

# CAT25256

## 256-Kb SPI Serial CMOS EEPROM

### Description

The CAT25256 is a 256-Kb Serial CMOS EEPROM device internally organized as 32Kx8 bits. This features a 64-byte page write buffer and supports the Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) protocol. The device is enabled through a Chip Select ( $\overline{CS}$ ) input. In addition, the required bus signals are clock input (SCK), data input (SI) and data output (SO) lines. The  $\overline{HOLD}$  input may be used to pause any serial communication with the CAT25256 device. The device features software and hardware write protection, including partial as well as full array protection.

On-Chip ECC (Error Correction Code) makes the device suitable for high reliability applications.\*

### Features

- 20 MHz (5 V) SPI Compatible
- 1.8 V to 5.5 V Supply Voltage Range
- SPI Modes (0,0) & (1,1)
- 64-byte Page Write Buffer
- Additional Identification Page with Permanent Write Protection (New Product)
- Self-timed Write Cycle
- Hardware and Software Protection
- Block Write Protection
  - Protect 1/4, 1/2 or Entire EEPROM Array
- Low Power CMOS Technology
- 1,000,000 Program/Erase Cycles
- 100 Year Data Retention
- Industrial and Extended Temperature Range
- 8-lead PDIP, SOIC, TSSOP and 8-pad UDFN and TDFN Packages
- This Device is Pb-Free, Halogen Free/BFR Free, and RoHS Compliant

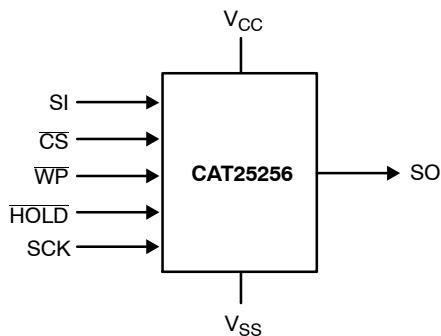


Figure 1. Functional Symbol

\* Available for New Product (Rev. E)



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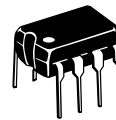
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CASE 751BD



UDFN-8  
HU4 SUFFIX  
CASE 517AZ



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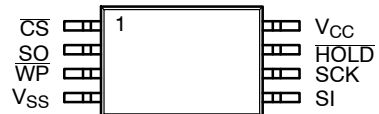


TSSOP-8  
Y SUFFIX  
CASE 948AL



TDFN-8\*\*  
ZD2 SUFFIX  
CASE 511AM

### PIN CONFIGURATIONS



PDIP (L), SOIC (V, X), TSSOP (Y),  
UDFN (HU4), TDFN\*\* (ZD2)

(Top View)

\*\* Not recommended for new designs.

### PIN FUNCTION

Pin Name†	Function
CS	Chip Select
SO	Serial Data Output
$\overline{WP}$	Write Protect
VSS	Ground
SI	Serial Data Input
SCK	Serial Clock
$\overline{HOLD}$	Hold Transmission Input
VCC	Power Supply

† The exposed pad for the TDFN/UDFN packages can be left floating or connected to Ground.

### ORDERING INFORMATION

See detailed ordering and shipping information in the package dimensions section on page 20 of this data sheet.

**Table 1. ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

Parameters	Ratings	Units
Operating Temperature	-45 to +130	°C
Storage Temperature	-65 to +150	°C
Voltage on any Pin with Respect to Ground (Note 1)	-0.5 to +6.5	V

Stresses exceeding Maximum Ratings may damage the device. Maximum Ratings are stress ratings only. Functional operation above the Recommended Operating Conditions is not implied. Extended exposure to stresses above the Recommended Operating Conditions may affect device reliability.

- The DC input voltage on any pin should not be lower than -0.5 V or higher than  $V_{CC} + 0.5$  V. During transitions, the voltage on any pin may undershoot to no less than -1.5 V or overshoot to no more than  $V_{CC} + 1.5$  V, for periods of less than 20 ns.

**Table 2. RELIABILITY CHARACTERISTICS (Note 2)**

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Units
$N_{END}$ (Note 3, 4)	Endurance	1,000,000	Program / Erase Cycles
$T_{DR}$	Data Retention	100	Years

- These parameters are tested initially and after a design or process change that affects the parameter according to appropriate AEC-Q100 and JEDEC test methods.
- Page Mode,  $V_{CC} = 5$  V, 25°C.
- The new product revision (E) uses ECC (Error Correction Code) logic with 6 ECC bits to correct one bit error in 4 data bytes. Therefore, when a single byte has to be written, 4 bytes (including the ECC bits) are re-programmed. It is recommended to write by multiple of 4 bytes in order to benefit from the maximum number of write cycles.

**Table 3. D.C. OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS – MATURE PRODUCT**

( $V_{CC} = 1.8$  V to 5.5 V,  $T_A = -40$ °C to +85°C and  $V_{CC} = 2.5$  V to 5.5 V,  $T_A = -40$ °C to +125°C, unless otherwise specified.)

Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Max	Units	
$I_{CCR}$	Supply Current (Read Mode)	Read, $V_{CC} = 5.5$ V, SO open	10 MHz / -40°C to 85°C	2	mA	
			5 MHz / -40°C to 125°C	2		
$I_{CCW}$	Supply Current (Write Mode)	Write, $V_{CC} = 5.5$ V, SO open	10 MHz / -40°C to 85°C	4	mA	
			5 MHz / -40°C to 125°C	4		
$I_{SB1}$	Standby Current	$V_{IN} = GND$ or $V_{CC}$ , $\overline{CS} = V_{CC}$ , $WP = V_{CC}$ , $HOLD = V_{CC}$ , $V_{CC} = 5.5$ V	$T_A = -40$ °C to +85°C	1	µA	
			$T_A = -40$ °C to +125°C	3		
$I_{SB2}$	Standby Current	$V_{IN} = GND$ or $V_{CC}$ , $\overline{CS} = V_{CC}$ , $WP = GND$ , $HOLD = GND$ , $V_{CC} = 5.5$ V	$T_A = -40$ °C to +85°C	4	µA	
			$T_A = -40$ °C to +125°C	5		
$I_L$	Input Leakage Current	$V_{IN} = GND$ or $V_{CC}$	-2	2	µA	
$I_{LO}$	Output Leakage Current	$\overline{CS} = V_{CC}$ , $V_{OUT} = GND$ or $V_{CC}$	$T_A = -40$ °C to +85°C	-1	1	µA
			$T_A = -40$ °C to +125°C	-1	2	
$V_{IL}$	Input Low Voltage		-0.5	$0.3 V_{CC}$	V	
$V_{IH}$	Input High Voltage		$0.7 V_{CC}$	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	V	
$V_{OL1}$	Output Low Voltage	$V_{CC} > 2.5$ V, $I_{OL} = 3.0$ mA		0.4	V	
$V_{OH1}$	Output High Voltage	$V_{CC} > 2.5$ V, $I_{OH} = -1.6$ mA	$V_{CC} - 0.8$ V		V	
$V_{OL2}$	Output Low Voltage	$V_{CC} > 1.8$ V, $I_{OL} = 150$ µA		0.2	V	
$V_{OH2}$	Output High Voltage	$V_{CC} > 1.8$ V, $I_{OH} = -100$ µA	$V_{CC} - 0.2$ V		V	

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**Table 4. D.C. OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS – NEW PRODUCT (Rev E)**

( $V_{CC} = 1.8\text{ V to }5.5\text{ V}$ ,  $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to }+85^\circ\text{C}$  and  $V_{CC} = 2.5\text{ V to }5.5\text{ V}$ ,  $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to }+125^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.)

Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions		Min	Max	Units	
$I_{CCR}$	Supply Current (Read Mode)	Read, SO open / -40°C to +85°C	$V_{CC} = 1.8\text{ V}$ , $f_{SCK} = 5\text{ MHz}$		0.8	mA	
			$V_{CC} = 2.5\text{ V}$ , $f_{SCK} = 10\text{ MHz}$		1.2		
			$V_{CC} = 5.5\text{ V}$ , $f_{SCK} = 20\text{ MHz}$		3.0		
		Read, SO open / -40°C to +125°C	$2.5\text{ V} < V_{CC} < 5.5\text{ V}$ , $f_{SCK} = 10\text{ MHz}$		2.0		
$I_{CCW}$	Supply Current (Write Mode)	Write, $\overline{CS} = V_{CC}$ / -40°C to +85°C	$V_{CC} = 1.8\text{ V}$		1.5	mA	
			$V_{CC} = 2.5\text{ V}$		2		
			$V_{CC} = 5.5\text{ V}$		2		
		Write, $\overline{CS} = V_{CC}$ / -40°C to +125°C	$2.5\text{ V} < V_{CC} < 5.5\text{ V}$		2		
$I_{SB1}$	Standby Current	$V_{IN} = \text{GND or } V_{CC}$ , $\overline{CS} = V_{CC}$ , $\overline{WP} = V_{CC}$ , $V_{CC} = 5.5\text{ V}$	$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to }+85^\circ\text{C}$		1	$\mu\text{A}$	
			$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to }+125^\circ\text{C}$		3		
$I_{SB2}$	Standby Current	$V_{IN} = \text{GND or } V_{CC}$ , $\overline{CS} = V_{CC}$ , $\overline{WP} = \text{GND}$ , $V_{CC} = 5.5\text{ V}$	$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to }+85^\circ\text{C}$		3	$\mu\text{A}$	
			$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to }+125^\circ\text{C}$		5		
$I_L$	Input Leakage Current	$V_{IN} = \text{GND or } V_{CC}$		-2	2	$\mu\text{A}$	
$I_{LO}$	Output Leakage Current	$\overline{CS} = V_{CC}$ $V_{OUT} = \text{GND or } V_{CC}$	$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to }+85^\circ\text{C}$		-1	1	$\mu\text{A}$
			$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to }+125^\circ\text{C}$		-1	2	
$V_{IL1}$	Input Low Voltage	$V_{CC} \geq 2.5\text{ V}$		-0.5	$0.3 V_{CC}$	V	
$V_{IH1}$	Input High Voltage	$V_{CC} \geq 2.5\text{ V}$		$0.7 V_{CC}$	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	V	
$V_{IL2}$	Input Low Voltage	$V_{CC} < 2.5\text{ V}$		-0.5	$0.25 V_{CC}$	V	
$V_{IH2}$	Input High Voltage	$V_{CC} < 2.5\text{ V}$		$0.75 V_{CC}$	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	V	
$V_{OL1}$	Output Low Voltage	$V_{CC} \geq 2.5\text{ V}$ , $I_{OL} = 3.0\text{ mA}$			0.4	V	
$V_{OH1}$	Output High Voltage	$V_{CC} \geq 2.5\text{ V}$ , $I_{OH} = -1.6\text{ mA}$		$V_{CC} - 0.8\text{ V}$		V	
$V_{OL2}$	Output Low Voltage	$V_{CC} < 2.5\text{ V}$ , $I_{OL} = 150\text{ }\mu\text{A}$			0.2	V	
$V_{OH2}$	Output High Voltage	$V_{CC} < 2.5\text{ V}$ , $I_{OH} = -100\text{ }\mu\text{A}$		$V_{CC} - 0.2\text{ V}$		V	

**Table 5. PIN CAPACITANCE** (Note 5) ( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $f = 1.0\text{ MHz}$ ,  $V_{CC} = +5.0\text{ V}$ )

Symbol	Test	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
$C_{OUT}$	Output Capacitance (SO)	$V_{OUT} = 0\text{ V}$			8	pF
$C_{IN}$	Input Capacitance ( $\overline{CS}$ , SCK, SI, $\overline{WP}$ , HOLD)	$V_{IN} = 0\text{ V}$			8	pF

5. These parameters are tested initially and after a design or process change that affects the parameter according to appropriate AEC-Q100 and JEDEC test methods.

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**Table 6. A.C. CHARACTERISTICS – MATURE PRODUCT**

( $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+85^\circ\text{C}$  (Industrial) and  $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+125^\circ\text{C}$  (Extended).) (Notes 6, 9)

Symbol	Parameter	$V_{CC} = 1.8\text{ V} - 5.5\text{ V} / -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $+85^\circ\text{C}$ $V_{CC} = 2.5\text{ V} - 5.5\text{ V} / -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $+125^\circ\text{C}$		$V_{CC} = 2.5\text{ V} - 5.5\text{ V}$ $-40^\circ\text{C}$ to $+85^\circ\text{C}$		Units
		Min	Max	Min	Max	
$f_{\text{SCK}}$	Clock Frequency	DC	5	DC	10	MHz
$t_{\text{SU}}$	Data Setup Time	40		20		ns
$t_{\text{H}}$	Data Hold Time	40		20		ns
$t_{\text{WH}}$	SCK High Time	75		40		ns
$t_{\text{WL}}$	SCK Low Time	75		40		ns
$t_{\text{LZ}}$	HOLD to Output Low Z		50		25	ns
$t_{\text{RI}}$ (Note 7)	Input Rise Time		2		2	$\mu\text{s}$
$t_{\text{FI}}$ (Note 7)	Input Fall Time		2		2	$\mu\text{s}$
$t_{\text{HD}}$	$\overline{\text{HOLD}}$ Setup Time	0		0		ns
$t_{\text{CD}}$	$\overline{\text{HOLD}}$ Hold Time	10		10		ns
$t_{\text{V}}$	Output Valid from Clock Low		75		40	ns
$t_{\text{HO}}$	Output Hold Time	0		0		ns
$t_{\text{DIS}}$	Output Disable Time		50		20	ns
$t_{\text{HZ}}$	$\overline{\text{HOLD}}$ to Output High Z		100		25	ns
$t_{\text{CS}}$	$\overline{\text{CS}}$ High Time	140		70		ns
$t_{\text{CSS}}$	$\overline{\text{CS}}$ Setup Time	30		15		ns
$t_{\text{CSH}}$	$\overline{\text{CS}}$ Hold Time	30		15		ns
$t_{\text{CNS}}$	$\overline{\text{CS}}$ Inactive Setup Time	20		15		ns
$t_{\text{CNH}}$	$\overline{\text{CS}}$ Inactive Hold Time	20		15		ns
$t_{\text{WPS}}$	$\overline{\text{WP}}$ Setup Time	10		10		ns
$t_{\text{WPH}}$	$\overline{\text{WP}}$ Hold Time	100		60		ns
$t_{\text{WC}}$ (Note 8)	Write Cycle Time		5		5	ms

6. AC Test Conditions:

Input Pulse Voltages:  $0.3 V_{CC}$  to  $0.7 V_{CC}$   
 Input rise and fall times:  $\leq 10\text{ ns}$   
 Input and output reference voltages:  $0.5 V_{CC}$   
 Output load: current source  $I_{OL\text{ max}}/I_{OH\text{ max}}$ ;  $C_L = 50\text{ pF}$

7. This parameter is tested initially and after a design or process change that affects the parameter.

8.  $t_{\text{WC}}$  is the time from the rising edge of  $\overline{\text{CS}}$  after a valid write sequence to the end of the internal write cycle.

9. **All Chip Select (CS) timing parameters are defined relative to the positive clock edge (Figure 2).  $t_{\text{CSH}}$  timing specification is valid for die revision C and higher. The die revision C is identified by letter "C" or a dedicated marking code on top of the package. For previous product revision (Rev. B) the  $t_{\text{CSH}}$  is defined relative to the negative clock edge.**

**Table 7. POWER-UP TIMING** (Notes 7, 10)

Symbol	Parameter	Max	Units
$t_{\text{PUR}}$	Power-up to Read Operation	1	ms
$t_{\text{PUW}}$	Power-up to Write Operation	1	ms

10.  $t_{\text{PUR}}$  and  $t_{\text{PUW}}$  are the delays required from the time  $V_{CC}$  is stable until the specified operation can be initiated.

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**Table 8. A.C. CHARACTERISTICS – NEW PRODUCT (Rev E)** ( $V_{CC} = 1.8\text{ V to }5.5\text{ V}$ ,  $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to }+85^\circ\text{C}$  (Industrial) and  $V_{CC} = 2.5\text{ V to }5.5\text{ V}$ ,  $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to }+125^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.) (Note 11)

Symbol	Parameter	$V_{CC} = 1.8\text{ V} - 5.5\text{ V}$ $-40^\circ\text{C to }+85^\circ\text{C}$		$V_{CC} = 2.5\text{ V} - 5.5\text{ V}$ $-40^\circ\text{C to }+125^\circ\text{C}$		$V_{CC} = 4.5\text{ V} - 5.5\text{ V}$ $-40^\circ\text{C to }+85^\circ\text{C}$		Units
		Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$f_{SCK}$	Clock Frequency	DC	5	DC	10	DC	20	MHz
$t_{SU}$	Data Setup Time	20		10		5		ns
$t_H$	Data Hold Time	20		10		5		ns
$t_{WH}$	SCK High Time	75		40		20		ns
$t_{WL}$	SCK Low Time	75		40		20		ns
$t_{LZ}$	HOLD to Output Low Z		50		25		25	ns
$t_{RI}$ (Note 12)	Input Rise Time		2		2		2	$\mu\text{s}$
$t_{FI}$ (Note 12)	Input Fall Time		2		2		2	$\mu\text{s}$
$t_{HD}$	HOLD Setup Time	0		0		0		ns
$t_{CD}$	HOLD Hold Time	10		10		5		ns
$t_V$	Output Valid from Clock Low		75		40		20	ns
$t_{HO}$	Output Hold Time	0		0		0		ns
$t_{DIS}$	Output Disable Time		50		20		20	ns
$t_{HZ}$	HOLD to Output High Z		100		25		25	ns
$t_{CS}$	$\overline{CS}$ High Time	80		40		20		ns
$t_{CSS}$	$\overline{CS}$ Setup Time	30		30		15		ns
$t_{CSH}$	$\overline{CS}$ Hold Time	30		30		20		ns
$t_{CNS}$	$\overline{CS}$ Inactive Setup Time	20		20		15		ns
$t_{CNH}$	$\overline{CS}$ Inactive Hold Time	20		20		15		ns
$t_{WPS}$	$\overline{WP}$ Setup Time	10		10		10		ns
$t_{WPH}$	$\overline{WP}$ Hold Time	10		10		10		ns
$t_{WC}$ (Note 13)	Write Cycle Time		5		5		5	ms

