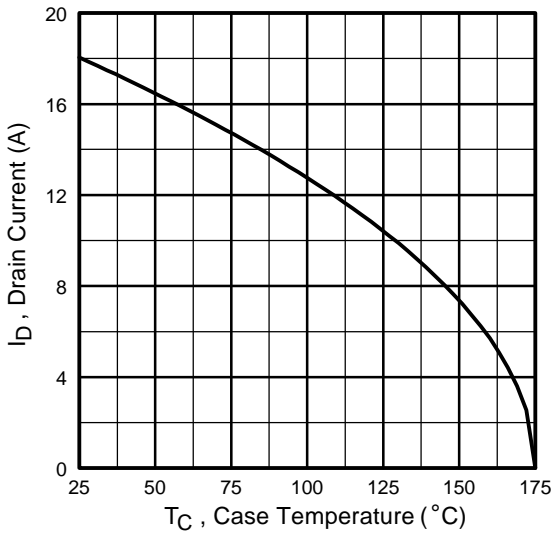
**Fig 6.** Typical Gate Charge Vs. Gate-to-Source Voltage



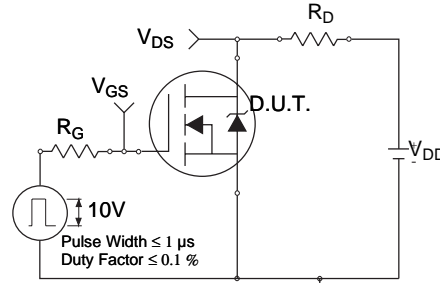
**Fig 7.** Typical Source-Drain Diode Forward Voltage



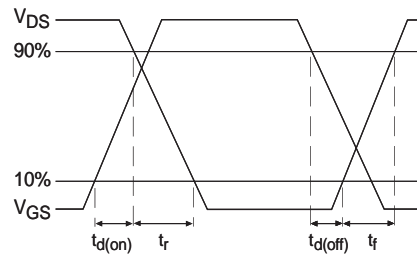
**Fig 8.** Maximum Safe Operating Area



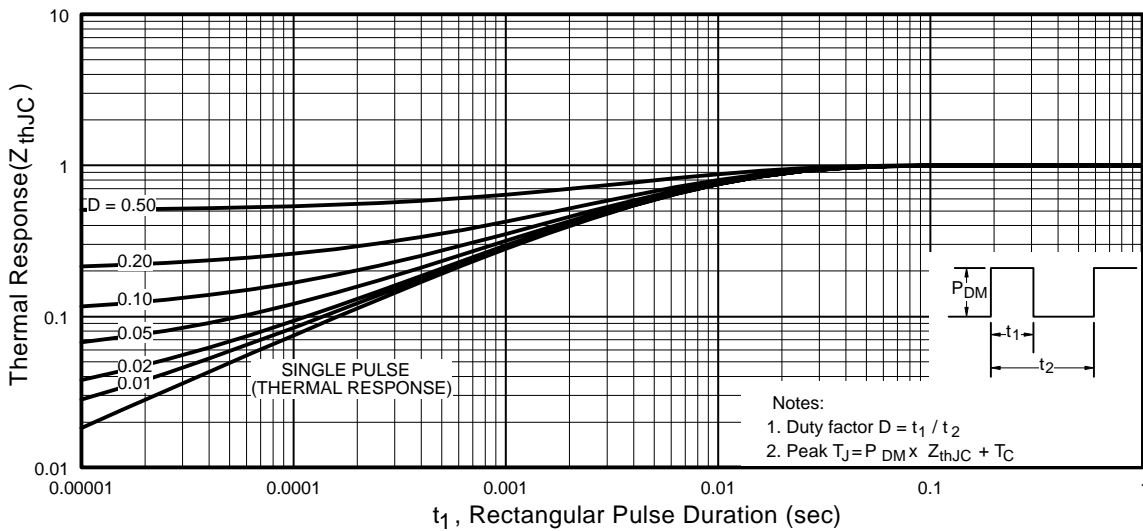
**Fig 9.** Maximum Drain Current Vs. Case Temperature



**Fig 10a.** Switching Time Test Circuit

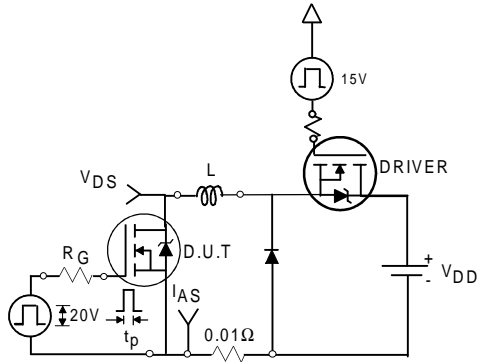


**Fig 10b.** Switching Time Waveforms

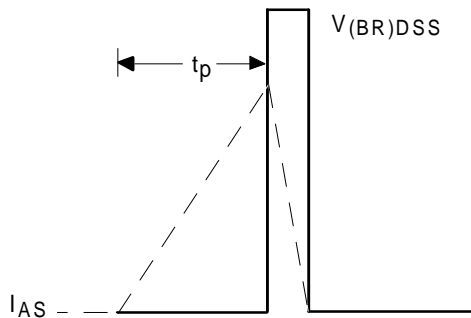


**Fig 11.** Maximum Effective Transient Thermal Impedance, Junction-to-Case

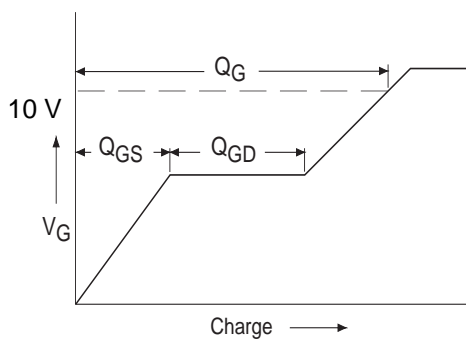
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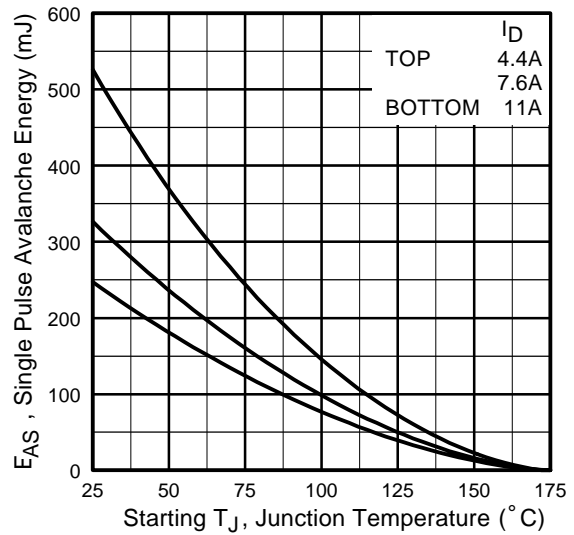
**Fig 12a.** Unclamped Inductive Test Circuit



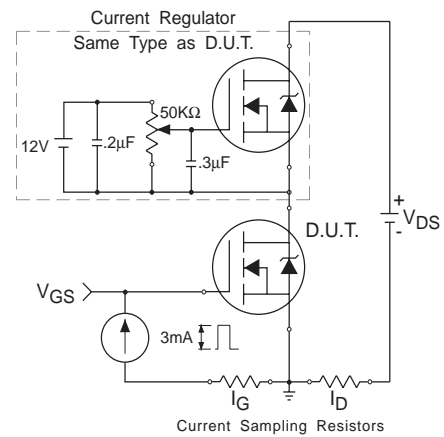
**Fig 12b.** Unclamped Inductive Waveforms



**Fig 13a.** Basic Gate Charge Waveform

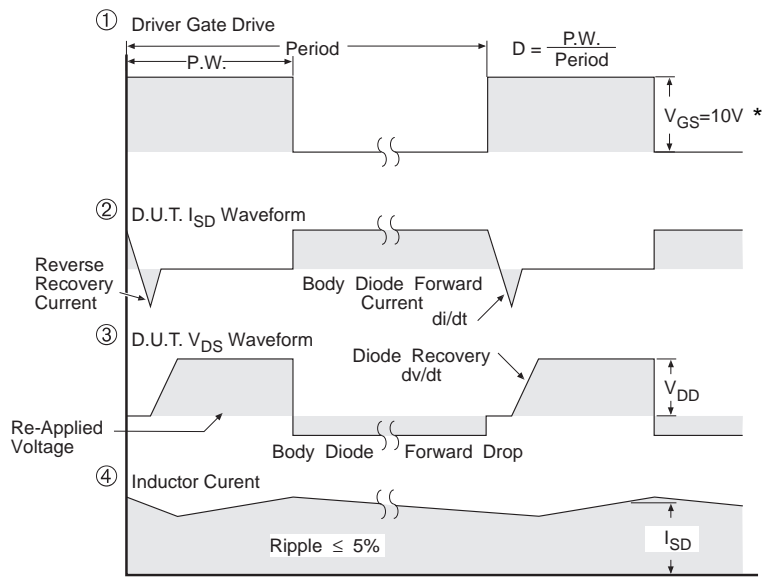
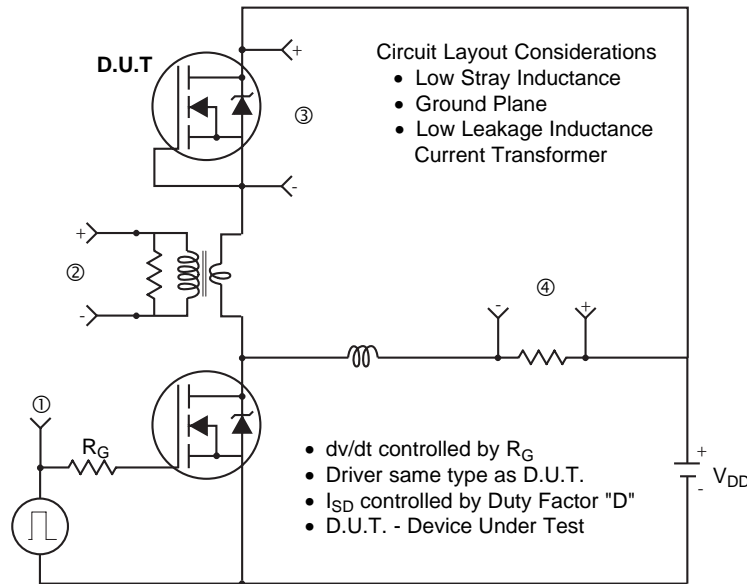


