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MICROSTEPPING, UNIPOLAR PWM, HIGH-CURRENT MOTOR CONTROLLER/DRIVER



Motor Drivers

The SLA7042M and SLA7044M are designed for high-efficiency and high-performance microstepping operation of 2-phase, unipolar stepper motors. Microstepping provides improved resolution without limiting step rates, and provides much smoother low-speed motor operation. An automated, innovative packaging technology combined with power NMOS FETs and monolithic CMOS logic/control circuitry advances power multi-chip modules (PMCMs™) toward the complete integration of motion control. Each half of these stepper motor controller/drivers operate independently. The 4-bit shift registers are serially loaded with motor phase information and output current-ratio data (eight levels). The combination of user-selectable current-sensing resistor, linearly adjustable reference voltage, and digitally selected output current ratio provides users with a broad, variable range of of full, half, and microstepping motor control $(I_{O/IT} \approx [V_{BFF}/3 \cdot R_s] \cdot Current Ratio).$

Each PMCM is rated for a maximum motor supply voltage of 46 V and utilizes advanced NMOS FETs for the high-current, high-voltage driver outputs. The avalanche-rated (2100 V) FETs provide excellent ON resistance, improved body diodes, and very-fast switching. The multi-chip ratings and performance afford significant benefits and advantages for stepper drives when compared to the higher dissipation and slower switching speeds associated with bipolar transistors. Highly automated manufacturing techniques provide low-cost and exceptionally reliable PMCMs suitable for controlling and directly driving a broad range of 2-phase, unipolar stepper motors. The SLA7042M and SLA7044 Mare identical except for r_{DS(on)} and output current ratings.

Complete applications information is given on the following pages. PWM current is regulated by appropriately choosing current-sensing resistors, a voltage reference, and digitally programmable current ratio. Inputs are compatible with 5 V logic and microprocessors.

BENEFITS AND FEATURES

- Cost-Effective, Multi-Chip Solution
- 'Turn-Key' Motion-Control Module
- Motor Operation to 3 A and 46 V
- 3rd Generation High-Voltage FETs
- 100 V, Avalanche-Rated NMOS
- Low r_{DS(on)} NMOS Outputs
 Advanced, Improved Body Diodes
- Microstepping Unipolar Drive
- High-Efficiency, High-Speed PWM
- Independent PWM Current Control (2-Phase)
- Digitally Programmable PWM **Current Control**
- Low Component-Count PWM Drive
- Low Internal-Power Dissipation
- Electrically Isolated Power Tab
- Logic IC- and µP-Compatible Inputs
- Machine-Insertable Package

Always order by complete part number: SLA7042M .



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DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS at $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, $V_{DD} = 5$ V unless otherwise noted.

			Limits			
Characteristic	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min	Тур	Мах	Units
FET Leakage Current	I _{DSS}	V _{DS} = 100 V	—	—	4.0	mA
FET ON Voltage	V _{DS(ON)}	SLA7042M, I _{OUT} = 1.2 A	—	—	800	mV
		SLA7044M, I _{OUT} = 3 A	—		855	mV
FET ON Resistance	r _{DS(on)}	SLA7042M, I _{OUT} = 1.2 A	—	—	0.67	Ω
		SLA7044M, I _{OUT} = 3 A	—		0.285	Ω
Body Diode Forward Voltage	V _{SD}	SLA7042M, I _{OUT} = -1.2 A	—		1.2	V
		SLA7044M, I _{OUT} = -3 A	—		1.6	V
Control Supply Voltage	V _{DD}	Operating	4.5	5.0	5.5	V
Control Supply Current	I _{DD}	Each controller, V _{DD} = 5.5 V	_	_	7.0	mA
Logic Input Voltage	V _{IN(1)}		3.5		—	V
	V _{IN(0)}		—	_	1.5	V
Logic Input Current	I _{IN(1)}	$V_{IN(1)} = V_{DD}$		_	1.0	μA
	I _{IN(0)}	$V_{IN(0)} = 0$	—		-1.0	μA
REF/ENABLE Input Voltage	$V_{REF/EN}$	DATA, CLOCK, STROBE, and OUT Enabled	0.4	—	2.5	V
		DATA, CLOCK, STROBE, and OUT Disabled	V _{DD} - 1	_	_	V
REF/ENABLE Input Current	I _{REF/EN}	$0 V \le V_{REF/EN} \le 5 V$	—	_	±1.0	μA
Step Reference	SRCR	DATA Input = 000X	T —	0	_	%
Current Ratio		DATA Input = 001X	—	20	_	%
		DATA Input = 010X	—	40	—	%
		DATA Input = 011X	_	55.5		%
First Bit Entered (X) = Phase		DATA Input = 100X	—	71.4		%
Second Bit Entered = LSB		DATA Input = 101X	—	83		%
Last Bit Entered = MSB		DATA Input = 110X	—	91		%
		DATA Input = 111X	—	100		%

