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Paradise Video Controller

**PVC4A**

## Features

- 100% IBM\* CGA and MDA compatibility
- 720 x 348 pixel Hercules\* compatibility
- AT&T\* Model 6300 compatibility
- Plantronics\* Colorplus compatibility
- 640 x 480 and 1056 x 344 Mono Graphics capability
- 132 Column Mono Character mode
- Functionally compatible with 6845 CRTIC
- Bus interface and decoding logic included
- Flicker-free operation in all video modes
- Composite Video and Composite Sync outputs
- Support for most MCGA-similar modes
- Support for analog (VGA) monochrome or color monitors
- RAMDAC support
- Support for color simulation on monochrome monitors using Paradise Color Simulation chip (PSC)
- Internal multiplexer to select three video clock sources
- Printer port enable logic included with three selectable I/O address ranges
- Configuration Registers Auto-Load 15 parameters upon power-up or reset
- Supports up to two 256-character fonts with external character generator ROM
- Logic to support light pen included
- Available in JEDEC 100-pin plastic flat package (PFP), 100-pin PLCC and 100-pin Shenko package
- Minimum circuit board space requirements

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**ORDER INFORMATION:**

**PACKAGE  
TYPE**

**WESTERN DIGITAL  
PART NO.**

100 PIN PLCC

29-603019-000

100 PIN PFP

29-603025-000

100 PIN SHENKO

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## Description

The Paradise PVC4A is a 1.2 micron, 6500 gate CMOS LSI device that implements virtually a "video card on a chip." With the addition of only RAM, a ROM character generator, an oscillator and two buffer devices, the PVC4A provides the functionality of the CGA, MDA, Hercules Graphics Card, Plantronics Colorplus Mode and AT&T video adapters. With the addition of a BIOS ROM and decoding logic, and a RAMDAC or inexpensive monochrome DAC, the PVC4A provides functionality similar to most MCGA modes, including support for analog (VGA) monochrome or color monitors.

## Description of Operation

The PVC4A includes several features to maximize flexibility and minimize the required external hardware. This flexibility is implemented with two internal 8-bit registers which sense and retain configuration information.

At power-up, or after any hardware reset to the PVC4A, the 8 video data and 8 video address lines are tested by the PVC4A to determine whether pull-up or pull-down resistors are connected. This selection allows the PVC4A to automatically configure itself according to the resistor connection.

The 8 address lines are sensed and stored in the Paradise Register and the 8 data lines are sensed and stored in the Configuration Register.

The Paradise Register is available as a write-only I/O register at address 3XB, after performing an unlocking operation. This unlocking operation consists of reading I/O port 3X8 twice in succession. (NOTE: "X" = B (hex) in monochrome MDA modes, and D (hex) in color CGA modes.)

The Configuration Register can be written at address 3XA after it is unlocked. Unlocking the Configuration Register consists of reading I/O port 3X8 twice in succession.

## Configuration Selection

The primary configuration selection determined by the resistor programming is between the standard PC video adapters (including MDA, Hercules and CGA) and AT&T modes of operation. The AT&T configuration allows 400 lines to be displayed as either unique lines (M24 mode) or as double scanned CGA compatible 400 line display. When AT&T mode is selected, the CRT timing is

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automatically set to conform to the AT&T display timing requirements.

Another configuration selection is the number of RAM banks used by the PVC4A. Either one bank of 100 ns RAM, or one or two banks of 120 ns RAM are possible, depending on the memory bandwidth requirements. One bank of 100 ns RAM will support pixel clock rates up to 25 MHz. One bank of 120 ns RAM will support pixel clock rates up to 16.7 MHz, while two banks of 120 ns RAM will allow a 25 MHz pixel clock.

The operation of the Configuration and Paradise registers is detailed on the following pages.

## Unlocking Locked Registers

To write to a locked register, the CPU must read the register at 3X8 twice, then write to the target register.

Note that these three I/O operations must be consecutive. Any intervening I/O access will cause the target register to remain locked.

To prevent the interrupt code from interfering with the unlocking operation, interrupts must be disabled for the duration of the unlocking sequence. For example:

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                                ;Save dx, al first
mov     dx,03X8                 ;Unlock address
cli                                           ;Disable interrupts
in      al,dx                   ;Read once
in      al,dx                   ;Read again
mov     dx,<target reg>         ;Register address
mov     al,<reg-val>            ;Register value
out     dx,al                   ;Output to unlocked register
sti                                           ;Enable interrupts

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## Pixel Clock Selection

The PVC4A includes three input pins and an internal three-way multiplexer to allow for a choice of pixel clocks. The control of the clock select multiplexer is implemented with a combination of hardware and software, allowing for maximum flexibility.

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## Composite Video Support

Two output signals from the PVC4A are used to provide support for composite input monitors. Use of these two signals, along with a minimum of external circuitry, will allow driving NTSC-compatible RS-170 compatible composite monitors (or standard television, when used with an external RF modulator) in CGA 200 line modes.

The first signal, CSYNCRN (Composite SYNC, active-LOW), includes both horizontal and vertical sync information mixed together via an internal EXCLUSIVE-OR gate. The result is a TTL-level signal, suitable for driving an external analog composite signal generator.

Using the XOR function for generating CSYNCRN ensures that horizontal sync remains active even during the vertical retrace time. Although many monitors do not require this "serration" operation, it is specified in the NTSC standard.

The second composite support signal, CMPVD (CoMPosite ViDeo), contains the color pixel information needed for the display. The CMPVD signal also includes the video Color Burst signal specified by the NTSC. The purpose of the Color Burst (6 cycles of 3.5795 MHz) is to allow an analog monitor to correctly decode the color phase information for each of the 6 colors possible (using RED, GREEN and BLUE signals).

A third composite signal, CINTEN (Composite INTENsity), can be made available on the PVC4A Mono signal pin (pin 70 of the JEDEC PFP and the 100-pin PLCC, and pin 59 of the Shenko package) by setting the Configuration Register bit 3 high (1).

A functional diagram of PVC4A is shown on the following page.

## MCGA Support

Several PVC4A features and output signals provide support for MCGA modes of operation (up to sixteen colors). MCGA mode is a superset which includes CGA, MDA and the other modes that the PVC4A supports.

The PVC4A will support MCGA modes on TTL monitors. It will also support MCGA and older modes on VGA-style analog monochrome or color monitors.

To support MCGA modes on TTL monitors, the PVC4A needs either a software device driver loaded from disk by a utility program, or the addition of a ROM BIOS. Refer to the PVC4A Functional Diagram on page 7.

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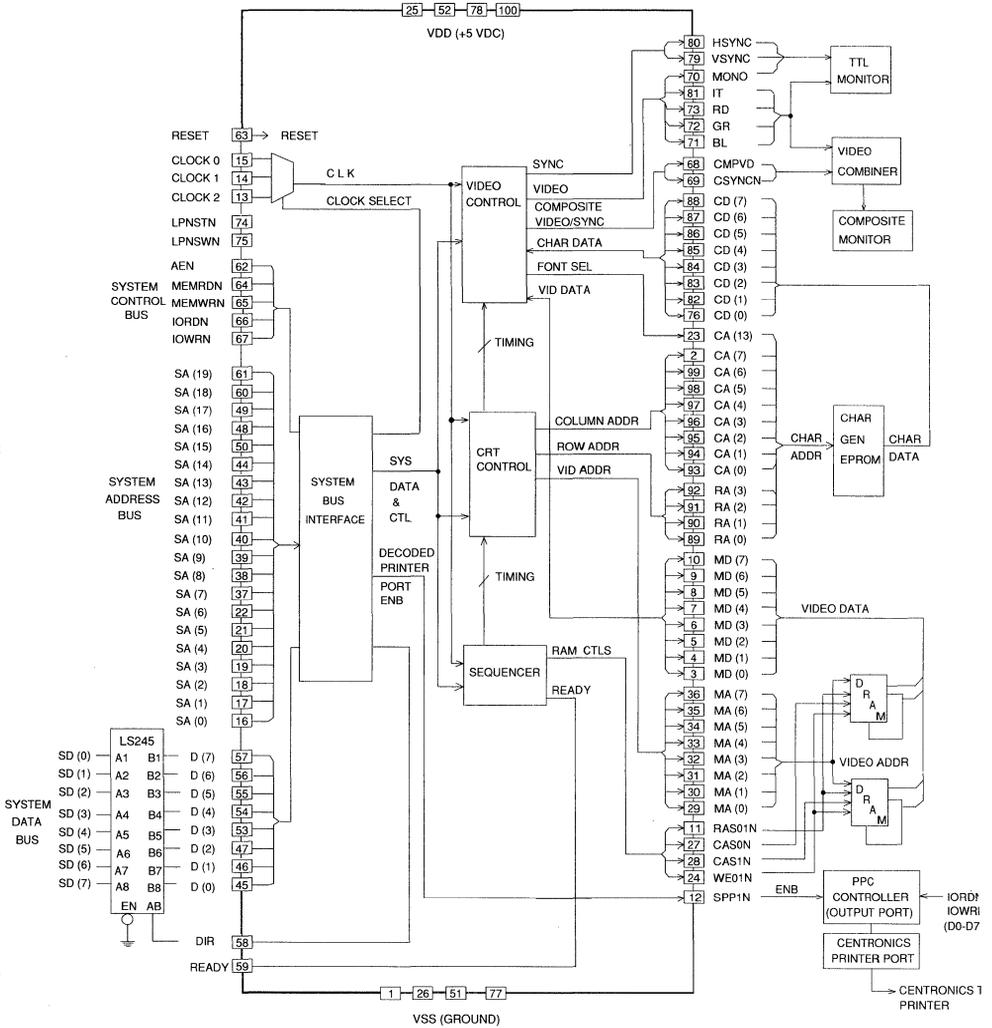
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To support MCGA modes on an analog monochrome monitor, the PVC4A needs either a software device driver loaded from disk by a utility program, or the addition of a ROM BIOS as shown in the PVC4A MCGA Monochrome Functional Diagram. The RD, GR, BL and IT pins are summed to create an analog video signal.

