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## Low-Cost NV Digital POT with WiperLock™ Technology

### Features

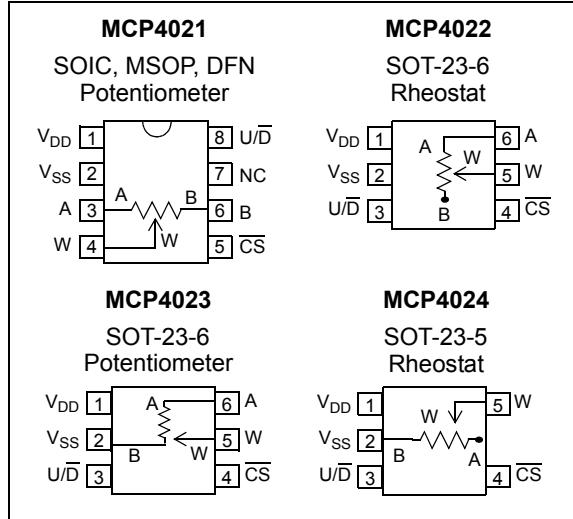
- Non-volatile Digital Potentiometer in SOT-23, SOIC, MSOP and DFN packages
- 64 Taps: 63 Resistors with Taps to terminal A and terminal B
- Simple Up/Down (U/D) Protocol
- Power-on Recall of Saved Wiper Setting
- Resistance Values: 2.1 kΩ, 5 kΩ, 10 kΩ or 50 kΩ
- Low Tempco:
  - Absolute (Rheostat): 50 ppm (0°C to 70°C typ.)
  - Ratiometric (Potentiometer): 10 ppm (typ.)
- Low Wiper Resistance: 75Ω (typ.)
- WiperLock™ Technology to Secure the wiper setting in non-volatile memory (EEPROM)
- High-Voltage Tolerant Digital Inputs: Up to 12.5V
- Low-Power Operation: 1 μA Max Static Current
- Wide Operating Voltage: 2.7V to 5.5V
- Extended Temperature Range: -40°C to +125°C
- Wide Bandwidth (-3 dB) Operation:
  - 4 MHz (typ.) for 2.1 kΩ device

### Description

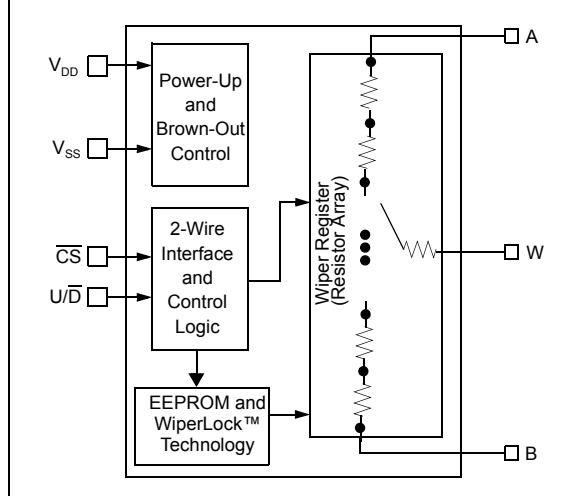
The MCP4021/2/3/4 devices are non-volatile, 6-bit digital potentiometers that can be configured as either a potentiometer or rheostat. The wiper setting is controlled through a simple Up/Down (U/D) serial interface.

These device's implement Microchip's WiperLock technology, which allows application-specific calibration settings to be secured in the EEPROM without requiring the use of an additional write-protect pin.

### Package Types



### Block Diagram



### Device Features

Device	Wiper Configuration	Memory Type	Resistance (typical)		# of Steps	V <sub>DD</sub> Operating Range	Control Interface	WiperLock™ Technology
			Options (kΩ)	Wiper (Ω)				
MCP4021	Potentiometer <sup>(1)</sup>	EE	2.1, 5.0, 10.0, 50.0	75	64	2.7V - 5.5V	U/D	Yes
MCP4022	Rheostat	EE	2.1, 5.0, 10.0, 50.0	75	64	2.7V - 5.5V	U/D	Yes
MCP4023	Potentiometer	EE	2.1, 5.0, 10.0, 50.0	75	64	2.7V - 5.5V	U/D	Yes
MCP4024	Rheostat	EE	2.1, 5.0, 10.0, 50.0	75	64	2.7V - 5.5V	U/D	Yes

**Note 1:** Floating either terminal (A or B) allows the device to be used in Rheostat mode.

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## 1.0 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

### Absolute Maximum Ratings †

$V_{DD}$	.....	6.5V
CS and U/D inputs w.r.t $V_{SS}$	.....	-0.3V to 12.5V
A, B and W terminals w.r.t $V_{SS}$	.....	-0.3V to $V_{DD}$ + 0.3V
Current at Input Pins	.....	±10 mA
Current at Supply Pins	.....	±10 mA
Current at Potentiometer Pins	.....	±2.5 mA
Storage temperature	.....	-65°C to +150°C
Ambient temp. with power applied	.....	-55°C to +125°C
ESD protection on all pins	.....	≥ 4 kV (HBM), ≥ 400V (MM)
Maximum Junction Temperature ( $T_J$ )	.....	+150°C

† Notice: Stresses above those listed under "Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device at those or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational listings of this specification is not implied. Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

### AC/DC CHARACTERISTICS

**Electrical Specifications:** Unless otherwise indicated, all parameters apply across the specified operating ranges.  
 $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+125^\circ\text{C}$ , 2.1 kΩ, 5 kΩ, 10 kΩ and 50 kΩ devices. Typical specifications represent values for  $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ,  $V_{SS} = 0\text{V}$ ,  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ .

Parameters	Sym	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
Operating Voltage Range	$V_{DD}$	2.7	—	5.5	V	
CS Input Voltage	$V_{CS}$	$V_{SS}$	—	12.5	V	The CS pin will be at one of three input levels ( $V_{IL}$ , $V_{IH}$ or $V_{IHH}$ ). (Note 6)
Supply Current	$I_{DD}$	—	45	—	µA	5.5V, CS = $V_{SS}$ , f <sub>U/D</sub> = 1 MHz
		—	15	—	µA	2.7V, CS = $V_{SS}$ , f <sub>U/D</sub> = 1 MHz
		—	0.3	1	µA	Serial Interface Inactive (CS = $V_{IH}$ , U/D = $V_{IH}$ )
		—	0.6	3	mA	EE Write cycle, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$
Resistance (± 20%)	$R_{AB}$	1.68	2.1	2.52	kΩ	-202 devices (Note 1)
		4.0	5	6.0	kΩ	-502 devices (Note 1)
		8.0	10	12.0	kΩ	-103 devices (Note 1)
		40.0	50	60.0	kΩ	-503 devices (Note 1)
Resolution	N	64			Taps	No Missing Codes
Step Resistance	$R_S$	—	$R_{AB} / 63$	—	Ω	Note 6

**Note 1:** Resistance is defined as the resistance between terminal A to terminal B.

**2:** INL and DNL are measured at  $V_W$  with  $V_A = V_{DD}$  and  $V_B = V_{SS}$ . (-202 devices  $V_A = 4\text{V}$ ).

**3:** MCP4021/23 only, test conditions are:  $I_W = 1.9 \text{ mA}$ , code = 00h.

**4:** MCP4022/24 only, test conditions are:

Device Resistance	Current at Voltage		Comments
	5.5V	2.7V	
2.1 kΩ	2.25 mA	1.1 mA	MCP4022 includes $V_{WZSE}$ MCP4024 includes $V_{WFSE}$
5 kΩ	1.4 mA	450 µA	
10 kΩ	450 µA	210 µA	
50 kΩ	90 µA	40 µA	

**5:** Resistor terminals A, W and B's polarity with respect to each other is not restricted.

**6:** This specification by design

**7:** Non-linearity is affected by wiper resistance ( $R_W$ ), which changes significantly over voltage and temperature. See Section 6.0 "Resistor" for additional information.

**8:** The MCP4021 is externally connected to match the configurations of the MCP4022 and MCP4024, and then tested.

## AC/DC CHARACTERISTICS (CONTINUED)

**Electrical Specifications:** Unless otherwise indicated, all parameters apply across the specified operating ranges.  
 $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+125^\circ\text{C}$ , 2.1 k $\Omega$ , 5 k $\Omega$ , 10 k $\Omega$  and 50 k $\Omega$  devices. Typical specifications represent values for  $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ,  $V_{SS} = 0\text{V}$ ,  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ .

Parameters	Sym	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
Wiper Resistance ( <b>Note 3, Note 4</b> )	$R_W$	—	70	125	$\Omega$	5.5V
		—	70	325	$\Omega$	2.7V
Nominal Resistance Tempco	$\Delta R/\Delta T$	—	50	—	ppm/ $^\circ\text{C}$	$T_A = -20^\circ\text{C}$ to $+70^\circ\text{C}$
		—	100	—	ppm/ $^\circ\text{C}$	$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $+85^\circ\text{C}$
		—	150	—	ppm/ $^\circ\text{C}$	$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $+125^\circ\text{C}$
Ratiometric Tempco	$\Delta V_{WA}/\Delta T$	—	10	—	ppm/ $^\circ\text{C}$	<b>MCP4021</b> and <b>MCP4023</b> only, code = 1Fh
Full-Scale Error	$V_{WFSE}$	-0.5	-0.1	+0.5	LSb	Code 3Fh ( <b>MCP4021/23</b> only)
Zero-Scale Error	$V_{WZSE}$	-0.5	+0.1	+0.5	LSb	Code 00h ( <b>MCP4021/23</b> only)
Monotonicity	N	Yes			Bits	
Potentiometer Integral Non-linearity	INL	-0.5	$\pm 0.25$	+0.5	LSb	<b>MCP4021/23</b> only ( <b>Note 2</b> )
Potentiometer Differential Non-linearity	DNL	-0.5	$\pm 0.25$	+0.5	LSb	<b>MCP4021/23</b> only ( <b>Note 2</b> )
Resistor Terminal Input Voltage Range (Terminals A, B and W)	$V_A, V_W, V_B$	Vss	—	$V_{DD}$	V	<b>Note 5, Note 6</b>
Maximum current through A, W or B	$I_W$	—	—	2.5	mA	<b>Note 6</b>
Leakage current into A, W or B	$I_{WL}$	—	100	—	nA	<b>MCP4021</b> A = W = B = $V_{SS}$
		—	100	—	nA	<b>MCP4022/23</b> A = W = $V_{SS}$
		—	100	—	nA	<b>MCP4024</b> W = $V_{SS}$
Capacitance ( $P_A$ )	$C_{AW}$	—	75	—	pF	$f = 1\text{ MHz}$ , code = 1Fh
Capacitance ( $P_w$ )	$C_W$	—	120	—	pF	$f = 1\text{ MHz}$ , code = 1Fh
Capacitance ( $P_B$ )	$C_{BW}$	—	75	—	pF	$f = 1\text{ MHz}$ , code = 1Fh
Bandwidth -3 dB	BW	—	4	—	MHz	-202 devices
		—	2	—	MHz	-502 devices
		—	1	—	MHz	-103 devices
		—	200	—	kHz	-503 devices

