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DESCRIPTION

The LXM1621 Direct Drive[™] CCFL Cathode Fluorescent (Cold Lamp) Modules specifically Inverter are designed for driving two lamp LCD backlight displays.

Similar to the LXM1620, the LXM1621 excels in applications where critical parameters include very wide range dimmability, high efficiency, and reliable fail-safe design in a small form factor. These 12 volt modules are specifically designed with desktop and industrial applications in mind.

Unlike the LXM1620 or any traditional dimming CCFL inverters, the LXM1621 provides the designer a vastly superior display brightness range. 100:1 +brightness range is achievable with a standard LCD display (see Product Highlight). Our wide range dimming provides exceptional display readability at less than 1% of full brightness, allowing both power savings and low ambient light operating capability(i.e. "night readable").

brightness control in any wide-range specific customer requirements. dimming application.

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Incorporation of a video synchronization feature allows wide ratio dimming without the display disturbances

products. The modules are equipped with a dimming input that permits brightness control from an external potentiometer or DC voltage source. The resultant "burst drive" that energizes the lamp was designed specifically to ensure that no premature lamp degradation occurs (see the "How RangeMAX works" section).

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The module design is based on a new Direct Drive topology, which provides a number of cost and performance advantages.

Linfinity's multiple lamp inverters include a built in connector array for the most common LCD lamp configurations.

Other benefits of this new topology are fixed-frequency operation and secondaryside strike-voltage regulation.

The LXM1621 is fully customizable Digital dimming provides flicker-free (electronically and mechanically) to

KEY FEATURES

- RangeMAX Wide Range Dimming
- 8V to 16V Input Voltage Range
- . Small Form Factor
- Easy To Use Brightness Control .
- MicroAmp SLEEP Mode **Output Short-Circuit Protection** And Automatic Strike-Voltage
- Regulation **Fixed Frequency Operation**
- Universal Connector Configuration

APPLICATIONS

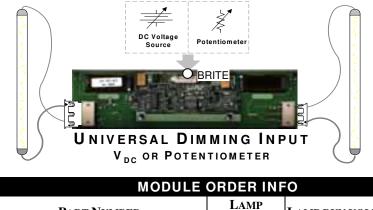
- **Hi-Brite Displays**
- **Desktop Displays**
- Low Ambient Light Conditions
- (i.e. Aircraft Cabins, Automobile)
- Industrial Applications

BENEFITS

- High Efficiency Reduces Heating Problems
- Smooth, Flicker Free 0-100% Full-Range Brightness Control Gives Your Product A High Quality Image
- Output Open Circuit Voltage Regulation Minimizes Corona Discharge For Long Life And High Reliability
- Power Efficient, "Low Brightness" Capability Allows For Advanced **Power Management**

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PRODUCT HIGHLIGHT



MODULE	ORDER INF	-0
PART NUMBER	LAMP CURRENT	LAMP RUN VOLTAGE (RMS)
LXM1621-01 (UL60950 E175910)	7mA	500-750
LXM1621-02	6mA	350-550
LXM1621-03	6.5mA	350-550
LXM1621-04	5mA	470-640

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Input Supply Voltage (V _{IN})	-0.3V to 18V
Output Voltage, no load	
Output Current	
Output Power (per lamp)	
Input Signal Voltage (BRITE Input)	
Input Signal Voltage (SLEEP, V _{SYNC})	0.3V to V_{IN}
Ambient Operating Temperature, zero airflow	0° C to 70° C
Storage Temperature Range	-40°C to 85°C
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Note 1: Exceeding these ratings could cause damage to the device. All voltages are with respect to Ground. Currents are positive into, negative out of specified terminal

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

This module has been designed to operate over a wide range of input and output conditions. However, best efficiency and performance will be obtained if the module is operated under the condition listed in the '**R.C**.' Column. Min. and Max. columns indicate values beyond which the inverter, although operational, will not function optimally.

