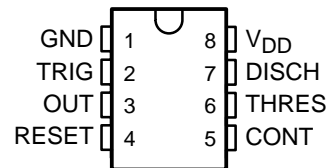
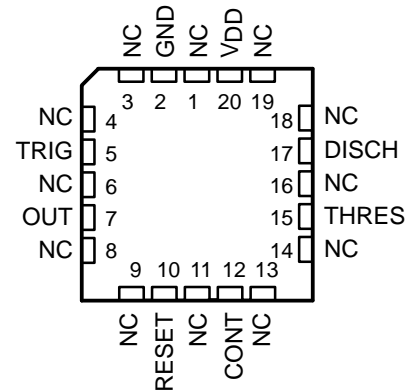


- **Very Low Power Consumption**
1 mW Typ at $V_{DD} = 5\text{ V}$
- **Capable of Operation in Astable Mode**
- **CMOS Output Capable of Swinging Rail to Rail**
- **High Output-Current Capability**
Sink 100 mA Typ
Source 10 mA Typ
- **Output Fully Compatible With CMOS, TTL, and MOS**
- **Low Supply Current Reduces Spikes During Output Transitions**
- **Single-Supply Operation From 2 V to 15 V**
- **Functionally Interchangeable With the NE555; Has Same Pinout**
- **ESD Protection Exceeds 2000 V Per MIL-STD-883C, Method 3015.2**

D, DB, JG, P, OR PW PACKAGE
(TOP VIEW)



FK PACKAGE
(TOP VIEW)



NC – No internal connection

description

The TLC555 is a monolithic timing circuit fabricated using the TI LinCMOS™ process. The timer is fully compatible with CMOS, TTL, and MOS logic and operates at frequencies up to 2 MHz. Because of its high input impedance, this device uses smaller timing capacitors than those used by the NE555. As a result, more accurate time delays and oscillations are possible. Power consumption is low across the full range of power supply voltage.

Like the NE555, the TLC555 has a trigger level equal to approximately one-third of the supply voltage and a threshold level equal to approximately two-thirds of the supply voltage. These levels can be altered by use of the control voltage terminal (CONT). When the trigger input (TRIG) falls below the trigger level, the flip-flop is set and the output goes high. If TRIG is above the trigger level and the threshold input (THRES) is above the threshold level, the flip-flop is reset and the output is low. The reset input (RESET) can override all other inputs and can be used to initiate a new timing cycle. If RESET is low, the flip-flop is reset and the output is low. Whenever the output is low, a low-impedance path is provided between the discharge terminal (DISCH) and GND. All unused inputs should be tied to an appropriate logic level to prevent false triggering.

While the CMOS output is capable of sinking over 100 mA and sourcing over 10 mA, the TLC555 exhibits greatly reduced supply-current spikes during output transitions. This minimizes the need for the large decoupling capacitors required by the NE555.

The TLC555C is characterized for operation from 0°C to 70°C. The TLC555I is characterized for operation from –40°C to 85°C. The TLC555M is characterized for operation over the full military temperature range of –55°C to 125°C.



This device contains circuits to protect its inputs and outputs against damage due to high static voltages or electrostatic fields. These circuits have been qualified to protect this device against electrostatic discharges (ESD) of up to 2 kV according to MIL-STD-883C, Method 3015; however, it is advised that precautions be taken to avoid application of any voltage higher than maximum-rated voltages to these high-impedance circuits. During storage or handling, the device leads should be shorted together or the device should be placed in conductive foam. In a circuit, unused inputs should always be connected to an appropriated logic voltage level, preferably either supply voltage or ground. Specific guidelines for handling devices of this type are contained in the publication *Guidelines for Handling Electrostatic-Discharge-Sensitive (ESDS) Devices and Assemblies* available from Texas Instruments.

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AVAILABLE OPTIONS

| PACKAGED DEVICES | | | | | | | | CHIP FORM (Y) |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| T _A | V _{DD} RANGE | SMALL OUTLINE (D) | SSOP (DB) | CHIP CARRIER (FK) | CERAMIC DIP (JG) | PLASTIC DIP (P) | TSSOP (PW) | |
| 0°C to 70°C | 2 V to 15 V | TLC555CD | TLC555CDBLE | — | — | TLC555CP | TLC555CPWLE | TLC555Y |
| – 40°C to 85°C | 3 V to 15 V | TLC555ID | — | — | — | TLC555IP | — | |
| – 55°C to 125°C | 5 V to 15 V | TLC555MD | — | TLC555MFK | TLC555MJG | TLC555MP | — | |

