LINEAR TECHNOLOGY

LT1280A/LT1281A
Low Power 5V RS232 Dual Driver/Receiver with 0.1µF Capacitors

FEATURES

- **10mA Max Supply Current**
- **ESD Protection over ±10kV**
- Uses Small Capacitors: 0.1µF
- **120kBaud Operation for R_L = 3k, C_L = 2500pF**
- **250kBaud Operation for R_L = 3k, C_L = 1000pF**
- Outputs Withstand ±30V Without Damage
- CMOS Comparable Low Power: 40mW
- Operates from a Single 5V Supply
- Rugged Bipolar Design
- Outputs Assume a High Impedance State When Off or Powered Down
- Meets All RS232 Specifications
- Available With or Without Shutdown
- Absolutely No Latch-up
- Available in SO Package

APPLICATIONS

- Portable Computers
- Battery-Powered Systems
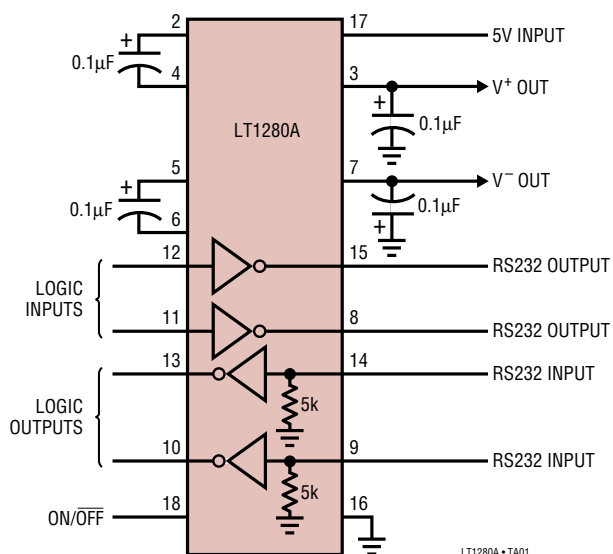- Power Supply Generator
- Terminals
- Modems

DESCRIPTION

The LT®1280A/LT1281A are dual RS232 driver/receiver pairs with integral charge pump to generate RS232 voltage levels from a single 5V supply. These circuits feature rugged bipolar design to provide operating fault tolerance and ESD protection unmatched by competing CMOS designs. Using only 0.1µF external capacitors, these circuits consume only 40mW of power, and can operate to 120kbaud even while driving heavy capacitive loads. New ESD structures on the chip allow the LT1280A/LT1281A to survive multiple ±10kV strikes, eliminating the need for costly TransZorbs® on the RS232 line pins. The LT1280A/LT1281A are fully compliant with EIA RS232 standards. Driver outputs are protected from overload, and can be shorted to ground or up to ±30V without damage. During shutdown or power-off conditions, driver and receiver outputs are in a high impedance state, allowing line sharing.
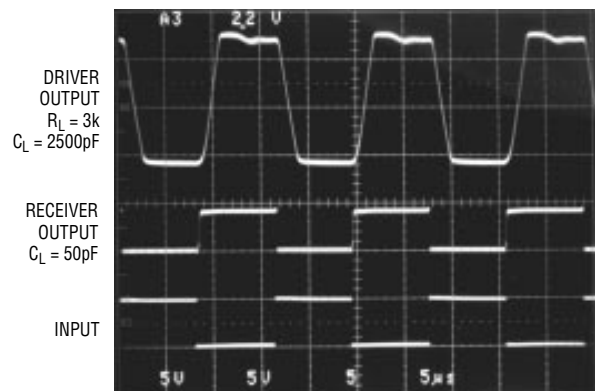
The LT1281A is available in 16-pin DIP and SO packages. The LT1280A is supplied in 18-pin DIP and SO packages for applications which require shutdown.

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TYPICAL APPLICATION

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Output Waveforms

DRIVER OUTPUT R_L = 3k C_L = 2500pF

RECEIVER OUTPUT C_L = 50pF

INPUT

LT1280A • TA02

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Note 1)

Supply Voltage (V_{CC}) 6V
V^+ 13.2V
V^- .... −13.2V
Input Voltage
  Driver .... V^- to V^+
  Receiver .... −30V to 30V
  ON/$\overline{\text{OFF}}$ .... −0.3V to 12V
Output Voltage
  Driver .... V^+ − 30V to V^- + 30V
  Receiver .... −0.3V to V_{CC} + 0.3V

Short-Circuit Duration
  V^+ .... 30 sec
  V^- .... 30 sec
  Driver Output .... Indefinite
  Receiver Output .... Indefinite
Operating Temperature Range
  LT1280AC/LT1281AC .... 0°C to 70°C
  LT1280AI/LT1281AI .... −40°C to 85°C
Storage Temperature Range .... −65°C to 150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec) .... 300°C

PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION

TOP VIEW

N PACKAGE 18-LEAD PDIP
SW PACKAGE
18-LEAD PLASTIC SO WIDE

T_{JMAX} = 125°C, θ_{JA} = 80°C/W, θ_{JC} = 36°C/W (N)
T_{JMAX} = 125°C, θ_{JA} = 90°C/W, θ_{JC} = 26°C/W (SW)

Pin	Name	Pin	Name
1	NC	18	ON/$\overline{\text{OFF}}$
2	C1$^+$	17	V_{CC}
3	V$^+$	16	GND
4	C1$^-$	15	TR1 OUT
5	C2$^+$	14	REC1 IN
6	C2$^-$	13	REC1 OUT
7	V$^-$	12	TR1 IN
8	TR2 OUT	11	TR2 IN
9	REC2 IN	10	REC2 OUT

ORDER PART NUMBER

LT1280ACN
LT1280AIN
LT1280ACSW
LT1280AISW

TOP VIEW

N PACKAGE 16-LEAD PDIP
SW PACKAGE
16-LEAD PLASTIC SO WIDE

T_{JMAX} = 125°C, θ_{JA} = 90°C/W, θ_{JC} = 46°C/W (N)
T_{JMAX} = 125°C, θ_{JA} = 95°C/W, θ_{JC} = 27°C/W (SW)

Pin	Name	Pin	Name
1	C1$^+$	16	V_{CC}
2	V$^+$	15	GND
3	C1$^-$	14	TR1 OUT
4	C2$^+$	13	REC1 IN
5	C2$^-$	12	REC1 OUT
6	V$^-$	11	TR1 IN
7	TR2 OUT	10	TR2 IN
8	REC2 IN	9	REC2 OUT

ORDER PART NUMBER

LT1281ACN
LT1281AIN
LT1281ACSW
LT1281AISW

Consult factory for Military grade parts.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (Note 2)

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Power Supply Generator						
V$^+$ Output				7.9		V
V$^-$ Output				−7.0		V
Supply Current (V_{CC})	(Note 3), T_A = 25°C			8	10	mA
		●			14	mA
Supply Current When OFF (V_{CC})	Shutdown (Note 4) LT1280A Only	●		1	10	μA
Supply Rise Time	C1 = C2 = C3 = C4 = 0.1μF			0.2		ms
Shutdown to Turn-On	LT1280A Only			0.2		ms
ON/$\overline{\text{OFF}}$ Pin Thresholds	Input Low Level (Device Shutdown)	●	0.8	1.2		V
	Input High Level (Device Enabled)	●	1.6		2.4	V
ON/$\overline{\text{OFF}}$ Pin Current	0V ≤ $V_{ON/\overline{OFF}}$ ≤ 5V	●	−15		80	μA
Oscillator Frequency				130		kHz
Driver						
Output Voltage Swing	Load = 3k to GND Positive	●	5.0	7.5		V
	Negative	●		−6.3	−5.0	V
Logic Input Voltage Level	Input Low Level (V_{OUT} = High)	●		1.4	0.8	V
	Input High Level (V_{OUT} = Low)	●	2.0	1.4		V

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (Note 2)

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS			MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Logic Input Current	$0.8V \leq V_{IN} \leq 2.0V$	●			5	20	µA
Output Short-Circuit Current	$V_{OUT} = 0V$			±9	17		mA
Output Leakage Current	Shutdown $V_{OUT} = \pm30V$ (Note 4)	●			10	100	µA
Data Rate (Note 7)	$R_L = 3k$, $C_L = 2500pF$ $R_L = 3k$, $C_L = 1000pF$			120 250			kBaud kBaud
Slew Rate	$R_L = 3k$, $C_L = 51pF$ $R_L = 3k$, $C_L = 2500pF$			4	15 7	30	V/µs V/µs
Propagation Delay	Output Transition t_{HL} High-to-Low (Note 5) Output Transition t_{LH} Low-to-High				0.6 0.5	1.3 1.3	µs µs
Receiver							
Input Voltage Thresholds	Input Low Threshold (V_{OUT} = High) C Grade Input High Threshold (V_{OUT} = Low) C Grade	● ●		0.8	1.3 1.7	2.4	V V
	Input Low I Grade Input High I Grade	● ●		0.2	1.3 1.7	3.0	V V
Hysteresis		●		0.1	0.4	1.0	V
Input Resistance	$V_{IN} = \pm10V$			3	5	7	kΩ
Output Leakage Current	Shutdown (Note 4) $0 \leq V_{OUT} \leq V_{CC}$	●			1	10	µA
Output Voltage	Output Low, $I_{OUT} = -1.6mA$ Output High, $I_{OUT} = 160µA$ ($V_{CC} = 5V$)	● ●		3.5	0.2 4.2	0.4	V V
Output Short-Circuit Current	Sinking Current, $V_{OUT} = V_{CC}$ Sourcing Current, $V_{OUT} = 0V$			10	−20 20	−10	mA mA
Propagation Delay	Output Transition t_{HL} High-to-Low (Note 6) Output Transition t_{LH} Low-to-High				250 350	600 600	ns ns

The ● denotes specifications which apply over the operating temperature range (0°C ≤ T_A ≤ 70°C for commercial grade, and −40°C ≤ T_A ≤ 85°C for industrial grade.

