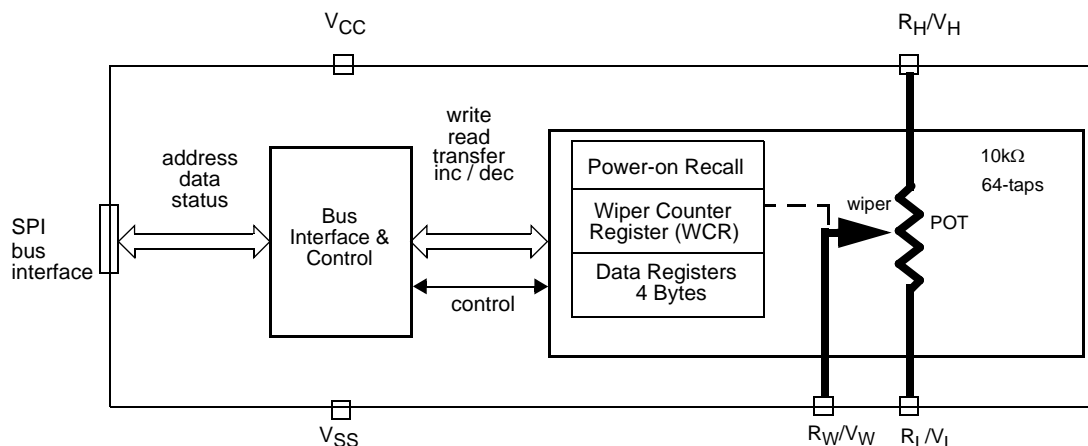


## Single Digitally Controlled (XDCP™) Potentiometer

### FEATURES

- Single Voltage Potentiometer
- 64 Resistor Taps
- SPI Serial Interface for Write, Read, and Transfer Operations of the Potentiometer
- Wiper Resistance, 150Ω Typical at 5V
- 4 Non-Volatile Data Registers
- Non-Volatile Storage of Multiple Wiper Positions
- Power-on Recall. Loads Saved Wiper Position on Power-up.
- Standby Current < 5μA Max
- $V_{CC}$  : 2.7V to 5.5V Operation
- 2.5kΩ, 10kΩ End to End Resistance
- 100 yr. Data Retention
- Endurance: 100, 000 Data Changes per Bit per Register
- 14 Ld TSSOP, 16 Ld SOIC
- Low Power CMOS
- Pb-Free Plus Anneal Available (RoHS Compliant)

### BLOCK DIAGRAM



### DESCRIPTION

The X9421 integrates a single digitally controlled potentiometer (XDCP) on a monolithic CMOS integrated circuit.

The digital controlled potentiometer is implemented using 63 resistive elements in a series array. Between each element are tap points connected to the wiper terminal through switches. The position of the wiper on the array is controlled by the user through the SPI bus interface. The potentiometer has associated with it a volatile Wiper Counter Register (WCR) and a four non-volatile Data Registers that can be directly written to and read by the user. The contents of the WCR controls the position of the wiper on the resistor array through the switches. Powerup recalls the contents of the default data register (DR0) to the WCR.

The XDCP can be used as a three-terminal potentiometer or as a two terminal variable resistor in a wide variety of applications including control, parameter adjustments, and signal processing.

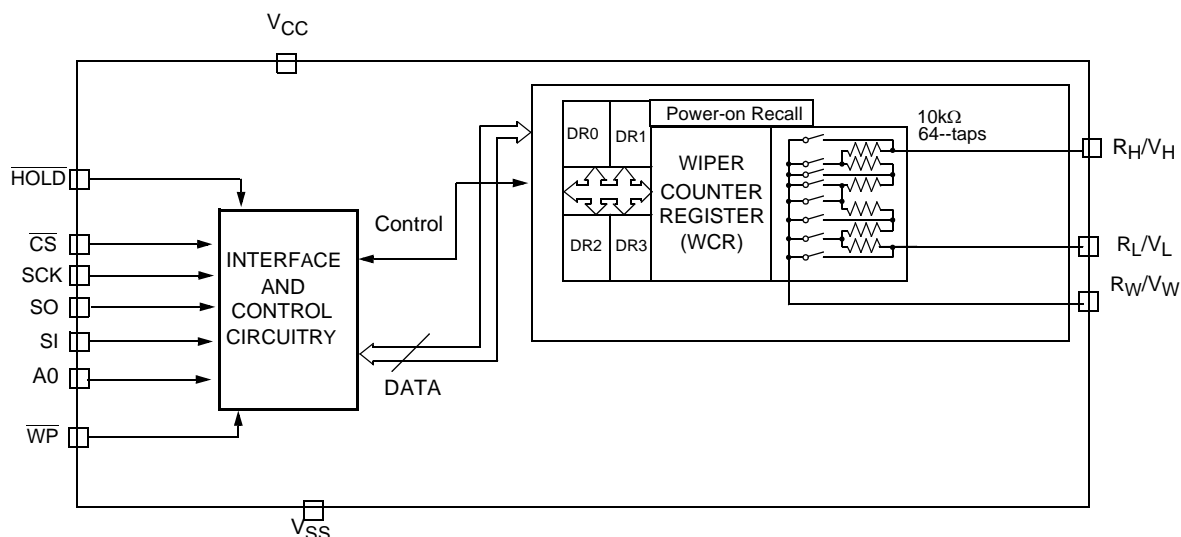
## Ordering Information

| PART NUMBER             | PART MARKING | V <sub>CC</sub> LIMITS (V) | POTENTIOMETER ORGANIZATION (k $\Omega$ ) | TEMP RANGE (°C) | PACKAGE                        |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| X9421YS16*              | X9421YS      | 5 $\pm$ 10%                | 2.5                                      | 0 to 70         | 16 Ld SOIC (300 mil)           |
| X9421YS16Z* (Note)      | X9421YS Z    |                            |  | 0 to 70         | 16 Ld SOIC (300 mil) (Pb-free) |
| X9421YS16I*             |              |                            |  | -40 to 85       | 16 Ld SOIC (300 mil)           |
| X9421YS16IZ* (Note)     | X9421YS Z I  |                            |  | -40 to 85       | 16 Ld SOIC (300 mil) (Pb-free) |
| X9421YV14*              |              |                            |  | 0 to 70         | 14 Ld TSSOP (4.4mm)            |
| X9421YV14I*             |              |                            |  | -40 to 85       | 14 Ld TSSOP (4.4mm)            |
| X9421WS16*              | X9421WS      |                            | 10                                       | 0 to 70         | 16 Ld SOIC (300 mil)           |
| X9421WS16Z* (Note)      | X9421WS Z    |                            |  | 0 to 70         | 16 Ld SOIC (300 mil) (Pb-free) |
| X9421WS16I*             | X9421WS I    |                            |  | -40 to 85       | 16 Ld SOIC (300 mil)           |
| X9421WS16IZ* (Note)     | X9421WS Z I  |                            |  | -40 to 85       | 16 Ld SOIC (300 mil) (Pb-free) |
| X9421WV14*              | X9421WV      |                            |  | 0 to 70         | 14 Ld TSSOP (4.4mm)            |
| X9421WV14I*             | X9421WV I    |                            |  | -40 to 85       | 14 Ld TSSOP (4.4mm)            |
| X9421YS16-2.7*          |              | 2.7 to 5.5                 | 2.5                                      | 0 to 70         | 16 Ld SOIC (300 mil)           |
| X9421YS16Z-2.7* (Note)  | X9421YS Z F  |                            |  | 0 to 70         | 16 Ld SOIC (300 mil) (Pb-free) |
| X9421YS16I-2.7*         |              |                            |  | -40 to 85       | 16 Ld SOIC (300 mil)           |
| X9421YS16IZ-2.7* (Note) | X9421YS Z G  |                            |  | -40 to 85       | 16 Ld SOIC (300 mil) (Pb-free) |
| X9421YV14-2.7*          |              |                            |  | 0 to 70         | 14 Ld TSSOP (4.4mm)            |
| X9421YV14I-2.7*         | X9421YV G    |                            |  | -40 to 85       | 14 Ld TSSOP (4.4mm)            |
| X9421WS16-2.7*          | X9421WS F    |                            | 10                                       | 0 to 70         | 16 Ld SOIC (300 mil)           |
| X9421WS16Z-2.7* (Note)  | X9421WS Z F  |                            |  | 0 to 70         | 16 Ld SOIC (300 mil) (Pb-free) |
| X9421WS16I-2.7*         | X9421WS G    |                            |  | -40 to 85       | 16 Ld SOIC (300 mil)           |
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| X9421WV14-2.7*          | X9421WV F    |                            |  | 0 to 70         | 14 Ld TSSOP (4.4mm)            |
| X9421WV14I-2.7*         | X9421WV G    |                            |  | -40 to 85       | 14 Ld TSSOP (4.4mm)            |

\*Add "T1" suffix for tape and reel.