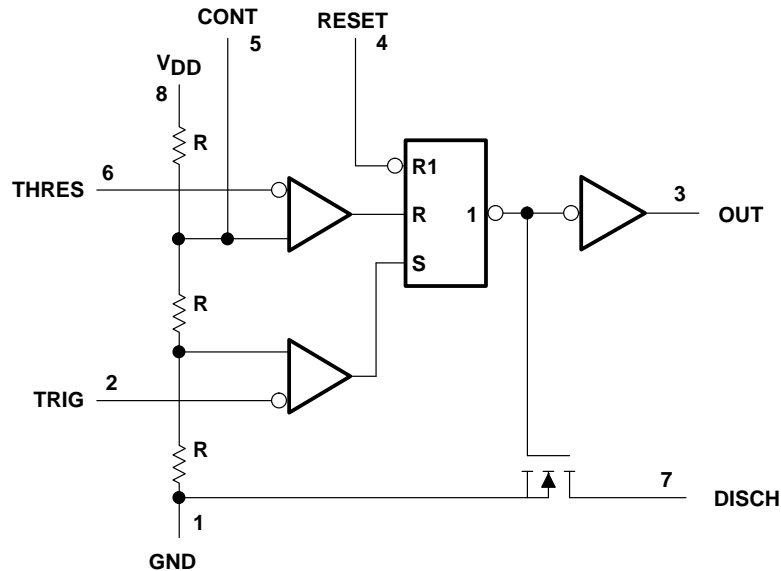
The D package is available taped and reeled. Add the R suffix to device type (e.g., TLC555CDR). The DB and PW packages are only available left-end taped and reeled (indicated by the LE suffix on the device type; e.g., TLC555CDBLE). Chips are tested at 25°C.

FUNCTION TABLE

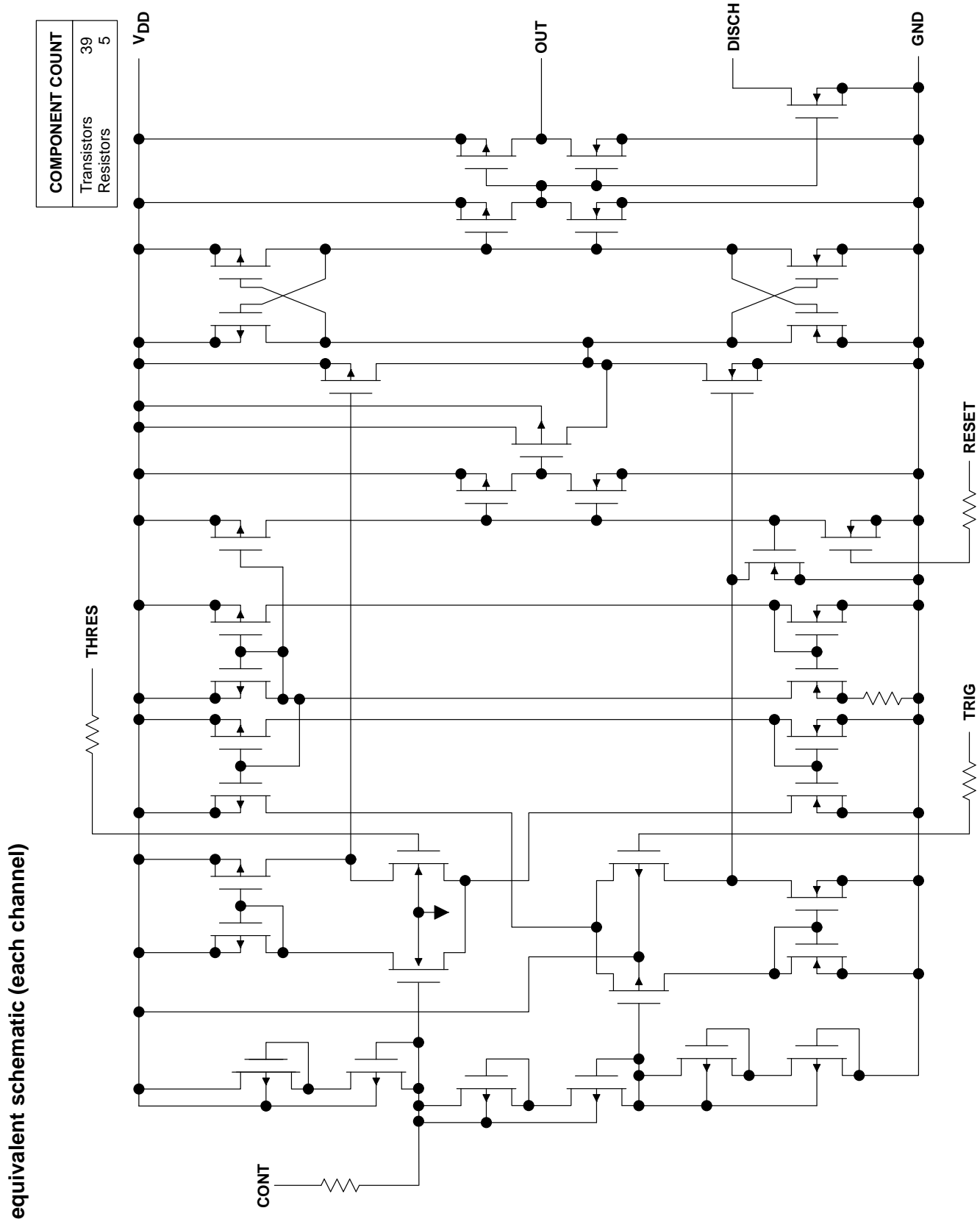
| RESET VOLTAGE† | TRIGGER VOLTAGE† | THRESHOLD VOLTAGE† | OUTPUT | DISCHARGE SWITCH |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| <MIN | Irrelevant | Irrelevant | L | On |
| >MAX | <MIN | Irrelevant | H | Off |
| >MAX | >MAX | >MAX | L | On |
| >MAX | >MAX | <MIN | As previously established | |

