

# Dual Precision Retriggerable/Resetable Monostable Multivibrator

The MC14538B is a dual, retriggerable, resettable monostable multivibrator. It may be triggered from either edge of an input pulse, and produces an accurate output pulse over a wide range of widths, the duration and accuracy of which are determined by the external timing components,  $C_X$  and  $R_X$ .

- Unlimited Rise and Fall Time Allowed on the A Trigger Input
- Pulse Width Range = 10  $\mu$ s to 10 s
- Latched Trigger Inputs
- Separate Latched Reset Inputs
- 3.0 Vdc to 18 Vdc Operational Limits
- Triggerable from Positive (A Input) or Negative-Going Edge (B-Input)
- Capable of Driving Two Low-power TTL Loads or One Low-power Schottky TTL Load Over the Rated Temperature Range
- Pin-for-pin Compatible with MC14528B and CD4528B (CD4098)
- Use the MC54/74HC4538A for Pulse Widths Less Than 10  $\mu$ s with Supplies Up to 6 V.

## MAXIMUM RATINGS\* (Voltages Referenced to $V_{SS}$ )

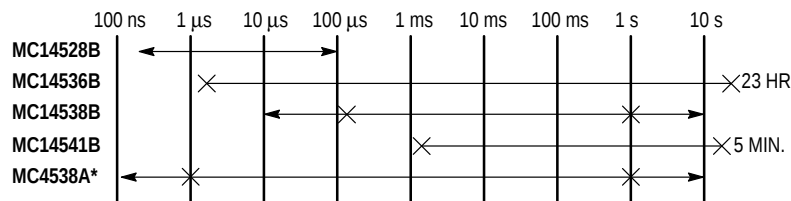
| Symbol               | Parameter                                          | Value                   | Unit |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------|
| $V_{DD}$             | DC Supply Voltage                                  | - 0.5 to + 18.0         | V    |
| $V_{in}$ , $V_{out}$ | Input or Output Voltage (DC or Transient)          | - 0.5 to $V_{DD} + 0.5$ | V    |
| $I_{in}$ , $I_{out}$ | Input or Output Current (DC or Transient), per Pin | $\pm 10$                | mA   |
| $P_D$                | Power Dissipation, per Package†                    | 500                     | mW   |
| $T_{stg}$            | Storage Temperature                                | - 65 to + 150           | °C   |
| $T_L$                | Lead Temperature (8-Second Soldering)              | 260                     | °C   |

\* Maximum Ratings are those values beyond which damage to the device may occur.

† Temperature Derating:

Plastic "P and D/DW" Packages: - 7.0 mW/°C From 65°C To 125°C  
Ceramic "L" Packages: - 12 mW/°C From 100°C To 125°C

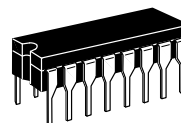
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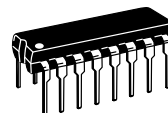
\*LIMITED OPERATING VOLTAGE (2 - 6 V)

TOTAL OUTPUT PULSE WIDTH RANGE  $\longleftrightarrow$   
RECOMMENDED PULSE WIDTH RANGE  $\times \longleftrightarrow \times$

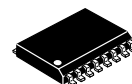
## MC14538B



**L SUFFIX**  
CERAMIC  
CASE 620



**P SUFFIX**  
PLASTIC  
CASE 648



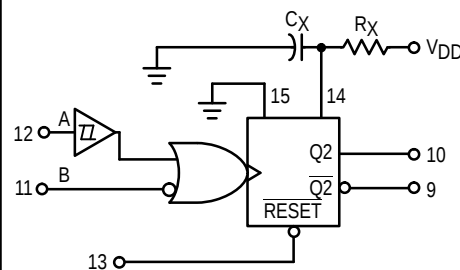
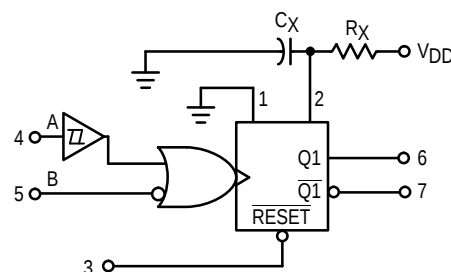
**DW SUFFIX**  
SOIC  
CASE 751G

## ORDERING INFORMATION

MC14XXXBCP Plastic  
MC14XXXBCL Ceramic  
\*MC14XXXBDW SOIC

$T_A = -55^\circ$  to  $125^\circ$ C for all packages.

## BLOCK DIAGRAM



$R_X$  AND  $C_X$  ARE EXTERNAL COMPONENTS.  
 $V_{DD}$  = PIN 16  
 $V_{SS}$  = PIN 8, PIN 1, PIN 15

\* Consult factory for possible "D" suffix SOIC Case 751B.

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** (Voltages Referenced to V<sub>SS</sub>)