NOTE: Negative current is defined as coming out of (sourcing) the specified device pin.

TYPICAL AC CHARACTERISTICS at T_A = +25°C, V_{DD} = 5 V, I_{OUT} = 1 A, Logic Levels are V_{DD} and Ground

PWM OFF Time		DATA Input = 001X	7 μ s
		DATA Input = 010X	7 μ s
		DATA Input = 011X	9 μ s
		DATA Input = 100X	9 μs
		DATA Input = 101X	9 μs
		DATA Input = 110X	11 μs
		DATA Input = 101X	11 μs
Output RiseTime	t _r	10% to 90%	0.5 μs
Output Fall Time	t _f	90% to 10%	0.1 μs
Strobe-to-Output Switching Time	t _{pd}	50% to 50%	0.7 μs



SERIAL PORT TIMING CONDITIONS

($T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, Logic Levels are V_{DD} and Ground)

Α.	Minimum Data Active Time Before Clock Falling Edge (Data Set-Up Time)	150 ns
Β.	Minimum Data Active Time After Clock Falling Edge (Data Hold Time)	150 ns
C.	Minimum Data Pulse Width	350 ns
D.	Minimum Clock Pulse Width	350 ns
Ε.	Minimum Time Between Clock and Strobe Falling Edges	650 ns
F.	Minimum Strobe Pulse Width	500 ns

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

The SLA7042M and SLA7044M modules integrate two CMOS controller ICs and four NMOS FETs. Each half of the device operates independently, although the CLOCK inputs may be connected together and the STROBE inputs may be connected together. Pulling $V_{\text{REF/EN}}$ low (<2.5 V) allows the 4-bit shift registers to be serially loaded with motor phase and output currrent ratioing data.

The first bit selects the motor phase (logic high = Output A or B, logic low = Output A or B); the next three bits determine the motor current ratio (eight steps, 0% to 100%). The internal D/A converter, in conjunction with a current-sensing resistor and input reference voltage, completes the microstepping current control.

Pulling $V_{\text{REF/EN}}$ high (within 1 V of V_{DD}) resets the shift register and latches to turn the MOS drivers OFF and inhibits the serial DATA input.



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Motor



REGULATING THE PWM OUTPUT CURRENT

The output current (and motor coil current) waveform is illustrated in Figure 1. Setting the maximum PWM current trip point to meet the specified full-step running current for the motor, I_{OUT} max (DATA input = 111X = 100% ratio), requires only a current-sensing resistor, R_s , and an input reference voltage, $V_{REF/EN}$, between 0.4 V and 2.5 V.

 $I_{OUT} \max \approx \frac{V_{REF/EN}}{3 \cdot R_{S}}$

FIGURE 1. PHASE A COIL CURRENT WAVEFORM

SERIAL DATA INPUT ENABLE

In a minimum-component application, a voltage divider provides $V_{\text{REF/EN}}$ and an npn transistor provides the required pull-down to enable the serial data input as shown in Figure 2.

$$I_{OUT} \max \approx \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot \frac{V_b}{3 \cdot R_s}$$

μP STEPPER MOTOR CONTROL

Alternative REFERENCE/ENABLE input configurations provide for more complete motor control. A tri-state logic element and a voltage divider allows a fixed reference voltage, with both output disable and data enable functions. Complete μ P control is usually accomplished with a D/A converter as shown in Figure 3. Here, digital control provides an output disable (>V_{DD} - 1 V), V_{REF}, and V_{EN} (<2.5 V).