† For conditions shown as MIN or MAX, use the appropriate value specified under electrical characteristics.

functional block diagram



Pin numbers are for all packages except the FK package.
RESET can override TRIG, which can override THRES.

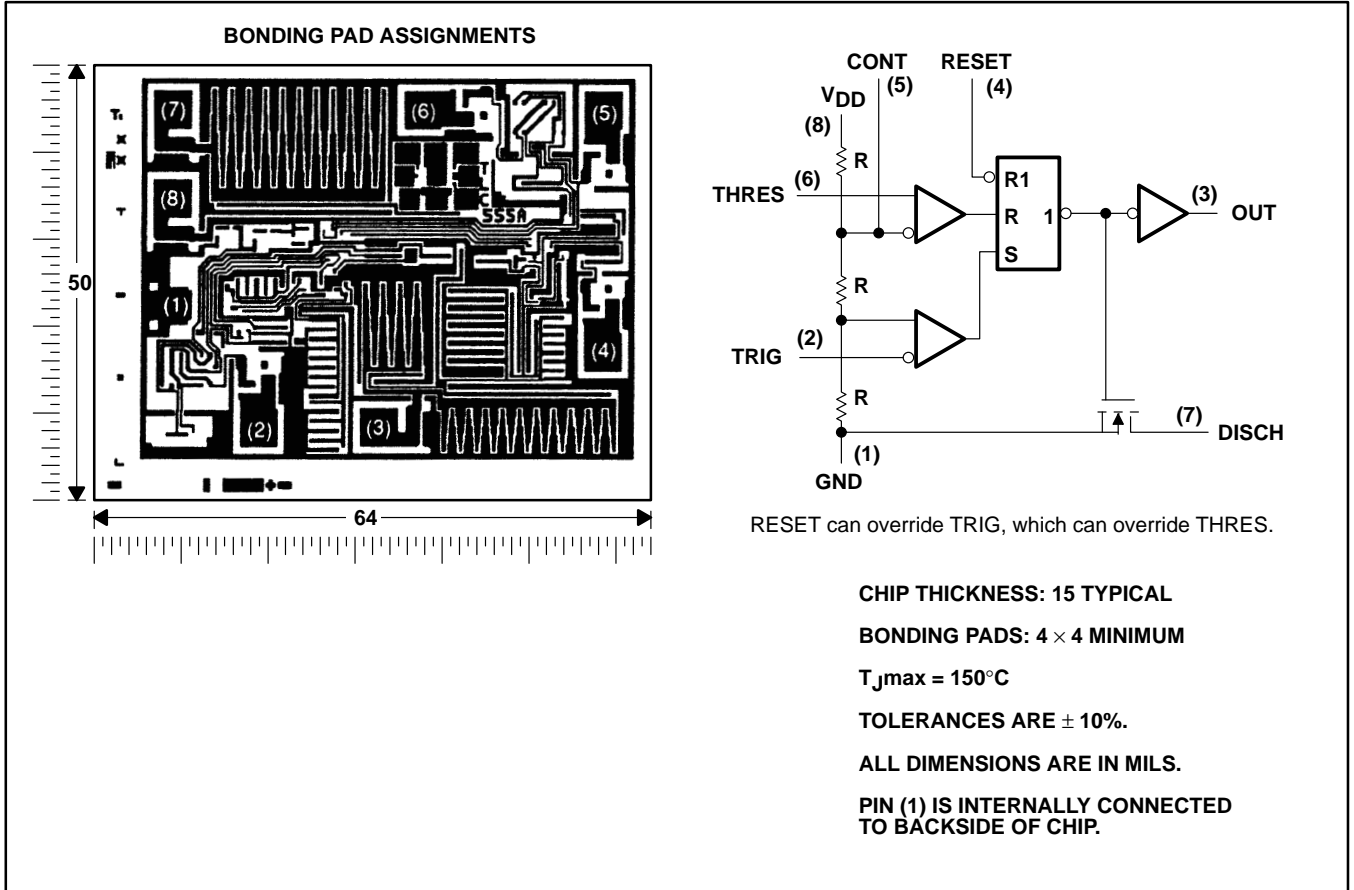


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chip information

This chip, when properly assembled, displays characteristics similar to the TLC555. Thermal compression or ultrasonic bonding may be used on the doped aluminum bonding pads. Chips may be mounted with conductive epoxy or a gold-silicon preform.