Parameter		Symbol	Recommen	Units		
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Input Supply Voltage Range	(Functional)	V _{IN}	8	12	16	V
Input Supply Voltage (Fully F	Regulated Lamp Current)		10.2	12	13.8	V
Output Power (Per Lamp)	LXM1621-01			4	5	W
	LXM1621-02 / 03	Po		2.5	3	W
	LXM1621-04			2.75	3.5	W
Brightness Control Input Vol	tage Range	V _{BRT ADJ}	0.0		2.5	V
Lamp Operating Voltage	LXM1621-01		500	625	750	V _{RMS}
	LXM1621-02 / 03	VLAMP	350	425	500	V _{RMS}
	LXM1621-04		470	550	640	V _{RMS}
Lamp Current	LXM1621-01			7.0		mA _{RMS}
(Full Brightness – Per Lamp) LXM1621-02	1		6.0		mA _{RMS}
	LXM1621-03	IOLAMP		6.5		mA _{RMS}
	LXM1621-04			5.0		MA _{RMS}
Operating Ambient Tempera	ture Range	T _A	0		70	°C

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Unless otherwise specified, these specifications apply over the recommended operating conditions and 25°C ambient temperature for the LMX1621-xx.

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OUTPUT PIN CHARACTI	ERISTICS						
Full Brightness Current	LXM1621-01		$V_{BRT_{ADJ}} = 2.5V_{DC}, \overline{SLEEP} = HIGH,$ Burst Duty = 100%, $V_{IN} = 12V_{DC}$	6.3	7.0	7.7	mA _{RMS}
	LXM1621-02		$V_{BRT_ADJ} = 2.5V_{DC}$, $\overline{SLEEP} = HIGH$, Burst Duty = 100%, $V_{IN} = 12V_{DC}$	5.5	6.0	6.5	mA _{RMS}
	LXM1621-03	I _{L(MAX)}	$V_{BRT_{ADJ}} = 2.5V_{DC}$, $\overline{SLEEP} = HIGH$, Burst Duty = 100%, $V_{IN} = 12V_{DC}$	5.7	6.5	7.1	mA _{RMS}
	LXM1621-04		$V_{BRT_{ADJ}} = 2.5V_{DC}$, $\overline{SLEEP} = HIGH$, Burst Duty = 100%, $V_{IN} = 12V_{DC}$	4.5	5.0	5.5	mA _{RMS}
Minimum Lamp Current (F	Per Lamp)		$V_{BRT_{ADJ}} = 0V_{DC}$, SLEEP = HIGH, Burst Duty = 2%, $V_{IN} = 9V_{DC}$		0.14		mA _{RMS}
(Notes 2 & 3)	.,	I _{L(MIN)}	$V_{BRT_{ADJ}}$ = -50mV _{DC} , SLEEP = HIGH, Burst Duty =0.5%, V _{IN} = 9V _{DC}		0.035		mA _{RMS}
Lamp Start Voltage		V _{LS}	$0^{\circ}C < T_A < 40^{\circ}C, V_{IN} > 10.8V_{DC}$	1500		1800	V _{RMS}
Operating Frequency		f _o	$V_{BRT_ADJ} = 2.5V_{DC}, \overline{SLEEP} = HIGH,$ $V_{IN} = 12V_{DC}$	52	57	62	kHz

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	Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	LM	X1621-	XX	Units
	Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Units
	BRITE INPUT						
	Input Current	I _{BRT}	$V_{BRT_ADJ} = 0V$	-6	-8	-10	μA_{DC}
	Input Voltage For Max. Lamp Current	Vc	I _{O(LAMP)} = 100% Duty Cycle		2.5	2.6	V _{DC}
	Input Voltage For Min. Lamp Current	Vc	I _{O(LAMP)} = 2% Duty Cycle		0	0	V _{DC}
	(Note 3)	v _c	I _{O(LAMP)} = 0.5% Duty Cycle		-50		mV _{DC}
	SLEEP INPUT						
	RUN Mode	V _{SLEEP(HI)}		2.2		V _{IN}	V _{DC}
	SLEEP Mode	V _{SLEEP(LO)}		-0.3		0.8	V _{DC}
	Input Current	I	SLEEP = 5.0V	70	75	100	μA _{DC}
	V _{SYNC} CHARACTERISTICS		·				
	Logic High Level	V _{SYNC(HI)}		4.0		6.5	V _{DC}
	Logic Low Level	V _{SYNC(LO)}		-0.3		1.0	V _{DC}
l	Input Impedance	Z _{IN}		60	66	75	KΩ
	Pulse Width (Note 4)	t _{PW}		25		250	μs
	Input Frequency	f _{SYNC}		49		150	Hz
	POWER CHARACTERISTICS						
	Sleep Current	I _{IN(MIN)}	$V_{IN} = 12V_{DC}, \overline{SLEEP} < 0.8V$		5	50	μA _{DC}

Note 4: The module will be functional with pulse widths much larger than 250µs.

