Zywyn

Electroluminescent Lamp Driver
Low Power Applications

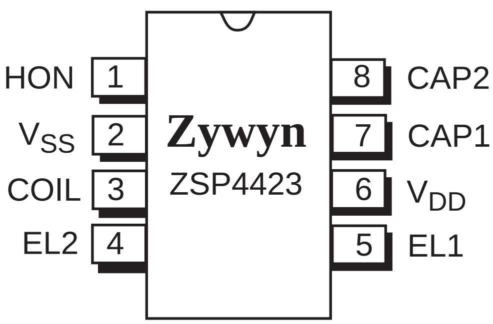
Features

- +2.2V to +5.0V battery operation
- 10nA typical standby current
- High voltage output typical 160V_{PP}
- Internal oscillator

Applications

- PDAs
- MP3 players
- Cellular phones
- Remote controls
- Handheld computers

Pin Configuration



8-Pin nSOIC/MSOP

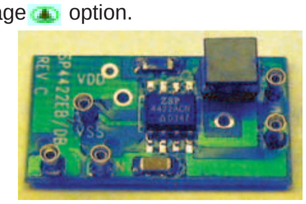
General Description

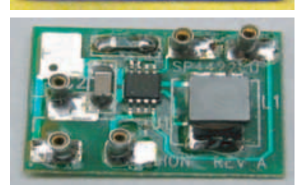
The ZSP4423 is a high voltage output DC-AC converter that can operate from a +2.2V to +5.0V power supply. The ZSP4423 is designed with our proprietary high voltage BiCMOS technology and is capable of supplying up to 200V_{PP} signals, making it ideal for driving small electroluminescent lamps. The device features 10nA (typical) standby current, for use in low power portable products. An inductor is used to generate the high voltage, and an external capacitor is used to select the oscillator frequency. The ZSP4423 is offered in an 8-pin narrow SOIC package or an 8-pin MSOP package. For delivery in die form, please consult the factory.

Ordering Information

Part Number	Temperature Range	Package Type
ZSP4423CN	-40°C to +85°C	8-Pin nSOIC
ZSP4423LCN	-40°C to +85°C	8-Pin nSOIC Green
ZSP4423CU	-40°C to +85°C	8-Pin MSOP
ZSP4423LCU	-40°C to +85°C	8-Pin MSOP Green
ZSP4423CX	0°C to +70°C	Die in Wafflepack
ZSP4423NEB	n/a	nSOIC Eval. Board
ZSP4423UEB	n/a	MSOP Eval. Board

Please contact the factory for pricing and availabiliy on a Tape-on-Reel and Green Package option.





Please contact the factory for EL driver design support and availability of custom-made evaluation demo boards.

See our web site for Application Note **AN007** regarding requirements for custom-made evaluation demo boards.

Absolute Maximum Ratings

These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these ratings or any other above those indicated in the operation sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods of time may affect reliability.

V_{DD} .... +7.0V
Input Voltages/Currents
  HON (pin 1) .... –0.5V to (V_{DD} +0.5V)
  COIL (pin3).......... 60mA
Lamp Output .... $230V_{PP}$
Storage Temperature .... –65°C to +150°C
Operating Temperature .... –40°C to +85°C
Power Dissipation Per Package
  8-pin NSOIC (derate 6.14mW/°C above +70°C) ... 500mW
  8-pin µSOIC (derate 4.85mW/°C above +70°C) ... 390mW

Storage Considerations

Storage in a low humidity environment is preferred. Large high density plastic packages are moisture sensitive and should be stored in Dry Vapor Barrier Bags. Prior to usage, the parts should remain bagged and stored below 40°C and 60%RH. If the parts are removed from the bag, they should be used within 48 hours or stored in an environment at or below 20%RH. If the above conditions cannot be followed, the parts should be baked for four hours at 125°C in order remove moisture prior to soldering. Zywyn ships product in Dry Vapor Barrier Bags with a humidity indicator card and desiccant pack. The humidity indicator should be below 30%RH.

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Electrical Characteristics

T_A = +25°C, V_{DD} = +3.0V, C_{LAMP} = 6000pF, Coil = 20mH (R_S = 70Ω); C_{OSC} = 150pF, unless otherwise noted.

