

# DATA SHEET

## **NE594/SA594**

Vacuum fluorescent display driver

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## DESCRIPTION

The NE594/SA594 is a display driver interface for vacuum fluorescent displays. The device is comprised of 8 drivers and a bias network, and is capable of driving the digits and/or segments of most vacuum fluorescent displays.

The inputs are designed to be compatible with TTL, DTL, NMOS, PMOS or CMOS output circuitry.

There is an active pull-down circuit on each output so that display ghosting is minimized and no external components are required for most fluorescent display applications.

## FEATURES

- Digit and/or segment drivers
- Active output pull-down circuitry
- High output breakdown voltage
- Low supply voltage
- Input compatible with all logic outputs

## APPLICATIONS

- Digital clocks
- Dashboard displays
- Panel displays

## PIN CONFIGURATIONS

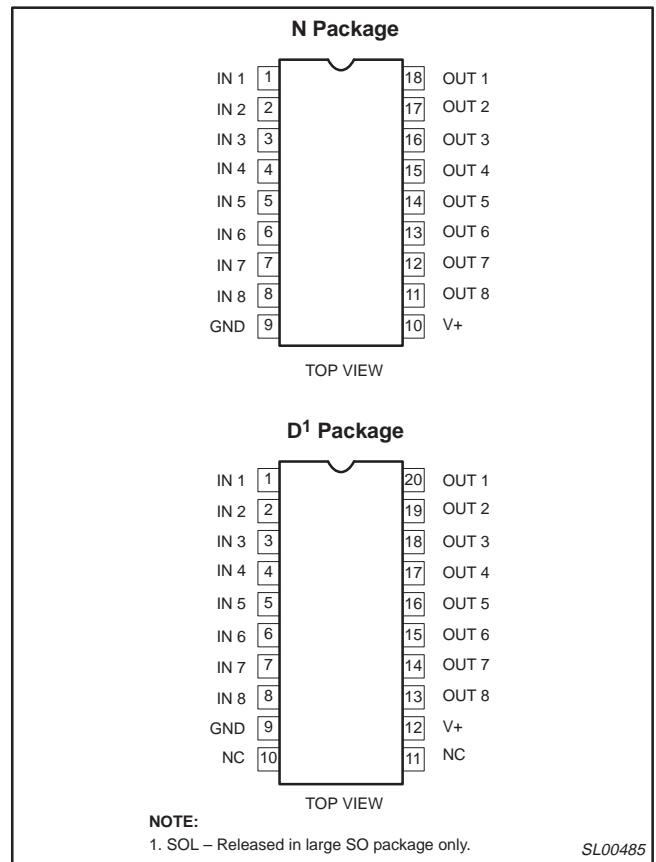


Figure 1. Pin Configurations

## ORDERING INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION	TEMPERATURE RANGE	ORDER CODE	DWG #
18-Pin Plastic DIP	0 °C to +70 °C	NE594N	SOT102-4
20-Pin Plastic SO	0 °C to +70 °C	NE594D	SOT163-1
18-Pin Plastic DIP	-40 °C to +85 °C	SA594N	SOT102-4
20-Pin Plastic SO	-40 °C to +85 °C	SA594D	SOT163-1