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## DETAILED FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM



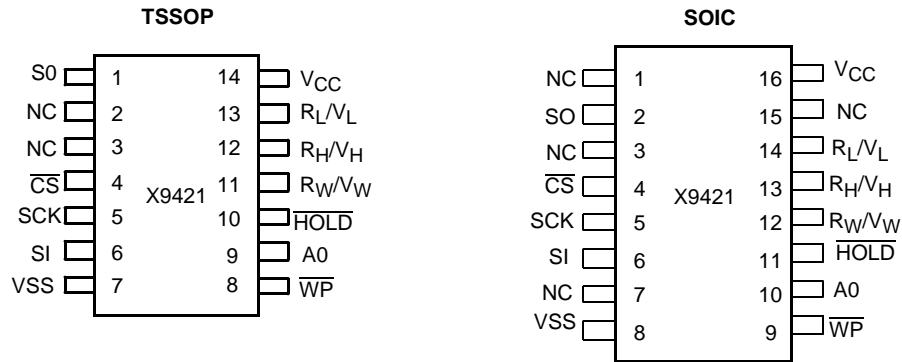
## CIRCUIT LEVEL APPLICATIONS

- Vary the gain of a voltage amplifier
- Provide programmable dc reference voltages for comparators and detectors
- Control the volume in audio circuits
- Trim out the offset voltage error in a voltage amplifier circuit
- Set the output voltage of a voltage regulator
- Trim the resistance in Wheatstone bridge circuits
- Control the gain, characteristic frequency and Q-factor in filter circuits
- Set the scale factor and zero point in sensor signal conditioning circuits
- Vary the frequency and duty cycle of timer ICs
- Vary the dc biasing of a pin diode attenuator in RF circuits
- Provide a control variable (I, V, or R) in feedback circuits

## SYSTEM LEVEL APPLICATIONS

- Adjust the contrast in LCD displays
- Control the power level of LED transmitters in communication systems
- Set and regulate the DC biasing point in an RF power amplifier in wireless systems
- Control the gain in audio and home entertainment systems
- Provide the variable DC bias for tuners in RF wireless systems
- Set the operating points in temperature control systems
- Control the operating point for sensors in industrial systems
- Trim offset and gain errors in artificial intelligent systems

**PIN CONFIGURATION**



**PIN ASSIGNMENTS**

| TSSOP pin | SOIC pin | Symbol            | Brief Description                    |
|-----------|----------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1         | 2        | SO                | Serial Data Output                   |
| 2         | 3        | NC                | No Connect                           |
| 3         |          | NC                | No Connect                           |
| 4         | 4        | $\overline{CS}$   | Chip Select                          |
| 5         | 5        | SCK               | Serial Clock                         |
| 6         | 6        | SI                | Serial Data Input                    |
| 7         | 8        | VSS               | System Ground                        |
| 8         | 9        | $\overline{WP}$   | Hardware Write Protect               |
| 9         | 10       | A0                | Device Address                       |
| 10        | 11       | $\overline{HOLD}$ | Device select. Pause the serial bus. |
| 11        | 12       | $R_W / V_W$       | Wiper Terminal of the Potentiometer. |
| 12        | 13       | $R_H / V_H$       | High Terminal of the Potentiometer.  |
| 13        | 14       | $R_L / V_L$       | Low Terminal of the Potentiometer.   |
| 14        | 16       | VCC               | System Supply Voltage                |
|           | 1        | NC                | No Connect                           |
|           | 7        | NC                | No Connect                           |
|           | 15       | NC                | No Connect                           |

**PIN DESCRIPTIONS****Host Interface Pins****Serial Output (SO)**

SO is a push/pull serial data output pin. During a read cycle, data is shifted out on this pin. Data is clocked out by the falling edge of the serial clock.

**Serial Input**

SI is the serial data input pin. All opcodes, byte addresses and data to be written to the potentiometer and pot register are input on this pin. Data is latched by the rising edge of the serial clock.

**Serial Clock (SCK)**

The SCK input is used to clock data into and out of the X9421.

**Chip Select ( $\overline{CS}$ )**

When  $\overline{CS}$  is HIGH, the X9421 is deselected and the SO pin is at high impedance, and (unless an internal write cycle is underway) the device will be in the standby state.  $\overline{CS}$  LOW enables the X9421, placing it in the active power mode. It should be noted that after a power-up, a HIGH to LOW transition on  $\overline{CS}$  is required prior to the start of any operation.

**Hold ( $\overline{HOLD}$ )**

$\overline{HOLD}$  is used in conjunction with the  $\overline{CS}$  pin to select the device. Once the part is selected and a serial sequence is underway,  $\overline{HOLD}$  may be used to pause the serial communication with the controller without resetting the serial sequence. To pause,  $\overline{HOLD}$  must be brought LOW while SCK is LOW. To resume communication,  $\overline{HOLD}$  is brought HIGH, again while SCK is LOW. If the pause feature is not used,  $\overline{HOLD}$  should be held HIGH at all times.

**Device Address ( $A_0$ )**

The address input is used to set the least significant bit of the 8-bit slave address. A match in the slave address serial data stream must be made with the address input in order to initiate communication with the X9421. A maximum of 2 devices may occupy the SPI serial bus.

**Potentiometer Pins** **$V_H/R_H$ ,  $V_L/R_L$** 

The  $V_H/R_H$  and  $V_L/R_L$  inputs are equivalent to the terminal connections on either end of a mechanical potentiometer.

 **$V_W/R_W$** 

The wiper output is equivalent to the wiper output of a mechanical potentiometer.

**Hardware Write Protect Input ( $\overline{WP}$ )**

The  $\overline{WP}$  pin when LOW prevents nonvolatile writes to the Data Registers. Writing to the Wiper Counter Register is not restricted.

**System/Digital Supply ( $V_{CC}$ )**

$V_{CC}$  is the supply voltage for the system/digital section.  $V_{SS}$  is the system ground.

**PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION**

The X9421 is a highly integrated microcircuit incorporating a resistor array and associated registers and counter and the serial interface logic providing direct communication between the host and the XDCP potentiometer.

**Serial Interface**

The X9421 supports the SPI interface hardware conventions. The device is accessed via the SI input with data clocked in on the rising SCK.  $\overline{CS}$  must be LOW and the  $\overline{HOLD}$  and  $\overline{WP}$  pins must be HIGH during the entire operation.

The SO and SI pins can be connected together, since they have three state outputs. This can help to reduce system pin count.

**Array Description**

The X9421 is comprised of one resistor array containing 63 discrete resistive segments that are connected in series. The physical ends of each array are equivalent to the fixed terminals of a mechanical potentiometer ( $V_H/R_H$  and  $V_L/R_L$  inputs).

At both ends of the array and between each resistor segment is a CMOS switch connected to the wiper ( $V_W/R_W$ ) output. Within the individual array only one switch may be turned on at a time.

These switches are controlled by a Wiper Counter Register (WCR). The six bits of the WCR are decoded to select, and enable, one of sixty-four switches. The block diagram of the potentiometer is shown in Figure 1.

### Wiper Counter Register (WCR)

The X9421 contains a Wiper Counter Register. The WCR can be envisioned as a 6-bit parallel and serial load counter with its outputs decoded to select one of sixty-four switches along its resistor array. The contents of the WCR can be altered in four ways: it may be written directly by the host via the Write Wiper Counter Register instruction (serial load); it may be written indirectly by transferring the contents of one of four associated Data Registers via the XFR Data Register instruction (parallel load); it can be modified one step at a time by the Increment/ Decrement instruction. Finally, it is loaded with the contents of its data register zero (DR0) upon power-up.

The Wiper Counter Register is a volatile register; that is, its contents are lost when the X9421 is powered-down. Although the register is automatically loaded with the value in DR0 upon power-up, this may be different from the value present at power-down.

### Data Registers

The potentiometer has four 6-bit nonvolatile Data Registers. These can be read or written directly by the host. Data can also be transferred between any of the four Data Registers and the WCR. It should be noted all operations changing data in one of the Data Registers is a nonvolatile operation and will take a maximum of 10ms.

If the application does not require storage of multiple settings for the potentiometer, the Data Registers can be used as regular memory locations for system parameters or user preference data.

### Register Descriptions

**Table 1. Data Registers, (6-bit), Nonvolatile**

|       |   |    |       |    |    |    |    |
|-------|---|----|-------|----|----|----|----|
| 0     | 0 | D5 | D4    | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 |
| (MSB) |   |    | (LSB) |    |    |    |    |

There are four 6-bit Data Registers associated with the potentiometer.

