APPLICATION NOTES

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## Terminal Voltage ±5V, 100 Taps



# X9C102/103/104/503

# E<sup>2</sup>POT<sup>™</sup> Nonvolatile Digital Potentiometer

## FEATURES

- Compatible with X9102/103/104/503
- Low Power CMOS
  - $-V_{CC} = 5V$
  - —Active Current, 3mA Max
  - -Standby Current, 500µA Max
- 99 Resistive Elements
   —Temperature Compensated
  - $-\pm$  20% End to End Resistance Range
- 100 Wiper Tap Points

   Wiper Positioned via Three-Wire Interface
   Similar to TTL Up/Down Counter
   Wiper Position Stored in Nonvolatile
   Memory and Recalled on Power-Up
- 100 Year Wiper Position Data Retention
- X9C102 =  $1\dot{K}\Omega$
- X9C103 = 10KΩ
- X9C503 = 50KΩ
- X9C104 = 100KΩ

## FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM

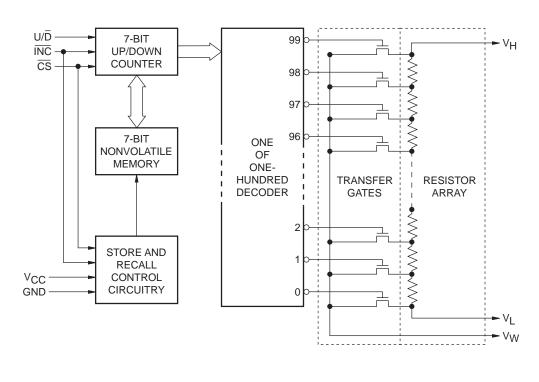
## DESCRIPTION

The Xicor X9C102/103/104/503 is a solid state nonvolatile potentiometer and is ideal for digitally controlled resistance trimming.

The X9C102/103/104/503 is a resistor array composed of 99 resistive elements. Between each element and at either end are tap points accessible to the wiper element. The position of the wiper element is controlled by the  $\overline{CS}$ , U/ $\overline{D}$ , and  $\overline{INC}$  inputs. The position of the wiper can be stored in nonvolatile memory and then be recalled upon a subsequent power-up operation.

The resolution of the X9C102/103/104/503 is equal to the maximum resistance value divided by 99. As an example, for the X9C503 (50K $\Omega$ ) each tap point represents 505 $\Omega$ .

All Xicor nonvolatile memories are designed and tested for applications requiring extended endurance and data retention.



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## **PIN DESCRIPTIONS**

## $V_{\textrm{H}}$ and $V_{\textrm{L}}$

The high (V<sub>H</sub>) and low (V<sub>L</sub>) terminals of the X9C102/103/ 104/503 are equivalent to the fixed terminals of a mechanical potentiometer. The minimum voltage is –5V and the maximum is +5V. It should be noted that the terminology of V<sub>L</sub> and V<sub>H</sub> references the relative position of the terminal in relation to wiper movement direction selected by the U/ $\overline{D}$  input and not the voltage potential on the terminal.

## $V_{W}$

 $V_W$  is the wiper terminal, equivalent to the movable terminal of a mechanical potentiometer. The position of the wiper within the array is determined by the control inputs. The wiper terminal series resistance is typically 40 $\Omega$ .

## Up/Down (U/D)

The  $U/\overline{D}$  input controls the direction of the wiper movement and whether the counter is incremented or decremented.

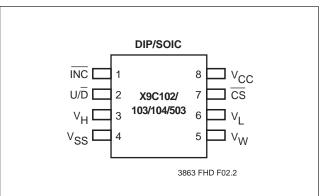
## Increment (INC)

The  $\overline{\text{INC}}$  input is negative-edge triggered. Toggling  $\overline{\text{INC}}$  will move the wiper and either increment or decrement the counter in the direction indicated by the logic level on the U/D input.

## Chip Select (CS)

The device is selected when the  $\overline{CS}$  input is LOW. The current counter value is stored in nonvolatile memory when  $\overline{CS}$  is returned HIGH while the  $\overline{INC}$  input is also HIGH. After the store operation is complete the X9C102/103/104/503 will be placed in the low power standby mode until the device is selected once again.