For MCGA mode support on a high-quality analog color monitor, the PVC4A needs the software device driver described above and the addition of a RAMDAC as shown in the PVC4A MCGA Color Functional Diagram. The PVC4A provides a chip select, pixel clock, and enable video signal to the RAMDAC, along with the RD, GR, BL, and IT video signals. The RAMDAC produces an analog color signal.

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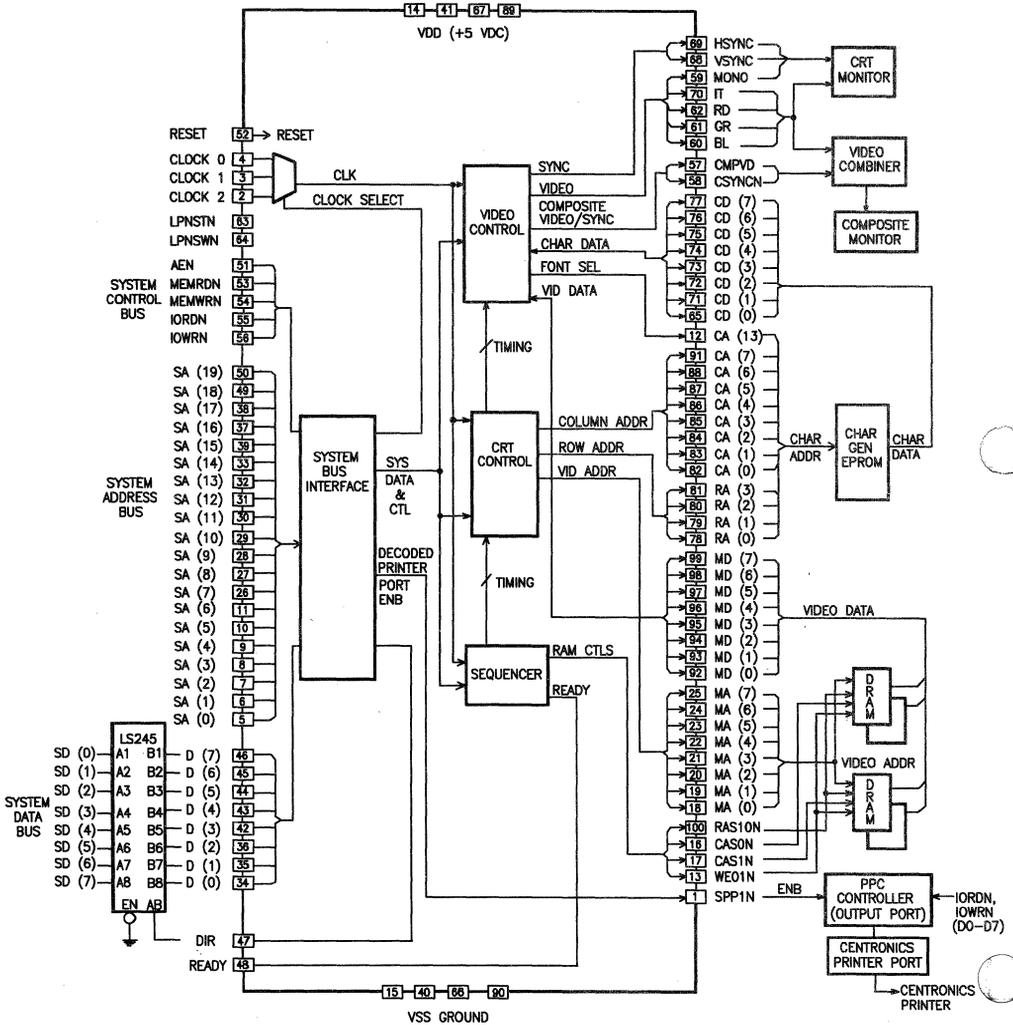
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**PVC4A FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM**  
**(Pin numbers for the PLCC and JEDEC PFP)**

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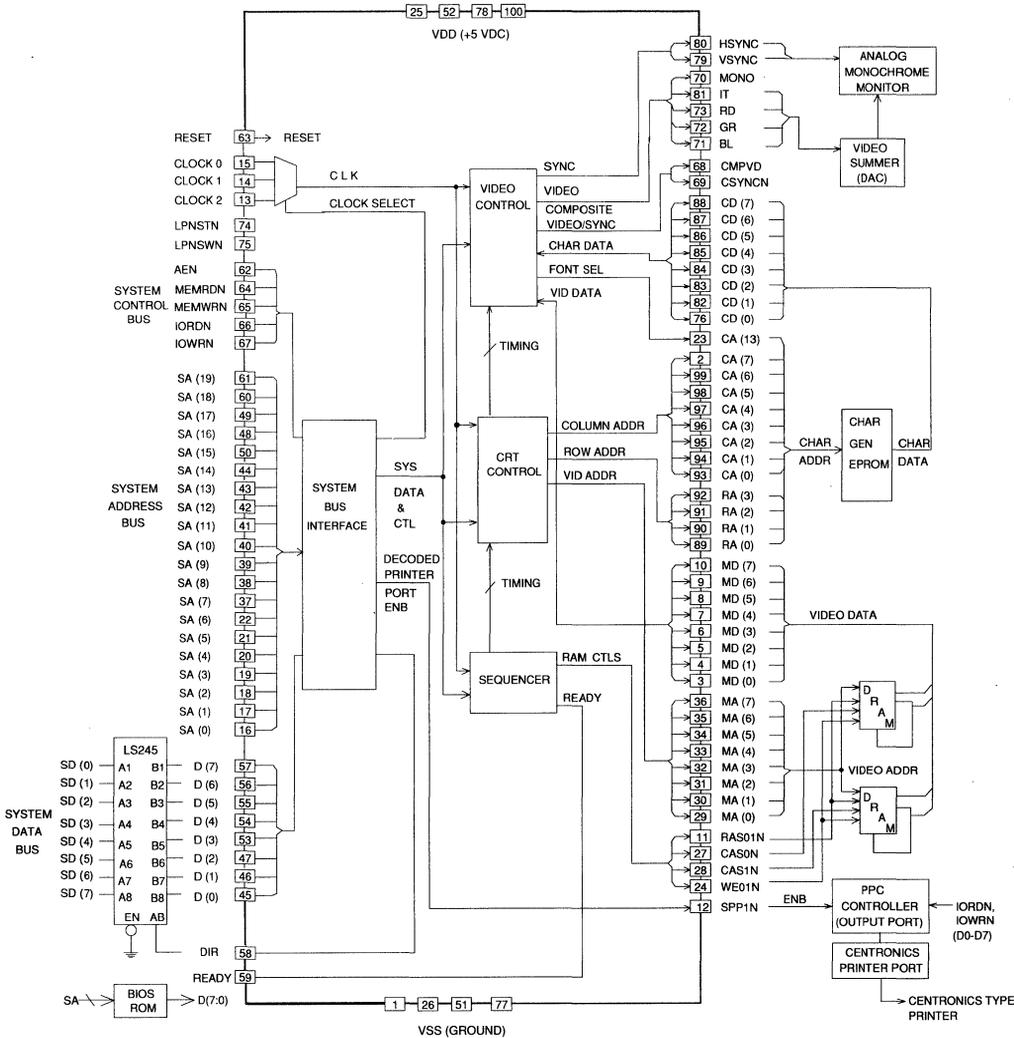
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PVC4A FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM  
(Pin numbers for the SHENKO package)

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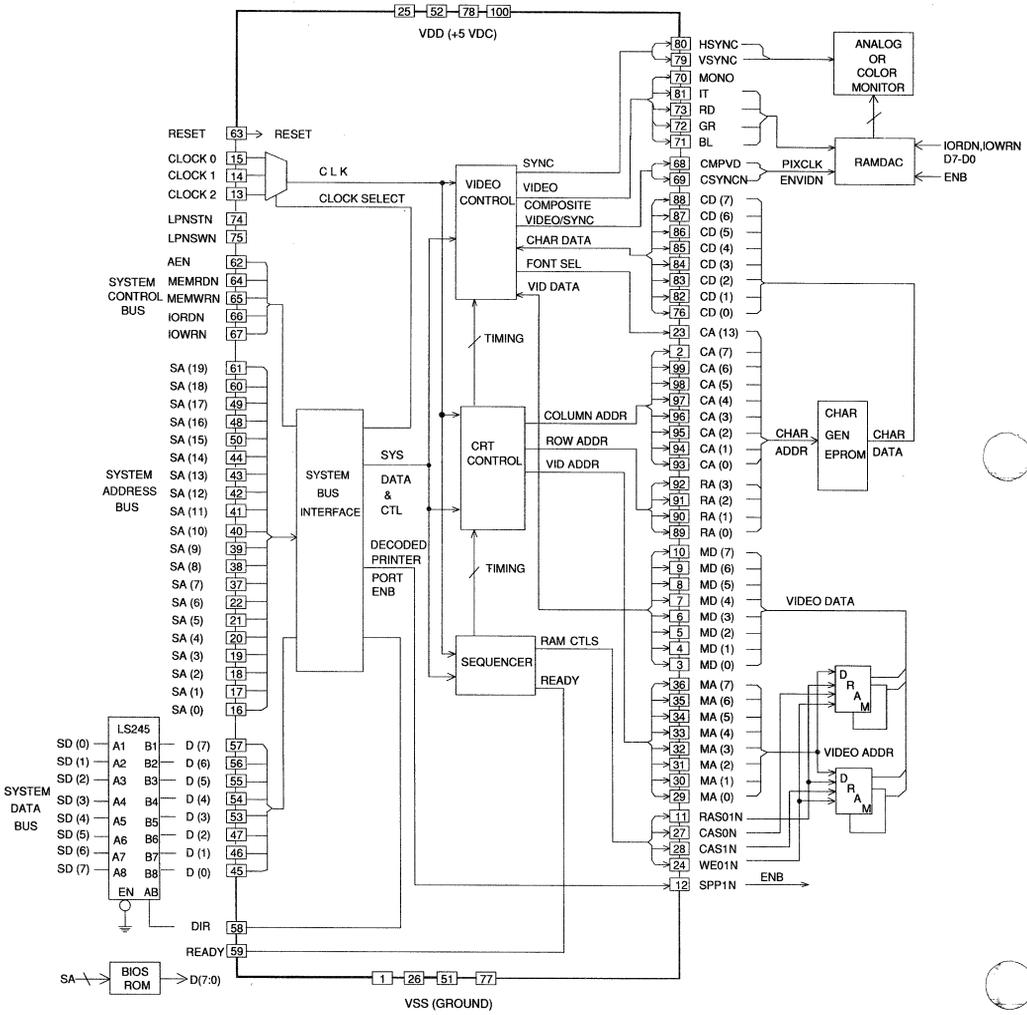
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**PVC4A MCGA MONOCHROME FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM**

