

# MAXIM

## General Purpose Timers

ICM7555/7556

### General Description

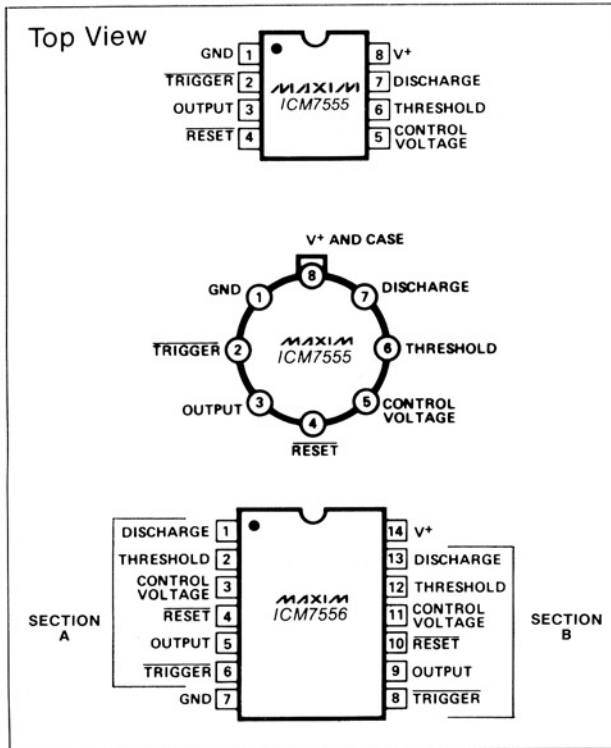
The Maxim ICM7555 and ICM7556 are respectively single and dual general purpose RC timers capable of generating accurate time delays or frequencies. The primary feature is an extremely low supply current, making this device ideal for battery-powered systems. Additional features include low THRESHOLD, TRIGGER, and RESET currents, a wide operating supply voltage range, and improved performance at high frequencies.

These CMOS low-power devices offer significant performance advantages over the standard 555 and 556 bipolar timers. Low-power consumption, combined with the virtually non-existent current spike during output transitions, make these timers the optimal solution in many applications.

### Applications

- |                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pulse Generator        | Pulse Position Modulation |
| Precision Timing       | Sequential Timing         |
| Time Delay Generation  | Missing Pulse Detector    |
| Pulse Width Modulation |                           |

### Pin Configuration



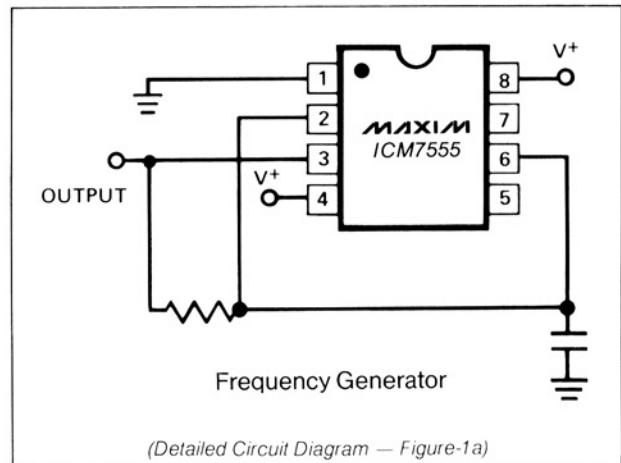
### Features

- ◆ Improved 2nd Source! (See 3rd page for "Maxim Advantage™").
- ◆ Wide Supply Voltage Range: 2-18V
- ◆ No Crowbarring of Supply During Output Transition
- ◆ Adjustable Duty Cycle
- ◆ Low THRESHOLD, TRIGGER and RESET Currents
- ◆ TTL Compatible
- ◆ Monolithic, Low Power CMOS Design

### Ordering Information

PART	TEMP. RANGE	PACKAGE
ICM7555IPA	-20°C to +85°C	8 Lead Plastic DIP
ICM7555IJA	-20°C to +85°C	8 Lead CERDIP
ICM7555ITV	-20°C to +85°C	TO-99 Can
ICM7555MJA	-55°C to +125°C	8 Lead CERDIP
ICM7555MTV	-55°C to +125°C	TO-99 Can
ICM7555ISA	-20°C to +85°C	8 Lead Small Outline
ICM7555/D	0°C to +70°C	Dice
ICM7556IPD	-20°C to +85°C	14 Lead Plastic DIP
ICM7556MJD	-55°C to +125°C	14 Lead CERDIP
ICM7556ISD	-20°C to +85°C	14 Lead Small Outline
ICM7556/D	0°C to +70°C	Dice