### **PIN CONFIGURATION**



### **PIN NAMES**

Symbol	Description	
V <sub>H</sub>	High Terminal	
Vw	Wiper Terminal	
VL	Low Terminal	
V <sub>SS</sub>	Ground	
V <sub>CC</sub>	Supply Voltage	
U/D	Up/Down Input	
ĪNC	Increment Input	
CS	Chip Select Input	
NC	No Connect	
CS	Chip Select Input	

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## **DEVICE OPERATION**

There are three sections of the X9C102/103/104/503: the input control, counter and decode section; the nonvolatile memory; and the resistor array. The input control section operates just like an up/down counter. The output of this counter is decoded to turn on a single electronic switch connecting a point on the resistor array to the wiper output. Under the proper conditions the contents of the counter can be stored in nonvolatile memory and retained for future use. The resistor array is comprised of 99 individual resistors connected in series. At either end of the array and between each resistor is an electronic switch that transfers the potential at that point to the wiper.

The  $\overline{INC}$ , U/ $\overline{D}$  and  $\overline{CS}$  inputs control the movement of the wiper along the resistor array. With  $\overline{CS}$  set LOW the X9C102/103/104/503 is selected and enabled to respond to the U/ $\overline{D}$  and  $\overline{INC}$  inputs. HIGH to LOW transitions on  $\overline{INC}$  will increment or decrement (depending on the state of the U/ $\overline{D}$  input) a seven-bit counter. The output of this counter is decoded to select one of one-hundred wiper positions along the resistive array.

The wiper, when at either fixed terminal, acts like its mechanical equivalent and does not move beyond the last position. That is, the counter does not wrap around when clocked to either extreme.

The value of the counter is stored in nonvolatile memory whenever  $\overline{\text{CS}}$  transistions HIGH while the  $\overline{\text{INC}}$  input is also HIGH.

When the X9C102/103/104/503 is powered-down, the last counter position stored will be maintained in the nonvolatile memory. When power is restored, the contents of the memory are recalled and the counter is reset to the value last stored.

## **OPERATION NOTES**

The system may select the X9C102/103/104/503, move the wiper, and deselect the device without having to store the latest wiper, position in nonvolatile memory. The wiper movement is performed as described above; once the new position is reached, the system would the keep INC LOW while taking CS HIGH. The new wiper position would be maintained until changed by the system or until a power-down/up cycle recalled the previously stored data.

This would allow the system to always power-up to a preset value stored in nonvolatile memory; then during system operation minor adjustments could be made. The adjustments might be based on user preference: system parameter changes due to temperature drift, etc...

The state of  $U/\overline{D}$  may be changed while  $\overline{CS}$  remains LOW. This allows the host system to enable the X9C102/103/104/503 and then move the wiper up and down until the proper trim is attained.

## T<sub>IW</sub>/R<sub>TOTAL</sub>

The electronic switches on the X9C102/103/104/503 operate in a "make before break" mode when the wiper changes tap positions. If the wiper is moved several positions, multiple taps are connected to the wiper for  $t_{IW}$  (INC to V<sub>W</sub> change). The R<sub>TOTAL</sub> value for the device can temporarily be reduced by a significant amount if the wiper is moved several positions.

## R<sub>TOTAL</sub> with V<sub>CC</sub> Removed

The end to end resistance of the array will fluctuate once  $V_{CC}$  is removed.

## 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

### **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS\***

Temperature under Bias –65°C to +135°C
Storage Temperature –65°C to +150°C
Voltage on $\overline{CS}$ , $\overline{INC}$ , U/ $\overline{D}$ and V <sub>CC</sub>
with Respect to $V_{SS}$ 1V to +7V
Voltage on V <sub>H</sub> and V <sub>L</sub>
Referenced to V <sub>SS</sub> 8V to +8V
$\Delta V =  V_{H} - V_{L} $
X9C1024V
X9C103, X9C503, and X9C10410V
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 seconds) +300°C
Wiper Current±1mA

