

AM2914

Vectored Priority Interrupt Controller

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Advanced Micro Devices

DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS

- Accepts 8 interrupt inputs –
 Interrupts may be pulses or levels and are stored internally
- Built-in mask register –
 Six different operations can be performed on
 mask register
- Built-in status register –
 Status register holds code for lowest allowed interrupt
- Vectored output –
 Output is binary code for highest priority unmasked interrupt
- Expandable –
 Any number of Am2914's may be stacked for large interrupt systems
- Microprogrammable –
 Executes 16 different microinstructions
 Instruction enable pin aids in vertical microprogramming

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

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An internal status register is used to point to the lowest priority at which an interrupt will be accepted. The contents of the status register are compared with the output of the priority encoder, and an interrupt request output will occur if the vector is greater than or equal to status. Whenever a vector is read from the Am2914 the status register is automatically updated to point to one level higher than the vector read. (The status register can be loaded externally or read out at any time using the S pins.) Signals are provided for moving the status upward across devices (Group Advance Send and Group Advance Receive) and for inhibiting lower priorities from higher order devices (Ripple Disable, Parallel Disable, and Interrupt Disable). A status overflow output indicates that an interrupt has been read at the highest priority.

The Am2914 is controlled by a 4-bit instruction field I_0 - I_3 . The command on the instruction lines is executed if \overline{IE} is LOW and is ignored if \overline{IE} is HIGH, allowing the 4 I bits to be shared with other devices.

RELATED PRODUCTS

Part No.	Description
Am2902A	Carry Look-ahead Generator
Am2913	Priority Interrupt Expander
Am25LS138	3-to-8 Decoder
Am27S19	Mapping PROM

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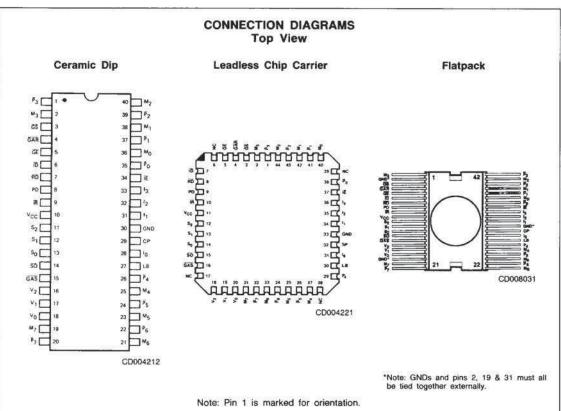
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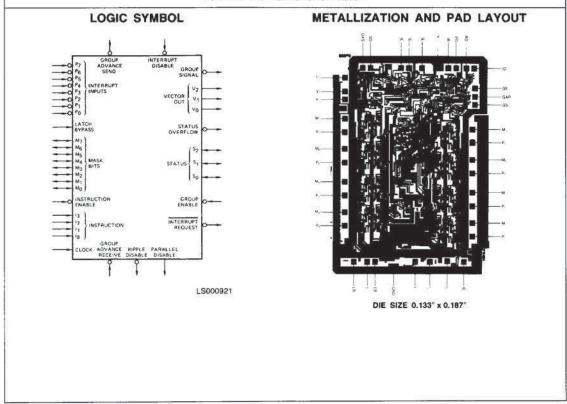
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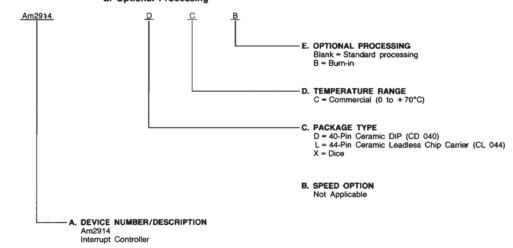




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- D. Temperature Range
- E. Optional Processing



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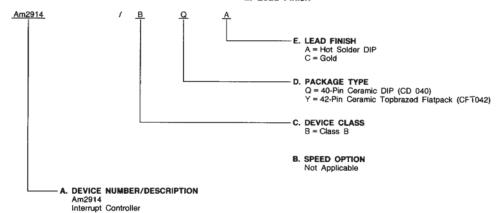
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- C. Device Class
- D. Package Type
- E. Lead Finish



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Am2914	/LMC					

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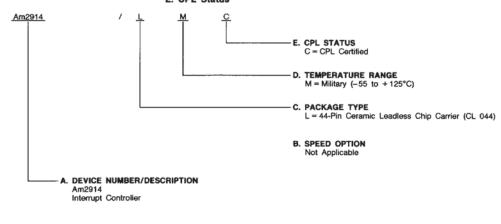
Group A Tests

Group A Tests consist of subgroups: 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

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- A. Device Number
- B. Speed Option (if applicable)
- C. Package Type
- D. Temperature Range
- E. CPL Status



PIN DESCRIPTION

P₇₋₀ Interrupt Request (Inputs)

Active LOW level or latched pulses.

