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## Laser Driver for Projectors

### General Description

The MAX3601 laser driver for pico projectors supports video imaging with red, blue, and green lasers. Each output includes two 8-bit digital-to-analog converters (DACs) with programmable gain and up to 400mA driving capability per channel. DAC A has a full-scale current up to 320mA, while DAC B has full-scale current up to 80mA. All three channels can be combined into a single channel with up to 1.2A drive capability.

Maxim's patented technology allows pulsed current to operate lasers efficiently while reducing speckle. This feature operates from the video data clock. The driver is available in a 3.0mm x 3.5mm, 42-bump wafer-level package for commercial applications and a 5mm x 5mm, 40-pin TQFN package for industrial and automotive applications.

### Applications

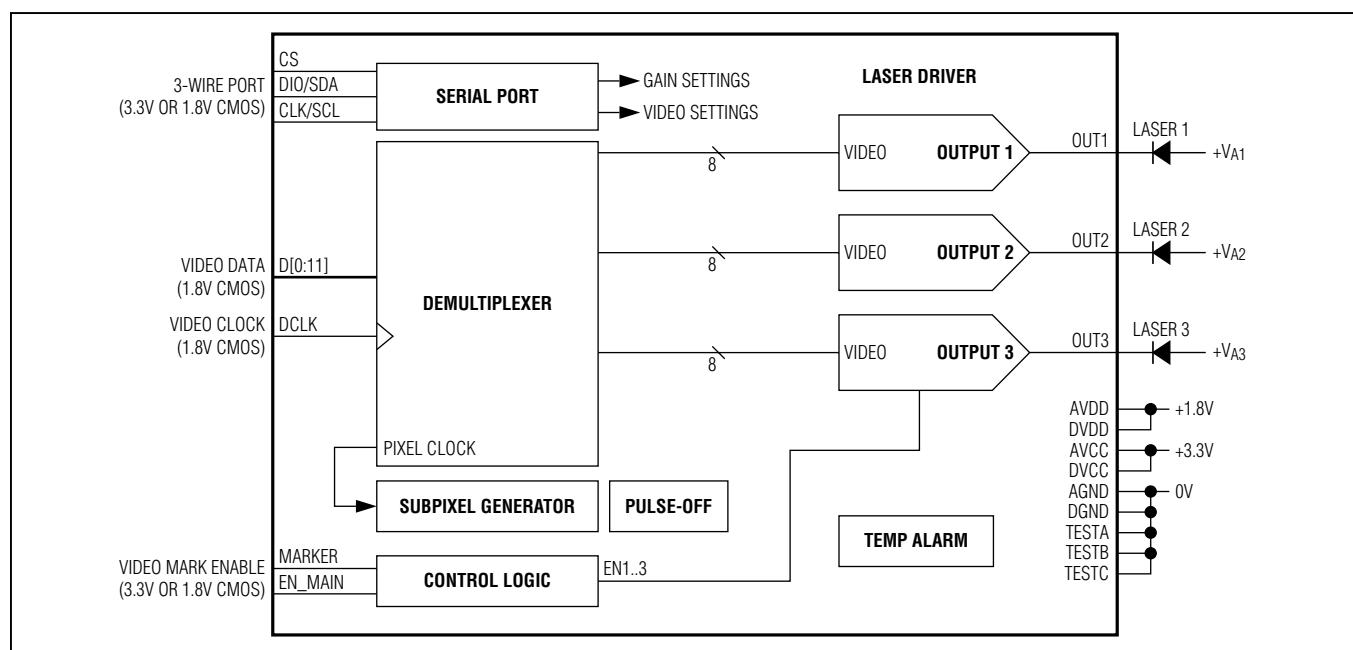
- RGB Pico Laser Projector
- Laser Light Source for LCOS Projectors
- High-Current LED or Laser Pulse Generator

**Ordering Information** appears at end of data sheet.

### Benefits and Features

- ◆ **Integrates Three Current-Output Laser Drivers**
  - ◇ **Compatible with Most Red, Blue, and Green Lasers**
  - ◇ **8-Bit Video DACs, DC to 167MHz operation**
  - ◇ **Patented Pulsing Feature Reduces Laser Speckling**
  - ◇ **1ns Output Switching Time**
  - ◇ **Pulse Switching Speed Enhancer**
- ◆ **Minimizes PCB Area with Functional Integration**
  - ◇ **SPI or I<sup>2</sup>C Serial Port Control**
  - ◇ **1.8V to 3.3V Operation**
  - ◇ **8-Bit Gain Adjustment**
  - ◇ **Programmable Pulse Current**
  - ◇ **42-Bump WLP (3.0mm x 3.5mm) and 40-Pin TQFN (5mm x 5mm) Packages**
  - ◇ **Integrated Temperature Sensor**
- ◆ **Low Power Requirements**
  - ◇ **< 80mW for Black Video Images**
  - ◇ **Output Disable Using Video Marker**
  - ◇ **Output Voltage Sensor**
- ◆ **Laser Enable Function Supports Safety Compliance**

### Simplified Functional Diagram



For related parts and recommended products to use with this part, refer to: [www.maximintegrated.com/MAX3601.related](http://www.maximintegrated.com/MAX3601.related)

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### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

AVDD to AGND .....	-0.3V to +2.2V	D0–D11, DCLK, SCL, SDA, CS, EN_MAIN, MARKER Current .....	-50mA to +50mA
DVDD to DGND .....	-0.3V to +2.2V	Continuous Power Dissipation	
AVCC to AGND .....	-0.3V to +4.0V	TQFN (T <sub>A</sub> = +85°C, derate 35.7mW/°C above +85°C) ..	2320mW
DVCC to DGND .....	-0.3V to +4.0V	WLP (T <sub>A</sub> = +70°C, derate 28.5mW/°C above +70°C) ..	2200mW
AVDD to DVDD .....	-0.3V to +0.3V	Junction Temperature .....	+150°C
AVCC to DVCC .....	-0.3V to +0.3V	Operating Temperature Range	
AGND to DGND .....	-0.3V to +0.3V	TQFN .....	-40°C to +105°C
OUT_ to DGND .....	-0.3V to +8.4V	WLP .....	0°C to +70°C
OUT_ Current		Storage Temperature Range .....	-55°C to +150°C
Continuous .....	400mA	Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s; TQFN only) .....	+300°C
Peak (t < 1μs) .....	800mA	Soldering Temperature (reflow) .....	+260°C
D0–D11, DCLK, TESTC to DGND .....	-0.3V to lower of +2.2V or (V <sub>DVDD</sub> + 0.3V)		
CLK/SCL, DIO/SDA, CS, EN_MAIN, MARKER, TESTA, TESTB to DGND .....	-0.3V to lower of +4.0V or (V <sub>DVCC</sub> + 0.3V)		

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 in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

### PACKAGE THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS (Note 1)

TQFN	Junction-to-Case Thermal Resistance (θ <sub>JC</sub> ) .....	2°C/W	WLP	Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance (θ <sub>JA</sub> ) .....	36°C/W
	Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance (θ <sub>JA</sub> ) .....	28°C/W			

**Note 1:** Package thermal resistances were obtained using the method described in JEDEC specification JESD51-7, using a four-layer board. For detailed information on package thermal considerations, refer to [www.maximintegrated.com/thermal-tutorial](http://www.maximintegrated.com/thermal-tutorial).

### ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(V<sub>AVDD</sub> = V<sub>DVDD</sub> = 1.7V to 1.9V, V<sub>AVCC</sub> = V<sub>DVCC</sub> = 2.9V to 3.5V, T<sub>A</sub> = T<sub>MIN</sub> to T<sub>MAX</sub>, T<sub>J</sub> < +125°C, EN\_MAIN and MARKER high, V<sub>OUT</sub> ≥ 0.7V, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at V<sub>AVDD</sub> = V<sub>DVDD</sub> = 1.8V, V<sub>AVCC</sub> = V<sub>DVCC</sub> = 3.3V, T<sub>J</sub> = +85°C. Consumer grade parts are tested at T<sub>A</sub> = +70°C. Automotive grade parts are tested at T<sub>A</sub> = +105°C. Minimum and maximum specifications are guaranteed by design, characterization and/or production test.)(Note 2)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
<b>OPERATING CONDITIONS</b>						
Output Voltage	V <sub>OUT</sub>	Output enabled	0.5	0.6	7.5	V
<b>POWER SUPPLY (Note 3, Figure 4)</b>						
+1.8V Supply Current	I <sub>AVDD_DIS</sub>	EN_MAIN low or SP_EN = 1		0.01	(1)	μA
	I <sub>AVDD</sub>	SP_EN High		5	7	mA
	I <sub>DVDD1</sub>	SP_EN = 0		0.02	(0.03)	mA/MHz
		SP_EN = 1, f <sub>PO</sub> = 75MHz		0.1	(0.2)	
	I <sub>DVDD_G1A</sub>	Video dependency DAC A		1.1	(1.5)	μA/ (MHz x ΔCODE)
	I <sub>DVDD_G1B</sub>	Video dependency DAC B		0.5	(0.6)	
I <sub>DVDD</sub>	Maximum digital supply current f <sub>PIXEL</sub> = 150MHz, f <sub>PO</sub> = 75MHz				(45)	mA

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### ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

