## M0120SD-201MDB1-1

## Vacuum Fluorescent Display Module

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## 1. SCOPE

This specification applies to VFD module

## 2. FEATURES

2. 1 Since a DC/DC converter is used, only $+5 V d c$ power source is required to operate the module.
2.2 High quality display and luminance.
2.3 ASCII and Japanese characters (CG-ROM font).

## 3. GENERAL DESCRIPTIONS

3. 1 This specification becomes effective after being approved by the purchaser.
4. 2 When any conflict is found in the specification, appropriate action shall be taken upon agreement of both parties.
5. 3 The expected necessary service parts should be arranged by the customer before the completion of production.

## 4. PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

4. 1 Type

Table_1

| Type |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Digit Format | $5 * 7$ Dot Matrix |

4. 2 Outer Dimensions, Weight (See Fig_7 on page $5 / 11$ for details)

Table_2

| Parameter |  | Specification | Unit |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Outer <br> Dimensions | Width | $150.0 \pm 1.0$ | mm |
|  | Height | $32.0 \pm 1.0$ | mm |
|  | Thickness | 25.5 Max | mm |
| Weight |  | Typical 60 | g |



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4. 8 Timing Chart and AC Characteristics
4.8.1 Power-on Reset and /or RESET Signal Timing


Fig-1 Power-on Reset and RESET signal Timing
4.8.2 i80 type CPU bus write in Timing


Fig -2 Data write-in Timing Diagram
4.8.3 i80 type CPU bus read-out Timing


Fig-3 Data Read-out Timing Diagram (i80 bus interface)


Fig-4 Data write-in Timing Diagram(M68 bus interface)
4.8.5 M68 type CPU bus read-out Timing


Fig-5 Data read-out Timing Diagram (M68)

### 4.9 Connector Pin Assignment

Fourteen of through holes are prepared for power supply and signal interface. A connector may be able to soldered to the holes.

The third hole (pin \#3) can be used for reset input if the soldering pad "JP1" is short-circuited.
(Refer to "Fig-6 System Block Diagram" on next page.)

| No. | Signal | No. | Signal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | GND | 8 | DB1 |
| 2 | Vcc | 9 | DB2 |
| 3 | /RST | 10 | DB3 |
| 4 | RS | 11 | DB4 |
| 5 | R/W/(WR) | 12 | DB5 |
| 6 | $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{RD})$ | 13 | DB6 |
| 7 | DB0 | 14 | DB7 |


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### 4.10 System Block Diagram



Fig-6 System Block Diagram of this VFD Module


Fig-7 Outer dimensions

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| 4.11 Pattern Details |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Fig-8. Pattern Details

## 5. FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS

### 5.1 Registers in VFD Controller

The VFD controller has two 8-bit registers, an instruction register (IR) and a data register (DR). IR stores instruction codes, such as display clear and cursor shift, and address information for DD-RAM and CG-RAM. The IR can only be written from the host MPU. DR temporarily stores data to be written into DD-RAM or CG-RAM and temporarily stores data to be read from DD-RAM or CG-RAM. Data written into the DR from the MPU is automatically written into DD-RAM or CG-RAM by an intemal operation. The DR is also used for data storage when reading data from DD-RAM or CG-RAM. When address information is written into the IR, data is read and then stored into the DR from DD-RAM or CG-RAM by internal operation. Data transfer between MPU is then completed when the MPU reads the DR. After the read, data in DD-RAM or CG-RAM at the next address is sent to the DR for the next read from the MPU. By the register selector (RS) signal, these two registers can be selected (See Table-8).


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Table－10 Characters Font Table（CG－ROM）and CG－RAM codes