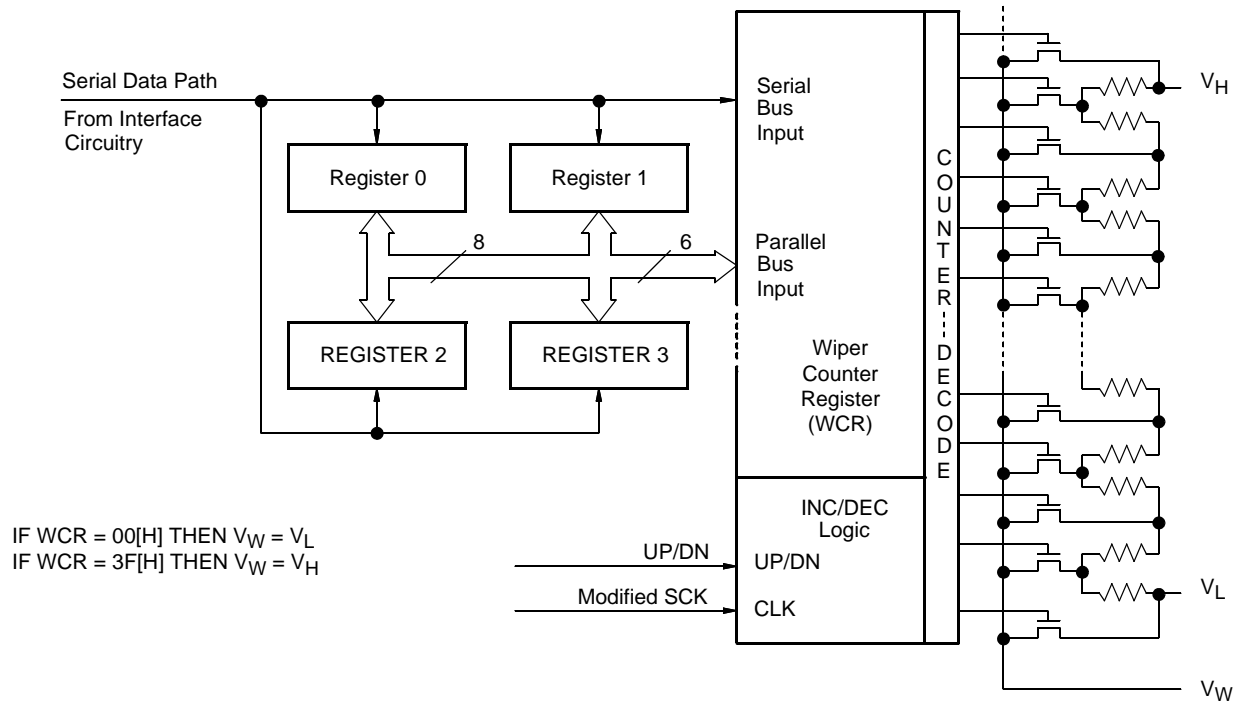
- {D5~D0}: These bits are for general purpose Non-volatile data storage or for storage of up to four different wiper values.

**Table 2. Wiper Counter Register, (6-bit), Volatile**

|       |   |     |       |     |     |     |     |
|-------|---|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0     | 0 | WP5 | WP4   | WP3 | WP2 | WP1 | WP0 |
| (MSB) |   |     | (LSB) |     |     |     |     |

- {WP5~WP0}: These bits specify the wiper position of the potentiometer.

Figure 1. Detailed Potentiometer Block Diagram



### Write in Process

The contents of the Data Registers are saved to nonvolatile memory when the  $\overline{CS}$  pin goes from LOW to HIGH after a complete write sequence is received by the device. The progress of this internal write operation can be monitored by a Write In Process bit (WIP). The WIP bit is read with a Read Status command.

## INSTRUCTIONS

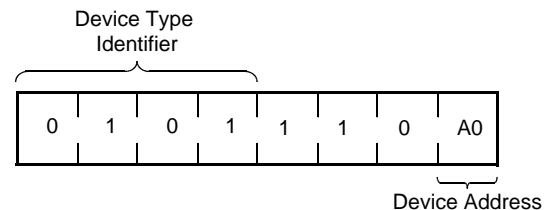
### Address/Identification (ID) Byte

The first byte sent to the X9421 from the host, following a  $\overline{CS}$  going HIGH to LOW, is called the Address or Identification byte. The most significant four bits of the slave address are a device type identifier, for the X9421 this is fixed as 0101[B] (refer to Figure 2).

The least significant bit in the ID byte selects one of two devices on the bus. The physical device address is defined by the state of the  $A_0$  input pin. The X9421 compares the serial data stream with the address input state; a successful compare of the address bit is required for the X9421 to successfully continue the command sequence. The  $A_0$  input can be actively driven by a CMOS input signal or tied to  $V_{CC}$  or  $V_{SS}$ .

The remaining three bits in the ID byte must be set to 110.

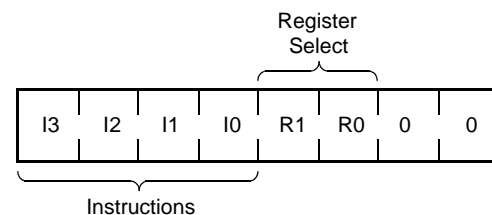
Figure 2. Address/Identification Byte Format



### Instruction Byte

The next byte sent to the X9421 contains the instruction and register pointer information. The four most significant bits are the instruction. The next two bits point to one of four Data Registers. The format is shown below in Figure 3.

Figure 3. Instruction Byte Format



The four high order bits of the instruction byte specify the operation. The next two bits ( $R_1$  and  $R_0$ ) select one of the four registers that is to be acted upon when a register oriented instruction is issued. The last two bits are defined as 0.

Two of the eight instructions are two bytes in length and end with the transmission of the instruction byte. These instructions are:

- XFR Data Register to Wiper Counter Register — This instruction transfers the contents of one specified Data Register to the Wiper Counter Register.
- XFR Wiper Counter Register to Data Register—This instruction transfers the contents of the Wiper Counter Register to the specified associated Data Register.

The basic sequence of the two byte instructions is illustrated in Figure 4. These two-byte instructions exchange data between the WCR and one of the Data Registers. A transfer from a Data Register to a WCR is essentially a write to a static RAM, with the static RAM controlling the wiper position. The response of the wiper to this action will be delayed by  $t_{WRL}$ . A transfer from the WCR (current wiper position), to a Data Register is a write to nonvolatile memory and takes a minimum of  $t_{WR}$  to complete. The transfer can occur between the potentiometer and one of its associated registers.

Five instructions require a three-byte sequence to complete. These instructions transfer data between the host and the X9421; either between the host and one of the Data Registers or directly between the host and the WCR. These instructions are:

- Read Wiper Counter Register—read the current wiper position of the pot,
- Write Wiper Counter Register—change current wiper position of the pot,
- Read Data Register—read the contents of the selected data register;
- Write Data Register—write a new value to the selected data register.
- Read Status—This command returns the contents of the WIP bit which indicates if the internal write cycle is in progress.

The sequence of these operations is shown in Figure 5 and Figure 6.

The final command is Increment/Decrement. It is different from the other commands, because its length is indeterminate. Once the command is issued, the master can clock the wiper up and/or down in one resistor segment steps; thereby, providing a fine tuning capability to the host. For each SCK clock pulse ( $t_{HIGH}$ ) while SI is HIGH, the selected wiper will move one resistor segment towards the  $V_H/R_H$  terminal. Similarly, for each SCK clock pulse while SI is LOW, the selected wiper will move one resistor segment towards the  $V_L/R_L$  terminal. A detailed illustration of the sequence and timing for this operation are shown in Figure 7 and Figure 8.