FIGURE 3. COMPLETE CONTROL

SERIAL DATA INPUT

The serial DATA input port is enabled (active low) by the REFERENCE/ENABLE input. When $V_{\text{REF/EN}}$ is between 0.4 V and 2.5 V, information on the DATA input is read into the shift register on each high-to-low transition of the CLOCK.

There are four bits: the first bit entered controls the

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motor phase — a high level-enables OUT_A or OUT_B , a low level enables $OUT_{\overline{A}}$ or $OUT_{\overline{B}}$. The next three bits set the step reference voltage ratio and PWM OFF time as shown in the Characteristics Tables — the least-significant bit first and the most-significant bit last.

Data written into the serial data port is latched and becomes active on a high-to-low transition at STROBE.



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REFERENCE/ENABLE INPUT

The serial DATA input port is enabled (active low) by the REFERENCE/ENABLE input when $V_{\text{REF/EN}}$ is between 0.4 V and 2.5 V.

With $V_{\text{REF/EN}}$ greater than V_{DD} - 1 V, the serial DATA input port is disabled, the outputs are OFF, the internal logic is reset, and the controller/driver will not be affected by changes at the DATA, CLOCK, or STROBE inputs.

With $V_{\text{REF/EN}}$ between 0.4 V and 2.5 V, the output current limit is a linear function of V_{REF} and the step reference current ratio.

I_{OUT} ≈
$$\frac{V_{REF}}{3 \cdot R_s}$$
 • SRCR

In a typical (SLA7042M) application where V_{DD} = 5 V, a V_{REF/EN} between 0.4 V and 2.5 V, and a maximum allowable load current of 1.2 A, the maximum value of R_S is 0.69 Ω and I_{OUT}min is 0.11 A when SRCR is 100% (DATA input = 111X).

POWER DISSIPATION CALCULATIONS

The SLA7042/44M normally do not require special heat sinking except under unusual circumstances (two phases operating near maximum output current and T_A >65°C). However, as with all power drivers, the basic constituents of power dissipation should be evaluated. Conduction losses (internal power dissipation) include:

- (a) FET output power dissipation $(I_{OUT}^2 \cdot r_{DS(on)})$ or $I_{OUT} \cdot V_{DS(ON)}$,
- (b) FET body diode power dissipation (V_{SD} I_{OUT}), and
- (c) control circuit power dissipation $(V_{DD} \cdot I_{DD})$.

PACKAGE RATINGS/DERATING FACTORS

Thermal calculations must also consider the temperature effects on the output FET ON resistance. The applicable thermal ratings for the 18-lead power-tab SIP PMCM package are:

 $R_{\theta JA} = 28^{\circ}C/W$ (junction to ambient with no heat sink) or 4.5 W at +25°C and a derating factor of -36 mW/°C for operation above +25°C.

 $R_{\theta,IM} = 5^{\circ}C/W$ (junction to mounting surface).

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TEMPERATURE EFFECTS ON FET r_{DS(on)}

Analyzing safe, reliable operation includes a concern for the relationship of NMOS ON resistance to junction temperature. Device package power calculations must include the increase in ON resistance (producing higher output ON voltages) caused by higher operating junction temperatures. Figure 5 provides a normalized ON resistance curve, and all thermal calculations should consider increases from the given +25°C limits, which may be caused by internal heating during normal operation.



FIGURE 5. NORMALIZED ON RESISTANCE vs TEMPERATURE

The power MOSFET outputs of these devices are similar to the International Rectifier type IRL510 (SLA7042M) and IRL520 (SLA7044M). These devices feature an excellent combination of fast switching, ruggedized device design, low on-resistance, and cost effectiveness.



Dimensions in Inches (for reference only)



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NOTES: 1. Exact body and lead configuration at vendor's option within limits shown.

- 2. Recommended mounting hardware torque: 4.34 5.79 lbf•ft (6 8 kgf•cm or 0.588 0.784 Nm).
- 3. The shaded area is exposed (electrically isolated) heat spreader.
- 4. Recommend use of metal-oxide-filled, alkyl-degenerated oil base,
- silicone grease (Dow Corning 340 or equivalent).



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