| Characteristic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Symbol                    | V <sub>DD</sub><br>Vdc | – 55°C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |       | 25°C   |          |       | 125°C  |      | Unit |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|----------|-------|--------|------|------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           |                        | Min                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Max   | Min    | Typ #    | Max   | Min    | Max  |      |
| Output Voltage<br>V <sub>in</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub> or 0<br><br>V <sub>in</sub> = 0 or V <sub>DD</sub>                                                                                                                                             | V <sub>OL</sub>           | 5.0                    | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 0.05  | —      | 0        | 0.05  | —      | 0.05 | Vdc  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 10                     | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 0.05  | —      | 0        | 0.05  | —      | 0.05 |      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 15                     | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 0.05  | —      | 0        | 0.05  | —      | 0.05 |      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | V <sub>OH</sub>           | 5.0                    | 4.95                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | —     | 4.95   | 5.0      | —     | 4.95   | —    | Vdc  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 10                     | 9.95                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | —     | 9.95   | 10       | —     | 9.95   | —    |      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 15                     | 14.95                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | —     | 14.95  | 15       | —     | 14.95  | —    |      |
| Input Voltage<br>(V <sub>O</sub> = 4.5 or 0.5 Vdc)<br>(V <sub>O</sub> = 9.0 or 1.0 Vdc)<br>(V <sub>O</sub> = 13.5 or 1.5 Vdc)<br><br>(V <sub>O</sub> = 0.5 or 4.5 Vdc)<br>(V <sub>O</sub> = 1.0 or 9.0 Vdc)<br>(V <sub>O</sub> = 1.5 or 13.5 Vdc)  | V <sub>IL</sub>           | 5.0                    | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1.5   | —      | 2.25     | 1.5   | —      | 1.5  | Vdc  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 10                     | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3.0   | —      | 4.50     | 3.0   | —      | 3.0  |      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 15                     | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 4.0   | —      | 6.75     | 4.0   | —      | 4.0  |      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | V <sub>IH</sub>           | 5.0                    | 3.5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | —     | 3.5    | 2.75     | —     | 3.5    | —    | Vdc  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 10                     | 7.0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | —     | 7.0    | 5.50     | —     | 7.0    | —    |      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 15                     | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | —     | 11     | 8.25     | —     | 11     | —    |      |
| Output Drive Current<br>(V <sub>OH</sub> = 2.5 Vdc)<br>(V <sub>OH</sub> = 4.6 Vdc)<br>(V <sub>OH</sub> = 9.5 Vdc)<br>(V <sub>OH</sub> = 13.5 Vdc)<br><br>(V <sub>OL</sub> = 0.4 Vdc)<br>(V <sub>OL</sub> = 0.5 Vdc)<br>(V <sub>OL</sub> = 1.5 Vdc) | Source<br>I <sub>OH</sub> | 5.0                    | – 3.0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | —     | – 2.4  | – 4.2    | —     | – 1.7  | —    | mAdc |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 5.0                    | – 0.64                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | —     | – 0.51 | – 0.88   | —     | – 0.36 | —    |      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 10                     | – 1.6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | —     | – 1.3  | – 2.25   | —     | – 0.9  | —    |      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 15                     | – 4.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | —     | – 3.4  | – 8.8    | —     | – 2.4  | —    |      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Sink<br>I <sub>OL</sub>   | 5.0                    | 0.64                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | —     | 0.51   | 0.88     | —     | 0.36   | —    | mAdc |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 10                     | 1.6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | —     | 1.3    | 2.25     | —     | 0.9    | —    |      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 15                     | 4.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | —     | 3.4    | 8.8      | —     | 2.4    | —    |      |
| Input Current, Pin 2 or 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | I <sub>in</sub>           | 15                     | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ±0.05 | —      | ±0.00001 | ±0.05 | —      | ±0.5 | μAdc |
| Input Current, Other Inputs                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | I <sub>in</sub>           | 15                     | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ±0.1  | —      | ±0.00001 | ±0.1  | —      | ±1.0 | μAdc |
| Input Capacitance, Pin 2 or 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | C <sub>in</sub>           | —                      | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | —     | —      | 25       | —     | —      | —    | pF   |
| Input Capacitance, Other Inputs<br>(V <sub>in</sub> = 0)                                                                                                                                                                                           | C <sub>in</sub>           | —                      | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | —     | —      | 5.0      | 7.5   | —      | —    | pF   |
| Quiescent Current<br>(Per Package)<br>Q = Low, Q = High                                                                                                                                                                                            | I <sub>DD</sub>           | 5.0                    | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5.0   | —      | 0.005    | 5.0   | —      | 150  | μAdc |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 10                     | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10    | —      | 0.010    | 10    | —      | 300  |      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 15                     | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 20    | —      | 0.015    | 20    | —      | 600  |      |
| Quiescent Current, Active State<br>(Both) (Per Package)<br>Q = High, Q = Low                                                                                                                                                                       | I <sub>DD</sub>           | 5.0                    | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2.0   | —      | 0.04     | 0.20  | —      | 2.0  | mAdc |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 10                     | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2.0   | —      | 0.08     | 0.45  | —      | 2.0  |      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 15                     | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2.0   | —      | 0.13     | 0.70  | —      | 2.0  |      |
| **Total Supply Current at an external load capacitance (C <sub>L</sub> ) and at external timing network (R <sub>X</sub> , C <sub>X</sub> )                                                                                                         | I <sub>T</sub>            | 5.0<br>10              | $I_T = (3.5 \times 10^{-2}) R_X C_X f + 4 C_X f + 1 \times 10^{-5} C_L f$<br>$I_T = (8.0 \times 10^{-2}) R_X C_X f + 9 C_X f + 2 \times 10^{-5} C_L f$<br>$I_T = (1.25 \times 10^{-1}) R_X C_X f + 12 C_X f + 3 \times 10^{-5} C_L f$<br>where: I <sub>T</sub> in μA (one monostable switching only),<br>C <sub>X</sub> in μF, C <sub>L</sub> in pF, R <sub>X</sub> in k ohms, and<br>f in Hz is the input frequency. |       |        |          |       |        |      | μAdc |

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This device contains protection circuitry to guard against damage due to high static voltages or electric fields. However, precautions must be taken to avoid applications of any voltage higher than maximum rated voltages to this high-impedance circuit. For proper operation, V<sub>in</sub> and V<sub>out</sub> should be constrained to the range V<sub>SS</sub> ≤ (V<sub>in</sub> or V<sub>out</sub>) ≤ V<sub>DD</sub>.

Unused inputs must always be tied to an appropriate logic voltage level (e.g., either V<sub>SS</sub> or V<sub>DD</sub>). Unused outputs must be left open.