( $V_{AVDD} = V_{DVDD} = 1.7V$  to  $1.9V$ ,  $V_{AVCC} = V_{DVCC} = 2.9V$  to  $3.5V$ ,  $T_A = T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$ ,  $T_J < +125^\circ C$ ,  $EN\_MAIN$  and  $MARKER$  high,  $V_{OUT} \geq 0.7V$ , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $V_{AVDD} = V_{DVDD} = 1.8V$ ,  $V_{AVCC} = V_{DVCC} = 3.3V$ ,  $T_J = +85^\circ C$ . Consumer grade parts are tested at  $T_A = +70^\circ C$ . Automotive grade parts are tested at  $T_A = +105^\circ C$ . Minimum and maximum specifications are guaranteed by design, characterization and/or production test.)(Note 2)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
+3.3V Supply Current	$I_{AVCC}$	Core analog		1.5	1.8	mA	
	$I_{DVCC\_DIS}$	$ENA\_ = ENB\_ = 0$		0.01	0.1		
	$I_{DVCC\_G1A}$	$GA\_ = 0x00$ (per channel)		3.4	4.8		
	$I_{DVCC\_G2A}$	$GA\_ = 0xFF$ (per channel)		8.2	9.1		
	$I_{DVCC\_G1B}$	$GB\_ = 0x00$ (per channel)		1.2	1.6		
	$I_{DVCC\_G2B}$	$GB\_ = 0xFF$ (per channel)	MAX3601C		2.5		2.8
			MAX3601G		2.5		3.3
$I_{AVCC}$	Maximum analog supply current $GA\_ = GB\_ = 0xFF$ , $ENA\_ = ENB\_ = 1$	MAX3601C			(37.6)		
		MAX3601G			(39.1)		
Pulse-Off Assist Current (Note 4)	$I_{CCD\_G1}$	$PHS\_ = 0$		5	(10)	$\mu A/MHz$	
	$I_{CCD\_G2}$	$f_{PO} = f_{POH} = 75MHz$ , $f_{PIXEL} = 150MHz$ , $C_L = 0pF$ , $V_{OUT\_MIN} = 0.8V$ to $1.8V$		2.3	(4.6)		
Power In MAX3601 Driver (Note 5)		Outputs off, clock stopped		0.2		mW	
		0% video		< 83	(100)		
		27% video		130			
		100% video		270			
		27% video with pulse-off		150			
		27% video with pulse-off assist		160			
Typical Output Sensitivity to Supply Voltage (Note 6)		$I_{OUT}/V_{AVDD}$		1		%V	
		$I_{OUT}/V_{DVDD}$		1	(3)		
		$I_{OUT}/V_{AVCC}$		2	(17)		
		$I_{OUT}/V_{DVCC}$		2.2	(6)		
<b>VIDEO DAC (8-Bit, Note 7)</b>							
Maximum Conversion Rate			150	160	(250)	MspS	
Settling Time	$t_S$	Within 12 LSBs ( $GAIN = 0x0F$ to $0xFF$ )		6.7	(12)	ns	
		Within 3 LSBs ( $GAIN = 0xFF$ )		12	(25)		
		Within 1 LSB ( $GAIN = 0xFF$ )		23	(34)		
Rise/Fall Time		20% to 80%		1.5	(2.5)	ns	
Offset Error ( $GSA\_ = GSB+ = 0xFF$ , $ENA\_ = ENB\_ = 1$ )	$OS\_ER$	$0V \leq V_{OUT} \leq V_{AVCC} + 0.5V$		1.0	24	$\mu A$	
		$V_{OUT} = 7.5V$	(1.0)	10.5	37		
Resistor $R_{OUT1}$	$R_{OUT1}$	$V_{OUT} = 7.5V$ , see Figure 12	(290)	400	(490)	k $\Omega$	
Video INL (Notes 8 and 9)		Code > $0x1F$	(-15)		(15)	LSB	
INL Drift (Notes 8 and 9)		$0x1F < GAIN < 0xFF$ , $0^\circ C < T_J < +125^\circ C$ $V_{OUT\_MIN} = 0.6V$ to $1.6V$		1.5	(3)	LSB	



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### ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
Video DNL (GAIN = 0x0F to 0xFF) (Note 8)		Guaranteed monotonic	(-1)		(+1)	LSB	
Propagation Delay (Delay = PD1 + PD2)		PD1		2		Pixel clocks	
		PD2		11		ns	
Propagation Delay Variation			(-1)		(+1)	ns	
Transfer of $V_{OUT}$ to $I_{OUT}$ (Note 5)		$f < 50kHz$ , $V_{OUT} > 0.9V$		0.2	(1)	%V	
		$f < 1MHz$ , $V_{OUT} > 0.6V$		6	(10)		
		$f < 1MHz$ , $V_{OUT} > 0.5V$		12	(15)		
Output Capacitance (CODE_A = CODE_B = 0x00)	$C_{DVR}$	$V_{OUT} = 0.6V$		260		pF	
		$V_{OUT} = 1.1V$		125			
		$V_{OUT} = 2.0V$		100			
<b>PULSE OFF ASSIST</b>							
Rise Time		20% to 80%, $V_{A-} = 1.0V$ , $C_L = 0pF$ , PHS_ = 3, VIDEO = 0x00		1.6	(3)	ns	
Incremental Resistance PH_ = 0xFFFF		PHS_ = 3,		8		$\Omega$	
		PHS_ = 2		16			
		PHS_ = 1		32			
		PHS_ = 0		64			
Compliance Voltage	$V_{O\_POH}$	Relative to $V_{AVCC}$ , $I_{OUT} = 1mA$ ( $T_A = 0$ to $+125^\circ C$ )			(-0.8)	V	
		$T_A = -40^\circ C$ to $+125^\circ C$			(-0.9)		
<b>OUTPUT GAIN (VIDEO_ = 0xFF)</b>							
Resolution				8		Bits	
Current at OUT		$GA_ = 0x00$ , $GB_ = 0x00$		0.01	(1)	mA	
		$GA_ = 0xFF$ , $GB_ = 0x00$	MAX3601C	280	320		400
			MAX3601G, $T_A = +25^\circ C$ to $+105^\circ C$	275	320		400
			MAX3601G, $T_A < +25^\circ C$	260	320		400
		$GA_ = 0x00$ , $GB_ = 0xFF$	MAX3601C	69	80		100
			MAX3601G, $T_A = +25^\circ C$ to $+105^\circ C$	68	80		100
			MAX3601G, $T_A < +25^\circ C$	60	80		100
		$GA_ = 0xFF$ , $GB_ = 0xFF$	MAX3601C	(349)	400		(500)
MAX3601G	(320)		400	(500)			

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### ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
<b>COMPLIANCE ALARM</b>						
VSET DAC Resolution		4 bit	(70)	80	(90)	mV
VSET DAC Range		VSET_ = 0x0	0.32	0.4	0.48	V
		VSET_ = 0xF	1.4	1.6	1.8	
Filter 1 Time Constant				1		ns
Filter 2 Time Constant				2.7		ns
<b>TEMPERATURE ALARM</b>						
Temperature Range			(5)		(150)	$^\circ C$
Temperature Accuracy		$T_J = +20^\circ C$ to $+125^\circ C$	(-10)		(10)	$^\circ C$
Temperature Resolution		$T_J = +20^\circ C$ to $+125^\circ C$	(2.25)	2.5	(2.75)	$^\circ C/LSB$
<b>LOGIC I/O (DIO/SDA, CLK/SCL, CS, MARKER, EN_MAIN)</b>						
Input Low Voltage	$V_{IL2}$	Test condition			0.4	V
Input High Voltage	$V_{IH2}$	Test condition	1.45			V
Input High Threshold		Relative to $V_{DVDD}$	(50)	60	(70)	%
Input Low Threshold		Relative to $V_{DVDD}$	(40)	50	(60)	%
Input Hysteresis		Relative to $V_{DVDD}$	(5)			%
Input Current		DIO/SDA, CLK/SCL	-10	$\pm 0.2$	+10	$\mu A$
Input Resistance	$R_{EN\_MAIN}$	EN_MAIN to DGND	50	100	200	k $\Omega$
	$R_{MARKER}$	MARKER to DVDD	50	100	200	
	$R_{CS}$	CS to DGND	50	100	200	
Input Capacitance				1		pF
Disable Time	$t_{DIS}$	EN_MAIN or MARKER to $I_{OUT}$ falling		0.1	1	$\mu s$
Enable Settling Time Constant	$t_{EN}$	EN_MAIN rising or MARKER rising		0.5	1.5	$\mu s$
DIO/SDA Low Voltage		$I_{DIO/SDA} = 16mA$		0.1	0.4	V
<b>VIDEO DATA INPUTS</b>						
Maximum Frequency	$f_{DCLK\_MAX}$		150	> 160		MHz
DCLK Duty Cycle		$f_{DCLK} > 100MHz$	(45)		(55)	%
DCLK High Time		Relative to $2/f_{DCLK}$	(-0.5)		(+0.5)	ns
Video Input Setup Time	$t_{SU}$	Operating condition		1		ns
Video Input Hold Time	$t_H$	Operating condition	MAX3601C	0.25		ns
			MAX3601G	0.35		
Input Switching Time		10% to 90%, operating condition		1.2		ns
Input Low Voltage	$V_{IN-L}$				$0.5 \times V_{DVDD} - 0.1$	V