LB Latch Bypass (Input)

When HIGH, the interrupt latches are transparent. When LOW, the latches are negative pulse catchers.

M₇₋₀ Mask Bus (Input/Ouput)

Bidirectional bus to load or read interrupt mask.

13-0 Microinstruction Inputs (Input)

IE Instruction Enable (Input)

The microinstruction is executed if $\overline{\mathsf{IE}}$ is LOW and is ignored if $\overline{\mathsf{IE}}$ is HIGH.

GAR Group Advance Receive (Input)

During a Master Clear or Read Vector microinstruction, this input signal is used to load the Lowest Group Enable flipflop. GAR of the lowest priority group must be LOW.

GAS Group Advance Send (Output)

During a Read Vector microinstruction, this output signal is LOW when the highest priority vector of the group is being read. GAS should be connected to GAR of the next higher group in a cascaded system.

RD Ripple Disable (Output)

This output is LOW when Interrupt Disable (ID) is LOW, or the Lowest Group Enabled is LOW, or an Interrupt Request (IR) is generated in the group. This output is connected to the Interrupt Disable (ID) input of the next lower group.

PD Parallel Disable (Output)

This output is HIGH when the Lowest Group Enabled flipflop is LOW or an interrupt is generated in the group.

GS Group Signal (Output)

The output of the Lowest Group Enabled flipflop.

GE Group Enable (Input)

Input to the Lowest Group Enabled flipflop.

SO Status Overflow (Output)

This output signal is LOW after the highest priority vector of the group has been read. It stays LOW until a Master Clear or Load Status microinstruction is executed. SO of the highest priority group should be connected to the Interrupt Disable (ID) of the same group. SO signals of lower priority groups are unused.

S2-0 Status Bus (Input/Output)

Bidirectional bus to load or read the status register.

ID Interrupt Disable (Input)

When LOW, this input inhibits the Interrupt Request (IR) output and generates a Ripple Disable (RD) output.

IR Interrupt Request (Output)

Open collector output which is active LOW.

V2-0 Vector Output (Output)

CP Clock Input (Input)

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The Microinstruction Decode circuitry decodes the Interrupt Microinstructions and generates required control signals for the chip.

The Interrupt Register holds the Interrupt Inputs and is an eight-bit, edge-triggered register which is set on the rising edge of the Clock (CP) signal.

The Interrupt latches are set/reset-type latches. When the Latch Bypass (LB) signal is LOW, the latches are enabled and act as negative pulse catchers on the inputs to the Interrupt Register. When the Latch Bypass (LB) signal is HIGH, the Interrupt latches are transparent.

The Mask Register holds the eight mask bits associated with the eight interrupt levels. The register may be loaded from or read to the M Bus. Also, the entire register or individual mask bits may be set or cleared.

The Interrupt Detect circuitry detects the presence of any unmasked Interrupt (\overline{P}_{0-7}) Input. The eight-input Priority Encoder determines the highest priority, non-masked Interrupt Input and forms a binary coded Interrupt Vector. Following a Vector Read, the three-bit Vector Hold Register holds the binary coded interrupt vector. This stored vector is used for clearing interrupts.

The three-bit Status Register holds the status bits and may be loaded from or read to the S Bus. During a Vector Read, the Incrementer increments the Interrupt Vector by one, and the result is clocked into the Status Register. Thus the Status

Register always points to the lowest level at which an interrupt will be accepted.

The three-bit Comparator compares the Interrupt Vector with the contents of the Status Register and indicates if the Interrupt Vector is greater than or equal to the contents of the Status Register.