**SWITCHING CHARACTERISTICS\*** ( $C_L = 50 \text{ pF}$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ )

| Characteristic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Symbol             | $V_{DD}$<br>Vdc | All Types            |                                     |                                     | Unit          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    |                 | Min                  | Typ #                               | Max                                 |               |
| Output Rise Time<br>$t_{TLH} = (1.35 \text{ ns/pF}) C_L + 33 \text{ ns}$<br>$t_{TLH} = (0.60 \text{ ns/pF}) C_L + 20 \text{ ns}$<br>$t_{TLH} = (0.40 \text{ ns/pF}) C_L + 20 \text{ ns}$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | $t_{TLH}$          | 5.0<br>10<br>15 | —<br>—<br>—          | 100<br>50<br>40                     | 200<br>100<br>80                    | ns            |
| Output Fall Time<br>$t_{THL} = (1.35 \text{ ns/pF}) C_L + 33 \text{ ns}$<br>$t_{THL} = (0.60 \text{ ns/pF}) C_L + 20 \text{ ns}$<br>$t_{THL} = (0.40 \text{ ns/pF}) C_L + 20 \text{ ns}$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | $t_{THL}$          | 5.0<br>10<br>15 | —<br>—<br>—          | 100<br>50<br>40                     | 200<br>100<br>80                    | ns            |
| Propagation Delay Time<br>A or B to Q or $\bar{Q}$<br>$t_{PLH}, t_{PHL} = (0.90 \text{ ns/pF}) C_L + 255 \text{ ns}$<br>$t_{PLH}, t_{PHL} = (0.36 \text{ ns/pF}) C_L + 132 \text{ ns}$<br>$t_{PLH}, t_{PHL} = (0.26 \text{ ns/pF}) C_L + 87 \text{ ns}$<br><br>Reset to Q or $\bar{Q}$<br>$t_{PLH}, t_{PHL} = (0.90 \text{ ns/pF}) C_L + 205 \text{ ns}$<br>$t_{PLH}, t_{PHL} = (0.36 \text{ ns/pF}) C_L + 107 \text{ ns}$<br>$t_{PLH}, t_{PHL} = (0.26 \text{ ns/pF}) C_L + 82 \text{ ns}$ | $t_{PLH}, t_{PHL}$ | 5.0<br>10<br>15 | —<br>—<br>—          | 300<br>150<br>100                   | 600<br>300<br>220                   | ns            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    | 5.0<br>10<br>15 | —<br>—<br>—          | 250<br>125<br>95                    | 500<br>250<br>190                   | ns            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    | 5.0<br>10<br>15 | —<br>—<br>—          | 250<br>125<br>95                    | 500<br>250<br>190                   | ns            |
| Input Rise and Fall Times<br>Reset<br><br>B Input<br><br>A Input                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | $t_r, t_f$         | 5<br>10<br>15   | —<br>—<br>—          | —<br>—<br>—                         | 15<br>5<br>4                        | $\mu\text{s}$ |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    | 5<br>10<br>15   | —<br>—<br>—          | 300<br>1.2<br>0.4                   | 1.0<br>0.1<br>0.05                  | ms            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    | 5<br>10<br>15   | No Limit             |                                     |                                     | —             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    | 5.0<br>10<br>15 | 170<br>90<br>80      | 85<br>45<br>40                      | —<br>—<br>—                         | ns            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    | 5.0<br>10<br>15 | 0<br>0<br>0          | —<br>—<br>—                         | —<br>—<br>—                         | ns            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    | 5.0<br>10<br>15 | 198<br>200<br>202    | 210<br>212<br>214                   | 230<br>232<br>234                   | $\mu\text{s}$ |
| Output Pulse Width — Q or $\bar{Q}$<br>Refer to Figures 8 and 9<br>$C_X = 0.002 \mu\text{F}$ , $R_X = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$<br><br>$C_X = 0.1 \mu\text{F}$ , $R_X = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$<br><br>$C_X = 10 \mu\text{F}$ , $R_X = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | T                  | 5.0<br>10<br>15 | 9.3<br>9.4<br>9.5    | 9.86<br>10<br>10.14                 | 10.5<br>10.6<br>10.7                | ms            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    | 5.0<br>10<br>15 | 0.91<br>0.92<br>0.93 | 0.965<br>0.98<br>0.99               | 1.03<br>1.04<br>1.06                | s             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    | 5.0<br>10<br>15 | —<br>—<br>—          | $\pm 1.0$<br>$\pm 1.0$<br>$\pm 1.0$ | $\pm 5.0$<br>$\pm 5.0$<br>$\pm 5.0$ | %             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    | 5.0<br>10<br>15 | —<br>—<br>—          | $\pm 1.0$<br>$\pm 1.0$<br>$\pm 1.0$ | $\pm 5.0$<br>$\pm 5.0$<br>$\pm 5.0$ | %             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    | 5.0<br>10<br>15 | —<br>—<br>—          | $\pm 1.0$<br>$\pm 1.0$<br>$\pm 1.0$ | $\pm 5.0$<br>$\pm 5.0$<br>$\pm 5.0$ | %             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    | 5.0<br>10<br>15 | —<br>—<br>—          | $\pm 1.0$<br>$\pm 1.0$<br>$\pm 1.0$ | $\pm 5.0$<br>$\pm 5.0$<br>$\pm 5.0$ | %             |

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**OPERATING CONDITIONS**

|                             |       |   |     |   |           |                  |
|-----------------------------|-------|---|-----|---|-----------|------------------|
| External Timing Resistance  | $R_X$ | — | 5.0 | — |           | $\text{k}\Omega$ |
| External Timing Capacitance | $C_X$ | — | 0   | — | No Limit† | $\mu\text{F}$    |

\* The maximum usable resistance  $R_X$  is a function of the leakage of the capacitor  $C_X$ , leakage of the MC14538B, and leakage due to board layout and surface resistance. Susceptibility to externally induced noise signals may occur for  $R_X > 1 \text{ M}\Omega$ .

† If  $C_X > 15 \mu\text{F}$ , use discharge protection diode per Fig. 11.

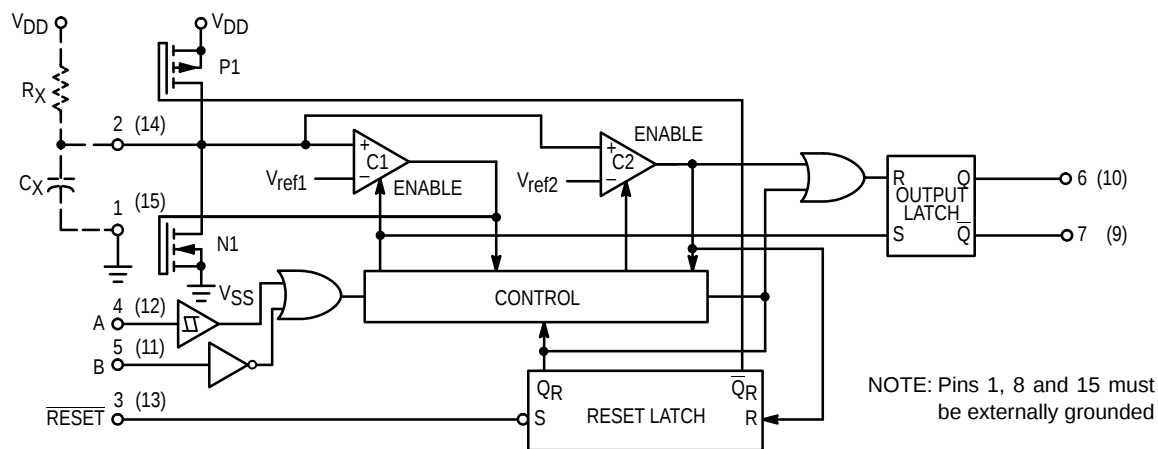


Figure 1. Logic Diagram  
(1/2 of Device Shown)

