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TMC 363 – DATA SHEET

transformerless VFD Power Supply IC with optional control via 2 wire serial Interface

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Features

The TMC363 is a filament driver for Vacuum Fluorescent Displays (VFD), replacing the commonly used expensive high current transformers. It drives the filament using a sine wave, eliminating the high energy square wave chopper EMV impulses and EMV radiation. This leads to a smarter and much lighter and inexpensive solution. It is realized in a HVCMOS technology combined with Low-RDS-ON high efficiency MOSFETs (pat. fi.). The TMC363 gives the choice to operate at high temperature or at high current of up to 1060 mA. Its low current consumption and high efficiency together with the miniature package make it a perfect solution for battery powered devices as well as weight and dimension critical applications. The device can be controlled by a serial interface (I²C-like) or by analog / digital input signals. Temperature and undervoltage protection is integrated.

- Outputs two sine waves with 6 bit resolution
- Two wire serial interface
- Amplitude selectable via resistor or serial interface
- Frequency and offset digitally switchable or programmable via serial interface
- Slope control programmable via single resistor
- Chopper frequency programmable via a single capacitor or external clock range 50kHz to 500kHz
- Integrated soft start
- Step up Converter for VFD Anode supply using external Power MOS (50V; 250mA at >=9V supply)
- 7V to 28.5V supply voltage (up to 38.5V as option)
- Two integrated PWM-controlled half-bridges with up to 1500mA peak output current (1060mA rms) and more than 800mA at 105°C
- Status flags for over temperature, temperature pre-warning, and undervoltage can be read out
- Low power consumption via low RDS-ON power stage
- Shutdown mode available

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Pinning

Figure 1: Pinning

Package codes

Table 1: package code

Application circuit / block diagram

Figure 2: block diagram

Pin functions

Table 2: pin functions

Filament sine wave drive

Figure 3: Filament AC Drive

The potential of the different supply voltages of VF-Displays is shown in figure 3. The filament voltage (Ef) is always higher than the ground potential of the anode and grid voltage (ec, eb) to cut off background illumination. For exemplification the voltage plan of the TMC363 is equivalent to an application with a center tap transformer including a bias voltage.

Example of use

In standard applications the TMC363 provides a sine wave which amplitude is programmable in the range of 0V up to V_S –1V. At supply voltages higher than 26V the amplitude is limited to 26V_{PP}. The step-up voltage for the anode or grid supply is not limited to V_s . The amplitude of the step-up voltage is controlled by the external voltage divider and/or the serial interface value.

Figure 5: Boost sine wave mode

In boost mode its possible to acquire a sine wave amplitude which is higher than the supply voltage. In this case the bridge supply (V_{SB}) has to be connected to the output of the step-up converter. The sine wave amplitude is than limited to 1V below the step-up voltage but at most up to $26V_{\text{PP}}$. Caution: The maximum bridge supply voltage is 40V (see absolut maximum ratings). A higher voltage can damage the device.

Function setting

Table 3: function settings

The function of the TMC363 is selectable via the 'Func' pins. In serial interface mode the option between sine wave or dc voltage is selectable.

Frequency setting

The PWM oscillator frequency can be set by an external capacitor and an external resistor. The internal oscillator uses the resistor to charge / discharge the capacitor to a trip voltage of 2/3 Vcc respectively 1/3 Vcc. It can be overdriven using an external CMOS level square wave signal.

The TMC363 uses $f_{\rm OSC}$ / 16 as chopper frequency. This chopper frequency is used for the sine wave and the step up converter.

$$
f_{\textit{chop}} = \frac{f_{\textit{osc}}}{16}
$$

Table of frequencies when set via the pins. All values can be selected via serial interface.

Table 4: frequency settings

The dimension of the output filter (LC-Combination) is depending on the frequency. At frequencies greater then $f_{\rm osc}$ /160 the filter needs to be at least $2^{n\acute{a}}$ order.

Oscillator

The PWM oscillator frequency can be set by an external capacitor and an external resistor. The internal oscillator charges / discharges the capacitor between the trip voltages.

Alternatively a 2.5 \ldots 8-MHz ceramic resonator (with load capacitors C_L) can be used.

The oscillator input OSCRC can be overdriven using an external CMOS level square-wave signal.

Table 5: oscillator frequencies when using ceramic resonator

Table 6: oscillator frequencies when using RC option

Table 7: oscillator characteristic

Please remark, that an unnecessary high frequency leads to higher switching losses in the power transistors.