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### ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Input High Voltage	$V_{IN-H}$		$0.5 \times V_{DVDD} + 0.1$			V
Input Threshold		Relative to $V_{DVDD}$		50		%
Input Hysteresis				0.1		V
Input Current			-10	$<\pm 1$	+10	$\mu A$
Data Input Capacitance	$C_D$			1		pF
<b>SUBPIXEL GENERATOR</b>						
Pixel Clock Frequency Range		Subpixel generator active	24	150	(250)	MHz
Minimum Pulse Width		1 subpixel			(2)	ns
Subpixel Timing Accuracy		$T_{PODM} - T_{POD}$	(-1)		(+1)	ns
PLL Bandwidth			(1200)	2000	(3100)	kHz
<b>I<sup>2</sup>C TIMING</b>						
Clock Frequency	$f_{SCL}$				400	kHz
Bus Free Time Between START and STOP	$t_{BUF}$		1.3			$\mu s$
HOLD Time for a START Condition	$t_{HD\_STA}$		0.6			$\mu s$
Setup Time Repeated START Condition	$t_{SU\_STA}$		0.6			$\mu s$
SCL Low Time	$t_{LOW}$		1.3			$\mu s$
SCL High Time	$t_{HIGH}$		0.6			$\mu s$
SDA Hold Time	$t_{HD\_DAT}$		0.1		0.6	$\mu s$
SDA Setup Time	$t_{SU\_DAT}$		0.1			$\mu s$
Setup Time for STOP Condition	$t_{SU\_STO}$		0.6			$\mu s$
Pulse Width of Suppressed Spikes	$t_{SP}$			0.05		$\mu s$
<b>SPI TIMING</b>						
SPI Clock Cycle	$t_{CLK}$		83			ns
SCL High Pulse Width	$t_{WH}$		41.5			ns
SCL Low Pulse Width	$t_{WL}$		41.5			ns
SCL Rise/Fall Time	$t_{RF}$	At $f_{CLK} = 12MHz$		16		ns
SCL Setup Time	$t_{CLKS}$		8			ns
CS Setup/Hold Time	$t_{CS}$		32			ns
CS Recovery Time	$t_{CR}$		50			ns

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### ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

( $V_{AVDD} = V_{DVDD} = 1.7V$  to  $1.9V$ ,  $V_{AVCC} = V_{DVCC} = 2.9V$  to  $3.5V$ ,  $T_A = T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$ ,  $T_J < +125^\circ C$ ,  $EN\_MAIN$  and  $MARKER$  high,  $V_{OUT} \geq 0.7V$ , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $V_{AVDD} = V_{DVDD} = 1.8V$ ,  $V_{AVCC} = V_{DVCC} = 3.3V$ ,  $T_J = +85^\circ C$ . Consumer grade parts are tested at  $T_A = +70^\circ C$ . Automotive grade parts are tested at  $T_A = +105^\circ C$ . Minimum and maximum specifications are guaranteed by design, characterization and/or production test.)(Note 2)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Write Data Setup Time	$t_{DS}$		16			ns
Write Data Hold Time	$t_{DH}$		16			ns
Read Data Delay Time	$t_{RD}$				34	ns
DIO Output Switching Time	$t_{ZR}$	$R_{DIO} = 390\Omega$ , $C_{DIO} = 20pF$		11	(16)	ns
DIO Output Disable Time	$t_{RZ}$	MAX3601C			34	ns
		MAX3601G			36	
DIO Conflict Avoid Time	$t_{ZZ}$		0			ns
<b>POWER-ON RESET (Figure 27)</b>						
$V_{AVDD}, V_{DVDD}$ On Threshold	$2V_{POR+}$			1.32	(1.6)	V
$V_{AVDD}, V_{DVDD}$ Off Threshold	$2V_{POR-}$		(1)	1.28		V
$V_{DVCC}, V_{DVCC}$ On Threshold	$3V_{POR+}$			2.5	(2.8)	V
$V_{AVCC}, V_{DVCC}$ Off Threshold	$3V_{POR-}$		(2.2)	2.4		V

**Note 2:** Parameters measured using circuit of Figure 1.  $R_S, C_S, C_L =$  open, unless otherwise noted. Parameters in parentheses ( ) are provided for guidance, but are not tested or guaranteed.

**Note 3:** Power Consumption Calculations:

$$I_{DVDD}(\text{mA}) = I_{DVDD}(\text{mA/MHz}) \times f_{PIXEL}(\text{MHz}) + \sum_{N=1}^3 \left[ ENA_N \times I_{DVDDG1A}(\text{mA/MHz}) \times \Delta CODE_{A_N} + ENB_N \times I_{DVDDG1B}(\text{mA/MHz}) \times \Delta CODE_{B_N} \right] + f_{PIXEL}(\text{MHz})$$

$$I_{DVCC}(\text{mA}) = \sum_{N=1}^3 \left[ ENA_N \times I_{DVCCD_G1A} + (I_{DVCCG2A} - I_{DVCCG1A}) \times \frac{GA_N}{255} + ENB_N \times I_{DVCCG1B} + (I_{DVCCG2B} - I_{DVCCG1B}) \times \frac{GB_N}{255} \right]$$

where:

$N =$  OUTPUT 1,2,3,  $f_{PIXEL}$  is the pixel clock frequency (MHz),  $ENA\_$  and  $ENB\_$  are the DAC enable signals with value 0 or 1,  $\Delta CODE$  is the average number of video code changes per pixel (0 to 255). If the Pulse-Off feature is used 1 time per pixel,  $\Delta CODE = 2 \times$  Average Video Code Value. If Pulse-Off is used 2 times per pixel,  $\Delta CODE = 4 \times$  Average Video Code Value (Figure 3).

**Note 4:** Pulse-Off Assist Current Calculation:

$$I_{DVCCD} \approx \sum_{N=1}^3 \left[ (I_{DVCCG1} + C_{OUTN} \times \Delta V_{OUTN}) \times f_{PON} \right]$$

where:

$N =$  Output 1,2,3,  $C_{OUTN}$  is the total capacitance at OUTN (MAX3601 output capacitance + external capacitance),  $\Delta V_{OUTN}$  is the resulting voltage change at OUTN,  $f_{PON}$  is the frequency of pulse-events in MHz.  $f_{PON}$  is generally equal to the pixel clock, but could be lower or higher, depending on the pulse-off duty cycle and number of pulse-off events per pixel.

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(V<sub>AVDD</sub> = V<sub>DVDD</sub> = 1.7V to 1.9V, V<sub>AVCC</sub> = V<sub>DVCC</sub> = 2.9V to 3.5V, T<sub>A</sub> = T<sub>MIN</sub> to T<sub>MAX</sub>, T<sub>J</sub> < +125°C, EN\_MAIN and MARKER high, V<sub>OUT</sub> ≥ 0.7V, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at V<sub>AVDD</sub> = V<sub>DVDD</sub> = 1.8V, V<sub>AVCC</sub> = V<sub>DVCC</sub> = 3.3V, T<sub>J</sub> = +85°C. Consumer grade parts are tested at T<sub>A</sub> = +70°C. Automotive grade parts are tested at T<sub>A</sub> = +105°C. Minimum and maximum specifications are guaranteed by design, characterization and/or production test.)(Note 2)

**Note 5:** Power Estimation Conditions:

For each output, DAC A is enabled, DAC B is off, VIDEO = 27% data as shown in [Figure 2](#), f<sub>PIXEL</sub> = 150MHz. Vertical Image Duty cycle is 70%, and the MARKER signal is used to reduce power during vertical flyback.

The load emulates:

Red Laser on OUT1: 4I + 2.3V

Green Laser on OUT2: 8I + 3.8V

Blue Laser on OUT3: 16I + 3.5V

	PARAMETER	VIDEO	GAIN1 (mA)	GAIN2 (mA)	GAIN3 (mA)	V <sub>OUT</sub> @I <sub>PEAK</sub>	VA1 (V)	VA2 (V)	VA3 (V)	PO_EN	POC	POM_	PHM_
1	0% Video	00h	200	180	70	0.6V	3.7	5.9	5.2	0	0	0	0
2	27% Video	27%	200	180	70	0.6V	3.7	5.9	5.2	0	0	0	0
3	100% Video	FFh	200	180	70	0.6V	3.7	5.9	5.2	0	0	0	0
4	Pulse-Off	27%	300	270	105	0.8V	4.3	6.8	6.0	1	4h	FF00h	0
5	With Pulse-off Assist	27%	300	270	105	0.8V	4.3	6.8	6.0	1	4h	FF00h	FF00h

**Note 6:** Transfer from supply to I<sub>OUT</sub> measured with 100mV<sub>P-P</sub> sine wave applied at the supply.

$$T = \frac{fI_{OUT}}{I_{OUT}} \times \frac{100\%}{fV}$$

with units %/V. I<sub>OUT</sub> = 325mA, T<sub>J</sub> ≤ +110°C, f<sub>OUT</sub> = 60Hz to 1MHz. Typical values are at 10kHz, maximum value at 1MHz typical corner.