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
V_{DD}	Supply Voltage		2.2	3.0	5.0	V
$I_{COIL} + I_{DD}$	Supply Current	V_{DD} = +3.0V, V_{HON} = +3.0V V_{DD} = +5.0V, V_{HON} = +5.0V		5 12	12 40	mA
V_{COIL}	Coil Voltage		V_{DD}		6.0	V
V_{HON}	HON Input Voltage LOW: EL off HIGH: EL on		 –0.25 V_{DD} – 0.25	 0 V_{DD}	 0.25 V_{DD} + 0.25	V
I_{HON}	HON Current	V_{HON} = V_{DD} = +3.0V V_{HON} = V_{DD} = +5.0V		25 50	60 120	µA
$I_{SD} = I_{COIL} + I_{DD}$	Shutdown Current	V_{DD} = +3.0V, V_{HON} = 0V V_{DD} = +5.0V, V_{HON} = 0V		10 0.3	200 1	nA µA
INDUCTOR DRIVE						
$f_{COIL} = f_{LAMP} \times 32$	Coil Frequency			9.6		kHz
	Coil Duty Cycle			75		%
$I_{PK-COIL}$	Peak Coil Current	Guaranteed by design			60	mA
EL LAMP OUTPUT						
f_{LAMP}	EL Lamp Frequency	V_{DD} = +3.0V	200	300	500	Hz
V_{PP}	Peak-to-Peak Output Voltage	V_{DD} = +3.0V	110	150		V

Block Diagram

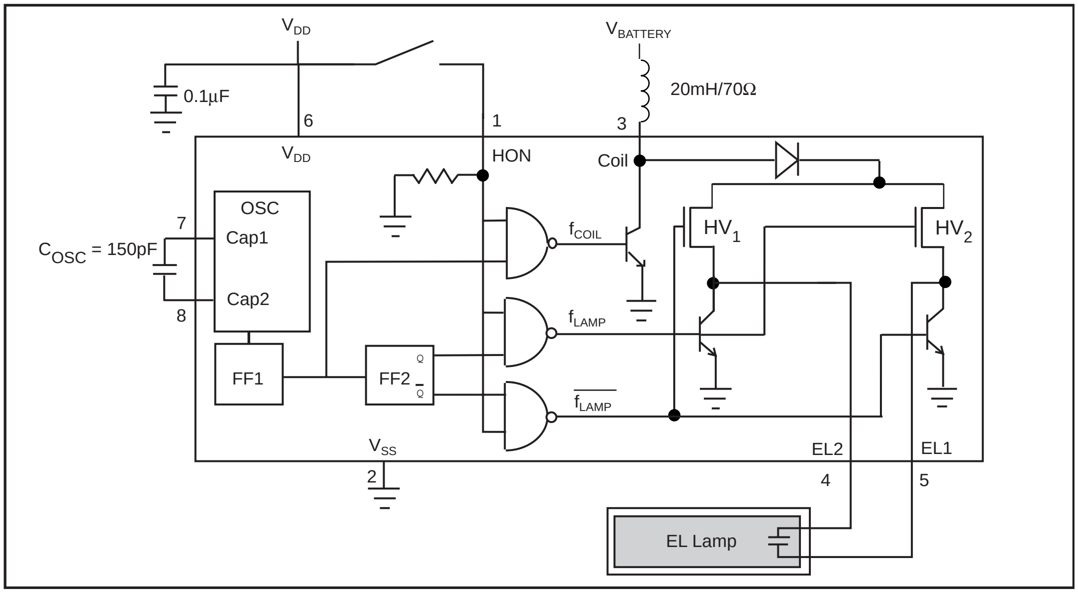


Figure 1. Block Diagram

Pin Description

Pin Number	Pin Name	Pin Function
1	HON	Enable for driver operation: high = active; low = inactive.
2	V_{SS}	Power supply common: connect to ground.
3	COIL	Coil input: connect coil from V_{DD} to this pin.
4	EL2	Lamp driver output 2: connect to EL lamp.
5	EL1	Lamp driver output 1: connect to EL lamp.
6	V_{DD}	Power supply for driver: connect to system V_{DD}.
7	CAP1	Capacitor Input 1: connect to C_{OSC}.
8	CAP2	Capacitor Input 2: connect to C_{OSC}.

Circuit Description

The ZSP4423 is made up of three basic circuit elements, an oscillator, coil, and switched H-bridge network. The oscillator provides the device with an on-chip clock source used to control the charge and discharge phases for the coil and lamp. An external capacitor connected between pins 7 and 8 allows the user to vary the oscillator frequency from 32kHz to 400kHz. In general, increasing the C_{OSC} capacitor will increase the lamp output voltage and decrease the lamp frequency.