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PVC4A MCGA COLOR FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM

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## Pin Assignments for 100-Pin PLCC &amp; JEDEC PFP

NAME	PIN#	DIR	LEVEL	DRIVE	DESCRIPTION
SPPIN	12	out	LOW	2 ma	Parallel Port ENable
CLOCK2	13	in			Video Clock Input (24.000 MHz)
CLOCK1	14	in			Video Clock Input (16.257 MHz)
CLOCK0	15	in			Video Clock Input (14.318 MHz)
A0	16	in			System Address Bus ↓
A1	17	in			
A2	18	in			
A3	19	in			
A4	20	in			
A5	21	in			
A6	22	in			
A7	37	in			
A8	38	in			
A9	39	in			
A10	40	in			
A11	41	in			
A12	42	in			
A13	43	in			
A14	44	in			
A15	50	in			
A16	48	in			
A17	49	in			
A18	60	in			
A19	61	in			
MA0	29	out		4 ma	Video Memory Address Bus ↓
MA1	30	out			
MA2	31	out			
MA3	32	out			
MA4	33	out			
MA5	34	out			
MA6	35	out			
MA7	36	out			
D0	45	in/out			Buffered Data Bus ↓
D1	46	in/out			
D2	47	in/out			
D3	53	in/out			
D4	54	in/out			
D5	55	in/out			
D6	56	in/out			
D7	57	in/out			
DIR	58	out	LOW⇒Bus	4 ma	Bus Buffer Direction Control

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## Pin Assignments for 100-Pin PLCC & JEDEC PFP cont'd

NAME	PIN#	DIR	LEVEL	DRIVE	DESCRIPTION
READY	59	out	HIGH	12 ma	Memory Access Complete
RESET	63	in	HIGH		System Reset
AEN	62	in	LOW		System Address Enable
MEMRDN	64	in	LOW		Memory Read
MEMWRN	65	in	LOW		Memory Write
IORDN	66	in	LOW		I/O Read
IOWRN	67	in	LOW		I/O Write
COMPVD	68	out	HIGH	4 ma	Composite Video
CSYNCN	69	out	LOW		Composite Sync
MONO	70	out	HIGH		Monochrome Video
IT	81	out	HIGH		Video Intensity
BL	71	out	HIGH		Blue Output Video
GR	72	out	HIGH		Green Output Video
RD	73	out	HIGH		Red Output Video
HSYNC	80	out			Horizontal Sync
VSYNC	79	out		4 ma	Vertical Sync
LPNSWN	75	in	LOW		Light Pen SWitch
LPNSTN	74	in	LOW		Light Pen STrobe
CD0	76	in			Character Generator Data
CD1	82	in			
CD2	83	in			
CD3	84	in			
CD4	85	in			
CD5	86	in			
CD6	87	in			
CD7	88	in			
RA0	89	out		2 ma	Character Gen. Row Address (LSB)
RA1	90	out			
RA2	91	out			
RA3	92	out			
CA0	93	out			Character Gen. Character Address (LSB)
CA1	94	out			
CA2	95	out			
CA3	96	out			
CA4	97	out			
CA5	98	out			
CA6	99	out			
CA7	2	out			
CA13	23	out		2 ma	

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## Pin Assignments for 100-Pin PLCC &amp; JEDEC PFP cont'd

NAME	PIN#	DIR	LEVEL	DRIVE	DESCRIPTION
MD0	3	in/out		4 ma	Video Memory Data ↓
MD1	4	in/out			
MD2	5	in/out			
MD3	6	in/out			
MD4	7	in/out			
MD5	8	in/out			
MD6	9	in/out			
MD7	10	in/out			
CAS0N	27	out	LOW		Column Address Strobe - RAM Bank 0
CAS1N	28	out	LOW		Column Address Strobe - RAM Bank 1
WE01N	24	out	LOW	4 ma	Write Enable: RAM Banks 0 and 1
RAS01N	11	out	LOW	8 ma	Row Address Strobe Banks 0 and 1
VDD	25,52,78,100				+5 VDC
VSS	1,26,51,77				0 VDC (Ground)

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SPPIN	1	out	LOW	2 ma	Parallel Port ENable
CLOCK2	2	in			Video Clock Input (24.000 MHz)
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CLOCK0	4	in			Video Clock Input (14.318 MHz)
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A2	7	in			
A3	8	in			
A4	9	in			
A5	10	in			
A6	11	in			
A7	26	in			
A8	27	in			
A9	28	in			
A10	29	in			
A11	30	in			
A12	31	in			
A13	32	in			
A14	33	in			
A15	39	in			
A16	37	in			
A17	38	in			
A18	49	in			
A19	50	in			
MA0	18	out		4 ma	Video Memory Address Bus
MA1	19	out			
MA2	20	out			
MA3	21	out			
MA4	22	out			
MA5	23	out			
MA6	24	out			
MA7	25	out			
D0	34	in/out			Buffered Data Bus
D1	35	in/out			
D2	36	in/out			
D3	42	in/out			
D4	43	in/out			
D5	44	in/out			
D6	45	in/out			
D7	46	in/out			
DIR	47	out	LOW⇒Bus	4 ma	Bus Buffer Direction Control

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## Pin Assignments for 100-Pin Shenko Flat Pack cont'd

NAME	PIN#	DIR	LEVEL	DRIVE	DESCRIPTION
READY	48	out	HIGH	12 ma	Memory Access Complete
RESET	52	in	HIGH		System Reset
AEN	51	in	LOW		System Address Enable
MEMRDN	53	in	LOW		Memory Read
MEMWRN	54	in	LOW		Memory Write
IORDN	55	in	LOW		I/O Read
IOWRN	56	in	LOW		I/O Write
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CD6	76	in			
CD7	77	in			
RA0	78	out		2 ma	Character Gen. Row Address
RA1	79	out			
RA2	80	out			
RA3	81	out			
CA0	82	out			Character Gen. Column Address
CA1	83	out			
CA2	84	out			
CA3	85	out			
CA4	86	out			
CA5	87	out			
CA6	88	out			
CA7	91	out			
CA13	12	out		2 ma	

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NAME	PIN#	DIR	LEVEL	DRIVE	DESCRIPTION
MD0	92	in/out		4 ma	Video Memory Data
MD1	93	in/out			
MD2	94	in/out			
MD3	95	in/out			
MD4	96	in/out			
MD5	97	in/out			
MD6	98	in/out			
MD7	99	in/out			
CAS0N	16	out	LOW		Column Address Strobe - RAM Bank 0
CAS1N	17	out	LOW		Column Address Strobe - RAM Bank 1
WE01N	13	out	LOW	4 ma	Write Enable: RAM Banks 0 and 1
RAS01N	100	out	LOW	8 ma	Row Address Strobe Banks 0 and 1
VDD	14, 41, 67, 89				+5 VDC
VSS	15, 40, 66, 90				0 VDC (Ground)

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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Ambient temperature under bias	0° C TO 70° C
Storage temperature	-40° C to 100° C
Voltage on all inputs and outputs with respect to VSS	-0.5 to 7 Volts
Power dissipation	1.0 Watt

NOTE: Stresses above those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of the specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect product reliability.

## STANDARD TEST CONDITIONS

The characteristics below apply to the following standard test conditions, unless otherwise noted. All voltages are referenced to VSS (0V Ground). Positive current flows into the referenced pin.

Operating temperature range	0° C to 70° C
Power supply voltage VDD	4.75 to 5.25 Volts

## DC CHARACTERISTICS

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	MIN	MAX	UNITS	CONDITIONS
VIL	Input Low Voltage	VSS	0.8	Volts	VDD = 5V
VIH	Input High Voltage	2.0	VDD	Volts	VDD = 5V
IIL	Input Low Current	-0.5	-20	uA	VIN = 0.0V
IIH	Input High Current	----	20	uA	VIN = VDD
VOL	Output Low Voltage	----	0.4	Volts	IOL = 4.0MA
VOH	Output High Voltage	2.4	----	Volts	IOL = 4.0MA
VOL	Output Low Voltage	----	0.4	Volts	IOL = 2.0MA
VOH	Output High Voltage	2.4	----	Volts	IOL = 2.0MA
IOZ	High Z Leakage Current	-10.0	10.0	uA	OV < VOUT < VDD
IDD	Supply current	----	60.0	mA	For VDD = +5V

## AC CHARACTERISTICS

## DYNAMIC RAM READ/WRITE TIMING DIAGRAMS

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	MODE	MIN	MAX	UNITS
1	Clock Period		40	----	ns
2	RAS Set Up Time		0	----	ns
2a	Row Address Hold Time		0.5 T	----	ns
3	CAS Set Up Time		0	----	ns
3a	Column Address Hold Time		0.5 T	----	ns
4	RAS Precharge		2.5 T	----	ns
4a	RAS Low To CAS Low		1 T	2 T + 10ns	ns
5	CAS Low Pulse Duration		1.5 T - 10ns	----	ns
6	CAS Precharge (1 RAM Bank)		3.5 T	----	ns
7	RAS Low To Memory Data Valid (1 RAM Bank)		----	2.5 T	ns
8	CAS Low To Memory Data Valid (1 RAM Bank)		----	1.5 T - 10ns	ns
9	RAS Low Pulse Duration (1 RAM Bank)	(132 Column) (Color) (MDA)	3 T 3 T 3 T	250 T 142 T 166 T	ns ns ns

NOTE: For all timing diagrams, T = 40ns in 132 Column, Olivetti\* or 1056 x 344 modes (High Speed),  
T = 60ns in CGA or Plantronics mode (Low Speed), and T = 70ns in MDA or Hercules mode (Low Speed).

