



**ULTRA LOW VOS EPAD® DUAL CMOS ANALOG VOLTAGE COMPARATOR**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The ALD2321A/ALD2321B/ALD2321 is a monolithic Precision Dual Voltage Comparator, each having integrated dual complementary output drivers. It is constructed using advanced silicon gate CMOS technology. Key features of the ALD2321A/ALD2321B/ALD2321 include very high input impedance, very low offset voltage utilizing on-chip e-trim (EPAD® electronic-trimming) technology, flexible multiple output configurations and fast response time with small overdrive voltage. It is designed for ultra low level signal detection from high impedance sources. For many applications the ALD2321A/ALD2321B/ALD2321 can eliminate an input amplification stage, a precision input bias stage, a signal level shift stage and an output buffer stage, and do the entire job from low level input signal detection to high output driver -- all on a single chip.

The input voltage includes ground, making this voltage comparator ideal for single supply (+5V) or dual supply ( $\pm 5V$ ) powered systems. For dual supply applications, GND pin is connected to the most negative supply instead of Ground (0.0V). The negative supply voltage can be at any value between 0.0V and -5V. Each voltage comparator is individually trimmed at the factory for minimum offset voltage at ground voltage potential, making the ALD2321A/ALD2321B/ALD2321 at its best offset voltage and ready to compare very low signal level voltages at or near ground potential. Typically a signal less than 1mV can be resolved and detected reliably without requiring amplification. Sensor or detector signals with signal power as low as 0.004pW ( $4 \times 10^{-15}$  Watt) can be readily detected.

Each voltage comparator has two complementary output pins, one for Source Output (OUT<sub>H</sub>) and the other for Sink Output (OUT). This dual complementary output allows maximum circuit design flexibility. The outputs can be used as Single-Ended Driver, Multiple WIRED-OR Outputs, Push-Pull Outputs or Complementary Outputs. The Sink Output can be used as an open drain output, which has current sink capability of up to 50mA. It can also be connected to an external voltage higher or lower than V+, which provide level shift of the output swing levels from other than V+ to GND. The Source Output can source up to 2mA and can be used to drive the base terminal of an external NPN bipolar device or the gate of a N-channel MOSFET device. Alternatively, the two outputs, Source Output and

**ORDERING INFORMATION** ("L" suffix for lead free version)

Operating Temperature Range *		
0°C to +70°C	0°C to +70°C	-55°C to +125°C
16-Pin Small Outline Package (SOIC)	16-Pin Plastic Dip Package	16-Pin CERDIP Package
ALD2321ASCL	ALD2321APCL	ALD2321ADC
ALD2321BSCL	ALD2321BPCL	ALD2321BDC
ALD2321SCL	ALD2321PCL	ALD2321DC

\* Contact factory for leaded (non-RoHS) or high temperature versions.

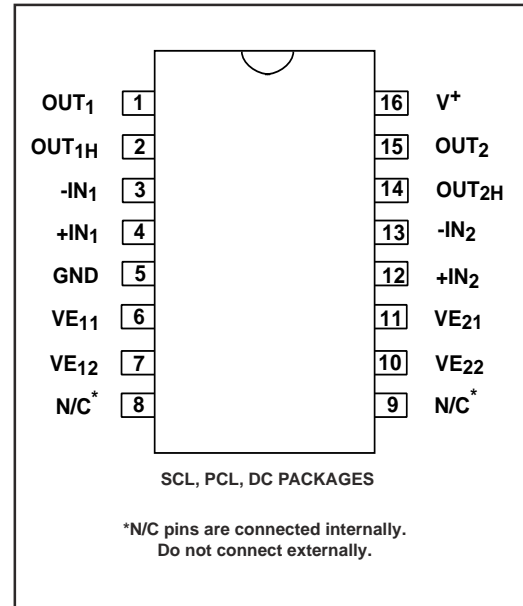
**FEATURES**

- Ultra low signal power of 4fW detectable
- Ultra low offset voltage of max. 0.2mV
- Ultra low input bias currents of typ. 0.01pA
- Low supply current of 110µA typical
- Virtually eliminates source impedance effects
- Low operating supply voltage of 4V to 10V
- Single (+5V) and dual supply ( $\pm 5V$ ) operation
- High speed for both small and large level signals 300ns typical for TTL inputs
- CMOS, NMOS and TTL compatible
- Each comparator has separate push and pull outputs
- High output sink current - typically 50mA
- Low supply current spikes
- Fanout of 30 TTL loads

**APPLICATIONS**

- Dual limit window comparator
- Power supply voltage monitor
- Photo-detector sensor circuit
- Relay or LED driver
- Oscillators
- Battery operated instruments
- Remote signal detection

**PIN CONFIGURATION**



## GENERAL DESCRIPTION (cont'd)

Sink Output, can be connected together to form a push-pull output which has the combined output capabilities of both channels.