**Figure 4. Two-Byte Instruction Sequence**

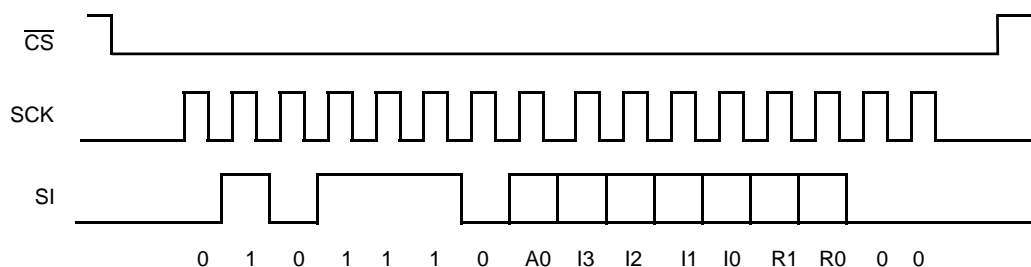




Figure 5. Three-Byte Instruction Sequence (Write)

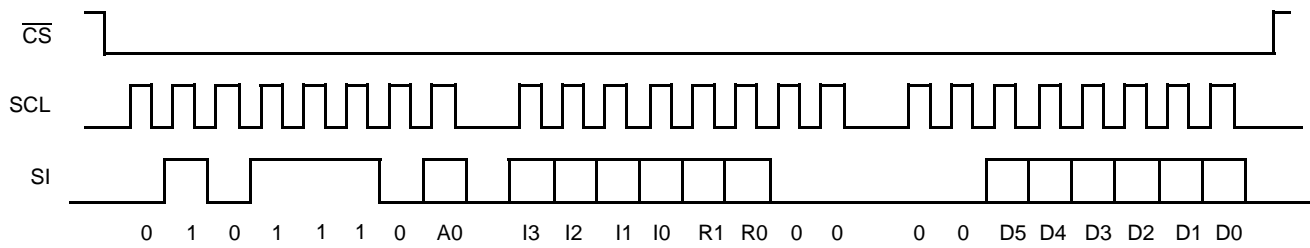


Figure 6. Three-Byte Instruction Sequence (Read)

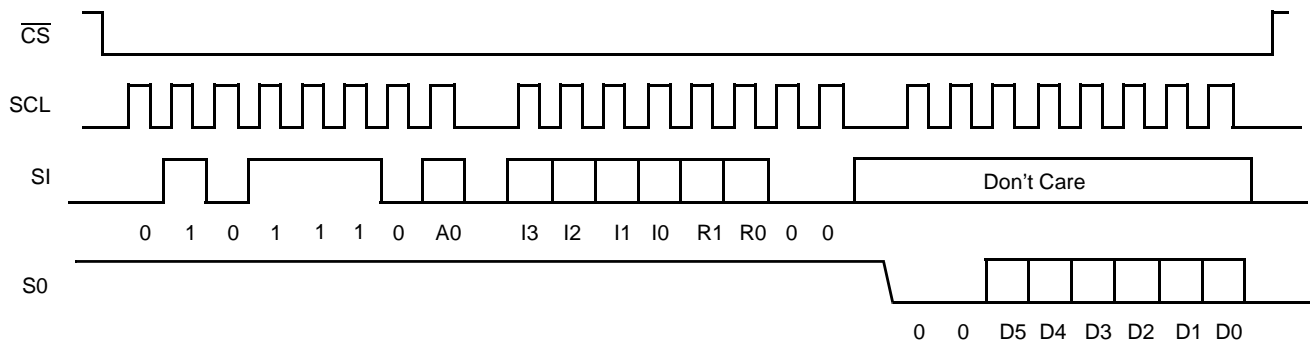


Figure 7. Increment/Decrement Instruction Sequence

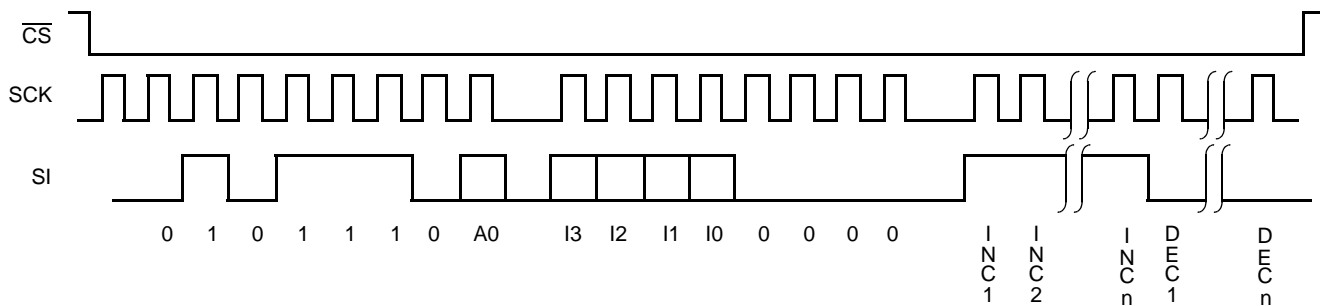


Figure 8. Increment/Decrement Timing Limits

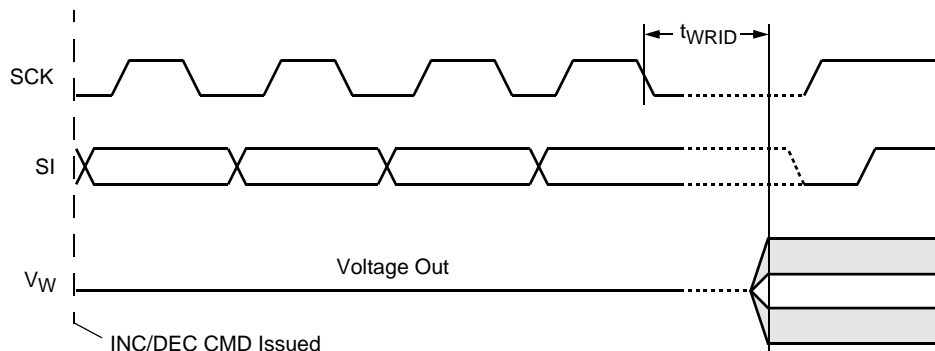


Table 3. Instruction Set

| Instruction                                 | Instruction Set |                |                |                |                |                |   |   | Operation  |
|---|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|---|--|
|   | I <sub>3</sub>  | I <sub>2</sub> | I <sub>1</sub> | I <sub>0</sub> | R <sub>1</sub> | R <sub>0</sub> |   |   |  |
| Read Wiper Counter Register                 | 1               | 0              | 0              | 1              | 0              | 0              | 0 | 0 | Read the contents of the Wiper Counter Register  |
| Write Wiper Counter Register                | 1               | 0              | 1              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0 | 0 | Write new value to the Wiper Counter Register  |
| Read Data Register                          | 1               | 0              | 1              | 1              | 1/0            | 1/0            | 0 | 0 | Read the contents of the Data Register pointed to by R <sub>1</sub> - R <sub>0</sub>                                   |
| Write Data Register                         | 1               | 1              | 0              | 0              | 1/0            | 1/0            | 0 | 0 | Write new value to the Data Register pointed to by R <sub>1</sub> - R <sub>0</sub>                                     |
| XFR Data Register to Wiper Counter Register | 1               | 1              | 0              | 1              | 1/0            | 1/0            | 0 | 0 | Transfer the contents of the Data Register pointed to by R <sub>1</sub> - R <sub>0</sub> to the Wiper Counter Register |
| XFR Wiper Counter Register to Data Register | 1               | 1              | 1              | 0              | 1/0            | 1/0            | 0 | 0 | Transfer the contents of the Wiper Counter Register to the Data Register pointed to by R <sub>1</sub> - R <sub>0</sub> |
| Increment/Decrement Wiper Counter Register  | 0               | 0              | 1              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0 | 0 | Enable Increment/decrement of the Wiper Counter Register   |
| Read Status (WIP bit)                       | 0               | 1              | 0              | 1              | 0              | 0              | 0 | 1 | Read the status of the internal write cycle, by checking the WIP bit.  |

## Instruction Format

- Notes: (1) "A0": stands for the device addresses sent by the master.  
 (2) WPx refers to wiper position data in the Wiper Counter Register  
 "I": stands for the increment operation, SI held HIGH during active SCK phase (high).  
 (3) "D": stands for the decrement operation, SI held LOW during active SCK phase (high).