**Fig 12c.** Maximum Avalanche Energy Vs. Drain Current



**Fig 13b.** Gate Charge Test Circuit

**Peak Diode Recovery dv/dt Test Circuit**



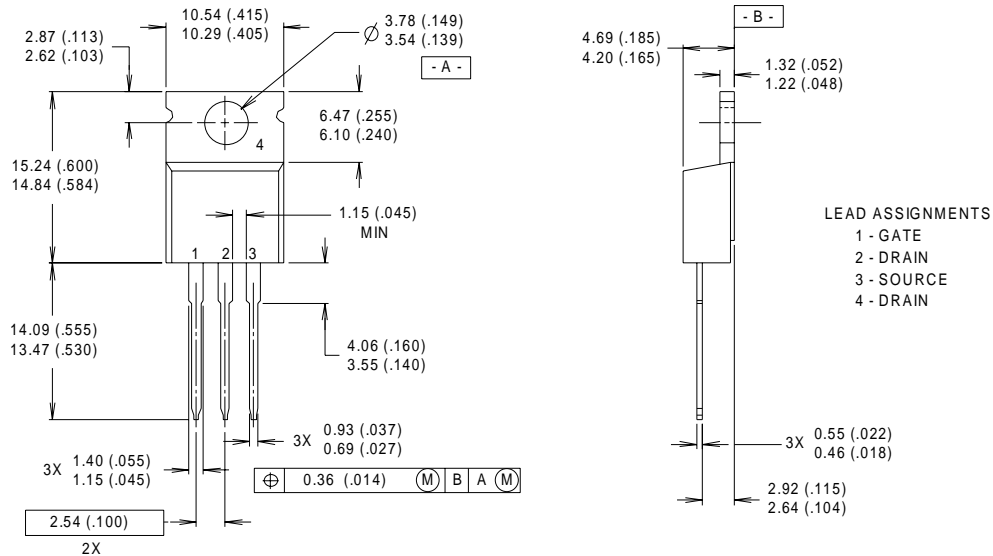
\*  $V_{GS} = 5V$  for Logic Level Devices

**Fig 14.** For N-Channel HEXFET® Power MOSFETs

# IRF640N/S/L

## TO-220AB Package Outline

Dimensions are shown in millimeters (inches)

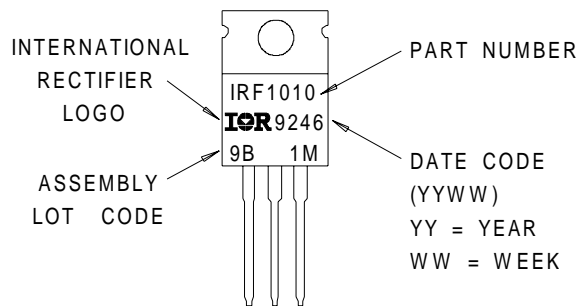


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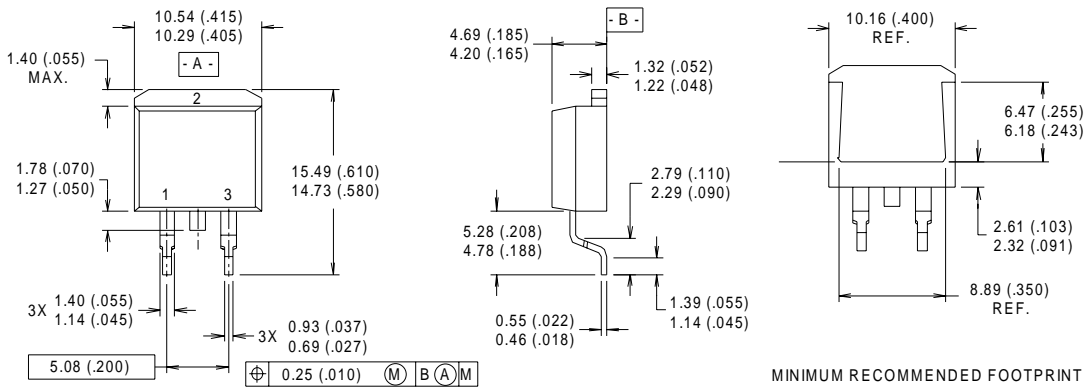
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## TO-220AB Part Marking Information

EXAMPLE : THIS IS AN IRF1010  
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 LOT CODE 9B1M



## D<sup>2</sup>Pak Package Outline

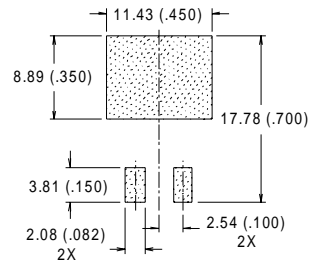


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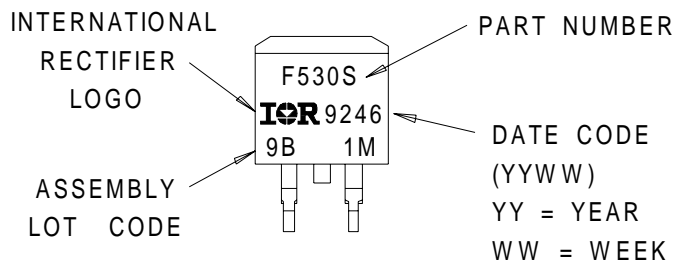
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**LEAD ASSIGNMENTS**

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- 2 - DRAIN
- 3 - SOURCE

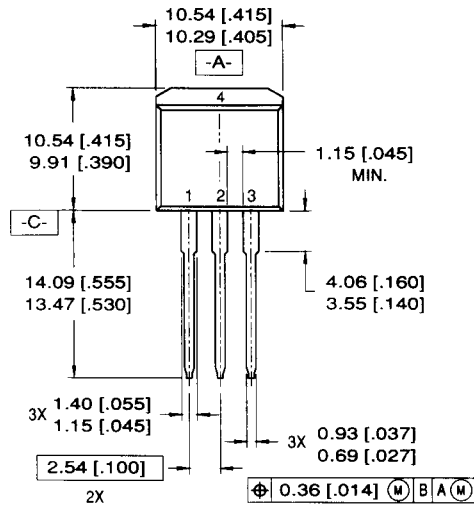


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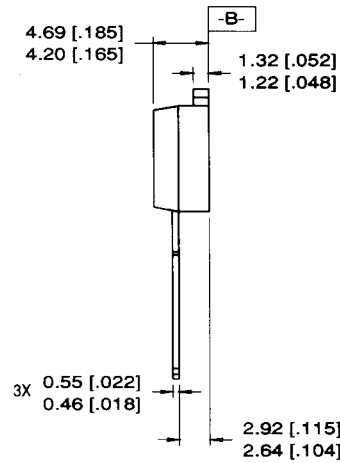


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## TO-262 Package Outline



**LEAD ASSIGNMENTS**  
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 2 = DRAIN     4 = DRAIN

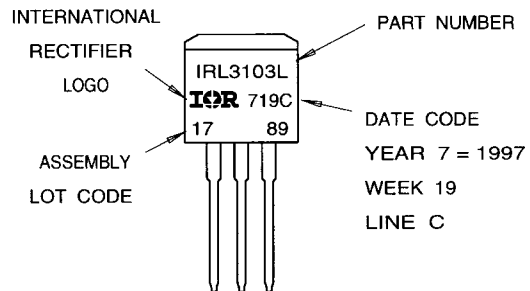


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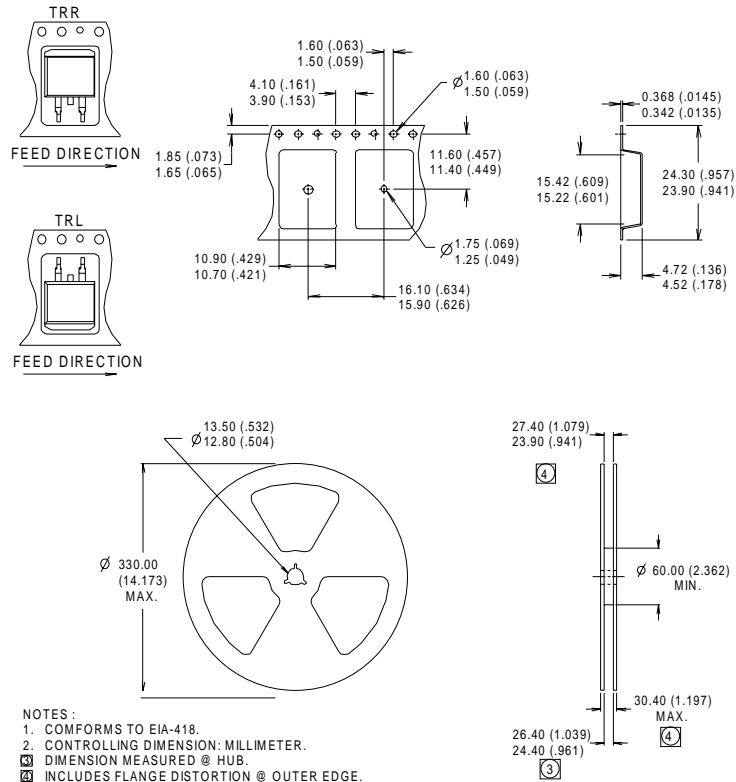
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4. HEATSINK & LEAD DIMENSIONS DO NOT INCLUDE BURRS.