The Lowest Group Enabled Flip-Flop is used when a number of Am2914's are cascaded. In a cascaded system, only one Lowest Group Enabled Flip-Flop is LOW at a time. It indicates the eight interrupt group, which contains the lowest priority interrupt level which will be accepted and is used to form the higher order status bits.

The Interrupt Request and Group Enable logic contain various gating to generate the Interrupt Request ($\overline{\text{IR}}$), Parallel Disable (PD), Ripple Disable ($\overline{\text{RD}}$), and Group Advance Send ($\overline{\text{GAS}}$) signals.

The Status Overflow (SO) signal is used to disable all interrupts. It indicates the highest priority Interrupt Vector has been read and the Status Register has overflowed.

The Clear Control logic generates the eight individual clear signals for the bits in the Interrupt Latches and Register. The Vector Clear Enable Flip-Flop indicates if the last vector read was from this group. When it is set, it enables the Clear Control Logic.

The clock (CP) signal is used to clock the Interrupt Register, Mask Register, Status Register, Vector Hold Register, and the Lowest Group Enabled, Vector Clear Enable and Status Overflow Flip-Flops, all on the clock LOW-to-HIGH transition.

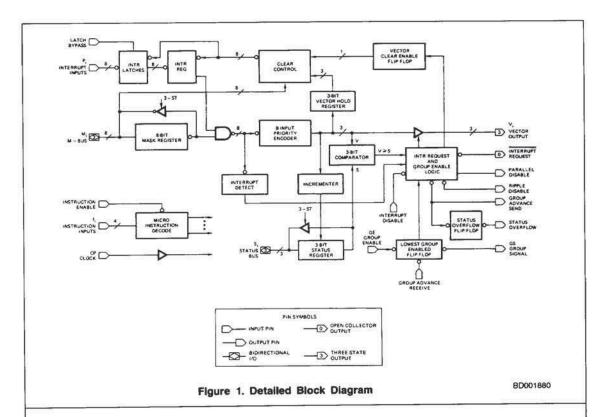
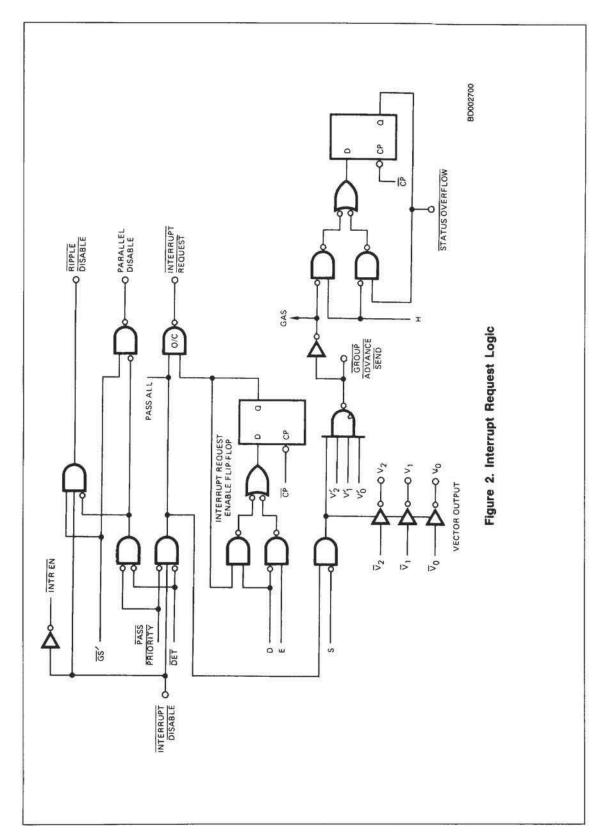