In the dual complementary output mode, each comparator can be used to drive separate loads. Due to the complementary nature of the two outputs, only one output is active at any a given time, except for a limited crossover time. When OUT (sink output) is active ON, the OUT pin is sinking current and the OUT<sub>H</sub> pin is OFF and in high impedance mode. Conversely, if OUT<sub>H</sub> pin is ON and sourcing current, OUT pin is OFF. To configure push-pull output, simply connect OUT (sink output) pin to OUT<sub>H</sub> pin.

Since each voltage comparator has its own complementary outputs, each comparator can be configured to have a different output type. For example, one comparator output can be connected as Open Drain output while the other comparator can be wired as push-pull output. If used to drive capacitive loads, the output DC current levels are at a very low level, at essentially leakage current levels, which can be a power saving feature.

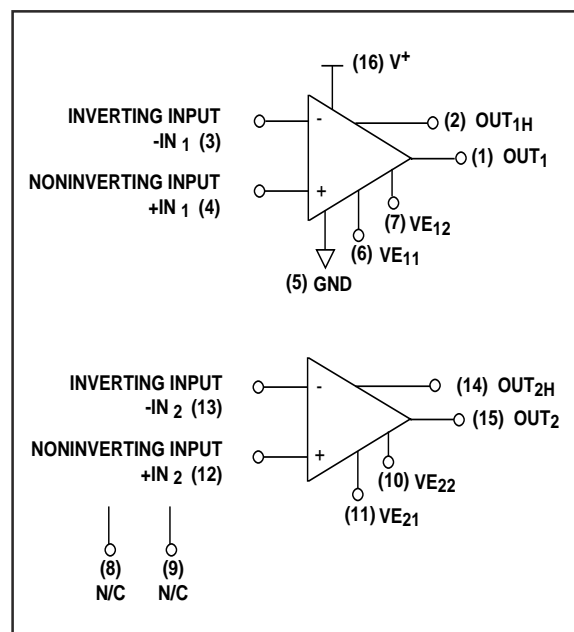
The ALD2321A/ALD2321B/ALD2321 can detect and resolve very low voltage levels at high speed, with little or no overdrive voltage. Compared with other voltage comparator devices that require 100 mV overdrive voltages, or multiple stage circuits that include input preamp, etc., the ALD2321A/ALD2321B/ALD2321 can perform all input to output functions in one device with minimal delay time and with as low as a 1mV signal.

The ALD2321A/ALD2321B/ALD2321 is supplied with 4 external e-trim pins, VE11, VE12, VE21, and VE22. These pins are used for trimming of the voltage comparator offset voltages at the factory, and normally should be left open unconnected. However, in some cases these pins can be used as positive/negative feedback pins, since these pins have a positive/negative factor on the offset voltage. For example, see TYPICAL APPLICATIONS section titled "Voltage Comparator With Output Feedback to Provide Hysteresis."

In a printed circuit board layout, it is suggested that these pins, along with no connect (N/C) pins 8 and 9, be surrounded with ground traces to prevent any possible crosstalk and noise coupling from other signal sources.

Although not required for most applications, if necessary, small valued capacitors of approximately 1000pF can be mounted at these pins to ground to further reduce noise. For information on customized trimming under different biasing and power supply conditions, please contact factory.

## BLOCK DIAGRAM



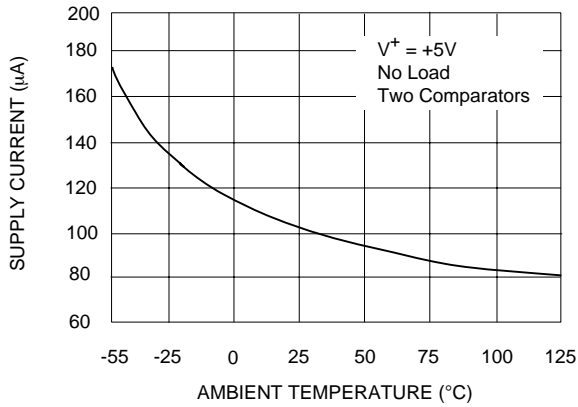
## ALD2321 PIN IDENTIFICATION

PIN #	SYMBOL	FUNCTION	SIGNAL PROPAGATION
1	OUT <sub>1</sub>	COMPARATOR 1 SINK OUTPUT	OUTPUT
2	OUT <sub>1H</sub>	COMPARATOR 1 SOURCE OUTPUT	OUTPUT
3	-IN <sub>1</sub>	COMPARATOR 1 INVERTING INPUT	INPUT
4	+IN <sub>1</sub>	COMPARATOR 1 NON-INVERTING INPUT	INPUT
5	GND	GROUND / V- SUPPLY	-
6	VE <sub>11</sub>	- VOS E-Trim COMPARATOR 1	INPUT
7	VE <sub>12</sub>	+ VOS E-Trim COMPARATOR 1	INPUT
8	N/C	No Connect/Do Not connect externally	-
9	N/C	No Connect/Do Not connect externally	-
10	VE <sub>22</sub>	+VOS E-Trim COMPARATOR 2	INPUT
11	VE <sub>21</sub>	- VOS E-Trim COMPARATOR 2	INPUT
12	+IN <sub>2</sub>	COMPARATOR 2 NON-INVERTING INPUT	INPUT
13	-IN <sub>2</sub>	COMPARATOR 2 INVERTING INPUT	INPUT
14	OUT <sub>2H</sub>	COMPARATOR 2 SOURCE OUTPUT	OUTPUT
15	OUT <sub>2</sub>	COMPARATOR 2 SINK OUTPUT	OUTPUT
16	V+	V+ SUPPLY	-

