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# MC1488

## **RS232C QUAD LINE DRIVER**

- CURRENT LIMITED OUTPUT ± 10 mA TYP.
- POWER-OFF SOURCE IMPEDANCE 300 ΩMIN.
- SIMPLE SLEW RATE CONTROL WITH EXTER-NAL CAPACITOR
- FLEXIBLE OPERATING SUPPLY RANGE
- INPUTS ARE TTL AND µP COMPATIBLE



### DESCRIPTION

The MC1488 is a monolithic quad line driver designed to interface data terminal equipment with data communications equipment in conformance with the specifications of EIA Standard No. RS232C.

#### TYPICAL APPLICATION : RS232C Data Transmission.



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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit	
Vs	Power Supply Voltage	15	V	
VEE	Power Supply Voltage	- 15	V	
VIR	Input Voltage Range	$-15 \le V_{IR} \le 7$	V	
Vo	Output Signal Voltage	± 15	V	
Tamb	Operating Ambient Temperature	0 to 75	°C	
Tsig	Storage Temperature Range	- 65 to 150	°C	

### CONNECTION DIAGRAMS (top views)



#### LOGIC DIAGRAM



#### THERMAL DATA

				Ceramic DIP - 14	
th j-amb	Thermal Resistance Junction-ambient	max	200 °C/W	165 °C/W	165 °C/W



Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	Fig.
l <sub>IL</sub>	Input Current	Low Logic State (VIL = 0V)		1	1.6	mA	1
L <sub>H</sub>	Input Current	High Logic State (V <sub>IH</sub> = 5V)			10	μA	1
V <sub>OH</sub>	Output Voltage	$ \begin{array}{ll} \mbox{High Logic State} & \mbox{R}_L = 3K\Omega \\ \mbox{V}_{IL} = 0.8V, \ \mbox{V}_S = 9V, \ \mbox{V}_{EE} = -9V \\ \mbox{V}_{IL} = 0.8V, \ \mbox{V}_S = 13.2V, \ \ \mbox{V}_{EE} = -13.2V \\ \end{array} $	6 9	7 10.5		v v	2
Vol	Output Voltage	$ \begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$	- 6 - 9	- 7 - 10.5		V V	2 2
Ios + *	Positive Output Short - circuit Current		6	10	12	mA	3
I <sub>OS -</sub> *	Negative Output Short-circuit Current		- 6	- 10	- 12	mA	3
Ro	Output Resistance	$V_{\rm S} = V_{\rm EE} = 0$ $ Vo  = \pm 2V$	300			Ω	4
I <sub>s</sub>	Positive Supply Current $(R_r = \infty)$	$ \begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$		15 4.5 19 5.5	20 6 25 7 34 12	mA	5
IEE	Negative Supply Current (R <sub>L</sub> = ∞)	$ \begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$		- 13 - 18	- 17 - 15 - 23 - 15 - 34 - 2.5	mA μA mA μA mA	5
Pc	Power Consumption				333 567	mW	

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** (V<sub>S</sub> = 9 ±10 % V, V<sub>E E</sub> =  $-9 \pm 10$  % V. T<sub>amb</sub> = 0 to 75 °C unless otherwise specified)

## SWITCHING CHARACTERISTICS ( $V_s = \pm 9 \pm 1 \% V$ , $V_{EE} = -9 \pm 1 \% V$ , $T_{amb} = 25 \%$ )

<b>t</b> PLH	Propagation Delay Time	$Z_i = 3 K\Omega$ and 15 pF	275	350	ns	6
<b>T</b> THE	Fall Time	$Z_i = 3 \text{ K}\Omega$ and 15 pF	45	75	ns	6
1PHL	Propagation Delay Time	$Z_i = 3 \text{ K}\Omega$ and 15 pF	110	175	ns	6
<b>T</b> TLH	Rise Time	$Z_1 = 3 \text{ K}\Omega$ and 15 pF	55	100	ns	6

\* Maximum package power dissipation may be exceeded if all outputs are shorted simultaneously

## TEST CIRCUITS

Figure 1 : Input Current.



Figure 3 : Output Short-Circuit Current.