TABLE 1.
MICROINSTRUCTION SET FOR Am2914 PRIORITY INTERRUPT CIRCUIT

13121110	Mnemonic	Instruction
		Mask Register Functions
1110	LDM	Load mask register from M bus
0111	RDM	Read mask register to M bus
1100	CLRM	Clear mask register (enables all priorities)
1000	SETM	Set mask register (inhibits all interrupts)
1010	BCLRM	Bit clear mask register from M bus *Note 1
1011	BSETM	Bit set mask register from M bus *Note 1
	Viscondension	Status Register Functions
1001	LDSTA	Load status register from S bus and LGE flip-
		flop from GE input
0110	RDSTA	Read status register to S bus
	E14575 1	Interrupt Request Control
1111	ENIN	Enable interrupt request
1101	DISIN	Disable interrupt request
		Vectored Output
0101	RDVC	Read vector output to V outputs, load V + 1 into status register, load V into vector hold register and set vector clear enable flip-flop.
		Priority Interrupt Register Clear
0001	CLRIN	Clear all interrupts
0011	CLRMR	Clear interrupts from mask register data (uses
9911	(1000 (1000	the M bus)
0010	CLRMB	Clear interrupts from M bus data *Note 1
0100	CLRVC	Clear the individual interrupt associated with
	C diagrams	the last vector read
		Master Clear
0000	MCLR	Clear all interrupts, clear mask register, clea status register, clear LGE flip-flop, enable interrupt request.

Note 1: SET/CLEAR those bits which have corresponding M-Bus bits equal to one.



ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Storage Temperature65 to	+150°C
(Ambient) Temperature Under Bias55 to	+110°C
Supply Voltage to Ground Potential	
Continuous0.5 V to	+7.0 V
DC Voltage Applied to Outputs For	
High Output State0.5 V to +1	CC Max.
DC Input Voltage0.5 V to	+5.5 V
DC Output Current, Into Outputs	30 mA
DC Input Current30 mA to	

Stresses above those listed under ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS may cause permanent device failure. Functionality at or above these limits is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum ratings for extended periods may affect device reliability.

OPERATING RANGES

Commercial (C) Devices	
Temperature TA	0 to +70°C
Supply Voltage	. +4.75 V to +5.25 V
Military (M) Devices	
Temperature T _C	55 to +125°C
Supply Voltage	+4.5 V to +5.5 V

Operating ranges define those limits over which the functionality of the device is guaranteed.

DC CHARACTERISTICS over operating range unless otherwise specified; Included in Group A, Subgroup 1, 2, 3 Tests unless otherwise noted

Parameters	Description	Т	est Condition	s (Note 1)	Min.	Max.	Unit
**************************************		V _{CC} = Min.,	M	L, I _{OH} = -1.0 mA	2.4		1,000,000
Voн	Output HIGH Voltage	VIN = VIH or VI		OM'L, IOH = -2.6 mA	2.4		Volt
ICEX	Output Leakage Current for IR Output	V _{CC} = Min., V _O	≖ 5.5 V			250	μА
		100 500	lo	L = 4.0 mA		0.4	
VOL	Output LOW Voltage	V _{CC} = Min., V _{IN} = V _{IH} or V _I	lo	L = 8.0 mA		0.45	Volt
334	2 2	1 000 20 00	10	L = 12.0 mA		0.5	53,633
VIH	Input HIGH Level	Guaranteed inp for all inputs	ut logical HIGH v	roltage	2.0		Volt
V _{IL}	Input LOW Level	Guaranteed inp for all inputs	ut logical LOW v	oltage		0.8	Volt
VI	Input Clamp Voitage	V _{CC} = Min., I _{IN}	= -18 mA			-1.5	Valt
·			Mo)-7		-0.15	
		V _{CC} = Max., V _{IN} = 0.4 V		-2		-0.1	1
2	TO TOTAL SECTION OF			B.		-0.4	1
lı.	Input LOW Current			Ď.		-2.0	mA
						-1.2	1
				Others		-0.8	1
		$V_{CC} = Max.$, M_{0-7} S_{0-2} GE , G		1-7		150	
				-2		100	
W.	S 0.0000000000 10			GAR		40	
lін	Input HIGH Current	V _{IN} = 2.7 V	ĪĒ			60	μΑ
		0.00	1. D.			60	
			All	Others		20	
lı .	Input HIGH Current	VCC = Max., VIN	1 = 5.5 V			1.0	mA
		300000		M ₀₋₇		-150	
lozu		45	VOUT = 0.5	/ S ₀₋₂		-100	1
		\$5.20	V ₀₋₂	= ==	-50	//20	
	Off-State Output Current	V _{CC} = Max.		M ₀₋₇		150	μА
lozh			Vout = 2.4 \	/ S ₀₋₂		100	
				V ₀₋₂		50	
			001111	0 to +70°C		305	
los	Danies Scanti Comen	Market	COM'L	70°C		285	
loc	Power Supply Current	V _{CC} = Max.	100	-55 to +125°C		310	mA
		MIL		125°C		260	
sc	Output Short Circuit Current (Note 2)	V _{CC} = Max. + V _C	-30	-85	mA		

Notes: 1. For conditions shown as Min. or Max., use the appropriate value specified under Operating Ranges for the applicable device type.

