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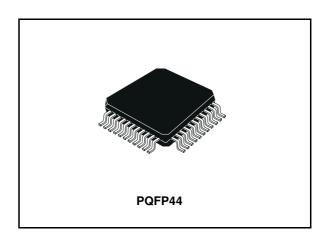




1/4 to 1/11-duty VFD controller/driver

General features

- Many display modes (11 segments & 11 digits to 16 segments & 4 digits)
- Key scanning (6 x 4 matrix)
- Dimming circuit (eight steps)
- High-voltage output (V_{DD} 35V max)
- LED ports (4 chs, 20mA max)
- General purpose input port (4 bits)
- No external resistor necessary for driver output (P-channel open drain + pull down resistor output)
- Serial interface (CLK, STB, D_{IN}, D_{OUT})



Description

The STM86312 is a VFD (Vacuum Fluorescent Display) controller/driver that is driven on a 1/4 to 1/11-duty factor. It consists of 11-segments output lines, 6 grid output lines, 5 segments/grid output drive lines, a display memory, a control circuit, and a key scan circuit. Serial data are input to the STM86312 through a three-line serial interface. This VFD controller/driver is ideal as a peripheral device for a single-chip microcomputer.

Order codes

| Part number | Temperature range | Package | Tube |
|-------------|-------------------|---------|------|
| STM86312 | -40 to 85 °C | PQFP44 | Tray |

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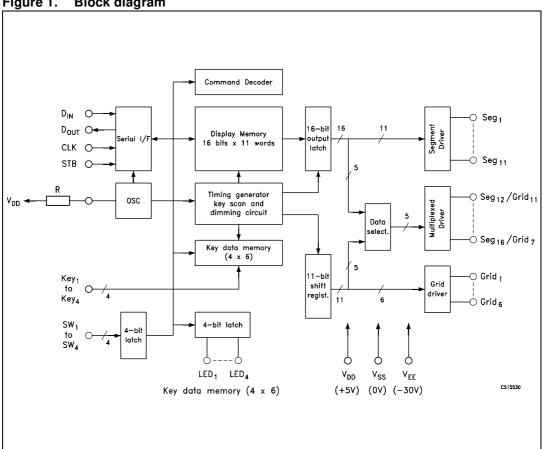
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STM86312 **Block diagram**

Block diagram 1



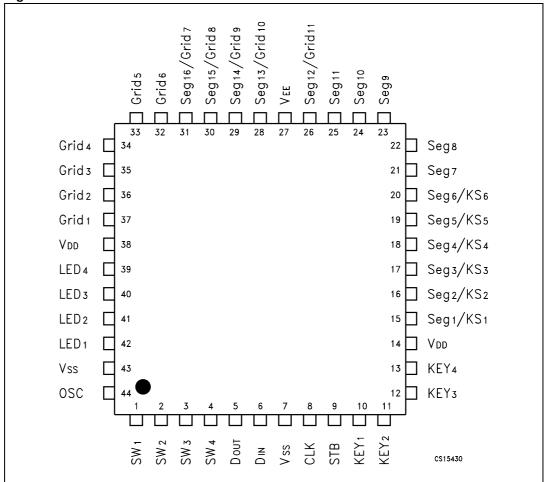


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2 Pin settings

2.1 Pin connection

Figure 2. Pin connection



STM86312 Pin settings

2.2 Pin description

Table 1. Pin description

| Pin N° | Symbol | Name and function |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1, 2, 3, 4 | SW1, SW2, SW3, SW4 | General-purpose switch inputs. |
| 5 D _{OUT} | | Output serial data at falling edge of the shift clock, starting from lower bit. This is N-ch open-drain output pin. |
| 6 | D _{IN} | Input serial data at rising edge of the shift clock, starting from lower bit. |
| 8 | CLK | Reads serial data at rising edge, and outputs data at falling edge. |
| 9 | STB | Initializes serial interface at rising or falling edge to make STM86312 waiting for reception of command. Data input after STB has fallen are processed as a command. While command data are processed, current processing is stopped, and the serial interface is initialized. While STB is high, CLK is ignored. |
| 10, 11, 12, 13 | KEY1, KEY2, KEY3, KEY4 | Input data to these pins are latched at end of the display cycle. |
| 14, 38 | V_{DD} | 5V ± 10%. |
| 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 | SEG1/KS1 to SEG6/KS6 | Segment output pins (Dual function as key source). |
| 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 | SEG7 to SEG11 | Segment output pins. |
| 26, 28, 29, 30, 31 | SEG12/GRID11 to SEG16/GRID7 | These pins are selectable for segment or grid driving. |
| 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 | GRID1 to GRID6 | Grid output pins. |
| 39, 40, 41, 42 | LED1 to LED4 | CMOS outputs. +20 mA max. |
| 7, 43 | V _{SS} | Connect this pin to system GND. |
| 27 | V _{EE} | Pull-down level. V _{DD} - 35V max. |
| 44 | OSC | Connect to an external resistor. |