Note 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings are those values beyond which the life of the device may be impaired.

Note 2: Testing done at $V_{CC} = 5V$ and $V_{ON/\overline{OFF}} = 3V$, unless otherwise specified.

Note 3: Supply current is measured as the average over several charge pump cycles. $C^+ = C^- = C1 = C2 = 0.1µF$. All outputs are open, with all driver inputs tied high.

Note 4: Supply current measurements in shutdown are performed with $V_{ON/\overline{OFF}} \leq 0.1V$.

Note 5: For driver delay measurements, $R_L = 3k$ and $C_L = 51pF$. Trigger points are set between the driver's input logic threshold and the output transition to the zero crossing ($t_{HL} = 1.4V$ to 0V and $t_{LH} = 1.4V$ to 0V).

Note 6: For receiver delay measurements, $C_L = 51pF$. Trigger points are set between the receiver's input logic threshold and the output transition to standard TTL/CMOS logic threshold ($t_{HL} = 1.3V$ to 2.4V and $t_{LH} = 1.7V$ to 0.8V).

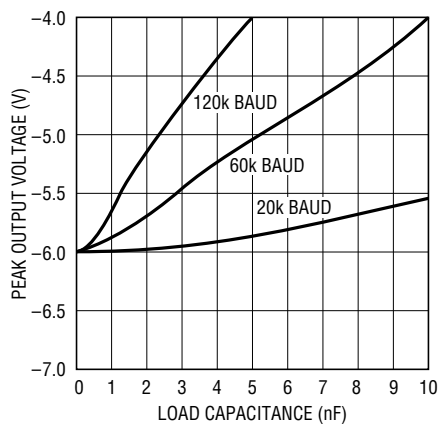**Note 7:** Data rate operation guaranteed by slew rate, short-circuit current and propagation delay tests.

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS
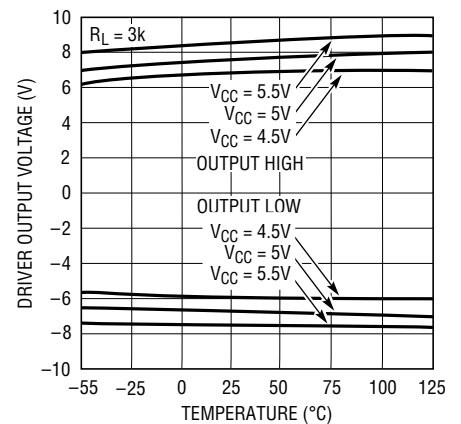
Driver Maximum Output Voltage vs Load Capacitance
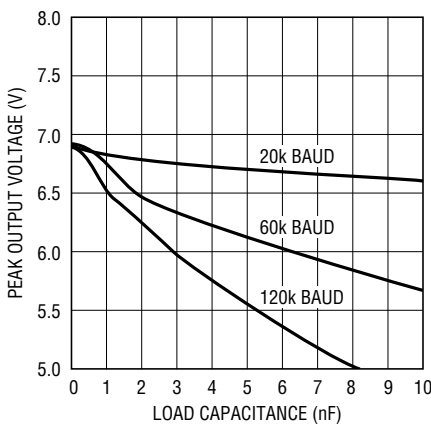
LT1280A • TPC01

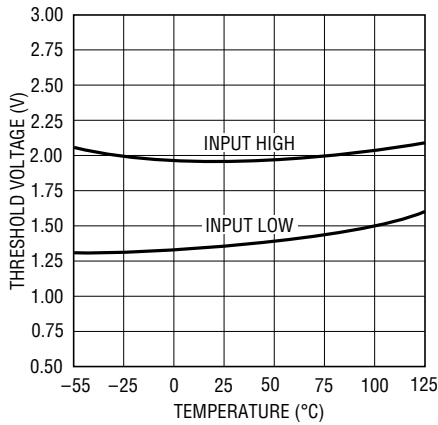### Driver Minimum Output Voltage vs Load Capacitance

LT1280A • TPC02
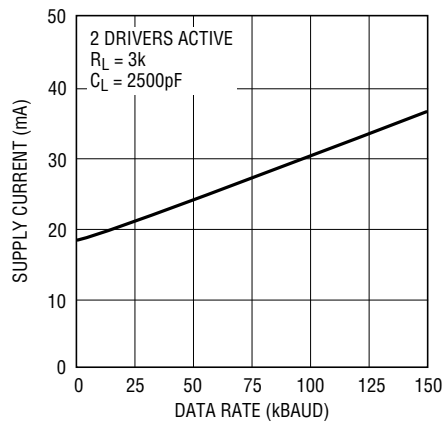
Driver Output Voltage

LT1280A • TPC03

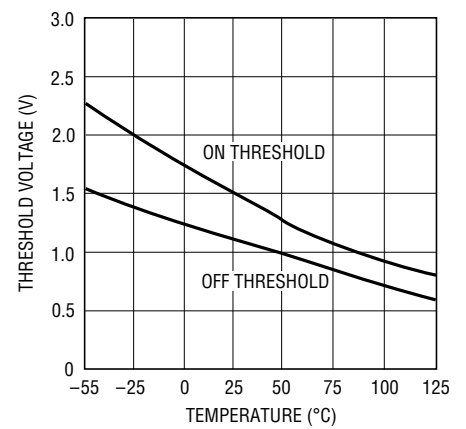# TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