11. AC Test Conditions:

Input Pulse Voltages:  $0.3 V_{CC}$  to  $0.7 V_{CC}$

Input rise and fall times:  $\leq 10\text{ ns}$

Input and output reference voltages:  $0.5 V_{CC}$

Output load: current source  $I_{OL\text{ max}}/I_{OH\text{ max}}$ ;  $C_L = 30\text{ pF}$

12. This parameter is tested initially and after a design or process change that affects the parameter.

13.  $t_{WC}$  is the time from the rising edge of  $\overline{CS}$  after a valid write sequence to the end of the internal write cycle.

**Table 9. POWER-UP TIMING** (Notes 12, 14)

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Units
$t_{PUR}$	Power-up to Read Operation	0.1	1	ms
$t_{PUW}$	Power-up to Write Operation	0.1	1	ms

14.  $t_{PUR}$  and  $t_{PUW}$  are the delays required from the time  $V_{CC}$  is stable until the specified operation can be initiated.

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## Pin Description

**SI:** The serial data input pin accepts op-codes, addresses and data. In SPI modes (0,0) and (1,1) input data is latched on the rising edge of the SCK clock input.

**SO:** The serial data output pin is used to transfer data out of the device. In SPI modes (0,0) and (1,1) data is shifted out on the falling edge of the SCK clock.

**SCK:** The serial clock input pin accepts the clock provided by the host and used for synchronizing communication between host and CAT25256.

**$\overline{CS}$ :** The chip select input pin is used to enable/disable the CAT25256. When  $\overline{CS}$  is high, the SO output is tri-stated (high impedance) and the device is in Standby Mode (unless an internal write operation is in progress). *Every communication session between host and CAT25256 must be preceded by a high to low transition and concluded with a low to high transition of the  $\overline{CS}$  input.*

**$\overline{WP}$ :** The write protect input pin will allow all write operations to the device when held high. When  $\overline{WP}$  pin is tied low and the WPEN bit in the Status Register (refer to Status Register description, later in this Data Sheet) is set to "1", writing to the Status Register is disabled.

**HOLD:** The  $\overline{HOLD}$  input pin is used to pause transmission between host and CAT25256, without having to retransmit the entire sequence at a later time. To pause,  $\overline{HOLD}$  must be taken low and to resume it must be taken back high, with the SCK input low during both transitions. When not used for pausing, it is recommended the  $\overline{HOLD}$  input to be tied to  $V_{CC}$ , either directly or through a resistor.

## Functional Description

The CAT25256 device supports the Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) bus protocol, modes (0,0) and (1,1). The device contains an 8-bit instruction register. The instruction set and associated op-codes are listed in Table 10.

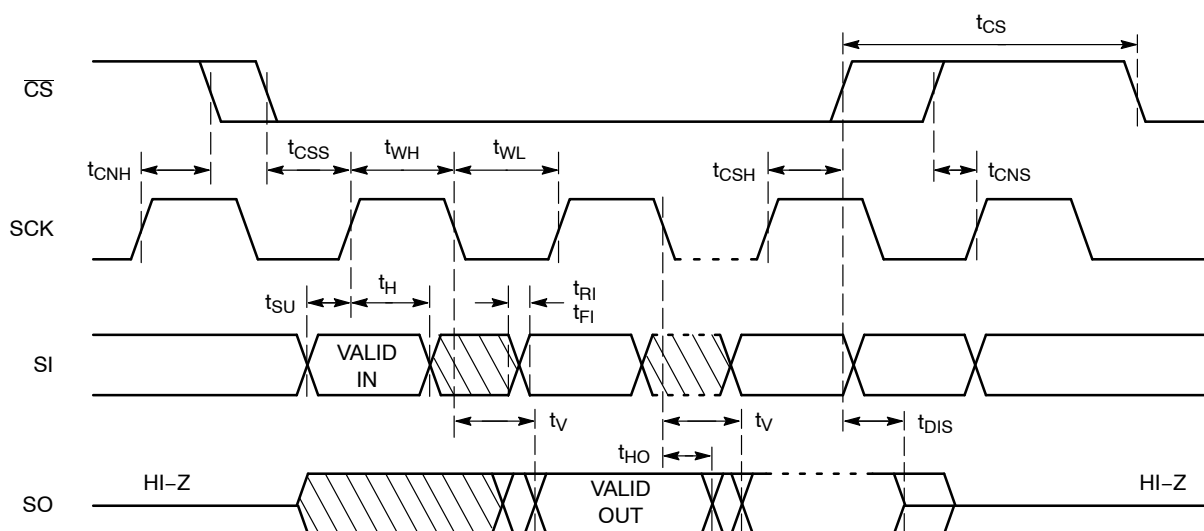
Reading data stored in the CAT25256 is accomplished by simply providing the READ command and an address. Writing to the CAT25256, in addition to a WRITE command, address and data, also requires enabling the device for writing by first setting certain bits in a Status Register, as will be explained later.

After a high to low transition on the  $\overline{CS}$  input pin, the CAT25256 will accept any one of the six instruction op-codes listed in Table 10 and will ignore all other possible 8-bit combinations. The communication protocol follows the timing from Figure 2.

The CAT25256, New Product Rev E features an additional Identification Page (64 bytes) which can be accessed for Read and Write operations when the IPL bit from the Status Register is set to "1". The user can also choose to make the Identification Page permanent write protected.

**Table 10. INSTRUCTION SET**

Instruction	Opcode	Operation
WREN	0000 0110	Enable Write Operations
WRDI	0000 0100	Disable Write Operations
RDSR	0000 0101	Read Status Register
WRSR	0000 0001	Write Status Register
READ	0000 0011	Read Data from Memory
WRITE	0000 0010	Write Data to Memory



**Figure 2. Synchronous Data Timing**

**Status Register**

The Status Register, as shown in Table 11, contains a number of status and control bits.

The  $\overline{\text{RDY}}$  (Ready) bit indicates whether the device is busy with a write operation. This bit is automatically set to 1 during an internal write cycle, and reset to 0 when the device is ready to accept commands. For the host, this bit is read only.

The WEL (Write Enable Latch) bit is set/reset by the WREN/WRDI commands. When set to 1, the device is in a Write Enable state and when set to 0, the device is in a Write Disable state.

The BP0 and BP1 (Block Protect) bits determine which blocks are currently write protected. They are set by the user with the WRSR command and are non-volatile. The user is allowed to protect a quarter, one half or the entire memory, by setting these bits according to Table 12. The protected blocks then become read-only.

The WPEN (Write Protect Enable) bit acts as an enable for the  $\overline{\text{WP}}$  pin. Hardware write protection is enabled when the  $\overline{\text{WP}}$  pin is low and the WPEN bit is 1. This condition prevents writing to the status register and to the block

protected sections of memory. While hardware write protection is active, only the non-block protected memory can be written. Hardware write protection is disabled when the  $\overline{\text{WP}}$  pin is high or the WPEN bit is 0. The WPEN bit,  $\overline{\text{WP}}$  pin and WEL bit combine to either permit or inhibit Write operations, as detailed in Table 13.

The IPL (Identification Page Latch) bit determines whether the additional Identification Page (IPL = 1) or main memory array (IPL = 0) can be accessed both for Read and Write operations. The IPL bit is set by the user with the WRSR command and is volatile. The IPL bit is automatically reset after read/write operations.

The LIP bit is set by the user with the WRSR command and is non-volatile. When set to 1, the Identification Page is permanently write protected (locked in Read-only mode).

*Note: The IPL and LIP bits cannot be set to 1 using the same WRSR instruction. If the user attempts to set ("1") both the IPL and LIP bit in the same time, these bits cannot be written and therefore they will remain unchanged.*

**Table 11. STATUS REGISTER**

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
WPEN	IPL*	0	LIP*	BP1	BP0	WEL	RDY

\*IPL and LIP bits are available for the New Product only. For older product revisions, the status register bit 6 and bit 4 are set to '0'.