absolute maximum ratings over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)†

| | |
|---|------------------------------|
| Supply voltage, V_{DD} (see Note 1) | 18 V |
| Input voltage range, V_I (any input) | -0.3 to V_{DD} |
| Sink current, discharge or output | 150 mA |
| Source current, output, I_O | 15 mA |
| Continuous total power dissipation | See Dissipation Rating Table |
| Operating free-air temperature range, T_A : C-suffix | 0°C to 70°C |
| I-suffix | -40°C to 85°C |
| M-suffix | -55°C to 125°C |
| Storage temperature range | -65°C to 150°C |
| Case temperature for 60 seconds: FK package | 260°C |
| Lead temperature 1,6 mm (1/16 inch) from case for 60 seconds: JG package | 300°C |
| Lead temperature 1,6 mm (1/16 inch) from case for 10 seconds: D, DB, P, or PW package | 260°C |

† Stresses beyond those listed under "absolute maximum ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under "recommended operating conditions" is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

NOTE 1: All voltage values are with respect to network GND.

DISSIPATION RATING TABLE

| PACKAGE | $T_A \leq 25^\circ\text{C}$ | DERATING FACTOR | $T_A = 70^\circ\text{C}$ | $T_A = 85^\circ\text{C}$ | $T_A = 125^\circ\text{C}$ |
|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | POWER RATING | ABOVE $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | POWER RATING | POWER RATING | POWER RATING |
| D | 725 mW | 5.8 mW/°C | 464 mW | 377 mW | 145 mW |
| DB or PW | 525 mW | 4.2 mW/°C | 336 mW | 273 mW | 105 mW |
| FK | 1375 mW | 11.0 mW/°C | 880 mW | 715 mW | 275 mW |
| JG | 1050 mW | 8.4 mW/°C | 672 mW | 546 mW | 210 mW |
| P | 1000 mW | 8.0 mW/°C | 640 mW | 520 mW | 200 mW |

recommended operating conditions

| | | MIN | MAX | UNIT |
|---|---------|-----|-----|------|
| Supply voltage, V_{DD} | | 2 | 15 | V |
| Operating free-air temperature range, T_A | TLC555C | 0 | 70 | °C |
| | TLC555I | -40 | 85 | |
| | TLC555M | -55 | 125 | |

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electrical characteristics at specified free-air temperature, $V_{DD} = 2\text{ V}$ for TLC555C, $V_{DD} = 3\text{ V}$ for TLC555I

| PARAMETER | TEST CONDITIONS | T _A † | TLC555C | | | TLC555I | | | UNIT |
|-----------------------|--|------------------|---------|-------|------|---------|-------|-------|------|
| | | | MIN | TYP | MAX | MIN | TYP | MAX | |
| V _{IT} | Threshold voltage | 25°C | 0.95 | 1.33 | 1.65 | 1.6 | | 2.4 | V |
| | | Full range | 0.85 | | 1.75 | 1.5 | | 2.5 | |
| I _{IT} | Threshold current | 25°C | | 10 | | | 10 | | pA |
| | | MAX | | 75 | | | 150 | | |
| V _{I(TRIG)} | Trigger voltage | 25°C | 0.4 | 0.67 | 0.95 | 0.71 | 1 | 1.29 | V |
| | | Full range | 0.3 | | 1.05 | 0.61 | | 1.39 | |
| I _{I(TRIG)} | Trigger current | 25°C | | 10 | | | 10 | | pA |
| | | MAX | | 75 | | | 150 | | |
| V _{I(RESET)} | Reset voltage | 25°C | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.5 | V |
| | | Full range | 0.3 | | 2 | 0.3 | | 1.8 | |
| I _{I(RESET)} | Reset current | 25°C | | 10 | | | 10 | | pA |
| | | MAX | | 75 | | | 150 | | |
| | Control voltage (open circuit) as a percentage of supply voltage | MAX | | 66.7% | | | 66.7% | | |
| | Discharge switch on1–stage voltage | 25°C | | 0.03 | 0.2 | | 0.03 | 0.2 | V |
| | | Full range | | | 0.25 | | | 0.375 | |
| | Discharge switch off-stage current | 25°C | | 0.1 | | | 0.1 | | nA |
| | | MAX | | 0.5 | | | 120 | | |
| V _{OH} | High-level output voltage | 25°C | 1.5 | 1.9 | | 1.5 | 1.9 | | V |
| | | Full range | 1.5 | | | 2.5 | | | |
| V _{OL} | Low-level output voltage | 25°C | | 0.07 | 0.3 | | 0.07 | 0.3 | V |
| | | Full range | | | 0.35 | | | 0.4 | |
| I _{DD} | Supply current | 25°C | | | 250 | | | 250 | μA |
| | | Full range | | | 400 | | | 500 | |

† Full range is 0°C to 70°C for the TLC555C and –40°C to 85°C for the TLC555I. For conditions shown as MAX, use the appropriate value specified in the recommended operating conditions table.