### Read Wiper Counter Register (WCR)

| $\overline{CS}$<br>Falling<br>Edge | device type<br>identifier |   |   |   | device<br>addresses |   |   |        | instruction<br>opcode |   |   |   | wiper position<br>(sent by X9421 on SO) |   |   |   |   |   |   |             | $\overline{CS}$<br>Rising<br>Edge |             |             |             |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|---|---|--------|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                    | 0                         | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1                   | 1 | 0 | A<br>0 | 1                     | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0                                       | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | W<br>P<br>5 |                                   | W<br>P<br>4 | W<br>P<br>3 | W<br>P<br>2 |

### Write Wiper Counter Register (WCR)

| $\overline{CS}$<br>Falling<br>Edge | device type<br>identifier |   |   |   | device<br>addresses |   |   |        | instruction<br>opcode |   |   |   | Data Byte<br>(sent by Host on SI) |   |   |   |   |   |   |             | $\overline{CS}$<br>Rising<br>Edge |             |             |             |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|---|---|--------|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                    | 0                         | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1                   | 1 | 0 | A<br>0 | 1                     | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0                                 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | W<br>P<br>5 |                                   | W<br>P<br>4 | W<br>P<br>3 | W<br>P<br>2 |

### Read Data Register (DR)

Read the contents of the Register pointed to by R1 - R0.

| $\overline{CS}$<br>Falling Edge | device type identifier |   |   |   | device addresses |   |   |    | instruction opcode |   |   |   | register addresses |    |   |   | Data Byte<br>(sent by X9421 on SO) |   |    |    |    |    |    |    | $\overline{CS}$<br>Rising Edge |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|---|------------------|---|---|----|--------------------|---|---|---|--------------------|----|---|---|------------------------------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------------------------------|
|                                 | 0                      | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1                | 1 | 0 | A0 | 1                  | 0 | 1 | 1 | R1                 | R0 | 0 | 0 | 0                                  | 0 | W5 | W4 | W3 | W2 | W1 | W0 |                                |

### Write Data Register (DR)

Write a new value to the Register pointed to by R1 - R0.

| $\overline{CS}$<br>Falling Edge | device type identifier |   |   |   | device addresses |   |   |    | instruction opcode |   |   |   | register addresses |    |   |   | Data Byte<br>(sent by host on SI) |   |    |    |    |    |    |    | $\overline{CS}$<br>Rising Edge | HIGH-VOLTAGE<br>WRITE CYCLE |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|---|------------------|---|---|----|--------------------|---|---|---|--------------------|----|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                 | 0                      | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1                | 1 | 0 | A0 | 1                  | 1 | 0 | 0 | R1                 | R0 | 0 | 0 | 0                                 | 0 | W5 | W4 | W3 | W2 | W1 | W0 |                                |                             |

### Transfer Data Register (DR) to Wiper Counter Register (WCR)

Transfer the contents of the Register pointed to by R1 - R0 to the WCR.

| $\overline{CS}$<br>Falling Edge | device type identifier |   |   |   | device addresses |   |   |    | instruction opcode |   |   |   | register addresses |    |   |   | $\overline{CS}$<br>Rising Edge |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|---|------------------|---|---|----|--------------------|---|---|---|--------------------|----|---|---|--------------------------------|
|                                 | 0                      | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1                | 1 | 0 | A0 | 1                  | 1 | 0 | 1 | R1                 | R0 | 0 | 0 |                                |

**Transfer Wiper Counter Register (WCR) to Data Register (DR)**

| $\overline{CS}$<br>Falling<br>Edge | device type<br>identifier |   |   |   | device<br>addresses |   |   |        | instruction<br>opcode |   |   |   | register<br>addresses |        |   |   | $\overline{CS}$<br>Rising<br>Edge | HIGH-VOLTAGE<br>WRITE CYCLE |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|---|---|--------|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------|--------|---|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                    | 0                         | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1                   | 1 | 0 | A<br>0 | 1                     | 1 | 1 | 0 | R<br>1                | R<br>0 | 0 | 0 |                                   |                             |

**Increment/Decrement Wiper Counter Register (WCR)**

| $\overline{CS}$<br>Falling<br>Edge | device type<br>identifier |   |   |   | device<br>addresses |   |   |        | instruction<br>opcode |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | increment/decrement<br>(sent by master on SDA) |     |   |   |   |   | $\overline{CS}$<br>Rising<br>Edge |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|---|---|--------|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|-----|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
|                                    | 0                         | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1                   | 1 | 0 | A<br>0 | 0                     | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | I/D  | I/D | . | . | . | . |                                   |

**Read Status**

| $\overline{CS}$<br>Falling<br>Edge | device type<br>identifier |   |   |   | device<br>addresses |   |   |        | instruction<br>opcode |   |   |   | Data Byte<br>(sent by X9421 on SO) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | $\overline{CS}$<br>Rising<br>Edge |   |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|---|---|--------|-----------------------|---|---|---|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|
|                                    | 0                         | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1                   | 1 | 0 | A<br>0 | 0                     | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0                                  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |                                   | 0 |

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

Temperature under bias. . . . . -65°C to +135°C  
 Storage temperature . . . . . -65°C to +150°C  
 Voltage on SCK any address input  
     with respect to  $V_{SS}$ . . . . . -1V to +7V  
 $\Delta V = |V_H - V_L|$  . . . . . 5V  
 Lead temperature (soldering, 10 seconds) . . . . . 300°C  
 $I_W$  (10 seconds) . . . . .  $\pm 6$ mA  
 Any  $V_H/R_H$ ,  $V_L/R_L$ ,  $V_W/R_W$  . . . . .  $V_{SS}$  to  $V_{CC}$

**COMMENT**

Stresses above those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only; functional operation of the device (at these or any other conditions above those listed in the operational sections of this specification) is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

**RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS**

| Temp       | Min.  | Max.  |
|------------|-------|-------|
| Commercial | 0°C   | +70°C |
| Industrial | -40°C | +85°C |

| Device    | Supply Voltage ( $V_{CC}$ ) Limits |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| X9421     | 5V $\pm$ 10%                       |
| X9421-2.7 | 2.7V to 5.5V                       |

**ANALOG CHARACTERISTICS** (Over recommended operating conditions unless otherwise stated.)

| Symbol        | Parameter  | Limits   |           |           |                   | Test Conditions   |
|---------------|--|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|---|
|               |  | Min.     | Typ.      | Max.      | Units             |   |
|               | End to End Resistance Tolerance                  |          |           | $\pm 20$  | %                 |   |
|               | Power Rating                                     |          |           | 50        | mW                | 25°C, each pot  |
| $I_W$         | Wiper Current                                    |          |           | $\pm 3$   | mA                |   |
| $R_W$         | Wiper Resistance                                 |          | 150       | 250       | $\Omega$          | Wiper Current = $\pm 1$ mA,<br>$V_{CC} = 5$ V               |
|               |  |          | 400       | 1000      | $\Omega$          | Wiper Current = $\pm 1$ mA,<br>$V_{CC} = 3$ V               |
| $V_{TERM}$    | Voltage on any $V_H/R_H$ , $V_L/R_L$ , $V_W/R_W$ | $V_{SS}$ |           | $V_{CC}$  | V                 | $V_{SS} = 0$ V  |
|               | Noise  |          | -120      |           | dBV               | Ref: 1kHz   |
|               | Resolution <sup>(4)</sup>                        |          | 1.6       |           | %                 | See Note 5  |
|               | Absolute Linearity <sup>(1)</sup>                |          |           | $\pm 1$   | MI <sup>(3)</sup> | $V_{w(n)}(\text{actual}) - V_{w(n)}(\text{expected})$       |
|               | Relative Linearity <sup>(2)</sup>                |          |           | $\pm 0.2$ | MI <sup>(3)</sup> | $V_{w(n+1)} - [V_{w(n)} + MI]$                              |
|               | Temperature Coefficient of $R_{TOTAL}$           |          | $\pm 300$ |           | ppm/°C            | See Note 5  |
|               | Ratiometric Temperature Coefficient              |          |           | $\pm 20$  | ppm/°C            | See Note 5  |
| $C_H/C_L/C_W$ | Potentiometer Capacitances                       |          | 10/10/25  |           | pF                | See Circuit #3  |
| $I_{AL}$      | Rh, RI, Rw leakage current                       |          | 0.1       | 10        | $\mu$ A           | $V_{in} = V_{ss}$ to $V_{cc}$ . Device is in stand-by mode. |

Notes: (1) Absolute Linearity is utilized to determine actual wiper voltage versus expected voltage as determined by wiper position when used as a potentiometer.

(2) Relative Linearity is utilized to determine the actual change in voltage between two successive tap positions when used as a potentiometer. It is a measure of the error in step size.

(3) MI =  $R_{TOT}/63$  or  $(V_H - V_L)/63$ , single pot

(4) Typical = Individual array resolution.