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## EQUIVALENT SCHEMATIC

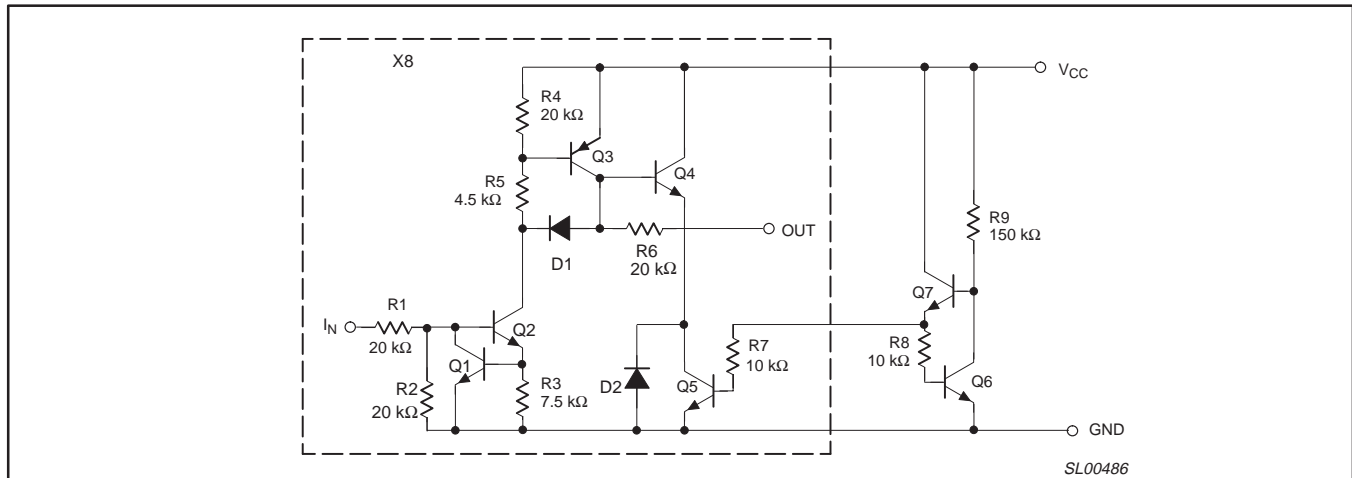


Figure 2. Equivalent Schematic

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (at 25 °C, unless otherwise noted)

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	RATING	UNIT
V <sub>CC</sub>	Supply voltage	45	V
V <sub>OUT</sub>	Output voltage	V <sub>CC</sub>	
V <sub>IN</sub>	Input voltage	-0.3, +20	V
I <sub>OUT</sub>	Output current Each output All outputs	50 200	mA mA
P <sub>D</sub>	Maximum power dissipation, T <sub>amb</sub> = 25 °C (still-air) <sup>1</sup> N package D package	1690 1390	mW mW
T <sub>amb</sub>	Operating ambient temperature range NE594 SA594	0 to +70 -40 to +85	°C °C
T <sub>stg</sub>	Storage temperature range	+65 to +150	°C
T <sub>j</sub>	Maximum junction temperature	-150	°C
T <sub>sld</sub>	Lead soldering temperature (10 sec max)	230	°C

**NOTE:**

- Derate above 25 °C, at the following rates:  
N package at 13.5 mW/°C  
D package at 11.1 mW/°C

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**DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

$V_{CC}=+4.75\text{ V to }+40\text{ V}$ ;  $T_{amb} = 0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C to }+70\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (NE),  $T_{amb} = -40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C to }+85\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (SA), unless otherwise stated.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	LIMITS			UNIT	
			Min	Typ	Max		
$V_{CC}$	Supply voltage range		4.75	35	40	V	
$I_{CCH}$	Supply current (all outputs HIGH)	$V_{CC} = 40\text{ V}$ ; $V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$		3	6	mA	
$I_{CCL}$	Supply current (all outputs LOW)	$V_{CC} = 40\text{ V}$ ; $V_{IN} = 0.4\text{ V}$		0.4	1	mA	
$V_{IN}$	Input voltage range		0		15	V	
$V_{IH}$	Input voltage to ensure logic '1'		2.6			V	
$V_{IL}$	Input voltage to ensure logic '0'				0.8	V	
$I_{IH}$	Input current to ensure logic '1'		100			$\mu\text{A}$	
$I_{IL}$	Input current to ensure logic '0'				10	$\mu\text{A}$	
$I_{IN}$	Input current	$V_{IN} = 2.6\text{ V}$		60	130	$\mu\text{A}$	
		$V_{IN} = 5.0\text{ V}$		180	330	$\mu\text{A}$	
		$V_{IN} = 15.0\text{ V}$		0.68	1.3	mA	
$V_{OH}$	Output high voltage	$V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$ ; $I_{OUT} = -25\text{ mA}$	$T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	$V_{CC} - 1.5$	$V_{CC} - 1.1$		V
		$V_{OUT}$ with respect to $V_{CC}$	Over temp.	$V_{CC} - 2$	$V_{CC} - 1.3$		V
$V_{OH}$	Output high, no load voltage	$V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$ ; $I_{OUT} = 0$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; $V_{OUT}$ with respect to $V_{CC}$		$V_{CC} - 1$	$V_{CC} - 0.8$		V
$V_{OFF}$	Output 'OFF' voltage level	$V_{IN} = 0.8\text{ V}$ ; $I_{OUT} = 0$		10	200	mV	
$I_{OH}$	Available output current	$V_{CC} = 35\text{ V}$ ; $V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$ ; $V_{OUT} = 30\text{ V}$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-35			mA	
$I_{OUT}$	Output pull-down current	$V_{CC} = V_{OUT} = 35\text{ V}$ ; inputs open	100	200	400	$\mu\text{A}$	
$I_{CEX}$	Output leakage current	$T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; $V_{IN} = 0.4\text{ V}$ ; $V_{CC} = 40\text{ V}$ ; $V_{OUT} = 0\text{ V}$		-1		$\mu\text{A}$	
				-1		$\mu\text{A}$	

**AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

$V_{CC} = 35\text{ V}$ ;  $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	LIMITS			UNIT
			Min	Typ	Max	
$t_{PLH}$	Propagation delay low-to-high output transition	50% $V_{IN}$ to 50% $V_{OUT}$		1	5	$\mu\text{s}$
$t_{PHL}$	Propagation delay high-to-low output transition	50% $V_{IN}$ to 50% $V_{OUT}$		3	10	$\mu\text{s}$
$t_R$	Output rise time	10% $V_{OUT}$ to 90% $V_{OUT}$		0.5	3	$\mu\text{s}$
$t_F$	Output fall time	90% $V_{OUT}$ to 10% $V_{OUT}$		1.5	5	$\mu\text{s}$

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## SWITCHING TIMES OF DRIVERS

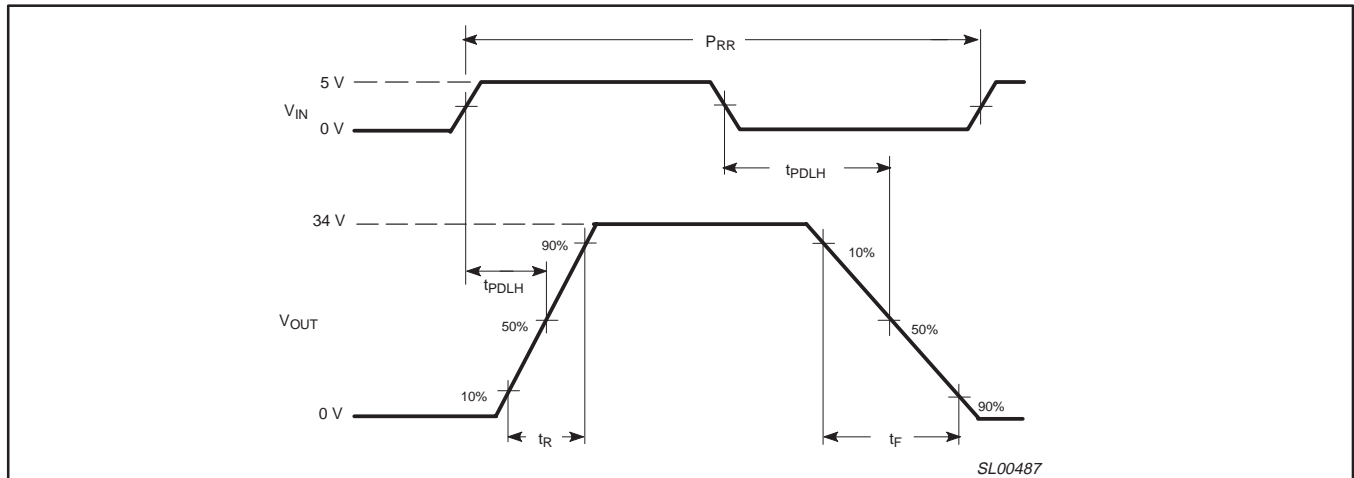


Figure 3. Switching Times of Drivers

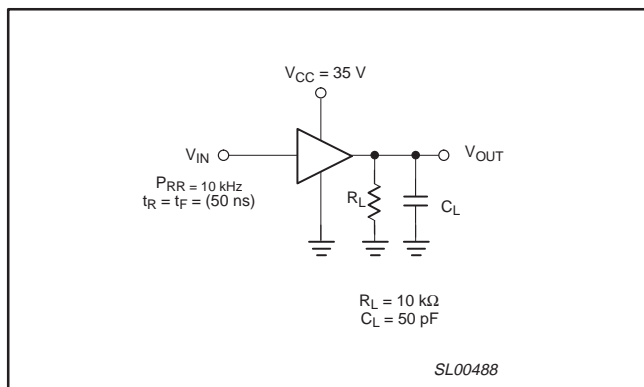


Figure 4. Test Circuit

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## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