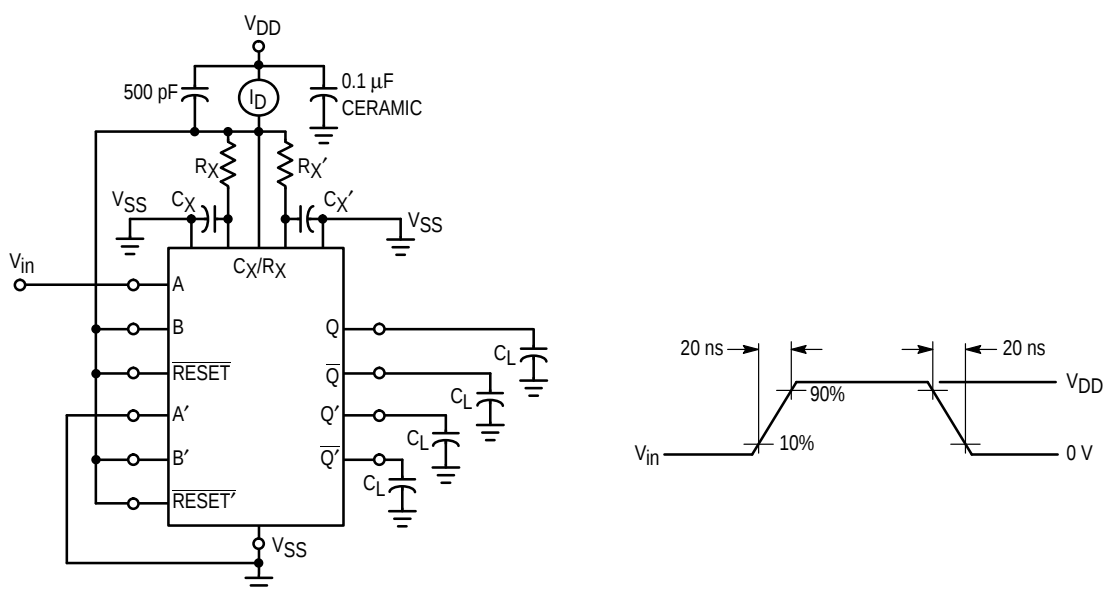
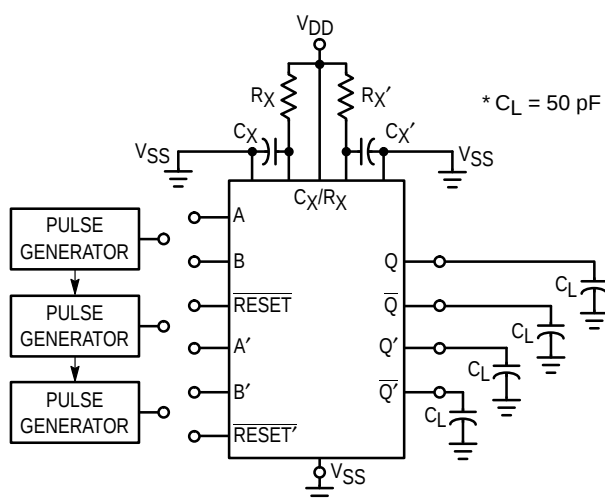


Figure 2. Power Dissipation Test Circuit and Waveforms



#### INPUT CONNECTIONS

| Characteristics                                                           | Reset | A   | B   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|
| $t_{PLH}$ , $t_{PHL}$ , $t_{TLH}$ , $t_{THL}$ , $T$ , $t_{WH}$ , $t_{WL}$ | VDD   | PG1 | VDD |
| $t_{PLH}$ , $t_{PHL}$ , $t_{TLH}$ , $t_{THL}$ , $T$ , $t_{WH}$ , $t_{WL}$ | VDD   | VSS | PG2 |
| $t_{PLH(R)}$ , $t_{PHL(R)}$ , $t_{WH}$ , $t_{WL}$                         | PG3   | PG1 | PG2 |

\* Includes capacitance of probes, wiring, and fixture parasitic.

NOTE: Switching test waveforms for PG1, PG2, PG3 are shown in Figure 4.