FUNCTIONAL PIN DESCRIPTION

Conn.	Pin	Description
N1		
CN1-1	N	Input Dower Cumply $(0)/(-1)/(-10)/$
CN1-2	- V _{IN}	Input Power Supply (8V \leq V _{IN} \leq 16V)
CN1-3		Devuer Oversky Detvers
CN1-4	GND	Power Supply Return
CN1-5	SLEEP	ON / OFF Control. (2.2V < $\overline{\text{SLEEP}}$ < VIN = ON, -0.3V < $\overline{\text{SLEEP}}$ < 0.8V = OFF)
CN1-6	BRITE	Brightness Control (-0.3V to $2.5V_{DC}$). $2.5V_{DC}$ gives maximum lamp current.
CN1-7, 8	VSYNC	Vertical synchronization input 49Hz < f _{SYNC} < 150Hz



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PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS LXM1621-01 / 02 / 03 124mm 4.88 in ┫ П CN1 CN2, CN3 32mm 1.26 in. 6mm 0.24 in Backside Connectors 38mm 48mm Ø3.0mm ±0.08 (0.12in) 1.50 in 1.89 in Grounded Mounting Hole - 2plcs Warning **High Voltage Present at** 1.52mm all Output Connectors 0.60 in CN4 CN5 THH ЩЦ 11111 CN2 PCB tolerances ±0.5mm CN3 Weight: 23 (g) typ. LXM1621-04 124mm 4.88 in -000-€□ CN1 CN2, CN3 32mm 6mm 1.26 in 8888888 0.24 in Backside Connectors 38mm 48mm Ø3.0mm ±0.08 (0.12in) 1.50 in 1.89 in Grounded Mounting Hole - 2plcs Warning 1.52mm High Voltage Present at 0.60 in all Output Connectors - 1111 -mr CN2 CN3 ≱ PCB tolerances ±0.5mm Weight: 23 (g) typ. All dimensions are in inches (mm)

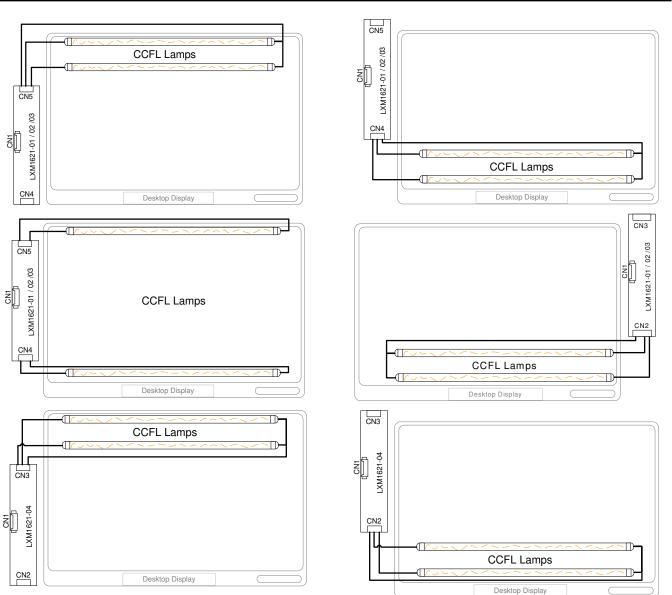
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TYPICAL CONNECTION CONFIGURATIONS

* Connectors CN2 and CN3 are on the bottom side of the inverter. View shown is looking through the board

Figure 1 – Connectivity Configuration Examples

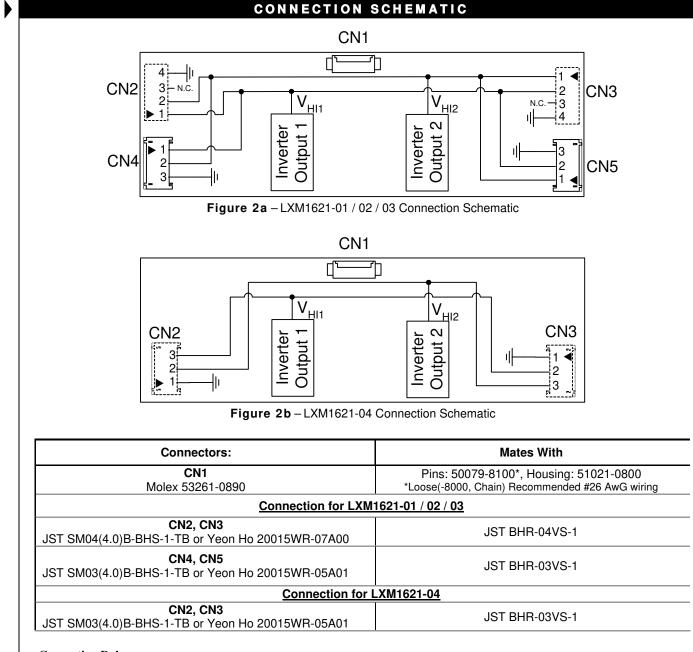
These examples illustrate six typical LCD wiring configurations that are accommodated by Linfinity's unique connector array. Linfinity inverters have multiple lamp connector styles that re common to the industry, which are duplicated at both ends of the module. This permits over 14 variations of module mounting and interconnectivity configuration.