The suggested oscillator frequency is 64kHz (C_{OSC} =150pF). The oscillator output is internally divided to create two internal control signals, f_{COIL} and f_{LAMP}. The oscillator output is internally divided down by 8 flip-flops; a 64kHz signal will be divided into 8 frequencies; 32, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1, 0.5, and 0.25 Hz. The 3rd flip-flop output (8kHz) is used to drive the coil (see *Figure 1)* and the 8th flip flop output (250Hz) is used to drive the lamp. Although the oscillator frequency can be varied to optimize the lamp output, the ratio of f_{COIL}/f_{LAMP} will always equal 32.

The on-chip oscillator of the ZSP4423 can be overdriven with an external clock source by removing the C_{OSC} capacitor and connecting a clock source to pin 8 (Cap 2). The clock should have a 50% duty cycle and range from V_{DD} to ground. An external clock signal may be desirable in order to synchronize any parasitic switching noise with the system clock. The maximum external clock frequencies that can be supplied is 400kHz.

The coil is an external component connected from $V_{BATTERY}$ to pin 3 of the ZSP4423. Energy is stored in the coil according to the equation $E_L = 1/2LI^2$, where I is the peak current flowing in the inductor. The current in the inductor is time dependent and is set by the "ON" time of the coil switch:

$I = (V_L/L)\, t_{ON}$, where V_L is the voltage across the inductor. At the moment the switch closes, the current in the inductor is zero and the entire supply voltage (minus the V_{SAT} of the switch) is across the inductor. The current in the inductor will then ramp up at a linear rate. As the current in the inductor builds up, the voltage across the inductor will decrease due to the resistance of the coil and the "ON" resistance of the switch: $V_L = V_{BATTERY} - IR_L - V_{SAT}$. Since the voltage across the inductor is decreasing, the current ramp-rate also decreases which reduces the current in the coil at the end of t_{ON} the energy stored in the inductor per coil cycle and therefore the light output. The other important issue is that maximum current (saturation current) in the coil is set by the design and manufacturer of the coil. If the parameters of the application such as $V_{BATTERY}$, L, R_L or t_{ON} cause the current in the coil to increase beyond its rated I_{SAT}, excessive heat will be generated and the power efficiency will decrease with no additional light output. The Zywyn ZSP4423 is final tested using a 20mH/70Ω coil from CTC. For suggested coil sources, see *"Coil Manufacturers."*

The supply V_{DD} can range from +2.2V to +5.0V. It is not necessary that $V_{DD} = V_{BATTERY}$. $V_{BATTERY}$ should not exceed max coil current specification. The majority of the current goes through the coil and is typically much greater than I_{DD}. The f_{COIL} signal controls a switch that connects the end of the coil at pin 3 to ground or to open circuit. The f_{COIL} signal is a 75% duty cycle signal, switching at 1/8 the oscillator frequency. For a 64kHz oscillator f_{COIL} is 8kHz. During the time when the f_{COIL} signal is high, the coil is connected from $V_{BATTERY}$ to ground and a charged magnetic field is created in the coil. During the low part of f_{COIL}, the ground connection is switched open, the field collapses and the energy in the inductor is forced to flow toward the high voltage H-bridge switches. f_{COIL} will send 16 of these charge pulses to the lamp, each pulse increases the voltage drop across the lamp in discrete steps. As the voltage potential approaches its maximum, the steps become shorter (see *Figure 4).*

The H-bridge consists of two proprietary low on-resistance high voltage switches. These two switches control the polarity of how the lamp is charged. The high voltage switches are controlled by the f_{LAMP} signal which is the oscillator frequency divided by 256. For a 64kHz oscillator, f_{LAMP} =250Hz.

The direction of current flow is determined by which high voltage switch is enabled. One full cycle of the H-bridge will create 16 voltage steps from ground to 80V (typical) on pins 4 and 5 which are 180 degrees out of phase with each other (see *Figure 6*). A differential representation of the outputs is shown in *Figure 7*. To minimize AC interference it is advisable to use a decoupling filter capacitor between V_{DD} and ground.

Electroluminescent Technology

What is Electroluminescence?