Maximum rating STM86312

3 Maximum rating

Stressing the device above the rating listed in the "Absolute Maximum Ratings" table may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only and operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the Operating sections of this specification is not implied. Exposure to Absolute Maximum Rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability. Refer also to the STMicroelectronics SURE Program and other relevant quality documents.

Table 2. Absolute maximum ratings

| Symbol | Parameter | Value | Unit |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--|------|
| V_{DD} | Logic Supply Voltage | -0.5 to 7 | ٧ |
| V _{EE} | Driver Supply Voltage | V _{DD} +0.5 to V _{DD} -40 | ٧ |
| VI | Logic Input Voltage | -0.5 to V _{DD} +0.5 | V |
| V _{O2} | VFD Driver Output Voltage | V _{EE} -0.5 to V _{DD} +0.5 | V |
| I _{O1} | LED Driver Output Current | 25 | mA |
| los | VFD Driver Output Current | -40 (Grid) | mA |
| I _{O2} | VI D DIIVEI Output Ourient | -15 (Segment) | IIIA |
| T _A | Operating Ambient Temperature | -40 to 85 | °C |

3.1 Thermal data

Table 3. Thermal data

| Symbol | Parameter | Value | Unit |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------|------|
| R _{thJC} | Thermal Resistance Junction-case | 56 | °C/W |

3.2 Recommended operating conditions

Table 4. Recommended operating conditions

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----|---------------------|------|
| V _{DD} | Logic Supply Voltage | 4.5 | 5 | 5.5 | V |
| V _{IH} | High Level Input Voltage | 0.7xV _{DD} | | V_{DD} | V |
| V _{IL} | Low Level Input Voltage | 0 | | 0.3xV _{DD} | V |
| V _{EE} | Driver Supply Voltage | 0 | | V _{DD} -35 | V |

STM86312 Maximum rating

Maximum power consumption $P_{MAX} = VFD$ driver dissipation + R_L dissipation + LED driver dissipation + dynamic power consumption.

Where segment current = 3 mA, grid current = 15 mA, and LED current = 20 mA,

VFD driver dissipation = number of segments x 6 + number of grids/(number of grids + 1) x 30 (mW)

 R_L dissipation = $(V_{DD} - V_{EE})^2/50 \times (segment + 1) (mW)$

LED driver dissipation = number of LEDs x 20 (mW)

Dynamic power consumption = $V_{DD} \times 5 \text{ (mW)}$

Example

Where V_{EE} = -25 V, V_{DD} = 5 V, and in 16-segment and 6-digit modes,

VFD driver dissipation = $16 \times 6 + 6/7 \times 30 = 122$

 R_L dissipation = $30^2/50 \times 17 = 306$

LED driver dissipation = $4 \times 20 = 80$

Dynamic power consumption = $5 \times 5 = 25$

Total 553 mW.

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4 Electrical characteristics

Table 5. Electrical characteristics ($V_{DD} = 4.5$ to 5.5V, $V_{SS} = 0$ V, $V_{EE} = V_{DD} - 35$ V, $T_{A} = -20$ to 70°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $T_{A} = 25$ °C)

| Cymbol | Parameter | Test Conditions | | Unit | | |
|---|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Symbol | Parameter | rest Conditions | Min. | Тур. | Max. | Unit |
| V _{OH1} | High Level Output Voltage | LED1-LED4, I _{OH1} =-1mA | 0.9V _{DD} | | | V |
| V _{OL1} | Low Level Output Voltage | LED1-LED4, I _{OL1} =20mA | | | 1 | ٧ |
| V _{OL2} | Low Level Output Voltage | D _{OUT} , I _{OL2} = 4mA | | | 0.4 | ٧ |
| I _{OH21} High Level Output Current | | $V_O = V_{DD}$ - 2V, Seg1 to Seg11 | -3 | | | mA |
| I _{OH22} | High Level Output Current | $V_O = V_{DD}$ - 2V, Grid1 to Grid6, Seg12/Grid11 to Seg16/Grid7 | -15 | | | mA |
| I _{OLEAK} | Driver Leakage Current | $V_O = V_{DD}$ - 35V, driver off | | | -10 | μΑ |
| R _L Output Pull-Down Resistor | | Driver Output | 50 | 100 | 150 | kΩ |
| I _I | Input Current | $V_I = V_{DD}$ or V_{SS} | | | ±1 | μΑ |
| V _{IH} | High Level Input Voltage | | 0.7V _{DD} | | | ٧ |
| V _{IL} | Low Level Input Voltage | | | | 0.3V _{DD} | ٧ |
| V _{HYS} | Hysteresis Voltage | CLK, D _{IN} , STB | | 0.35 | | ٧ |
| I _{DDdyn} | Dynamic Current Consumption | Under no load, display off | | | 5 | mA |