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Connection Rules

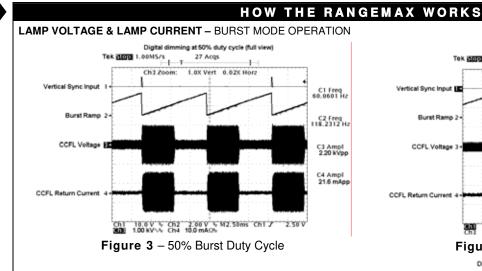
- 1. Always install two (2) lamps. Operating with only one lamp may overdrive lamp current at maximum brightness settings.
- 2. Verify lamp wiring before connecting lamps to the inverter module. Connecting both lamps to one of the two inverter output circuits will result in reduced brightness. The LXM1621-01 / 02 / 03 module connectors are wired per industry standard. The lamp hot wires (high voltage wires) are always on pin 1 or 2, and the cold wire (low voltage wire) is always on pin 3 or 4.
- 3. The LXM1621-04 uses the reverse pinout found in some panels. The lamp hot wires (high voltage wires) are on pins 2 and 3 and the cold (low voltage wire) is on pin 1.



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Rather than using the traditional dimming technique of varying lamp current magnitude to adjust light output, RangeMAX inverters use a fixed lamp current value with a duty cycle control method.

The lamp current burst width can be modulated from 100% (continuous lamp current) down to a 2% duty cycle, allowing the lamp to be dimmed to less than 1% of its full brightness.

As can be seen in Trace 3 of Figure 5 photo at right, careful design consideration was given to controlling lamp start voltage to softly start current flow. This eliminates current overshoot that can result in premature cathode wear and reduce lamp life.

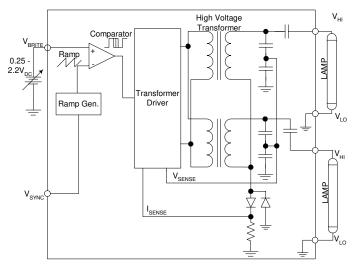


Figure 6 – RangeMAX Simplified Block Diagram

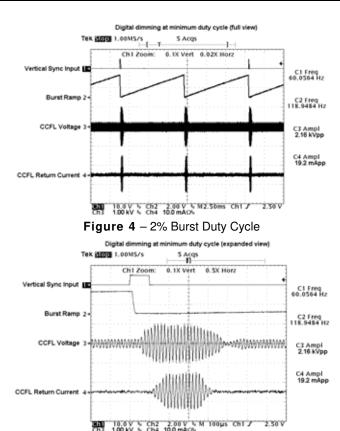


Figure 5 – 2% Burst Duty Cycle (Expanded Time Base)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Integrated brightness control circuit includes a DC voltage to pulse width converter that minimizes system design work and system noise susceptibility. This provides a familiar and convenient interface while reducing the potential for externally induced noise, which can cause lamp flicker.
- An on-board oscillator operates the inverter BURST rate about 95Hz, well beyond standard 50/60Hz video refresh rates where the eye can perceive pulsing light.
- RangeMAX inverter modules are designed to operate with the burst frequency <u>synchronized</u> to the video frame rate. This provides operation with no visible display disturbances caused by beat frequencies between the lamps and video frame rates.

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HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- In applications with no access to a vertical sync, the inverter burst frequency can be allowed to "free run" at 95Hz. In this <u>non-synchronous</u> mode, minor display disturbances may be found under certain video conditions. This performance is acceptable for many applications, but synchronization must be used when no disturbance can be tolerated.
- Separate feedback loops for lamp current and open circuit voltage regulation insure reliable strike under all operating conditions, automatic over-voltage prevention with broken or failed lamps, and accurate lamp current regulation.