## ANALOG CHARACTERISTICS

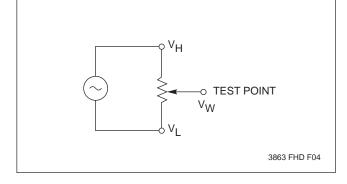
### **Electrical Characteristics**

End-to-End Resistance Tolerance	±20%
Power Rating at 25°C	
X9C102	16mW
X9C103, X9C503, and X9C104	10mW
Wiper Current	±1mA Max.
Typical Wiper Resistance	40Ω at 1mA
Typical Noise < -120dB	/√Hz Ref: 1V

#### Resolution

Resistance	6
Linearity	
Absolute Linearity <sup>(1)</sup> $\pm 1.0 \text{ MI}^{(2)}$ Relative Linearity <sup>(3)</sup> $\pm 0.2 \text{ MI}^{(2)}$	2)
Relative Linearity <sup>(3)</sup> ±0.2 MI <sup>(2)</sup>	2)

#### Test Circuit #1



#### \*COMMENT

Stresses above those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and the 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.

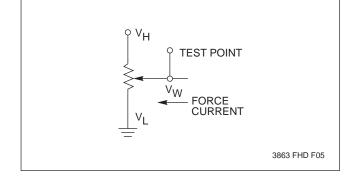
#### **Temperature Coefficient**

#### Wiper Adjustability

### **Physical Characteristics**

Marking Includes Manufacturer's Trademark Resistance Value or Code Date Code

### Test Circuit #2



Notes: (1) Absolute Linearity is utilized to determine actual wiper voltage versus expected voltage

- =  $(V_{w(n)}(actual) V_{w(n)}(actual)) = \pm 1$  MI Maximum.
- (2) 1 MI = Minimum Increment =  $R_{TOT}/99$ .

(3) Relative Linearity is a measure of the error in step size between taps =  $V_{W(n+1)} - [V_{w(n)} + MI] = +0.2 \text{ MI}.$ 

### **RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS**

Temperature	Min.	Max.
Commercial	0°C	+70°C
Industrial	_40°C	+85°C
Military	–55°C	+125°C
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Supply Voltage	Limits
X9C102/103/104/503	5V ±10%
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D.C. OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS (Over recommended operating conditions unless otherwise specified.)

		Limits					
Symbol	Parameter	Min.	Тур.(4)	Max.	Units	Test Conditions	
Icc	V <sub>CC</sub> Active Current		1	3	mA	$\frac{\overline{CS}}{\overline{INC}} = V_{IL}, U/\overline{D} = V_{IL} \text{ or } V_{IH} \text{ and}$ $\frac{1}{\overline{INC}} = 0.4V \text{ to } 2.4V @ \text{ max. } t_{CYC}$	
I <sub>SB</sub>	Standby Supply Current		200	500	μA	$\overline{\text{CS}} = \text{V}_{\text{CC}} - 0.3\text{V}, \text{U}/\overline{\text{D}} \text{ and } \overline{\text{INC}} = \text{V}_{\text{SS}} \text{ or } \text{V}_{\text{CC}} - 0.3\text{V}$	
ILI	CS, INC, U/D Input Leakage Current			±10	μA	$V_{IN} = V_{SS}$ to $V_{CC}$	
V <sub>IH</sub>	CS, INC, U/D Input HIGH Voltage	2		V <sub>CC</sub> + 1	V		
V <sub>IL</sub>	CS, INC, U/D Input LOW Voltage	-1		0.8	V		
R <sub>W</sub>	Wiper Resistence		40	100	Ω	Max. Wiper Current ±1mA	
V <sub>H</sub>	VH Terminal Voltage	-5		+5	V		
VL	VL Terminal Voltage	-5		+5	V		
C <sub>IN</sub> <sup>(5)</sup>	CS, INC, U/D Input Capacitance			10	pF	$V_{CC} = 5V$ , $V_{IN} = V_{SS}$ , $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ , $f = 1MHz$	

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### **STANDARD PARTS**

Part Number	Maximum Resistance	Wiper Increments	Minimum Resistance
X9C102	1ΚΩ	10.1Ω	40Ω
X9C103	10KΩ	101Ω	40Ω
X9C503	50ΚΩ	505Ω	40Ω
X9C104	100ΚΩ	1010Ω	40Ω

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Notes: (4) Typical values are for  $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$  and nominal supply voltage. (5) This parameter is periodically sampled and not 100% tested.