## TO-262 Part Marking Information

EXAMPLE: THIS IS AN IRL3103L  
 LOT CODE 1789  
 ASSEMBLED ON WW 19, 1997  
 IN THE ASSEMBLY LINE "C"



## D<sup>2</sup>Pak Tape & Reel Information



### Notes:

- ① Repetitive rating; pulse width limited by max. junction temperature.
- ② Starting  $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $L = 4.2\text{mH}$   
 $R_G = 25\Omega$ ,  $I_{AS} = 11\text{A}$ .
- ③ Pulse width  $\leq 400\mu\text{s}$ ; duty cycle  $\leq 2\%$ .
- ④ This is only applied to TO-220AB package.
- ⑤ This is applied to D<sup>2</sup>Pak, when mounted on 1" square PCB ( FR-4 or G-10 Material ).  
 For recommended footprint and soldering techniques refer to application note #AN-994.
- ⑥  $I_{SD} \leq 11\text{A}$ ,  $di/dt \leq 344\text{A}/\mu\text{s}$ ,  $V_{DD} \leq V_{(BR)DSS}$ .  
 $T_J \leq 175^\circ\text{C}$



**SMPS MOSFET**

**IRF740A**

HEXFET® Power MOSFET

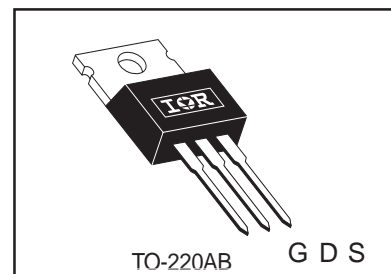
**Applications**

- Switch Mode Power Supply ( SMPS )
- Uninterruptable Power Supply
- High speed power switching

<b>V<sub>DSS</sub></b>	<b>R<sub>ds(on)</sub> max</b>	<b>I<sub>D</sub></b>
<b>400V</b>	<b>0.55Ω</b>	<b>10A</b>

**Benefits**

- Low Gate Charge Q<sub>g</sub> results in Simple Drive Requirement
- Improved Gate, Avalanche and dynamic dv/dt Ruggedness
- Fully Characterized Capacitance and Avalanche Voltage and Current
- Effective Coss specified ( See AN 1001)



**Absolute Maximum Ratings**

	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Max.</b>	<b>Units</b>
I <sub>D</sub> @ T <sub>C</sub> = 25°C	Continuous Drain Current, V <sub>GS</sub> @ 10V	10	A
I <sub>D</sub> @ T <sub>C</sub> = 100°C	Continuous Drain Current, V <sub>GS</sub> @ 10V	6.3	
I <sub>DM</sub>	Pulsed Drain Current ①	40	
P <sub>D</sub> @ T <sub>C</sub> = 25°C	Power Dissipation	125	W
	Linear Derating Factor	1.0	W/°C
V <sub>GS</sub>	Gate-to-Source Voltage	± 30	V
dv/dt	Peak Diode Recovery dv/dt ③	5.9	V/ns
T <sub>J</sub>	Operating Junction and	-55 to + 150	°C
T <sub>STG</sub>	Storage Temperature Range		
	Soldering Temperature, for 10 seconds	300 (1.6mm from case )	
	Mounting torque, 6-32 or M3 screw	10 lbf•in (1.1N•m)	

**Typical SMPS Topologies:**

- Single transistor Flyback Xfmr. Reset
- Single Transistor Forward Xfmr. Reset  
( Both for US Line Input only )

Notes ① through ⑤ are on page 8

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# IRF740A

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## Static @ $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (unless otherwise specified)

	Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
$V_{(BR)DSS}$	Drain-to-Source Breakdown Voltage	400	—	—	V	$V_{GS} = 0V, I_D = 250\mu A$
$\Delta V_{(BR)DSS}/\Delta T_J$	Breakdown Voltage Temp. Coefficient	—	0.48	—		$V/^\circ\text{C}$ Reference to $25^\circ\text{C}, I_D = 1\text{mA}$
$R_{DS(on)}$	Static Drain-to-Source On-Resistance	—	—	0.55	$\Omega$	$V_{GS} = 10V, I_D = 6.0A$ ④
$V_{GS(th)}$	Gate Threshold Voltage	2.0	—	4.0	V	$V_{DS} = V_{GS}, I_D = 250\mu A$
$I_{DSS}$	Drain-to-Source Leakage Current	—	—	25	$\mu A$	$V_{DS} = 400V, V_{GS} = 0V$
		—	—	250		$V_{DS} = 320V, V_{GS} = 0V, T_J = 125^\circ\text{C}$
$I_{GSS}$	Gate-to-Source Forward Leakage	—	—	100	nA	$V_{GS} = 30V$
	Gate-to-Source Reverse Leakage	—	—	-100		$V_{GS} = -30V$

## Dynamic @ $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (unless otherwise specified)

	Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
$g_{fs}$	Forward Transconductance	4.9	—	—	S	$V_{DS} = 50V, I_D = 6.0A$
$Q_g$	Total Gate Charge	—	—	36		$I_D = 10A$
$Q_{gs}$	Gate-to-Source Charge	—	—	9.9	nC	$V_{DS} = 320V$
$Q_{gd}$	Gate-to-Drain ("Miller") Charge	—	—	16		$V_{GS} = 10V$ , See Fig. 6 and 13 ④
$t_{d(on)}$	Turn-On Delay Time	—	10	—	ns	$V_{DD} = 200V$ $I_D = 10A$ $R_G = 10\Omega$ $R_D = 19.5\Omega$ , See Fig. 10 ④
$t_r$	Rise Time	—	35	—		
$t_{d(off)}$	Turn-Off Delay Time	—	24	—		
$t_f$	Fall Time	—	22	—		
$C_{iss}$	Input Capacitance	—	1030	—	pF	$V_{GS} = 0V$ $V_{DS} = 25V$ $f = 1.0\text{MHz}$ , See Fig. 5
$C_{oss}$	Output Capacitance	—	170	—		$V_{GS} = 0V, V_{DS} = 1.0V, f = 1.0\text{MHz}$
$C_{riss}$	Reverse Transfer Capacitance	—	7.7	—		$V_{GS} = 0V, V_{DS} = 320V, f = 1.0\text{MHz}$
$C_{oss}$	Output Capacitance	—	1490	—		$V_{GS} = 0V, V_{DS} = 320V, f = 1.0\text{MHz}$
$C_{oss}$	Output Capacitance	—	52	—		$V_{GS} = 0V, V_{DS} = 320V, f = 1.0\text{MHz}$
$C_{oss\ eff.}$	Effective Output Capacitance	—	61	—		$V_{GS} = 0V, V_{DS} = 0V$ to $320V$ ⑤

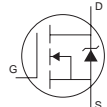
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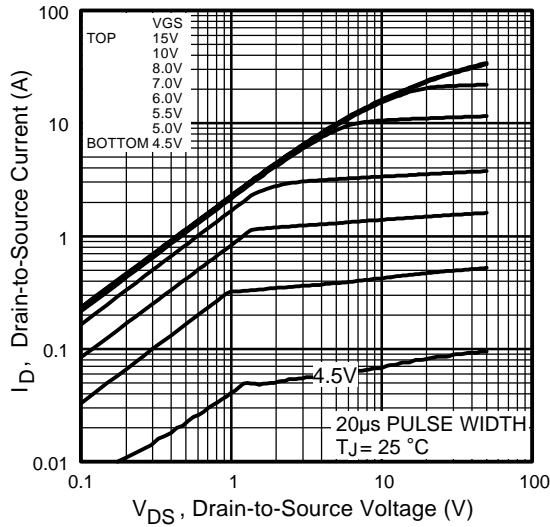
	Parameter	Typ.	Max.	Units
$E_{AS}$	Single Pulse Avalanche Energy②	—	630	mJ
$I_{AR}$	Avalanche Current①	—	10	A
$E_{AR}$	Repetitive Avalanche Energy①	—	12.5	mJ

## Thermal Resistance

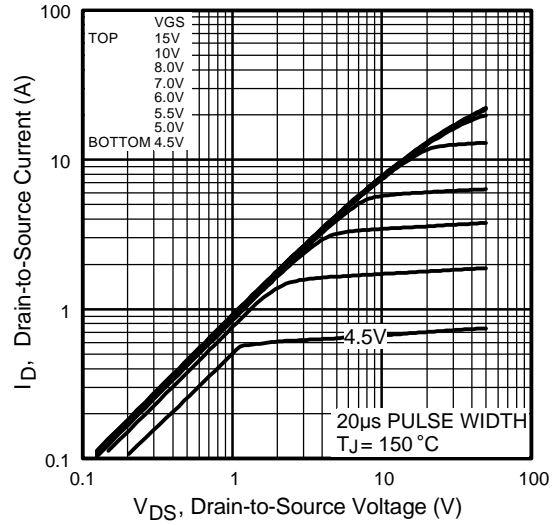
	Parameter	Typ.	Max.	Units
$R_{\theta JC}$	Junction-to-Case	—	1.0	$^\circ\text{C/W}$
$R_{\theta CS}$	Case-to-Sink, Flat, Greased Surface	0.50	—	
$R_{\theta JA}$	Junction-to-Ambient	—	62	

## Diode Characteristics

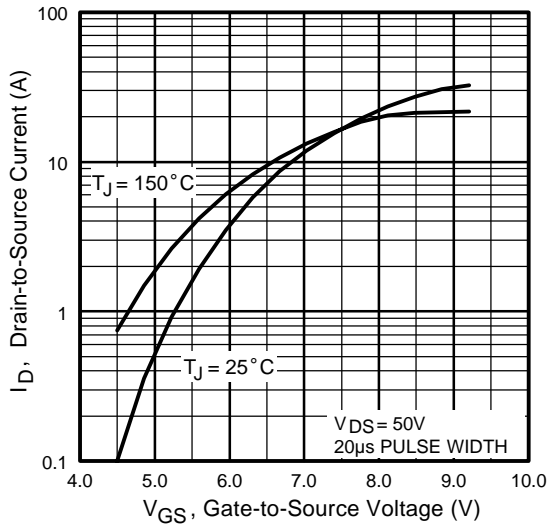
	Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
$I_S$	Continuous Source Current (Body Diode)	—	—	10	A	MOSFET symbol showing the integral reverse p-n junction diode. 
$I_{SM}$	Pulsed Source Current (Body Diode) ①	—	—	40		
$V_{SD}$	Diode Forward Voltage	—	—	2.0	V	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}, I_S = 10A, V_{GS} = 0V$ ④
$t_{rr}$	Reverse Recovery Time	—	240	360	ns	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}, I_F = 10A$
$Q_{rr}$	Reverse Recovery Charge	—	1.9	2.9	$\mu\text{C}$	$di/dt = 100A/\mu\text{s}$ ④
$t_{on}$	Forward Turn-On Time	Intrinsic turn-on time is negligible (turn-on is dominated by $L_S+L_D$ )				



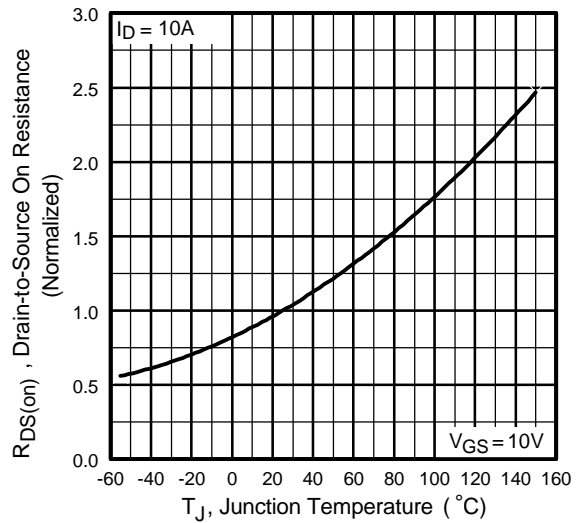
**Fig 1.** Typical Output Characteristics