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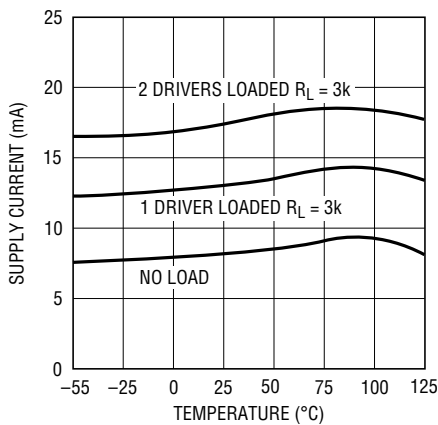

LT1280A • TPC04

Supply Current vs Data Rate

2 DRIVERS ACTIVE
$R_L = 3k$
$C_L = 2500pF$

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ON/$\overline{OFF}$ Thresholds

LT1280A • TPC06

Supply Current

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Driver Leakage in Shutdown

$V_{OUT} = 30V$
$V_{OUT} = -30V$
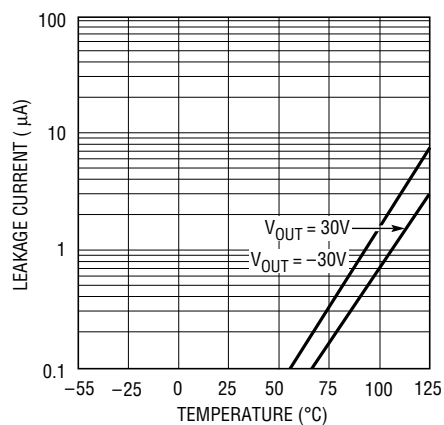
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Driver Short-Circuit Current

I_{SC}^+
I_{SC}^-
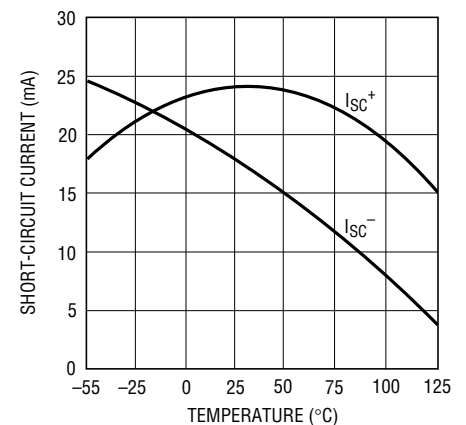
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Receiver Short-Circuit Current

RX I_{SC}^-
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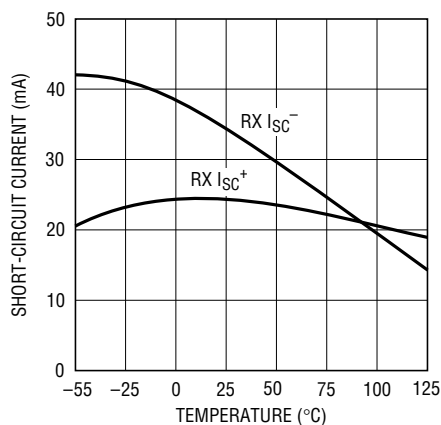
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Slew Rate vs Load Capacitance

+SLEW
−SLEW

LT1280A • TPC11

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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Shutdown to Driver Outputs