Table 6. Switching characteristics ($V_{DD} = 4.5$ to 5.5V, $V_{SS} = 0$ V, $V_{EE} = V_{DD}$ - 35V, $T_A = -20$ to 70°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $T_A = 25$ °C)

| Symbol | Parameter | Parameter Test Conditions | | | Value | | Unit |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|------|-------|------|-------|
| Syllibol | Parameter | | | Min. | Тур. | Max. | Ullit |
| t _{PLZ} | Propagation Delay | $CLK \rightarrow D$ | | | | 300 | ns |
| t _{PZL} | | $R_L = 10 \text{ kg}$ | $R_L = 10 \text{ k}\Omega, C_L = 15 \text{ pF}$ | | | 100 | |
| t _{TZH1} | Rise Time | C _L = 300 | Seg1 to Seg11 | | | 2 | μs |
| t _{TZH2} | | pF | Grid1 to Grid6, Seg12/Grid11 to Seg16/Grid7 | | | 0.5 | |
| t _{THZ} | Fall Time | C _L = 300 | C _L = 300 pF, Segn, Gridn | | | 120 | μs |
| f _{MAX} | Maximum Clock Frequency | Duty = 50% | | 1 | | | MHz |
| C _I | Input Capacitance | | | | | 15 | рF |

Table 7. Timing Characteristics ($V_{DD}=4.5$ to 5.5V, $T_A=-20$ to 70°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $T_A=25$ °C)

| Symbol | Parameter | Test Conditions | Value | | | Unit |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Syllibol | Farameter | lest Collations | Min. | Тур. | Max. | Oilit |
| PW _{CLK} | Clock Pulse Width | | 400 | | | ns |
| PW _{STB} | Strobe Pulse Width | | 1 | | | μs |
| t _{SETUP} | Data Setup Time | | 100 | | | ns |
| t _{HOLD} | Data Hold Time | | 100 | | | ns |
| t _{CLK-STB} | Clock-Strobe Time | CLK ↑→ STB↑ | 1 | | | μs |
| t _{WAIT} | Wait Time (Note 1) | CLK ↑→ CLK↓ | 1 | | | μs |

Note: Refer to page Serial Communication Format.

5 Display RAM address and display mode

The display RAM stores the data transmitted from an external device to the STM86312 through the serial interface; addresses are as follows, in 8-bits unit:

RAM stores addresses

| Seg1 Seg4 | Seg8 | Seg12 | Seg16 | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 00 H _L | 00 H _U | 01 H _L | 01 H _U | DIG1 |
| 02 H _L | 02 H _U | 03 H _L | 03 H _U | DIG2 |
| 04 H _L | 04 H _U | 05 H _L | 05 H _U | DIG3 |
| 06 H _L | 06 H _U | 07 H _L | 07 H _U | DIG4 |
| 08 H _L | 08 H _U | 09 H _L | 09 H _U | DIG5 |
| 0A H _L | 0A H _U | 0B H _L | 0B H _U | DIG6 |
| 0C H _L | 0C H _U | 0D H _L | 0D H _U | DIG7 |
| 0E H _L | 0E H _U | 0F H _L | 0F H _U | DIG8 |
| 10 H _L | 10 H _U | 11 H _L | 11 H _U | DIG9 |
| 12 H _L | 12 H _U | 13 H _L | 13 H _U | DIG10 |
| 14 H _L | 14 H _U | 15 H _L | 15 H _U | DIG11 |

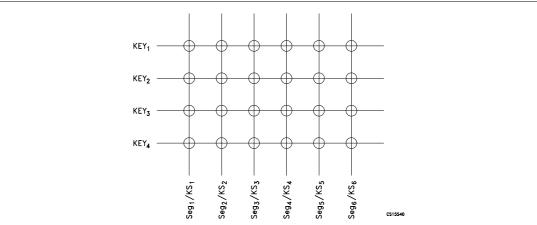
| b0 | b 3 | b4 | b7 |
|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| | XX H _L | | XX H _U |

Note:

"0" in memory means V_{EE} on output; "1" in memory means V_{DD} on output.