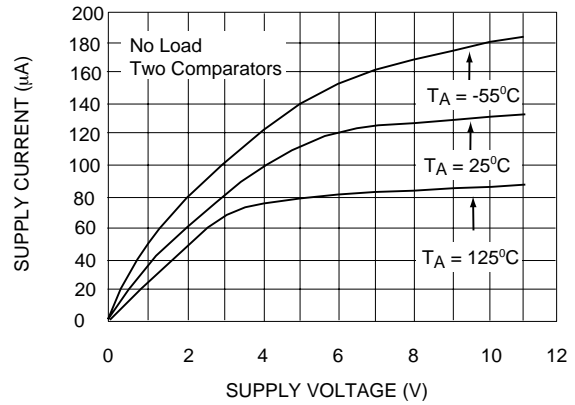


# TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

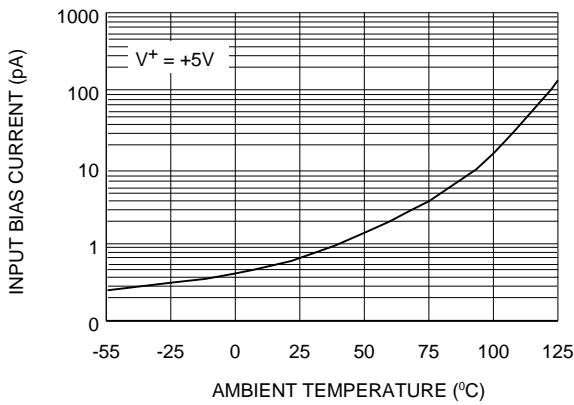
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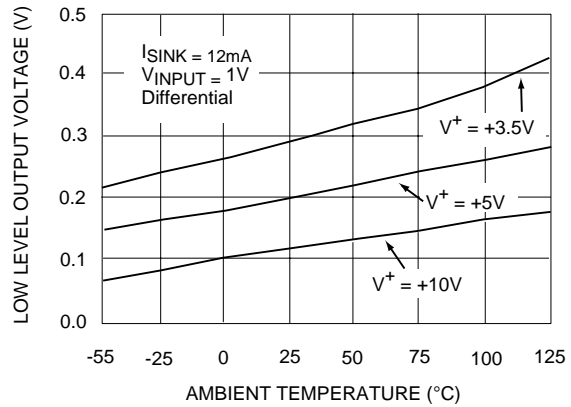
### SUPPLY CURRENT vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE



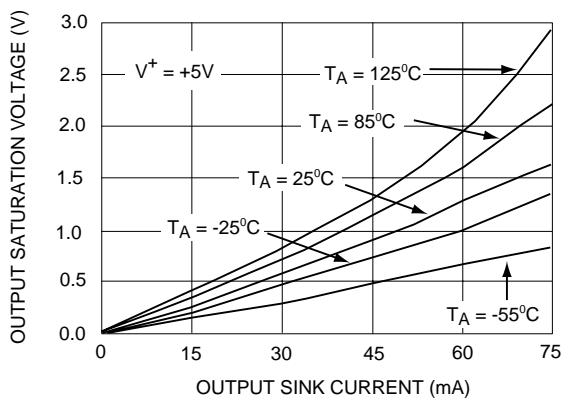
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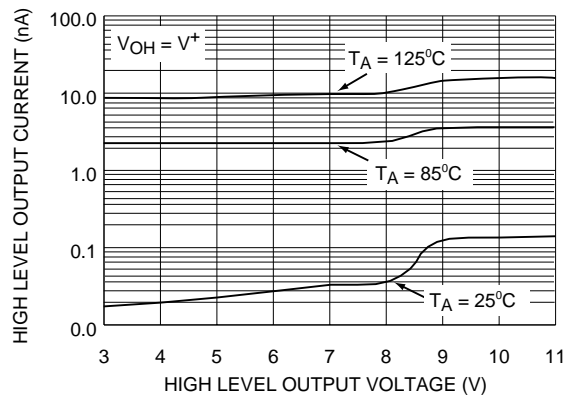
### LOW LEVEL OUTPUT VOLTAGE vs. TEMPERATURE