DRIVER 1 OUTPUT
DRIVER 2 OUTPUT
ON/$\overline{OFF}$ PIN

10V
5V
GND
GND
−5V
−10V

LT1280A • TPC12

Driver Output Waveforms

DRIVER OUTPUT
R_L = 3k
C_L = 2500pF
DRIVER OUTPUT
R_L = 3k
INPUT
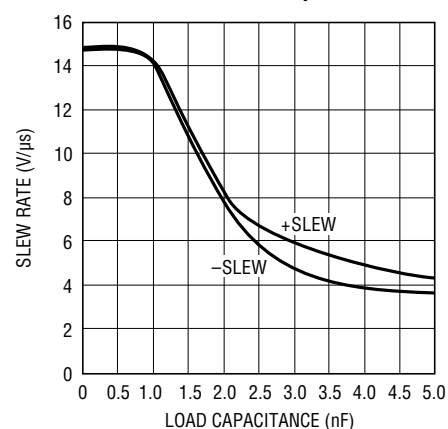
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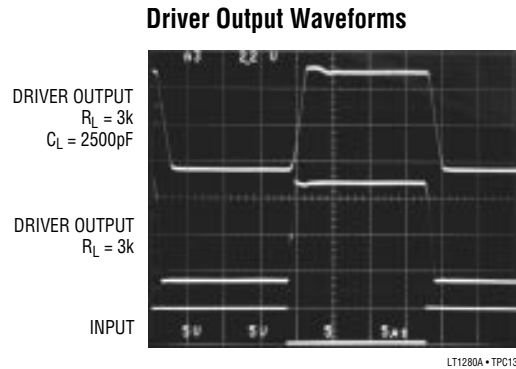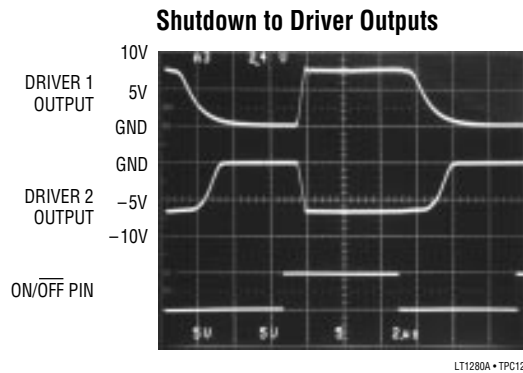
PIN FUNCTIONS

V_{CC}: 5V Input Supply Pin. This pin should be decoupled with a 0.1μF ceramic capacitor close to the package pin. Insufficient supply bypassing can result in low output drive levels and erratic charge pump operation.

GND: Ground Pin.

ON/$\overline{OFF}$: A TTL/CMOS Compatible Operating Mode Control. A logic low puts the LT1280A in shutdown mode. Supply current drops to zero and both driver and receiver outputs assume a high impedance state. A logic high fully enables the device.

V^+: Positive Supply Output (RS232 Drivers). $V^+ \approx 2V_{CC} - 1.5V$. This pin requires an external charge storage capacitor $C \geq 0.1μF$, tied to ground or V_{CC}. Larger value capacitors may be used to reduce supply ripple. With multiple transceivers, the V^+ and V^- pins may be paralleled into common capacitors.

V^-: Negative Supply Output (RS232 Drivers). $V^- \approx -(2V_{CC} - 2.5V)$. This pin requires an external charge storage capacitor $C \geq 0.1μF$. Larger value capacitors may be used to reduce supply ripple. With multiple transceivers, the V^+ and V^- pins may be paralleled into common capacitors.

TR1 IN, TR2 IN: RS232 Driver Input Pins. These inputs are TTL/CMOS compatible. Inputs should not be allowed to float. Tie unused inputs to V_{CC}.

TR1 OUT, TR2 OUT: Driver Outputs at RS232 Voltage Levels. Driver output swing meets RS232 levels for loads up to 3k. Slew rates are controlled for lightly loaded lines.

Output current capability is sufficient for load conditions up to 2500pF. Outputs are in a high impedance state when in shutdown mode or V_{CC} = 0V. Outputs are fully short-circuit protected from $V^- + 30V$ to $V^+ - 30V$. Applying higher voltages will not damage the device if the overdrive is moderately current limited. Short circuits on one output can load the power supply generator and may disrupt the signal levels of the other outputs. The driver outputs are protected against ESD to ±10kV for human body model discharges.

REC1 IN, REC2 IN: Receiver Inputs. These pins accept RS232 level signals (±30V) into a protected 5k terminating resistor. The receiver inputs are protected against ESD to ±10kV for human body model discharges. Each receiver provides 0.4V of hysteresis for noise immunity. Open receiver inputs assume a logic low state.

REC1 OUT, REC2 OUT: Receiver outputs with TTL/CMOS Voltage Levels. Outputs are in a high impedance state when in shutdown mode to allow data line sharing. Outputs are fully short-circuit protected to ground or V_{CC} with the power ON, OFF or in the shutdown mode.

$C1^+$, $C1^-$, $C2^+$, $C2^-$: Commutating Capacitor Inputs. These pins require two external capacitors $C \geq 0.1μF$: one from $C1^+$ to $C1^-$ and another from $C2^+$ to $C2^-$. C1 should be deleted if a separate 12V supply is available and connected to pin $C1^+$. Similarly, C2 should be deleted if a separate −12V supply is connected to pin V^-.

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ESD PROTECTION

The RS232 line inputs of the LT1280A/LT1281A have on-chip protection from ESD transients up to ±10kV. The protection structures act to divert the static discharge safely to system ground. In order for the ESD protection to function effectively, the power supply and ground pins of the circuit must be connected to ground through low impedances. The power supply decoupling capacitors and charge pump storage capacitors provide this low impedance in normal application of the circuit. The only constraint is that low ESR capacitors must be used for bypassing and charge storage. ESD testing must be done with pins V_{CC}, V_L, V^+, V^-, and GND shorted to ground or connected with low ESR capacitors.