Figure 5 : Power Supply Currents.



Figure 2 : Output Voltage.







Figure 6 : Switching Response.





Figure 7 : Transfer Characteristics vs. Power Supply Voltage.



Figure 9 : Output Slew-Rate Load Capacitance.



Figure 11 : Maximum Operating Temperature vs. Power-Supply Voltage.



Figure 8 : Short-Circuit Output Current vs. Temperature.



Figure 10 : Output Voltage and Current-Limiting Characteristics.





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#### **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

The Electronic Industries Association (EIA) has released the RS232C specification detailing the requirements for the interface between data processing equipment. This standard specifies not only the number and type of interface leads, but also the voltage levels to be used. The MC1488 quad driver and its companion circuit, the MC1489 quad receiver, provide a complete interface system between DTL or TTL logic levels and the RS232C defined levels. The RS232C requirements as applied to drivers are discussed herein.

The required driver voltages are defined as between 5 and 15 V in magnitude and are positive for a logic "0" and negative for a logic "1". These voltages are so defined when the drivers are terminated with a 3000 to  $7000\Omega$  resistor. The MC1488 meets this voltage requirement by converting a DTL/TTL logic level into RS232C levels with one stage of inversion.

The RS232C specification further requires that during transitions, the driver output slew rate must not exceed 30 V per  $\mu$ s. The inherent slew rate of the MC1488 is much too fast for this requirement. The current limited output of the device can be used to control this slew rate by connecting a capacitor to each driver output. The required capacitor can be easily determined by using the relationship C = los x  $\Delta T / \Delta V$  from which Figure 12 is derived. Accordingly, a 330 pF capacitor on each output will guarantee a worst case slew rate of 30 V per  $\mu$ s.

The interface driver is also required to withstand an accidental short to any other conductor in an inter-

ISC = 10mA.

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Figure 12 : Slew Rate vs. Capacitance for  $I_{SC} = 10 \text{ mA}$ .

connecting cable. The worst possible signal on any conductor would be another driver using a plus or minus 15 V, 500 mA source. The MC1488 is designed to indefinitely withstand such a short to all four outputs in a package as long as the power-supply voltages are greater than 9.0 V (i.e., VS ≥ 9.0 V ;  $V_{EE} \le -9.0 \text{ V}$ ). In some power-supply designs, a loss of system power causes a low impedance on the power-supply outputs. When this occurs, a low impedance to ground would exist at the power inputs to the MC1488 effectively shorting the 300 $\Omega$  output resistor to ground. If all four outputs were then shorted to plus or minus 15 V. the power dissipation in these resistors would be excessive. Therefore, if the system is designed to permit low impedances to ground at the power-supples of the drivers, a diode should be placed in each power-supply lead to prevent over-heating in this fault condition. These two diodes, as shown in Figure 13, could be used to decouple all the driver packages in a system. (These same diodes will allow the MC1488 to withstand momentary shorts to the ±15 V limits specified in the earlier Standard RS232B). The addition of the diodes also permits the MC1488 to withstand faults with power-supplies of less than the 9.0 V stated above.

The maximum short-circuit current allowable under fault conditions is more than guaranteed by the previously mentioned 10 mA output current limiting.



#### Figure 13 : Power Supply Protection to Meet Power-off Fault Conditions.



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#### OTHER APPLICATION

The MC1488 is an extremely versatile line driver with a miriad of possible applications. Several features of the drivers enhance this versatility :

1. Output Current Limiting - this enables the circuit designer to define the ouptut voltage levels independent of power-supplies and can be accomplished by diode clamping of the output pins.

2. Power-Supply Range - as can be seen from the schematic drawing of the drivers, the positive and negative driving elements of the device are essentially independent and do not require matching po-

wer-supplies. In fact, the positive supply can very from a minimum seven volts (required for driving the negative pulldown section) to the maximum specified 15 V. The negative supply can vary from approximately - 2.5 V to the minimum specified - 15 V. The MC1488 will drive the ouptut to within 2 V of the positive or negative supplies as long as the current output limits are not exceeded. The combination of the current-limiting and supply-voltage features allow a wide combination of possible outputs within the same quad package.