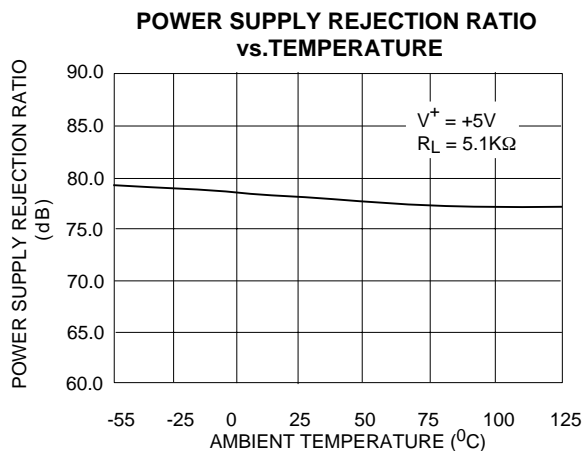
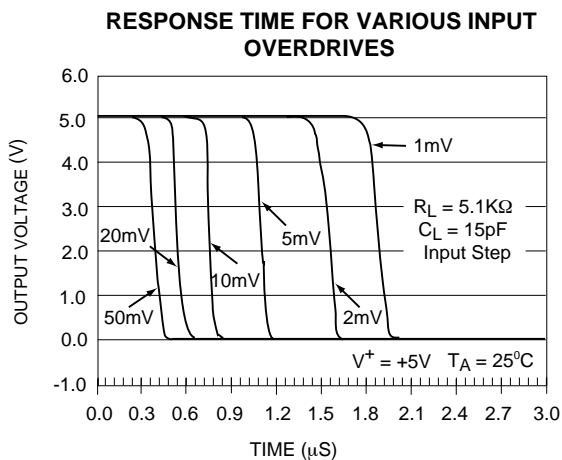
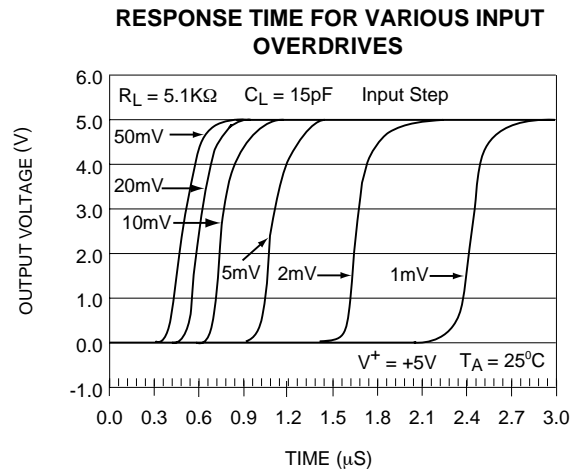
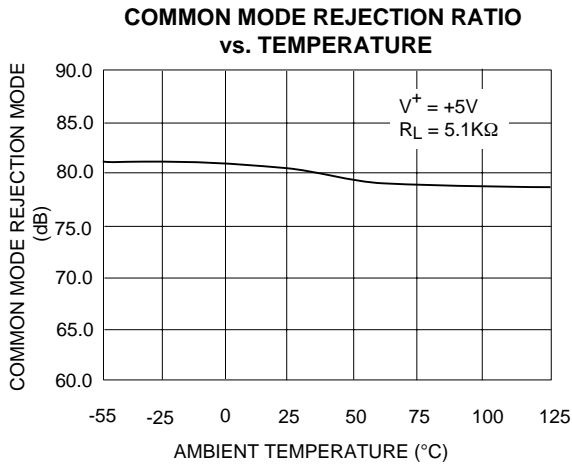
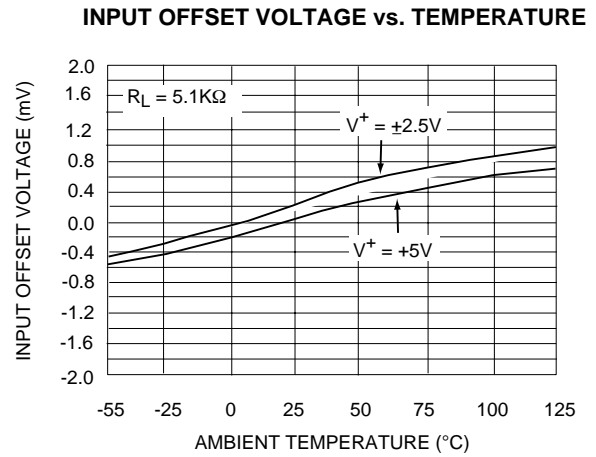
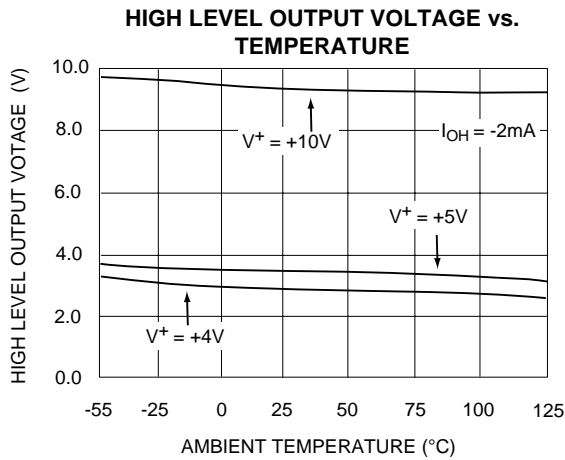
### SATURATION VOLTAGE vs. SINK CURRENT