### Typical Operating Circuit



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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Note 1)

Supply Voltage	.....	+18 Volts
Input Voltage TRIGGER	.....	
Control Voltage THRESHOLD	<V <sup>+</sup> + 0.3V to ≥ -0.3V	
RESET	.....	
Output Current	.....	100mA
Power Dissipation <sup>2</sup> ICM7556	.....	300mW
ICM7555	.....	200mW
Operating Temperature Range	.....	
ICM7555/7556 (Maxim)	.....	-20°C to +85°C

ICM7555ISA (Maxim)	.....	-20°C to +85°C
ICM7555IPA	.....	-20°C to +85°C
ICM7555ITV	.....	-20°C to +85°C
ICM7556IPD	.....	-20°C to +85°C
ICM7555MTV	.....	-55°C to +125°C
ICM7556MJD	.....	-55°C to +125°C
Storage Temperature	.....	-65°C to +150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering 60 Seconds)	.....	+300°C

Stresses above those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(V<sup>+</sup> = +2 to +15 volts; T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, Unless Noted)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS	VALUE			UNITS
			MIN	TYP	MAX	
Supply Voltage	V <sup>+</sup>	-20°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +70°C -55°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +125°C	2 3		18 16	V V
Supply Current <sup>3</sup>	I <sup>+</sup>	ICM7555 V <sup>+</sup> = 2V V <sup>+</sup> = 18V ICM7556 V <sup>+</sup> = 2V V <sup>+</sup> = 18V		60 120 120 240	200 300 400 600	μA μA μA μA
Timing Error		R <sub>A</sub> , R <sub>B</sub> = 1k to 100k, 5V ≤ V <sup>+</sup> ≤ 15V C = 0.1μF Note 4 Note 4		2.0 50 75 100	5.0	% ppm/°C
Initial Accuracy						
Drift with Temperature		V <sup>+</sup> = 5V V <sup>+</sup> = 10V V <sup>+</sup> = 15V				
Drift with Supply Voltage		V <sup>+</sup> = 5V		1.0	3.0	%/V
Threshold Voltage	V <sub>TH</sub>	V <sup>+</sup> = 5V	0.63	0.66	0.67	V <sup>+</sup>
Trigger Voltage	V <sub>TRIG</sub>	V <sup>+</sup> = 5V	0.29	0.33	0.34	V <sup>+</sup>
Trigger Current	I <sub>TRIG</sub>	V <sup>+</sup> = 18V V <sup>+</sup> = 5V V <sup>+</sup> = 2V		50 10 1		pA pA pA
Threshold Current	I <sub>TH</sub>	V <sup>+</sup> = 18V V <sup>+</sup> = 5V V <sup>+</sup> = 2V		50 10 1		pA pA pA
Reset Current	I <sub>RST</sub>	V <sub>RESET</sub> = Ground V <sup>+</sup> = 18V V <sup>+</sup> = 5V V <sup>+</sup> = 2V		100 20 2		pA pA pA
Reset Voltage	V <sub>RST</sub>	V <sup>+</sup> = 18V V <sup>+</sup> = 2V	0.4 0.4	0.7 0.7	1.0 1.0	V V
Control Voltage Lead	V <sub>CV</sub>	V <sup>+</sup> = 5V	0.62	0.66	0.67	V <sup>+</sup>
Output Voltage Drop	V <sub>O</sub>	Output Lo V <sup>+</sup> = 18V I <sub>SINK</sub> = 3.2mA V <sup>+</sup> = 5V I <sub>SINK</sub> = 3.2mA Output Hi V <sup>+</sup> = 18V I <sub>SOURCE</sub> = 1.0mA V <sup>+</sup> = 5V I <sub>SOURCE</sub> = 1.0mA		0.1 0.15 17.25 4.0	0.4 0.4 17.8 4.5	V V V V
Rise Time of Output	t <sub>r</sub>	R <sub>L</sub> = 10MfΩ C <sub>L</sub> = 10pF V <sup>+</sup> = 5V	35	40	75	ns
Fall Time of Output	t <sub>f</sub>	R <sub>L</sub> = 10MfΩ C <sub>L</sub> = 10pF V <sup>+</sup> = 5V	35	40	75	ns
Guaranteed Max Osc Freq	f <sub>max</sub>	Astable Operation	500			kHz