**Note 1:** Resistance is defined as the resistance between terminal A to terminal B.

**2:** INL and DNL are measured at  $V_W$  with  $V_A = V_{DD}$  and  $V_B = V_{SS}$ . (-202 devices  $V_A = 4\text{V}$ ).

**3:** **MCP4021/23** only, test conditions are:  $I_W = 1.9\text{ mA}$ , code = 00h.

**4:** **MCP4022/24** only, test conditions are:

Device Resistance	Current at Voltage		Comments
	5.5V	2.7V	
2.1 k $\Omega$	2.25 mA	1.1 mA	<b>MCP4022</b> includes $V_{WZSE}$ <b>MCP4024</b> includes $V_{WFSE}$
5 k $\Omega$	1.4 mA	450 $\mu\text{A}$	
10 k $\Omega$	450 $\mu\text{A}$	210 $\mu\text{A}$	
50 k $\Omega$	90 $\mu\text{A}$	40 $\mu\text{A}$	

**5:** Resistor terminals A, W and B's polarity with respect to each other is not restricted.

**6:** This specification by design

**7:** Non-linearity is affected by wiper resistance ( $R_W$ ), which changes significantly over voltage and temperature. See **Section 6.0 "Resistor"** for additional information.

**8:** The **MCP4021** is externally connected to match the configurations of the **MCP4022** and **MCP4024**, and then tested.

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## AC/DC CHARACTERISTICS (CONTINUED)

**Electrical Specifications:** Unless otherwise indicated, all parameters apply across the specified operating ranges.  
 $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+125^\circ\text{C}$ , 2.1 k $\Omega$ , 5 k $\Omega$ , 10 k $\Omega$  and 50 k $\Omega$  devices. Typical specifications represent values for  $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ,  $V_{SS} = 0\text{V}$ ,  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ .

Parameters	Sym	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions	
Rheostat Integral Non-linearity <b>MCP4021 (Note 4, Note 8)</b> <b>MCP4022 and MCP4024 (Note 4)</b>	R-INL	-0.5	$\pm 0.25$	+0.5	Lsb	-202 devices (2.1 k $\Omega$ )	5.5V
		-8.5	+4.5	+8.5	Lsb		2.7V (Note 7)
		-0.5	$\pm 0.25$	+0.5	Lsb	-502 devices (5 k $\Omega$ )	5.5V
		-5.5	+2.5	+5.5	Lsb		2.7V (Note 7)
		-0.5	$\pm 0.25$	+0.5	Lsb	-103 devices (10 k $\Omega$ )	5.5V
		-3	+1	+3	Lsb		2.7V (Note 7)
		-0.5	$\pm 0.25$	+0.5	Lsb	-503 devices (50 k $\Omega$ )	5.5V
		-1	+0.25	+1	Lsb		2.7V (Note 7)
Rheostat Differential Non-linearity <b>MCP4021 (Note 4, Note 8)</b> <b>MCP4022 and MCP4024 (Note 4)</b>	R-DNL	-0.5	$\pm 0.25$	+0.5	Lsb	-202 devices (2.1 k $\Omega$ )	5.5V
		-1	+0.5	+2	Lsb		2.7V (Note 7)
		-0.5	$\pm 0.25$	+0.5	Lsb	-502 devices (5 k $\Omega$ )	5.5V
		-1	+0.25	+1.25	Lsb		2.7V (Note 7)
		-0.5	$\pm 0.25$	+0.5	Lsb	-103 devices (10 k $\Omega$ )	5.5V
		-1	0	+1	Lsb		2.7V (Note 7)
		-0.5	$\pm 0.25$	+0.5	Lsb	-503 devices (50 k $\Omega$ )	5.5V
		-0.5	0	+0.5	Lsb		2.7V (Note 7)

**Note 1:** Resistance is defined as the resistance between terminal A to terminal B.

**2:** INL and DNL are measured at  $V_W$  with  $V_A = V_{DD}$  and  $V_B = V_{SS}$ ; (-202 devices  $V_A = 4\text{V}$ ).

**3:** **MCP4021/23** only, test conditions are:  $I_W = 1.9 \text{ mA}$ , code = 00h.

**4:** **MCP4022/24** only, test conditions are:

Device Resistance	Current at Voltage		Comments
	5.5V	2.7V	
2.1 k $\Omega$	2.25 mA	1.1 mA	<b>MCP4022</b> includes $V_{WZSE}$ <b>MCP4024</b> includes $V_{WFSE}$
5 k $\Omega$	1.4 mA	450 $\mu\text{A}$	
10 k $\Omega$	450 $\mu\text{A}$	210 $\mu\text{A}$	
50 k $\Omega$	90 $\mu\text{A}$	40 $\mu\text{A}$	

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**8:** The **MCP4021** is externally connected to match the configurations of the **MCP4022** and **MCP4024**, and then tested.

## AC/DC CHARACTERISTICS (CONTINUED)

<b>Electrical Specifications:</b> Unless otherwise indicated, all parameters apply across the specified operating ranges. $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $+125^\circ\text{C}$ , 2.1 k $\Omega$ , 5 k $\Omega$ , 10 k $\Omega$ and 50 k $\Omega$ devices. Typical specifications represent values for $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ , $V_{SS} = 0\text{V}$ , $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ .						
Parameters	Sym	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
<b>Digital Inputs/Outputs (CS, U/D)</b>						
Input High Voltage	$V_{IH}$	0.7 $V_{DD}$	—	—	V	
Input Low Voltage	$V_{IL}$	—	—	0.3 $V_{DD}$	V	
High-Voltage Input Entry Voltage	$V_{IHH}$	8.5	—	12.5 <sup>(6)</sup>	V	Threshold for WiperLock™ Technology
High-Voltage Input Exit Voltage	$V_{IHL}$	—	—	$V_{DD}+0.8^{(6)}$	V	
CS Pull-up/Pull-down Resistance	$R_{CS}$	—	16	—	k $\Omega$	$V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ , $V_{CS} = 3\text{V}$
CS Weak Pull-up/Pull-down Current	$I_{PU}$	—	170	—	$\mu\text{A}$	$V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ , $V_{CS} = 3\text{V}$
Input Leakage Current	$I_{IL}$	-1	—	1	$\mu\text{A}$	$V_{IN} = V_{DD}$
CS and U/D Pin Capacitance	$C_{IN}, C_{OUT}$	—	10	—	pF	$f_C = 1\text{ MHz}$
<b>RAM (Wiper) Value</b>						
Value Range	N	0h	—	3Fh	hex	
<b>EEPROM</b>						
Endurance	$E_{endurance}$	—	1M	—	Cycles	
EEPROM Range	N	0h	—	3Fh	hex	
Initial Factory Setting	N	1Fh		hex	WiperLock Technology = Off	
<b>Power Requirements</b>						
Power Supply Sensitivity (MCP4021 and MCP4023 only)	PSS	—	0.0015	0.0035	%/%	$V_{DD} = 4.5\text{V}$ to $5.5\text{V}$ , $V_A = 4.5\text{V}$ , Code = 1Fh
		—	0.0015	0.0035	%/%	$V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ to $4.5\text{V}$ , $V_A = 2.7\text{V}$ , Code = 1Fh

- Note**
- 1: Resistance is defined as the resistance between terminal A to terminal B.
  - 2: INL and DNL are measured at  $V_W$  with  $V_A = V_{DD}$  and  $V_B = V_{SS}$ . (-202 devices  $V_A = 4\text{V}$ ).
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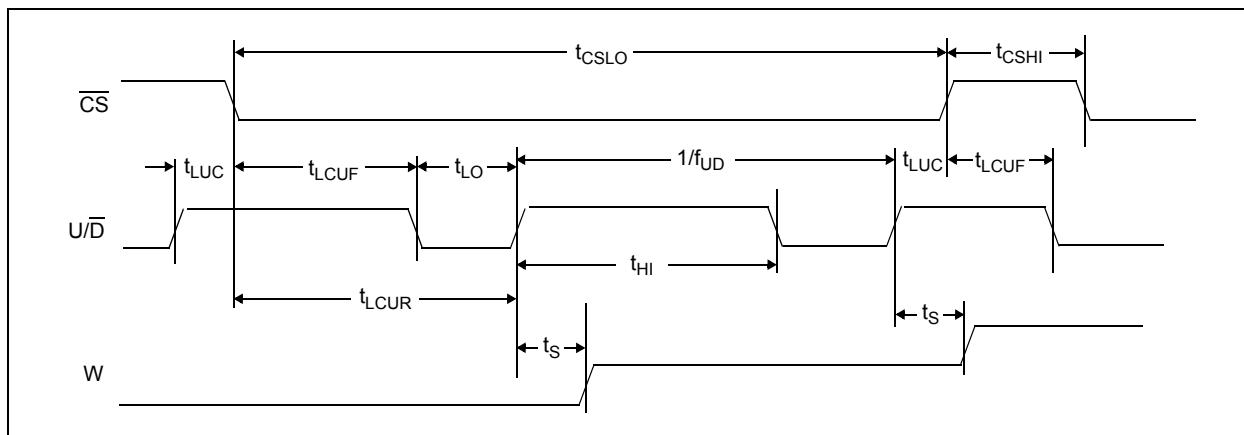
Device Resistance	Current at Voltage		Comments
	5.5V	2.7V	
2.1 k $\Omega$	2.25 mA	1.1 mA	MCP4022 includes $V_{WZSE}$ MCP4024 includes $V_{WFSE}$
5 k $\Omega$	1.4 mA	450 $\mu\text{A}$	
10 k $\Omega$	450 $\mu\text{A}$	210 $\mu\text{A}$	
50 k $\Omega$	90 $\mu\text{A}$	40 $\mu\text{A}$	
  - 5: Resistor terminals A, W and B's polarity with respect to each other is not restricted.
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  - 8: The MCP4021 is externally connected to match the configurations of the MCP4022 and MCP4024, and then tested.