### HIGH LEVEL OUTPUT VOLTAGE vs. HIGH LEVEL OUTPUT LEAKAGE CURRENT

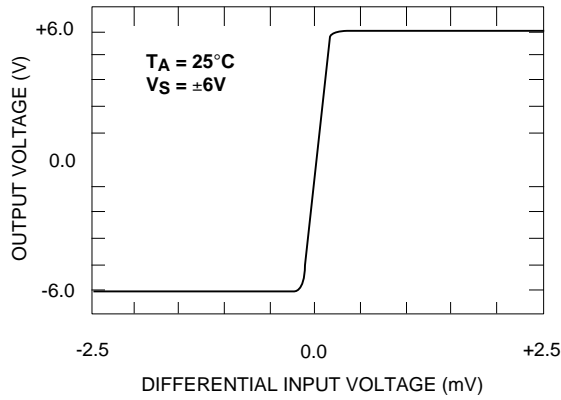


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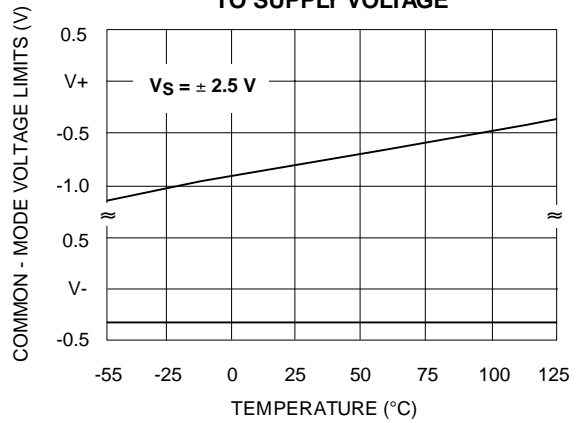


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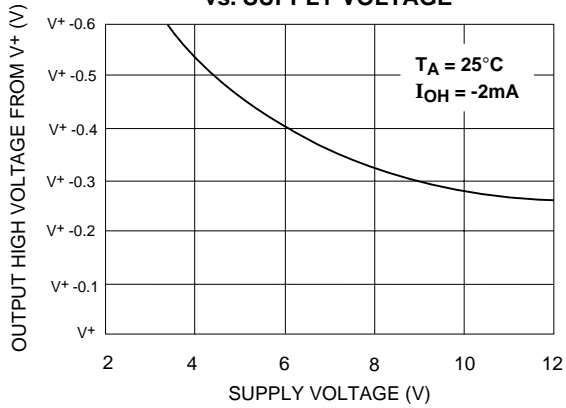
### TRANSFER FUNCTION