**Table 12. BLOCK PROTECTION BITS**

Status Register Bits		Array Address Protected	Protection
BP1	BP0		
0	0	None	No Protection
0	1	6000-7FFF	Quarter Array Protection
1	0	4000-7FFF	Half Array Protection
1	1	0000-7FFF	Full Array Protection

**Table 13. WRITE PROTECT CONDITIONS**

WPEN	$\overline{\text{WP}}$	WEL	Protected Blocks	Unprotected Blocks	Status Register
0	X	0	Protected	Protected	Protected
0	X	1	Protected	Writable	Writable
1	Low	0	Protected	Protected	Protected
1	Low	1	Protected	Writable	Protected
X	High	0	Protected	Protected	Protected
X	High	1	Protected	Writable	Writable

WRITE OPERATIONS

The CAT25256 device powers up into a write disable state. The device contains a Write Enable Latch (WEL) which must be set before attempting to write to the memory array or to the status register. In addition, the address of the memory location(s) to be written must be outside the protected area, as defined by BP0 and BP1 bits from the status register.

**Write Enable and Write Disable**

The internal Write Enable Latch and the corresponding Status Register WEL bit are set by sending the WREN instruction.

instruction to the CAT25256. Care must be taken to take the  $\overline{CS}$  input high after the WREN instruction, as otherwise the Write Enable Latch will not be properly set. WREN timing is illustrated in Figure 3. The WREN instruction must be sent prior to any WRITE or WRSR instruction.

The internal write enable latch is reset by sending the WRDI instruction as shown in Figure 4. Disabling write operations by resetting the WEL bit, will protect the device against inadvertent writes.

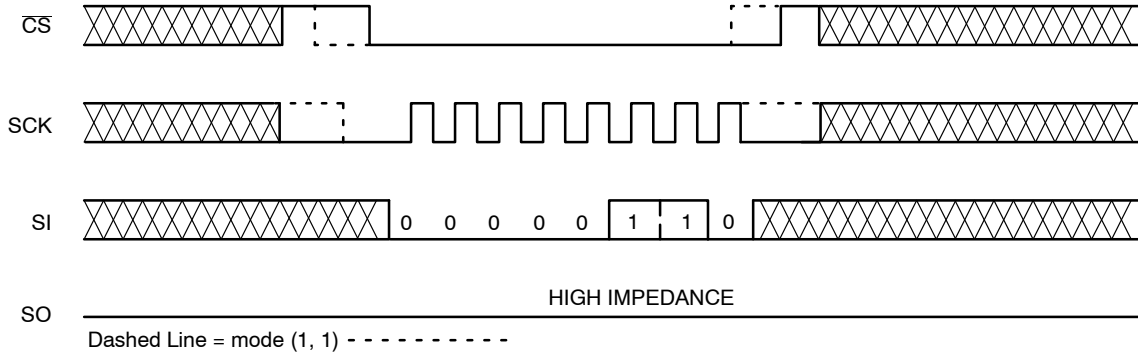


Figure 3. WREN Timing

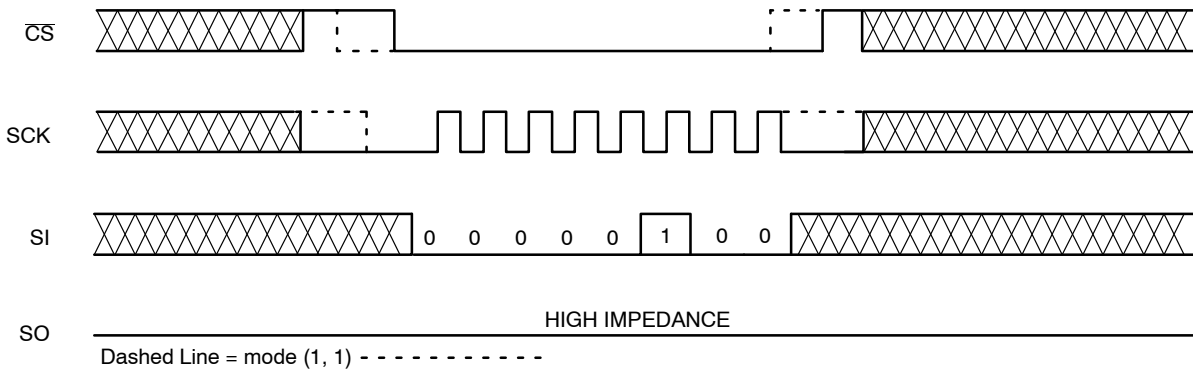


Figure 4. WRDI Timing



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## Byte Write

Once the WEL bit is set, the user may execute a write sequence, by sending a WRITE instruction, a 16-bit address and data as shown in Figure 5. Only 15 significant address bits are used by the CAT25256. The 16th address bit is don't care, as shown in Table 14. Internal programming will start after the low to high  $\overline{CS}$  transition. During an internal write cycle, all commands, except for RDSR (Read Status Register) will be ignored. The  $\overline{RDY}$  bit will indicate if the internal write cycle is in progress ( $\overline{RDY}$  high), or the device is ready to accept commands ( $\overline{RDY}$  low).

## Page Write

After sending the first data byte to the CAT25256, the host may continue sending data, up to a total of 64 bytes, according to timing shown in Figure 6. After each data byte, the lower order address bits are automatically incremented, while the higher order address bits (page address) remain unchanged. If during this process the end of page is exceeded, then loading will "roll over" to the first byte in the page, thus possibly overwriting previously loaded data. Following completion of the write cycle, the CAT25256 is

automatically returned to the write disable state. While the internal write cycle is in progress, the RDSR command will output the  $\overline{RDY}$  (Ready) bit status only (i.e., data out = FFh).

## Write Identification Page

The additional 64-byte Identification Page (IP) can be written with user data using the same Write commands sequence as used for Page Write to the main memory array (Figure 6). **The IPL bit from the Status Register must be set (IPL = 1) using the WRSR instruction, before attempting to write to the IP.**

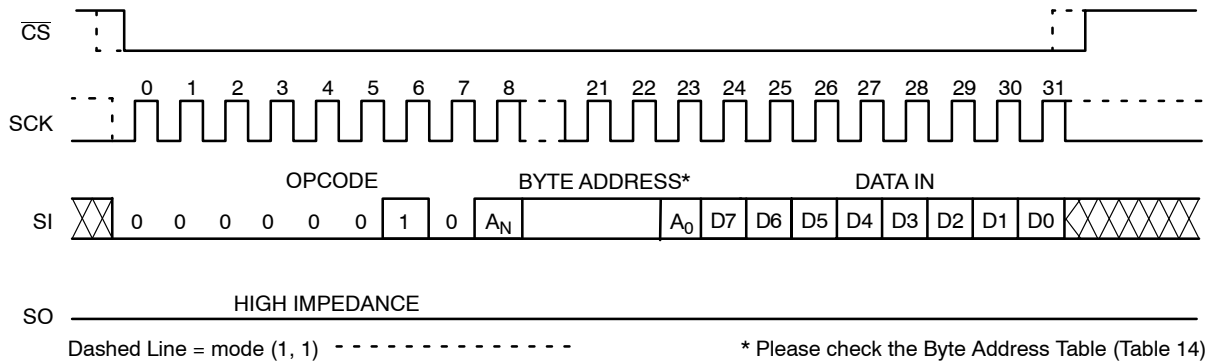
The address bits [A15:A6] are Don't Care and the [A5:A0] bits define the byte address within the Identification Page. In addition, the Byte Address must point to a location outside the protected area defined by the BP1, BP0 bits from the Status Register. When the full memory array is write protected (BP1, BP0 = 1,1), the write instruction to the IP is not accepted and not executed.

Also, the write to the IP is not accepted if the LIP bit from the Status Register is set to 1 (the page is locked in Read-only mode).

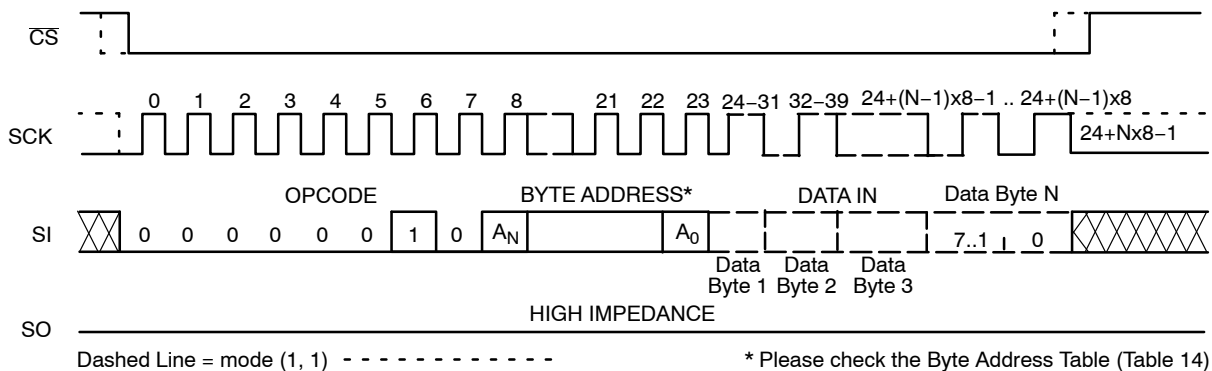
**Table 14. BYTE ADDRESS**

	Address Significant Bits	Address Don't Care Bits	# Address Clock Pulses
Main Memory Array	A14 – A0	A15	16
Identification Page*	A5 – A0	A15 – A6	16

\*New Product only.