NOTE 2: These values apply for the expected operating configurations in which THRES is connected directly to DISCH or to TRIG.

electrical characteristics at specified free-air temperature, $V_{DD} = 5\text{ V}$

| PARAMETER | TEST CONDITIONS | T_A^\dagger | TLC555C | | | TLC555I | | | TLC555M | | | UNIT |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|---------|------|------|---------|------|------|---------|------|------|---------------|
| | | | MIN | TYP | MAX | MIN | TYP | MAX | MIN | TYP | MAX | |
| V_{IT} Threshold voltage | | 25°C | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.8 | V |
| | | Full range | 2.7 | | 3.9 | 2.7 | | 3.9 | 2.7 | | 3.9 | |
| I_{IT} Threshold current | | 25°C | 10 | | | 10 | | | 10 | | | pA |
| | | MAX | 75 | | | 150 | | | 5000 | | | |
| $V_{I(TRIG)}$ Trigger voltage | | 25°C | 1.36 | 1.66 | 1.96 | 1.36 | 1.66 | 1.96 | 1.36 | 1.66 | 1.96 | V |
| | | Full range | 1.26 | | 2.06 | 1.26 | | 2.06 | 1.26 | | 2.06 | |
| $I_{I(TRIG)}$ Trigger current | | 25°C | 10 | | | 10 | | | 10 | | | pA |
| | | MAX | 75 | | | 150 | | | 5000 | | | |
| $V_{I(RESET)}$ Reset voltage | | 25°C | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.5 | V |
| | | Full range | 0.3 | | 1.8 | 0.3 | | 1.8 | 0.3 | | 1.8 | |
| $I_{I(RESET)}$ Reset current | | 25°C | 10 | | | 10 | | | 10 | | | pA |
| | | MAX | 75 | | | 150 | | | 5000 | | | |
| Control voltage (open circuit) as a percentage of supply voltage | | MAX | 66.7% | | | 66.7% | | | 66.7% | | | |
| Discharge switch on-state voltage | $I_{OL} = 10\text{ mA}$ | 25°C | 0.14 | | 0.5 | 0.14 | | 0.5 | 0.14 | | 0.5 | V |
| | | Full range | 0.6 | | | 0.6 | | | 0.6 | | | |
| Discharge switch off-state current | | 25°C | 0.1 | | | 0.1 | | | 0.1 | | | nA |
| | | MAX | 0.5 | | | 120 | | | 120 | | | |
| V_{OH} High-level output voltage | $I_{OH} = -1\text{ mA}$ | 25°C | 4.1 | 4.8 | | 4.1 | 4.8 | | 4.1 | 4.8 | | V |
| | | Full range | 4.1 | | 4.1 | | | 4.1 | | | | |
| V_{OL} Low-level output voltage | $I_{OL} = 8\text{ mA}$ | 25°C | 0.21 | | 0.4 | 0.21 | | 0.4 | 0.21 | | 0.4 | V |
| | | Full range | 0.5 | | | 0.5 | | | 0.6 | | | |
| | $I_{OL} = 5\text{ mA}$ | 25°C | 0.13 | | 0.3 | 0.13 | | 0.3 | 0.13 | | 0.3 | |
| | | Full range | 0.4 | | | 0.4 | | | 0.45 | | | |
| | $I_{OL} = 3.2\text{ mA}$ | 25°C | 0.08 | | 0.3 | 0.08 | | 0.3 | 0.08 | | 0.3 | |
| | | Full range | 0.35 | | | 0.35 | | | 0.4 | | | |
| I_{DD} Supply current | See Note 2 | 25°C | 170 | | 350 | 170 | | 350 | 170 | | 350 | μA |
| | | Full range | 500 | | | 600 | | | 700 | | | |

† Full range is 0°C to 70°C for the TLC555C, –40°C to 85°C for the TLC555I, and –55°C to 125°C for the TLC555M. For conditions shown as MAX, use the appropriate value specified in the recommended operating conditions table.

NOTE 2: These values apply for the expected operating configurations in which THRES is connected directly to DISCH or TRIG.