| Lower bits | DB7 <br> DB6 <br> DB5 <br> DB4 | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |  | $1$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $0$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 0 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | 1 1 1 0 |  | 1 1 1 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DB0 DB1 DB2 DB3 |  | 0 | 1 | 2 |  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |  | 9 | A | B | C | D | E |  | F |
| $00_{0} 0$ | 0 | $\underset{(1)}{\text { CG-RAM }}$ | I |  |  | 1 | \％ | $p^{\prime}$ | U | ＇＂＇ | $A$ |  |  |  | ＂．．＂ | $9$ | ＂：＇ | ， |  | \％ |
| $\begin{array}{lllll}0 & 0 & 0 & 1\end{array}$ | 1 | $\underset{(2)}{\text { CG-RAM }}$ | I | $1$ |  | 1 | H | \％ | ： | ＂ | \％ |  | ＋ | ： | F | \％ | 4 | \％ |  | \％ |
| 00010 | 2 | $\underset{(3)}{\text { CG-RAM }}$ | 建 | 1 |  | $2$ | $\mathrm{m}$ | $m$ | $\ldots$ | ${ }^{+\prime}$ | $\dot{H}$ |  | $\stackrel{A}{4}$ |  | 1 | 1 | X | m＇ |  | if |
| $\begin{array}{lllll}0 & 0 & 1 & 1\end{array}$ | 3 | $\underset{(4)}{\text { CG-RAM }}$ | 邫 | 中 |  | \％ | ＇m＇ | ${ }^{\text {＂＇m＇}}$ | \％＇ | ．．＇ | 梁 |  |  | 1 | ＇ 7 | $"$ | ＋1 | ： |  | ＊ |
| $\begin{array}{lllll}0 & 1 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 4 | $\underset{(5)}{\text { CG-RAM }}$ | 曹 | ＋ |  | 4 | B | $T$ | 1 | t． | ： |  |  | ： | $\underline{1}$ | 1 | ＋ | P |  | \％ |
| $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 1 & 0 & 1\end{array}$ | 5 | $\underset{(6)}{\text { CG-RAM }}$ |  | \％ |  | ＂＇1 | ＂： | 1 | \％＇ | 1 | 1 \％ |  | ＂＇1 | ＂ | 4 | 7 | 1 | \％ |  | 1 |
| $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 1 & 1 & 0\end{array}$ | 6 | $\underset{(7)}{\text { CG-RAM }}$ | ：I | $y$ |  | \％ | ＇＂＇ | $\theta$ | ＂ | y | Im | \％ | ＇ | $\cdots$ | I | "'". | … | ${ }^{\prime}$ |  | ？ |
| $\begin{array}{lllll}0 & 1 & 1 & 1\end{array}$ | 7 | $\underset{(8)}{\mathrm{CG}-\mathrm{RAM}}$ |  | ＂ |  | $7$ | $\mathrm{E}$ | 1 | ＇： | 6 | ：＇： |  | ＊ | F＇ | \＃ | N | 7 | ： |  | It |
| 10000 | 8 | $\underset{(1)}{\text { CG-RAM }}$ |  | \％ |  |  | $H$ | $\mathrm{X}$ | $0$ | Y | \％ |  |  | 4 | $7$ | $\pm$ | $!$ | ＋＇ |  | X |
| $1 \begin{array}{llll}1 & 0 & 0 & 1\end{array}$ | 9 | $\underset{(2)}{\text { CG-RAM }}$ | b | ＇ |  |  | $1$ | $1$ | $\dot{1}$ | ！ | \％ |  | $\bar{y}$ | H | $1$ | $I$ | li | ＂ |  | ！ |
| 1010 | A | $\underset{(3)}{\text { CG-RAM }}$ | ＂： | ＋ |  | \# | I | $\because$ | 4 | 플 | i |  | ， | \＃． | $\ldots$ | 1 | b | ， |  | ＂＇： |
| $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 0 & 1 & 1\end{array}$ | B | CG－RAM <br> （4） | ＇i＇： | ＋ |  | $:$ | $\mathrm{F}$ | $1$ | $\mathrm{B}$ | 4 | id |  |  | 1 | ＋ | ＂－ | $\square$ | X |  | F |
| 1100 | C | $\underset{(5)}{\text { CG-RAM }}$ | ＂ | ： |  | ， | L．．． | ＊ | $1$ | $1$ | $\because$ |  |  | $\pm$ | $\ddot{1}$ | $7$ | 7 | ＊ |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 1 & 0 & 1\end{array}$ | D | $\underset{(6)}{\text { CG-RAM }}$ | \％ | ＂． |  | ＂：－ | $6$ | $7$ | 7 | ＇ | ix |  | $4$ | I | $A$ | ， | ．＇1 | ＂． |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 1 & 1 & 0\end{array}$ | E | $\underset{(7)}{\text { CG-RAM }}$ | 4 | ＂ |  |  | $14$ | $\therefore$ | $\mathrm{H}$ | $\cdots$ |  |  |  | $\pm$ | ＋ | $1$ | $\therefore$ | 1 |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1\end{array}$ | F | $\begin{gathered} \text { CG-RAM } \\ \text { (8) } \end{gathered}$ | 杂 | ＊ |  | ＇ | T |  |  | ＊ | ： |  |  |  | ， | \％ | ＂＇ | i |  | \＃ |