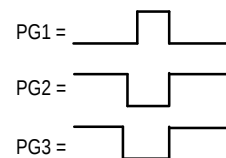


Figure 3. Switching Test Circuit

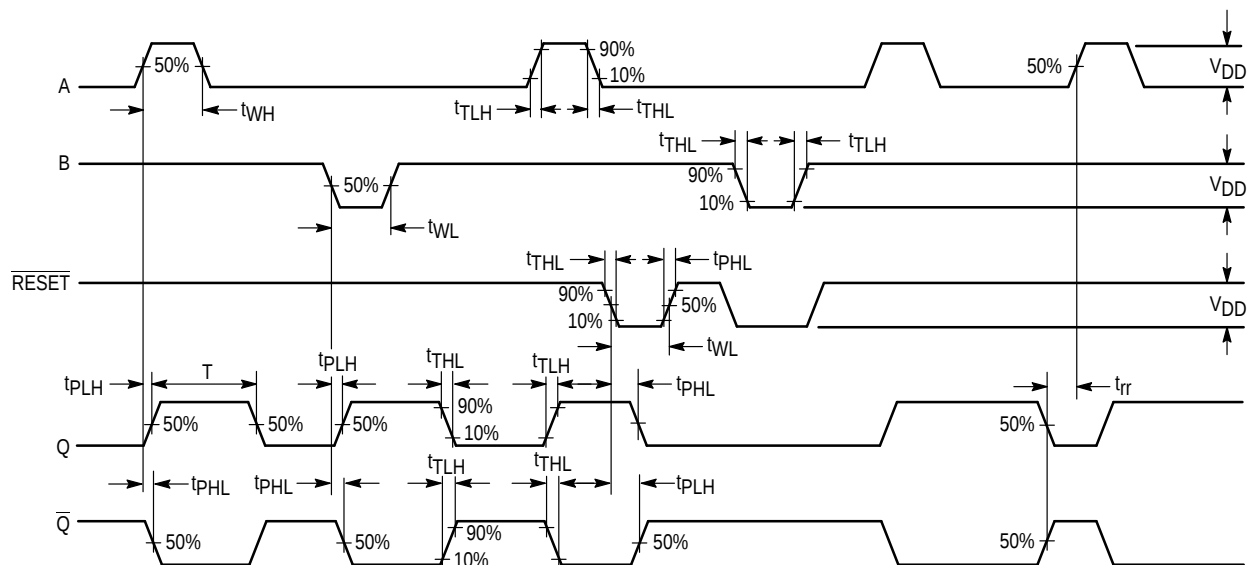


Figure 4. Switching Test Waveforms

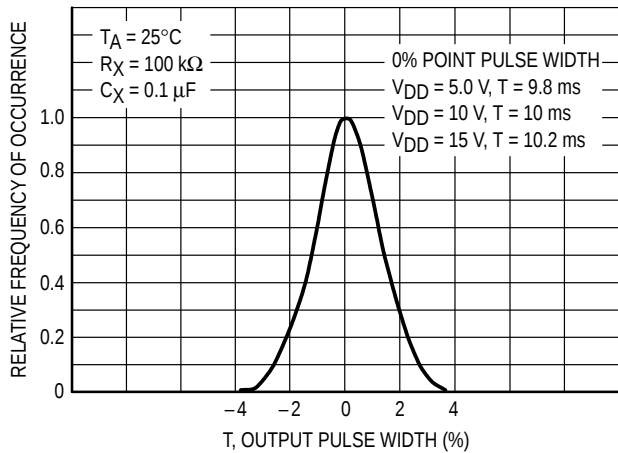


Figure 5. Typical Normalized Distribution of Units for Output Pulse Width

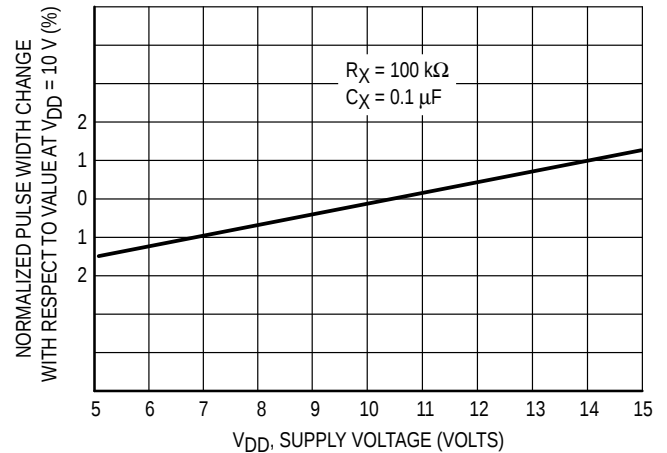


Figure 6. Typical Pulse Width Variation as a Function of Supply Voltage  $V_{DD}$

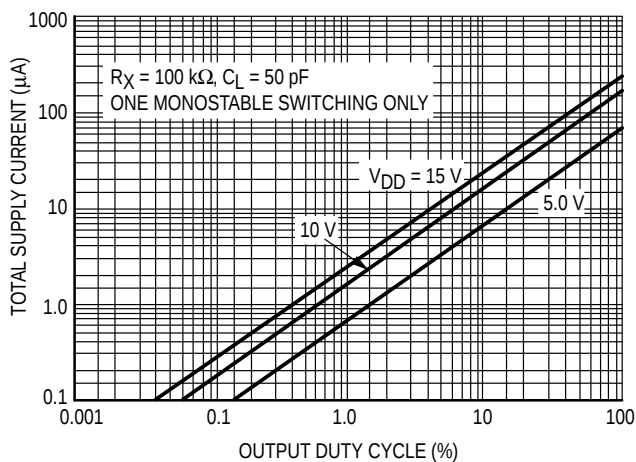
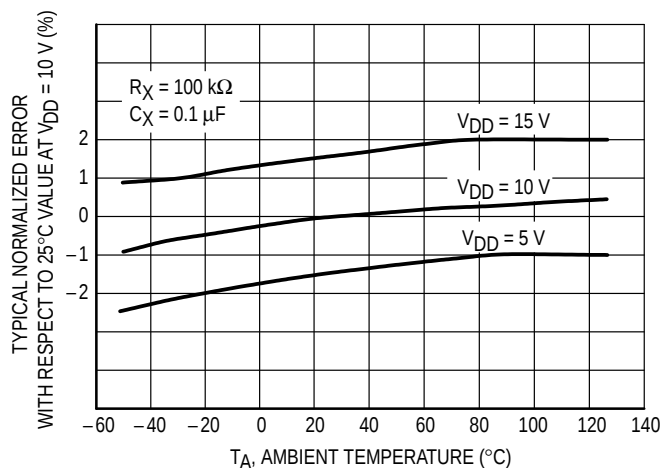


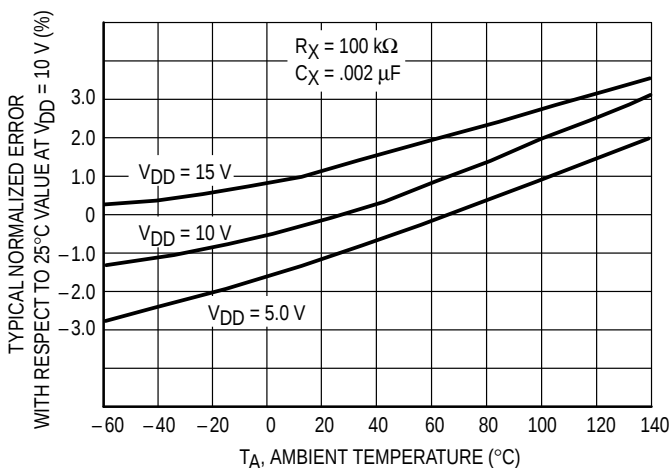
Figure 7. Typical Total Supply Current versus Output Duty Cycle