Serial interface

Communication between a host and the TMC363 takes places via the two wire bi-directional serial interface. The serial interface facilitates the alternative programming of all settings. The frequency is programmable with a resolution of 15 Bit and a range from 0 to 125kHz. The resolution of the amplitude is 6 Bit. Further the offset- and the softstart- option is selectable via the serial interface.

Output voltage swing

The output voltage setting is controlled by a resistive divider. Depending on the offset setting and on the actual load, the lower sine wave limit varies between 0 and 2V. The upper limit can be set up to 21V. The output voltage of the TMC363 is equal to:

$$
V_{FB_{\text{max}}} = 4.2 \cdot V_{Ampl} \frac{n}{63}
$$

whereas n is depending on the operational mode. In stand alone mode the value of n is 63. In the serial interface mode n is selectable in the range 0 to 63.

The accuracy of the filament output depends on the selected output frequency. The control logic analyze the output via a few full periods to avert output swing. At a supply voltage jump of 10% the control time of 50Hz sine wave setting amounts at most 100ms. At frequencies greater than 10kHz the control time shrinks to a value below 100µs.

Undervoltage detection

The internal circuitry starts operation, whenever the 5V supply is in its lower operation limit. Because the required supply voltage depends on the required filament voltage, the internal circuit monitors the output to determine if it can reach the filament voltage level set by the user.

Step up converter

The step up converter monitors the output voltage. Chopping frequency is fixed to 1/16 oscillator frequency. When the output voltage is below the comparator threshold, the transistor duty cycle is increased from 0/16 to 10/16 within 10 oscillator cycles. It is reduced down to zero in 10 cycles if the voltage is continuously above the threshold. The maximum duty cycle is programmable via the serial interface. The standard setting for the maximum duty cycle is 10/16 and is increasable to 12/16 for higher current request.

The output voltage is set by the voltage divider R_{SU1} and R_{SU2} .

$$
V_{Step_Up} = V_{UPFB} \left(\frac{R_{SU1}}{R_{SU2}} + 1 \right)
$$

The value of V_{UPEB} is fix at 3.15V. In serial interface mode this voltage is regulated by the configuration of the DAC2 parameter.

$$
V_{UPFB} = 3.15V \frac{n}{63}
$$

n is the value of DAC2_0 … DAC2_5.

Slope control resistor

The output-voltage slope of the full bridge outputs can be controlled to reduce noise on the power supply and on the filament and thus electromagnetic emission of the circuit. It is controlled by an external resistor at the SLP pin.

Operational range:

 $12.5k\Omega \leq R_{SLP} \leq 150k\Omega$

Please remark, that there is a trade off between reduced electromagnetic emissions (slow slope) and high efficiency because of low dynamic losses (fast slope).

Example for slope settings

Table 8: slope settings

Absolute Maximum Ratings

The maximum ratings may not be exceeded under any circumstances. 40V transistor version is assumed.

Table 9: absolut maximum ratings

Electrical Characteristics

Operational Range

Table 10: operational range

- (1) The circuit can be operated up to 140°C, but output power derates.
- (2) The maximum operating supply voltage is reduced from 40V to 38.5V with inductive loads, because inductive loads increase the output voltage above / below the supply voltage rail in fast decay and change of polarity situations.

DC Characteristics

DC characteristics contain the spread of values guaranteed within the specified supply voltage and temperature range unless otherwise specified. Typical characteristics represent the average value of all parts.

Junction temperature: $T_J = -40^{\circ}$ C ... 150°C, Bridge supply voltage : V_S = 7 V ... 38.5 V (unless otherwise specified)

Table 11: dc characteristics

Thermal Protection

Table 12: thermal characteristics

Two-Wire Serial Interface

Physical Layer

Both SDA and SCL lines are connected to positive supply voltage via a current source or pull-up resistor (Figure 6: Physical Layer). When there is no traffic on the bus both lines are high. Analog glitch filters are implemented to suppress spikes with a length up to 50 ns.