**D.C. OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS** (Over the recommended operating conditions unless otherwise specified.)

| Symbol    | Parameter                                    | Limits              |      |                     |         | Test Conditions   |
|-----------|--|---------------------|------|---------------------|---------|---|
|           |  | Min.                | Typ. | Max.                | Units   |   |
| $I_{CC1}$ | $V_{CC}$ Supply Current (Active)             |                     |      | 400                 | $\mu A$ | $f_{SCK} = 2MHz$ , $SO = Open$ ,<br>Other Inputs = $V_{SS}$ |
| $I_{CC2}$ | $V_{CC}$ Supply Current (Non-volatile Write) |                     |      | 1                   | mA      | $f_{SCK} = 2MHz$ , $SO = Open$ ,<br>Other Inputs = $V_{SS}$ |
| $I_{SB}$  | $V_{CC}$ Current (Standby)                   |                     |      | 1                   | $\mu A$ | $SCK = SI = V_{SS}$ , $Addr. = V_{SS}$                      |
| $I_{LI}$  | Input Leakage Current                        |                     |      | 10                  | $\mu A$ | $V_{IN} = V_{SS}$ to $V_{CC}$                               |
| $I_{LO}$  | Output Leakage Current                       |                     |      | 10                  | $\mu A$ | $V_{OUT} = V_{SS}$ to $V_{CC}$                              |
| $V_{IH}$  | Input HIGH Voltage                           | $V_{CC} \times 0.7$ |      | $V_{CC} + 0.5$      | V       |   |
| $V_{IL}$  | Input LOW Voltage                            | -0.5                |      | $V_{CC} \times 0.1$ | V       |   |
| $V_{OL}$  | Output LOW Voltage                           |                     |      | 0.4                 | V       | $I_{OL} = 3mA$  |

**ENDURANCE AND DATA RETENTION**

| Parameter         | Min.    | Units                             |
|-------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Minimum Endurance | 100,000 | Data Changes per Bit per Register |
| Data Retention    | 100     | Years                             |

**CAPACITANCE**

| Symbol          | Test                                | Max. | Units | Test Conditions |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------|-------|-----------------|
| $C_{OUT}^{(5)}$ | Output Capacitance (SO)             | 8    | pF    | $V_{OUT} = 0V$  |
| $C_{IN}^{(5)}$  | Input Capacitance (A0, SI, and SCK) | 6    | pF    | $V_{IN} = 0V$   |

**POWER-UP TIMING**

| Symbol           | Parameter              | Max. | Max. | Units  |
|------------------|------------------------|------|------|--------|
| $t_{RVCC}^{(5)}$ | $V_{CC}$ Power-up Ramp | 0.2  | 50   | V/msec |

**POWER-UP REQUIREMENTS** (Power-up sequencing can affect correct recall of the wiper registers)

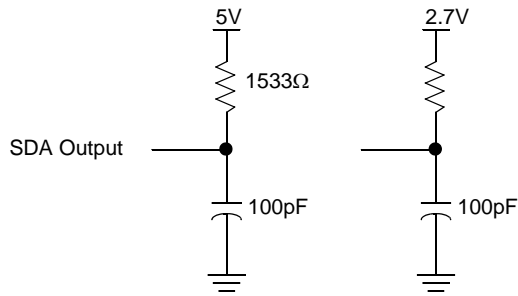
The preferred power-on sequence is as follows: First  $V_{CC}$  and then the potentiometer pins,  $R_H$ ,  $R_L$ , and  $R_W$ . Voltage should not be applied to the potentiometer pins before  $V_{CC}$  is applied. The  $V_{CC}$  ramp rate specification should be met, and any glitches or slope changes in the  $V_{CC}$  line should be held to  $<100mV$  if possible. Also,  $V_{CC}$  should not reverse polarity by more than 0.5V. Recall of wiper position will not be complete until  $V_{CC}$  reaches its final value.

Notes: (5) This parameter is periodically sampled and not 100% tested.

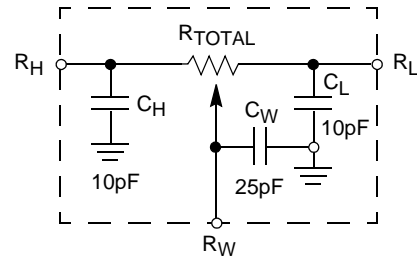
**A.C. TEST CONDITIONS**

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Input pulse levels            | $V_{CC} \times 0.1$ to $V_{CC} \times 0.9$ |
| Input rise and fall times     | 10ns                                       |
| Input and output timing level | $V_{CC} \times 0.5$                        |

## EQUIVALENT A.C. LOAD CIRCUIT



## Circuit #3 SPICE Macro Model



## AC TIMING

| Symbol      | Parameter  | Min. | Max. | Units   |
|-------------|--|------|------|---------|
| $f_{SCK}$   | SSI/SPI Clock Frequency  |      | 2.0  | MHz     |
| $t_{CYC}$   | SSI/SPI Clock Cycle Time   | 500  |      | ns      |
| $t_{WH}$    | SSI/SPI Clock High Time  | 200  |      | ns      |
| $t_{WL}$    | SSI/SPI Clock Low Time   | 200  |      | ns      |
| $t_{LEAD}$  | Lead Time  | 250  |      | ns      |
| $t_{LAG}$   | Lag Time   | 250  |      | ns      |
| $t_{SU}$    | SI, SCK, $\overline{HOLD}$ and $\overline{CS}$ Input Setup Time                          | 50   |      | ns      |
| $t_H$       | SI, SCK, $\overline{HOLD}$ and $\overline{CS}$ Input Hold Time                           | 50   |      | ns      |
| $t_{RI}$    | SI, SCK, $\overline{HOLD}$ and $\overline{CS}$ Input Rise Time                           |      | 2    | $\mu s$ |
| $t_{FI}$    | SI, SCK, $\overline{HOLD}$ and $\overline{CS}$ Input Fall Time                           |      | 2    | $\mu s$ |
| $t_{DIS}$   | SO Output Disable Time   | 0    | 500  | ns      |
| $t_V$       | SO Output Valid Time   |      | 100  | ns      |
| $t_{HO}$    | SO Output Hold Time  | 0    |      | ns      |
| $t_{RO}$    | SO Output Rise Time  |      | 50   | ns      |
| $t_{FO}$    | SO Output Fall Time  |      | 50   | ns      |
| $t_{HOLD}$  | $\overline{HOLD}$ Time   | 400  |      | ns      |
| $t_{HSU}$   | $\overline{HOLD}$ Setup Time   | 100  |      | ns      |
| $t_{HH}$    | $\overline{HOLD}$ Hold Time  | 100  |      | ns      |
| $t_{HZ}$    | $\overline{HOLD}$ Low to Output in High Z  |      | 100  | ns      |
| $t_{LZ}$    | $\overline{HOLD}$ High to Output in Low Z  |      | 100  | ns      |
| $T_I$       | Noise Suppression Time Constant at SI, SCK, $\overline{HOLD}$ and $\overline{CS}$ inputs |      | 20   | ns      |
| $t_{CS}$    | $\overline{CS}$ Deselect Time  | 2    |      | $\mu s$ |
| $t_{WPASU}$ | $\overline{WP}$ , A0 and A1 Setup Time   | 0    |      | ns      |
| $t_{WPAH}$  | $\overline{WP}$ , A0 and A1 Hold Time  | 0    |      | ns      |

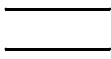


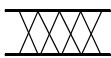
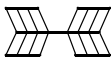
**HIGH-VOLTAGE WRITE CYCLE TIMING**

| Symbol   | Parameter  | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|----------|--|------|------|-------|
| $t_{WR}$ | High-voltage Write Cycle Time (Store Instructions) | 5    | 10   | ms    |

**XDCP TIMING**

| Symbol     | Parameter   | Min. | Max. | Units   |
|------------|---|------|------|---------|
| $t_{WRPO}$ | Wiper Response Time After The Third (Last) Power Supply Is Stable                 |      | 10   | $\mu$ s |
| $t_{WRL}$  | Wiper Response Time After Instruction Issued (All Load Instructions)              |      | 10   | $\mu$ s |
| $t_{WRID}$ | Wiper Response Time From An Active SCL/SCK Edge (Increment/Decrement Instruction) |      | 450  | ns      |

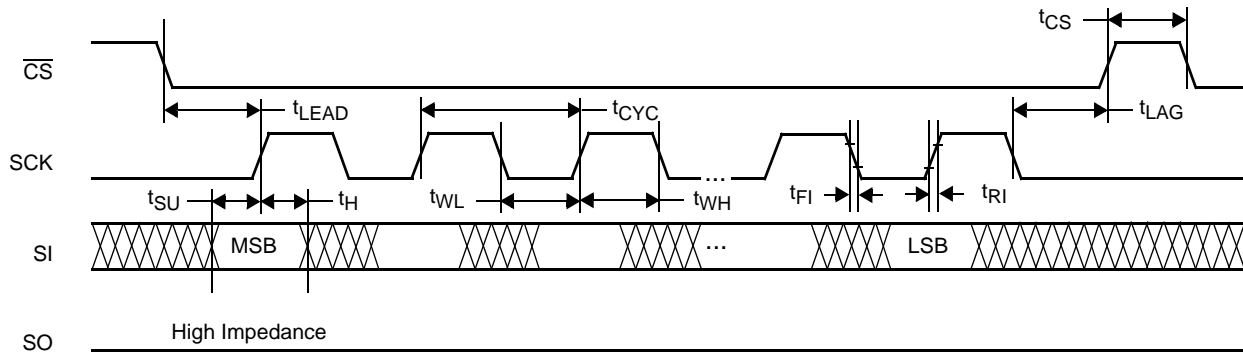
**SYMBOL TABLE**

| WAVEFORM  | INPUTS                      | OUTPUTS                       |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
|    | Must be steady              | Will be steady                |
|    | May change from Low to High | Will change from Low to High  |
|    | May change from High to Low | Will change from High to Low  |
|    | Don't Care: Changes Allowed | Changing: State Not Known     |
|  | N/A                         | Center Line is High Impedance |