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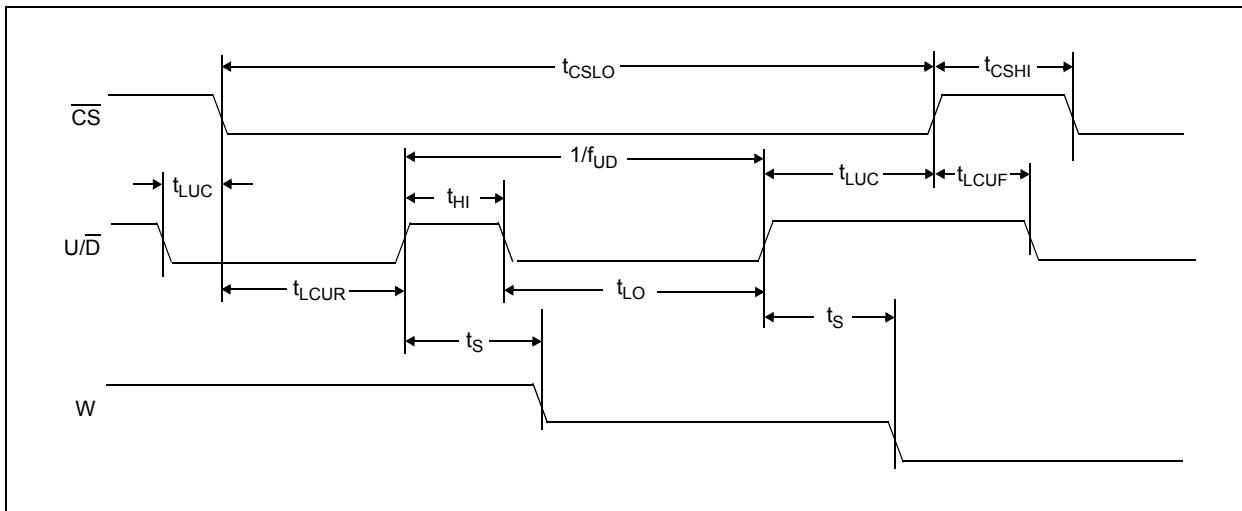


**FIGURE 1-1:** Increment Timing Waveform.

## SERIAL TIMING CHARACTERISTICS

**Electrical Specifications:** Unless otherwise noted, all parameters apply across the specified operating ranges. Extended (E):  $V_{DD} = +2.7V$  to  $5.5V$ ,  $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$  to  $+125^{\circ}C$ .

Parameters	Sym	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
CS Low Time	t <sub>CSLO</sub>	5	—	—	μs	
CS High Time	t <sub>CSHI</sub>	500	—	—	ns	
U/D to CS Hold Time	t <sub>LUC</sub>	500	—	—	ns	
CS to U/D Low Setup Time	t <sub>LCUF</sub>	500	—	—	ns	
CS to U/D High Setup Time	t <sub>LCUR</sub>	3	—	—	μs	
U/D High Time	t <sub>HI</sub>	500	—	—	ns	
U/D Low Time	t <sub>LO</sub>	500	—	—	ns	
Up/Down Toggle Frequency	f <sub>UD</sub>	—	—	1	MHz	
Wiper Settling Time	t <sub>s</sub>	0.5	—	—	μs	2.1 kΩ, C <sub>L</sub> = 100 pF
		1	—	—	μs	5 kΩ, C <sub>L</sub> = 100 pF
		2	—	—	μs	10 kΩ, C <sub>L</sub> = 100 pF
		10	5	—	μs	50 kΩ, C <sub>L</sub> = 100 pF
Wiper Response on Power-up	t <sub>pu</sub>	—	200	—	ns	
Internal EEPROM Write Time	t <sub>wc</sub>	—	—	5	ms	@25°C
		—	—	10	ms	-40°C to +125°C



**FIGURE 1-2:** Decrement Timing Waveform.

## SERIAL TIMING CHARACTERISTICS

**Electrical Specifications:** Unless otherwise noted, all parameters apply across the specified operating ranges. Extended (E): V<sub>DD</sub> = +2.7V to 5.5V, T<sub>A</sub> = -40°C to +125°C.

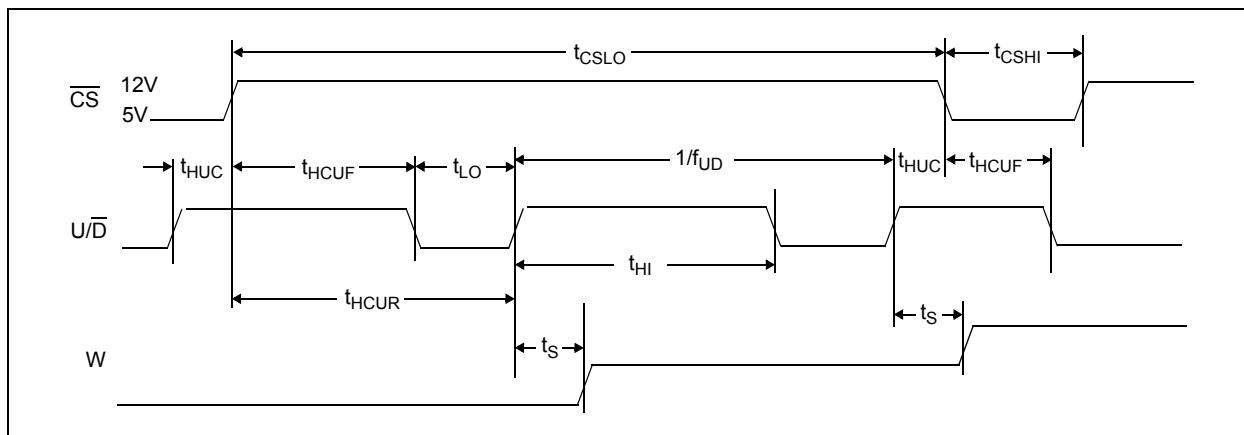
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CS Low Time	t <sub>CSLO</sub>	5	—	—	μs	
CS High Time	t <sub>CSHI</sub>	500	—	—	ns	
U/D to CS Hold Time	t <sub>LUC</sub>	500	—	—	ns	
CS to U/D Low Setup Time	t <sub>LCUF</sub>	500	—	—	ns	
CS to U/D High Setup Time	t <sub>LCUR</sub>	3	—	—	μs	
U/D High Time	t <sub>HI</sub>	500	—	—	ns	
U/D Low Time	t <sub>LO</sub>	500	—	—	ns	
Up/Down Toggle Frequency	f <sub>UD</sub>	—	—	1	MHz	
Wiper Settling Time	t <sub>S</sub>	0.5	—	—	μs	2.1 kΩ, C <sub>L</sub> = 100 pF
		1	—	—	μs	5 kΩ, C <sub>L</sub> = 100 pF
		2	—	—	μs	10 kΩ, C <sub>L</sub> = 100 pF
		10	5	—	μs	50 kΩ, C <sub>L</sub> = 100 pF
Wiper Response on Power-up	t <sub>PU</sub>	—	200	—	ns	
Internal EEPROM Write Time	twc	—	—	5	ms	@25°C
		—	—	10	ms	-40°C to +125°C

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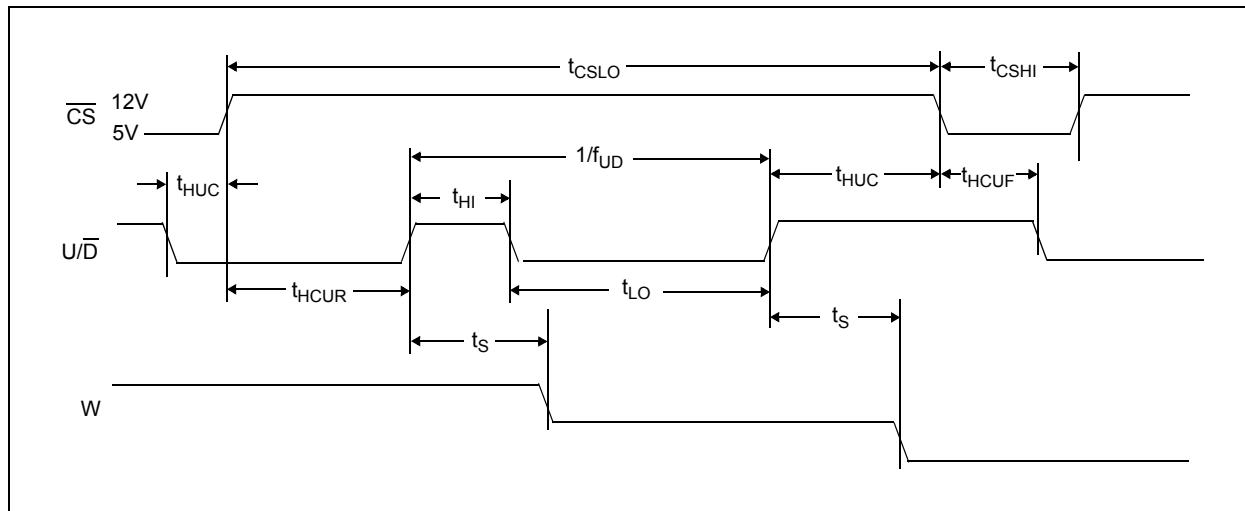


**FIGURE 1-3:** High-Voltage Increment Timing Waveform.

## SERIAL TIMING CHARACTERISTICS

**Electrical Specifications:** Unless otherwise noted, all parameters apply across the specified operating ranges. Extended (E):  $V_{DD} = +2.7V$  to  $5.5V$ ,  $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$  to  $+125^{\circ}C$ .