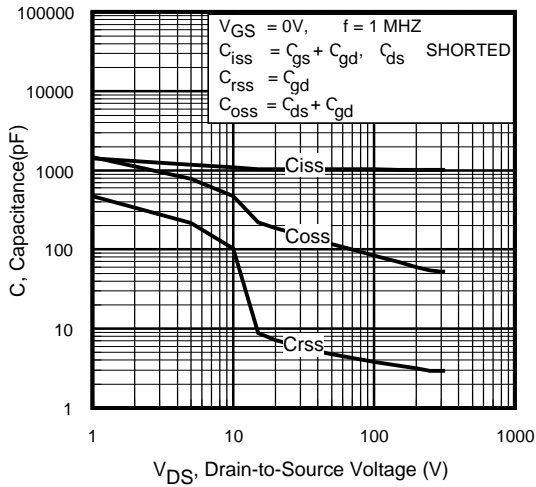
**Fig 2.** Typical Output Characteristics



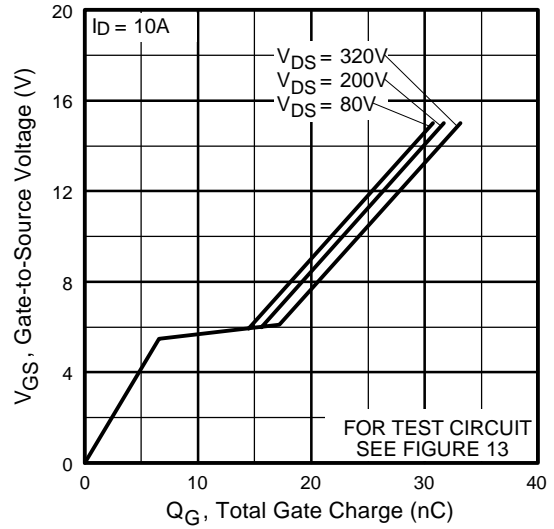
**Fig 3.** Typical Transfer Characteristics



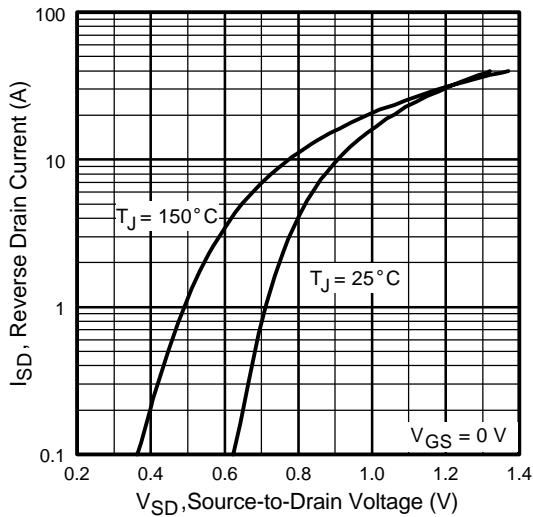
**Fig 4.** Normalized On-Resistance Vs. Temperature



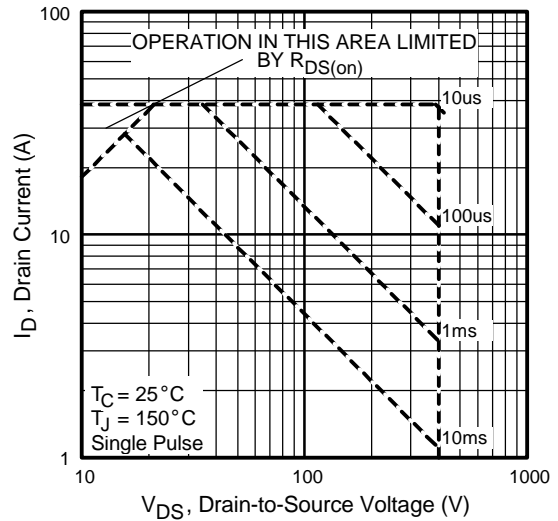
**Fig 5.** Typical Capacitance Vs. Drain-to-Source Voltage



**Fig 6.** Typical Gate Charge Vs. Gate-to-Source Voltage



**Fig 7.** Typical Source-Drain Diode Forward Voltage



**Fig 8.** Maximum Safe Operating Area

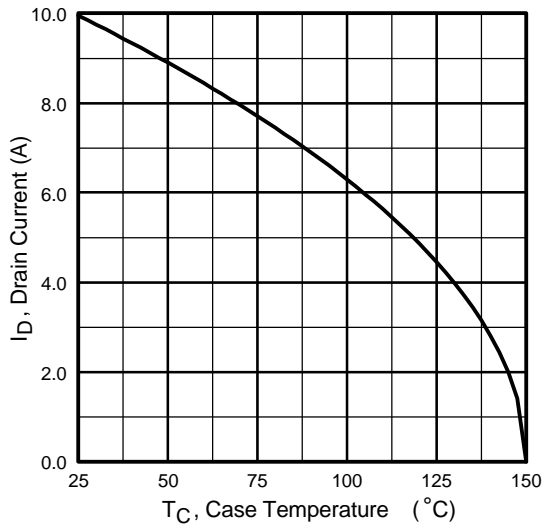


Fig 9. Maximum Drain Current Vs. Case Temperature



Fig 10a. Switching Time Test Circuit



Fig 10b. Switching Time Waveforms

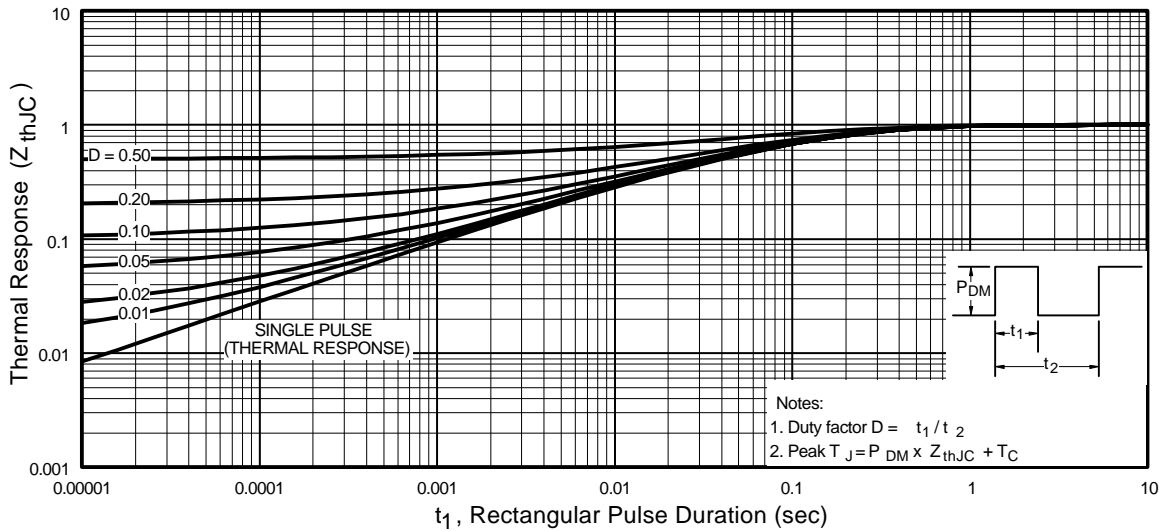


Fig 11. Maximum Effective Transient Thermal Impedance, Junction-to-Case

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**Fig 12a.** Unclamped Inductive Test Circuit



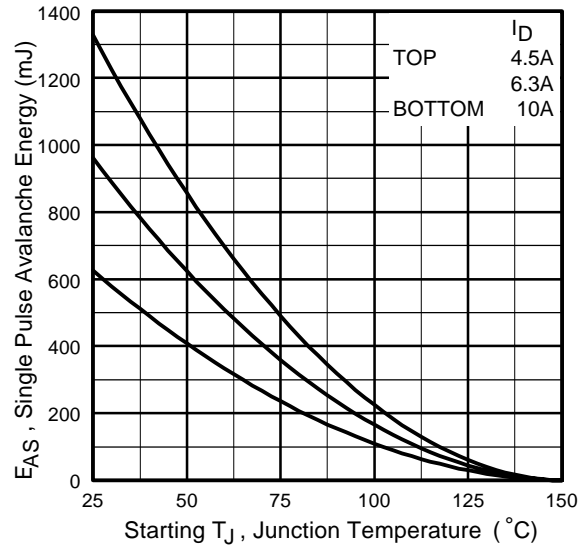
**Fig 12b.** Unclamped Inductive Waveforms



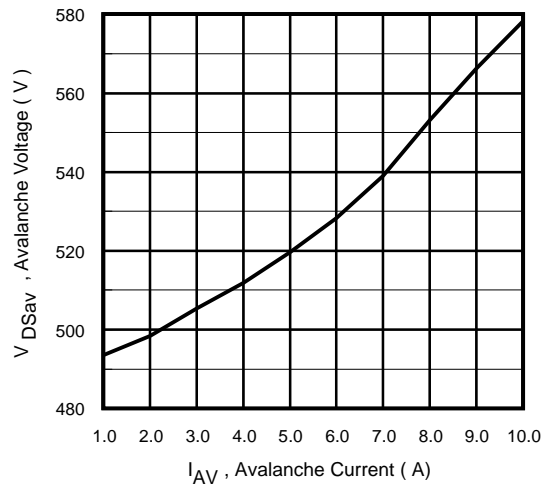
**Fig 13a.** Basic Gate Charge Waveform



**Fig 13b.** Gate Charge Test Circuit



**Fig 12c.** Maximum Avalanche Energy Vs. Drain Current



**Fig 12d.** Typical Drain-to-Source Voltage Vs. Avalanche Current

**Peak Diode Recovery dv/dt Test Circuit**



\*  $V_{GS} = 5V$  for Logic Level Devices

**Fig 14.** For N-Channel HEXFETS

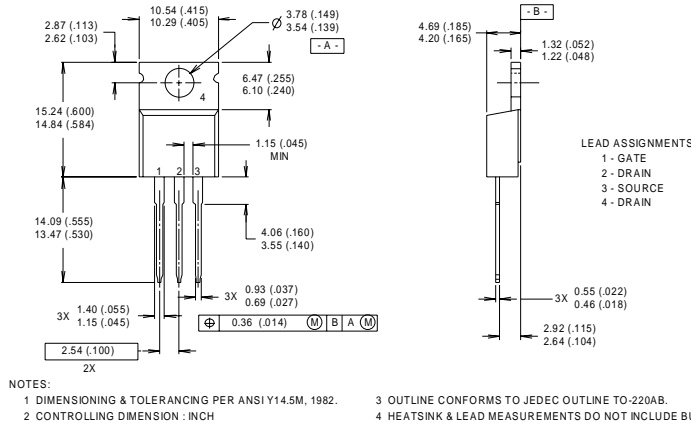
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## Package Outline

