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## DESCRIPTION

The LXM1621 Direct Drive ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ CCFL Incorporation of a video synch(Cold Cathode Fluorescent Lamp) ronization feature allows wide ratio Inverter Modules are specifically 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").

Digital dimming provides flicker-free brightness control in any wide-range dimming application.
dimming without the display disturbances and interference seen with competitive 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).

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 (electronically and mechanically) to specific customer requirements.

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## 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\% FullRange 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


| MODULE ORDER INFO |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Part NUMBER | LAMP <br> CURRENT | LAMP RUN VOLTAGE (RMS) |
| LXM1621-01 (UL60950 E175910) | 7 mA | $500-750$ |
| LXM1621-02 | 6 mA | $350-550$ |
| LXM1621-03 | 6.5 mA | $350-550$ |
| LXM1621-04 | 5 mA | $470-640$ |

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (NOTE 1)

Input Supply Voltage ( $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$ ) -0.3 V to 18 V
Output Voltage, no load Internally Limited to $1800 \mathrm{~V}_{\text {RMS }}$
Output Current $.10 \mathrm{~mA}_{\text {RMS }}$ (Internally Limited)
Output Power (per lamp) $\qquad$
Input Signal Voltage (BRITE Input)
-0.3 V to 6.5 V
Input Signal Voltage (SLEEP, V ${ }_{\text {SYNC }}$ ) -0.3 V to $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$
Ambient Operating Temperature, zero airflow $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Storage Temperature Range $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
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 | Recommended Operating Conditions |  |  | Units |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Min | R.C. | Max |  |
| Input Supply Voltage Range (Functional) | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ | 8 | 12 | 16 | V |
| Input Supply Voltage (Fully Regulated Lamp Current) |  | 10.2 | 12 | 13.8 | V |
| Output Power (Per Lamp) | Po |  | 4 | 5 | W |
|  |  |  | 2.5 | 3 | W |
|  |  |  | 2.75 | 3.5 | W |
| Brightness Control Input Voltage Range | $V_{\text {BRT ADJ }}$ | 0.0 |  | 2.5 | V |
| Lamp Operating Voltage | $V_{\text {LAMP }}$ | 500 | 625 | 750 | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {RMS }}$ |
|  |  | 350 | 425 | 500 | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {RMS }}$ |
|  |  | 470 | 550 | 640 | $V_{\text {RMS }}$ |
| Lamp Current(Full Brightness - Per Lamp)Operating Ambient Temperatu | lolamp |  | 7.0 |  | $\mathrm{mA}_{\text {RMS }}$ |
|  |  |  | 6.0 |  | $\mathrm{mA}_{\text {RMS }}$ |
|  |  |  | 6.5 |  | $\mathrm{mA}_{\text {RMS }}$ |
|  |  |  | 5.0 |  | MA RMS $^{\text {S }}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{T}_{\text {A }}$ | 0 |  | 70 | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Unless otherwise specified, these specifications apply over the recommended operating conditions and $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ambient temperature for the LMX1621-xx.




## TYPICALCONNECTION CONFIGURATIONS



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.

## CONNECTION SCHEMATIC



Figure 2a -LXM1621-01 / 02 / 03 Connection Schematic

## CN1



Figure 2b - LXM1621-04 Connection Schematic

| Connectors: | Mates With |
| :---: | :---: |
| CN1 Molex 53261-0890 | Pins: 50079-8100*, Housing: 51021-0800 *Loose(-8000, Chain) Recommended \#26 AwG wiring |
| Connection for LXM1621-01 / 02 / 03 |  |
| CN2, CN3 <br> JST SM04(4.0)B-BHS-1-TB or Yeon Ho 20015WR-07A00 | JST BHR-04VS-1 |
| CN4, CN5 <br> JST SM03(4.0)B-BHS-1-TB or Yeon Ho 20015WR-05A01 | JST BHR-03VS-1 |
| Connection for LXM1621-04 |  |
| CN2, CN3 <br> JST SM03(4.0)B-BHS-1-TB or Yeon Ho 20015WR-05A01 | JST BHR-03VS-1 |

## 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.

## HOW THE RANGEMAX WORKS

LAMP VOLTAGE \& LAMP CURRENT - BURST MODE OPERATION


Figure 3 - 50\% Burst Duty Cycle

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 4 - 2\% Burst Duty Cycle


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 95 Hz , well beyond standard $50 / 60 \mathrm{~Hz}$ video refresh rates where the eye can perceive pulsing light.
- RangeMAX inverter modules are designed to operate with the burst frequency synchronized to the video frame rate. This provides operation with no visible display disturbances caused by beat frequencies between the lamps and video frame rates.


## HOW THE RANGEMAX WORKS (CONTINUED)

HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- In applications with no access to a vertical sync, the inverter burst frequency can be allowed to "free run" at 95 Hz . In this non-synchronous 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


Figure 8 - PWM Brightness Control

- The brightness control may be a simple 10 k 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 $\mathrm{V}_{\text {SYNC }}$ input. If no video synchronization is desired, connect $\mathrm{V}_{\text {SYNC }}$ to ground.
- If you need to turn the inverter ON/OFF remotely, connect a 3 V or 5 V logic signal to the $\overline{\mathrm{SLEEP}}$ input. If remote ON/OFF is not needed, connect the $\overline{\text { SLEEP }}$ input to $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ or any other voltage greater than $2.2 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{DC}}$.
- Connect $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{HI}}$ to high voltage wire from the lamp. Connect $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{LO}}$ to the low voltage wire (wire with thinner insulation). If both lamp wires have heavy high voltage insulation, connect the longest wire to $\mathrm{V}_{\text {LO }}$. $\mathrm{V}_{\text {LO }}$ 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.


## Rangemax INVERTERS

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.

## 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 -300 mV 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. V BRite 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.