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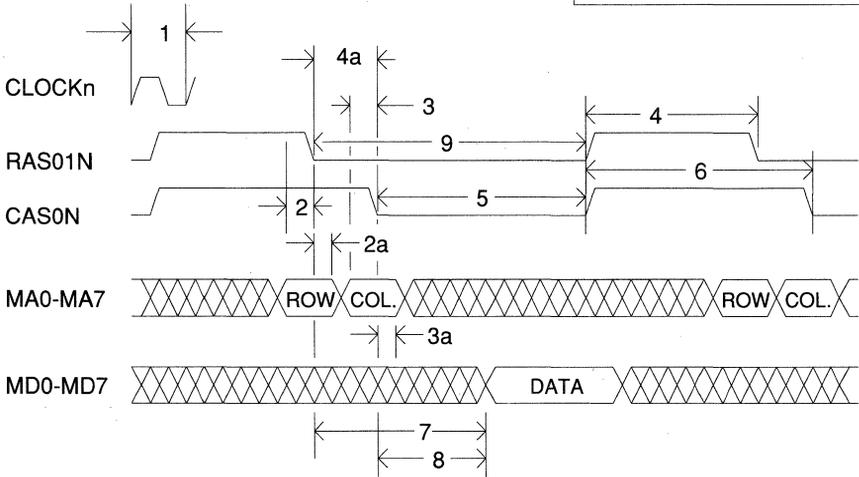
## DYNAMIC RAM READ/WRITE AND REFRESH TIMING DIAGRAMS

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	MODE	MIN	MAX	UNITS
10	Data Hold From CAS0N		T	----	ns
11	Data Setup Before CAS0N		0	----	ns
12	Write Enable Low Pulse Duration		3 T	----	ns
50	Write Command Setup		T	----	ns
51	Write Command Hold		T	----	ns
52	Data Hold From RAS Low		2.5 T	----	ns
60	CAS Precharge (2 RAM Banks)	(132 Column) (Color Or MDA)	7 T 6 T	----	ns ns
61	RAS Low To First Memory Data Valid (2 RAM Banks)	(132 Column) (Color Or MDA)	----	4 T 3 T	ns ns
62	RAS Low To Second Memory Data Valid (2 RAM Banks)	(132 Column) (Color Or MDA)	----	6 T 5 T	ns ns
63	CAS Low To Memory Data Valid (2 RAM Banks)		----	2 T - 10ns	ns
64	RAS Low Pulse Duration (2 RAM Banks)	(132 column) (Color) (MDA)	4 T 4 T 4 T	250 T 166 T 142 T	ns ns ns
102	RAS Low (Refresh)		2.5 T	----	ns
103	RAS Precharge (Refresh)	(132 column) (Color or MDA)	2.5 T 2 T	----	ns ns

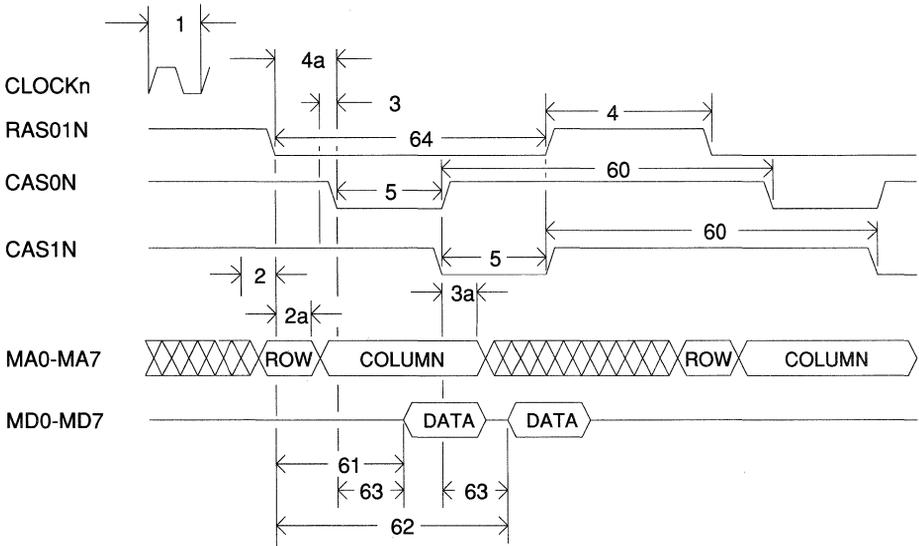
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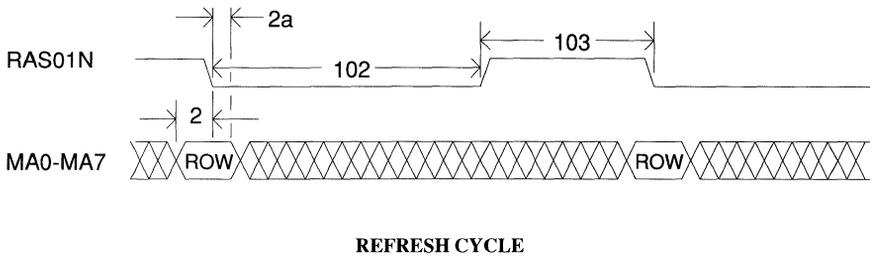
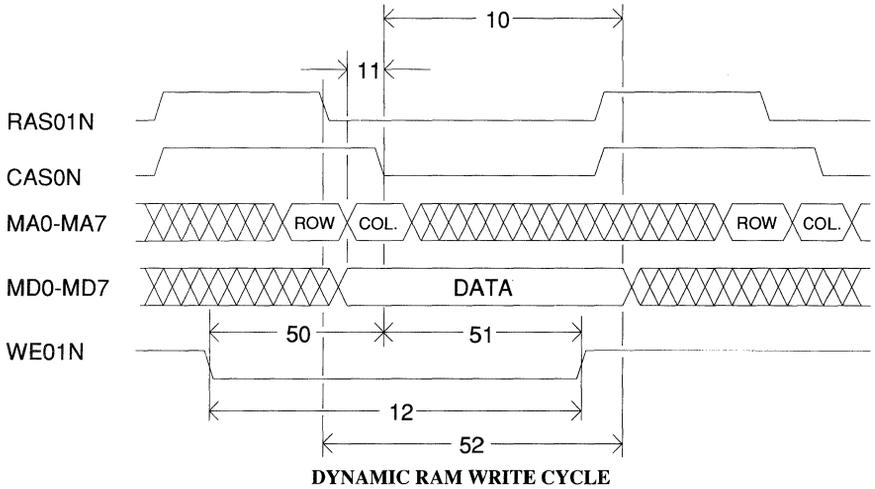
**DYNAMIC RAM 1 BANK READ CYCLE**



**DYNAMIC RAM 2 BANK READ CYCLE**

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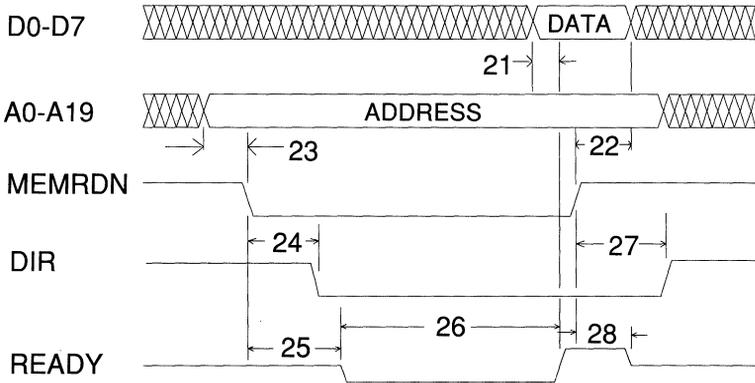
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## MEMORY READ/WRITE TIMING DIAGRAMS

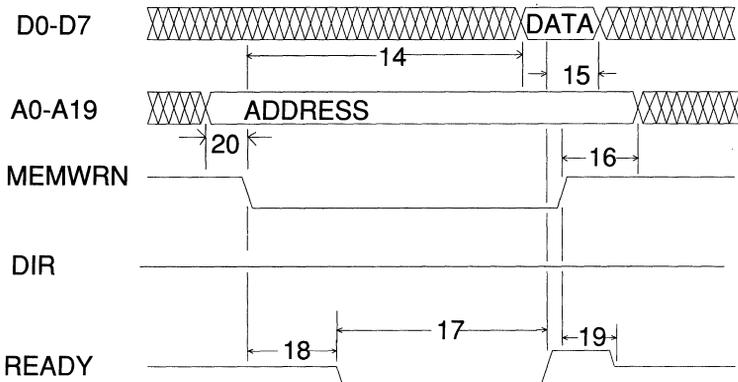
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14	Memory Write Data Valid After Memory Write Low	----	----	4 T	ns
15	Memory Write Data Hold After Ready High	0	----	----	ns
16	Address Hold After Memory Write High	0	----	----	ns
17	READY Low (Memory Write Cycle)	----	----	2000	ns
18	Memory Write Low To READY Low	----	----	30	ns
19	Memory Write High to READY High Impedance	----	----	27	ns
20	Address Set Up To Memory Write Low	0	----	----	ns
21	Memory Read Data Set Up To READY High	0	----	----	ns
22	Memory Read Data Hold After Memory Read High	15	----	----	ns
23	Address Set Up To Memory Read Low	0	----	----	ns
24	Memory Read Low to DIR Control Low	----	----	40	ns
25	Memory Read Low To READY Low	----	----	30	ns
26	READY Low (Memory Read Cycle)	----	----	2000	ns
27	Memory Read High to DIR Control High	----	----	30	ns
28	Memory Read High to READY High Impedance	----	----	27	ns