**Note 1:** Due to the SCR structure inherent in the CMOS process used to fabricate these devices, connecting any terminal to a voltage greater than V<sup>+</sup> + 0.3V or less than V<sup>-</sup> - 0.3V may cause destructive latchup. For this reason it is recommended that no inputs from external sources not operating from the same power supply be applied to the device before its power supply is established. In multiple systems, the supply of the ICM7555/6 must be turned on first.

**Note 2:** Junction temperatures should not exceed 135°C and the power dissipation must be limited to 20mW at 125°C. Below 125°C power dissipation may be increased to 300mW at 25°C. Derating factor is approximately 3mW/°C (7556) or 2mW/°C (7555).

**Note 3:** The supply current value is essentially independent of the TRIGGER, THRESHOLD and RESET voltages.

**Note 4:** Parameter is not 100% tested. Majority of all units meet this specification.

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# MAXIM ADVANTAGE™

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- ◆ Lower Supply Current
- ◆ Increased Output Source Current
- ◆ Guaranteed THRESHOLD, TRIGGER and RESET Input Currents
- ◆ Guaranteed Discharge Output Voltage
- ◆ Supply Current Guaranteed Over Temperature
- ◆ Significantly Improved ESD Protection (Note 6)
- ◆ Maxim Quality and Reliability

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS** This device conforms to the Absolute Maximum Ratings on adjacent page.

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** Specifications below satisfy or exceed all "tested" parameters on adjacent page.  
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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Supply Voltage	V <sup>+</sup>	-20°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +85°C -55°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +125°C	2 3		16.5 16	V V
Supply Current (Note 3)	I <sup>+</sup>	<b>ICM 7555</b> V <sup>+</sup> = 2-16.5V; T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C V <sup>+</sup> = 5V; T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C V <sup>+</sup> = 5V; -20°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +85°C V <sup>+</sup> = 5V; -55°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +125°C <b>ICM 7556</b> V <sup>+</sup> = 2-16.5V; T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C V <sup>+</sup> = 5V; T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C V <sup>+</sup> = 5V; -20°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +85°C V <sup>+</sup> = 5V; -55°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +125°C		30 60	250 120 250 300 500 240 500 600	μA μA μA μA μA μA μA μA
Timing Error (Note 4)		Circuit of figure 1(b); R <sub>A</sub> = R <sub>B</sub> = 100kΩ, C = 0.1μF, V <sup>+</sup> = 5V				
Initial Accuracy (Note 5)				2.0	5.0	%
Drift with Temperature		V <sup>+</sup> = 5V V <sup>+</sup> = 10V V <sup>+</sup> = 15V V <sup>+</sup> = 5V		50 75 100 1.0		ppm/°C ppm/°C ppm/°C %/V
Drift with Supply Voltage					3.0	%/V
Threshold Voltage	V <sub>TH</sub>	V <sup>+</sup> = 5V	0.63	0.66	0.67	V <sup>+</sup>
Trigger Voltage	V <sub>TRIG</sub>	V <sup>+</sup> = 5V	0.29	0.33	0.34	V <sup>+</sup>
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Discharge Output Voltage	V <sub>DIS</sub>	V <sup>+</sup> = 5V, I <sub>DIS</sub> = 3.2mA		0.1	0.4	V
Rise Time of Output (Note 4)	t <sub>r</sub>	R <sub>L</sub> = 10MΩ C <sub>L</sub> = 10pF V <sup>+</sup> = 5V	35	40	75	ns
Fall Time of Output (Note 4)	t <sub>f</sub>	R <sub>L</sub> = 10MΩ C <sub>L</sub> = 10pF V <sup>+</sup> = 5V	35	40	75	ns
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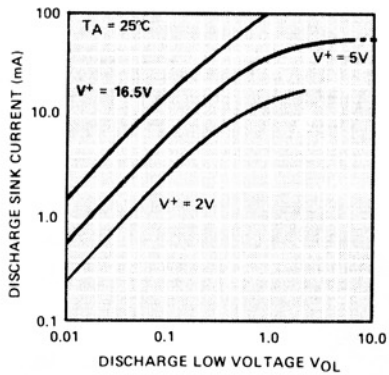
**Note 5:** Deviation from f = 1.46/(R<sub>A</sub> + 2 R<sub>B</sub>)C, V<sup>+</sup> = 5V.