**Note 7:** AC Parameters characterized with a video pattern of 0x00 to 0xFF, GAIN = 0xFF, 0x3F, 0x1F, 0x0F. All combinations of output VIDEO DACs: DAC A only, DAC B only, DAC A and DAC B. An external filter network (R<sub>S</sub>, C<sub>S</sub>) or digital filter may be used to reduce ringing.

$$\text{Note 8: } 1\text{lsb} = \frac{I_{OUT}(\text{CODE}=0xFF) - I_{OUT}(\text{CODE}=0x00)}{255}$$

**Note 9:** Integral nonlinearity (INL) is measured as: [I<sub>OUT</sub> - Least Squares approximation of current].

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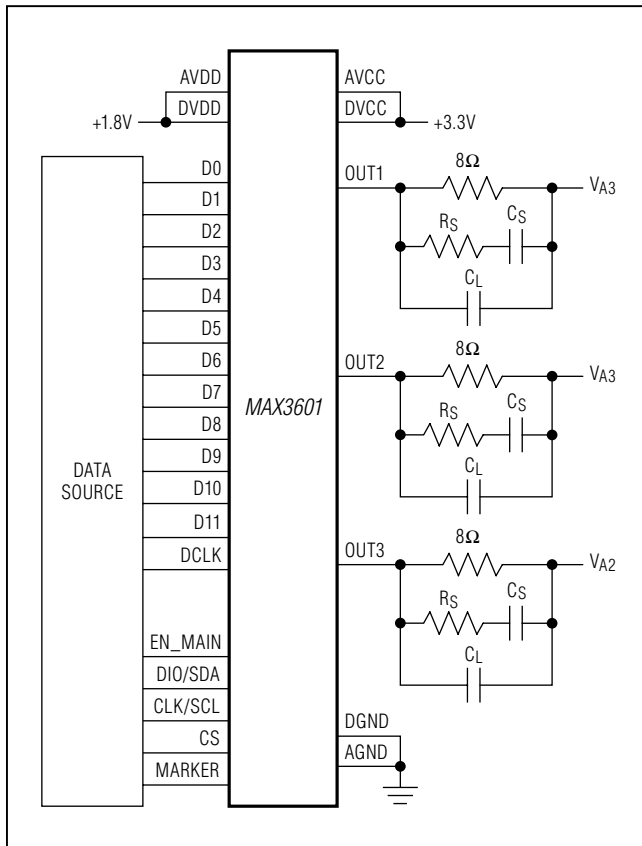


Figure 1. Test Circuit

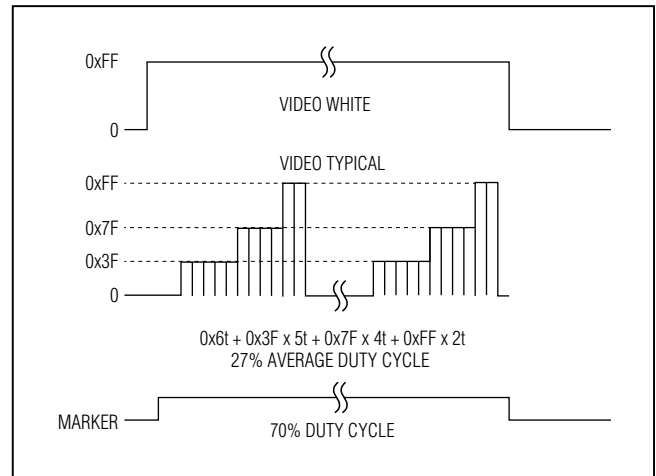


Figure 2. Video Test Pattern

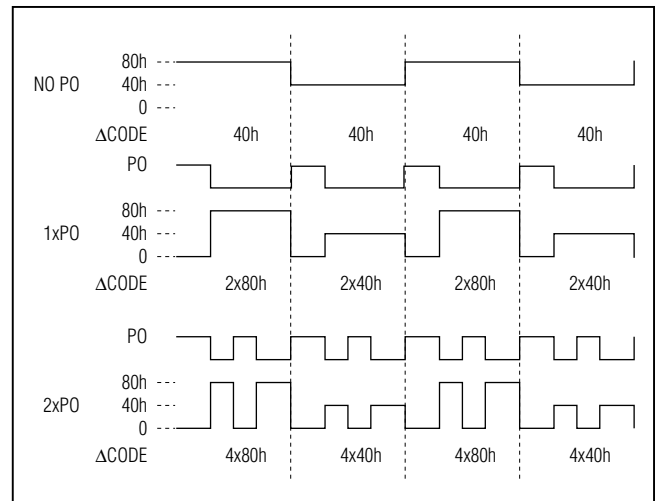


Figure 3.  $\Delta$ Code Example



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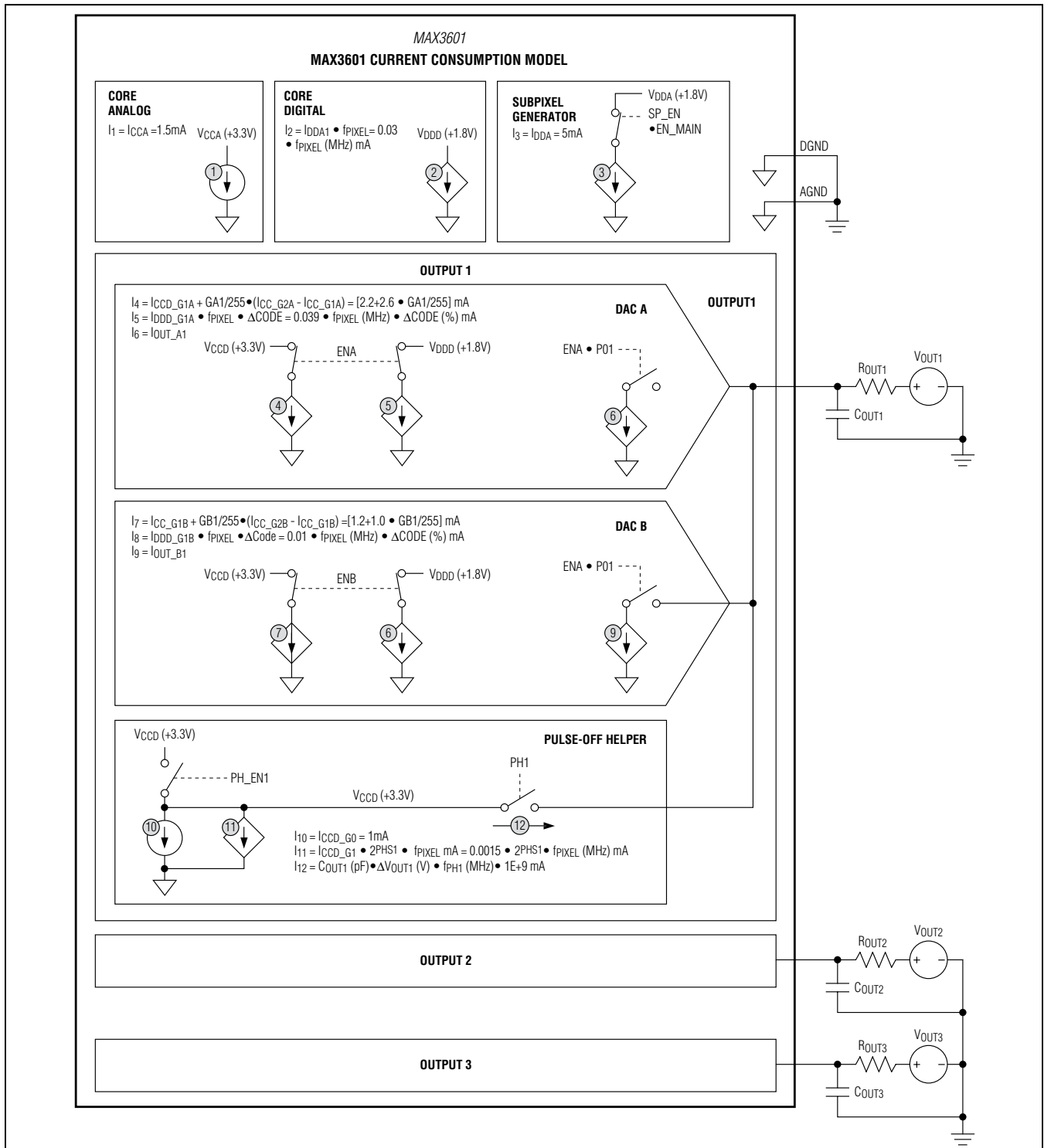