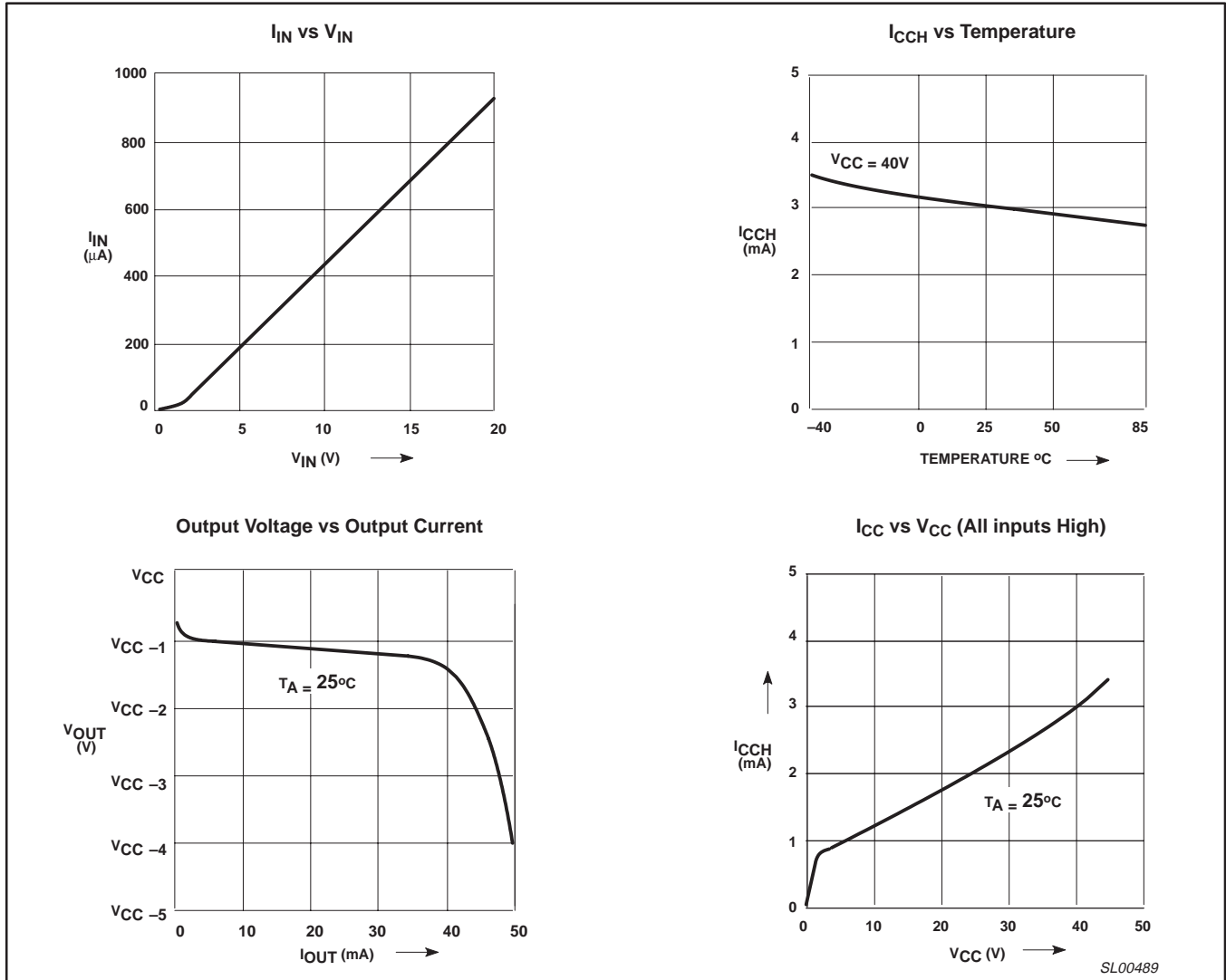


Figure 5. Typical Performance Characteristics