Figure 6: Physical Layer

Communication on Two Wire Serial Bus Interface

Each datagram starts with an Start condition and ends with an Stop condition. Both conditions are unique and cannot confused with data. A high to low transition on the SDA line while SCL is high indicates a Start condition. A low to high transition on the SDA line while SCL is high defines a Stop condition. (Figure 7: Start / Stop Conditions)

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The SCL clock is always generated by the master. On every rising transition of the SCL line the data on SDA is valid. Data on SDA line is only allowed to change as long as SCL is low. (Figure 8: Bit transfer on Two Wire Serial Bus Interface)

Figure 8: Bit transfer on Two Wire Serial Bus Interface

Every byte put on the SDA line must have a length of 8 bits, where the most significant bit (MSB) is transferred first. The number of bytes that can be transmitted to the TCM363 is restricted to 4 bytes. Each byte is followed by an acknowledge bit, which is issued by the receiving node. (Figure 9: Data Transfer on Two Wire Serial Bus Interface)

Figure 9: Data Transfer on Two Wire Serial Bus Interface

Physical Address of the circuit

The circuit must be provided with a physical address in order to discriminate this circuit from other ones on the serial bus (pins SDA and SCK). This address is coded on 7 bits (1 bits is hardwired to '1' and 2 bits are hardwired to '0'), yielding the theoretical possibility of 16 different circuits on the same bus. It is a combination of the 4 hardwired address bits (pins OFFS, FS[2-0]). (Figure 10: Two Wire Serial Interface - Physical Address)

The TCM363 supports a "general call" address. Therefore the circuit is addressable with either the physical slave or with address "000 0000".

AD6	AD ₅	AD4	AD ₃	AD ₂	AD ₁	AD ₀	Physical address
141	'0'	'0'	OFFS	FS ₂	FS ₁	FS ₀	Hardwired Bit (connect to 0 or 1)

Figure 10: Two Wire Serial Interface - Physical Address

Write data to TMC363

A complete datagram consists of the following: a Start condition, 5 data bytes and a stop condition. Each data byte is followed by an acknowledge bit. The acknowledge bit is used to signal the transmitter of the data byte the correct reception of the data, in this case the TMC363 pulls the SDA line to zero. (Figure 11: Two Wire Serial Interface - Writing Data to Slave).

The first data byte consists of the slave address (7 bit) and a read/write bit ('0' = write, '1' = read). The other 4 bytes contains the configuration settings of the TMC363.

The TMC363 reads the incoming data at SDA with every rising edge on the SCL line. To finish the transmission the master has to transmit a Stop condition.

Figure 11: Two Wire Serial Interface - Writing Data to Slave

Read data from TMC363

When reading data from a slave only one datagram is needed. The datagram consists of one data byte that consists of the slave address (7 bit) and the read bit ('1').

Then the master can read the data byte on the SDA line with every rising edge on the SCL line. After the byte of data the master has to acknowledge correct data reception by pulling SDA to zero. The last byte is not to acknowledge by the master and therefore the slave knows the end of transmission. (Figure 12: Two Wire Serial Interface - Read Data from Slave)

Read Data from Slave

Figure 12: Two Wire Serial Interface - Read Data from Slave

Timing characteristics of the serial interface

Figure 13: Definition of Timing

Table 13: Two Wire Serial Interface - Characteristics of the SDA and SCL I/O Stages

Notes

(1): If Input voltage = < -0.3 Volts, then 20…100 Ohms resistor must be added in series

(2): Maximum $V_{IH} = V_{DDmax} + 0.5$ Volt n/a: not applicable

Table 14: Two Wire Serial Interface - Characteristics of the SDA and SCL bus lines

Notes

(1): C_b = total capacitance of one bus line in pF.

Command Description

Communications between the TMC363 and a Two Wire Serial Bus Interface Master takes place via different commands.

Writing commands are used to:

- Program parameters of sine wave output (frequency, amplitude, softstart and offset)
- select between sine wave- and dc-output voltage
- Configure the amplitude of the step-up converter

Reading commands are used to:

- Get actual status of diagnostic flags
- Get actual status of amplitude amplification

Table 15: write command

- cnfg: The bits 'cnfg_0 … cnfg_1' appoints the config byte which is write first in the registers. Thus its possible to change one parameter by writing only one config byte instead of all config bytes. The start setup demands the configuration of all config bytes. In this case the write command consist of five bytes (config number = 0; config $0 \ldots$ config $3 =$ see table 3). If its necessary to change only one parameter (e.g. amplitude of step-up converter) you have to write only two bytes (config number = 3; config 3 = see table 3).
- Output: Output mode of the TMC363. Set this bit to '0' for sinus wave output. For dc voltage output set this bit to '1'.
- f_set: *set*

$$
f_{\sin} = \frac{f_{osc}}{2.097*10^6} * f_{se}
$$

This value will not be considered in DC-mode.