**Figure 5. Byte WRITE Timing**



**Figure 6. Page WRITE Timing**

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## Write Status Register

The Status Register is written by sending a WRSR instruction according to timing shown in Figure 7. Only bits 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 can be written using the WRSR command.

## Write Protection

The Write Protect ( $\overline{WP}$ ) pin can be used to protect the Block Protect bits BP0 and BP1 against being inadvertently altered. When  $\overline{WP}$  is low and the WPEN bit is set to "1", write operations to the Status Register are inhibited.  $\overline{WP}$  going low while  $\overline{CS}$  is still low will interrupt a write to the status register. If the internal write cycle has already been initiated,  $\overline{WP}$  going low will have no effect on any write operation to the Status Register. The  $\overline{WP}$  pin function is blocked when the WPEN bit is set to "0". The  $\overline{WP}$  input timing is shown in Figure 8.

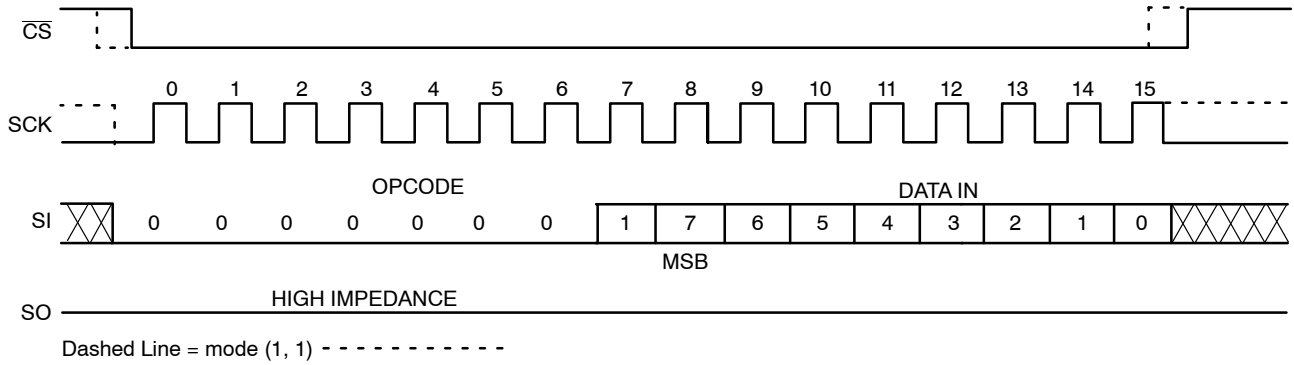


Figure 7. WRSR Timing

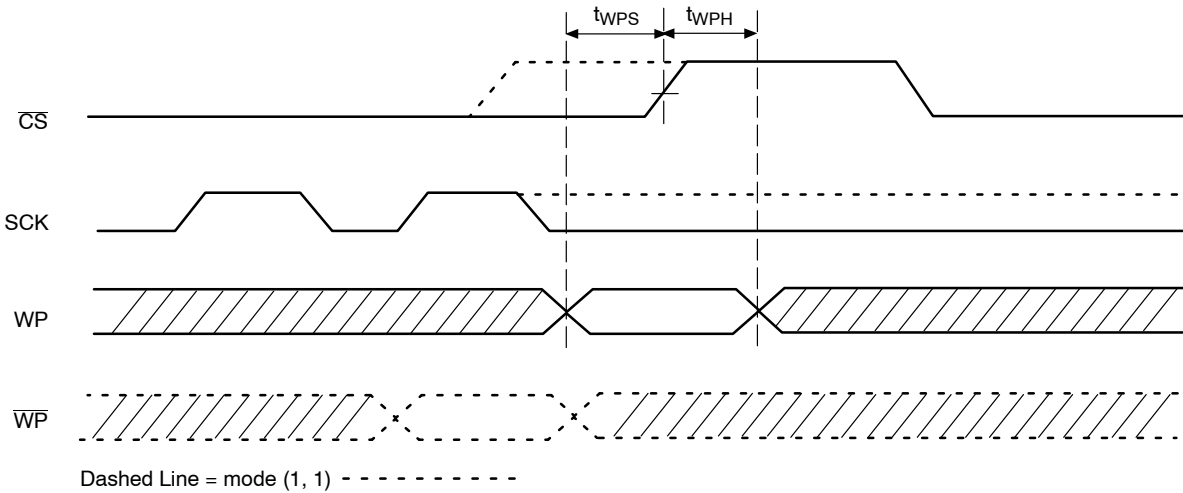


Figure 8.  $\overline{WP}$  Timing

READ OPERATIONS

Read from Memory Array

To read from memory, the host sends a READ instruction followed by a 16-bit address (see Table 14 for the number of significant address bits).

After receiving the last address bit, the CAT25256 will respond by shifting out data on the SO pin (as shown in Figure 9). Sequentially stored data can be read out by simply continuing to run the clock. The internal address pointer is automatically incremented to the next higher address as data is shifted out. After reaching the highest memory address, the address counter “rolls over” to the lowest memory address, and the read cycle can be continued indefinitely. The read operation is terminated by taking CS high.

Read Identification Page

Reading the additional 64-byte Identification Page (IP) is achieved using the same Read command sequence as used for Read from main memory array (Figure 9). **The IPL bit from the Status Register must be set (IPL = 1) before attempting to read from the IP.** The [A5:A0] are the address significant bits that point to the data byte shifted out on the SO pin. If the CS continues to be held low, the internal

address register defined by [A5:A0] bits is automatically incremented and the next data byte from the IP is shifted out. The byte address must not exceed the 64-byte page boundary.

Read Status Register

To read the status register, the host simply sends a RDSR command. After receiving the last bit of the command, the CAT25256 will shift out the contents of the status register on the SO pin (Figure 10). The status register may be read at any time, including during an internal write cycle. While the internal write cycle is in progress, the RDSR command will output the full content of the status register (New product, Rev. E) or the RDY (Ready) bit only (i.e., data out = FFh) for previous product revisions C, D (Mature product). For easy detection of the internal write cycle completion, both during writing to the memory array and to the status register, we recommend sampling the RDY bit only through the polling routine. After detecting the RDY bit “0”, the next RDSR instruction will always output the expected content of the status register.