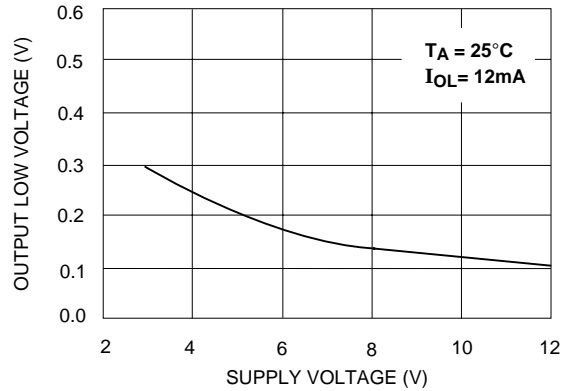
### COMMON - MODE VOLTAGE REFERRED TO SUPPLY VOLTAGE



### OUTPUT HIGH VOLTAGE vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE

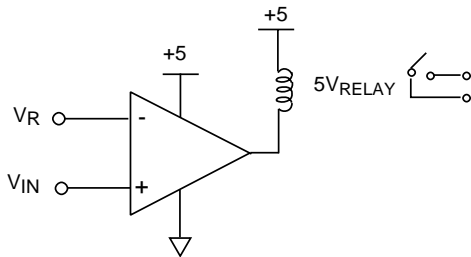


### OUTPUT LOW VOLTAGE vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE

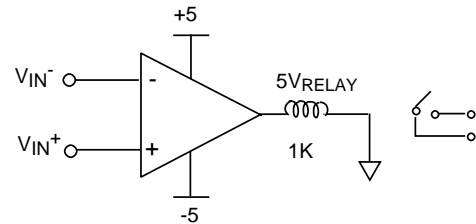


## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

### PRECISION SINGLE SUPPLY VOLTAGE COMPARATOR WITH DIRECT RELAY DRIVER

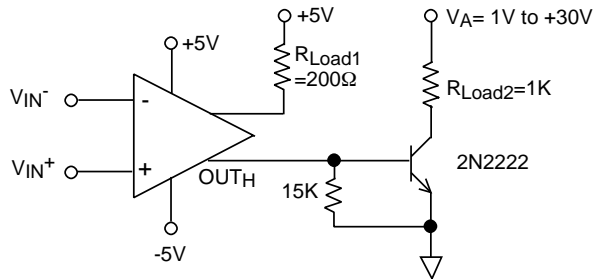


### VOLTAGE COMPARATOR WITH +/-5V SUPPLY AND +5V RELAY DRIVE

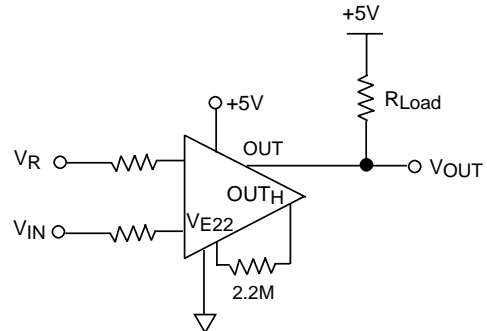


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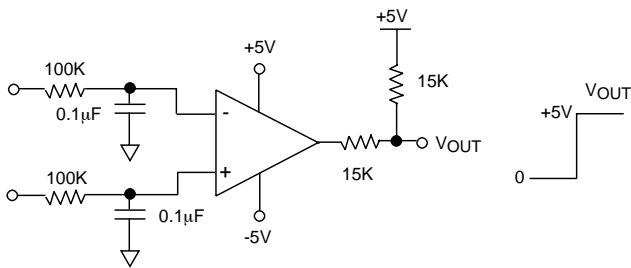
**VOLTAGE COMPARATOR WITH COMPLEMENTARY OUTPUT DRIVERS**



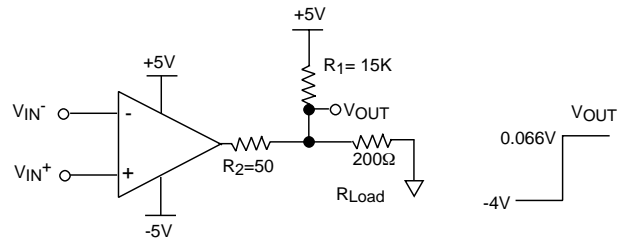
**VOLTAGE COMPARATOR WITH OUTPUT FEEDBACK TO PROVIDE HYSTERESIS**



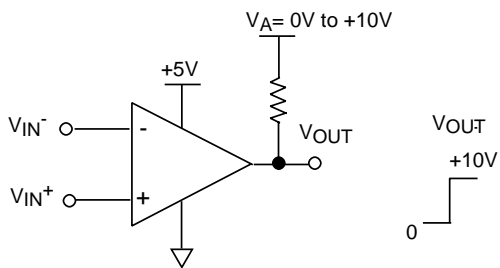
**VOLTAGE COMPARATOR WITH +/-5V SUPPLY AND OUTPUT LEVEL SHIFT**



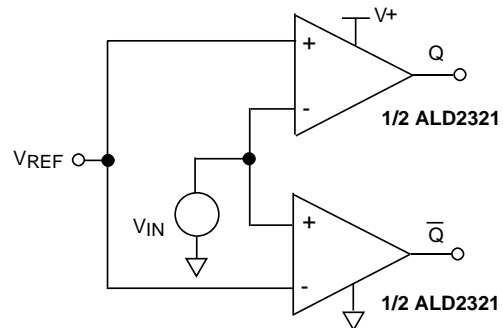
**VOLTAGE COMPARATOR WITH OUTPUT LEVEL SHIFT AND HIGH CURRENT LOAD DRIVER**



**VOLTAGE COMPARATOR WITH SINGLE SUPPLY AND OUTPUT LEVEL SHIFT**

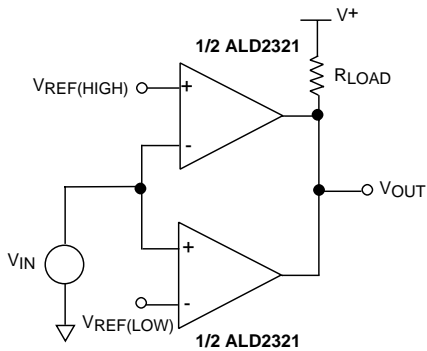


**VOLTAGE COMPARATOR WITH COMPLEMENTARY OUTPUTS**



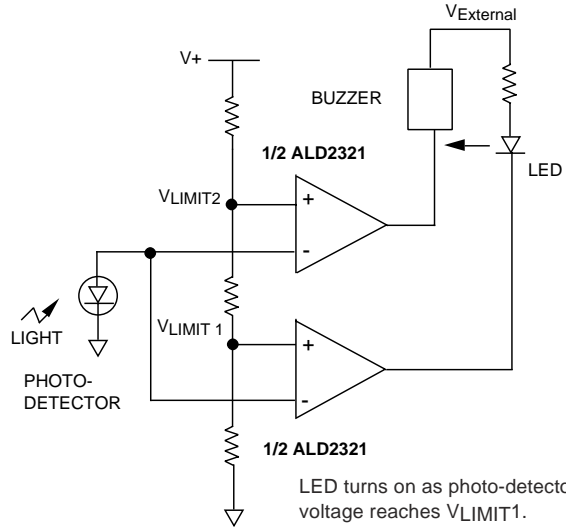
## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