## A.C. CONDITIONS OF TEST

Input Pulse Levels	0V to 3V	
Input Rise and Fall Times	10ns	
Input Reference Levels	1.5V	
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### MODE SELECTION

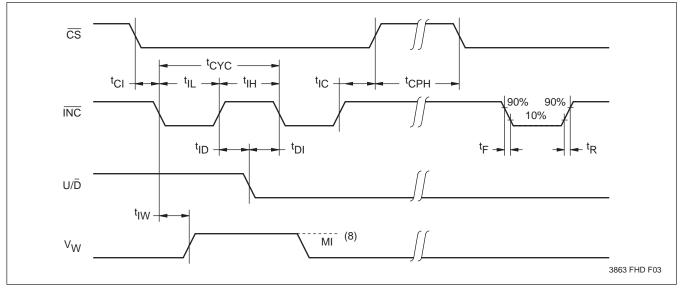
CS	INC	U/D	Mode	
L	£	Н	Wiper Up	
L	٦	L	Wiper Down	
f	Н	Х	Store Wiper Position	
Н	Х	Х	Standby Current	
f	L	Х	No Store, Return to	
			Standby	

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## A.C. OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS (Over recommended operating conditions unless otherwise specified)

			Limits		
Symbol	Parameter	Min.	Тур.(6)	Max.	Units
t <sub>Cl</sub>	CS to INC Setup	100			ns
t <sub>ID</sub>	INC HIGH to U/D Change	100			ns
t <sub>DI</sub>	U/D to INC Setup	2.9			μs
t <sub>IL</sub>	INC LOW Period	1			μs
t <sub>IH</sub>	INC HIGH Period	1			μs
t <sub>IC</sub>	<b>INC</b> Inactive to <b>CS</b> Inactive	1			μs
t <sub>CPH</sub>	CS Deselect Time	20			ms
t <sub>IW</sub>	INC to Vw Change		100	500	μs
t <sub>CYC</sub>	INC Cycle Time	4			μs
$t_{R, t_F}^{(7)}$	INC Input Rise and Fall Time			500	μs
t <sub>PU</sub> (7)	Power up to Wiper Stable			500	μs
t <sub>R</sub> V <sub>CC</sub> <sup>(7)</sup>	V <sub>CC</sub> Power-up Rate	0.2		50	mV/μs
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## A.C. Timing

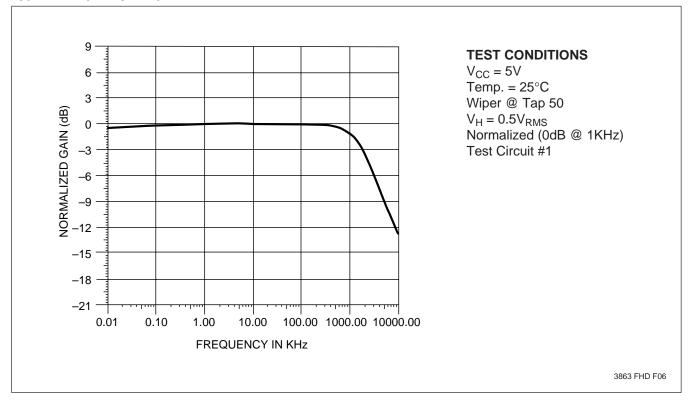


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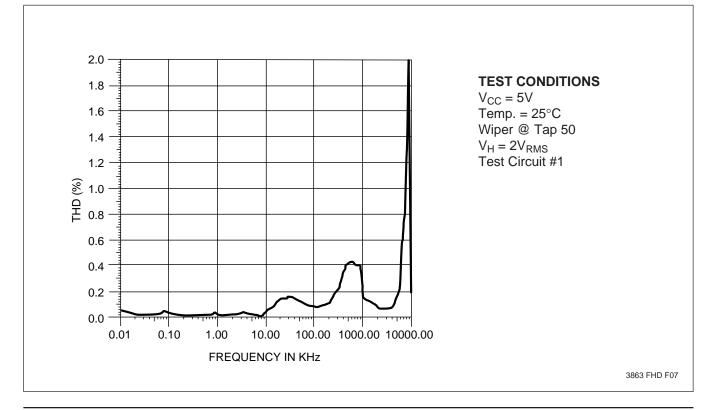
(7) This parameter is periodically sampled and not 100% tested.