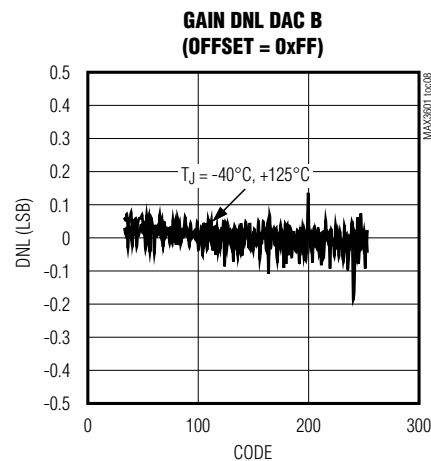
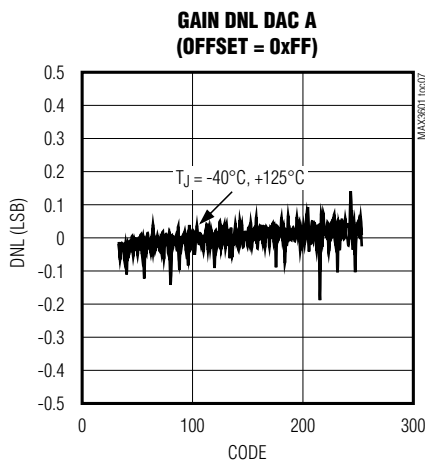
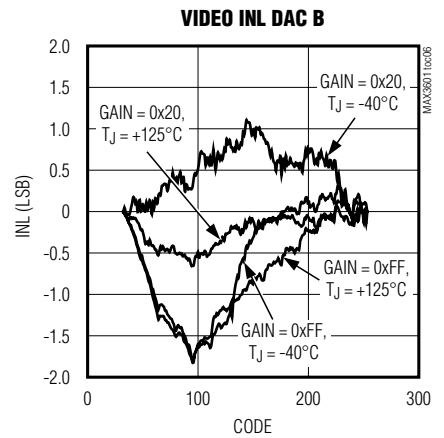
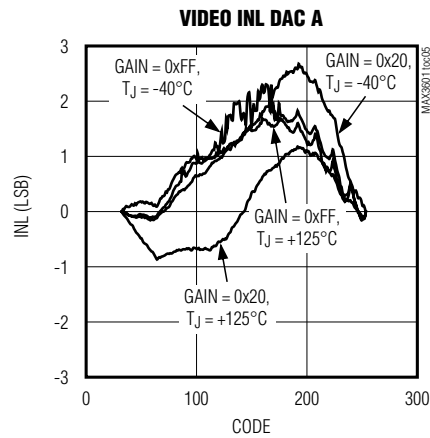
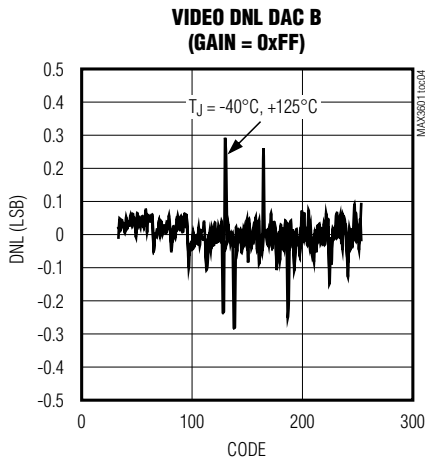
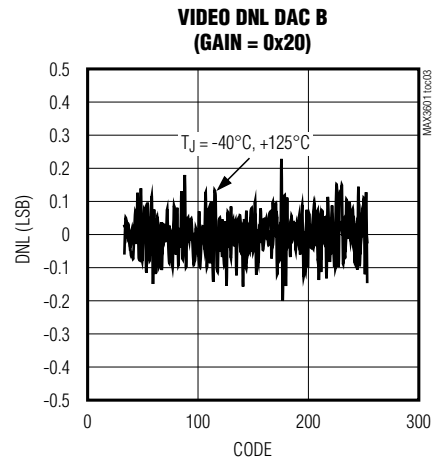
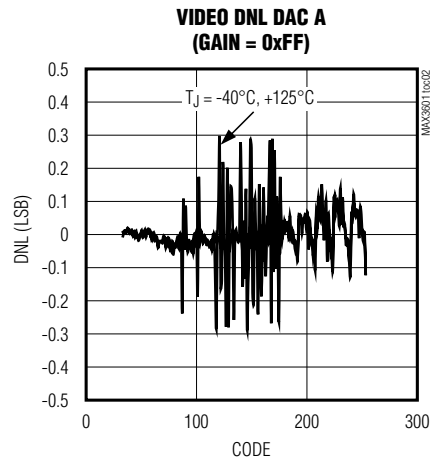
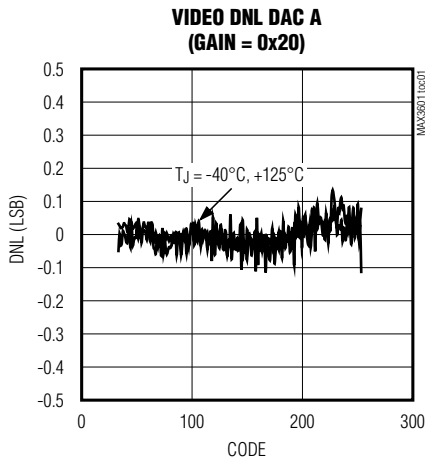
Figure 4. Power-Supply Calculations

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### Typical Operating Characteristics

( $V_{AVDD} = V_{DVDD} = 1.8V$ ,  $V_{AVCC} = V_{DVCC} = 3.3V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 0.7V$ ,  $R_L = 8\Omega$ ,  $EN\_MAIN$  high,  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.)

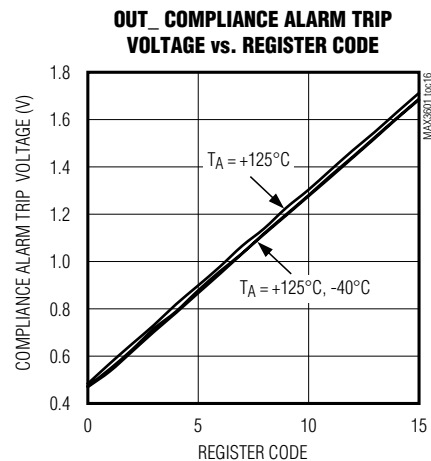
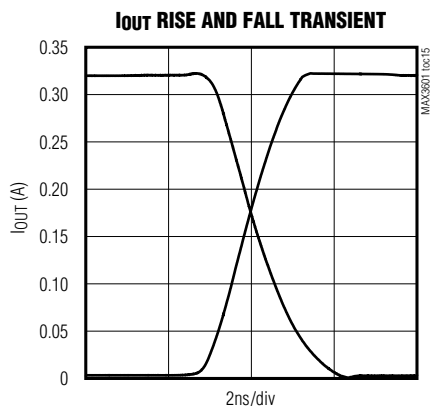
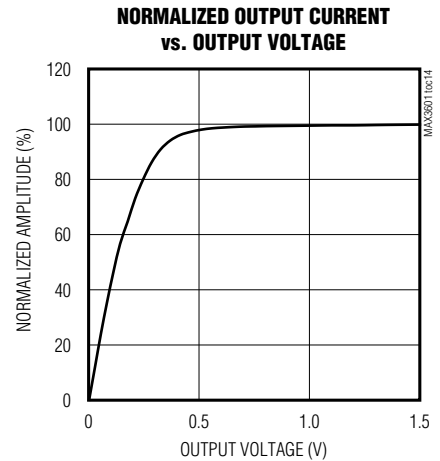
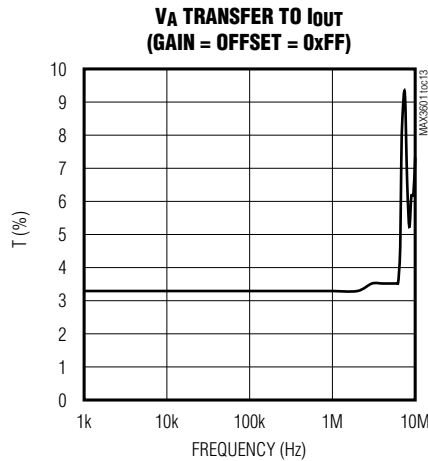
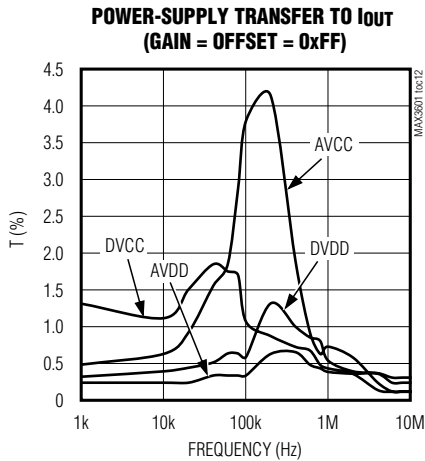
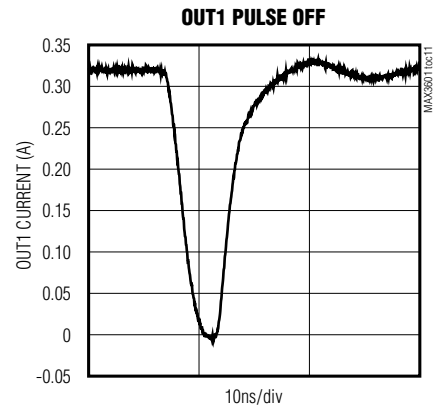
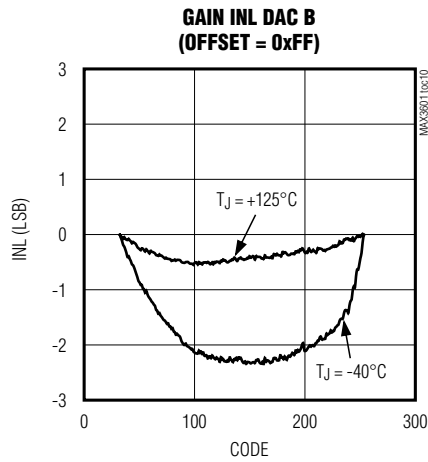
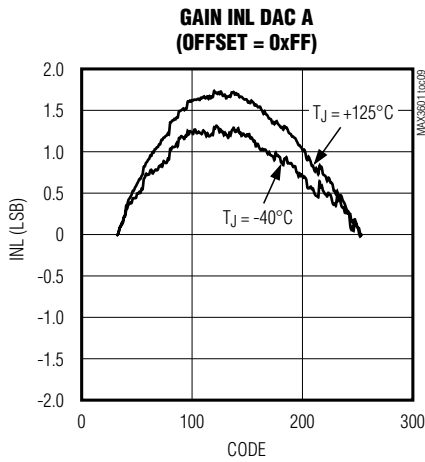