An EL lamp is basically a strip of plastic that is coated with a phosphorous material which emits light (fluoresces) when a high voltage (>40V) which was first applied across it, is removed or reversed. Long periods of DC voltages applied to the material tend to breakdown the material and reduce its lifetime. With these considerations in mind, the ideal signal to drive an EL lamp is a high voltage sine wave. Traditional approaches to achieving this type of waveform included discrete circuits incorporating a transformer, transistors, and several resistors and capacitors. This approach is large and bulky, and cannot be implemented in hand held equipment. Zywyn now offers low power single-chip driver circuits specifically designed to drive small to medium sized electroluminescent panels. All that is required is one external inductor and capacitor. Electroluminescent backlighting is ideal when used with LCD displays, keypads, or other backlit readouts. Its main use is to illuminate displays in dim to dark conditions for momentary periods of time. EL lamps typically consume less than LEDs or incandescent bulbs making them ideal for battery powered products. Also, EL lamps are able to evenly light an area without creating "hot spots" in the display. The amount of light emitted is a function of the voltage applied to the lamp, the frequency at which it is applied, the lamp material used and its size. There are many variables which can be optimized for specific applications.

Typical Application

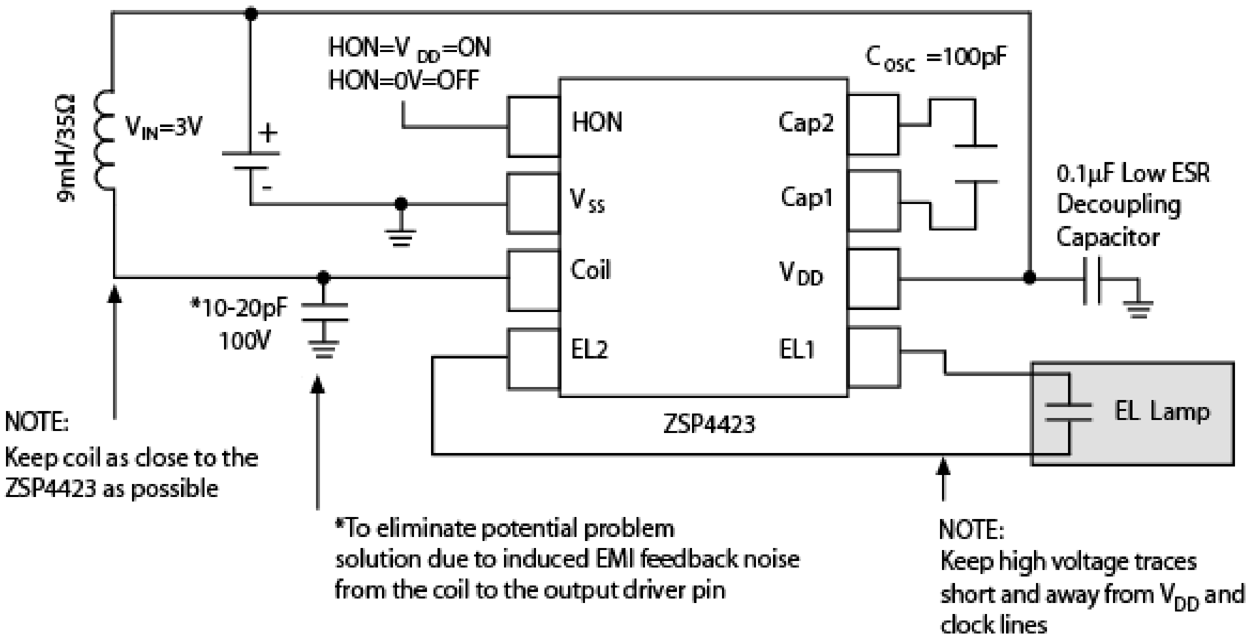


Figure 2. Typical Application Circuit

Contact the factory for any technical or application support.