FUNCTION TABLE

| Inputs |       |       | Outputs       |               |
|--------|-------|-------|---------------|---------------|
| Reset  | A     | B     | Q             | $\bar{Q}$     |
| H      |       | H     |               |               |
| H      | L     |       |               |               |
| H      |       | L     | Not Triggered | Not Triggered |
| H      | H     |       | Not Triggered | Not Triggered |
| H      | L, H, | H     | Not Triggered | Not Triggered |
| H      | L     | L, H, | Not Triggered | Not Triggered |
| L      | X     | X     | L             | H             |
|        | X     | X     | Not Triggered | Not Triggered |

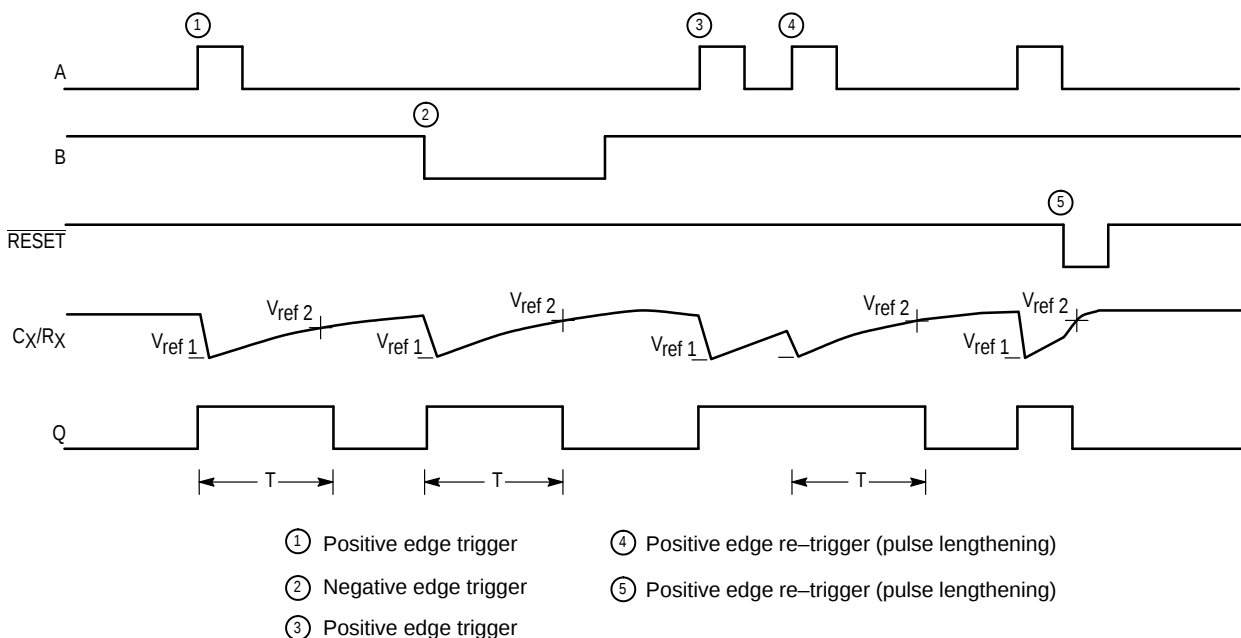


**Figure 8. Typical Error of Pulse Width Equation versus Temperature**



**Figure 9. Typical Error of Pulse Width Equation versus Temperature**

### THEORY OF OPERATION



**Figure 10. Timing Operation**

### TRIGGER OPERATION

The block diagram of the MC14538B is shown in Figure 1, with circuit operation following.

As shown in Figure 1 and 10, before an input trigger occurs, the monostable is in the quiescent state with the Q output low, and the timing capacitor  $C_X$  completely charged to  $V_{DD}$ . When the trigger input A goes from  $V_{SS}$  to  $V_{DD}$  (while inputs B and Reset are held to  $V_{DD}$ ) a valid trigger is recognized, which turns on comparator C1 and N-channel transistor N1 ①. At the same time the output latch is set. With transistor N1 on, the capacitor  $C_X$  rapidly discharges toward  $V_{SS}$  until  $V_{ref1}$  is reached. At this point the output of comparator C1 changes state and transistor N1 turns off. Comparator C1 then turns off while at the same time

comparator C2 turns on. With transistor N1 off, the capacitor  $C_X$  begins to charge through the timing resistor,  $R_X$ , toward  $V_{DD}$ . When the voltage across  $C_X$  equals  $V_{ref2}$ , comparator C2 changes state, causing the output latch to reset (Q goes low) while at the same time disabling comparator C2 ②. This ends at the timing cycle with the monostable in the quiescent state, waiting for the next trigger.

In the quiescent state,  $C_X$  is fully charged to  $V_{DD}$  causing the current through resistor  $R_X$  to be zero. Both comparators are "off" with total device current due only to reverse junction leakages. An added feature of the MC14538B is that the output latch is set via the input trigger without regard to the capacitor voltage. Thus, propagation delay from trigger to Q is independent of the value of  $C_X$ ,  $R_X$ , or the duty cycle of the input waveform.

## RETRIGGER OPERATION

The MC14538B is retriggered if a valid trigger occurs ③ followed by another valid trigger ④ before the Q output has returned to the quiescent (zero) state. Any retrigger, after the timing node voltage at pin 2 or 14 has begun to rise from  $V_{ref\ 1}$ , but has not yet reached  $V_{ref\ 2}$ , will cause an increase in output pulse width T. When a valid retrigger is initiated ④, the voltage at  $C_X/R_X$  will again drop to  $V_{ref\ 1}$  before progressing along the RC charging curve toward  $V_{DD}$ . The Q output will remain high until time T, after the last valid retrigger.

## RESET OPERATION

The MC14538B may be reset during the generation of the output pulse. In the reset mode of operation, an input pulse on  $\overline{Reset}$  sets the reset latch and causes the capacitor to be fast charged to  $V_{DD}$  by turning on transistor P1 ⑤. When the voltage on the capacitor reaches  $V_{ref\ 2}$ , the reset latch will clear, and will then be ready to accept another pulse. If the  $\overline{Reset}$  input is held low, any trigger inputs that occur will be inhibited and the Q and  $\overline{Q}$  outputs of the output latch will not

change. Since the Q output is reset when an input low level is detected on the  $\overline{Reset}$  input, the output pulse T can be made significantly shorter than the minimum pulse width specification.