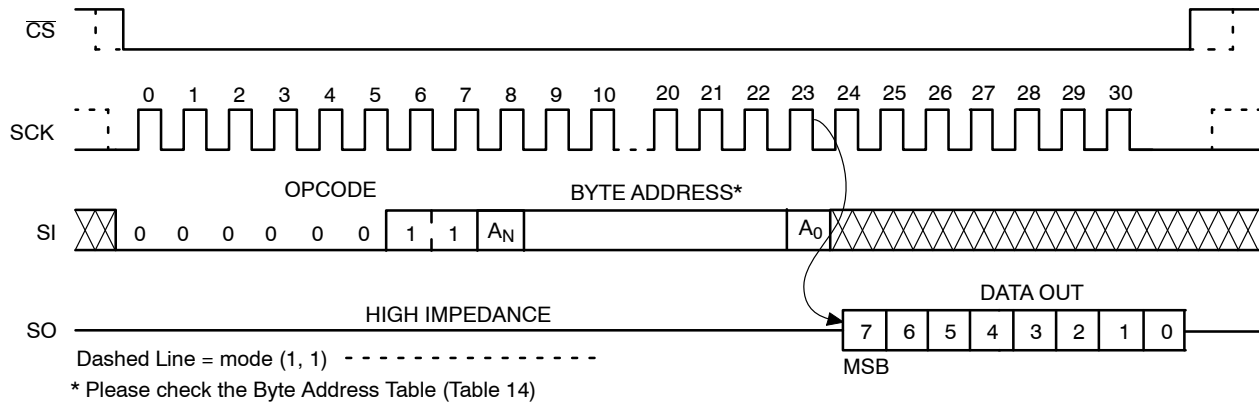


Figure 9. READ Timing

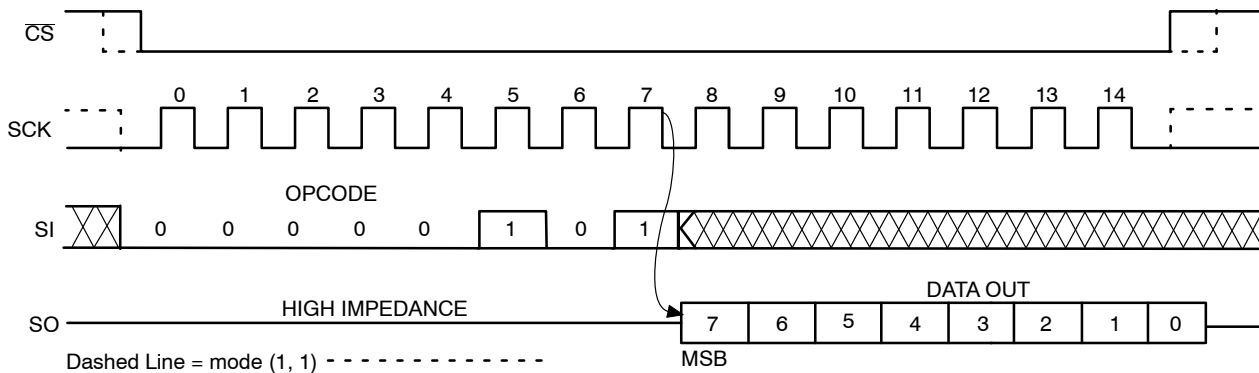


Figure 10. RDSR Timing

**Hold Operation**

The  $\overline{\text{HOLD}}$  input can be used to pause communication between host and CAT25256. To pause,  $\overline{\text{HOLD}}$  must be taken low while SCK is low (Figure 11). During the hold condition the device must remain selected ( $\overline{\text{CS}}$  low). During the pause, the data output pin (SO) is tri-stated (high impedance) and SI transitions are ignored. To resume communication,  $\overline{\text{HOLD}}$  must be taken high while SCK is low.

**Design Considerations**

The CAT25256 device incorporates Power-On Reset (POR) circuitry which protects the internal logic against powering up in the wrong state. The device will power up into Standby mode after  $V_{\text{CC}}$  exceeds the POR trigger level and will power down into Reset mode when  $V_{\text{CC}}$  drops

below the POR trigger level. This bi-directional POR behavior protects the device against ‘brown-out’ failure following a temporary loss of power.

The CAT25256 device powers up in a write disable state and in a low power standby mode. A WREN instruction must be issued prior to any writes to the device.

After power up, the  $\overline{\text{CS}}$  pin must be brought low to enter a ready state and receive an instruction. After a successful byte/page write or status register write, the device goes into a write disable mode. The  $\overline{\text{CS}}$  input must be set high after the proper number of clock cycles to start the internal write cycle. Access to the memory array during an internal write cycle is ignored and programming is continued. Any invalid op-code will be ignored and the serial output pin (SO) will remain in the high impedance state.

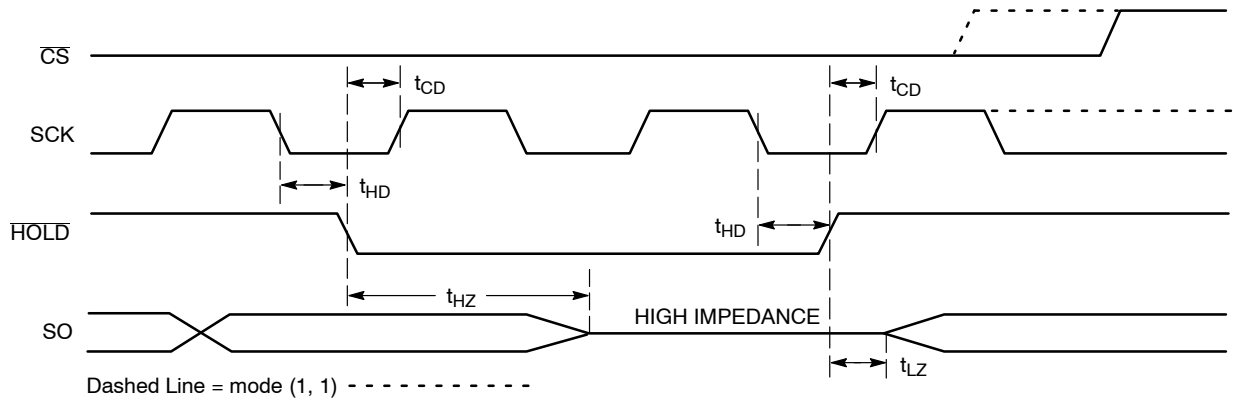
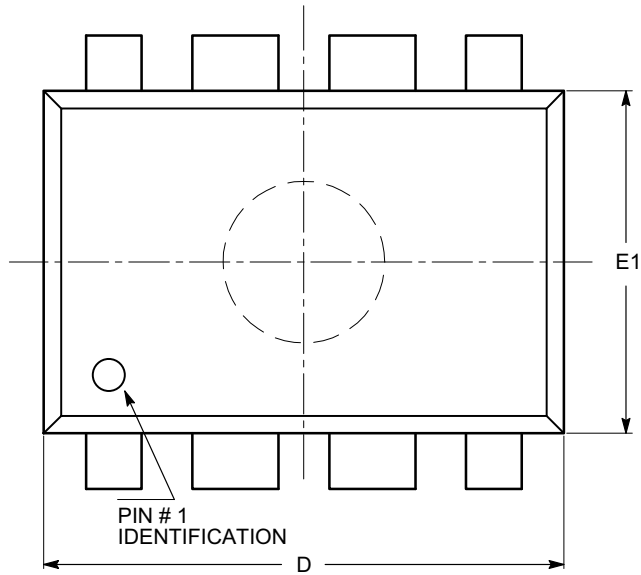


Figure 11.  $\overline{\text{HOLD}}$  Timing

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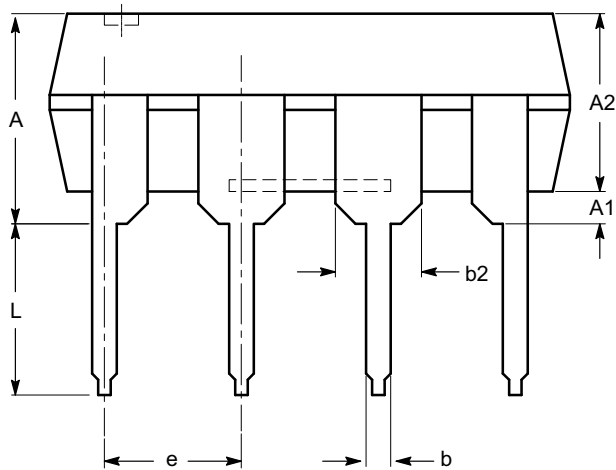
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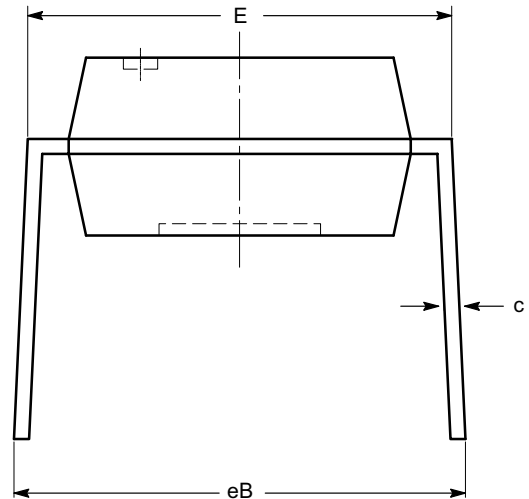


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A1	0.38		
A2	2.92	3.30	4.95
b	0.36	0.46	0.56
b2	1.14	1.52	1.78
c	0.20	0.25	0.36
D	9.02	9.27	10.16
E	7.62	7.87	8.25
E1	6.10	6.35	7.11
e	2.54 BSC		
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L	2.92	3.30	3.80

TOP VIEW



SIDE VIEW



END VIEW

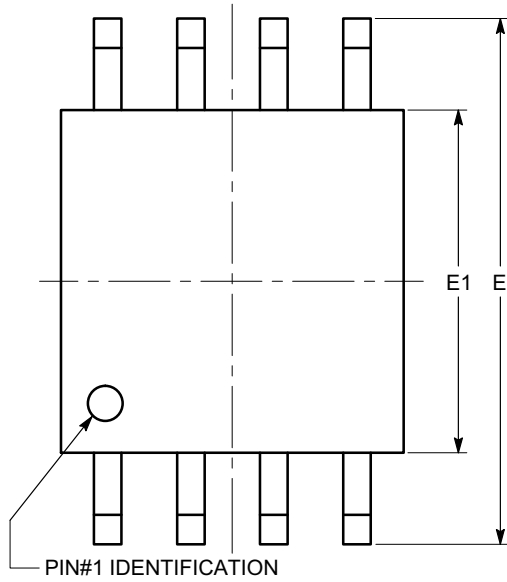
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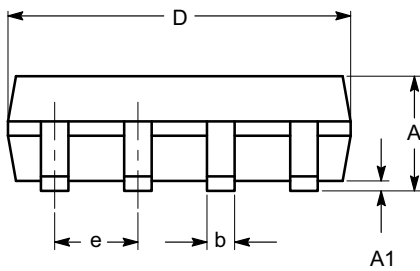
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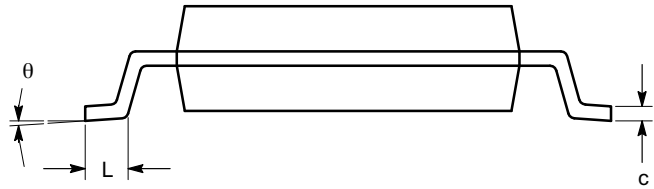