ESD Test Circuit
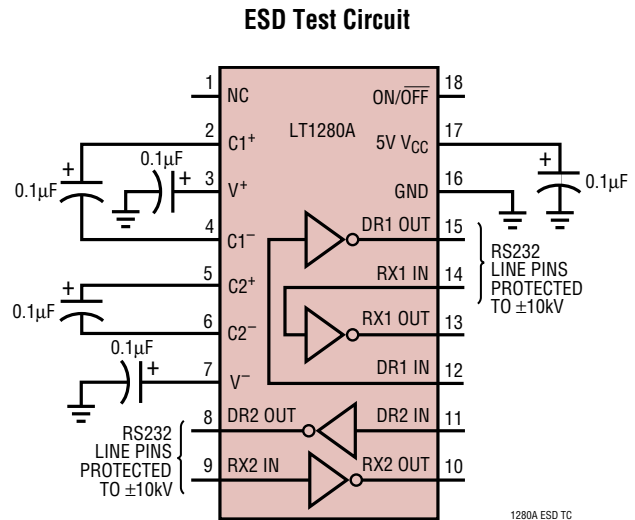
TYPICAL APPLICATION

Supporting an LT1039 (Triple Driver/Receiver)
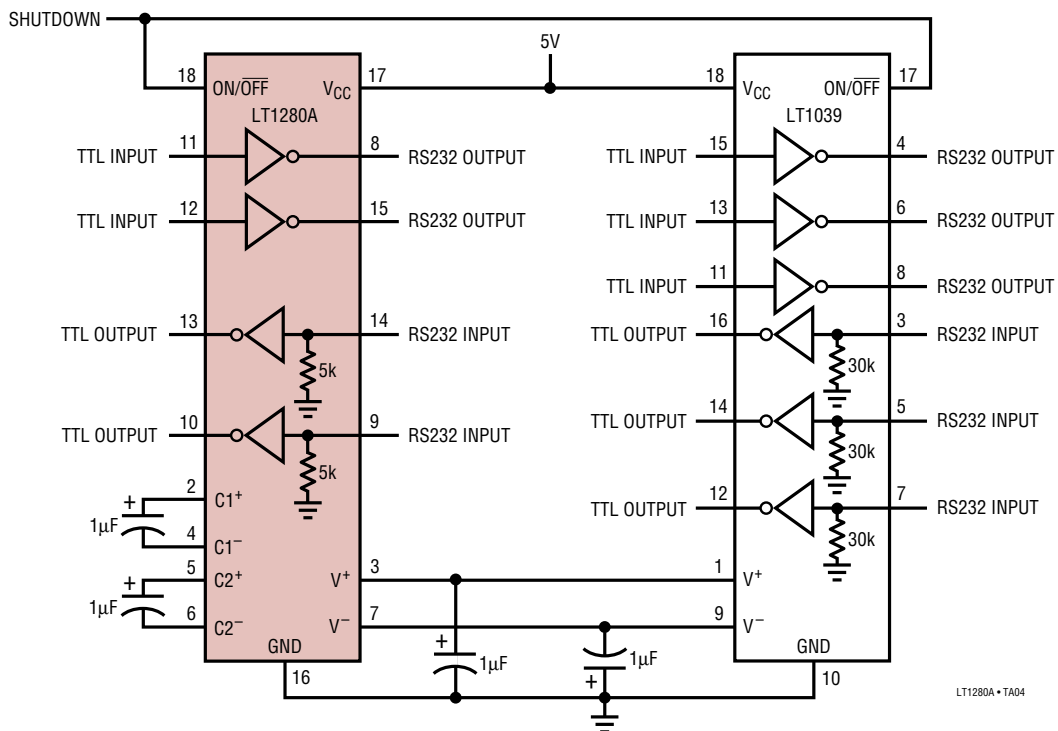
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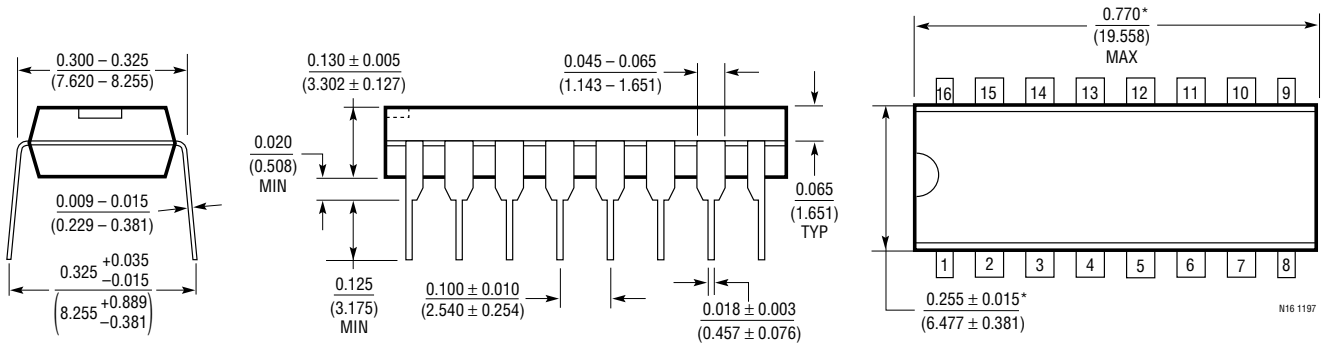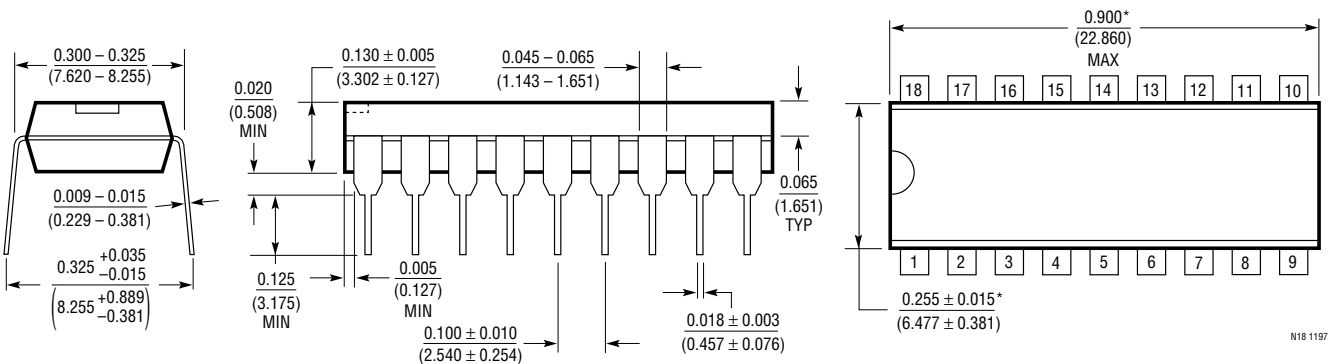Dimensions in inches (millimeters) unless otherwise noted.