### TO-220AB Outline

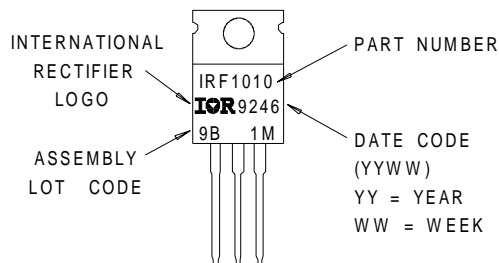
Dimensions are shown in millimeters (inches)



## Part Marking Information

### TO-220AB

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#### Notes:

- ① Repetitive rating; pulse width limited by max. junction temperature. ( See fig. 11 )
- ② Starting  $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $L = 12.6\text{mH}$   
 $R_G = 25\Omega$ ,  $I_{AS} = 10\text{A}$ . (See Figure 12)
- ③  $I_{SD} \leq 10\text{A}$ ,  $di/dt \leq 330\text{A}/\mu\text{s}$ ,  $V_{DD} \leq V_{(BR)DSS}$ ,  
 $T_J \leq 150^\circ\text{C}$
- ④ Pulse width  $\leq 300\mu\text{s}$ ; duty cycle  $\leq 2\%$ .
- ⑤  $C_{OSS}$  eff. is a fixed capacitance that gives the same charging time as  $C_{OSS}$  while  $V_{DS}$  is rising from 0 to 80%  $V_{DSS}$

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# 250V Low Charge Injection 8-Channel High Voltage Analog Switch

## Features

- ❑ HVCMOS® technology for high performance
- ❑ Very low quiescent power dissipation – 10µA
- ❑ Low parasitic capacitances
- ❑ DC to 10MHz analog signal frequency
- ❑ -60dB typical output off isolation at 5MHz
- ❑ CMOS logic circuitry for low power
- ❑ Excellent noise immunity
- ❑ On-chip shift register, latch and clear logic circuitry
- ❑ Flexible high voltage supplies
- ❑ Surface mount package available

## Applications

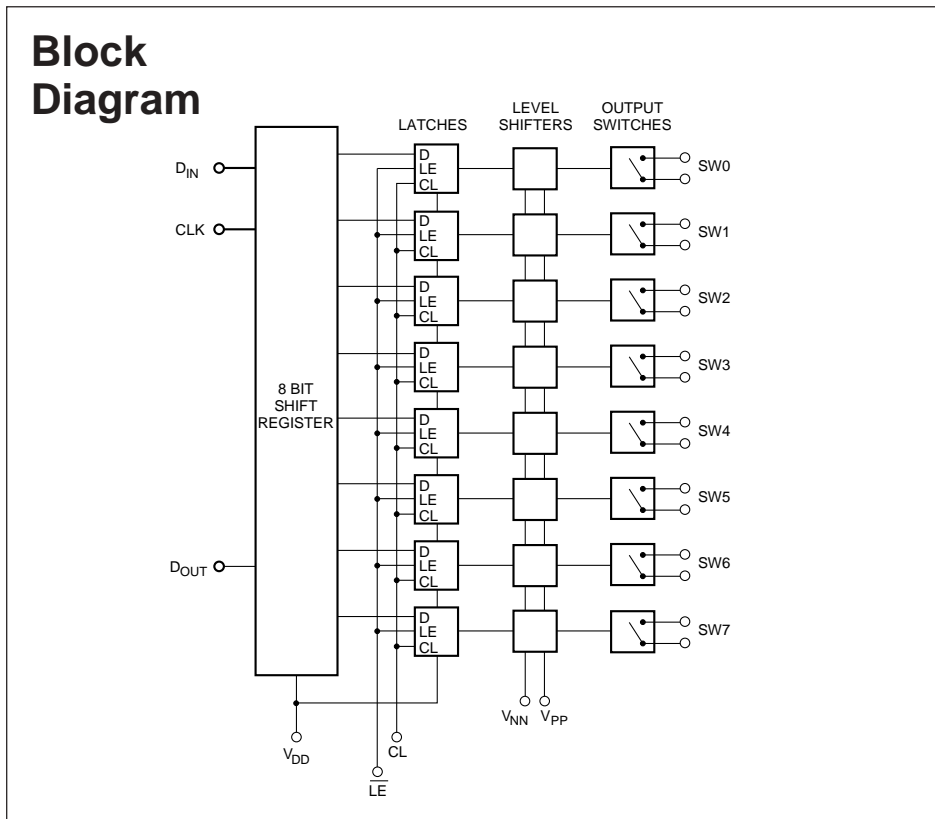
- ❑ Medical ultrasound imaging
- ❑ Piezoelectric transducer drivers
- ❑ Inkjet printer heads
- ❑ Optical MEMS modules

## General Description

The Supertex HV214 is a low charge injection 8-channel high voltage analog switch integrated circuit (IC) intended for use in applications requiring high voltage switching controlled by low voltage control signals, such as medical ultrasound imaging, piezoelectric transducer drivers, inkjet printer heads and optical MEMS modules.

Input data is shifted into an 8-bit shift register that can then be retained in an 8-bit latch. To reduce any possible clock feedthrough noise, the latch enable bar should be left high until all bits are clocked in. Data are clocked in during the rising edge of the clock. Using HVCMOS® technology, this device combines high voltage bilateral DMOS switches and low power CMOS logic to provide efficient control of high voltage analog signals.

The device is suitable for various combinations of high voltage supplies, e.g.,  $V_{PP}/V_{NN}$ : +40V/-210V, +125V/-125V, +210V/-40V.



## Ordering Information

$V_{PP} - V_{NN}$	Package Options		
	28-lead plastic chip carrier	48-lead TQFP	Die
250V	HV214PJ	HV214FG	HV214X

## Electrical Characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
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### DC Electrical Characteristics ( $T_A = 25^\circ \text{C}$ , over recommended operating conditions unless otherwise noted)

$R_{ONS}$	Small signal switch on-resistance			55	$\Omega$	$I_{SIG} = 5.0\text{mA}$	$V_{PP} = +40\text{V}$ , $V_{NN} = -210\text{V}$
				49		$I_{SIG} = 200\text{mA}$	
				42		$I_{SIG} = 5.0\text{mA}$	$V_{PP} = +125\text{V}$ , $V_{NN} = -125\text{V}$
				36		$I_{SIG} = 200\text{mA}$	
				38		$I_{SIG} = 5.0\text{mA}$	$V_{PP} = +210\text{V}$ , $V_{NN} = -40\text{V}$
				32		$I_{SIG} = 200\text{mA}$	
$\Delta R_{ONS}$	Small signal switch on-resistance			20	%	$I_{SIG} = 5\text{mA}$ , $V_{PP} = +125\text{V}$ , $V_{NN} = -125\text{V}$	
$R_{ONL}$	Large signal switch on-resistance		23		$\Omega$	$V_{SIG} = V_{PP} - 10\text{V}$ , $I_{SIG} = 1\text{A}$	
$I_{SOL}$	Switch off leakage per switch			10	$\mu\text{A}$	$V_{SIG} = V_{PP} - 10\text{V}$ and $V_{NN} + 10\text{V}$	
	DC offset switch off			300	mV	$R_{LOAD} = 100\text{K}\Omega$	
	DC offset switch on			500	mV	$R_{LOAD} = 100\text{K}\Omega$	
$I_{PPQ}$	Quiescent $V_{PP}$ supply current			50	$\mu\text{A}$	All switches off	
$I_{NNQ}$	Quiescent $V_{NN}$ supply current			-50	$\mu\text{A}$	All switches off	
$I_{PPQ}$	Quiescent $V_{PP}$ supply current			50	$\mu\text{A}$	All switches on, $I_{SW} = 5\text{mA}$	
$I_{PPQ}$	Quiescent $V_{NN}$ supply current			-50	$\mu\text{A}$	All switches on, $I_{SW} = 5\text{mA}$	
	Switch output peak current			2.0	A	$V_{SIG}$ duty cycle 0.1%	
$f_{SW}$	Output switch frequency			50	KHz	Duty cycle = 50%	
$I_{PP}$	Average $V_{PP}$ supply current			7.0	mA	$V_{PP} = +40\text{V}$ , $V_{NN} = -210\text{V}$	All output switches are turning On and Off at 50Khz with no load.
				5.0		$V_{PP} = +125\text{V}$ , $V_{NN} = -125\text{V}$	
				5.0		$V_{PP} = +210\text{V}$ , $V_{NN} = -40\text{V}$	
$I_{NN}$	Average $V_{NN}$ supply current			-7.0		$V_{PP} = +40\text{V}$ , $V_{NN} = -210\text{V}$	
				-5.0		$V_{PP} = +125\text{V}$ , $V_{NN} = -125\text{V}$	
				-5.0		$V_{PP} = +210\text{V}$ , $V_{NN} = -40\text{V}$	
$I_{DDQ}$	Quiescent $V_{DD}$ supply current			10	$\mu\text{A}$		
$I_{DD}$	Average VDD supply Current			4.0	mA	$f_{CLK} = 5\text{MHz}$ , $V_{DD} = 5.0\text{V}$	
$I_{SOR}$	Data out source current	0.45			mA	$V_{OUT} = V_{DD} - 0.7\text{V}$	
$I_{SINK}$	Data out sink current	0.45			mA	$V_{OUT} = 0.7\text{V}$	
$C_{IN}$	Logic input capacitance			10	pF		
$T_A$	Ambient temperature range	0		70	$^\circ\text{C}$		

## Electrical Characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
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### AC Electrical Characteristics ( $V_{DD}=5V$ , $T_A=25^\circ C$ , over recommended operating conditions unless otherwise noted)