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MEMORY READ BUS CYCLE



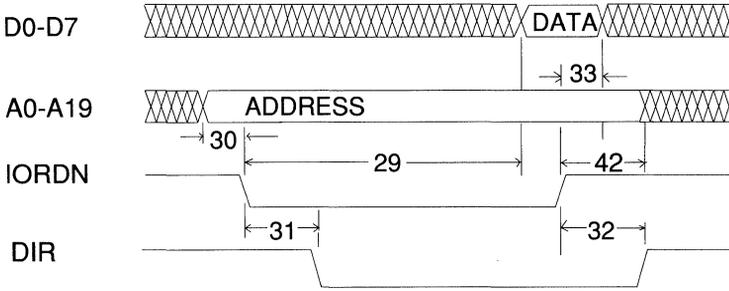
MEMORY WRITE BUS CYCLE

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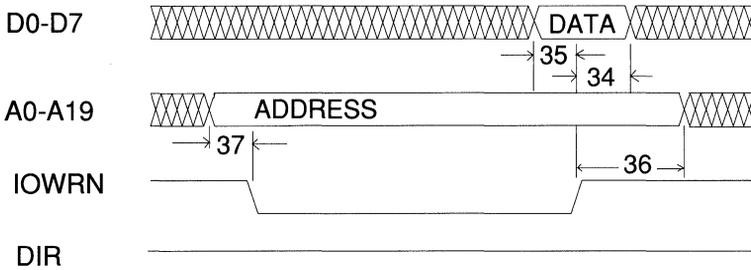
## I/O READ/WRITE AND PRINTER PORT ENABLE TIMING DIAGRAMS

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	MIN	TYPICAL	MAX	UNITS
29	I/O Read Low To Data Valid	----	----	80	ns
30	Address Set Up To I/O Read Low	0	----	----	ns
31	I/O Read Low to DIR Control Low	----	----	55	ns
32	I/O Read High to DIR Control High	----	----	40	ns
33	Data Hold After I/O Read High	10	----	----	ns
42	Address Hold After I/O Read High	10	----	----	ns
34	Data Hold After I/O Write High	1 / 2 T	----	----	ns
35	Data Set Up To I/O Write High	T	----	----	ns
36	Address Hold After I/O Write High	30	----	----	ns
37	Address Set Up to I/O Write Low	30	----	----	ns
38	AEN Active to PPEN Low	----	----	50	ns
39	AEN Inactive to PPEN High	----	----	30	ns
40	Character ROM Read Period	8 T	----	----	ns
41	Character ROM Address Valid to Data Valid	----	----	200	ns

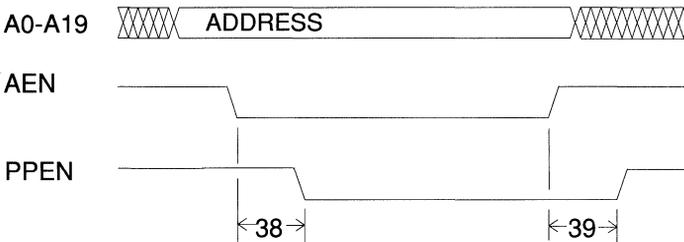
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I/O READ BUS CYCLE



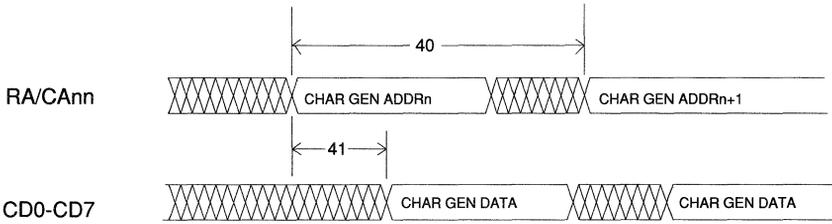
I/O WRITE BUS CYCLE



I/O PRINTER PORT ENABLE

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### CHARACTER GENERATOR ROM READ TIMING

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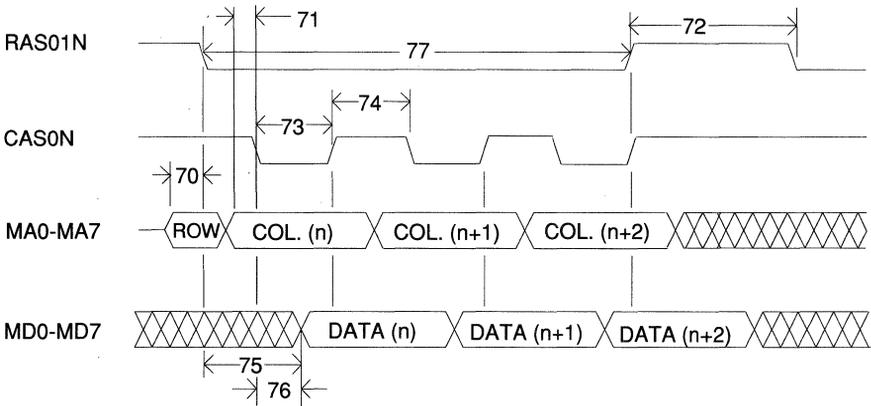
## AC CHARACTERISTICS (Cont'd)

## PAGE MODE READ TIMING DIAGRAMS

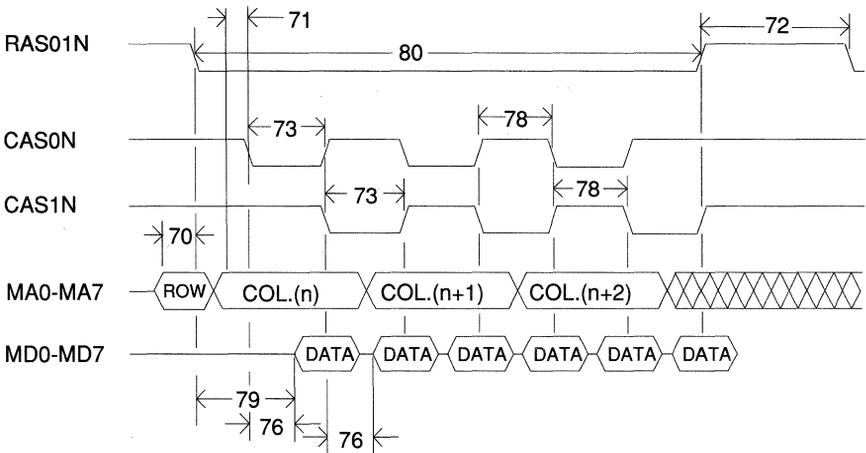
SYMBOL	PARAMETER	MODE	MIN	MAX	UNITS
70	RAS Set Up Time		0	----	ns
71	CAS Set Up Time		0	----	ns
72	RAS Precharge		2.5 T	----	ns
73	CAS Low Pulse Duration		1.5 - 10ns	----	ns
74	CAS Precharge (1 RAM Bank)		1 T	----	ns
75	RAS Low To Memory Data Valid (1 RAM Bank)		----	3 T - 10ns	ns
76	CAS Low To Memory Data Valid		----	1.5 T - 10ns	ns
77	RAS Low Pulse Duration (1 RAM Bank)	(132 Column) (Color) (MDA)	3 T 3 T 3 T	250 T 166 T 142 T	ns ns ns
78	CAS Precharge (2 RAM Banks)		2 T	----	ns
79	RAS Low To Memory Data Valid (2 RAM Banks)	(132 Column) (Color Or MDA)	---- ----	4 T 3 T	ns ns
80	RAS Low Pulse Duration (2 RAM Banks)	(132 Column) (Color) (MDA)	6 T 5 T 5 T	250 T 166 T 142 T	ns ns ns

**NOTE:** For all timing diagrams, T = 40ns in 132 Column, Olivetti or 1056 x 344 modes (High Speed),  
T = 60ns in CGA or Plantronics mode (Low Speed), and T = 70ns in MDA or Hercules mode (Low Speed)

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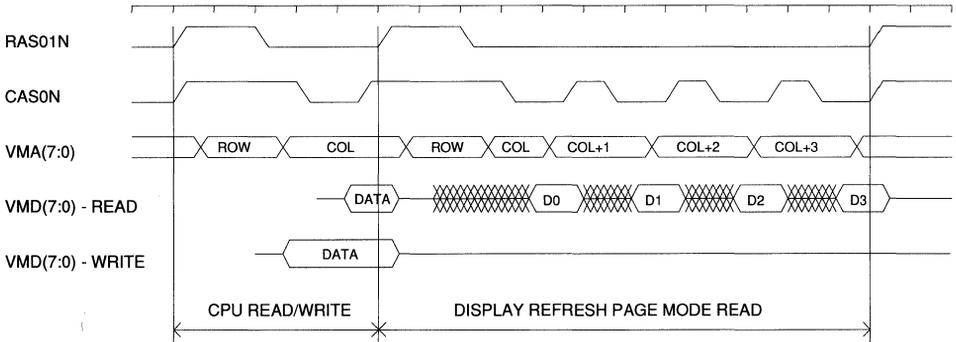
**PAGE MODE 1 BANK READ CYCLE**