2. Not more than one output should be shorted at a time. Duration of the short circuit test should not exceed one second.

SWITCHING CHARACTERISTICS over operating voltage and temperature range; included in Group A, Subgroups 9, 10, 11 Tests unless otherwise noted

C_L = 50pF. Measurements made at 1.5V.

TABLE I. CLOCK AND INTERRUPT INPUT PULSE WIDTHS (ns)

Time	COMMERCIAL	MILITARY
Minimum Clock LOW Time	30	30
Minimum Clock HIGH Time	30	30
Minimum Interrupt Input (Po-P7) LOW Time for Guaranteed Acceptance (Pulse Mode)	40	40
Maximum Interrupt Input (P ₀ -P ₇) LOW Time for Guaranteed Rejection (Pulse Mode)	8	8
Minimum Clock Period, ĪĒ = H on current cycle and previous cycle	50	55
Minimum Clock Period, IE = L on current cycle or previous cycle	100	110

TABLE II. MAXIMUM COMBINATIONAL PROPAGATION DELAYS (ns)

						To	Output									
	COMMERCIAL					co							M	ILITAR	Y	
From Input	M Bus	S Bus	V ₀₁₂	ĪŘ	RD	GAS	M Bus	S Bus	V ₀₁₂	ĪR	RD	GAS				
ĪĒ	52*	60°	65*	7 =	-0	56	60*	68*	70*	-	-	62				
l ₀₁₂₃	52*	60°	65*	\.E	7	56	60°	68*	70*	-	85	62				
Irpt. Disable	-	-	45*	52	20	30	-	- "	48*	60	22	33				

^{*}Enable/Disable. Disable: CL = 5 pF, 0.5 V Change on outputs.

TABLE III. MAXIMUM DELAYS FROM CLOCK TO OUTPUTS (ns)

	COMMERCIAL							MILITARY						
Clock Path	To V ₀₁₂	To IR	To PD	To RD	To GAS	To SO	To GS	To V ₀₁₂	To IR	To PD	To RD	To GAS	To SO	To GS
Irpt Latches and Register	76	97	67	67	80	- 23	(5)	82	105	75	75	85	-	100
Mask Register	-	97	67	67	-	-	-	_	105	75	75	-		2.7
Status Register	67	88	63	63	- T-1	=	-	73	96	66	66	170	_	-
Lowest Group Enabled Flip-Flop	-	-	48	52	-	2	38	-	22	54	58	2	-	45
Irpt Request Enable Flip-Flop	0.5	62	-	(T)	-	=	-	-	66	-	-	- 1	-	-
Status Overflow Flip-Flop	-	-	=	-	-	35	- "	-	-	1 2	121		40	-

TABLE IV. SETUP AND HOLD TIME REQUIREMENTS (ns) (All relative to clock LOW-to-HIGH transition)

	COMME	RCIAL	MILITARY			
From Input	Set-Up Time	Hold Time	Set-Up Time	Hold Time		
S-Bus	15	19	15	19		
M-Bus	15	16	15	16		
P ₀ -P ₇	15	9	15	9		
LB	20	0	20	0		
IE I ₀₁₂₃ (See Note)	55 t _{pwL} + 33	0	55 t _{pwL} + 40	0		
GE	15	13	15	13		
GAR	15	17	15	17		
ĪĎ	42	14	42	14		
P ₀ -P ₇ Hold Time Relative to LB	a 0	25	#8	25		

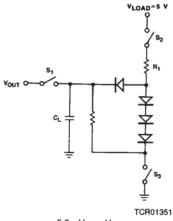
Note: tpwL is the Clock LOW Time. Both Set-up times must be met.