Parameters	Sym	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
CS Low Time	$t_{CSLO}$	5	—	—	μs	
CS High Time	$t_{CSHI}$	500	—	—	ns	
$U/\bar{D}$ High Time	$t_{HI}$	500	—	—	ns	
$U/\bar{D}$ Low Time	$t_{LO}$	500	—	—	ns	
Up/Down Toggle Frequency	$f_{UD}$	—	—	1	MHz	
HV $U/\bar{D}$ to $\overline{CS}$ Hold Time	$t_{HUC}$	1.5	—	—	μs	
HV $\overline{CS}$ to $U/\bar{D}$ Low Setup Time	$t_{HCUF}$	8	—	—	μs	
HV $\overline{CS}$ to $U/\bar{D}$ High Setup Time	$t_{HCUR}$	4.5	—	—	μs	
Wiper Settling Time	$t_S$	0.5	—	—	μs	$2.1\text{ k}\Omega, C_L = 100\text{ pF}$
		1	—	—	μs	$5\text{ k}\Omega, C_L = 100\text{ pF}$
		2	—	—	μs	$10\text{ k}\Omega, C_L = 100\text{ pF}$
		10	5	—	μs	$50\text{ k}\Omega, C_L = 100\text{ pF}$
Wiper Response on Power-up	$t_{PU}$	—	200	—	ns	
Internal EEPROM Write Time	$t_{WC}$	—	—	5	ms	@ $25^{\circ}C$
		—	—	10	ms	- $40^{\circ}C$ to $+125^{\circ}C$



**FIGURE 1-4:** High-Voltage Decrement Timing Waveform.

## SERIAL TIMING CHARACTERISTICS

**Electrical Specifications:** Unless otherwise noted, all parameters apply across the specified operating ranges. Extended (E):  $V_{DD} = +2.7V$  to  $5.5V$ ,  $T_A = -40^\circ C$  to  $+125^\circ C$ .

Parameters	Sym	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
CS Low Time	t <sub>CSLO</sub>	5	—	—	μs	
CS High Time	t <sub>CSHI</sub>	500	—	—	ns	
U/D High Time	t <sub>HI</sub>	500	—	—	ns	
U/D Low Time	t <sub>LO</sub>	500	—	—	ns	
Up/Down Toggle Frequency	f <sub>UD</sub>	—	—	1	MHz	
HV U/D to CS Hold Time	t <sub>HUC</sub>	1.5	—	—	μs	
HV CS to U/D Low Setup Time	t <sub>HCUF</sub>	8	—	—	μs	
HV CS to U/D High Setup Time	t <sub>HCUR</sub>	4.5	—	—	μs	
Wiper Settling Time	t <sub>S</sub>	0.5 1 2 10	— — — 5	— — — —	μs	2.1 kΩ, C <sub>L</sub> = 100 pF 5 kΩ, C <sub>L</sub> = 100 pF 10 kΩ, C <sub>L</sub> = 100 pF 50 kΩ, C <sub>L</sub> = 100 pF
Wiper Response on Power-up	t <sub>PU</sub>	—	200	—	ns	
Internal EEPROM Write Time	t <sub>wc</sub>	— —	— 10	5 ms	@25°C -40°C to +125°C	

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## TEMPERATURE CHARACTERISTICS

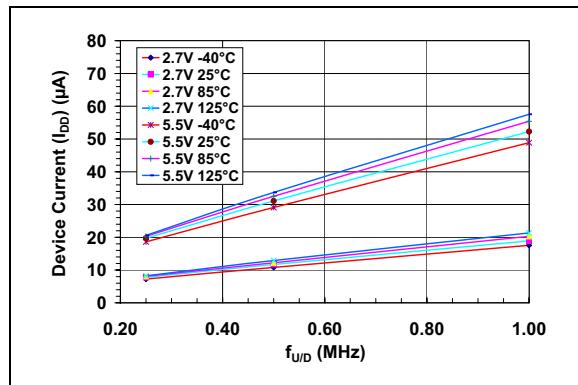
**Electrical Specifications:** Unless otherwise indicated,  $V_{DD} = +2.7V$  to  $+5.5V$ ,  $V_{SS} = GND$ .

Parameters	Sym	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
<b>Temperature Ranges</b>						
Specified Temperature Range	$T_A$	-40	—	+125	°C	
Operating Temperature Range	$T_A$	-40	—	+125	°C	
Storage Temperature Range	$T_A$	-65	—	+150	°C	
<b>Thermal Package Resistances</b>						
Thermal Resistance, 5L-SOT-23	$\theta_{JA}$	—	255	—	°C/W	
Thermal Resistance, 6L-SOT-23	$\theta_{JA}$	—	230	—	°C/W	
Thermal Resistance, 8L-DFN (2x3)	$\theta_{JA}$	—	85	—	°C/W	
Thermal Resistance, 8L-MSOP	$\theta_{JA}$	—	206	—	°C/W	
Thermal Resistance, 8L-SOIC	$\theta_{JA}$	—	117	—	°C/W	

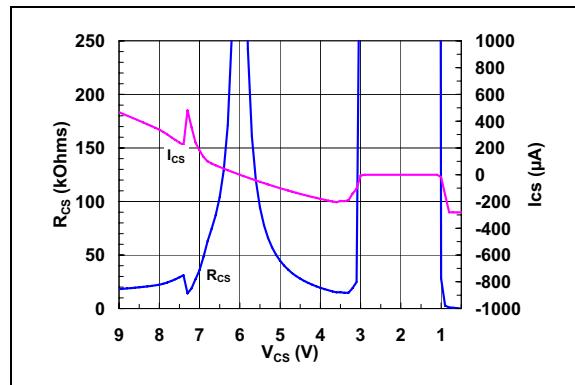
## 2.0 TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES

**Note:** The graphs and tables provided following this note are a statistical summary based on a limited number of samples and are provided for informational purposes only. The performance characteristics listed herein are not tested or guaranteed. In some graphs or tables, the data presented may be outside the specified operating range (e.g., outside specified power supply range) and therefore outside the warranted range.

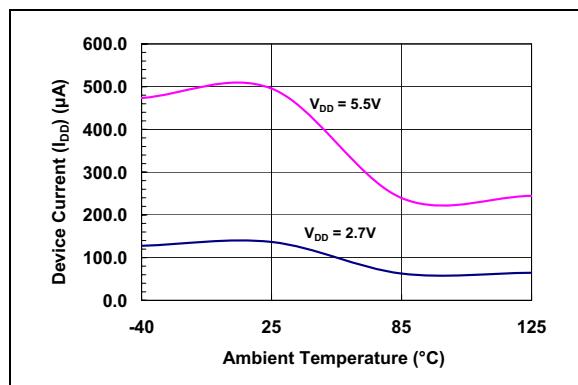
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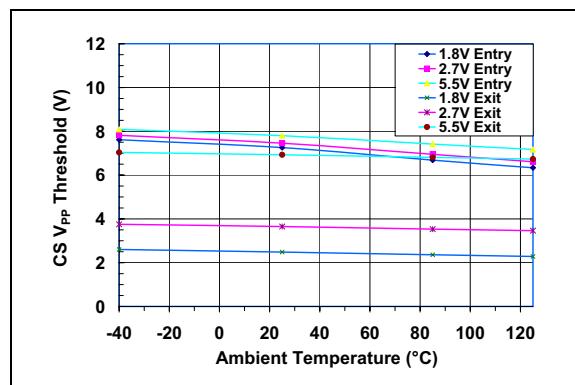
**FIGURE 2-1:** Device Current ( $I_{DD}$ ) vs.  $U/D$  Frequency ( $f_{U/D}$ ) and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$  and  $5.5\text{V}$ ).



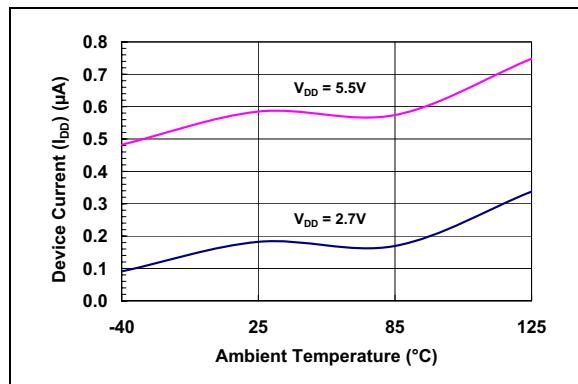
**FIGURE 2-4:** CS Pull-up/Pull-down Resistance ( $R_{CS}$ ) and Current ( $I_{CS}$ ) vs. CS Input Voltage ( $V_{CS}$ ) ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).