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### Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

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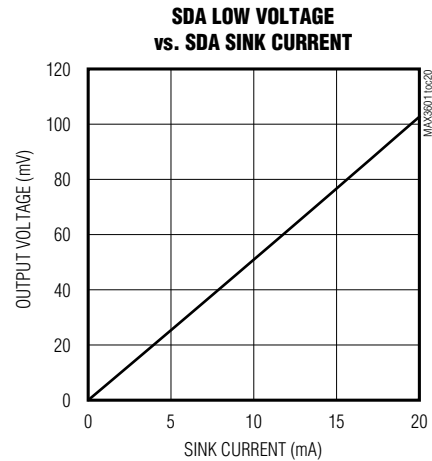
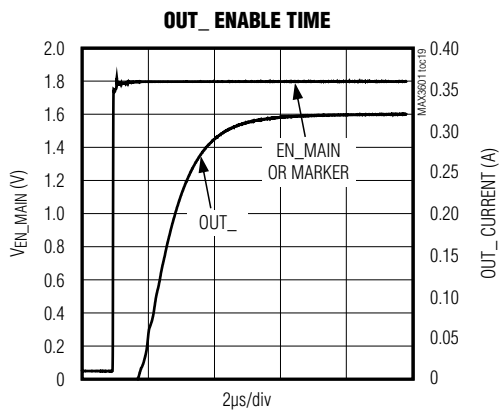
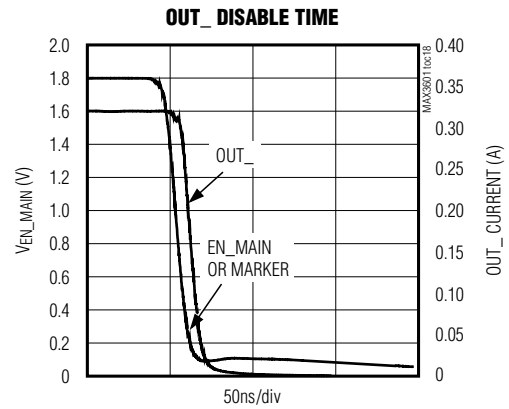
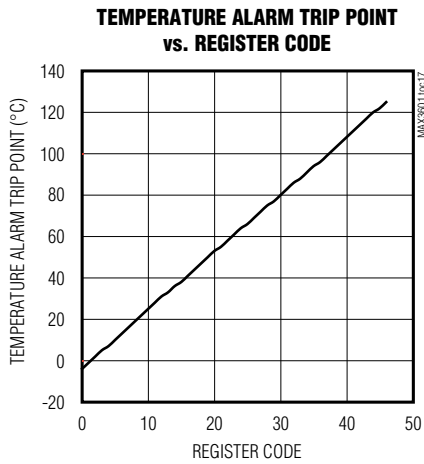


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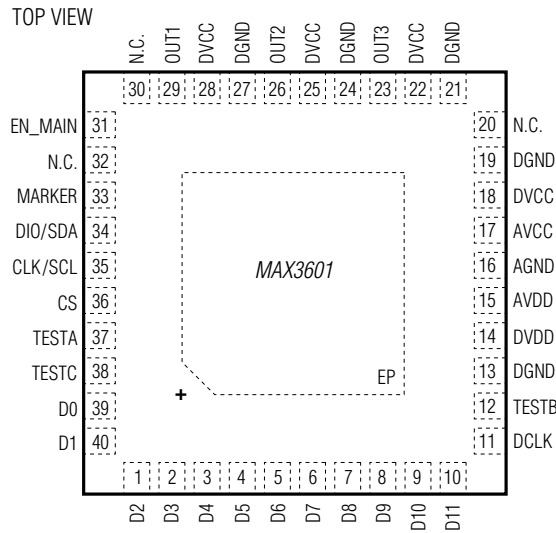
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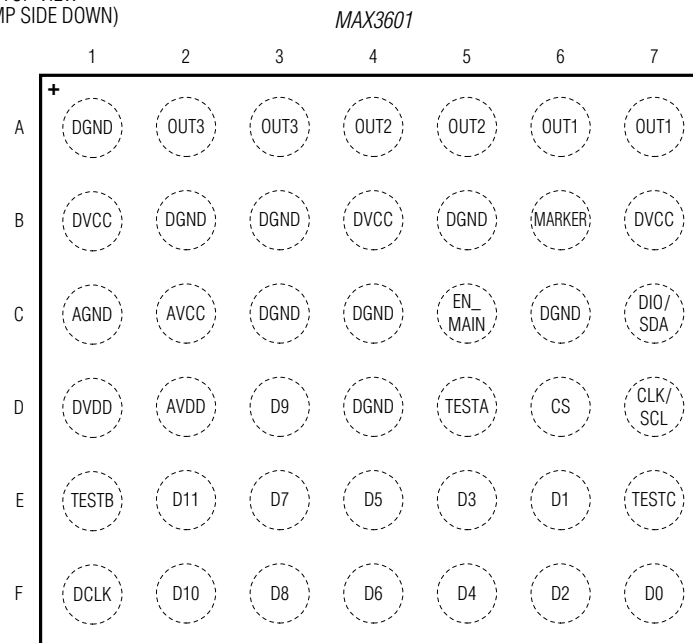
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### Pin/Bump Configurations



**THIN QFN  
(5mm x 5mm)**

TOP VIEW  
(BUMP SIDE DOWN)



**WLP  
(3.5mm x 3.0mm)**

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### Pin/Bump Description

PIN		NAME	FUNCTION	EQUIVALENT INPUT SCHEMATIC
TQFN-EP	WLP			
1	F6	D2	Synchronous Video Data Inputs	
2	E5	D3		
3	F5	D4		
4	E4	D5		
5	F4	D6		
6	E3	D7		
7	F3	D8	Synchronous Video Data Input. In DEMUX C mode, D8 functions as the pixel clock.	
8	D3	D9	Synchronous Video Data Inputs	
9	F2	D10		
10	E2	D11	Synchronous Video Data Input, MSB	
11	F1	DCLK	Video Clock Input	
12, 37, 38	D5, E1, E7	TESTA, TESTB, TESTC	Test Pins. Connect to DGND.	—
13, 19, 21, 24, 27	A1, B2, B3, B5, C3, C4, C6, D4	DGND	Digital Ground. Connect to 0V.	—
14	D1	DVDD	1.8V Digital Power Supply. Bypass DVDD to DGND with 0.1 $\mu$ F and 0.01 $\mu$ F capacitors as close as possible to the device with the smaller value capacitor closest to DVDD.	—
15	D2	AVDD	1.8V Analog Power Supply. Bypass AVDD to AGND with 0.1 $\mu$ F and 0.01 $\mu$ F capacitors as close as possible to the device with the smaller capacitor closest to AVDD.	—
16	C1	AGND	Analog Ground. Connect to 0V.	—
17	C2	AVCC	3.3V Analog Power Supply. Bypass AVCC to AGND with 0.1 $\mu$ F and 0.01 $\mu$ F capacitors as close as possible to the device with the smaller capacitor closest to AVCC.	—
18, 22, 25, 28	B1, B4, B7	DVCC	3.3V Digital Power Supply. Bypass DVCC to DGND with 0.1 $\mu$ F and 0.01 $\mu$ F capacitors (1 pair per pin) as close as possible to the device with the smaller value capacitor closest to DVCC.	—
20, 30, 32	—	N.C.	No Connection. There is no connection from the package to the IC.	—