**Note 6:** All pins are designed to withstand electrostatic discharge (ESD) levels in excess of 2000V. (Mil Std 883B, Method 3015.1 Test Circuit.)

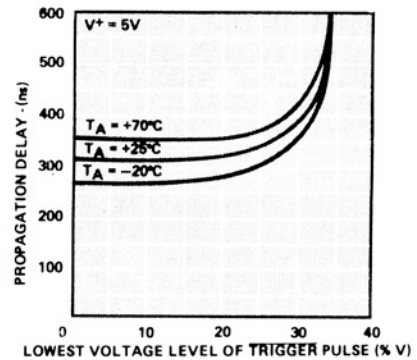
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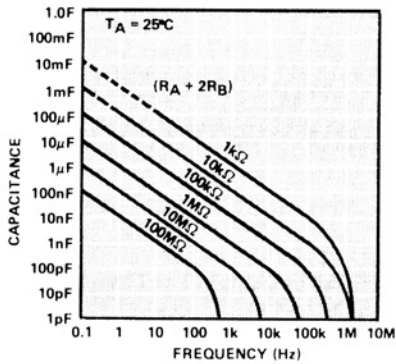
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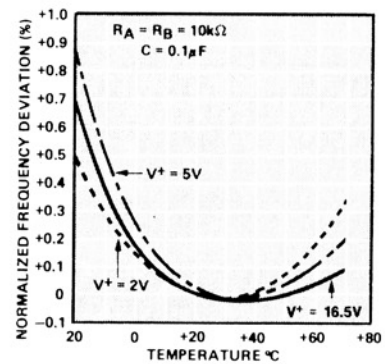
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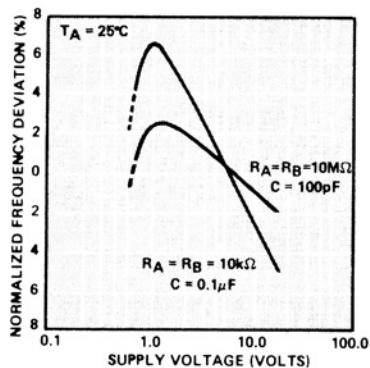
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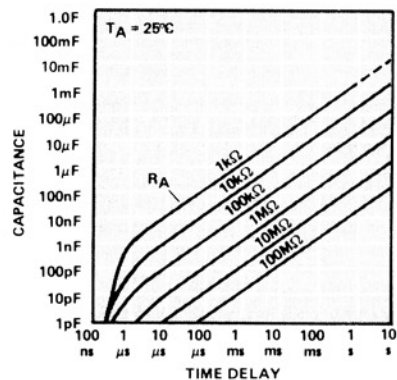
NORMALIZED FREQUENCY STABILITY IN THE ASTABLE MODE AS A FUNCTION OF TEMPERATURE