TOP VIEW

SYMBOL	MIN	NOM	MAX
A			2.03
A1	0.05		0.25
b	0.36		0.48
c	0.19		0.25
D	5.13		5.33
E	7.75		8.26
E1	5.13		5.38
e	1.27 BSC		
L	0.51		0.76
$\theta$	0°		8°



SIDE VIEW



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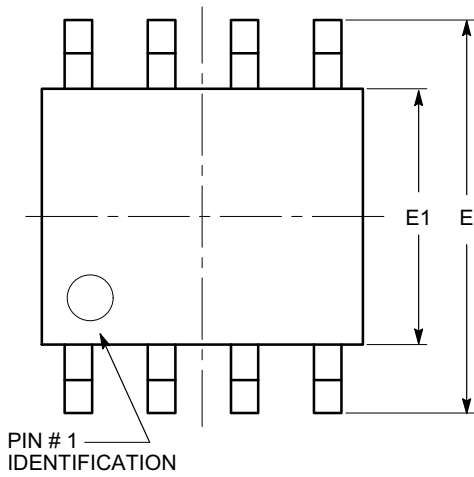
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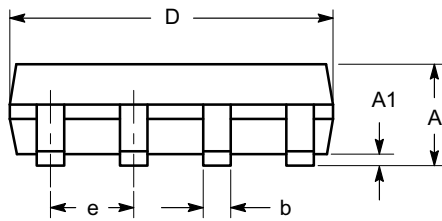
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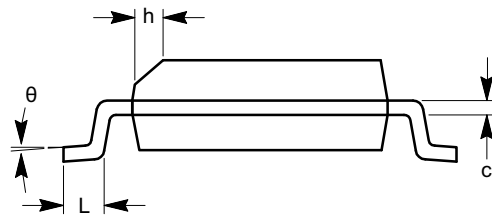


TOP VIEW

SYMBOL	MIN	NOM	MAX
A	1.35		1.75
A1	0.10		0.25
b	0.33		0.51
c	0.19		0.25
D	4.80		5.00
E	5.80		6.20
E1	3.80		4.00
e	1.27 BSC		
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L	0.40		1.27
$\theta$	0°		8°



SIDE VIEW



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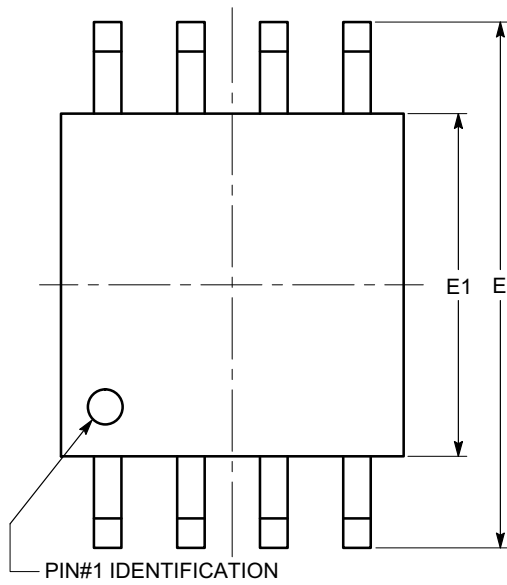
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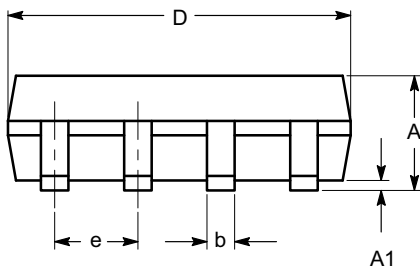
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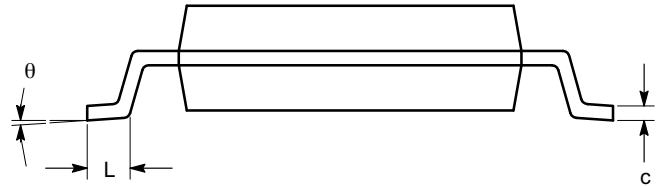


TOP VIEW

SYMBOL	MIN	NOM	MAX
A			2.03
A1	0.05		0.25
b	0.36		0.48
c	0.19		0.25
D	5.13		5.33
E	7.75		8.26
E1	5.13		5.38
e	1.27 BSC		
L	0.51		0.76
$\theta$	0°		8°



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END VIEW

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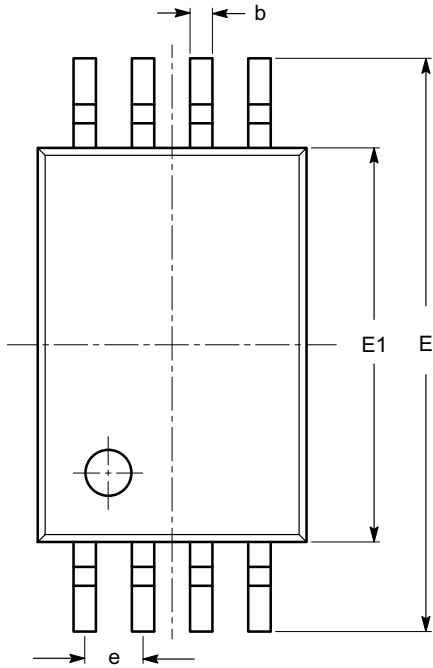
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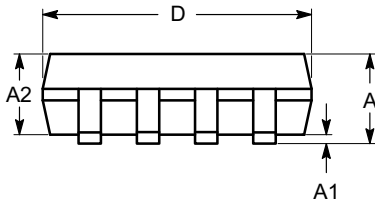
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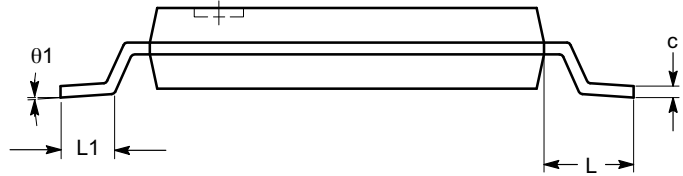


SYMBOL	MIN	NOM	MAX
A			1.20
A1	0.05		0.15
A2	0.80	0.90	1.05
b	0.19		0.30
c	0.09		0.20
D	2.90	3.00	3.10
E	6.30	6.40	6.50
E1	4.30	4.40	4.50
e	0.65 BSC		
L	1.00 REF		
L1	0.50	0.60	0.75
$\theta$	0°		8°