**FIGURE 2-2:** Write Current ( $I_{WRITE}$ ) vs. Ambient Temperature and  $V_{DD}$ .



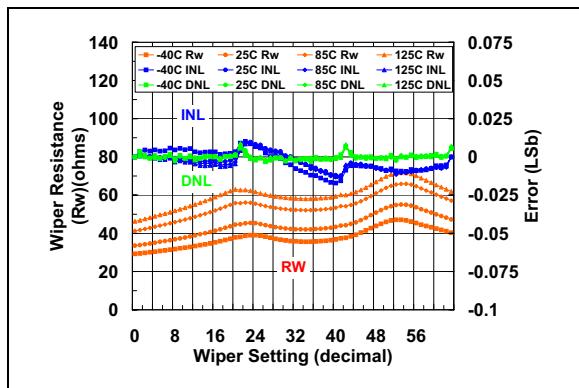
**FIGURE 2-5:** CS High Input Entry/Exit Threshold vs. Ambient Temperature and  $V_{DD}$ .



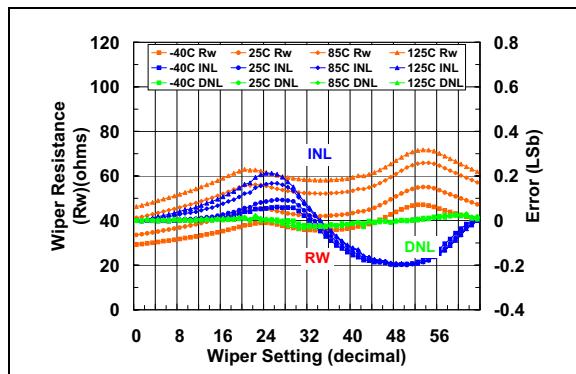
**FIGURE 2-3:** Device Current ( $I_{SHDN}$ ) vs. Ambient Temperature and  $V_{DD}$ . ( $CS = V_{DD}$ ).

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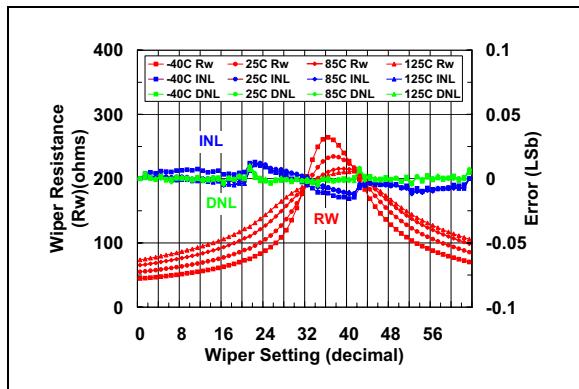
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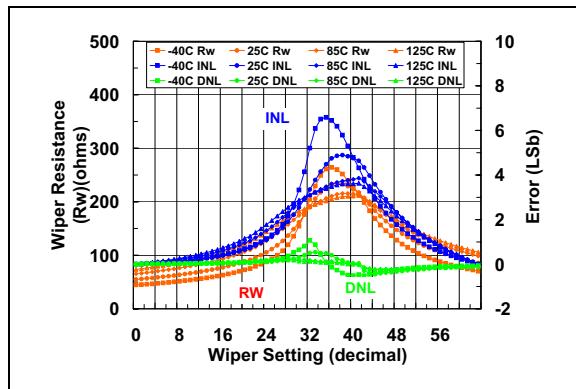
**FIGURE 2-6:** 2.1  $\text{k}\Omega$  Pot Mode –  $R_W$  ( $\Omega$ ), INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).



**FIGURE 2-8:** 2.1  $\text{k}\Omega$  Rheo Mode –  $R_W$  ( $\Omega$ ), INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).

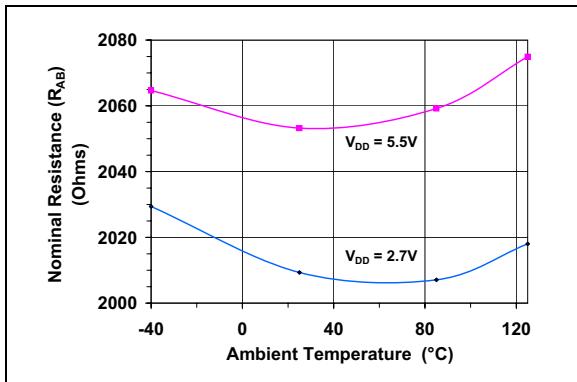


**FIGURE 2-7:** 2.1  $\text{k}\Omega$  Pot Mode –  $R_W$  ( $\Omega$ ), INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).

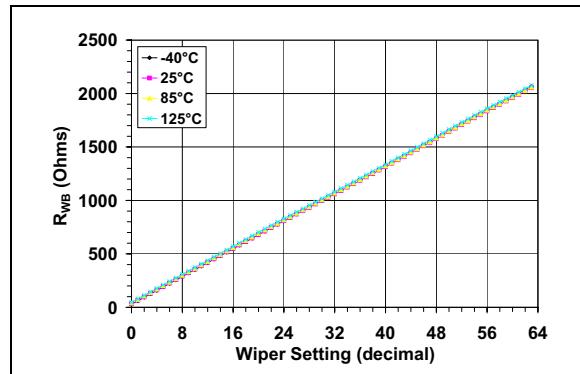


**FIGURE 2-9:** 2.1  $\text{k}\Omega$  Rheo Mode –  $R_W$  ( $\Omega$ ), INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).

**Note:** Unless otherwise indicated,  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_{DD} = 5\text{V}$ ,  $V_{SS} = 0\text{V}$ .



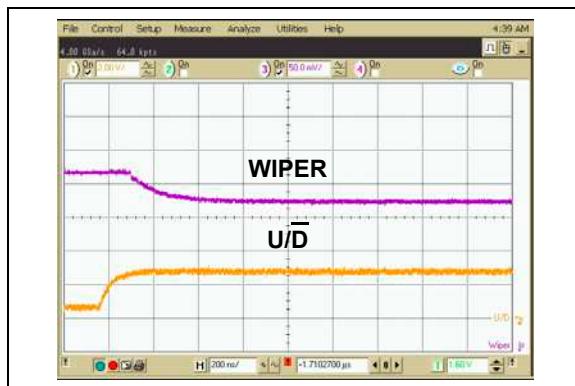
**FIGURE 2-10:** 2.1 k $\Omega$  – Nominal Resistance ( $\Omega$ ) vs. Ambient Temperature and  $V_{DD}$ .



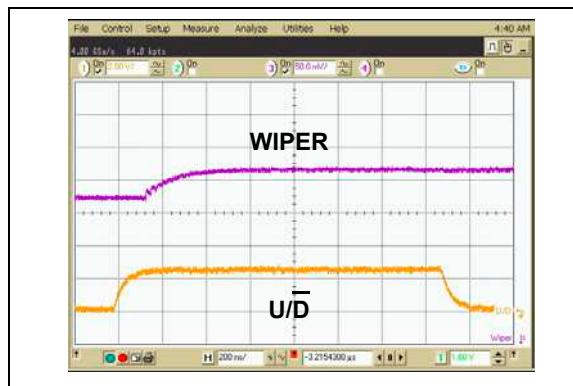
**FIGURE 2-11:** 2.1 k $\Omega$  –  $R_{WB}$  ( $\Omega$ ) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature.

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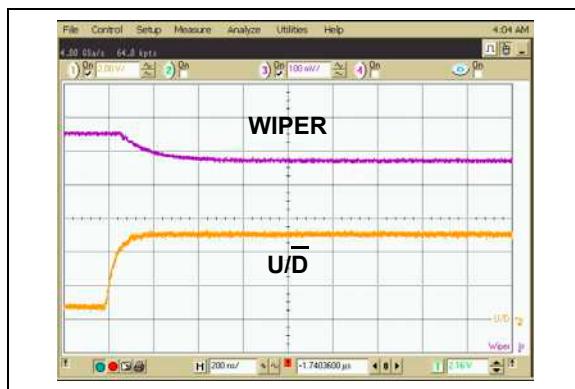
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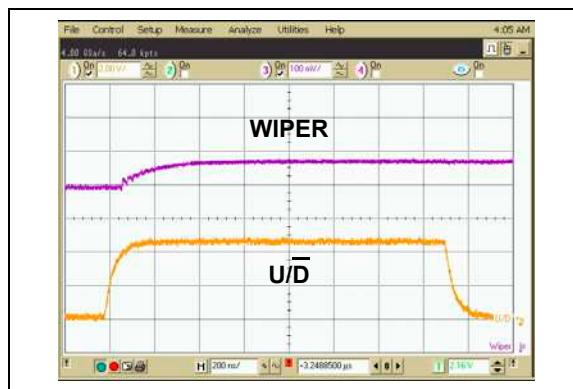
**FIGURE 2-12:** 2.1  $k\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Decrement Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).



**FIGURE 2-15:** 2.1  $k\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Increment Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).



**FIGURE 2-13:** 2.1  $k\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Decrement Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).

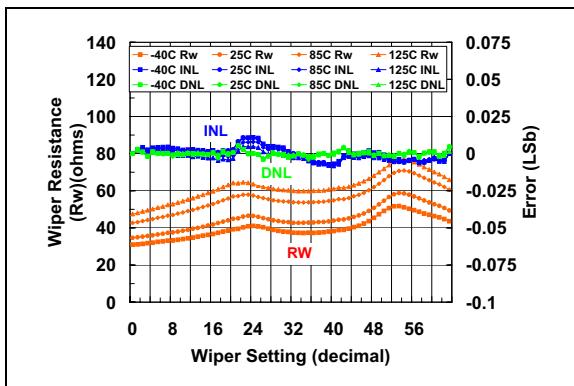


**FIGURE 2-16:** 2.1  $k\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Increment Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).