(8) MI in the A.C. timing diagram refers to the minimum incremental change in the  $V_W$  output due to a change in the wiper position.

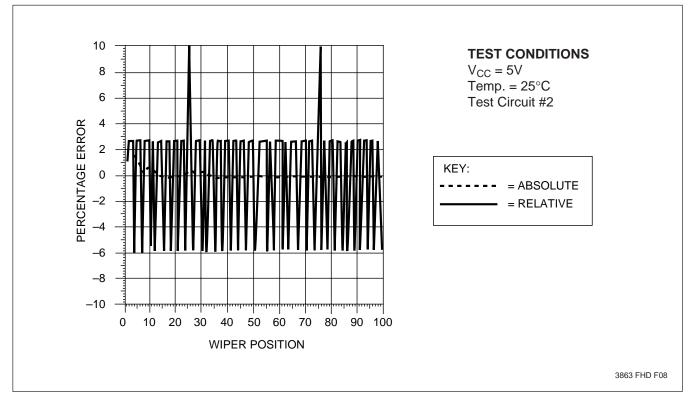
### **Typical Frequency Response for X9C102**



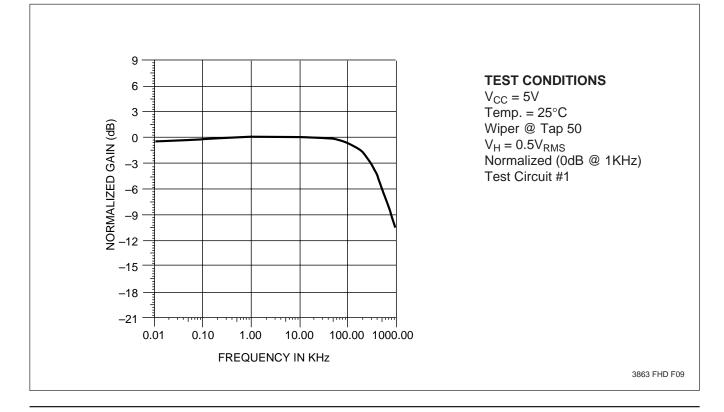
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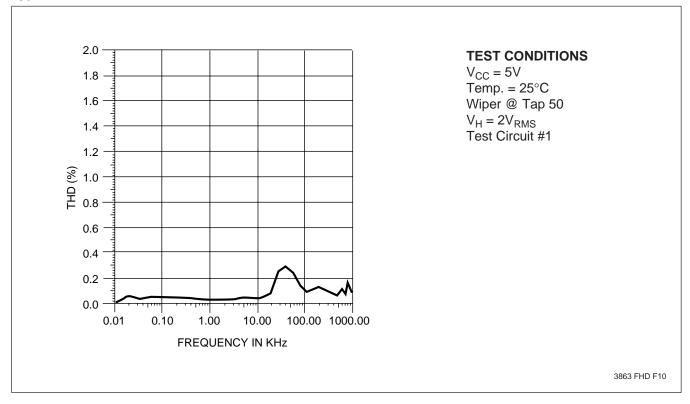