The key matrix is of 6 x 4 configuration, as shown below

Figure 3. Key matrix and key-input data storage RAM



The data of each key are stored as illustrated below, and are read by the appropriate read command, starting from the least significant bit

| KEY1 | KEY4 | KEY1 | | KEY4 | |
|------|----------|------|----------|------|---|
| | Seg1/KS1 | ; | Seg2/KS2 | | Ø |
| | Seg3/KS3 | | Seg4KS4 | | |
| | Seg5/KS5 | ; | Seg6/KS6 | | |
| b0 | b3 | b4 | | b7 | |

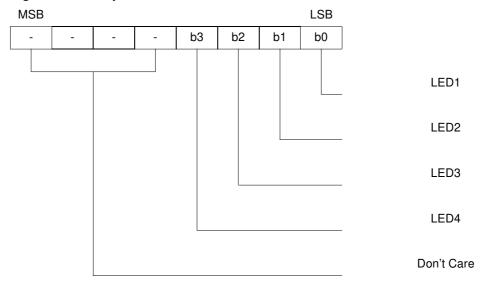
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6 LED port

Data are written to the LED port by a write command, starting from the least significant bit of the port. When a bit of this port is 0, the corresponding LED lights; when the bit is 1, the LED goes off. The data of bits 5 through 8 are ignored.

Figure 4. LED port



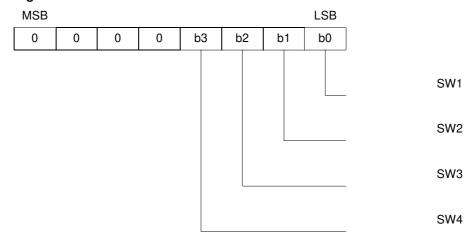
On power application, all the LEDs remain dark.

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7 SW data

The SW data are read by the appropriate read command, starting from the least significant bit. Bits 5 through 8 of the SW data are 0.

Figure 5. SW data



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8 Commands

A command sets the display mode and status of the VFD driver.

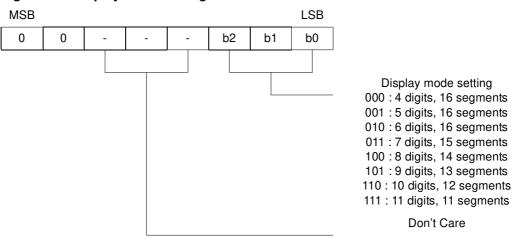
The first 1 byte input to the STM86312 through the D_{IN} pin after the STB pin has fallen is regarded as a command. If STB is set high while commands/data are transmitted, serial communication is initialized, and the commands/data being transmitted are invalid (however, the commands/data already transmitted remain valid).

8.1 Display mode setting command

This command initializes the STM86312 and selects the number of segments and number of grids (1/4 to 1/11 duty, 11 segments to 16 segments).

When this command is executed, display is forcibly turned off, and key scanning is also stopped. To resume display, the display ON command must be executed. If the same mode is selected, however, nothing is performed.

Figure 6. Display mode settings



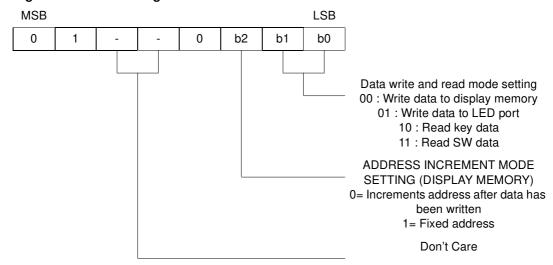
On power application, the 11-digit 11-segment mode is selected.

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8.2 Data setting command

This command sets data write and data read modes.

Figure 7. Data setting command

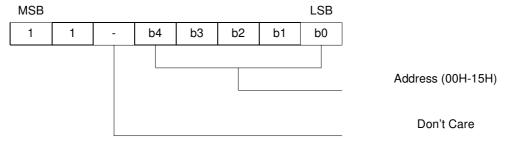


On power application, the normal operation mode and address increment mode are set. Do not use STM86312 in test mode.