### DUAL LIMIT WINDOW COMPARTOR



$R_{LOAD} = 1.5K\Omega$   
 OUTPUT HIGH FOR  $V_{IN} < V_{REF(HIGH)}$   
 AND  $V_{IN} > V_{REF(LOW)}$

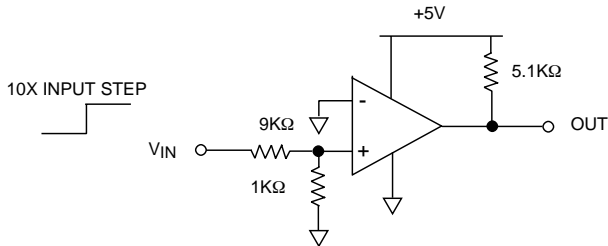
### DUAL LIMIT PHOTO DETECTOR MONITOR



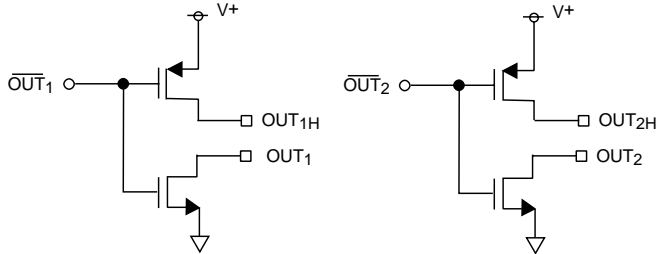
LED turns on as photo-detector voltage reaches  $V_{LIMIT1}$ .  
 Both LED and horn turns on as photo-detector voltage reaches  $V_{LIMIT2}$ .  
 $V_{EXTERNAL} = +12V$ ,  $V+ = +5V$

### RESPONSE TIME MEASUREMENT CIRCUIT

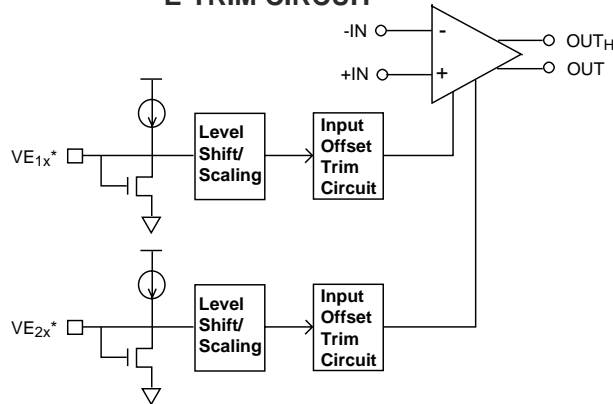
Response time is defined as the interval between the application of an input step function and the instant when the output reaches 50% of its maximum value as measured by the following test circuit:



### PINS OUT1, OUT1H, OUT2, OUT2H, INTERNAL CIRCUIT CONFIGURATIONS



### E-TRIM CIRCUIT

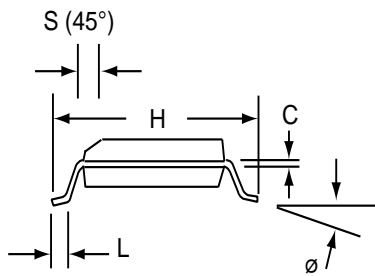
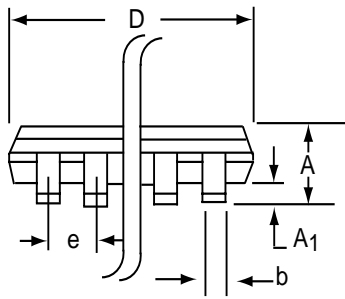
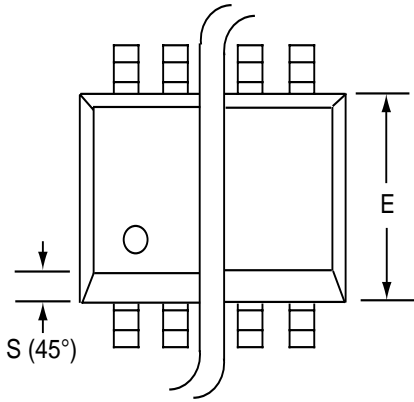


\* These pins should be isolated by surrounding them with ground trace in user's applications.



# SOIC-16 PACKAGE DRAWING

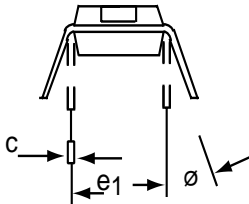
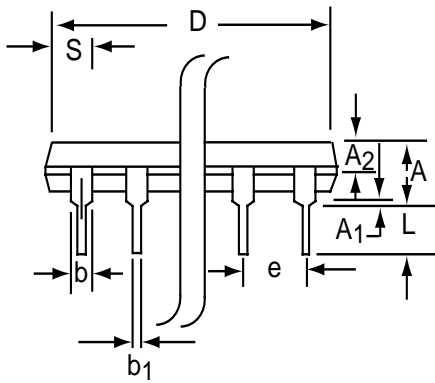
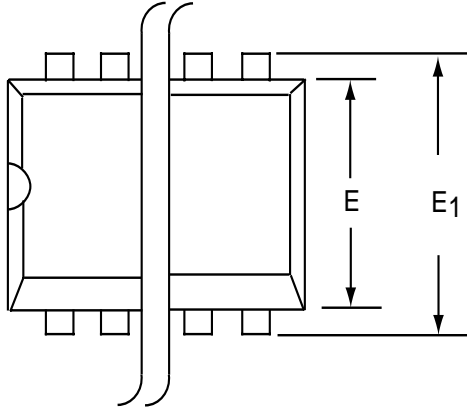
## 16 Pin Plastic SOIC Package