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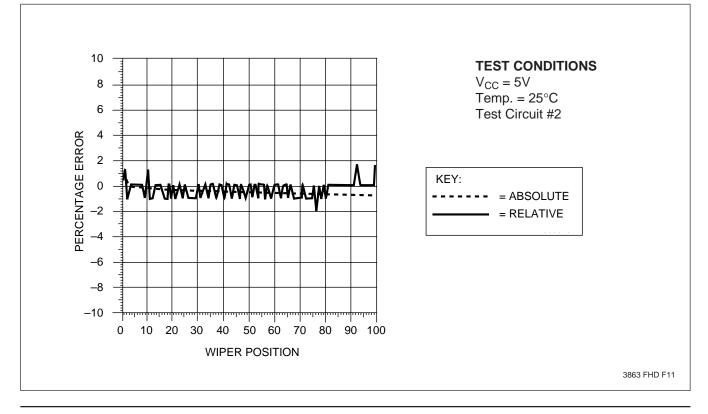
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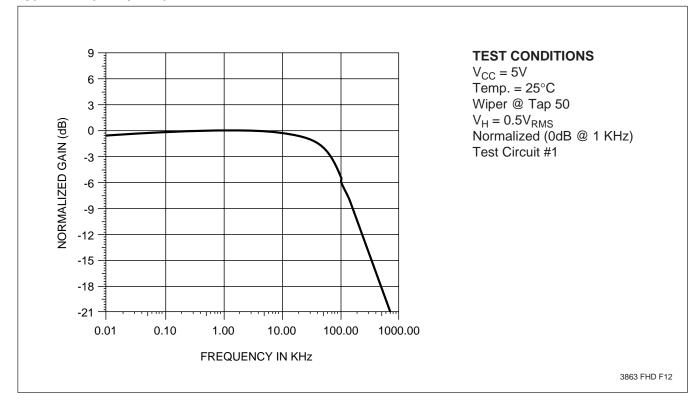


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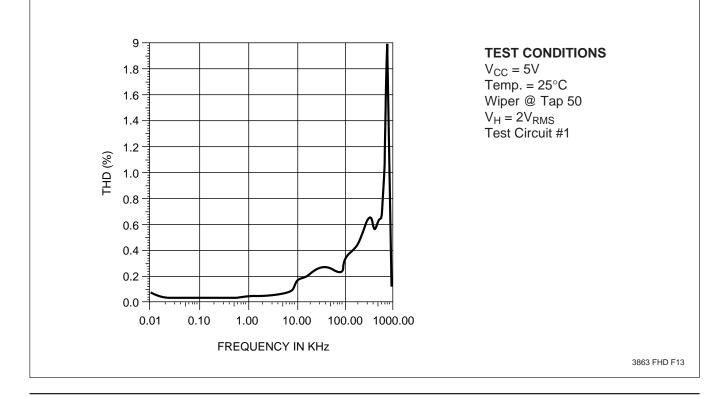
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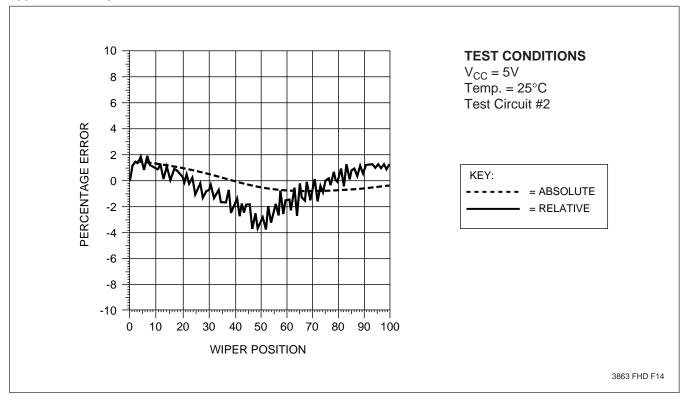
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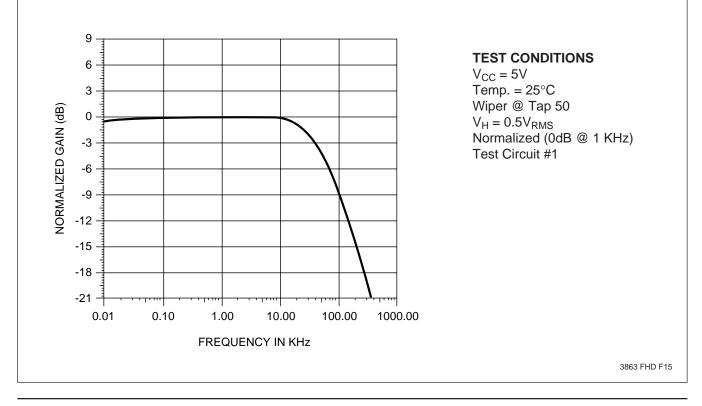
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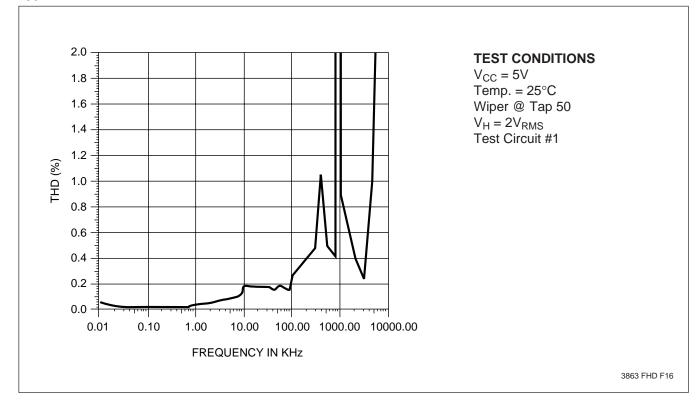