$t_{SD}$	Set up time before LE* Rises	150			ns	
$t_{WLE}$	Time width of LE*	150			ns	
$t_{DO}$	Clock delay time to data out			150	ns	
$t_{WCL}$	Time width of CL	150			ns	
$t_{SU}$	Set up time data to clock	15	8.0		ns	
$t_H$	Hold time data from Clock	35			ns	
$f_{CLK}$	Clock frequency			5.0	MHz	50% duty cycle, $f_{DATA} = f_{CLK}/2$
$t_R, t_F$	Clock rise and fall times			50	ns	
$T_{ON}$	Turn on time			5.0	$\mu s$	$V_{SIG} = V_{PP}-10V, R_{LOAD} = 10k\Omega$
$T_{OFF}$	Turn off time			5.0	$\mu s$	$V_{SIG} = V_{PP}-10V, R_{LOAD} = 10k\Omega$
dv/dt	Maximum $V_{SIG}$ slew rate			20	V/ns	$V_{PP} = +40V, V_{NN} = -210V$
				20		$V_{PP} = +125V, V_{NN} = -125V$
				20		$V_{PP} = +210V, V_{NN} = -40V$
KO	Off isolation	-30			dB	f = 5.0MHz, 1K $\Omega$ /15pF load
		-58				f = 5.0MHz, 50 $\Omega$ load
$K_{CR}$	Switch crosstalk	-60			dB	f = 5.0MHz, 50 $\Omega$ load
$I_{ID}$	Output switch isolation diode current			300	mA	300ns pulse width, 2.0% duty cycle
$C_{SG(OFF)}$	Off capacitance SW to Gnd	5.0	12	17	pF	0V, f = 1MHz
$C_{SG(ON)}$	On capacitance SW to Gnd	25	38	50	pF	0V, f = 1MHz
$+V_{SPK}$	Output Voltage Spike			200	mV	$V_{PP} = +40V, V_{NN} = -210V, R_{LOAD} = 50\Omega$
$-V_{SPK}$				200		
$+V_{SPK}$				200	mV	$V_{PP} = +125V, V_{NN} = -125V, R_{LOAD} = 50\Omega$
$-V_{SPK}$				200		
$+V_{SPK}$				200	mV	$V_{PP} = +210V, V_{NN} = -40V, R_{LOAD} = 50\Omega$
$-V_{SPK}$				200		

## Absolute Maximum Ratings\*

$V_{DD}$ Logic power supply voltage	-0.5V to +15V
$V_{PP} - V_{NN}$ Supply voltage	260V
$V_{PP}$ Positive high voltage supply	-0.5V to $V_{NN} + 250V$
$V_{NN}$ Negative high voltage supply	+0.5V to -260V
Logic input voltages	-0.5V to $V_{DD} + 0.3V$
Analog Signal Range	$V_{NN}$ to $V_{PP}$
Peak analog signal current/channel	2.5A
Storage temperature	-65 $^\circ C$ to +150 $^\circ C$
Power dissipation	28-pin PLCC 1.2W 48 lead TQFP 1.0W

\* Absolute Maximum Ratings are those values beyond which damage to the device may occur. Functional operation under these conditions is not implied. Continuous operation of the device at the absolute rating level may affect device reliability.

## Operating Conditions

Symbol	Parameter	Value
$V_{DD}$	Logic power supply voltage	4.5V to 13.2V
$V_{PP}$	Positive high voltage supply	40V to $V_{NN} + 250V$
$V_{NN}$	Negative high voltage supply	-40V to -210V
$V_{IH}$	High-level input voltage	$V_{DD} - 1.5V$ to $V_{DD}$
$V_{IL}$	Low-level input voltage	0V to 1.5V
$V_{SIG}$	Analog signal voltage peak to peak	$V_{NN} + 10V$ to $V_{PP} - 10V$
$T_A$	Operating free air-temperature	0°C to 70°C

### Power Up/Down Sequence:

- 1 Power up/down sequence is arbitrary except GND must be powered-up first and powered-down last.
- 2  $V_{SIG}$  must be  $V_{NN} \leq V_{SIG} \leq V_{PP}$  or floating during power up/down transistion.
- 3 Rise and fall times of power supplies  $V_{DD}$ ,  $V_{PP}$ , and  $V_{NN}$  should not be less than 1.0msec.

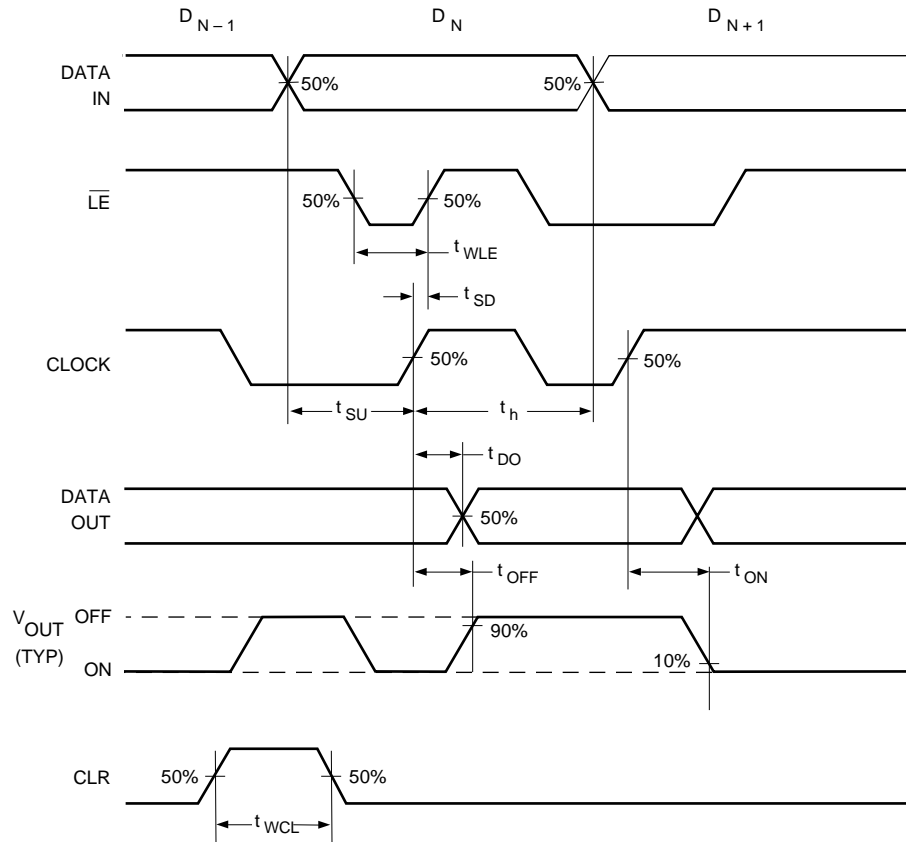
## Truth Table

D0	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	$\overline{LE}$	CL	SW0	SW1	SW2	SW3	SW4	SW5	SW6	SW7
L								L	L	OFF							
H								L	L	ON							
	L							L	L		OFF						
	H							L	L		ON						
		L						L	L			OFF					
		H						L	L			ON					
			L					L	L				OFF				
			H					L	L				ON				
				L				L	L					OFF			
				H				L	L					ON			
					L			L	L						OFF		
					H			L	L						ON		
						L		L	L								OFF
						H		L	L								ON
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H	L	HOLD PREVIOUS STATE							
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF

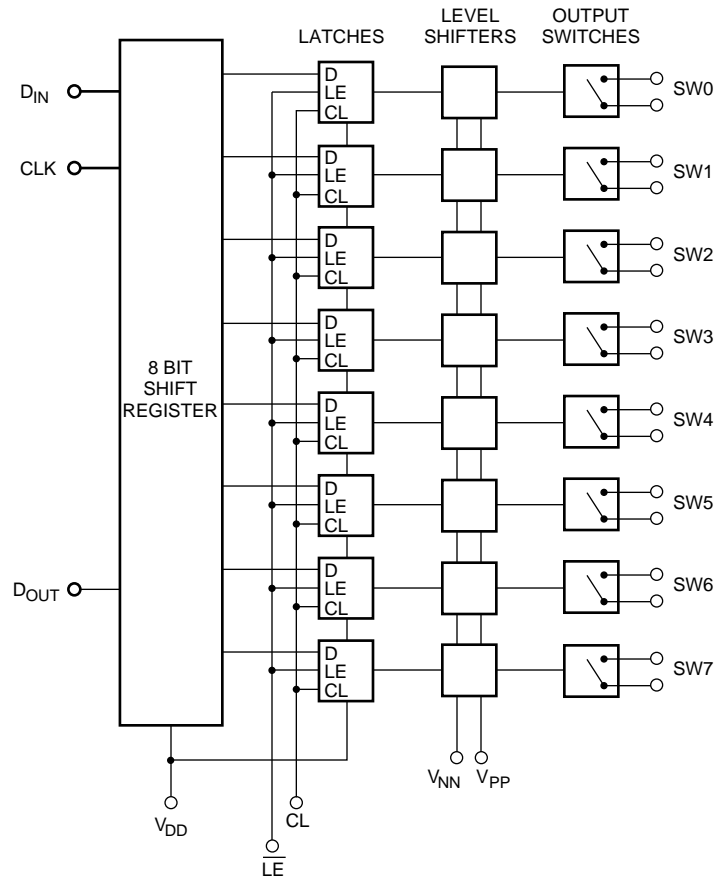
### Notes:

1. The eight switches operate independently.
2. Serial data is clocked in on the L→ H transition CLK.
3. The switches go to a state retaining their present condition at the rising edge of  $\overline{LE}$ . When  $\overline{LE}$  is low the shift register data flows through the latch.
4.  $D_{OUT}$  is high when switch 7 is on.
5. Shift register clocking has no effect on the switch states if  $\overline{LE}$  is H.
6. The clear input overrides all other inputs.