N Package
16-Lead PDIP (Narrow 0.300)
(LTC DWG # 05-08-1510)

0.300 – 0.325
(7.620 – 8.255)

0.009 – 0.015
(0.229 – 0.381)

0.325 +0.035 −0.015
(8.255 +0.889 −0.381)

0.130 ± 0.005
(3.302 ± 0.127)

0.020
(0.508)
MIN

0.125
(3.175)
MIN

0.100 ± 0.010
(2.540 ± 0.254)

0.045 – 0.065
(1.143 – 1.651)

0.065
(1.651)
TYP

0.018 ± 0.003
(0.457 ± 0.076)

0.770*
(19.558)
MAX

| 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |

0.255 ± 0.015*
(6.477 ± 0.381)

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*THESE DIMENSIONS DO NOT INCLUDE MOLD FLASH OR PROTRUSIONS.
MOLD FLASH OR PROTRUSIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.010 INCH (0.254mm)

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0.020
(0.508)
MIN

0.125
(3.175)
MIN

0.005
(0.127)
MIN

0.100 ± 0.010
(2.540 ± 0.254)

0.045 – 0.065
(1.143 – 1.651)

0.065
(1.651)
TYP

0.018 ± 0.003
(0.457 ± 0.076)

0.900*
(22.860)
MAX

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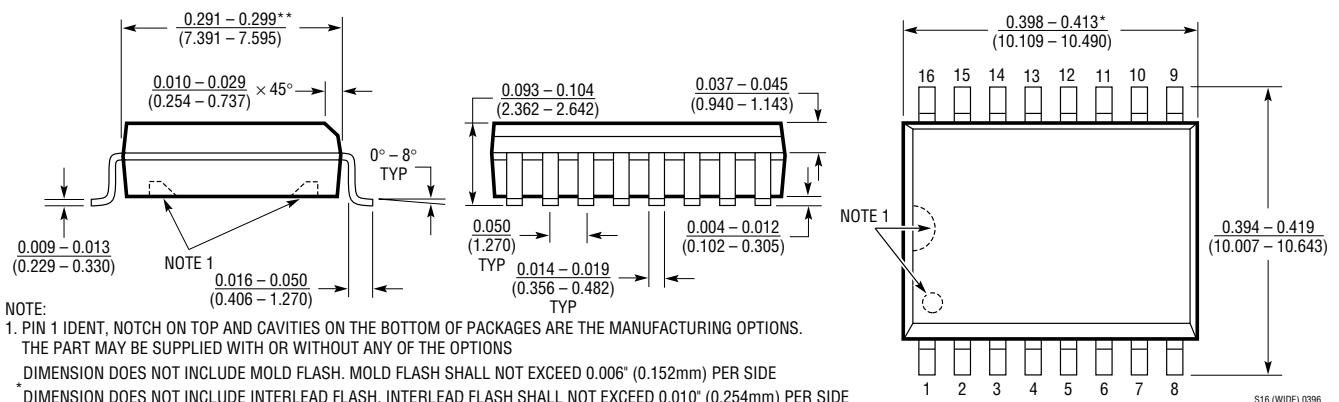0.255 ± 0.015*
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SW Package
16-Lead Plastic Small Outline (Wide 0.300)
(LTC DWG # 05-08-1620)