TOP VIEW



SIDE VIEW



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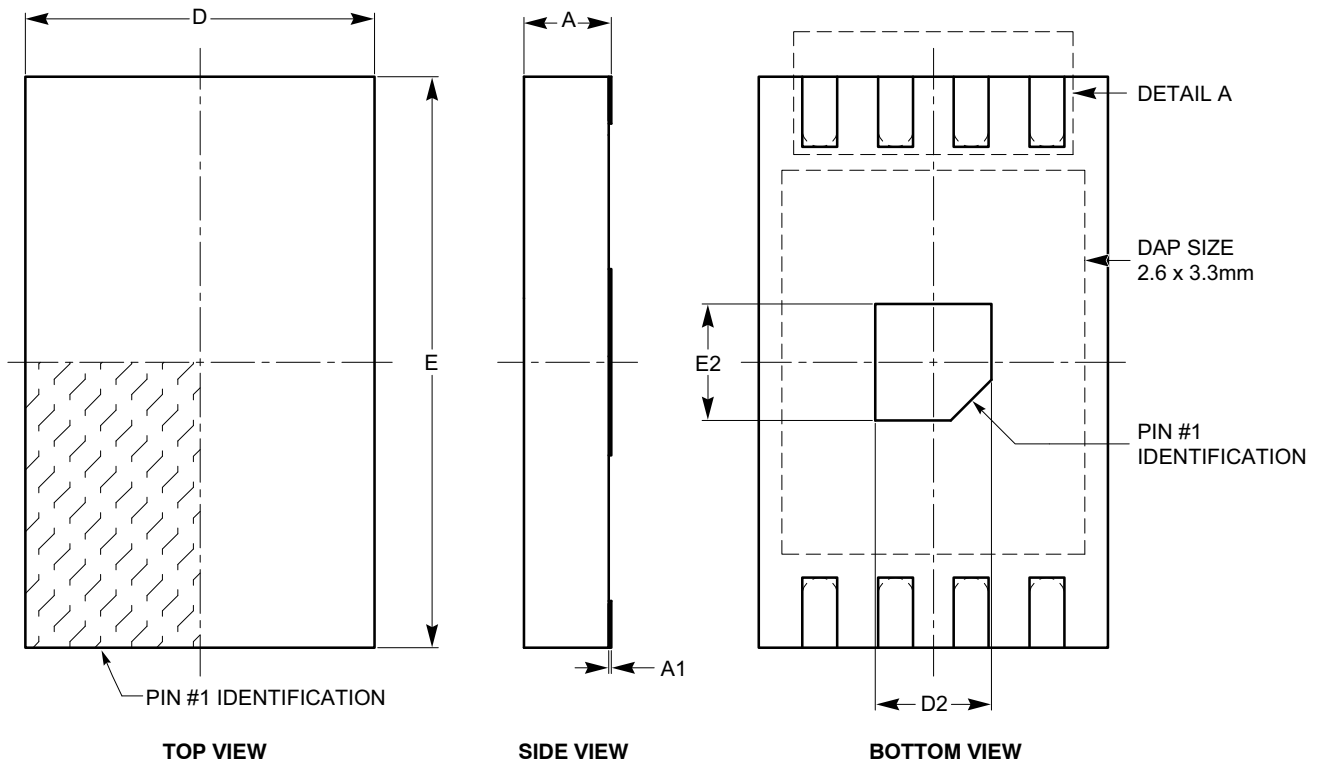
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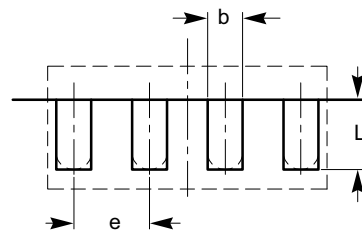
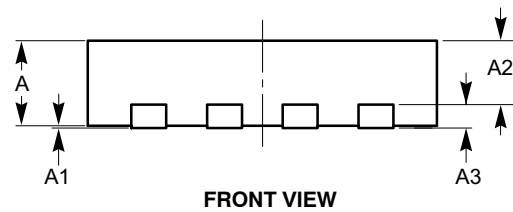
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CASE 511AM-01  
ISSUE A



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A	0.70	0.75	0.80
A1	0.00	0.02	0.05
A2	0.45	0.55	0.65
A3	0.20 REF		
b	0.25	0.30	0.35
D	2.90	3.00	3.10
D2	0.90	1.00	1.10
E	4.80	4.90	5.00
E2	0.90	1.00	1.10
e	0.65 TYP		
L	0.50	0.60	0.70



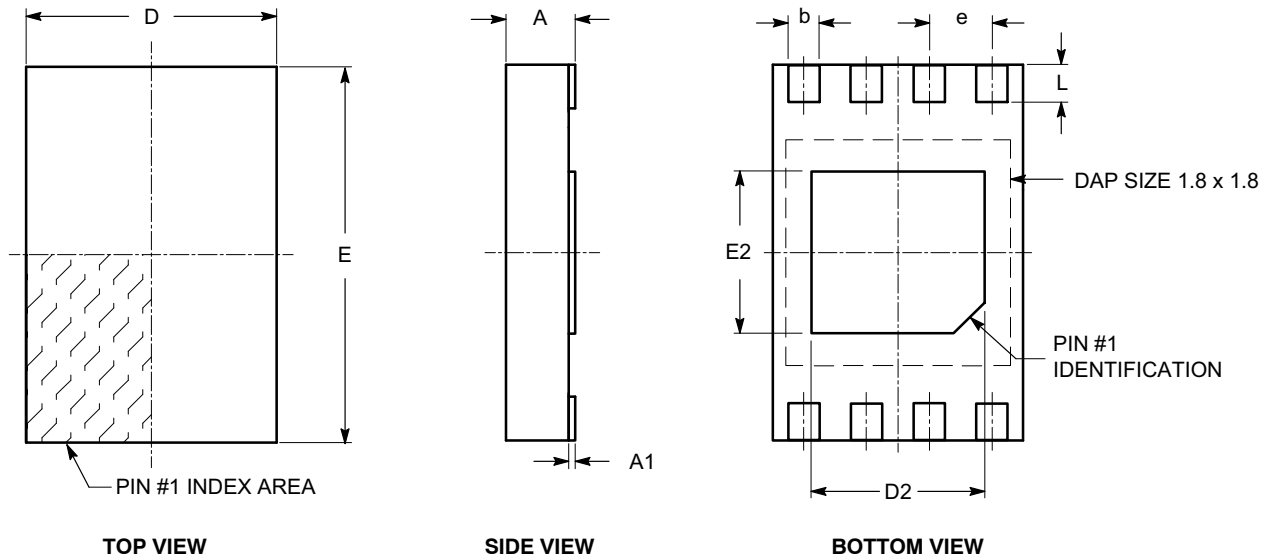
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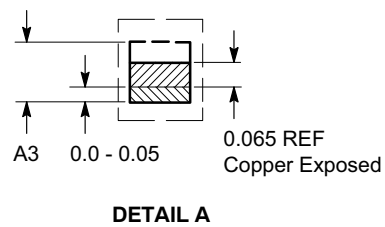
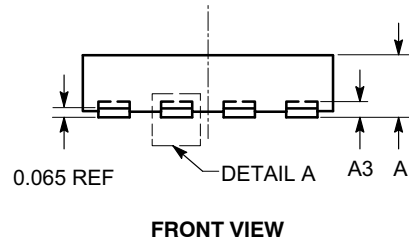
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CASE 517AZ-01  
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SYMBOL	MIN	NOM	MAX
A	0.45	0.50	0.55
A1	0.00	0.02	0.05
A3	0.127 REF		
b	0.20	0.25	0.30
D	1.95	2.00	2.05
D2	1.35	1.40	1.45
E	2.95	3.00	3.05
E2	1.25	1.30	1.35
e	0.50 REF		
L	0.25	0.30	0.35

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- (1) All dimensions are in millimeters.
- (2) Refer JEDEC MO-236/MO-252.



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## ORDERING INFORMATION (Notes 15 – 18)

Device Order Number	Specific Device Marking*	Package Type	Temperature Range	Lead Finish	Shipping (Note 19)
CAT25256LI-G	25256E	PDIP-8	Industrial (-40°C to +85°C)	NiPdAu	Tube, 50 Units / Tube
CAT25256VI-G	25256E	SOIC-8	Industrial (-40°C to +85°C)	NiPdAu	Tube, 100 Units / Tube
CAT25256VI-GT3	25256E	SOIC-8	Industrial (-40°C to +85°C)	NiPdAu	Tape & Reel, 3,000 Units / Reel
CAT25256VE-GT3	25256E	SOIC-8	Extended (-40°C to +125°C)	NiPdAu	Tape & Reel, 3,000 Units / Reel
CAT25256XI-T2	25256E	SOIC-8	Industrial (-40°C to +85°C)	Matte-Tin	Tape & Reel, 2,000 Units / Reel
CAT25256XE-T2	25256E	SOIC-8	Extended (-40°C to +125°C)	Matte-Tin	Tape & Reel, 2,000 Units / Reel
CAT25256YI-G	S56E	TSSOP-8	Industrial (-40°C to +85°C)	NiPdAu	Tube, 100 Units / Tube
CAT25256YI-GT3	S56E	TSSOP-8	Industrial (-40°C to +85°C)	NiPdAu	Tape & Reel, 3,000 Units / Reel
CAT25256YE-GT3	S56E	TSSOP-8	Extended (-40°C to +125°C)	NiPdAu	Tape & Reel, 3,000 Units / Reel
CAT25256ZD2I-GT2 (Note 19)	CCHM	TDFN-8	Industrial (-40°C to +85°C)	NiPdAu	Tape & Reel, 2,000 Units / Reel
CAT25256HU4I-GT3	S8U	UDFN8-EP	Industrial (-40°C to +85°C)	NiPdAu	Tape & Reel, 3,000 Units / Reel
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\*Marking for New Product (Rev E)

15. All packages are RoHS-compliant (Lead-free, Halogen-free).


16. The standard lead finish is NiPdAu.

17. For detailed information and a breakdown of device nomenclature and numbering systems, please see the ON Semiconductor Device Nomenclature document, TND310/D, available at [www.onsemi.com](http://www.onsemi.com)

18. For additional package and temperature options, please contact your nearest ON Semiconductor Sales office.

19. The TDFN 3x4.9 (ZD2) package is not recommended for new design. Not available for New Product (Rev E).

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