8.3 Address setting command

This command sets an address of the display memory

Figure 8. Address setting command



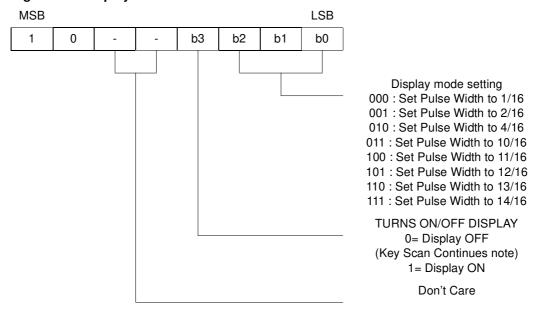
If address 16H or higher is set, the data are ignored, until a correct address is set. On power application, the address is set to 00H.

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8.4 Display control command

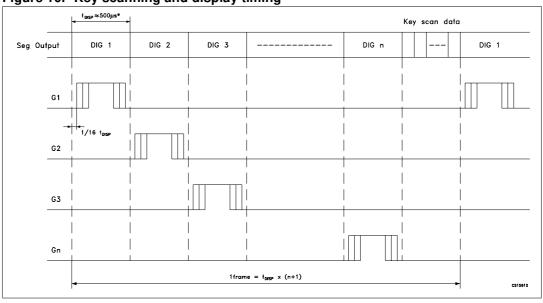
Figure 9. Display control command



On power application, the 1/16-pulse width is set and the display is turned off.

Note: On power application, key scanning is stopped.

Figure 10. Key scanning and display timing



Note:

One cycle of key scanning consists of one frame, and data of 6×4 matrices are stored in RAM.

^{*} The value can be modified by trimmering R_{OSC}.

9 Serial communication format

Figure 11. Reception (command/data write)

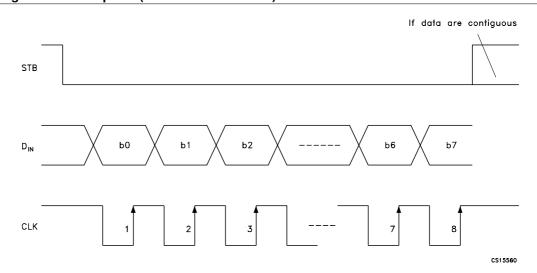
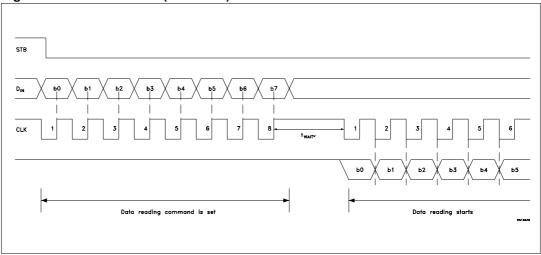


Figure 12. Transmission (data read)



Because the D $_{OUT}$ pin is an N-ch open-drain output pin, be sure to connect an external pull-up resistor to this pin (1 k Ω to 10 k Ω).

Note:

*: When data are read, a wait time t_{WAIT} of $1\mu s$ is necessary within the rising edge of the eighth clock that has set the command and the falling one of the first clock that has read the data.

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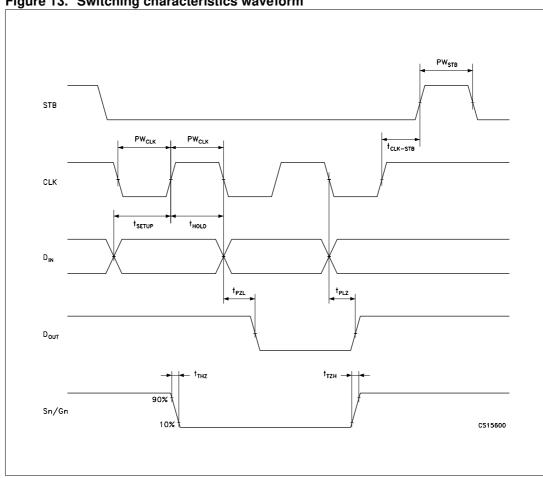
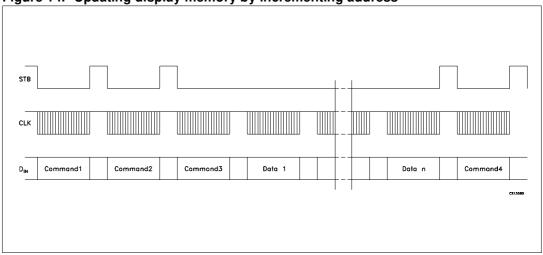