Dim	Millimeters		Inches	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
<b>A</b>	1.35	1.75	0.053	0.069
<b>A<sub>1</sub></b>	0.10	0.25	0.004	0.010
<b>b</b>	0.35	0.45	0.014	0.018
<b>C</b>	0.18	0.25	0.007	0.010
<b>D-16</b>	9.80	10.00	0.385	0.394
<b>E</b>	3.50	4.05	0.140	0.160
<b>e</b>	1.27 BSC		0.050 BSC	
<b>H</b>	5.70	6.30	0.224	0.248
<b>L</b>	0.60	0.937	0.024	0.037
<b>ø</b>	0°	8°	0°	8°
<b>S</b>	0.25	0.50	0.010	0.020

# PDIP-16 PACKAGE DRAWING

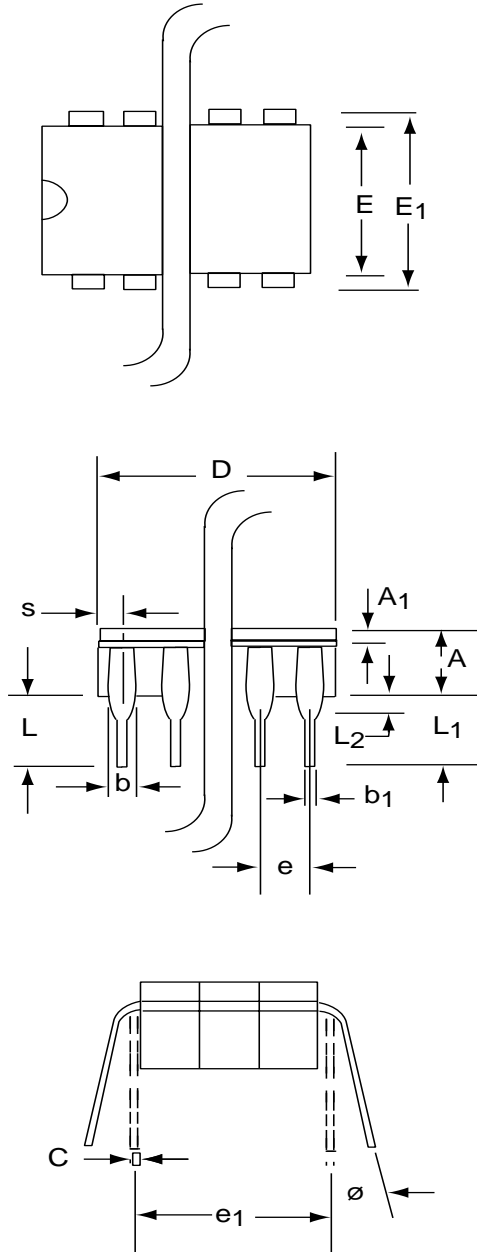
## 16 Pin Plastic DIP Package



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	Min	Max	Min	Max
A	3.81	5.08	0.105	0.200
A <sub>1</sub>	0.38	1.27	0.015	0.050
A <sub>2</sub>	1.27	2.03	0.050	0.080
b	0.89	1.65	0.035	0.065
b <sub>1</sub>	0.38	0.51	0.015	0.020
c	0.20	0.30	0.008	0.012
D-16	18.93	21.33	0.745	0.840
E	5.59	7.11	0.220	0.280
E <sub>1</sub>	7.62	8.26	0.300	0.325
e	2.29	2.79	0.090	0.110
e <sub>1</sub>	7.37	7.87	0.290	0.310
L	2.79	3.81	0.110	0.150
S-16	0.38	1.52	0.015	0.060
φ	0°	15°	0°	15°

# CERDIP-16 PACKAGE DRAWING

## 16 Pin CERDIP Package



Dim	Millimeters		Inches	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
<b>A</b>	3.55	5.08	0.140	0.200
<b>A<sub>1</sub></b>	1.27	2.16	0.050	0.085
<b>b</b>	0.97	1.65	0.038	0.065
<b>b<sub>1</sub></b>	0.36	0.58	0.014	0.023
<b>C</b>	0.20	0.38	0.008	0.015
<b>D-16</b>	--	21.34	--	0.840
<b>E</b>	5.59	7.87	0.220	0.310
<b>E<sub>1</sub></b>	7.73	8.26	0.290	0.325
<b>e</b>	2.54 BSC		0.100 BSC	
<b>e<sub>1</sub></b>	7.62 BSC		0.300 BSC	
<b>L</b>	3.81	5.08	0.150	0.200
<b>L<sub>1</sub></b>	3.18	--	0.125	--
<b>L<sub>2</sub></b>	0.38	1.78	0.015	0.070
<b>S</b>	--	2.49	--	0.098
<b>∅</b>	0°	15°	0°	15°