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electrical characteristics at specified free-air temperature, $V_{DD} = 15\text{ V}$

| PARAMETER | TEST CONDITIONS | T_A † | TLC555C | | | TLC555I | | | TLC555M | | | UNIT |
|--|--------------------------|------------|---------|------|-------|---------|------|-------|---------|------|-------|------|
| | | | MIN | TYP | MAX | MIN | TYP | MAX | MIN | TYP | MAX | |
| V_{IT} Threshold voltage | | 25°C | 9.45 | 10 | 10.55 | 9.45 | 10 | 10.55 | 9.45 | 10 | 10.55 | V |
| | | Full range | 9.35 | | 10.65 | 9.35 | | 10.65 | 9.35 | | 10.65 | |
| I_{IT} Threshold current | | 25°C | | 10 | | | 10 | | | 10 | | pA |
| | | MAX | | 75 | | | 150 | | | 5000 | | |
| $V_{I(TRIG)}$ Trigger voltage | | 25°C | 4.65 | 5 | 5.35 | 4.65 | 5 | 5.35 | 4.65 | 5 | 5.35 | V |
| | | Full range | 4.55 | | 5.45 | 4.55 | | 5.45 | 4.55 | | 5.45 | |
| $I_{I(TRIG)}$ Trigger current | | 25°C | | 10 | | | 10 | | | 10 | | pA |
| | | MAX | | 75 | | | 150 | | | 5000 | | |
| $V_{I(RESET)}$ Reset voltage | | 25°C | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.5 | V |
| | | Full range | 0.3 | | 1.8 | 0.3 | | 1.8 | 0.3 | | 1.8 | |
| $I_{I(RESET)}$ Reset current | | 25°C | | 10 | | | 10 | | | 10 | | pA |
| | | MAX | | 75 | | | 150 | | | 5000 | | |
| Control voltage (open circuit) as a percentage of supply voltage | | MAX | 66.7% | | | 66.7% | | | 66.7% | | | |
| Discharge switch on-state voltage | $I_{OL} = 100\text{ mA}$ | 25°C | | 0.77 | 1.7 | | 0.77 | 1.7 | | 0.77 | 1.7 | V |
| | | Full range | | | 1.8 | | | 1.8 | | | 1.8 | |
| Discharge switch off-state current | | 25°C | | 0.1 | | | 0.1 | | | 0.1 | | nA |
| | | MAX | | 0.5 | | | 120 | | | 120 | | |
| V_{OH} High-level output voltage | $I_{OH} = -10\text{ mA}$ | 25°C | 12.5 | 14.2 | | 12.5 | 14.2 | | 12.5 | 14.2 | | V |
| | | Full range | 12.5 | | | 12.5 | | | 12.5 | | | |
| | $I_{OH} = -5\text{ mA}$ | 25°C | 13.5 | 14.6 | | 13.5 | 14.6 | | 13.5 | 14.6 | | |
| | | Full range | 13.5 | | | 13.5 | | | 13.5 | | | |
| | $I_{OH} = -1\text{ mA}$ | 25°C | 14.2 | 14.9 | | 14.2 | 14.9 | | 14.2 | 14.9 | | |
| | | Full range | 14.2 | | | 14.2 | | | 14.2 | | | |
| V_{OL} Low-level output voltage | $I_{OL} = 100\text{ mA}$ | 25°C | | 1.28 | 3.2 | | 1.28 | 3.2 | | 1.28 | 3.2 | V |
| | | Full range | | | 3.6 | | | 3.7 | | | 3.8 | |
| | $I_{OL} = 50\text{ mA}$ | 25°C | | 0.63 | 1 | | 0.63 | 1 | | 0.63 | 1 | |
| | | Full range | | | 1.3 | | | 1.4 | | | 1.5 | |
| | $I_{OL} = 10\text{ mA}$ | 25°C | | 0.12 | 0.3 | | 0.12 | 0.3 | | 0.12 | 0.3 | |
| | | Full range | | | 0.4 | | | 0.4 | | | 0.45 | |
| I_{DD} Supply current | See Note 2 | 25°C | | 360 | 600 | | 360 | 600 | | 360 | 600 | μA |
| | | Full range | | | 800 | | | 900 | | | 1000 | |

† Full range is 0°C to 70°C for TLC555C, –40°C to 85°C for TLC555I, and –55°C to 125°C for TLC555M. For conditions shown as MAX, use the appropriate value specified in the recommended operating conditions table.

NOTE 2: These values apply for the expected operating configurations in which THRES is connected directly to DISCH or TRIG.

operating characteristics, $V_{DD} = 5\text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|---|--|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Initial error of timing interval‡ | $V_{DD} = 5\text{ V to }15\text{ V}$, $R_A = R_B = 1\text{ k}\Omega$ to $100\text{ k}\Omega$, $C_T = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, See Note 3 | | 1% | 3% | |
| Supply voltage sensitivity of timing interval | | | 0.1 | 0.5 | %/V |
| t_r Output pulse rise time | $R_L = 10\text{ M}\Omega$, $C_L = 10\text{ pF}$ | | 20 | 75 | ns |
| t_f Output pulse fall time | | | 15 | 60 | |
| f_{max} Maximum frequency in astable mode | $R_A = 470\text{ }\Omega$, See Note 3 | | 1.2 | 2.1 | MHz |

‡ Timing interval error is defined as the difference between the measured value and the average value of a random sample from each process run.