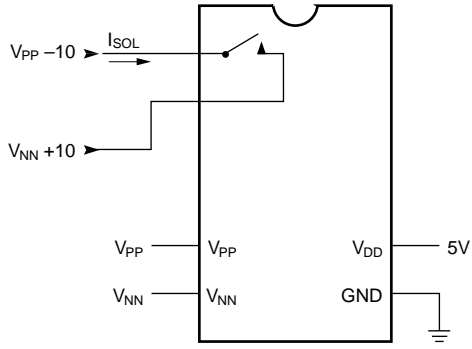
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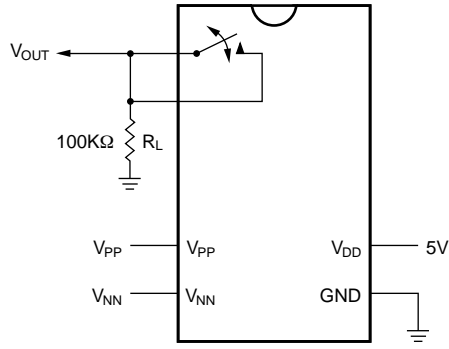
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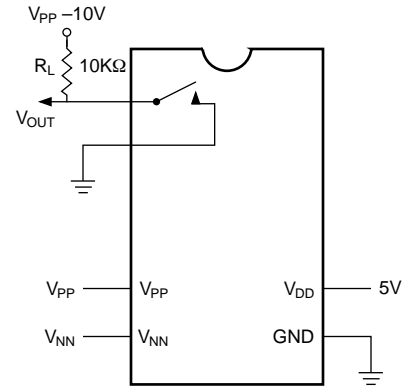
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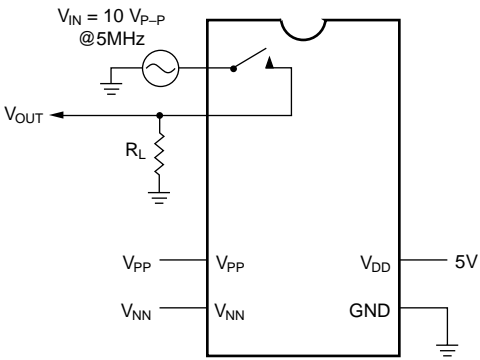
Switch OFF Leakage



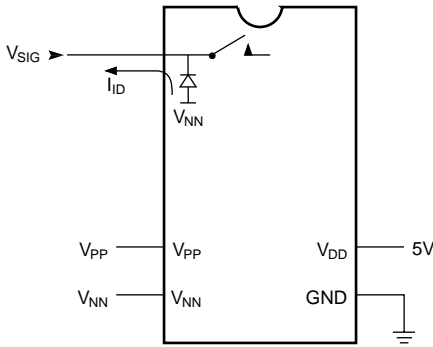
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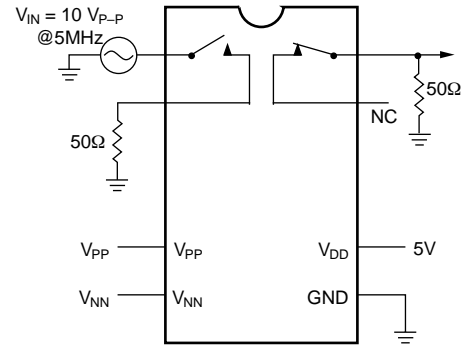
$T_{ON}/T_{OFF}$  Test Circuit



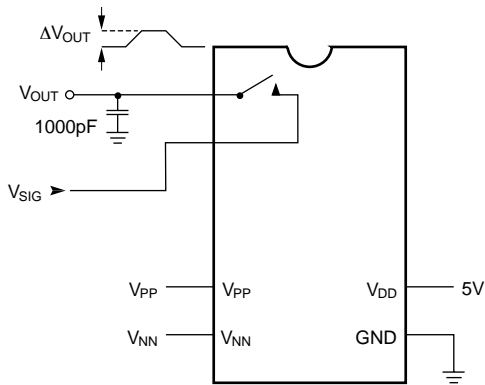
$K_O = 20 \text{Log} \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}$   
OFF Isolation



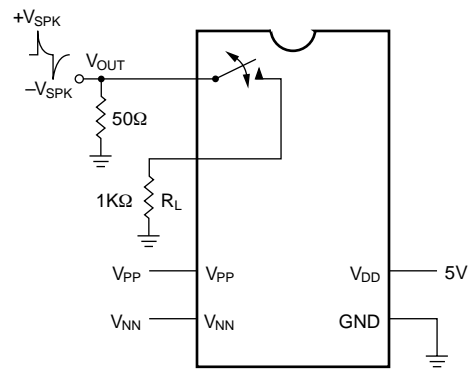
Isolation Diode Current



$K_{CR} = 20 \text{Log} \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}$   
Crosstalk



$Q = 1000\text{pF} \times \Delta V_{OUT}$   
Charge Injection



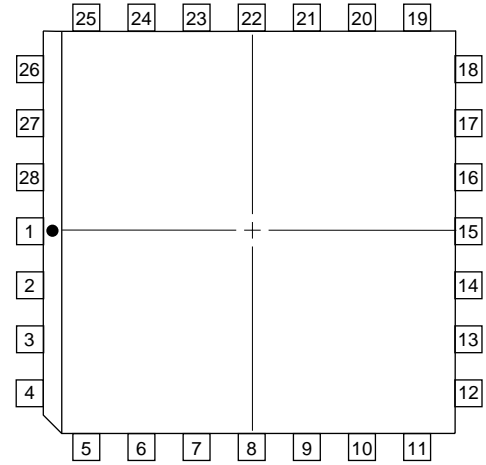
Output Voltage Spike

## Pin Configurations

### HV214 28 Pin J-Lead

Pin	Function	Pin	Function
1	SW3	15	N/C
2	SW3	16	D <sub>IN</sub>
3	SW2	17	CLK
4	SW2	18	$\overline{LE}$
5	SW1	19	CL
6	SW1	20	D <sub>OUT</sub>
7	SW0	21	SW7
8	SW0	22	SW7
9	N/C	23	SW6
10	V <sub>PP</sub>	24	SW6
11	N/C	25	SW5
12	V <sub>NN</sub>	26	SW5
13	GND	27	SW4
14	V <sub>DD</sub>	28	SW4

## Package Outlines



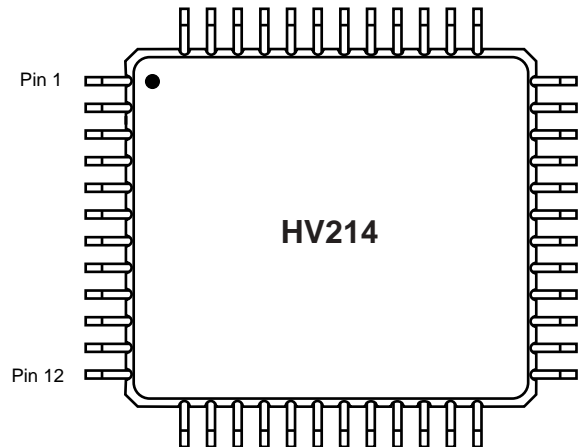
top view  
28-pin J-Lead Package

## Pin Configurations

### HV214 48-Pin TQFP

Pin	Function	Pin	Function
1	SW5	25	V <sub>NN</sub>
2	N/C	26	N/C
3	SW4	27	N/C
4	N/C	28	GND
5	SW4	29	V <sub>DD</sub>
6	N/C	30	N/C
7	N/C	31	N/C
8	SW3	32	N/C
9	N/C	33	D <sub>IN</sub>
10	SW3	34	CLK
11	N/C	35	$\overline{LE}$
12	SW2	36	CLR
13	N/C	37	D <sub>OUT</sub>
14	SW2	38	N/C
15	N/C	39	SW7
16	SW1	40	N/C
17	N/C	41	SW7
18	SW1	42	N/C
19	N/C	43	SW6
20	SW0	44	N/C
21	N/C	45	SW6
22	SW0	46	N/C
23	N/C	47	SW5
24	V <sub>PP</sub>	48	N/C

## Package Outlines



top view  
48-pin TQFP





## General Description

The PVT412 Series Photovoltaic Relay is a single-pole, normally open solid-state relay that can replace electromechanical relays in many applications. It utilizes International Rectifier's proprietary HEXFET power MOSFET as the output switch, driven by an integrated circuit photovoltaic generator of novel construction. The output switch is controlled by radiation from a GaAlAs light emitting diode (LED) which is optically isolated from the photovoltaic generator.

These SSRs are specifically designed for worldwide telecom applications. PVT412L employs an active current-limiting circuitry enabling it to pass FCC Part 68 and other regulatory agency current surge requirements when overvoltage protection is provided. PVT412 does not employ the current-limiting circuitry and offers lower on-state resistance.

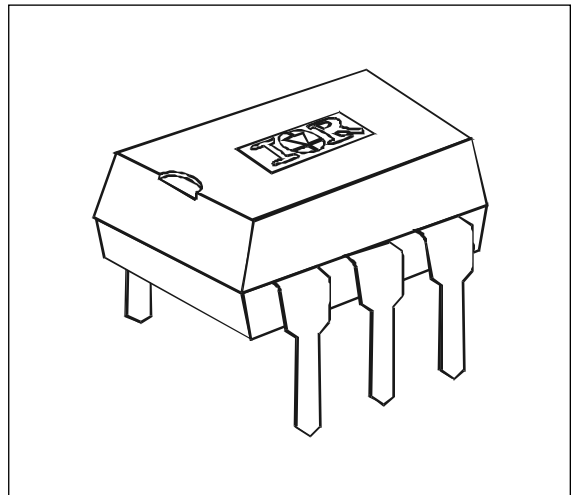
Series PVT412 Relays are packaged in a 6-lead molded DIP package with either through-hole or surface mount ('gull-wing') terminals. It is available in standard plastic shipping tubes or on tape-and-reel. Please refer to part identification information opposite.