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Table-11 Relationship between CG-RAM address, Character Codes (DD-RAM) AND 5*7 Dot Character Patterns (CG-RAM)

| Character Codes (DD-RAM DATA) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | CG-RAM ADDRESS |  |  |  |  |  | Character Patterns (CG-RAM data) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{D} \\ & 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{D} \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{D} \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ | D | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{D} \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ | D | D 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{D} \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{A} \\ 5 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{A} \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ | A 3 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{A} \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{A} \\ 1 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{A} \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{D} \\ & 7 \end{aligned}$ | D 6 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{D} \\ 5 \end{gathered}$ | D 4 | D 3 | D 2 | D 1 | D | Character <br> Pattern(0) |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 |  |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Character <br> Pattern (1) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Character <br> Pattern(7) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Notes: 1. Character code bits 0 to 2 correspond to CG-RAM address bits 3 to 5 ( 3 bits 8 types).
2. CG-RAM address bits 0 to 2 designate the character the pattern line position. The $8^{\text {th }}$ line is the cursor position and its display is formed by a logical OR with the cursor. Maintain the $8^{\text {th }}$ line If bit 4of the $8^{\text {th }}$ line data is 1.1 bit will light up the cursor regardless of the cursor presence
3. Character pattern row positions correspond to CG-RAM data bits 0 to 4 (bit 4 being at the left )
4. As show Table-11 CG-RAM character patterns are selected when character code bits 4 to 7 are all 0 . However, since character code bit 3 has no effect, the display example above can be selected by either character code 00 H or 08 H
5. 1 for CG-ram data corresponds display selection and 0 to non-selection." $\times$ " Indicates non-effect.

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## 5. 2 Interfacing to the MPU

This VFD module can interface in either two 4-bit operations or one 8-bit operation, thus allowing interfacing with 4-bit or 8-bit MPUs.
※ For 4-bit interface data, only four bus lines (DB4 to DB7) are used for transfer. When to use 4-bit parallel data transfer, DB0 to DB3 keep "H"or "L". The data transfer between the VFD module and the MPU is completed after the 4-bit data has been transferred before the four low order bits (for 8-bit operation. DB0 to DB3).
The busy flag (BF) are performed before transferring the higher 4 bits. BF checks are not required before transferring the lower 4 bits.


Fig 4-biti transfer Example (M68)
※For 8-bit interface data, all eight bus lines (DB0 to DB7) are used.

### 5.3 Reset Function

### 5.3.1 Power-on reset

An internal reset circuit automatically initializes the module when the power is turn on.
The following instructions are executed during the initialization.

1) Display clear

Fill the DD-RAM with 20H (Space Code)
2) Set the address counter to 00 H

Set the address counter (ACC) to point DD-RAM.

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| 3) Display on/off control: |  |  |  |  |
| D=0; Display off |  |  |  |  |
| $B=0$; Blinking off |  |  |  |  |
| C=0; Cursor off |  |  |  |  |
| 4) | mode set: |  |  |  |
|  | $=1$; Increment by 1 |  |  |  |
|  | ; No shift |  |  |  |
| 5) Fu | ion set |  |  |  |
|  | 1; 8-bit interface data |  |  |  |
|  | =BR1=0; Brightness=100\% |  |  |  |
|  | ; 2-line display |  |  |  |
| 6) | interface type |  |  |  |
|  | en J7=Open; M68 type (Factory Setting) |  |  |  |
|  | en J7=Short; 180 type |  |  |  |
| 5.3.2 External reset |  |  |  |  |

In order to use this function, a user must connect the soldering pad "J2". When the soldering pad "J2" is open-circuited, this function isnot valid and when it is short-circuited, the third hole (pin \#3) is used for external reset input. If low level signal longer than 500 ns is input into the hole, reset function being same as power on reset is executed.