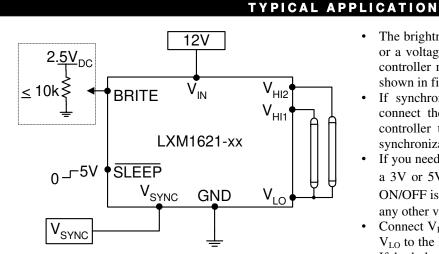
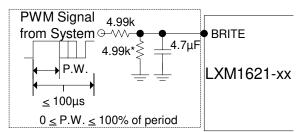


Figure 7- Brightness Control



* use 4.99k for 5V PWM amplitude, 15k for 3.3V PWM amplitude, and omit for 2.5V PWM amplitute.



• The brightness control may be a simple 10k potentiometer or a voltage output DAC. A PWM signal from a microcontroller may also be used with a suitable filter such as shown in figure 8.

- If synchronization to the video frame rate is desired, connect the vertical sync pulse from the system video controller to the appropriate V_{SYNC} input. If no video synchronization is desired, connect V_{SYNC} to ground.
- If you need to turn the inverter ON/OFF remotely, connect a 3V or 5V logic signal to the $\overline{\text{SLEEP}}$ input. If remote ON/OFF is not needed, connect the $\overline{\text{SLEEP}}$ input to V_{IN} or any other voltage greater than 2.2V_{DC}.
- Connect V_{HI} to high voltage wire from the lamp. Connect V_{LO} to the low voltage wire (wire with thinner insulation). If both lamp wires have heavy high voltage insulation, connect the longest wire to V_{LO} . V_{LO} is connected directly to ground (GND pin) on the inverter PCB. Always insure a good lamp return by using a wire. Do not rely on a chassis ground connection.

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Also available in single lamp inverters are the LXM1612-xx-xx or LXM1615-xx-xx, as well as the 12V dual lamp LXM1621-12-xx, LXM1622-xx-xx, and the Quad output LXM1641-01 versions for multiple lamp applications.

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WIDER DIMMING APPLICATION

The following application defines techniques capable of delivering dimming ranges in the 250:1 range. As is widely understood, these techniques will provide general capabilities and actual system performance will vary with panel design, CCFTs, ambient temperature and a number of other variables outside the control of the inverter. These methods can be used in conjunction with other techniques such as lamp heating and matching.

Wide ratio (250:1) dimming can be accomplished using the Linfinity inverter in two ways:

1. By varying the input voltage on the brightness pin as indicated in Figure 9. Caution must be exercised when applying negative voltage to the brightness control input. Applying more then -300mV to any inverter input will cause inverter malfunction (see Absolute Maximum Ratings).

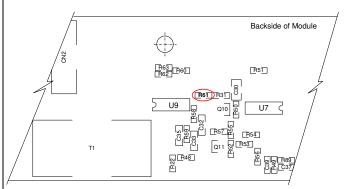


Figure 10 – Locating The Resistor on the LXM1621-xx

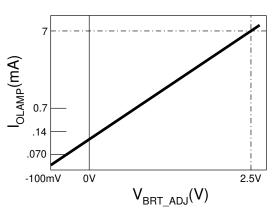


Figure 9 – Average Lamp Current vs. VBRITE Voltage (per Lamp)

2. By making a resistor value change on the module. Remove R61 for maximum dimming range or increase R61 value to desired minimum dim range setting (see figure 10). Care should be exercised since at a low enough dim setting the inverter will be unable to detect that the lamp has started and will initiate lamp strike (kickoff) voltage. This will result in lamp flicker. For repeatable low light levels the BRITE input DC supply must be a very clean stable voltage source, at low dim inputs.

If you plan to completely remove R61 it is recommended that you ensure that a minimum voltage above zero remain on the BRITE input to prevent the above flicker problem. This minimum voltage may need to be adjusted for each individual inverter module. If you are using a pot to control the BRITE input then a separate trim pot on the low side would accomplish the same goal.

Both methods discussed will provide a lower duty cycle operation than is necessary in a 100:1 dimming application.

Careful consideration should be made with regard to display quality at these dimming levels. At very low brightness levels, even very small amounts of noise on the VBRITE line can cause flicker on the display, so special care must be given to grounding, filtering, and shielding the inverter from the digital logic and clock signals. www.*Microsemi*.com



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