Test Circuit

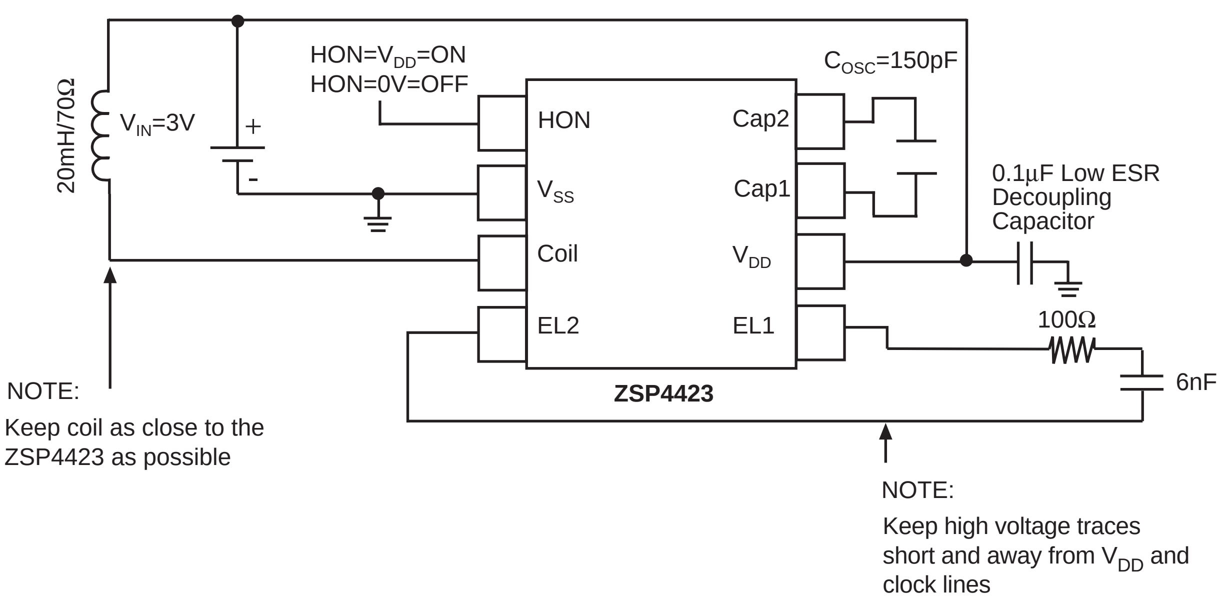


Figure 3. Test Circuit

Waveforms

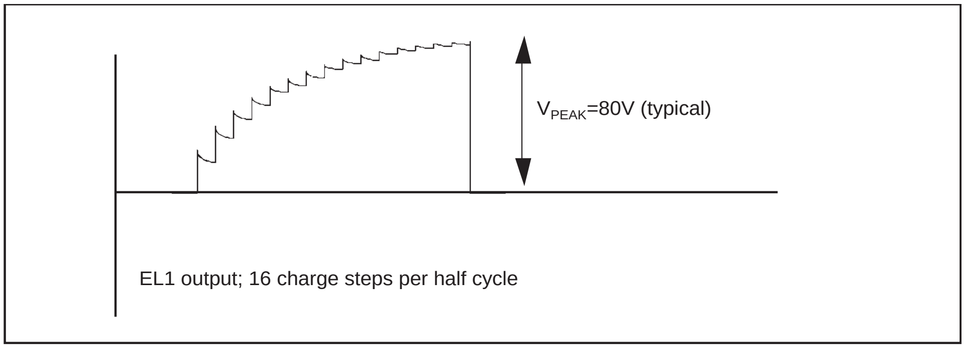


Figure 4. EL Output Voltage in Discrete Steps at EL1 Output

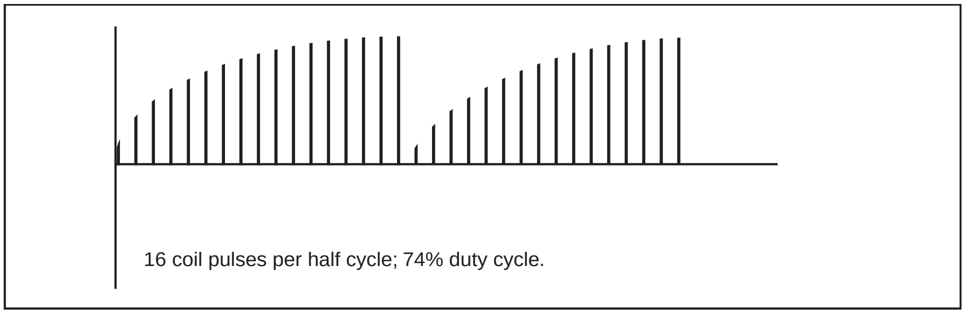


Figure 5. Voltage Pulses Released from the Coil to the EL Driver Circuitry