NORMALIZED FREQUENCY STABILITY IN THE ASTABLE MODE AS A FUNCTION OF SUPPLY VOLTAGE



TIME DELAY IN THE MONOSTABLE MODE AS A FUNCTION OF  $R_A$  AND C



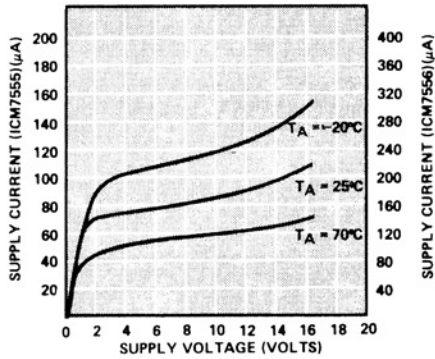


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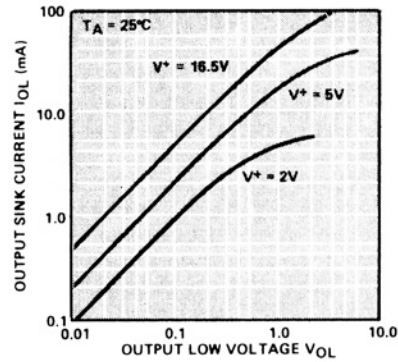
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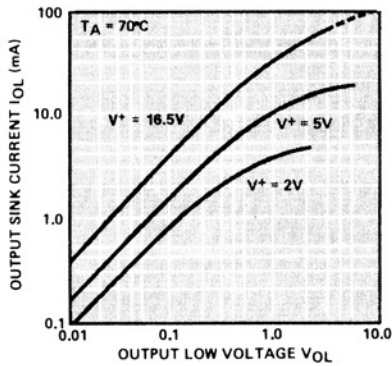
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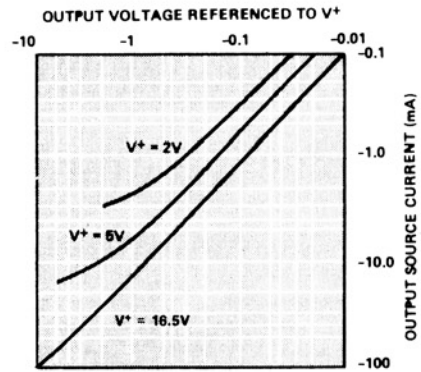
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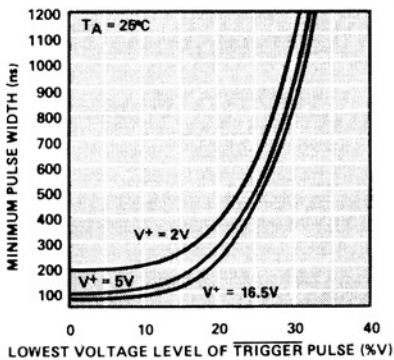
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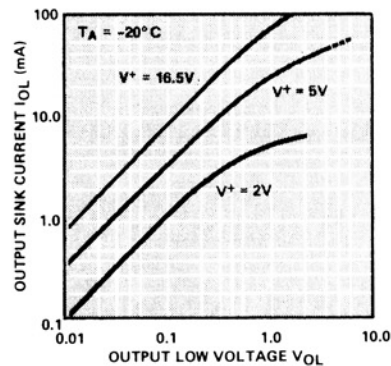
**OUTPUT SOURCE CURRENT AS A FUNCTION OF OUTPUT VOLTAGE**



**MINIMUM PULSE WIDTH REQUIRED FOR TRIGGERING**



**OUTPUT SINK CURRENT AS A FUNCTION OF OUTPUT VOLTAGE**



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## Detailed Description

Both the ICM7555 timer and the ICM7556 dual timer can be configured for either astable or monostable operation. In the astable mode the free running frequency and the duty cycle are controlled by two external resistors and one capacitor. Similarly, the pulse width in the monostable mode is precisely controlled by one external resistor and capacitor.

The external component count is decreased when replacing a bipolar timer with the ICM7555 or ICM7556. The bipolar devices produce large crowbar currents in the output driver. To compensate for this spike, a capacitor is used to decouple the power supply lines. The CMOS timers produce supply spikes of only 2-3mA vs. 300-400mA (Bipolar), therefore supply decoupling is typically not needed. This current spike comparison is illustrated in Figure 3. Another component is eliminated at the control voltage pin. These CMOS timers, due to the high impedance inputs of the comparators, do not require decoupling capacitors on the control voltage pin.