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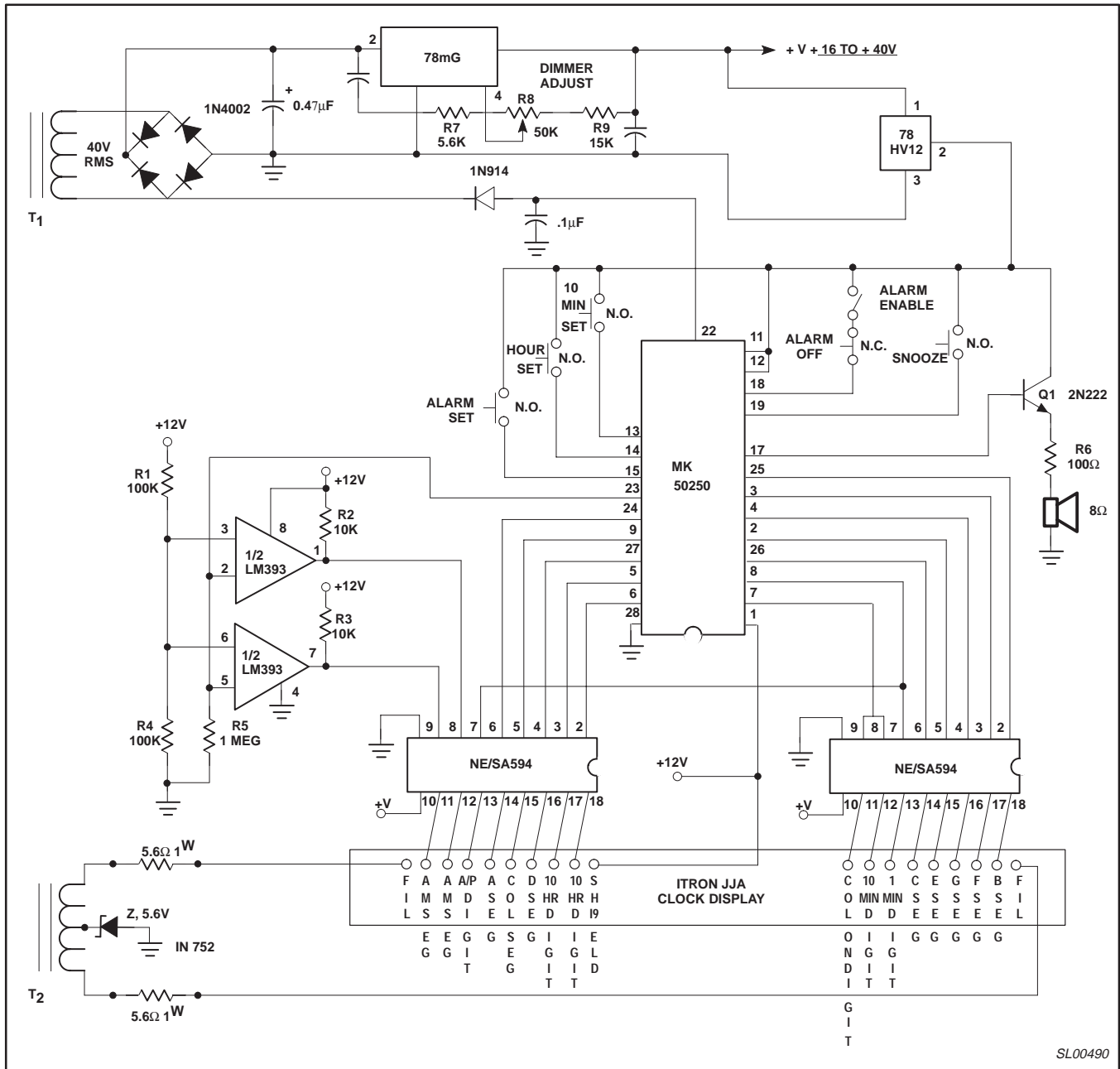