## POWER-DOWN CONSIDERATIONS

Large capacitance values can cause problems due to the large amount of energy stored. When a system containing the MC14538B is powered down, the capacitor voltage may discharge from  $V_{DD}$  through the standard protection diodes at pin 2 or 14. Current through the protection diodes should be limited to 10 mA and therefore the discharge time of the  $V_{DD}$  supply must not be faster than  $(V_{DD}) \cdot (C)/(10\text{ mA})$ . For example, if  $V_{DD} = 10\text{ V}$  and  $C_X = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ , the  $V_{DD}$  supply should discharge no faster than  $(10\text{ V}) \times (10\text{ }\mu\text{F})/(10\text{ mA}) = 10\text{ ms}$ . This is normally not a problem since power supplies are heavily filtered and cannot discharge at this rate.

When a more rapid decrease of  $V_{DD}$  to zero volts occurs, the MC14538B can sustain damage. To avoid this possibility use an external clamping diode,  $D_X$ , connected as shown in Fig. 11.

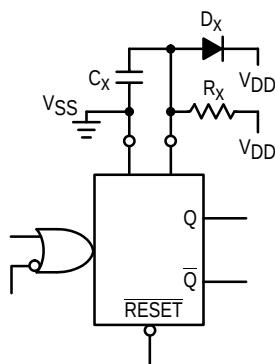
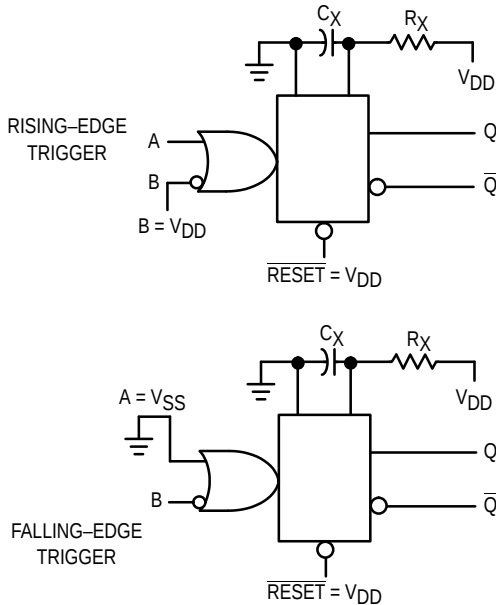


Figure 11. Use of a Diode to Limit Power Down Current Surge

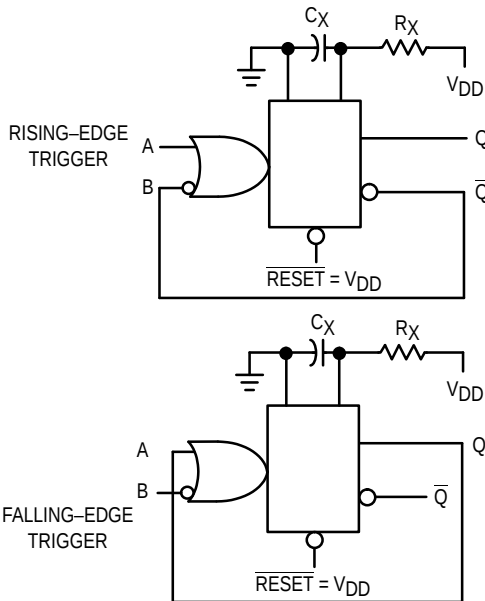
## PIN ASSIGNMENT

|                       |   |    |                       |
|-----------------------|---|----|-----------------------|
| $V_{SS}$              | 1 | 16 | $V_{DD}$              |
| $C_X/R_XA$            | 2 | 15 | $V_{SS}$              |
| $\overline{RESET\ A}$ | 3 | 14 | $C_X/R_XB$            |
| $A_A$                 | 4 | 13 | $\overline{RESET\ B}$ |
| $\overline{B}_A$      | 5 | 12 | $A_B$                 |
| $Q_A$                 | 6 | 11 | $\overline{B}_B$      |
| $\overline{Q}_A$      | 7 | 10 | $Q_B$                 |
| $V_{SS}$              | 8 | 9  | $\overline{Q}_B$      |

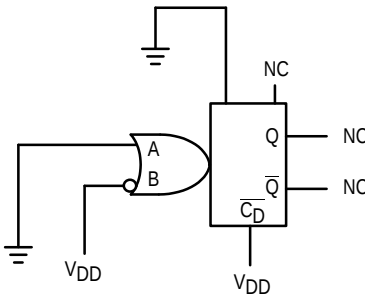
## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS



### Figure 12. Retriggerable Monostables Circuitry



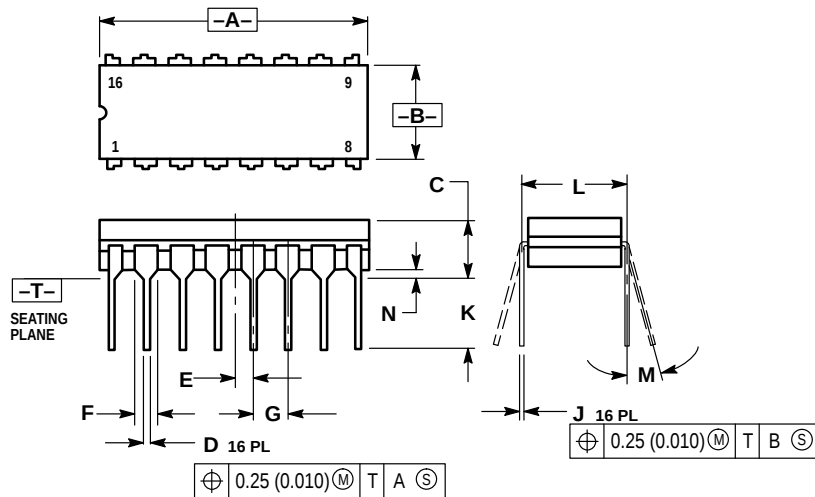
### Figure 13. Non-Retriggerable Monostables Circuitry