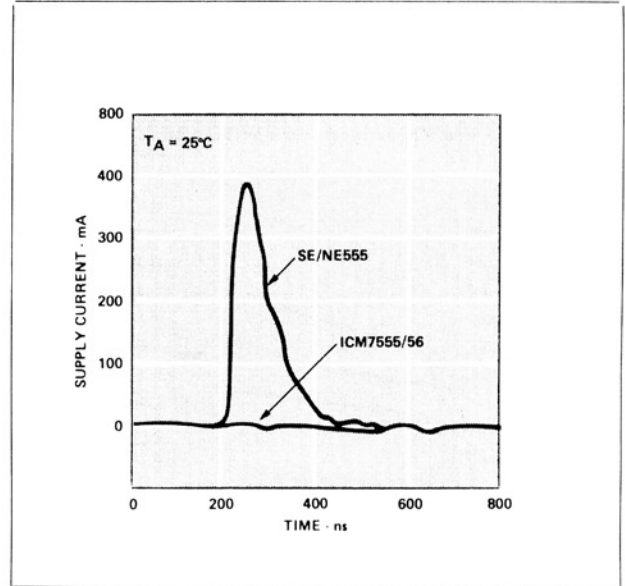


Figure 3. Supply current transient compared with a standard bipolar 555 during an output transition.

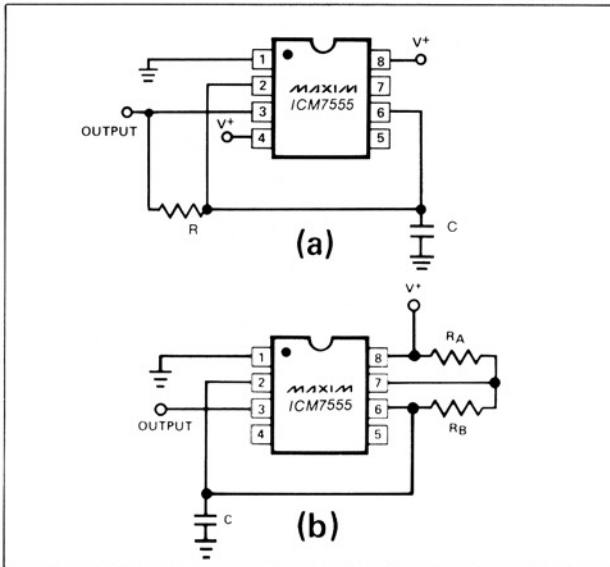


Figure 1. Maxim ICM7555 used in two different astable configurations.

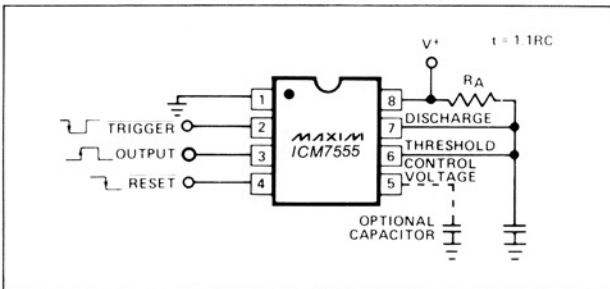


Figure 2. Maxim ICM7555 in a monostable operation.

## Applications Information

### Astable Operation

We recommend either of the two astable circuit configurations illustrated in Figure 1. The circuit in (1a) provides a 50% duty cycle output using one timing resistor and capacitor. The oscillator waveform across the capacitor is symmetrical and triangular, swinging from  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the supply voltage. The frequency generated is defined by:

$$f = \frac{1}{1.4 RC}$$

The circuit in (1b) provides a means of varying the duty cycle of the oscillator. The frequency is defined by:

$$f = \frac{1.46}{(R_A + 2R_B)C}$$

The duty cycle is:

$$D = \frac{R_B}{R_A + 2R_B}$$

### Monostable Operation

The circuit diagram in Figure 2 illustrates monostable operation. In this mode the timer acts as a one shot. Initially the external capacitor is held discharged by the discharge output. Upon application of a negative TRIGGER pulse to pin 2, the capacitor begins to charge exponentially through  $R_A$ . The device resets after the voltage across the capacitor reaches  $\frac{2}{3}(V^+)$ .

$$t_{\text{output}} = -\ln(\frac{1}{3})R_A C = 1.1 R_A C$$

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## Reset

The reset function is significantly improved over the standard bipolar 555 and 556 in that it controls only the internal flip-flop, which in turn simultaneously controls the state of the Output and Discharge pins. This avoids the multiple threshold problems sometimes encountered with slow-falling edges of the bipolar devices. This input is designed to have essentially the same trip voltage as the standard bipolar devices (0.6 to 0.7V). At all supply voltages this input maintains an extremely high impedance.