- Offs_set: Offset setting of the sine wave ('0' no offst; '1' 2V offset).
- softstart: The soft start option is active when the bit 'softstart' is set to '1'. In this case the sine wave needs 250ms (at 8MHz f_{osc}) to reach the full amplitude. This time shrinks to 10ms by disabling the soft start mode.
- DAC1: The amplitude of the sine wave is set by the bits 'DAC1_0 ... DAC1_5'. If all bits are set to '1' the maximum amplitude (21V) is selected. Each bit correspond to 21V / 64. DAC1_5 is the MSB. The sine wave maximum peak value is calculate by the following formula:

$$
V_{FB_{\text{max}}} = 4.2 \cdot V_{Ampl} \frac{n}{63}
$$

n is the value of DAC1_0 … DAC1_5.

The maximum amplitude is limited by the supply voltage VSB (U_{sin limit} = U_{VSB} – 1V).

- STU_{max}: The STU_{max}-bit limits the maximum duty cycle of the step-up pwm. '0': maximum duty cycle = 62% on (10/16) '1': maximum duty cycle = 75% on (12/16)
- DAC2: The amplitude of the step-up converter is set by the bits 'DAC2_0 ... DAC2_5'. Each bit correspond to:

$$
V_{LSB} = \frac{\left(\frac{R_{SU1}}{R_{SU2}} + 1\right)V_{\text{Re }J}}{64}
$$

Table 16: read command

If this command is send from the master, the TMC363 will send two data bytes.

Table 5: read data byte in sine wave mode

RES FLG: Status bit of reset flag

- OTPW: Status bit of over temperature pre warning
- OT: Status bit of over temperature
- SHORT: Status bit of short circuit
- Ampl: This byte corresponds to the control value of the sine wave amplitude. If this value is nearly the maximum (0xFF), the supply voltage (VSB) is too low for the selected amplitude.

DC Motor Driver Mode

The TMC363 can be set in DC motor driver mode with the FUNCSEL-pins. If both FUNCSEL-pins are connected to GND then DC motor driver mode is active.

Table 17: write command

- DIR: Direction of DC motor rotation ('0' bridge 2 enable; '1' bridge 1 enable)
- SD: Slow decay mode ('0' normal mode; '1' slow decay active).
- CT: Divider for DC-driver chopper frequency '00': $f_{DC\text{-chop}} = f_{osc} / 256$ '01': $f_{DC-chop} = f_{osc} / 512$ '10': $f_{DC\text{-chop}} = f_{osc} / 1024$
- PWM: '00...00': DC voltage is off '11…11': DC voltage is maximum
- TEST: Address for test multiplexer '0000': Trigger Output '0001': Bandgap reference '0010': 2V reference '0011': Temp. sense diodes '0100': DAC out '0101': Temperature pre warning '0110': Overtemperature '0111': CMP1 '1000': CMP2 '1001': CMP3 '1010': Short to Ground Detection '1011': GP1 '1100': GP2 '1101': GN1 '1110': GN2
	- '1111': Vs under voltage comparator

cnfg: The bits 'cnfg 0 ... cnfg 1' appoints the config byte which is write first in the registers. Thus its possible to change one parameter by writing only one config byte instead of all config bytes. The start setup demands the configuration of all config bytes. In this case the write command consist of four bytes (config number = 0; config $0 \ldots$ config $2 =$ see table 5). If its necessary to change only one parameter (e.g. direction of rotation) you have to write only two bytes (config number = 0; config $0 =$ see table 3).

Table 18: read command

If this command is send from the master, the TMC363 will send one data byte that includes several status bits.

Table 19: read data byte in DC motor driver mode

FUNC_SEL: Status bit of function selection

RES_FLG: Status bit of reset flag

- OTPW: Status bit of over temperature pre warning
- OT: Status bit of over temperature
- SHORT: Status bit of short circuit

ESD protection

Please be aware, that the TMC363 is an ESD sensitive device due to integrated high performance MOS transistors.

ESD sensitive device

If the ICs are manually handled before / during soldering, special precautions have to be taken to avoid ESD voltages above 100V HBM (Human body model). For automated SMD equipment the internal device protection is specified with 1000V CDM (charged device model), tbf.

When soldered to the application board, all inputs and outputs withstand at least 1000V HBM.