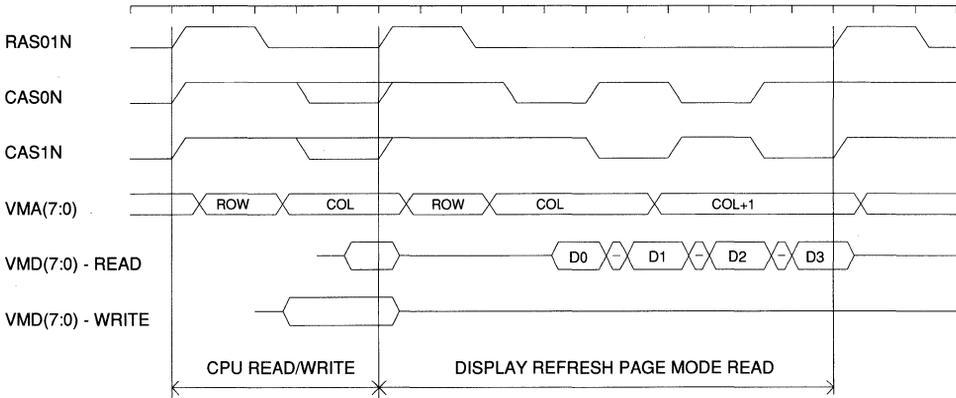
**PAGE MODE 2 BANK READ CYCLE**

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## SEQUENCE DIAGRAMS



**LOW SPEED, ONE RAM BANK MEMORY SEQUENCE**

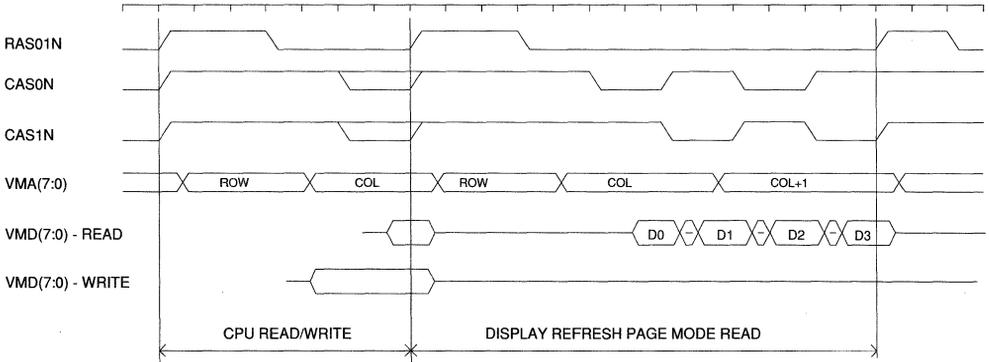


**LOW SPEED, TWO RAM BANK MEMORY SEQUENCE**

**NOTE:** During the CPU Read/Write sequence, either CAS0N or CAS1N will go low (active). Both CAS0N and CAS1N will never go low (active) at the same time.

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## SEQUENCE DIAGRAMS (Cont'd.)



### HIGH SPEED, TWO RAM BANK MEMORY SEQUENCE

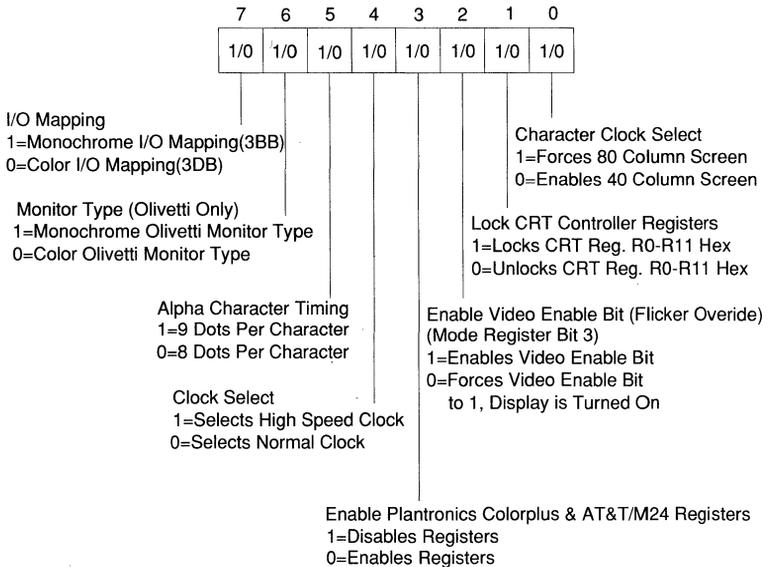
**NOTE:** During the CPU Read/Write sequence, either CAS0N or CAS1N will go low (active). Both CAS0N and CAS1N will never go low (active) at the same time.

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## PARADISE REGISTER

### PARADISE REGISTER - WRITE-ONLY PORT = 3XB



The Paradise Register is a write protected register located at I/O port address 3XB. The register is loaded upon power-up or reset with the pull-up (=1) or pull-down (=0) values either hard-wired or programmed with switches on the PVC4A's MA(0:7) DRAM address lines. This register is then write protected or locked out, but may be unlocked by performing two consecutive reads from location 3X8 followed by a write to location 3XB with the data value. After the write to 3XB the register will be relocked. This register occupies the same port as the Clear Light Pen Latch in CGA so any read or write to this port when locked resets the Light Pen Latch (3XB).

Bit 7                    1 = Selects monochrome I/O mapping at location 3BB.  
                          0 = Selects color I/O mapping at location 3DB.

**NOTE:** For all registers, "X" = B (hex) in monochrome MDA modes, and D (hex) in color CGA modes.

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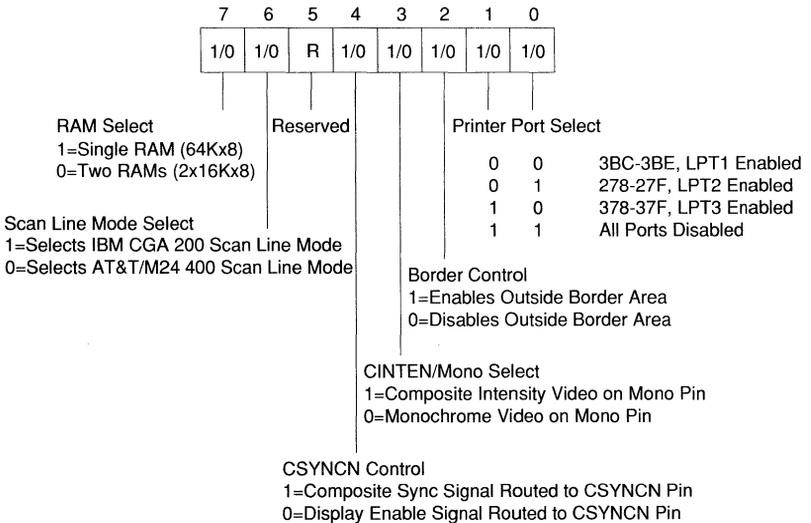
PARADISE REGISTER CONT'D

- Bit 6            1 = Selects M24 monochrome Olivetti monitor type as an output device.  
                  0 = Selects M24 color Olivetti monitor type.
- Bit 5            1 = Selects 9 dot alpha character timing.  
                  0 = Selects 8 dot alpha character timing.
- Bit 4            1 = Selects the high speed clock, which is at input pin CLOCK2 (24 MHz) for  
                  AT&T / M24 mode, 132 column character mode, or 1056 x 344 mono graphics  
                  mode. This clock is the source for the pixel clock and internal state machine of  
                  the video controller.  
                  0 = Selects the normal clock, which is CLOCK1 (16 MHz) for MDA mode; or  
                  or CLOCK0 (14 MHz) for CGA or Plantronics mode. An 80 Column screen is  
                  produced.
- Bit 3            1 = Disables the Plantronics Colorplus Register and the AT&T / M24 Register.  
                  0 = Enables the Plantronics Colorplus Register and the AT&T / M24 Register.
- Bit 2            Flicker Override  
                  1 = Enables the video enable bit (bit 3 of the Mode Register).  
                  0 = Forces the video enable bit to "1" (Mode Register(3)=1). The display is turned on.
- Bit 1            1 = Write protects the CRT Controller Registers R0 thru R12 Hex, which are located  
                  at address 3X5.  
                  0 = Allows the CRT Controller Registers R0 thru R12 Hex to be written to at address  
                  3X5 by using 3X4 as the index pointer.
- Bit 0            1 = This produces an 80 column screen.  
                  0 = Allows bit 0 of the mode register (3 x 8 hex) to select 40 column mode  
                  (NOTE: The clock input pin selection is not affected by this bit.)

NOTE: For further information on PVC4A clock selection, see the Clock Selection Table on page 41.

## CONFIGURATION REGISTER

### CONFIGURATION REGISTER - WRITE PORT = 3XA



The Configuration Register is a write protected register located at I/O port address 3XA. This register is loaded at power-up or reset with the pull-up (=1) or pull-down (=0) values on the MD(0:7) data lines of the PVC4A chip. The register is then write protected or locked out, but may be unlocked by performing two consecutive reads from location 3X8 followed by a write to location 3XA with the data value. After the write to 3XA, the register will be relocked.

**Bit 7**                    1 = Selects one memory bank (64K x 8) for the video display buffer.  
                             0 = Selects two memory banks (2 x 16K x 8) for the video display buffer.

**Bit 6**                    1 = Selects IBM CGA 200 scan line mode.  
                             0 = Selects M24 (AT&T and Olivetti) 400 scan line mode.