## **Typical Linearity for X9C503**



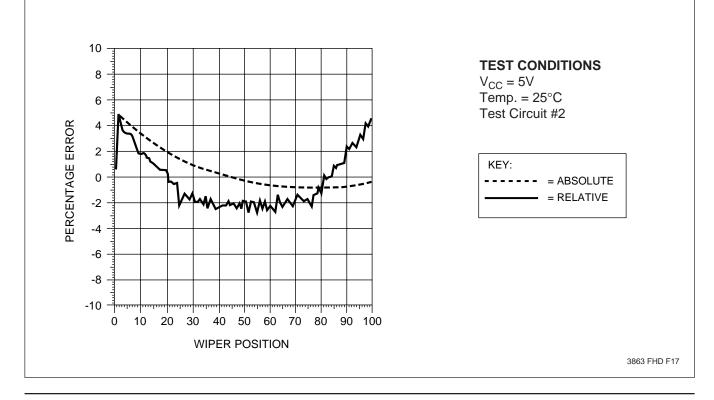
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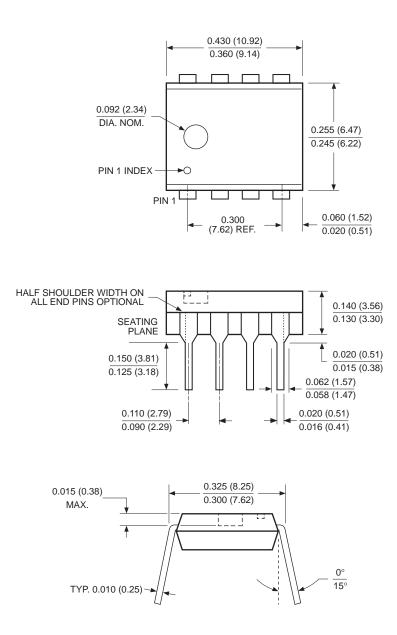
### **Typical Total Harmonic Distortion for X9C104**

### **Typical Linearity for X9C104**



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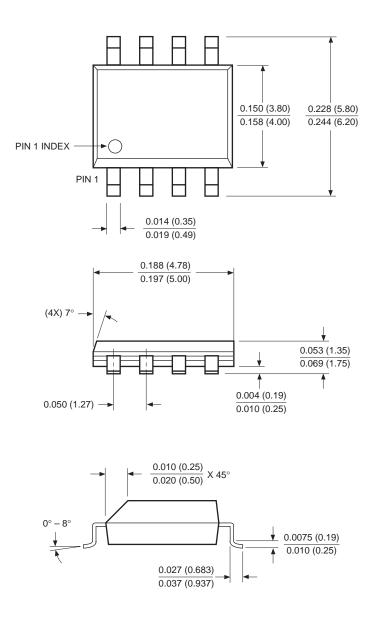


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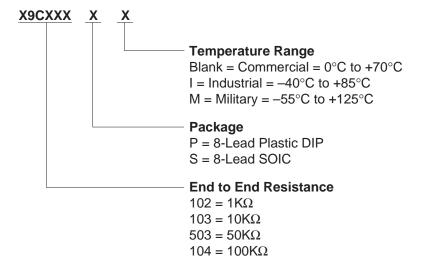
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