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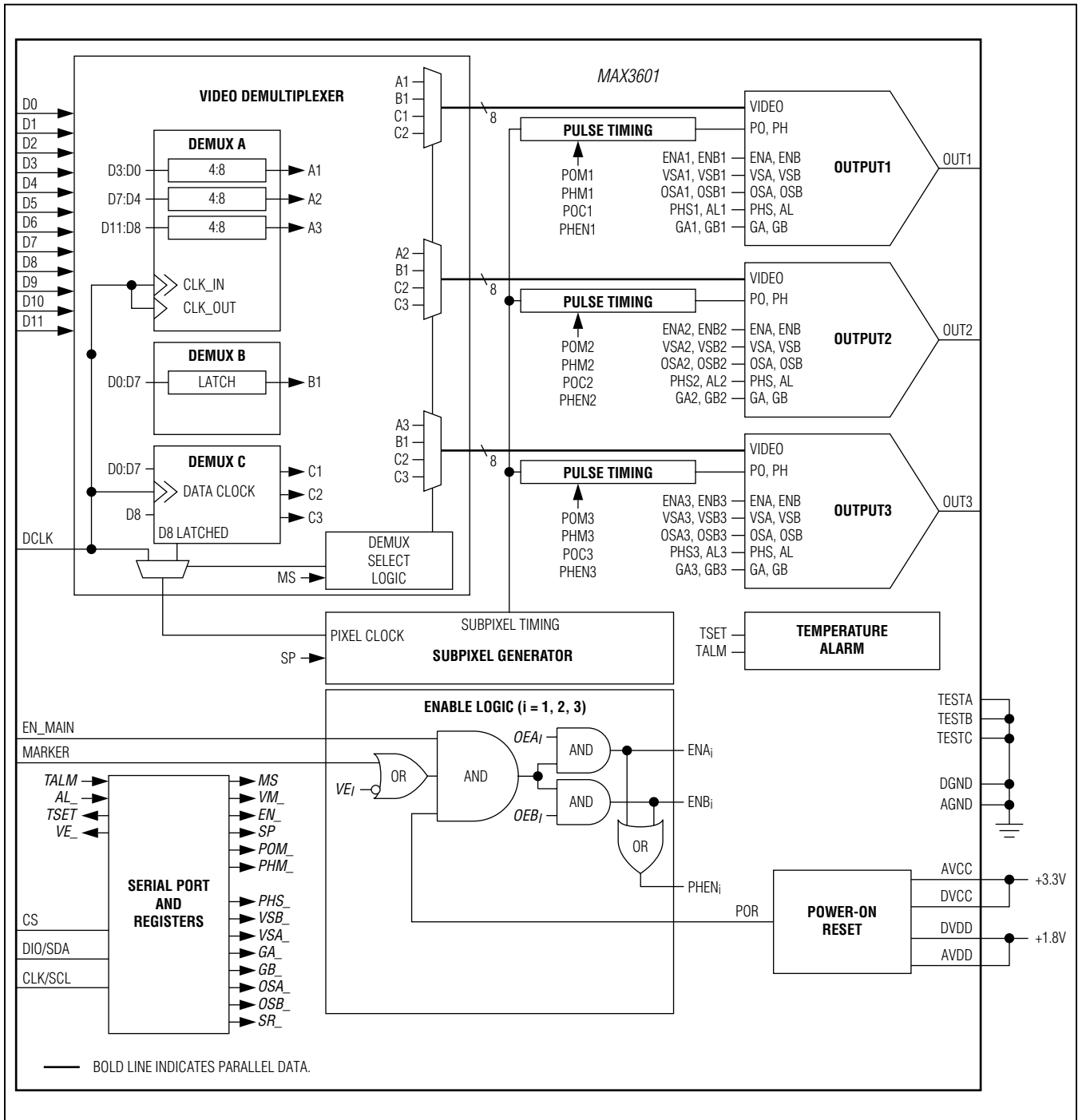
### Pin/Bump Description (continued)

PIN		NAME	FUNCTION	EQUIVALENT INPUT SCHEMATIC
TQFN-EP	WLP			
23	A2, A3	OUT3	Connection for Laser 3. Leave OUT3 unconnected if unused.	
26	A4, A5	OUT2	Connection for Laser 2. Leave OUT2 unconnected if unused.	
29	A6, A7	OUT1	Connection for Laser 1. Leave OUT1 unconnected if unused.	
31	C5	EN_MAIN	Laser Enable Input with 100kΩ Pulldown to DGND. Set EN_MAIN = high to enable OUT1–OUT3.	
33	B6	MARKER	Video Marker Input with 100kΩ Pullup to DVDD	
34	C7	DIO/SDA	SPI and I <sup>2</sup> C Serial Data Input/Output	
35	D7	CLK/SCL	SPI and I <sup>2</sup> C Serial Clock Input	
36	D6	CS	SPI Chip Select with 100kΩ Pulldown to DGND. Connect CS to DVDD for I <sup>2</sup> C mode. Set CS = low on power-up for SPI mode.	
39	F7	D0	Synchronous Video Data Input, LSB	
40	E6	D1	Synchronous Video Data Input	
—	—	EP	Exposed Pad (TQFN Only). EP is internally connected to DGND. The EP <b>must</b> be connected to the PCB ground plane through an array of vias for proper thermal and electrical performance.	

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### Functional Diagram



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### Detailed Description

The laser driver for projectors supports video imaging with red, blue, and green lasers. Each output includes two 8-bit video/offset DACs with programmable gain and offset.

#### Video Demultiplexer

The Video Demultiplexer supports three video formats and pixel clock configurations. The video format and demultiplexer are selected by the MUX select register (MS) as shown in [Table 7](#).

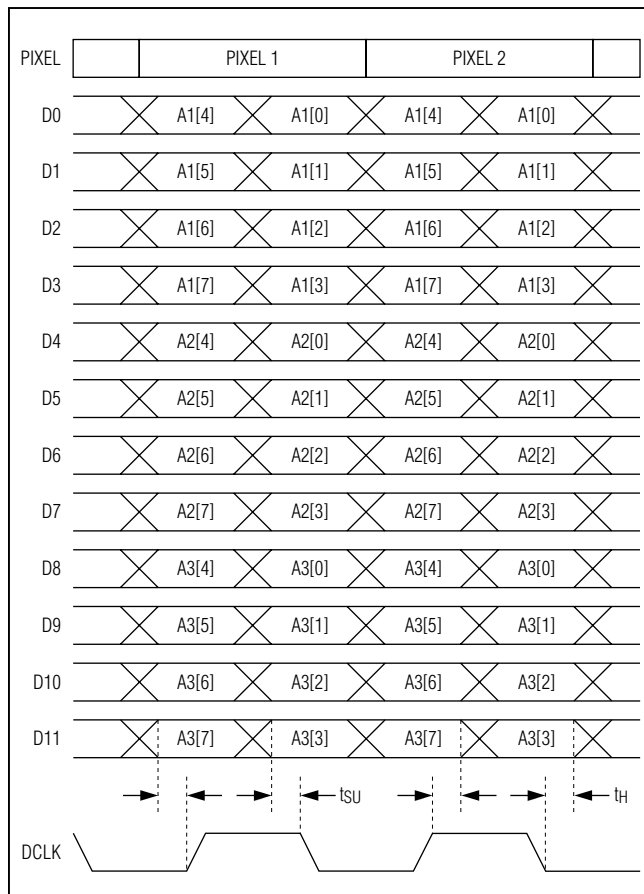


Figure 5. Video Demultiplexer A Input Waveform

#### Demux A

Demux A converts 4-bit input with DDR clock to 8-bit data with pixel clock. Input data must be formatted as shown in [Figure 5](#). Four MSBs are latched on the rising edge of DCLK, and four LSBs are latched on the falling edge of DCLK.

#### Demux B

Demux B latches an 8-bit video input on the rising edge of clock. The same video is sent to all outputs.

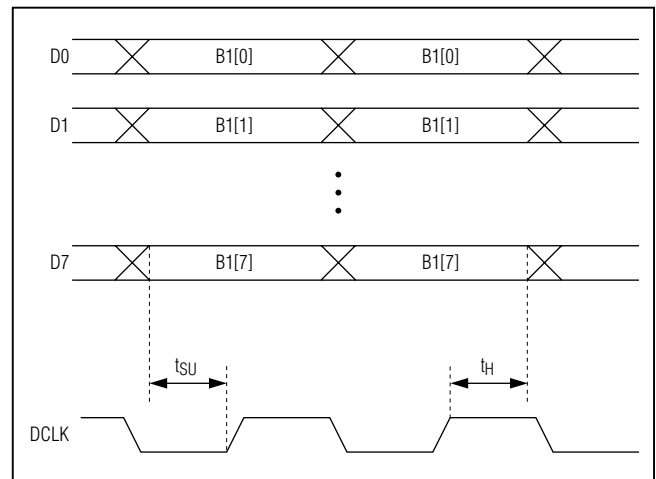


Figure 6. Video Demultiplexer B Input Waveform

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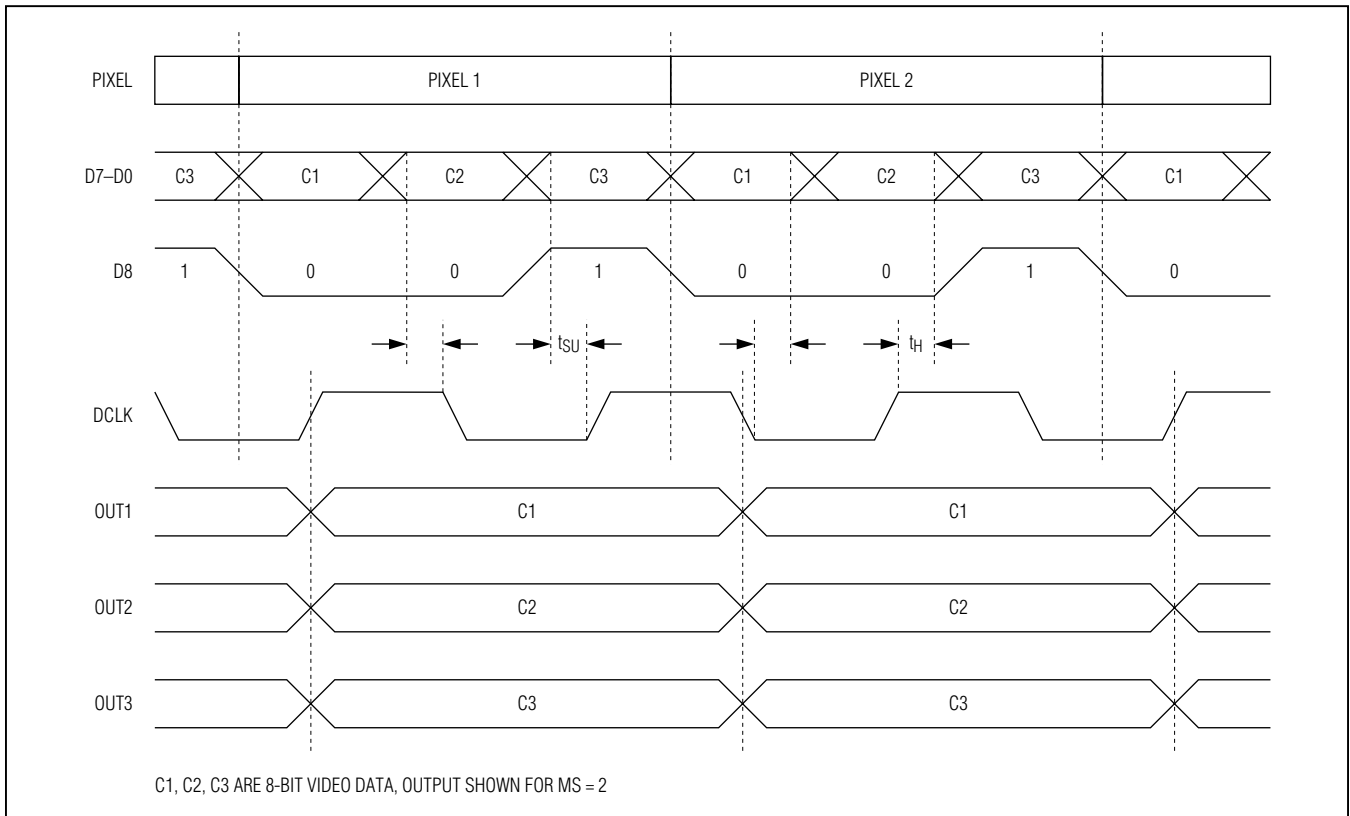