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## CONFIGURATION REGISTER CONT'D

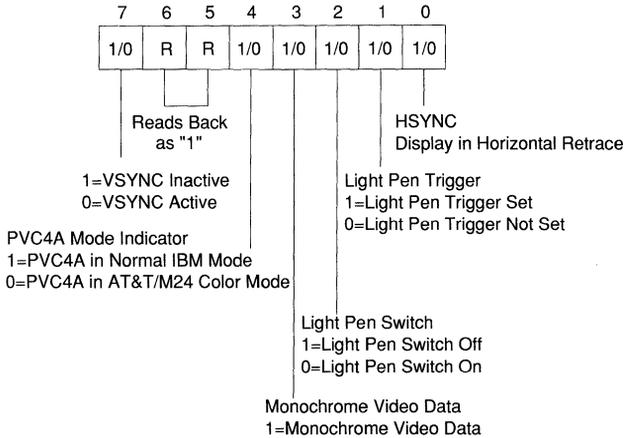
Bit 5		Not used.
Bit 4		<p>1 = The Composite Sync signal (HSYNC + VSYNC) is routed to the PVC4A output pin CSYNCN. (NOTE: "+" = Logical OR)</p> <p>0 = The Display Enable signal DE (which is functionally equivalent to Motorola's 6845 CRT Controller output signal DE) is routed to PVC4A output pin CSYNCN. Display Enable DE is high when the controller is addressing the active display area of the screen.</p>
Bit 3		<p>1 = Selects Composite Intensity Video from PVC4A mono pin. (Y = I + R + G + B). (NOTE: "+" = Logical OR)</p> <p>0 = Selects Monochrome Video from PVC4A mono pin.</p>
Bit 2		<p>1 = Enables the border area outside of the normal character display area.</p> <p>0 = Disables outside border area.</p>
Bit 1	Bit 0	
0	0	Port address decode = 3BC-3BE, LPT1 enabled
0	1	Port address decode = 278-27F, LPT2 enabled
1	0	Port address decode = 378-37F, LPT3 enabled
1	1	Port address decode = Disables all ports
<p>These two bits select the range of the line printer port addresses that are decoded by the PVC4A chip, in addition to a setting that disables this decoding function. When enabled, and the range of addresses are decoded, the PVC4A control SPPIN is driven low. This provides a chip select function that enables an attached Paradise Parallel Printer Port Chip (PPC1/PPC2) connected to the System Address Bus Lines (SA0-SA1) and the System Data Bus Lines D(0:7).</p>		

- NOTES:**
1. Port 3XA is also used for status readback. See the Status Register description.
  2. For further information on PVC4A clock selection, see the Clock Selection Table on page 41.

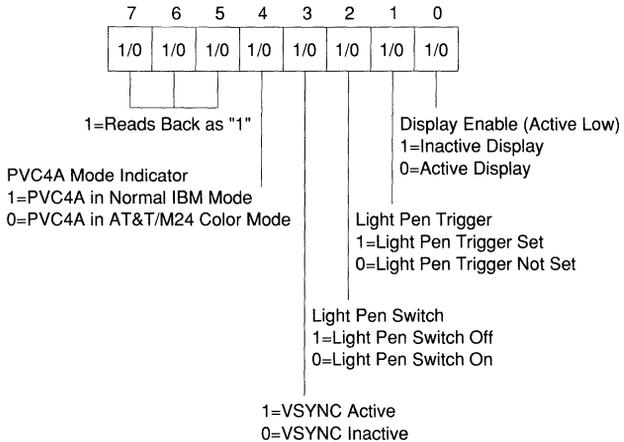
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## STATUS REGISTER

### STATUS REGISTER MONOCHROME OPERATION - READ-ONLY PORT = 3BA



### STATUS REGISTER COLOR OPERATION - READ-ONLY PORT = 3DA



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## STATUS REGISTER CONT'D

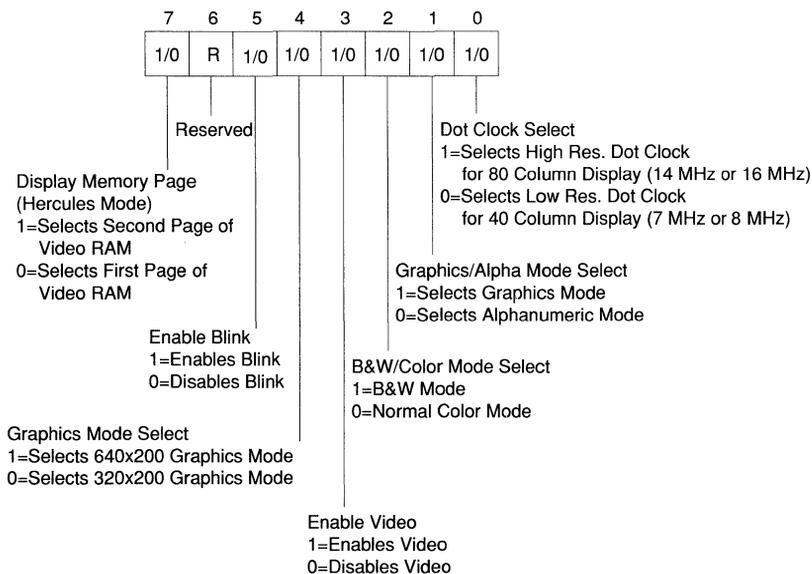
The Status Register is a read only register located at I/O port address 3XA. (See the Configuration Register description).

- Bit 7            **Monochrome modes**  
1 = Indicates vertical retrace is inactive.  
0 = Indicates the raster is in vertical retrace mode.  
**Color modes**  
Always Reads back as "1".
- Bit 6, Bit 5    Always Read back as "1".
- Bit 4            1 = Indicates PVC4A is in normal IBM mode.  
0 = Indicates PVC4A is in AT & T / M24 color mode.
- Bit 3            **Monochrome modes**  
1 = Monochrome video data.  
**Color modes**  
1 = Indicates the raster is in vertical retrace mode.  
0 = Indicates vertical retrace is inactive.
- Bit 2            1 = Indicates the Light Pen Switch is off (open).  
0 = Indicates the Light Pen Switch is on (closed).
- Bit 1            1 = Indicates the Light Pen Trigger is set. This trigger is reset at power-up  
                  and may be cleared by any read or write to location 3XB.  
0 = Indicates the Light Pen Trigger is not set.
- Bit 0            **Monochrome modes**  
1 = Display is not in horizontal retrace.  
**Color modes**  
1 = Indicates the screen border or blanking is active; display enable is  
                  inactive  
0 = Indicates display enable is active.

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## MODE REGISTER

## MODE REGISTER - READ/WRITE PORT = 3X8



The Mode Register is a read/write register located at I/O port address 3X8. **It is not locked.** Therefore, when writing to the Mode Register **the unlocking sequence should not be implemented**, otherwise the write will be made instead to the Extended Mode Register which is a locked register that shares the same address. The Mode Register is used to unlock any locked register by reading from port 3X8 twice in succession. It is cleared at reset. (Note: any unlocked register is relocked after it has been written to, or if any other PVC4A video port is accessed).

Bit 7	Display Memory Page (Hercules mode) 1 = Selects the second page of video RAM mapped to address B8000. 0 = Selects the first page of video RAM mapped to address B0000.
Bit 6	Not used.

**MODE REGISTER CONT'D**

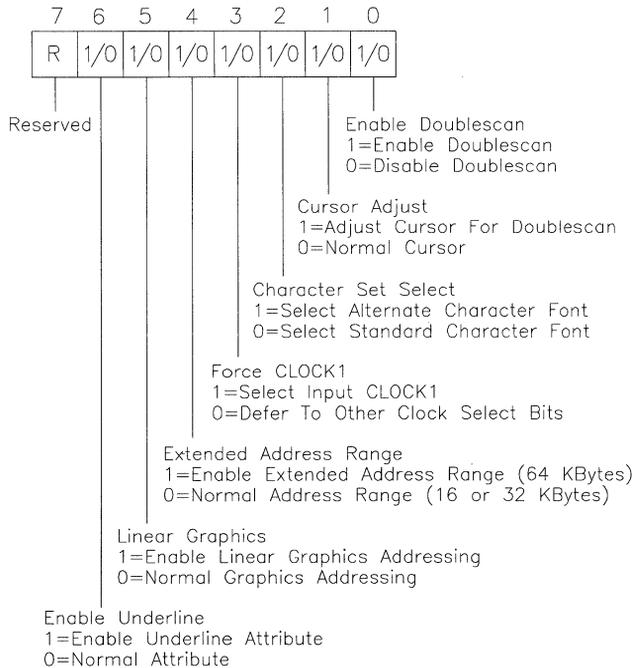
- Bit 5            1 = Enables the blinking function. The character background intensity will change to the blinking attribute function for alphanumeric modes. When the high order attribute is not selected, 16 background colors or intensified colors are available.  
0 = Disables the blinking function.
- Bit 4            1 = Selects the high resolution 640 x 200 graphics mode. One of 16 colors, determined by the CGA Border Control Register at port 3D9H, can be selected on direct drive monitors in this mode.  
0 = Selects 320 x 200 graphics mode (medium resolution).
- Bit 3            1 = Enables the Video Signal. (The Video Signal is disabled when changing modes).  
0 = Disables the Video Signal.
- Bit 2            1 = Selects black-and-white mode from composite color mode.  
0 = Selects normal color mode.
- Bit 1            1 = Selects graphics mode.  
0 = selects alphanumeric mode.
- Bit 0            1 = Selects high resolution dot clock (14 or 16 MHz); 80 column mode.  
0 = Selects low resolution dot clock (7 or 8 MHz); 40 column mode.

**NOTE:** For further information on PVC4A clock selection, see the Clock Selection Table on page 41.

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## EXTENDED MODE REGISTER

### EXTENDED MODE REGISTER - WRITE ONLY PORT = 3X8



The Extended Mode Register is a write-protected (locked), write-only register located at I/O port address 3X8 hex. The register may be unlocked by performing two consecutive reads from location 3X8 followed by a write to location 3X8 with the desired data value. After the write to 3X8, this register will be relocked.

- Bit 7                      Not used.
- Bit 6                      Enable Underline  
 1 = Causes an attribute of "blue foreground, black background," to produce white, underlined characters.  
 0 = Normal characters.