NOTE 3: R_A , R_B , and C_T are as defined in Figure 1.

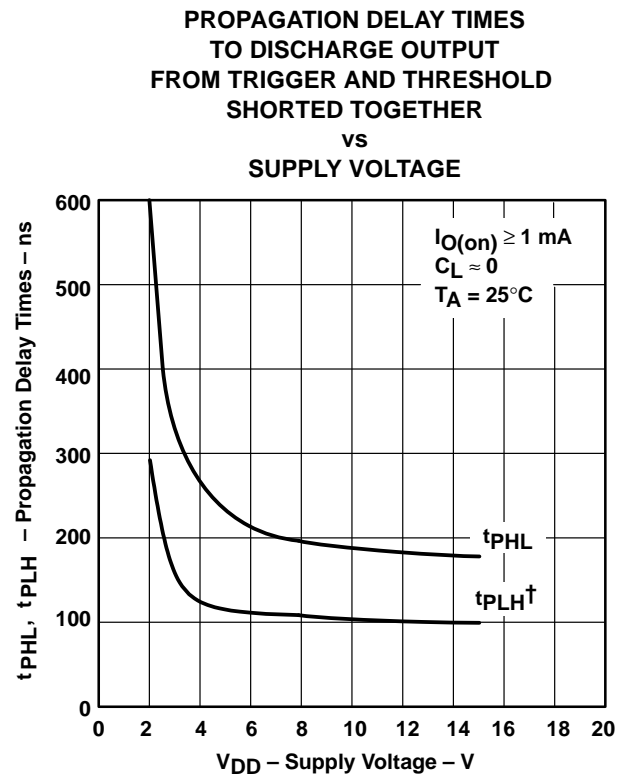
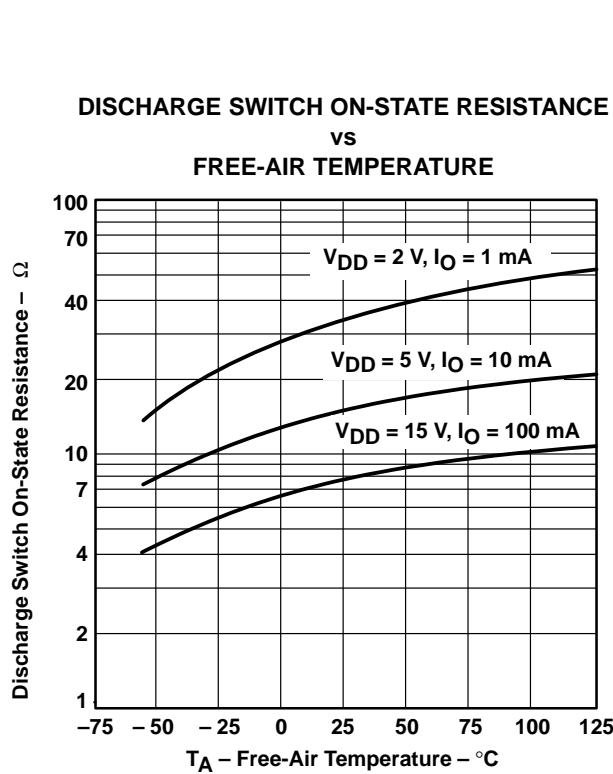


electrical characteristics at $V_{DD} = 5\text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

| PARAMETER | | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|----------------|--|--------------------------|------|-------|------|---------------|
| V_{IT} | Threshold voltage | | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.8 | V |
| I_{IT} | Threshold current | | | 10 | | pA |
| $V_{I(TRIG)}$ | Trigger voltage | | 1.36 | 1.66 | 1.96 | V |
| $I_{I(TRIG)}$ | Trigger current | | | 10 | | pA |
| $V_{I(RESET)}$ | Reset voltage | | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.5 | V |
| $I_{I(RESET)}$ | Reset current | | | 10 | | pA |
| | Control voltage (open circuit) as a percentage of supply voltage | | | 66.7% | | |
| | Discharge switch on-state voltage | $I_{OL} = 10\text{ mA}$ | | 0.14 | 0.5 | V |
| | Discharge switch off-state current | | | 0.1 | | nA |
| V_{OH} | High-level output voltage | $I_{OH} = -1\text{ mA}$ | 4.1 | 4.8 | | V |
| V_{OL} | Low-level output voltage | $I_{OL} = 8\text{ mA}$ | | 0.21 | 0.4 | V |
| | | $I_{OL} = 5\text{ mA}$ | | 0.13 | 0.3 | |
| | | $I_{OL} = 3.2\text{ mA}$ | | 0.08 | 0.3 | |
| I_{DD} | Supply current | See Note 2 | | 170 | 350 | μA |