SWITCHING TEST CIRCUITS

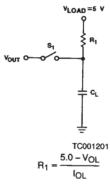
A. THREE-STATE OUTPUTS

B. NORMAL OUTPUTS

C. OPEN-COLLECTOR OUTPUTS



$$R_{2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{R_{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{R_{$$



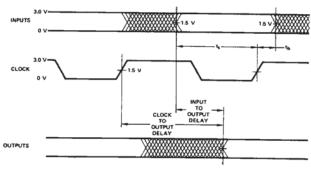
$$R_1 = \frac{5.0 - V_{BE} - V_{OL}}{\frac{I_{OL} + V_{OL}}{1K}}$$

TEST OUTPUT LOADS

Pin Label	Test Circuit	R ₁	R ₂
Group Signal	В	300	2.4K
Group Advance Receive	В	300	2.4K
Ripple Disable	В	300	2.4K
Parallel Disable	В	300	2.4K
Interrupt Request	С	390	-
S ₀₋₂	A	300	1K
Status Overflow	В	300	2.4K
V ₀₋₂	A	300	1K
M ₀₋₇	Α	300	1K

Notes: 1. C_L = 50 pF includes scope probe, wiring and stray capacitances without device in test fixture.
2. S₁, S₂, S₃ are closed during function tests and all AC tests except output enable tests.
3. S₁ and S₃ are closed while S₂ is open for tp_{ZH} test.
S₁ and S₂ are closed while S₃ is open for tp_{ZL} test.
4. C_L = 5.0 pF for output disable tests.
5. Disable times measured from 0.5 V change on the output.

SWITCHING WAVEFORMS



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KEY TO SWITCHING WAVEFORMS

WAVEFORM	INPUTS	OUTPUTS	
	MUST BE STEADY	WILL BE STEADY	
	MAY CHANGE FROM H TO L	WILL BE CHANGING FROM H TO L	
	MAY CHANGE FROM L TO H	WILL BE CHANGING FROM L TO H	
XXXX	DON'T CARE; ANY CHANGE PERMITTED	CHANGING; STATE UNKNOWN	
}	DOES NOT	CENTER LINE IS HIGH IMPEDANCE "OFF" STATE	

Notes on Test Methods

The following points give the general philosophy that we apply to tests that must be properly engineered if they are to be implemented in an automatic environment. The specifics of what philosophies applied to which test are shown.

- Ensure the part is adequately decoupled at the test head.
 Large changes in supply current when the device switches may cause function failures due to V_{CC} changes.
- Do not leave inputs floating during any tests, as they may oscillate at high frequency.
- 3. Do not attempt to perform threshold tests at high speed. Following an input transition, ground current may change by as much as 400 mA in 5 – 8 ns. Inductance in the ground cable may allow the ground pin at the device to rise by hundreds of millivolts momentarily.
- 4. Use extreme care in defining input levels for AC tests. Many inputs may be changed at once, so there will be significant noise at the device pins which may not actually reach V_{IL} or V_{IH} until the noise has settled. AMD recommends using $V_{IL} \leqslant 0$ V and $V_{IH} \geqslant 3$ V for AC tests.
- To simplify failure analysis, programs should be designed to perform DC, Function, and AC tests as three distinct groups of tests
- To assist in testing, AMD offers complete documentation on our test procedures and, in most cases, can provide actual Sentry programs, under license from Sentry.
- 7. Capacitive Loading for A.C. Testing Automatic testers and their associated hardware have stray capacitance that varies from one type of tester to another, but is generally around 50 pF. This, of course, makes it impossible to make direct measurements of parameters that call for a smaller capacitive load than the associated stray capacitance. Typical examples of this are the so-called "float delays" that measure the propagation delays into and out of the high impedance state and are usually specified at a load capacitance of 5.0 pF. In these cases, the test is peformed at the higher load capacitance (typically 50 pF) and engineering correlations based on data taken with a

bench set up are used to predict the result at the lower capacitance.

Similarly, a product may be specified at more than one capacitive load. Since the typical automatic tester is not capable of switching loads in mid-test, it is impossible to make measurements at <u>both</u> capacitances even though they may both be greater than the stray capacitance. In these cases, a measurement is made at one of the two capacitances. The result at the other capacitance is predicted from engineering correlations based on data taken with a bench set up and the knowledge that certain D.C. measurements (I_{OH}, I_{OL}, for example) have already been taken and are within specification. In some cases, special D.C. tests are performed in order to facilitate this correlation.