0.291 – 0.299**
(7.391 – 7.595)

0.010 – 0.029
(0.254 – 0.737) × 45°

0° – 8°
TYP

0.009 – 0.013
(0.229 – 0.330)

NOTE 1

0.016 – 0.050
(0.406 – 1.270)

0.093 – 0.104
(2.362 – 2.642)

0.037 – 0.045
(0.940 – 1.143)

0.050
(1.270)
TYP

0.014 – 0.019
(0.356 – 0.482)
TYP

0.004 – 0.012
(0.102 – 0.305)

0.398 – 0.413*
(10.109 – 10.490)

| 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 |

NOTE 1

0.394 – 0.419
(10.007 – 10.643)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |

S16 (WIDE) 0396

NOTE:
1. PIN 1 IDENT, NOTCH ON TOP AND CAVITIES ON THE BOTTOM OF PACKAGES ARE THE MANUFACTURING OPTIONS.
THE PART MAY BE SUPPLIED WITH OR WITHOUT ANY OF THE OPTIONS
* DIMENSION DOES NOT INCLUDE MOLD FLASH. MOLD FLASH SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.006" (0.152mm) PER SIDE
** DIMENSION DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERLEAD FLASH. INTERLEAD FLASH SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.010" (0.254mm) PER SIDE

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

Dimensions in inches (millimeters) unless otherwise noted.

SW Package
**18-Lead Plastic Small Outline (Wide 0.300)**
(LTC DWG # 05-08-1620)

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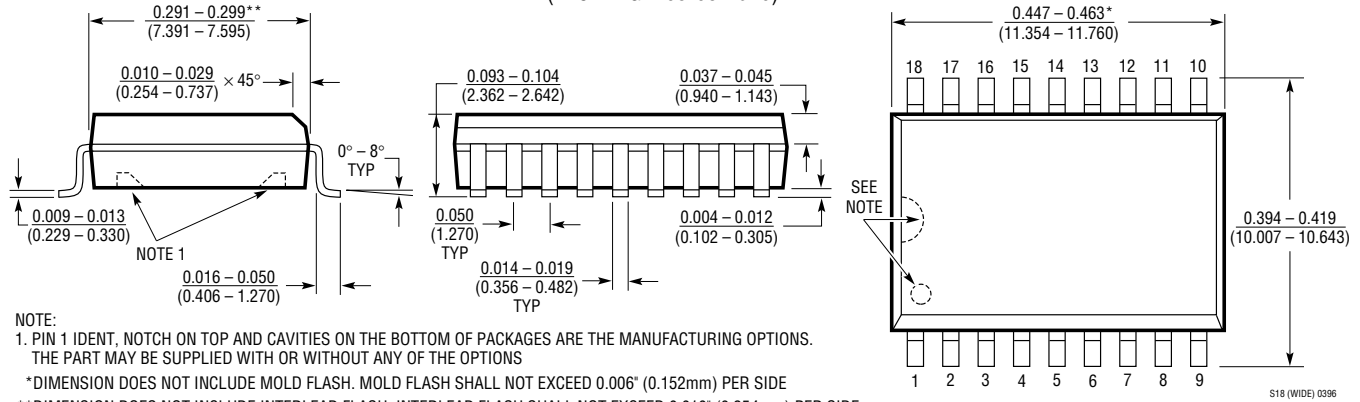
TYPICAL APPLICATION

Operation Using 5V and 12V Power Supplies
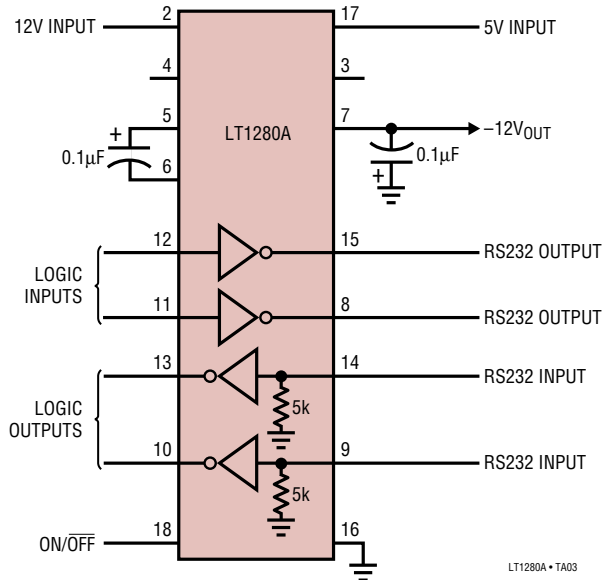
RELATED PARTS

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
LT1180A/LT1181A	5V 2-Driver/2-Receiver RS232 Transceivers	Pin Compatible with LT1280A/LT1280A
LT1381	5V 2-Driver/2-Receiver RS232 Transceiver	Narrow 16-Pin SO Package
LT1780/LT1781	5V 2-Driver/2-Receiver RS232 Transceiver	IEC 1000-4-2 Level 4 Compliance

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