Figure 6. Typical Application: Digital Clock With Alarm

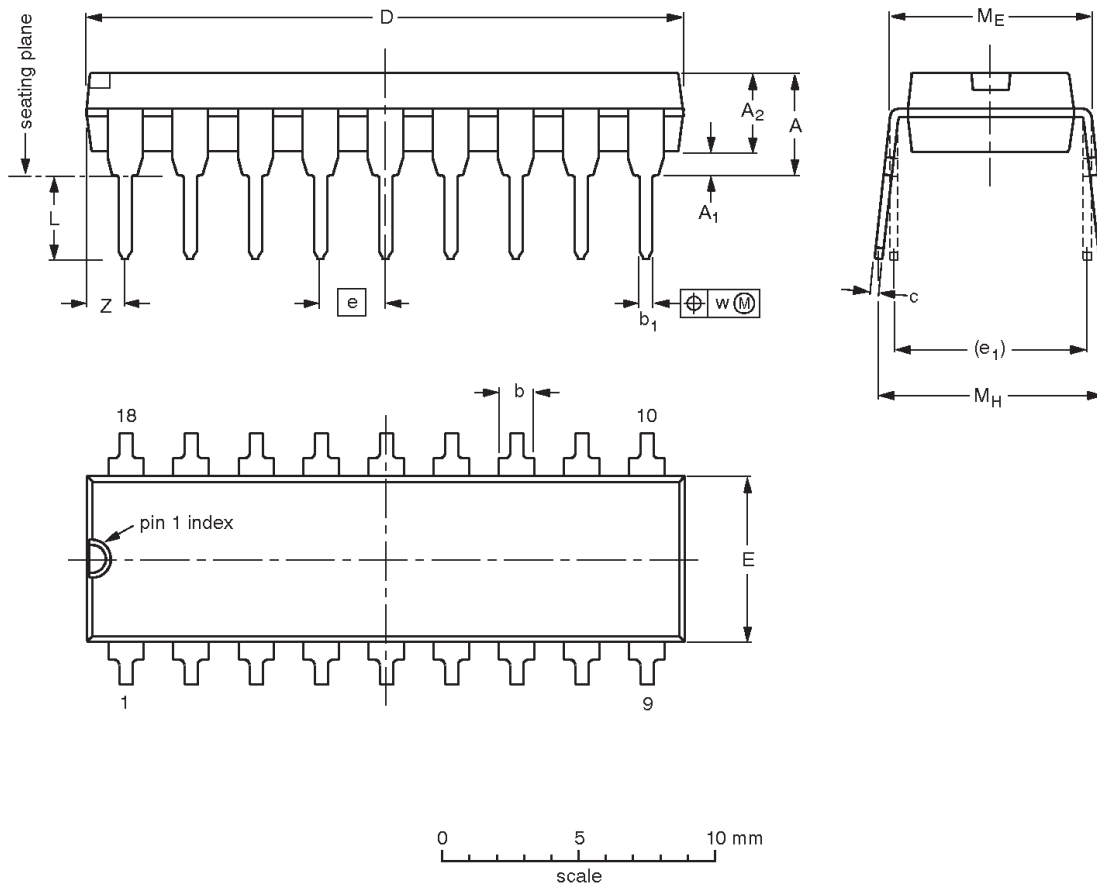
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**DIP18: plastic dual in-line package; 18 leads (300 mil); long body**

**SOT102-4**



**DIMENSIONS (millimetre dimensions are derived from the original inch dimensions)**

UNIT	A max.	A <sub>1</sub> min.	A <sub>2</sub> max.	b	b <sub>1</sub>	c	D <sup>(1)</sup>	E <sup>(1)</sup>	e	e <sub>1</sub>	L	M <sub>E</sub>	M <sub>H</sub>	w	Z <sup>(1)</sup> max.
mm	4.06	0.51	3.38	1.63 1.14	0.56 0.43	0.36 0.25	23.37 22.61	6.48 6.22	2.54	7.62	3.51 3.05	8.13 7.62	10.03 7.62	0.25	1.65
inches	0.160	0.020	0.140	0.064 0.045	0.022 0.017	0.014 0.010	0.920 0.890	0.255 0.245	0.100	0.300	0.138 0.120	0.32 0.30	0.395 0.300	0.01	0.065