## Control Voltage

The control voltage regulates the two trip voltages for the THRESHOLD and TRIGGER internal comparators. This pin can be used for frequency modulation in the astable mode. By varying the applied voltage to the control voltage pin, delay times can be changed in the monostable mode.

## Power Supply Considerations

Since the TRIGGER, THRESHOLD and Discharge leakage currents are very low, high impedance timing components may be used, keeping total system supply current at a minimum.

## Output Drive Capability

The CMOS output stage is capable of driving most logic families including CMOS and TTL. The ICM7555 and ICM7556 will drive at least two standard TTL loads at a supply voltage of 4.5V or greater. When driving CMOS, the output swing at all supply voltage levels will equal the supply voltage.

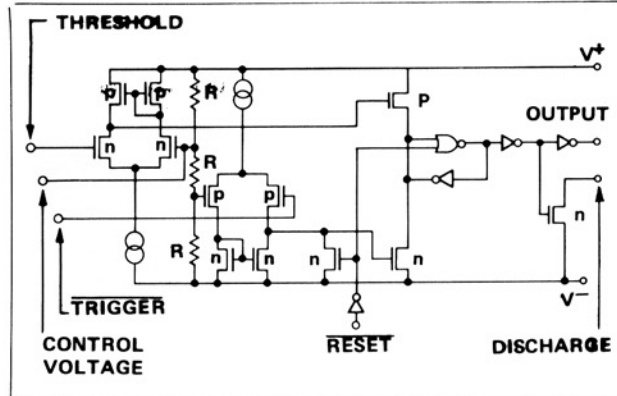


Figure 5. Equivalent circuit.

## Function Table

RESET	TRIGGER VOLTAGE†	THRESHOLD VOLTAGE†	OUTPUT	DISCHARGE SWITCH
Low	Irrelevant	Irrelevant	Low	On
High	$< \frac{1}{3} V^+$	Irrelevant	High	Off
High	$> \frac{1}{3} V^+$	$> \frac{2}{3} V^+$	Low	On
High	$> \frac{1}{3} V^+$	$< \frac{2}{3} V^+$	As previously established	

† Voltages levels shown are nominal.

**NOTE:** RESET will dominate all other inputs. TRIGGER will dominate over THRESHOLD.

## Chip Topographies

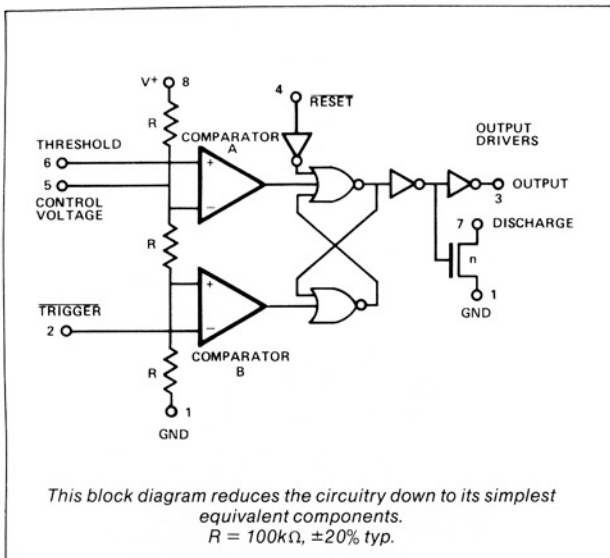
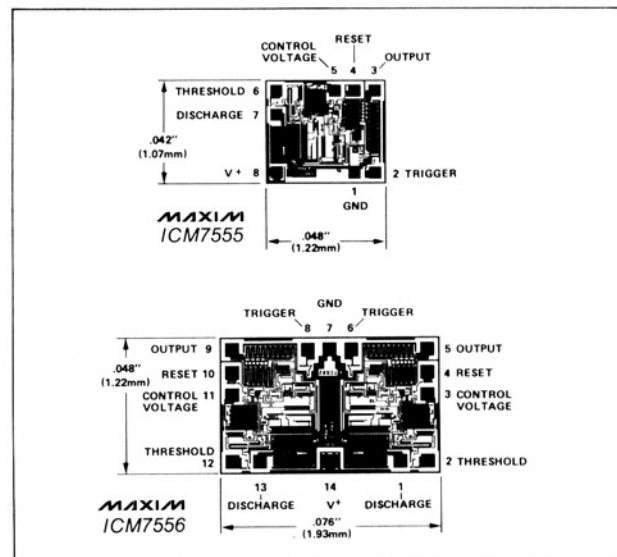


Figure 4. Block diagram of ICM7555.