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## 6. INSTRUCTIONS

### 6.1 Outline

Only the instruction register (IR) and data register (DR) of the VFD controller can be controlled by the user's MPU. Before starting the internal operation of the controller, control information is temporarily stored into these registers to allow interfacing with various MPUs, which operate at different speeds, or various peripheral control devices. The internal operation of the controller is determined by signals sent from the MPU. These signals, which include register selection signal (RS), read/write signal (R/W), and the data bus (DB0 to DB7), make up the controller instructions (See Table-13). There are four categories of instructions that:

- designate controller functions, such as display format, data length, ect.
- Set internal RAM addresses
- Perform data transfer with internal RAM
- Perform miscellaneous functions

Normally instructions that perform data transfer with interval RAM are used the most.
However, auto-increment by 1 (or auto-decrement by 1) of internal RAM addresses after each data write can lighten the program load of the MPU. Since the display shift instruction can perform concurrently with display data write, the user can minimize system development time with maximum programming efficiency.

When an instruction is being executed for internal operation, no instruction other than the busy flag/address read instruction can be executed. Because the busy flag is set to 1 while an instruction is being executed, check it to make sure it is 0 before sending another instruction from the MPU.

Note: Be sure the controller is not in the busy state $(B F=0)$ before sending an instruction from the MPU to the nodule. If an instruction is sent without checking the busy flag, the time between the first instruction and next instruction will take much longer than the instruction time itself.
Refer to Table-13 for the list of each instruction execution time.




The I/D bit selects the way in which the contents of the address counter (ACC) are modified after every access to DD-RAM or CG-RAM.
$\mathrm{I} / \mathrm{D}=1$ : The address counter (ACC) is incremented.
$\mathrm{I} / \mathrm{D}=0$ : The address counter (ACC) is decremented.
The S bit enable display shift, instead of cursor shift, after each write or read to the DD-RAM.
$S=1$ : Display shift enabled.
$S=0$ : Cursor shift enabled.
The direction in which the display is shifted is opposite in sense to that of the cursor.
For example, if $S=0$ and $I / D=1$, the cursor would shift one character to the right after a MPU writes to DD-RAM. However if $S=1$ and $I / D=1$, the display would shift one character to the left and the cursor would maintain its position on panel.
The cursor will already be shifted in the direction selected by I/D during reads of the DD-RAM, irrespective of the value of S. Similarly reading and writing the CG-RAM always shift the cursor.
Also both lines are shifted simultaneously.
Table-14 Cursor move and Display shift by the "Entry Mode Set"

| I/D | S | After writing DD-RAM data | After reading DD-RAM data |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 0 | The cursor moves one character to the <br> left. | The cursor moves one character <br> to the left. |
| 1 | 0 | The cursor moves one character to the <br> right. | The cursor moves one character to <br> the right. |
| 0 | 1 | The display shifts one character to the <br> right without cursor's move. | The cursor moves one character to <br> the left. |
| 1 | 1 | The display shifts one character to the left <br> without cursor's move. | The cursor moves one character <br> to the right. |


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### 6.2.4 Display ON/OFF

| DB7 | DB6 | DB5 | DB4 | DB3 | DB2 | DB1 | DB0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | D | C | B |

08 H to 0 FH
$x$ : Don't care
This instruction controls various features of the display.

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\begin{array}{ll}
\mathrm{D}=1 \text { : Display on, } & \mathrm{D}=0 \text { : Display off. } \\
\mathrm{C}=1 \text { : Cursor on } & \mathrm{C}=0 \text { : Cursor off. } \\
\mathrm{B}=1 \text { : Blinking on } & \mathrm{B}=0 \text { : blinking off. }
\end{array}
$$

(Blinking is achieved by alternating between a normal and all on display of a character.
The cursor' blink with a frequency of about 1.0 Hz and DUTY 50\%)

### 6.2.5 Cursor/Display Shift

| DB7 | DB6 | DB5 | DB4 | DB3 | DB2 | DB1 | DB0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\mathrm{~S} / \mathrm{C}$ | $\mathrm{R} / \mathrm{L}$ | 0 | 0 |
| $\mathrm{RS}=0, \mathrm{R} / \mathrm{W}=0$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

10 H to 1 FH
$X$ : Don't care
This instruction shifts the display and/or moves the cursor on character to the left or right, without reading or writing DD-RAM.
The $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{C}$ bit selects movement of the cursor or movement of both the cursor and the display.
$\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{C}=1$ : Shift both cursor and display
$\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{C}=0$ : Shift cursor only
The R/L bit selects left ward or right ward movement of the display and/or cursor.
$R / L=1$ : Shift one character right
$\mathrm{R} / \mathrm{L}=0$ : Shift one character left

Table-15 Cursor/Display shift

| S/C | R/L | Cursor shift | Display shift |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 0 | Move one character to the left | No shift |
| 0 | 1 | Move one character to the right | No shift |
| 1 | 0 | Shift one character to the left with display | Shift one character to the left |
| 1 | 1 | Shift one character to the right with display | Shift one character to the right |



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This instruction
(1) Loads a new 7-bit address into the address counter (ACC).
(2) Sets the address counter (ACC) to point to the DD-RAM.