## Applications

- On/Off Hook switch
- Dial-Out relay
- Ring relay
- General switching

## PVT412L Features

- HEXFET Power MOSFET output
- Bounce-free operation
- 4,000 VRMS I/O isolation
- Load current limiting
- Linear AC/DC operation
- Solid-State reliability
- UL recognized and CSA certified



## Part Identification

PVT412L	current limit, through-hole
PVT412LS	current limit, surface-mount
PVT412LS-T	current limit, surface-mount, Tape and Reel
PVT412	no current limit, through-hole
PVT412S	no current limit, surface-mount
PVT412S-T	no current limit, surface-mount, Tape and Reel

# Series PVT412 — HEXFET® Photovoltaic Relay

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**Electrical Specifications** ( $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq +85^{\circ}\text{C}$  unless otherwise specified)

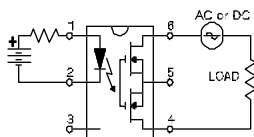
INPUT CHARACTERISTICS	Part Numbers		Units
	PVT412L	PVT412	
Minimum Control Current (see figures 1 and 2)	3.0		mA
Maximum Control Current for Off-State Resistance	0.4		mA
Control Current Range (Caution: current limit input LED, see figure 6)	3.0 to 25		mA
Maximum Reverse Voltage	7.0		V

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS	PVT412L		PVT412	Units
Operating Voltage Range	0 to $\pm 400$			V(DC or AC peak)
Maximum Load Current @ $T_A = +40^{\circ}\text{C}$ 5mA Control (see figures 1 and 2)				mA (AC or DC) mA (DC) mA (DC)
A Connection	120	140		
B Connection	130	150		
C Connection	200	210		
Maximum On-State Resistance @ $T_A = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$ For 50mA Pulsed Load, 5mA Control (see figure 4)				$\Omega$ $\Omega$ $\Omega$
A Connection	35	27		
B Connection	18	14		
C Connection	9	7		
Maximum Off-State Leakage @ $T_A = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , $\pm 400\text{V}$ (see figure 5)	1.0			$\mu\text{A}$
Current Limit @ $T_A = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , For 5mA Control Current:				mA mA
Connection:	<b>A</b>	<b>C</b>		
Minimum	130	260	n/a	
Maximum	220	440	n/a	
Complies with FCC Part 68 Surge Requirements*	yes		yes	
Maximum Turn-On Time @ $T_A = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$ (see figure 7) For 50mA, 100 V <sub>DC</sub> load, 5mA Control	2.0			ms
Maximum Turn-Off Time @ $T_A = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$ (see figure 7) For 50mA, 100 V <sub>DC</sub> load, 5mA Control	0.5			ms
Maximum Thermal Offset Voltage @ 5mA Control	0.5			$\mu\text{V}$
Maximum Output Capacitance @ 50V <sub>DC</sub>	12			pF

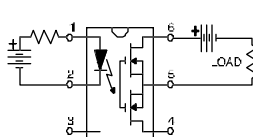
GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS	ALL MODELS		
Minimum Dielectric Strength, Input-Output	4000		V <sub>RMS</sub>
Minimum Insulation Resistance, Input-Output @ $T_A = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 50%RH, 100V <sub>DC</sub>	10 <sup>12</sup>		$\Omega$
Maximum Capacitance, Input-Output	1.0		pF
Maximum Pin Soldering Temperature (10 seconds maximum)	+260		$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Ambient Temperature Range:	Operating	-40 to +85	
	Storage	-40 to +100	

## Connection Diagrams

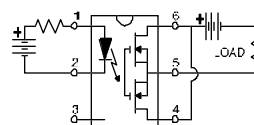
"A" Connection



"B" Connection



"C" Connection



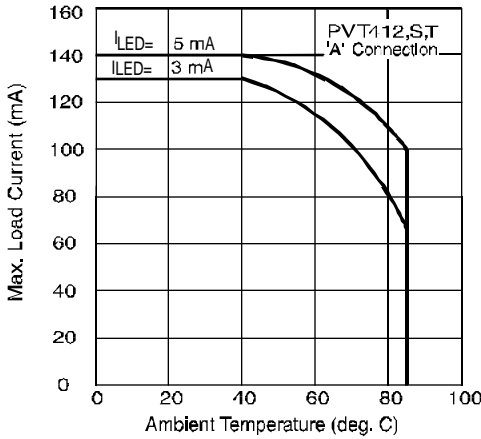


Figure 1. Current Derating Curves\*

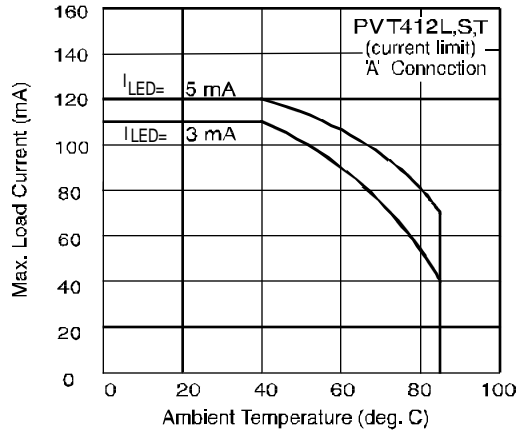


Figure 2. Current Derating Curves\*

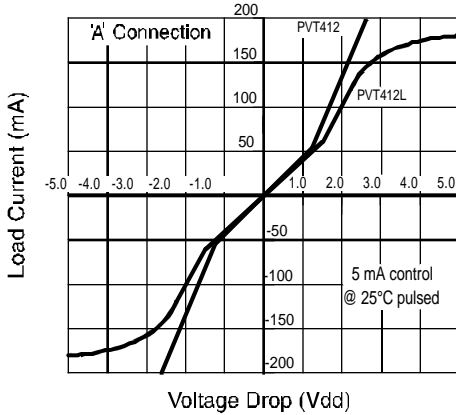


Figure 3. Linearity Characteristics

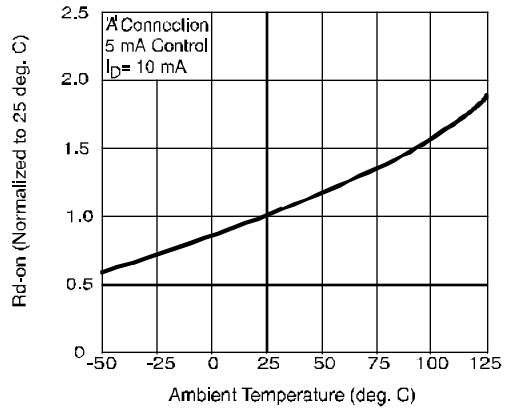


Figure 4. Typical Normalized On-Resistance

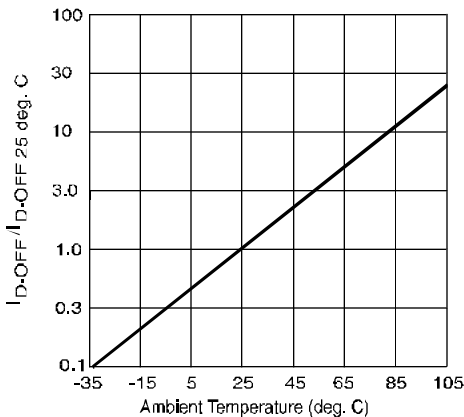


Figure 5. Typical Normalized Off-State Leakage

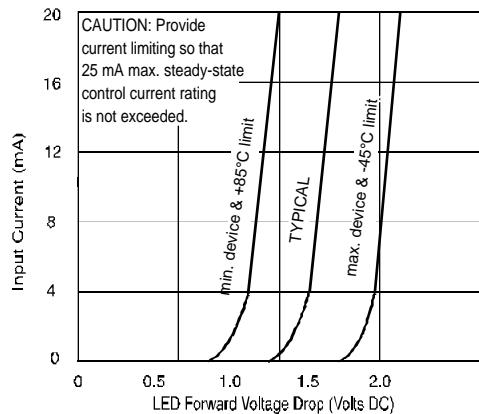


Figure 6. Input Characteristics (Current Controlled)

\* Derating of 'B' and 'C' connection at +85°C will be 70% of that specified at +40°C and is linear from +40°C to +85°C.

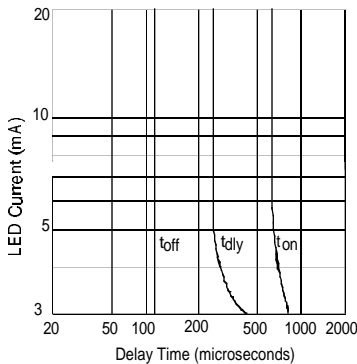


Figure 7. Typical Delay Times

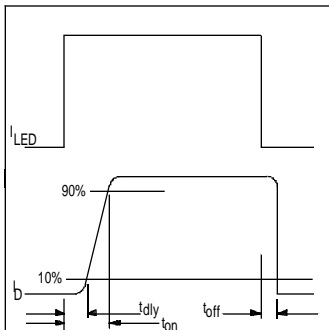


Figure 8. Delay Time Definitions

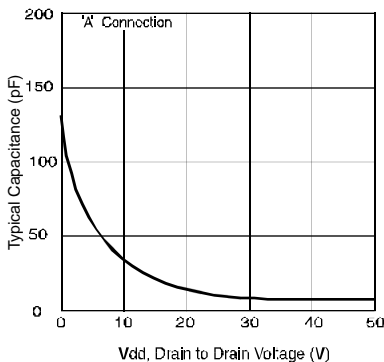


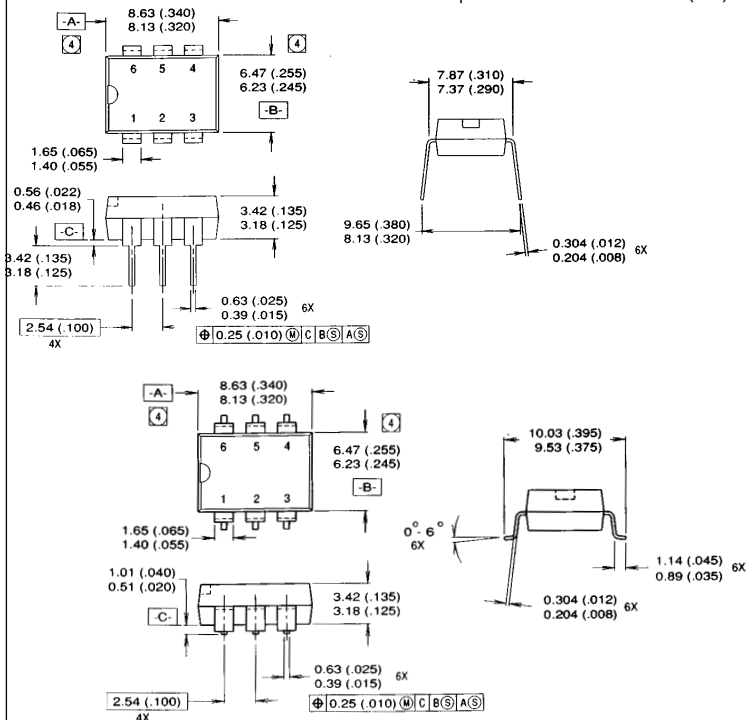
Figure 9. Typical Output Capacitance

### Case Outline

Dimensions in millimeters (inches)

### Mechanical Specifications:

1. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ANSI Y14.5M-1982
2. Controlling Dimension: Inch
4. Dimension does not include mold protrusions. Mold protrusions shall not exceed 0.25 (.010).



**Note:** PVT412L relays will pass FCC Part 68 surge current requirements operating into rated load or short circuit when protected from overvoltage by a transient protection device such as a 175 VRMS rated MOV placed between the tip and ring terminals of the telephone line or across the output of the relay. PVT412 relays will pass the above FCC Part 68 requirements when overcurrent protection devices (such as fusible resistors) are placed in series with tip and ring lines in addition to the aforementioned overvoltage protection. Consult factory for additional information.

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