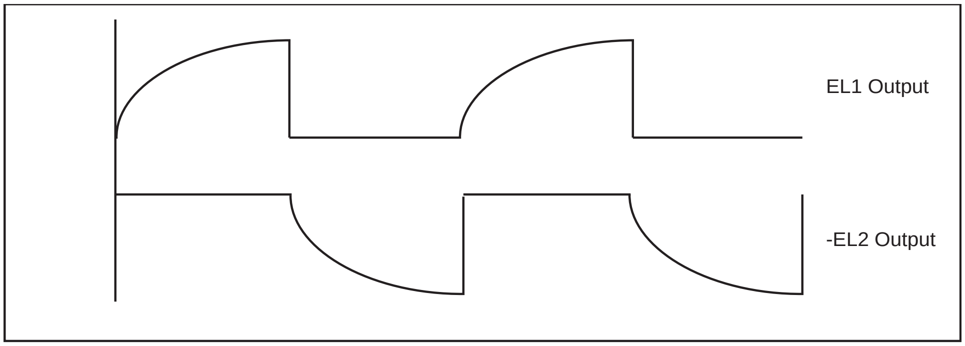


Figure 6. EL Voltage Waveforms from the EL1 and EL2 Outputs

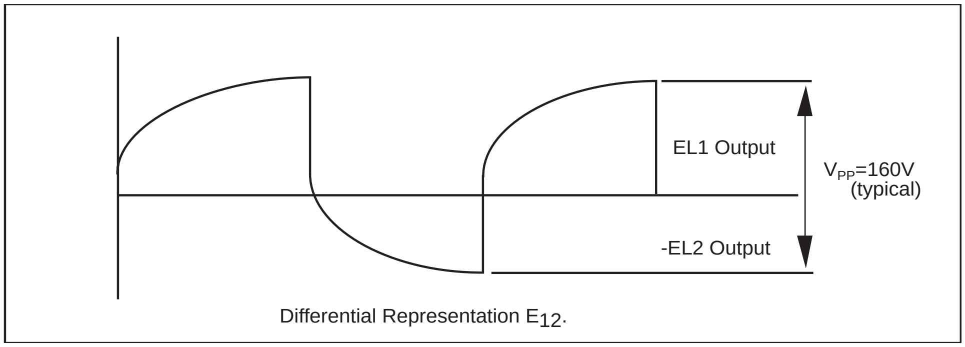
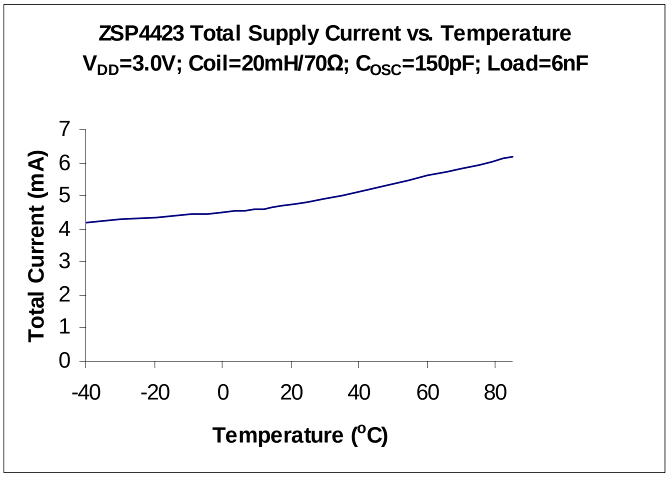
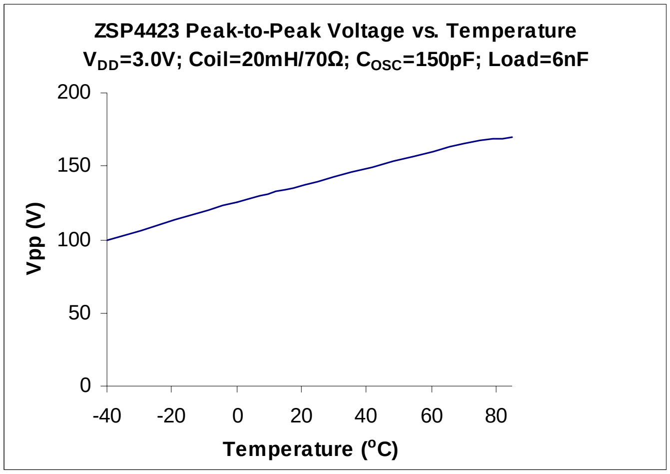
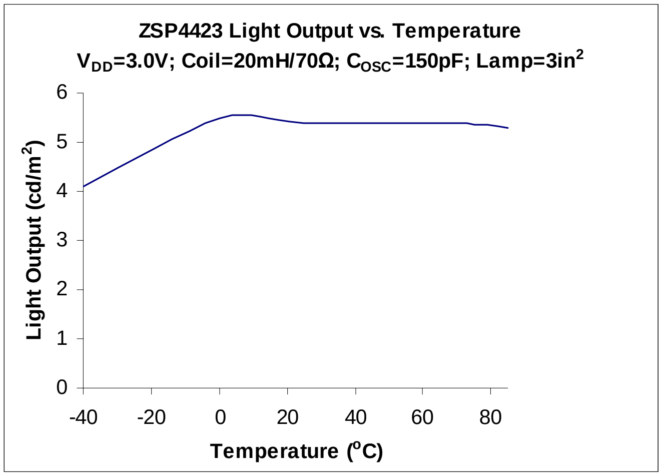