Once the "Set DD-RAM Address" instruction has been executed, the contents of the address counter (ACC) will be automatically modified after each access of DD-RAM, as selected by the "Entry Mode Set" instruction.
Table-16 Valid DD-RAM address Ranges

|  | Number of Character | Address Range |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1^{\text {st }}$ line | 10 | 00 H to 13 H |

### 6.2.9 Read Busy Flag and Address

| DB7 | DB6 DB5 | DB4 | DB3 | DB2 | DB1 | DB0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| BF | ACC |  |  |  |  |  |

$$
\mathrm{RS}=0, \mathrm{R} / \mathrm{W}=1
$$

Read busy flag and address reads the flag (BF) indicating that the system is now internally operating on a previously received instruction. If BF is 1 , the internal operation is in progress.
$\mathrm{BF}=1$ : busy state
$\mathrm{BF}=0$ : ready for next instruction, command receivable.
The next instruction will not be accepted until BF is reset to 0 . Check the BF status before the next write operation. At the same time, the value of the address counter (ACC) in binary AAAAAAA is read out. This address counter (ACC) is used by both CG-RAM and DD-RAM address and its value is determined by the previous instruction. The address counter are the same as for instructions set CG-RAM address and set DD-RAM address.
6.2. 10 Write Data to CG or DD-RAM

| DB7 | DB6 | DB5 | DB4 | DB3 | DB2 | DB1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | DB0

$$
\mathrm{RS}=1, \mathrm{R} / \mathrm{W}=0
$$

This instruction writes 8-bit binary data (DB7 to DB0) from CG-RAM or DD-RAM.
The previous designation determines whether CG-RAM or DD-RAM is to be read.
Before entering this read instruction, either CG-RAM or DD-RAM address set instruction must be executed.
If not executed, the first read data will be invalid. When serially executing read instructions, the next address data is normally read from the second read. The address set instructions need not be executed just before this read instruction when shifting the cursor shift instruction (when reading out DD-RAM).
The operation of the cursor shift instruction is the same as the set DD-RAM address instruction.
After a read, the entry mode automatically increases or decreases the address by 1 .

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Note: The address counter (ACC) is automatically incremented or decremented by 1 after the write instructions to CG-RAM or DD-RAM are executed. The RAM data selected by the ACC cannot be read out at this time even if read instructions are executed. Therefore, to correctly read data, execute either the address set instruction or cursor shift instruction (only with DD-RAM), then just before reading the desired data, execute the read instruction from the second time the read instruction is sent.

## 7. 0 OPERATING RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Avoid applying excessive shock or vibration beyond the specification for the VFD module.
7.2 Since VFDs are made of glass material, careful handling is required.
i.e. Direct impact with hard material to the glass surface (especially exhaust tip) may crack the glass.
7.3 When mounting the VFD module to your system, leave a slight gap between the VFD glass and your front panel. The module should be mounted without stress to avoid flexing of the PCB.
7.4 Avoid plugging or unplugging the interface connection with the power on, otherwise it may cause the severe damage to input circuitry.
7.5 Slow starting power supply may cause non-operation because one chip Mico won't be reset.
7.6 Exceeding any of maximum ratings may cause the permanent damage.
7.7 Since the VFD modules contain high voltage source, careful handing is required during powered on.
7.8 When the power is turned off, the capacitor dose not discharge immediately.

The high voltage applied to the VFD must not contact to the ICs. And the short-circuit
of mounted components on PCB within 30 times the specified current consumption when the power is turned on.
7.9 The power supply must be capable of providing at least 3 times the rated current, because the surge current can be more than 3 times the specified current consumption when the power is turned on.
7.10 Avoid using the module where excessive noise interference is expected. Noise may affects the Interface signal and causes improper operation. And it is important to keep the length of the interface cable less than 50 cm .
7.11 Since all VFD modules contain C-MOS ICs, anti-static handing procedures are always required.

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