Figure 7. Video C Demultiplexer Input Waveform

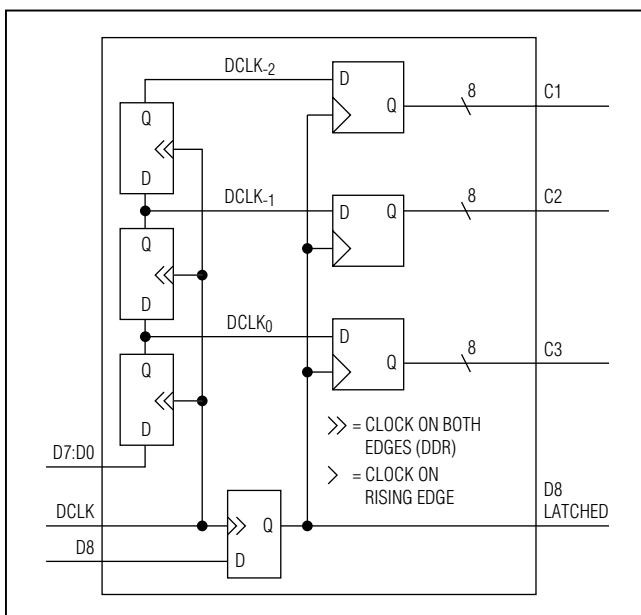


Figure 8. Video C Demultiplexer

### Demux C

Demux C is compatible with the data format of the MAX3600. Data for the three outputs is multiplexed in time and uses a DDR clock.

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### Pulse Timing Generator

The Pulse Timing generator creates phases of the pixel clock called subpixels (Figure 9). The subpixel timing signals enable laser current output pulsing for use with

despeckling the laser light. Each output of the laser driver can have different pulse widths or multiple pulses. If unused, disable the subpixel generator (D0 of register 0x0B) for additional power savings.

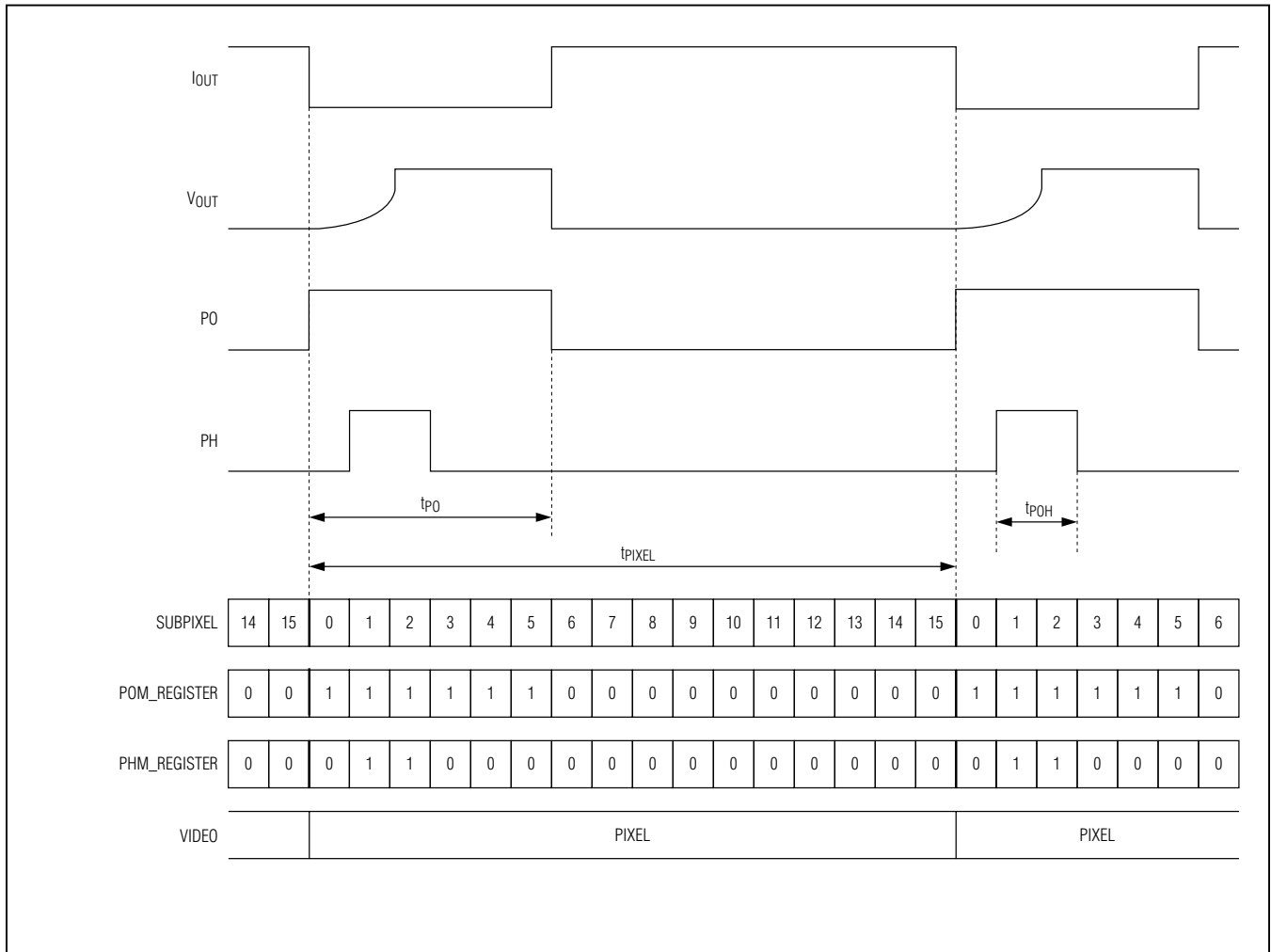


Figure 9. Pulse Timing Generator

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### Subpixel Programming

The subpixel programming bits (D[2:0] of register 0x0C) determine the number of subpixels and duration of the pulse time (Table 1). The pulse width is applied to every pixel when the programmed pulse-off length > 0. This can be dynamically implemented to adjust for various lighting conditions.

### Pulse-Off

The pulse-timing generator can be configured to skip pulse events to save power. The Pulse-Off Configuration

(POC) register selects options shown in Table 2. Random pulse-off events are triggered from a 31-bit pseudo-random bit-stream. By default, the PRBS is common to all outputs. Bit D4 of the POC\_ registers determine which PRBS bits control each output (Table 3).

Pulse-off synchronization between outputs occurs when POC\_ registers match and POC\_[4] = 0. For example, if POC1 = POC2 = POC3 and POC\_[4] = 0, the occurrence of randomized pulse-off events at all outputs will be synchronized.

**Table 1. Subpixel Programming (SP Register)**

SP	f <sub>PIXEL</sub> (MHz)		ACTIVE SUBPIXELS	INACTIVE SUBPIXELS
	MIN	MAX		
000	150	200	0:7	8:15
<b>001*</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>0:15</b>	—
010	50	100	0:11	12:15
011	37.5	75	0:15	—
100	30	60	0:9	10:15
101	25	50	0:15	—
110	21.4	42.8	0:13	14:15
111	18.75	37.5	0:15	—

\*Power-on default

**Table 2. Pulse-Off Duty Cycle (POC\_ Register)**

POC_[3:0]	PULSE-OFF DUTY CYCLE
<b>0000*</b>	<b>Every pixel, 100%</b>
0001	Random, 87.5%
0010	Random, 75.0%
0011	Random, 62.5%
0100	Random, 50.0%
0101	Random, 37.5%
0110	Random, 25.0%
0111	Random, 12.0%
1XXX	Every other pixel, 50%

\*Power-on default

**Table 3. Random Pulse-Off Programming**

POC_[4]	PRBS31 BITS USED		
	OUTPUT 1	OUTPUT 2	OUTPUT 3
<b>0*</b>	<b>PRBS31[4], [3], [0]</b>	<b>PRBS31[8], [7], [0]</b>	<b>PRBS31[16], [15], [0]</b>
1	PRBS31[2:0]	PRBS31[2:0]	PRBS31[2:0]

\*Power-on default