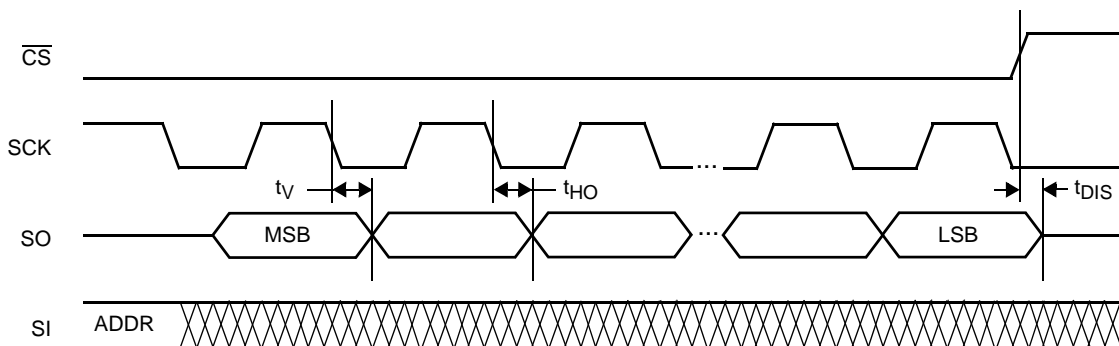


## TIMING DIAGRAMS

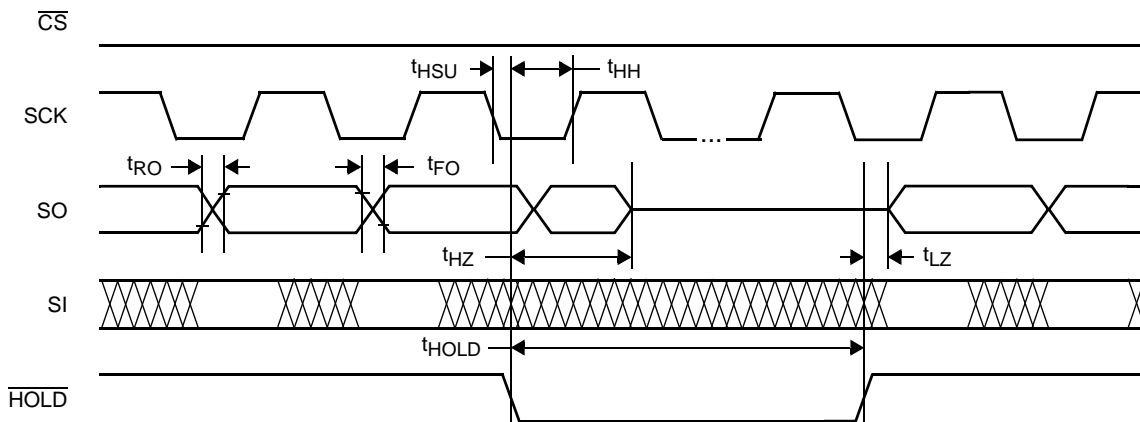
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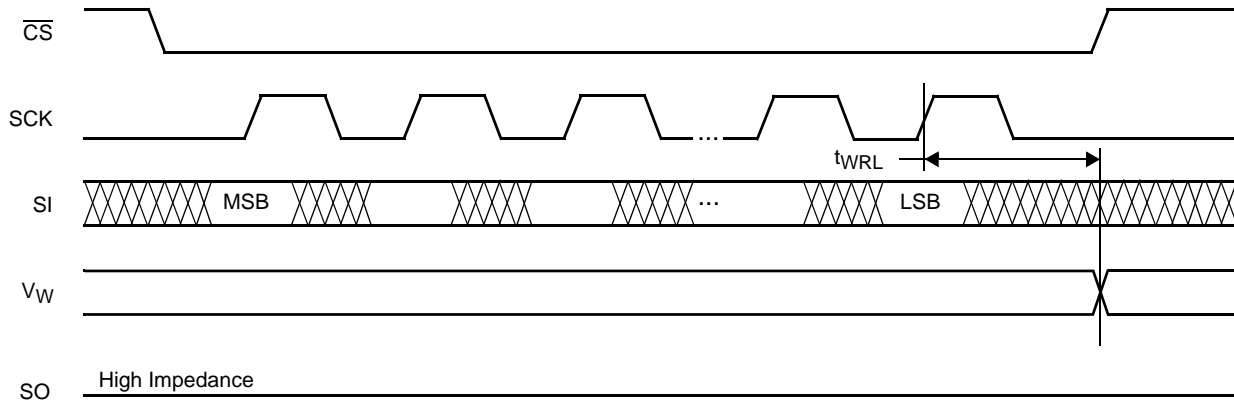
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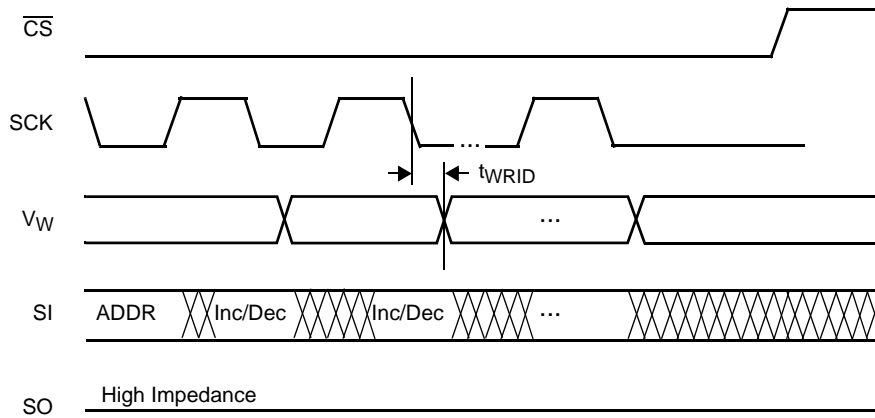
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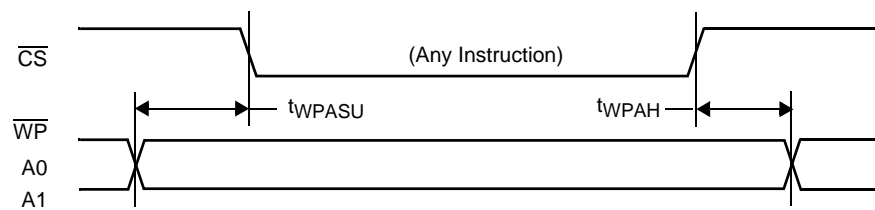
### XDCP Timing (for All Load Instructions)



### XDCP Timing (for Increment/Decrement Instruction)



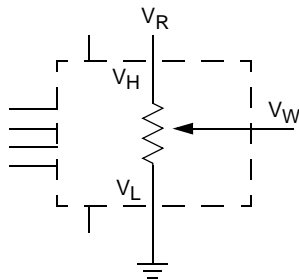
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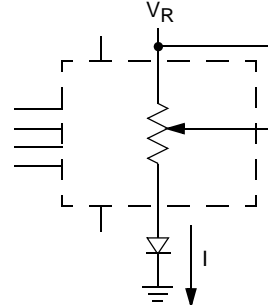
## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Electronic potentiometers provide three powerful application advantages: (1) the variability and reliability of a solid-state potentiometer, (2) the flexibility of computer-based digital controls, and (3) the retentivity of nonvolatile memory used for the storage of multiple potentiometer settings or data.