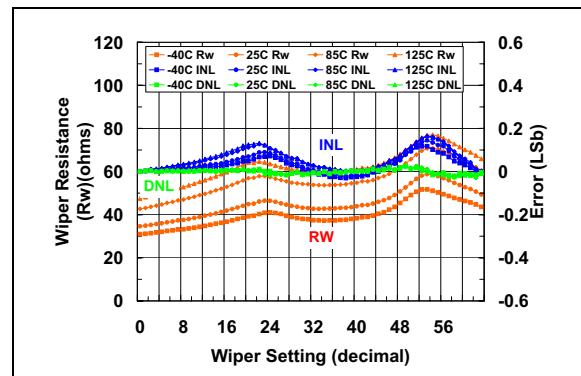


**FIGURE 2-14:** 2.1  $k\Omega$  – Power-Up Wiper Response Time.

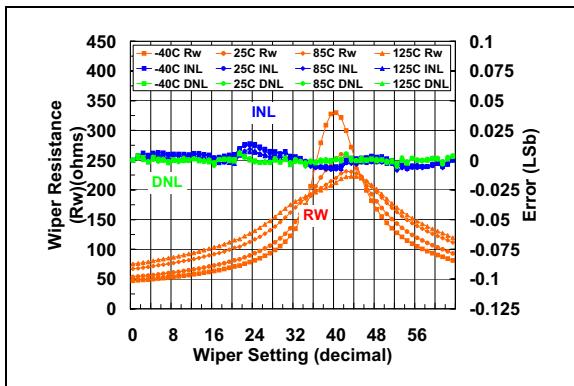
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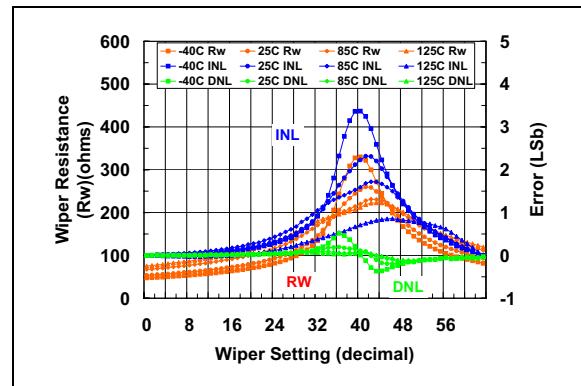
**FIGURE 2-17:**  $5\text{ k}\Omega$  Pot Mode –  $R_W (\Omega)$ , INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).



**FIGURE 2-19:**  $5\text{ k}\Omega$  Rheo Mode –  $R_W (\Omega)$ , INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).



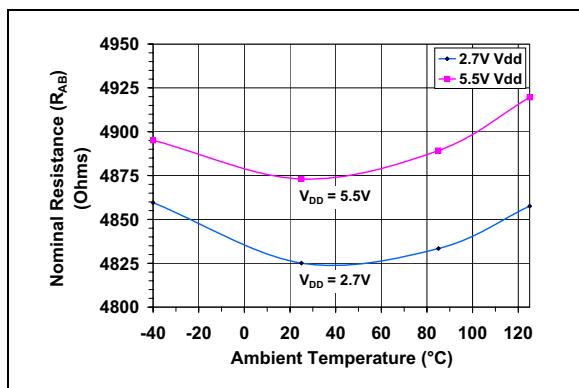
**FIGURE 2-18:**  $5\text{ k}\Omega$  Pot Mode –  $R_W (\Omega)$ , INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).



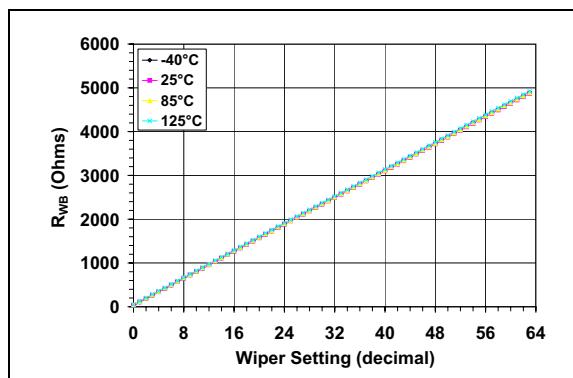
**FIGURE 2-20:**  $5\text{ k}\Omega$  Rheo Mode –  $R_W (\Omega)$ , INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).

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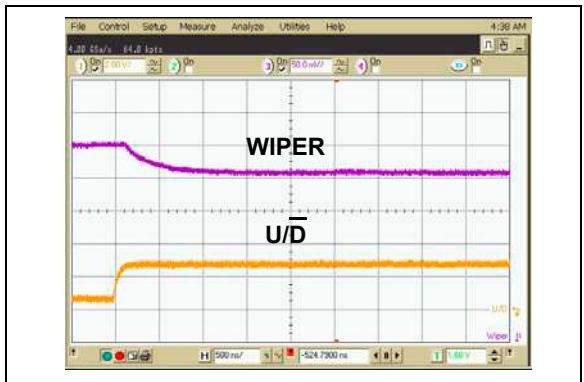


**FIGURE 2-21:**  $5\text{k}\Omega$  – Nominal Resistance ( $\Omega$ ) vs. Ambient Temperature and  $V_{DD}$ .

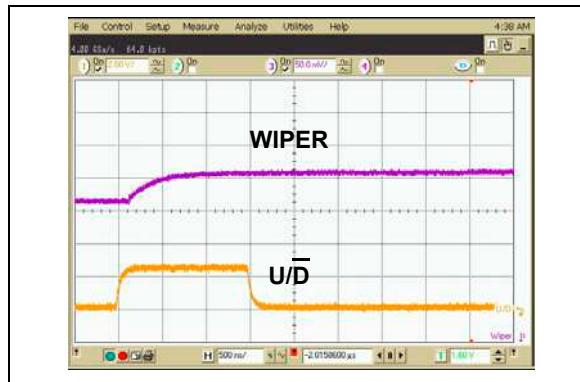


**FIGURE 2-22:**  $5\text{k}\Omega - R_{WB}$  ( $\Omega$ ) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature.

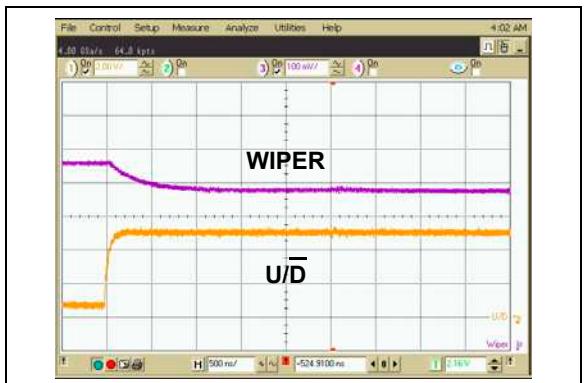
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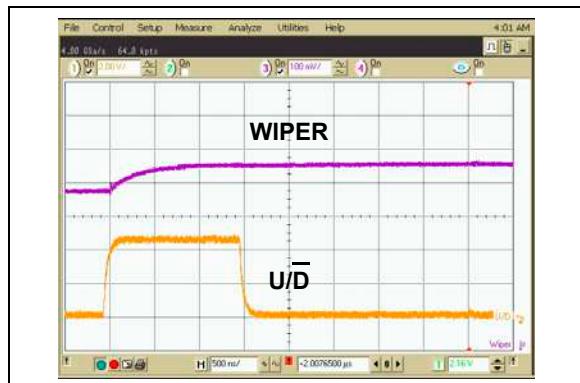
**FIGURE 2-23:** 5 k $\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Decrement Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).



**FIGURE 2-25:** 5 k $\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Increment Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).



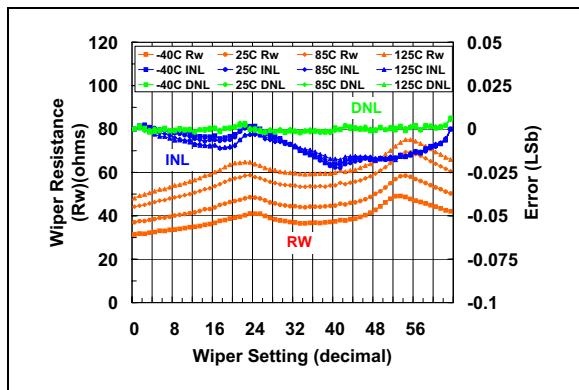
**FIGURE 2-24:** 5 k $\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Decrement Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).



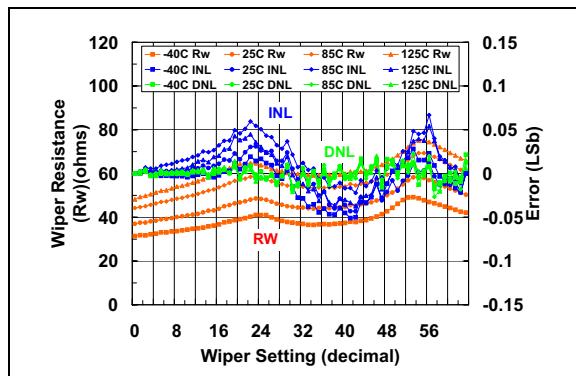
**FIGURE 2-26:** 5 k $\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Increment Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).

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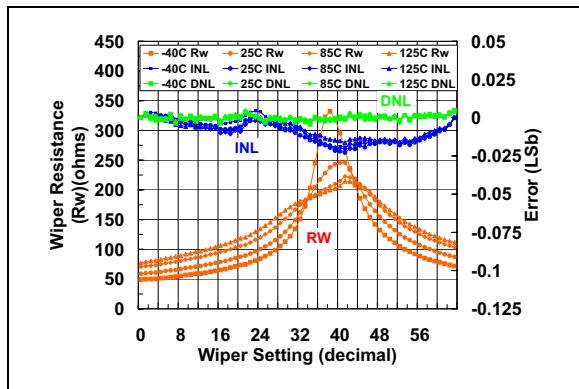
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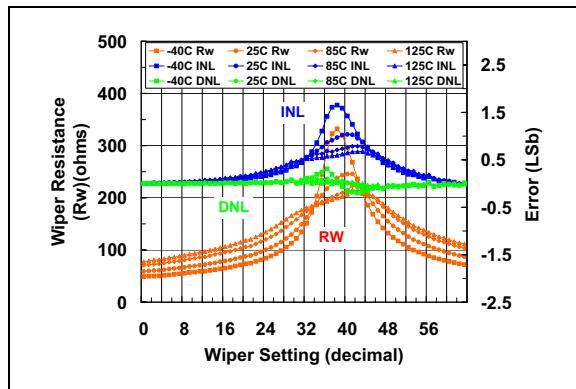
**FIGURE 2-27:**  $10\text{ k}\Omega$  Pot Mode –  $R_W (\Omega)$ , INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).