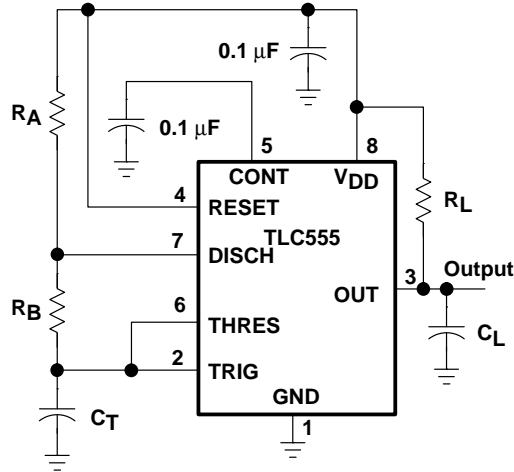
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TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS



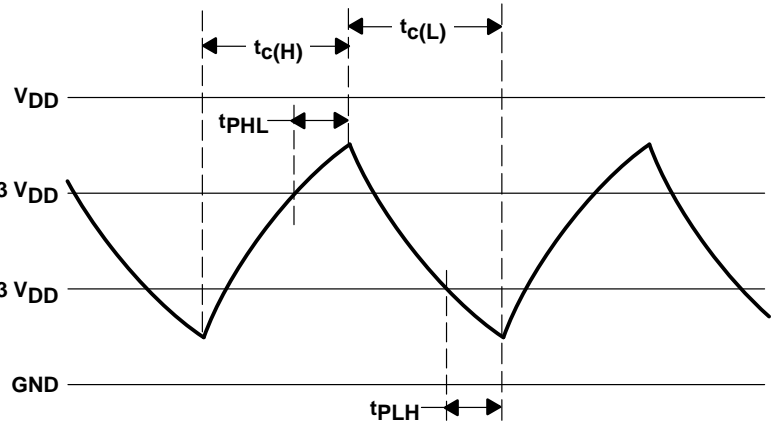
† The effects of the load resistance on these values must be taken into account separately.

APPLICATION INFORMATION



Pin numbers shown are for all packages except the FK package.

CIRCUIT



TRIGGER AND THRESHOLD VOLTAGE WAVEFORM

Figure 3. Astable Operation

Connecting TRIG to THRES, as shown in Figure 3, causes the timer to run as a multivibrator. The capacitor C_T charges through R_A and R_B to the trigger voltage level (approximately $0.67 V_{DD}$) and then discharges through R_B only to the value of the threshold voltage level (approximately $0.33 V_{DD}$). The output is high during the charging cycle ($t_{c(H)}$) and low during the discharge cycle ($t_{c(L)}$). The duty cycle is controlled by the values of R_A , R_B , and C_T as shown in the equations below.

$$t_{c(H)} \approx C_T (R_A + R_B) \ln 2 \quad (\ln 2 = 0.693)$$

$$t_{c(L)} \approx C_T R_B \ln 2$$

$$\text{Period} = t_{c(H)} + t_{c(L)} \approx C_T (R_A + 2R_B) \ln 2$$

$$\text{Output driver duty cycle} = \frac{t_{c(L)}}{t_{c(H)} + t_{c(L)}} \approx 1 - \frac{R_B}{R_A + 2R_B}$$

$$\text{Output waveform duty cycle} = \frac{t_{c(H)}}{t_{c(H)} + t_{c(L)}} \approx \frac{R_B}{R_A + 2R_B}$$

The $0.1\text{-}\mu\text{F}$ capacitor at CONT in Figure 3 decreases the period by about 10%.

The formulas shown above do not allow for any propagation delay times from the TRIG and THRES inputs to DISCH. These delay times add directly to the period and create differences between calculated and actual values that increase with frequency. In addition, the internal on-state resistance r_{on} during discharge adds to R_B to provide another source of timing error in the calculation when R_B is very low or r_{on} is very high.

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The equations below provide better agreement with measured values.

$$t_{c(H)} = C_T (R_A + R_B) \ln \left[3 - \exp \left(\frac{-t_{PLH}}{C_T (R_B + r_{on})} \right) \right] + t_{PHL}$$

$$t_{c(L)} = C_T (R_B + r_{on}) \ln \left[3 - \exp \left(\frac{-t_{PHL}}{C_T (R_A + R_B)} \right) \right] + t_{PLH}$$

These equations and those given earlier are similar in that a time constant is multiplied by the logarithm of a number or function. The limit values of the logarithmic terms must be between $\ln 2$ at low frequencies and $\ln 3$ at extremely high frequencies. For a duty cycle close to 50%, an appropriate constant for the logarithmic

terms can be substituted with good results. Duty cycles less than 50% $\frac{t_{c(H)}}{t_{c(H)} + t_{c(L)}}$ require that $\frac{t_{c(H)}}{t_{c(L)}} < 1$ and possibly $R_A \leq r_{on}$. These conditions can be difficult to obtain.

In monostable applications, the trip point on TRIG can be set by a voltage applied to CONT. An input voltage between 10% and 80% of the supply voltage from a resistor divider with at least 500- μ A bias provides good results.

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