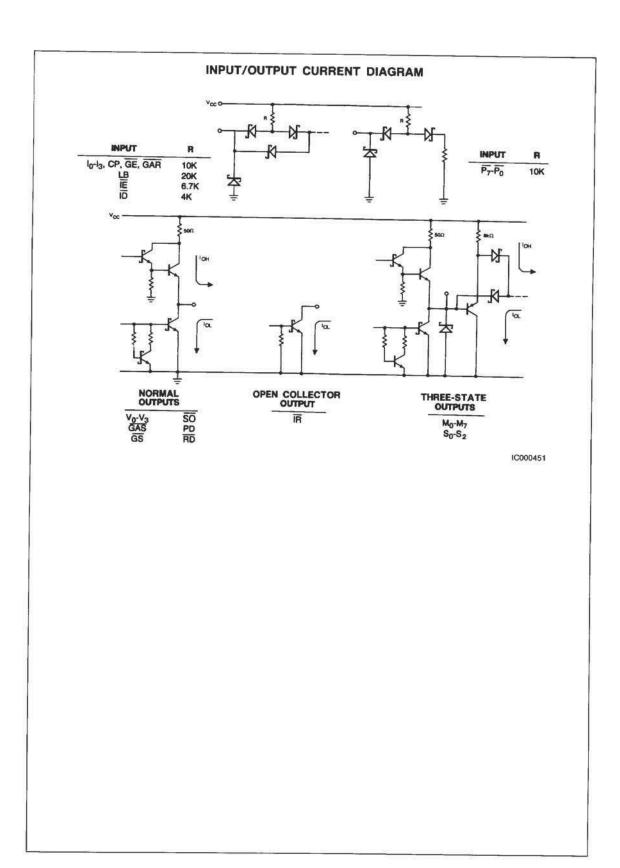
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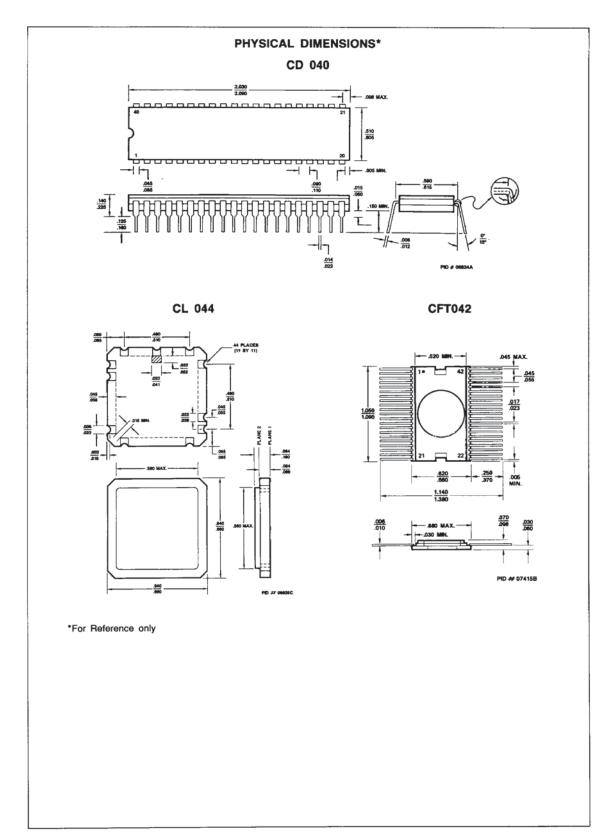
The noise associated with automatic testing, the long, inductive cables, and the high gain of bipolar devices when in the vicinity of the actual device threshold, frequently give rise to oscillations when testing high-speed circuits. These oscillations are not indicative of a reject device, but instead, of an overtaxed test system. To minimize this problem, thresholds are tested at least once for <u>each</u> input pin. Thereafter, "hard" high and low levels are used for other tests. Generally this means that function and A.C. testing are performed at "hard" input levels rather than at VIL max and VIH min.

9. A.C. Testing

Occasionally, parameters are specified that cannot be measured directly on automatic testers because of tester limitations. Data input hold times often fall into this category. In these cases, the parameter in question is guaranteed by correlating these tests with other A.C. tests that have been performed. These correlations are arrived at by the cognizant engineer by using data from precise bench measurements in conjunction with the knowledge that certain D.C. parameters have already been measured and are within specification.

In some cases, certain A.C. tests are redundant since they can be shown to be predicted by other tests that have already been performed. In these cases, the redundant tests are not performed.





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