**FIGURE 2-29:**  $10\text{ k}\Omega$  Rheo Mode –  $R_W (\Omega)$ , INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).

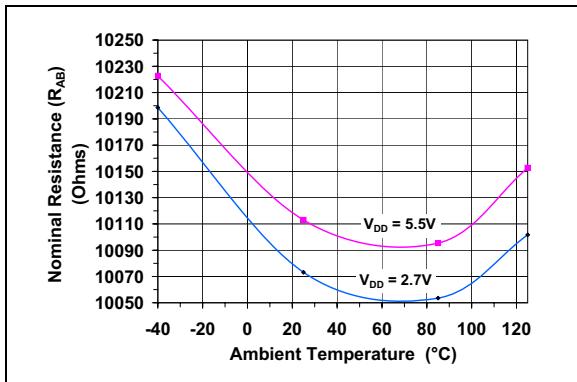


**FIGURE 2-28:**  $10\text{ k}\Omega$  Pot Mode –  $R_W (\Omega)$ , INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).

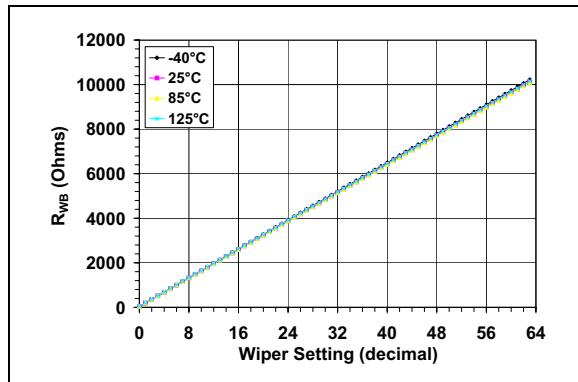


**FIGURE 2-30:**  $10\text{ k}\Omega$  Rheo Mode –  $R_W (\Omega)$ , INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).

**Note:** Unless otherwise indicated,  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_{DD} = 5\text{V}$ ,  $V_{SS} = 0\text{V}$ .



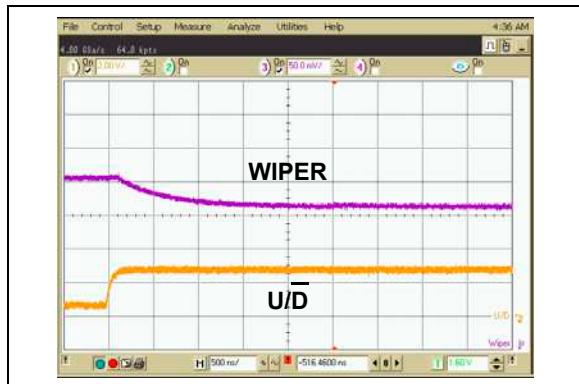
**FIGURE 2-31:**  $10\text{k}\Omega$ —Nominal Resistance ( $\Omega$ ) vs. Ambient Temperature and  $V_{DD}$ .



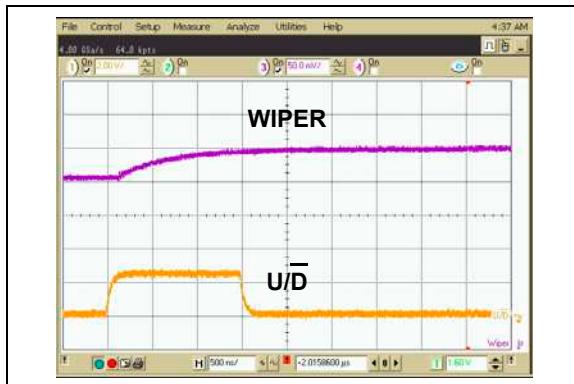
**FIGURE 2-32:**  $10\text{k}\Omega - R_{WB}$  ( $\Omega$ ) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature.

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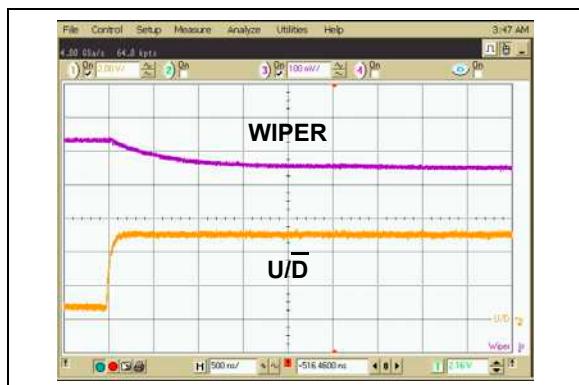
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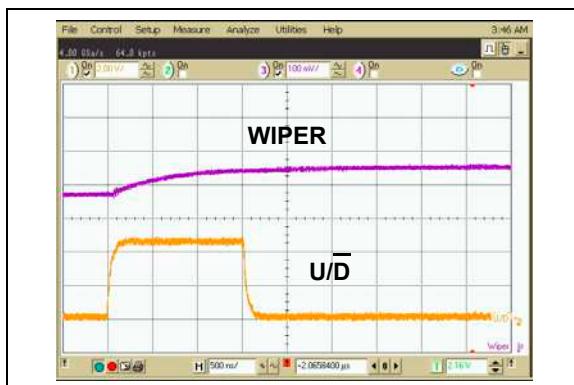
**FIGURE 2-33:** 10 k $\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Decrement Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).



**FIGURE 2-35:** 10 k $\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Increment Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).

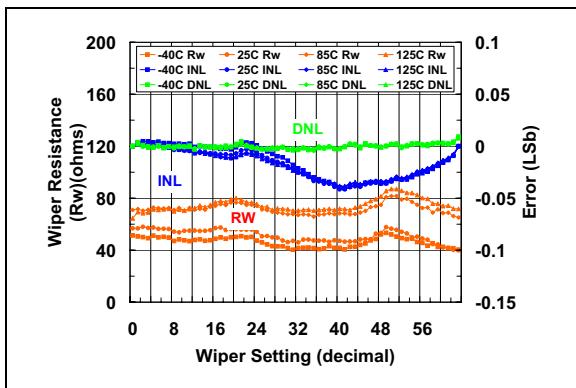


**FIGURE 2-34:** 10 k $\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Decrement Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).

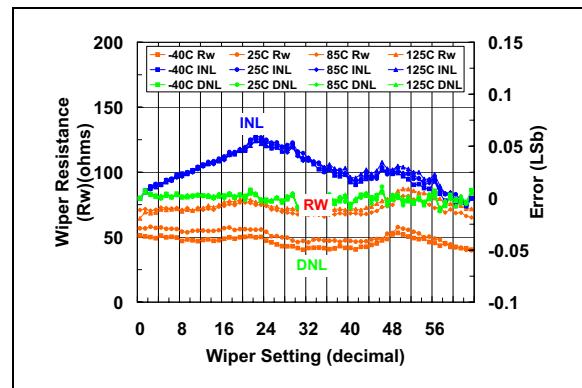


**FIGURE 2-36:** 10 k $\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Increment Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).

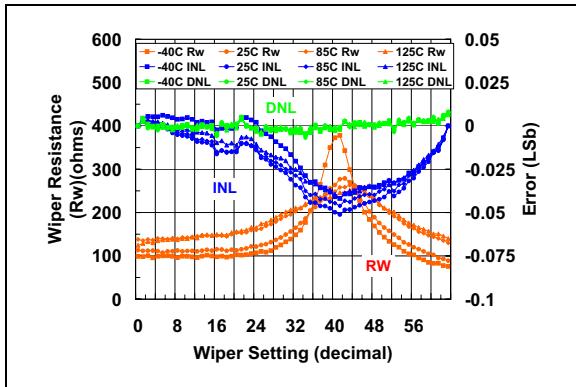
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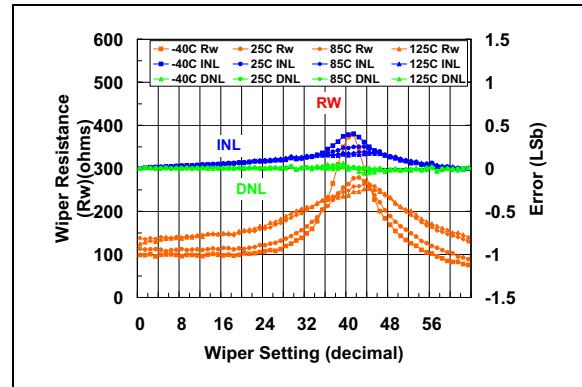
**FIGURE 2-37:**  $50\text{ k}\Omega$  Pot Mode –  $R_W(\Omega)$ , INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).



**FIGURE 2-39:**  $50\text{ k}\Omega$  Rheo Mode –  $R_W(\Omega)$ , INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).



**FIGURE 2-38:**  $50\text{ k}\Omega$  Pot Mode –  $R_W(\Omega)$ , INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).



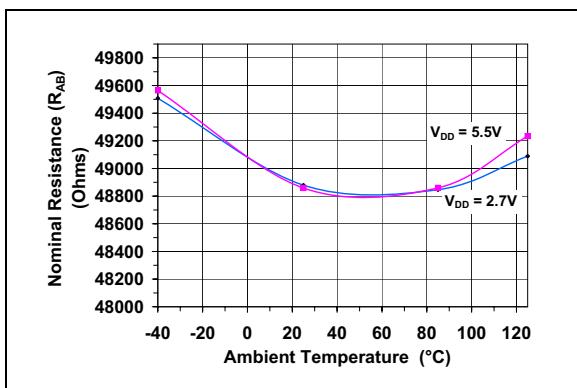
**FIGURE 2-40:**  $50\text{ k}\Omega$  Rheo Mode –  $R_W(\Omega)$ , INL (LSb), DNL (LSb) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).