**Note**

1. Plastic or metal protrusions of 0.01 inch maximum per side are not included.

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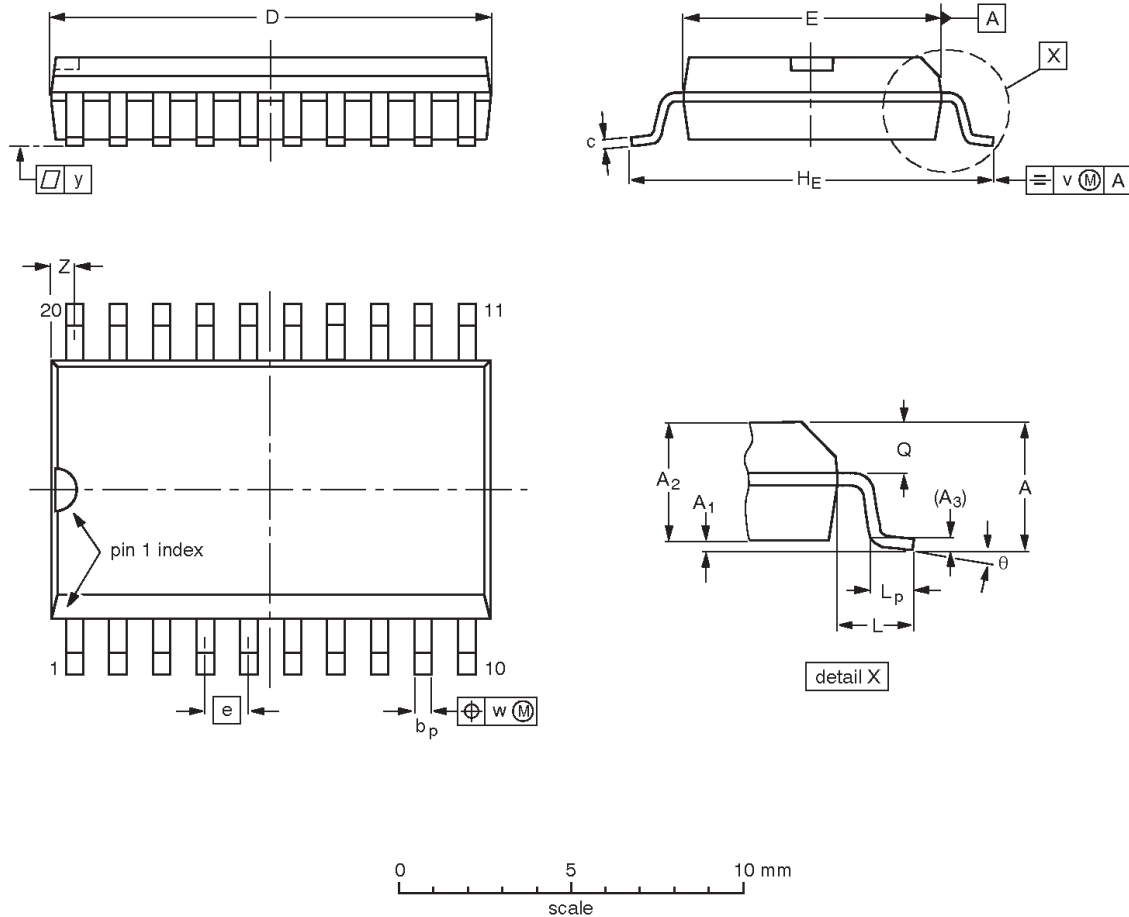


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**SO20:** plastic small outline package; 20 leads; body width 7.5 mm

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**DIMENSIONS (inch dimensions are derived from the original mm dimensions)**

UNIT	A max.	A <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>	A <sub>3</sub>	b <sub>p</sub>	c	D <sup>(1)</sup>	E <sup>(1)</sup>	e	H <sub>E</sub>	L	L <sub>p</sub>	Q	v	w	y	z <sup>(1)</sup>	θ
mm	2.65	0.30 0.10	2.45 2.25	0.25	0.49 0.36	0.32 0.23	13.0 12.6	7.6 7.4	1.27	10.65 10.00	1.4	1.1 0.4	1.1 1.0	0.25	0.25	0.1	0.9 0.4	8° 0°
inches	0.10	0.012 0.004	0.096 0.089	0.01	0.019 0.014	0.013 0.009	0.51 0.49	0.30 0.29	0.050	0.419 0.394	0.055	0.043 0.016	0.043 0.039	0.01	0.01	0.004	0.035 0.016	

**Note**

1. Plastic or metal protrusions of 0.15 mm maximum per side are not included.

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