Figure 13. Switching characteristics waveform

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Figure 14. Updating display memory by incrementing address



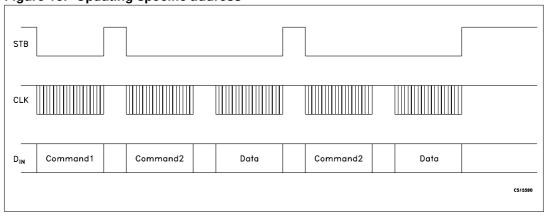
Command 1: sets display mode

Command 2: sets data
Command 3: sets address

Data 1 to n: transfers display data (22 bytes max.)

Command 4: controls display

Figure 15. Updating specific address



Command 1: sets data
Command 2: sets address

Data: display data

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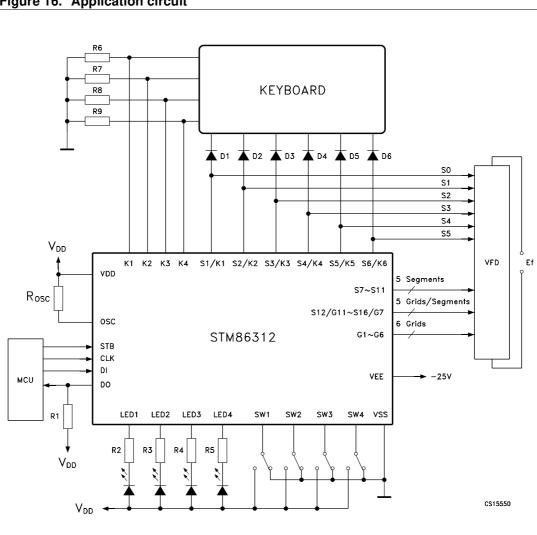


Figure 16. Application circuit

Note:

 $R_{OSC} = 47k\Omega$ for oscillator resistor

- R1=1~10 k Ω for external pull-high resistor 1
- 2 $R2\sim R5 = 750\Omega\sim 1.2 \text{ k}\Omega$
- 3 $R6\sim R9 = 10k\Omega$ for external pull-low resistor
- 4 $D1 \sim D6 = 1N4001$
- Ef = Filament voltage for VFD.

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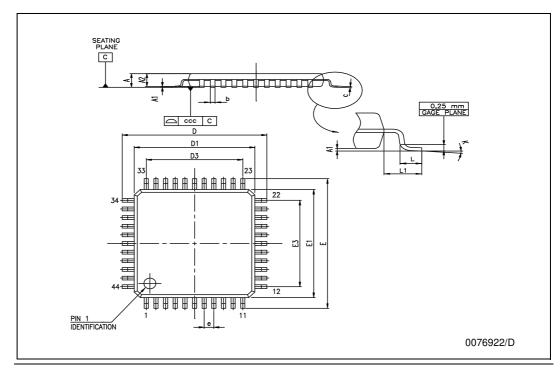
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| DIM. | mm. | | | inch | | |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| | MIN. | TYP | MAX. | MIN. | TYP. | MAX. |
| Α | | | 2.45 | | | 0.096 |
| A1 | | | 0.25 | | | 0.010 |
| A2 | 1.80 | 2.00 | 2.20 | 0.071 | 0.079 | 0.087 |
| b | 0.29 | | 0.45 | 0.011 | | 0.018 |
| С | 0.11 | | 0.23 | 0.004 | | 0.009 |
| D | | 13.2 | | | 0.520 | |
| D1 | | 10.00 | | | 0.394 | |
| D3 | | 8.00 | | | 0.315 | |
| Е | | 13.2 | | | 0.520 | |
| E1 | | 10.00 | | | 0.394 | |
| E3 | | 8.00 | | | 0.315 | |
| е | | 0.80 | | | 0.031 | |
| L | 0.73 | 0.88 | 1.03 | 0.029 | 0.035 | 0.041 |
| L1 | | 1.6 | | | 0.063 | |
| K | 0° | 3.5° | 7° | 0° | 3.5° | 7° |



STM86312 Revision history

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Table 8. Revision history

| Date | Revision | Changes | |
|-------------|----------|-----------------------|--|
| 27-May-2004 | 1 | First Release | |
| 27-Mar-2006 | 2 | New Temp, few changes | |

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