### Figure 14. Connection of Unused Sections

## OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

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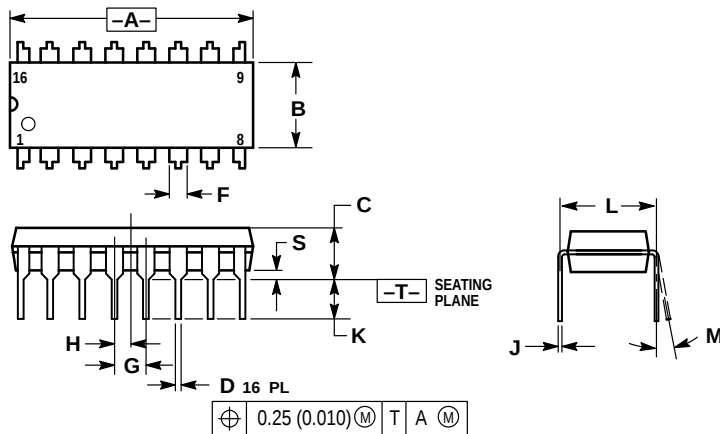


#### NOTES:

1. DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING PER ANSI Y14.5M, 1982.
2. CONTROLLING DIMENSION: INCH.
3. DIMENSION L TO CENTER OF LEAD WHEN FORMED PARALLEL.
4. DIMENSION F MAY NARROW TO 0.76 (0.030) WHERE THE LEAD ENTERS THE CERAMIC BODY.

| DIM | INCHES    |       | MILLIMETERS |       |
|-----|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|
|     | MIN       | MAX   | MIN         | MAX   |
| A   | 0.750     | 0.785 | 19.05       | 19.93 |
| B   | 0.240     | 0.295 | 6.10        | 7.49  |
| C   | —         | 0.200 | —           | 5.08  |
| D   | 0.015     | 0.020 | 0.39        | 0.50  |
| E   | 0.050 BSC |       | 1.27 BSC    |       |
| F   | 0.055     | 0.065 | 1.40        | 1.65  |
| G   | 0.100 BSC |       | 2.54 BSC    |       |
| H   | 0.008     | 0.015 | 0.21        | 0.38  |
| K   | 0.125     | 0.170 | 3.18        | 4.31  |
| L   | 0.300 BSC |       | 7.62 BSC    |       |
| M   | 0°        | 15°   | 0°          | 15°   |
| N   | 0.020     | 0.040 | 0.51        | 1.01  |

### P SUFFIX PLASTIC DIP PACKAGE CASE 648-08 ISSUE R



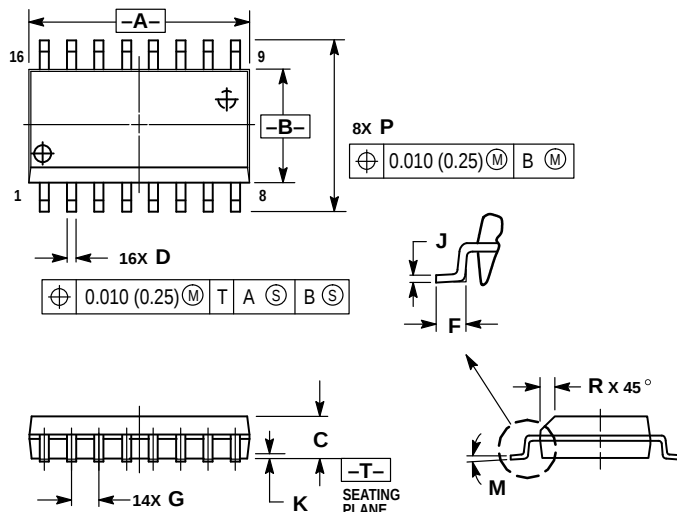
#### NOTES:

1. DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING PER ANSI Y14.5M, 1982.
2. CONTROLLING DIMENSION: INCH.
3. DIMENSION L TO CENTER OF LEADS WHEN FORMED PARALLEL.
4. DIMENSION B DOES NOT INCLUDE MOLD FLASH.
5. ROUNDED CORNERS OPTIONAL.

| DIM | INCHES    |       | MILLIMETERS |       |
|-----|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|
|     | MIN       | MAX   | MIN         | MAX   |
| A   | 0.740     | 0.770 | 18.80       | 19.55 |
| B   | 0.250     | 0.270 | 6.35        | 6.85  |
| C   | 0.145     | 0.175 | 3.69        | 4.44  |
| D   | 0.015     | 0.021 | 0.39        | 0.53  |
| F   | 0.040     | 0.70  | 1.02        | 1.77  |
| G   | 0.100 BSC |       | 2.54 BSC    |       |
| H   | 0.050 BSC |       | 1.27 BSC    |       |
| J   | 0.008     | 0.015 | 0.21        | 0.38  |
| K   | 0.110     | 0.130 | 2.80        | 3.30  |
| L   | 0.295     | 0.305 | 7.50        | 7.74  |
| M   | 0°        | 10°   | 0°          | 10°   |
| S   | 0.020     | 0.040 | 0.51        | 1.01  |

## OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

### DW SUFFIX PLASTIC SOIC PACKAGE CASE 751G-02 ISSUE A



#### NOTES:

1. DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING PER ANSI Y14.5M, 1982.
2. CONTROLLING DIMENSION: MILLIMETER.
3. DIMENSIONS A AND B DO NOT INCLUDE MOLD PROTRUSION.
4. MAXIMUM MOLD PROTRUSION 0.15 (0.006) PER SIDE.
5. DIMENSION D DOES NOT INCLUDE DAMBAR PROTRUSION. ALLOWABLE DAMBAR PROTRUSION SHALL BE 0.13 (0.005) TOTAL IN EXCESS OF D DIMENSION AT MAXIMUM MATERIAL CONDITION.

| DIM | MILLIMETERS |       | INCHES    |       |
|-----|-------------|-------|-----------|-------|
|     | MIN         | MAX   | MIN       | MAX   |
| A   | 10.15       | 10.45 | 0.400     | 0.411 |
| B   | 7.40        | 7.60  | 0.292     | 0.299 |
| C   | 2.35        | 2.65  | 0.093     | 0.104 |
| D   | 0.35        | 0.49  | 0.014     | 0.019 |
| E   | 0.50        | 0.90  | 0.020     | 0.035 |
| F   | 1.27 BSC    |       | 0.050 BSC |       |
| G   | 0.25        | 0.32  | 0.010     | 0.012 |
| H   | 0.10        | 0.25  | 0.004     | 0.009 |
| J   | 0°          | 7°    | 0°        | 7°    |
| K   | 10.05       | 10.55 | 0.395     | 0.415 |
| L   | 0.25        | 0.75  | 0.010     | 0.029 |

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