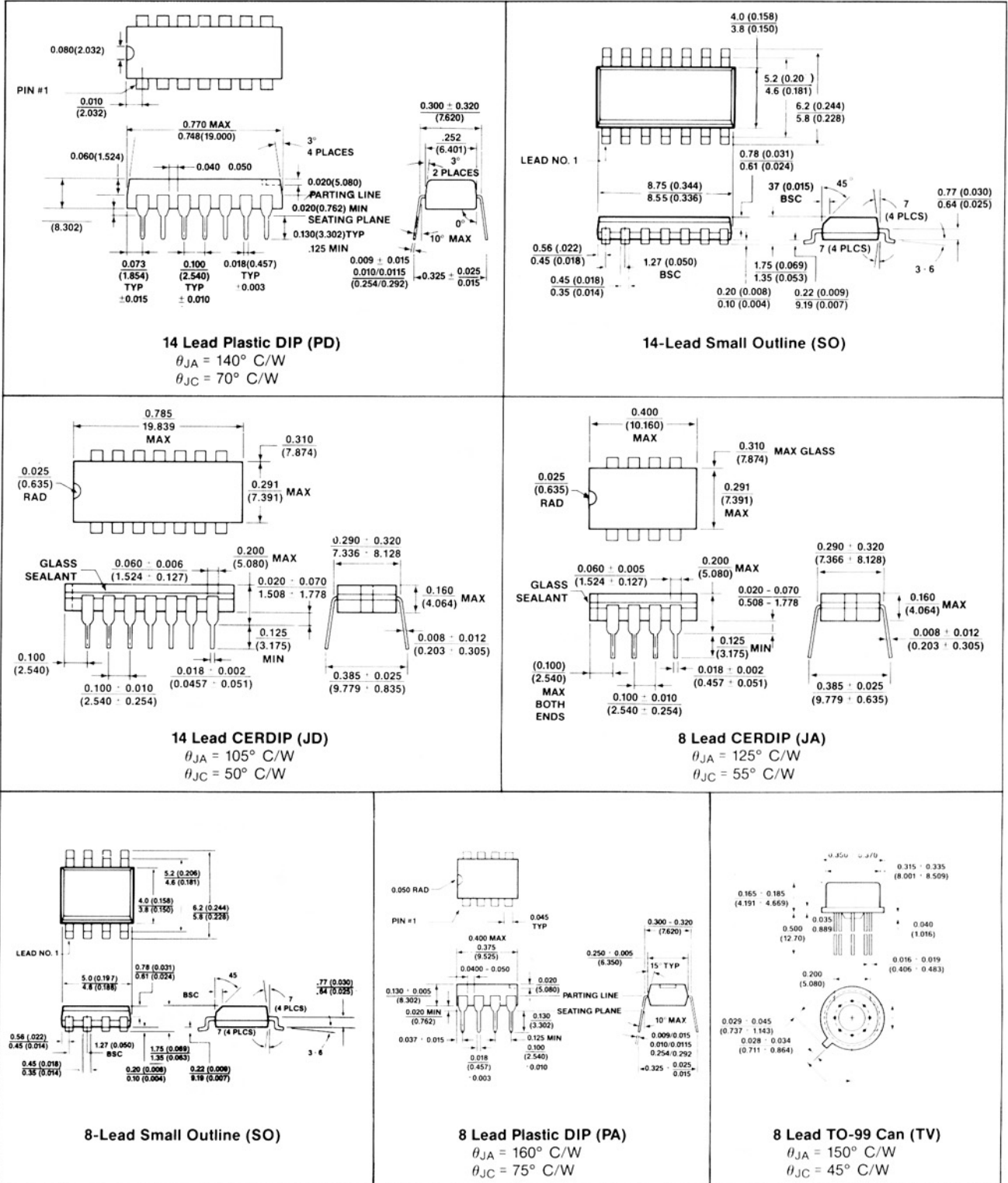


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## Package Information

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