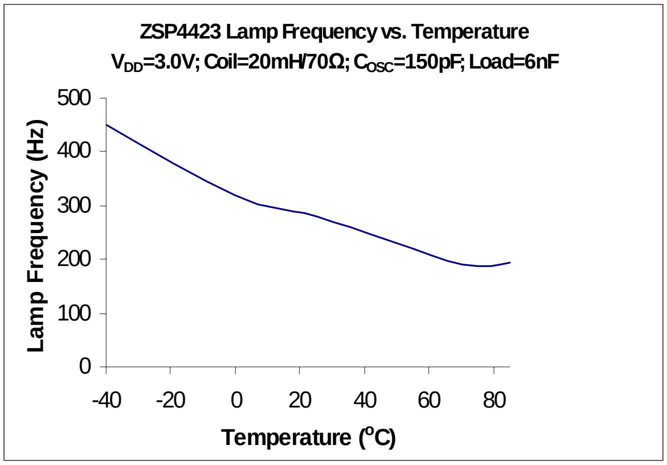
Figure 7. EL Differential Output Waveform of the EL1 and EL2 Outputs

Typical Performance Characteristics









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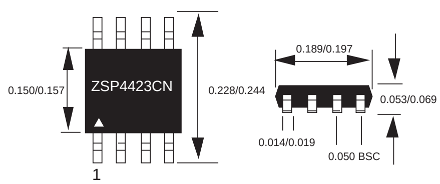
Package Information

All package dimensions in inches

8-pin nSOIC



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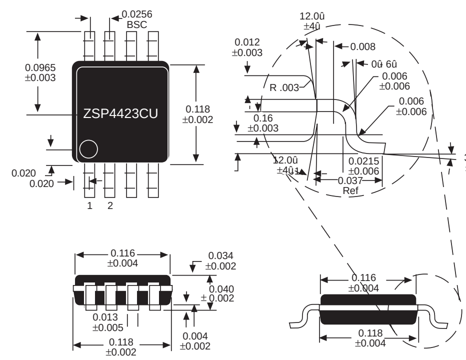

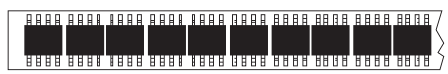

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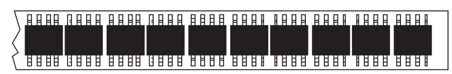

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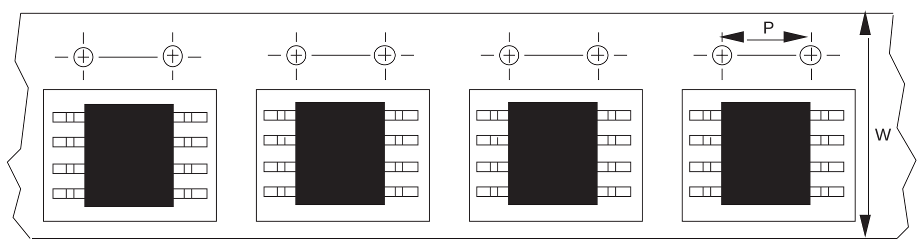

nSOIC-8 13" reels: P=8mm, W=12mm MSOP-8 13" reels: P=8mm, W=12mm			
Pkg.	Minimum qty per reel	Standard qty per reel	Maximum qty per reel
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