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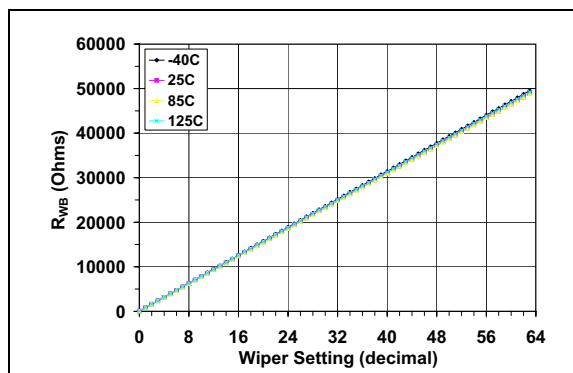
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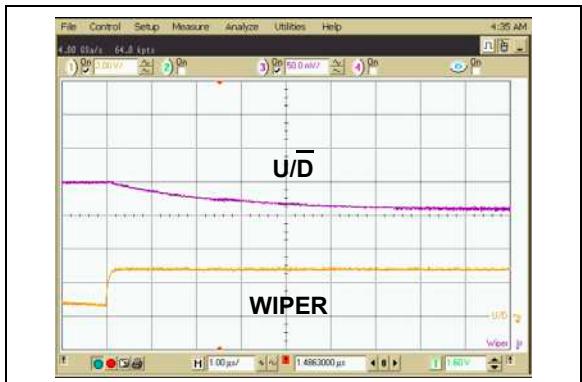


**FIGURE 2-41:**  $50\text{k}\Omega$ —Nominal Resistance ( $\Omega$ ) vs. Ambient Temperature and  $V_{DD}$ .

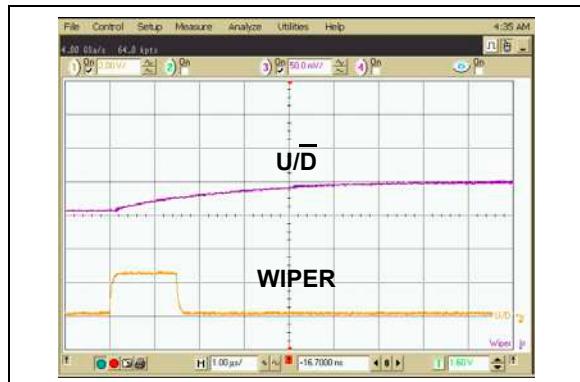


**FIGURE 2-42:**  $50\text{k}\Omega$ — $R_{WB}$  ( $\Omega$ ) vs. Wiper Setting and Ambient Temperature.

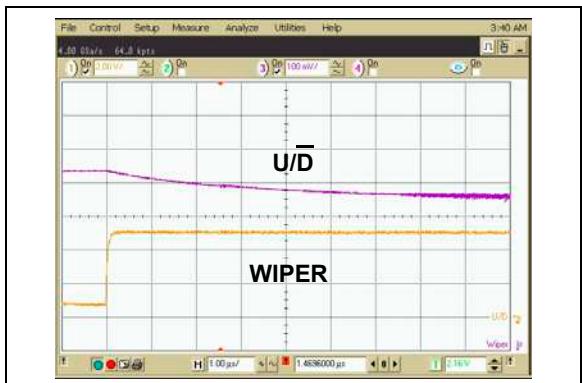
**Note:** Unless otherwise indicated,  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_{DD} = 5\text{V}$ ,  $V_{SS} = 0\text{V}$ .



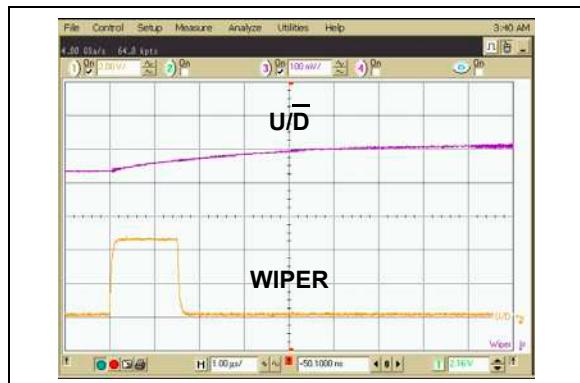
**FIGURE 2-43:**  $50\text{ k}\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Decrement Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).



**FIGURE 2-46:**  $50\text{ k}\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Increment Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ ).



**FIGURE 2-44:**  $50\text{ k}\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Decrement Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).



**FIGURE 2-47:**  $50\text{ k}\Omega$  – Low-Voltage Increment Wiper Settling Time ( $V_{DD} = 5.5\text{V}$ ).



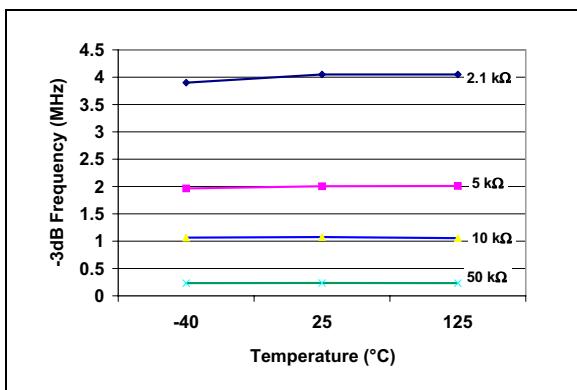
**FIGURE 2-45:**  $50\text{ k}\Omega$  – Power-Up Wiper Response Time.

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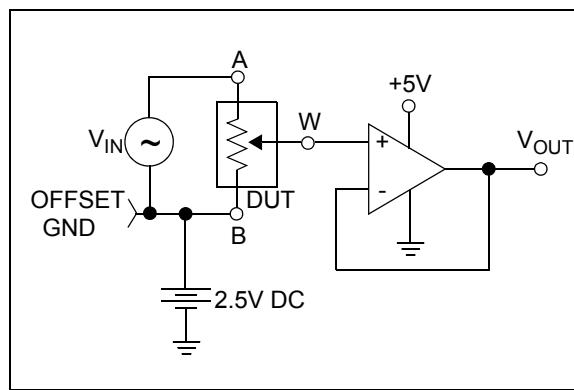
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated,  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_{DD} = 5\text{V}$ ,  $V_{SS} = 0\text{V}$ .



**FIGURE 2-48:** -3 dB Bandwidth vs. Temperature.



**FIGURE 2-49:** -3 dB Bandwidth Test Circuit.

## 3.0 PIN DESCRIPTIONS

The descriptions of the pins are listed in [Table 3-1](#).

**TABLE 3-1: PIN FUNCTION TABLE**

Pin Number			Symbol	Pin Type	Buffer Type	Function
MCP4021 (SOIC-8)	MCP4022 MCP4023 (SOT-23-6)	MCP4024 (SOT-23-5)				
1	1	1	V <sub>DD</sub>	P	—	Positive Power Supply Input
2	2	2	V <sub>SS</sub>	P	—	Ground
3	6	—	A	I/O	A	Potentiometer Terminal A
4	5	5	W	I/O	A	Potentiometer Wiper Terminal
5	4	4	CS	I	TTL	Chip Select Input
6	—	—	B	I/O	A	Potentiometer Terminal B
7	—	—	NC	—	—	No Connection
8	3	3	U/D	I	TTL	Increment/Decrement Input

**Legend:** TTL = TTL compatible input      A = Analog input  
I = Input    O = Output  
P = Power

### 3.1 Positive Power Supply Input (V<sub>DD</sub>)

The V<sub>DD</sub> pin is the device's positive power supply input. The input power supply is relative to V<sub>SS</sub> and can range from 2.7V to 5.5V. A decoupling capacitor on V<sub>DD</sub> (to V<sub>SS</sub>) is recommended to achieve maximum performance.

### 3.2 Ground (V<sub>SS</sub>)

The V<sub>SS</sub> pin is the device ground reference.

### 3.3 Potentiometer Terminal A

The terminal A pin is connected to the internal potentiometer's terminal A (available on some devices). The potentiometer's terminal A is the fixed connection to the 0x3F terminal of the digital potentiometer.

The terminal A pin is available on the MCP4021, MCP4022 and MCP4023 devices. The terminal A pin does not have a polarity relative to the terminal W or B pins. The terminal A pin can support both positive and negative current. The voltage on terminal A must be between V<sub>SS</sub> and V<sub>DD</sub>.

The terminal A pin is not available on the MCP4024. The potentiometer's terminal A is internally floating.

### 3.4 Potentiometer Wiper (W) Terminal

The terminal W pin is connected to the internal potentiometer's terminal W (the wiper). The wiper terminal is the adjustable terminal of the digital potentiometer. The terminal W pin does not have a polarity relative to terminals A or B pins. The terminal W pin can support both positive and negative current. The voltage on terminal W must be between V<sub>SS</sub> and V<sub>DD</sub>.

### 3.5 Potentiometer Terminal B

The terminal B pin is connected to the internal potentiometer's terminal B (available on some devices). The potentiometer's terminal B is the fixed connection to the 0x00 terminal of the digital potentiometer.

The terminal B pin is available on the MCP4021 device. The terminal B pin does not have a polarity relative to the terminal W or A pins. The terminal B pin can support both positive and negative current. The voltage on terminal B must be between V<sub>SS</sub> and V<sub>DD</sub>.

The terminal B pin is not available on the MCP4022, MCP4023 and MCP4024 devices.

For the MCP4023 and MCP4024, the internal potentiometer's terminal B is internally connected to V<sub>SS</sub>. Terminal B does not have a polarity relative to terminals W or A. Terminal B can support both positive and negative current.

For the MCP4022, terminal B is internally floating.