### Basic Configurations of Electronic Potentiometers



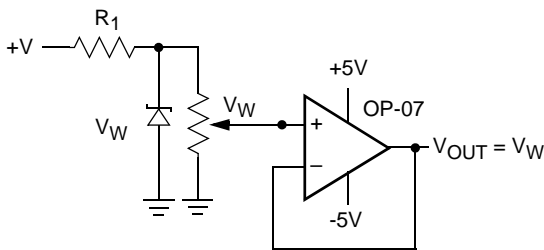
Three terminal Potentiometer;  
Variable voltage divider



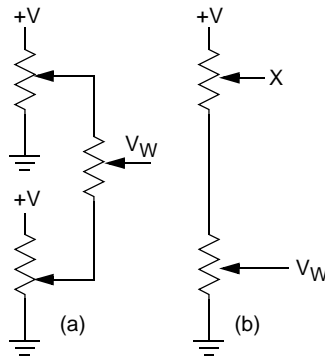
Two terminal Variable Resistor;  
Variable current

### Basic Circuits

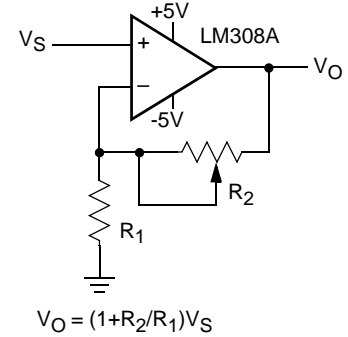
#### Buffered Reference Voltage



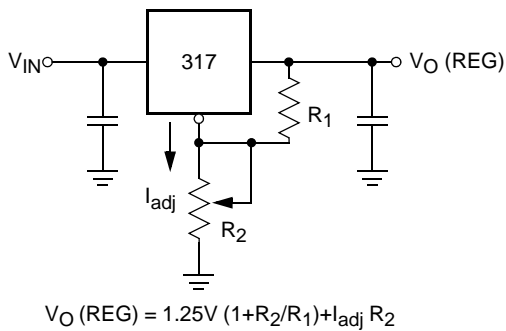
#### Cascading Techniques



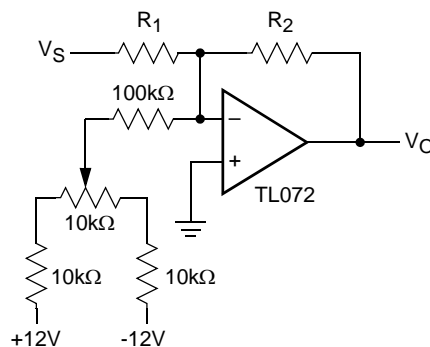
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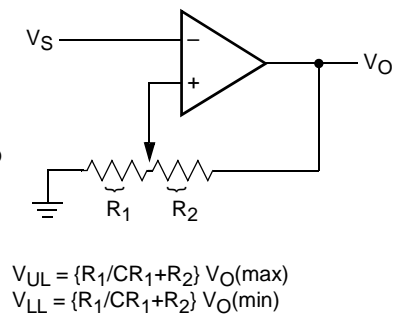
#### Voltage Regulator



#### Offset Voltage Adjustment

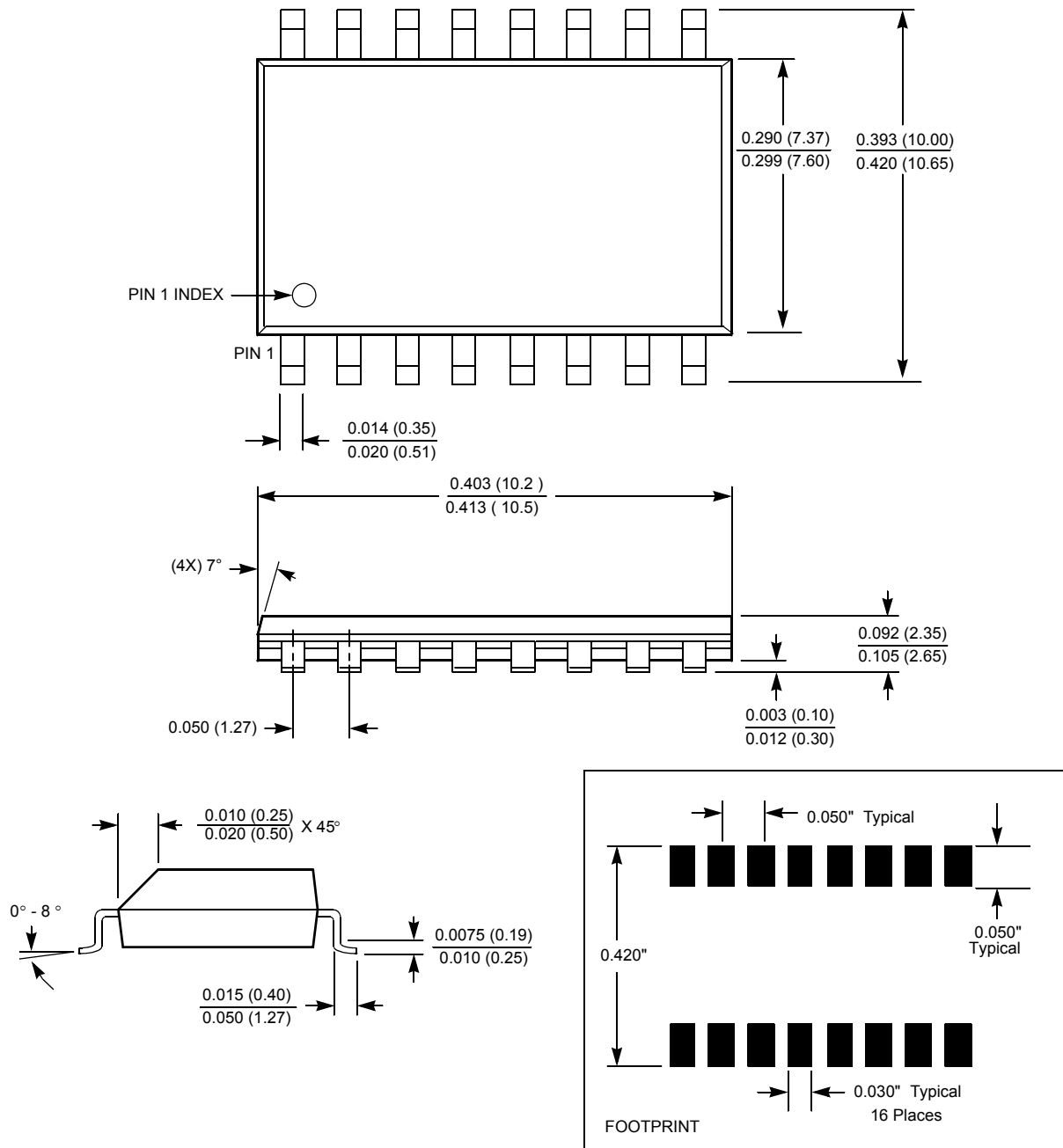


#### Comparator with Hysteresis



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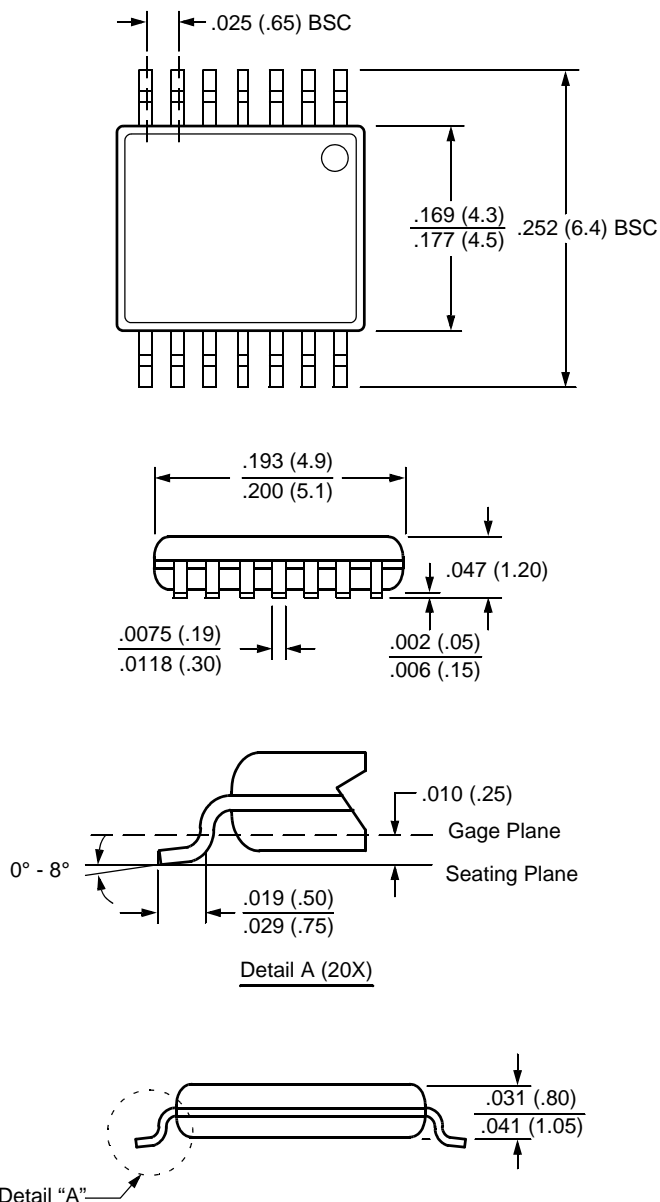
**16-Lead Plastic SOIC (300 Mil Body) Package Type S**



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