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- Bit 5      Linear Graphics  
1 = In graphics mode, this causes the memory to be treated as one contiguous bit vector for bit-mapped graphics.  
0 = Normal graphics bit mapping.
- Bit 4      Extended Address Range  
1 = Enables extended (64 KByte) memory page.  
0 = A 32 KByte or 16 KByte memory page is used, as defined by the mode.  
(NOTE: This bit refers to the logical organization of the memory, not to the memory size).
- Bit 3      Force CLOCK1  
1 = CLOCK1 is selected as the input clock, regardless of the other clock select bits.  
0 = The input clock is selected according to the other clock select bits.
- Bit 2      Character Set Select  
This bit selects between two character fonts.  
1 = Selects the alternate character font.  
0 = Selects the standard character font.
- Bit 1      Cursor Adjust  
1 = Multiplies by 2 the cursor start and end line numbers as programmed, to compensate for doublescan mode.  
0 = Uses the cursor start and end line numbers as programmed.
- Bit 0      Enable Doublescan  
1 = Repeats each scan line. For example, in IBM 200 line mode, each line is scanned out twice for a total of 400 scans.  
0 = Scans out each line only once.

**NOTE:** For further information on PVC4A clock selection, see the Clock Selection Table on page 41.

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CLOCK SELECTION TABLE						
PARADISE REGISTER BIT 4	MODE REGISTER BIT 1	PARADISE REGISTER BIT 5	CONFIG. REGISTER BIT 6	PARADISE REGISTER BIT 7	EXTENDED MODE REGISTER BIT 3	CLOCK SELECTION
PAR(4) = 1	X	X	X	X	EMR(3) = 0	CLOCK 2
X	MR(1) = 0	PAR(5) = 1	CNF(6) = 0	X	EMR(3) = 0	CLOCK 2
PAR(4) = 0	MR(1) = 1	X	X	PAR(7) = 1	X	CLOCK 1
PAR(4) = 0	X	PAR(5) = 0	X	PAR(7) = 1	X	CLOCK 1
PAR(4) = 0	X	X	CNF(6) = 1	PAR(7) = 1	X	CLOCK 1
PAR(4) = 0	MR(1) = 1	X	CNF(6) = 0	X	X	CLOCK 1
PAR(4) = 0	X	PAR(5) = 0	CNF(6) = 0	X	X	CLOCK 1
X	X	X	X	X	EMR(3) = 1	CLOCK 1
PAR(4) = 0	X	X	CNF(6) = 1	PAR(7) = 0	EMR(3) = 0	CLOCK 0

Internally, two other bits affect how the clock is used:

Paradise Register Bit 0 = 1 : Disable Mode Register Bit 0.  
 Paradise Register Bit 0 = 0 : Enable Mode Register Bit 0.

Mode Register Bit 0 = 1 : Normal (80 column display).  
 Mode Register Bit 0 = 0 : Divide selected video clock by 2 if enabled.

(PAR(0) = 0) \* (MR(0) = 0) = 40 Column mode.

For switch settings:

The Paradise Register, PAR(7:0), is set by the pull-up and pull-down resistors on the Video Memory Address Bus, MA(7:0).

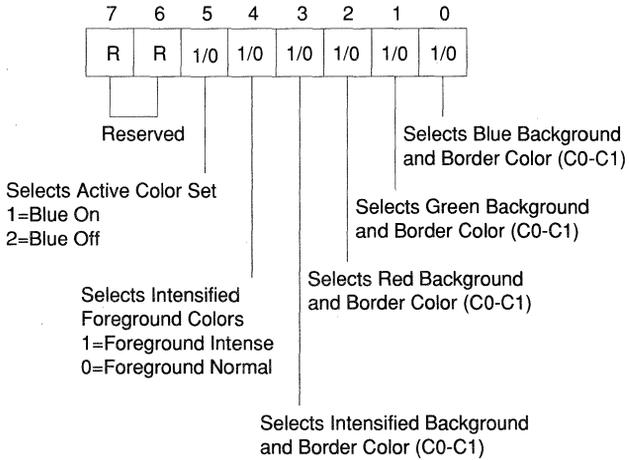
The Configuration Register, CNF(7:0), is set by the pull-up and pull-down resistors on the Video Data Bus, MD(7:0).

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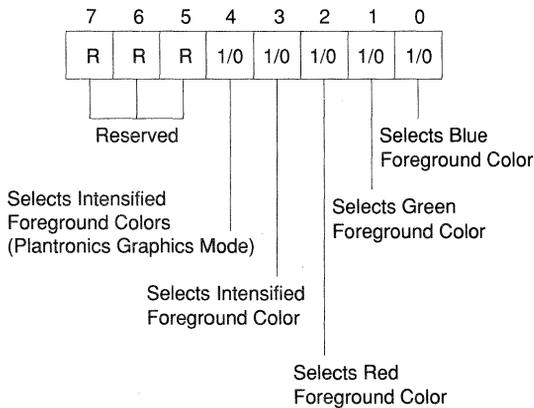
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## CGA BORDER CONTROL REGISTER

### CGA BORDER CONTROL REGISTER 320 X 200 GRAPHICS MODE (MEDIUM RESOLUTION) - WRITE-ONLY PORT = 3D9

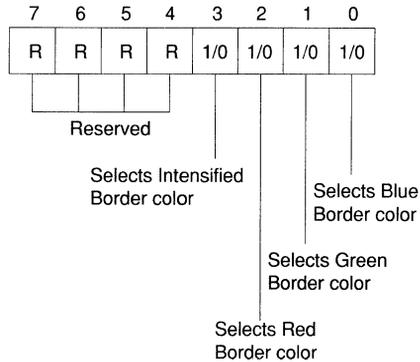


### CGA BORDER CONTROL REGISTER 640 X 200 GRAPHICS MODE (HIGH RESOLUTION) - WRITE-ONLY PORT = 3D9



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## CGA BORDER CONTROL REGISTER ALPHANUMERIC MODE WRITE-ONLY PORT = 3D9



The CGA Border Control Register is a write-only register located at I/O port address 3D9. This register is cleared at reset.

Bit 7, Bit 6      Not used.

Bit 5            **Alphanumeric Mode**  
Reserved.  
**320 x 200 Graphics Mode**  
Selects active color set in 320 x 200 graphics mode (medium resolution).  
1 = Blue on.  
0 = Blue off.  
**640 x 200 Graphics Mode**  
Reserved.

Bit 4            **Alphanumeric Mode**  
Reserved.  
**320 x 200 Graphics Mode**  
Selects intensified foreground colors in 320 x 200 graphics mode (medium resolution).  
1 = Foreground intense.  
0 = Foreground normal.  
**640 x 200 Graphics Mode**  
Selects intensified foreground colors in 640 x 200 Plantronics graphics mode (high resolution).  
1 = Foreground intense.  
0 = Foreground normal.

**CGA BORDER CONTROL REGISTER CONT'D**

- Bit 3**            **Alphanumeric Mode**  
1 = Selects intensified border color.  
**320 x 200 Graphics Mode**  
1 = Selects intensified background and border color (C0-C1).  
**640 x 200 Graphics Mode**  
1 = Selects intensified foreground color.
- Bit 2**            **Alphanumeric Mode**  
1 = Selects red border color.  
**320 x 200 Graphics Mode**  
1 = Selects red background and border color (C0-C1).  
**640 x 200 Graphics Mode**  
1 = Selects red foreground color.
- Bit 1**            **Alphanumeric Mode**  
1 = Selects green border color.  
**320 x 200 Graphics Mode**  
1 = Selects green background and border color (C0-C1).  
**640 x 200 Graphics Mode**  
1 = Selects green foreground color.
- Bit 0**            **Alphanumeric Mode**  
1 = Selects blue border color.  
**320 x 200 Graphics Mode**  
1 = Selects blue background and border color (C0-C1).  
**640 x 200 Graphics Mode**  
1 = Selects blue foreground color.

**NOTE:** Any read or write to port 3B9 in mono mode sets the Light Pen Latch.

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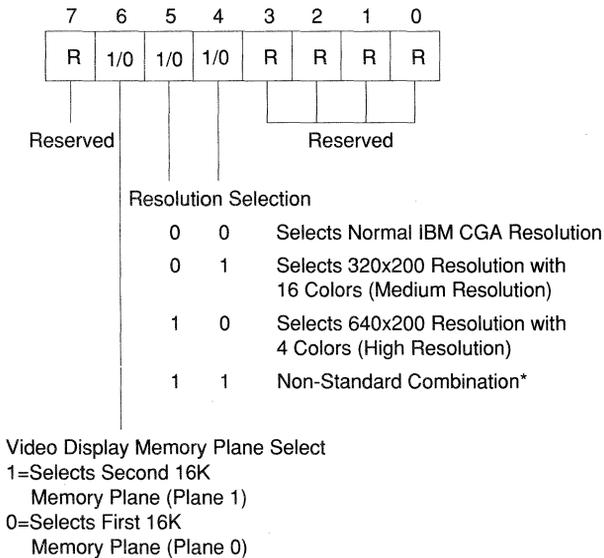
**PORT 3DC**

Any read or write to port 3DC in color mode sets the Light Pen Latch. (Port 3DC is the Preset Light Pen Latch Register port in CGA).

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## PLANTRONICS COLORPLUS REGISTER

## PLANTRONICS COLORPLUS REGISTER - WRITE-ONLY PORT = 3DD

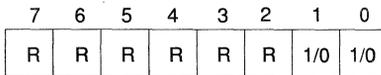


\* **NOTE:** Bit 4 and bit 5 should not be set to one at the same time, since this is non-standard. If both bits are set to one, bit 4 overrides bit 5.

The Plantronics Colorplus Mode Register is a write-only register located at I/O port address 3DD. This register controls the emulation of the Plantronics Colorplus features, allowing the display of 4 colors with a resolution of 640 x 200 pixels, or 16 colors with a resolution of 320 x 200 pixels. This register is cleared by alpha mode (Mode Register(1)=0), mono mode, or Plantronics disable (PAR(3)=1). The Plantronics Colorplus Register contains 3 active bits.

PLANTRONICS COLORPLUS REGISTER CONT'D

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Bit 7         | Not used  |
| Bit 6         | <p>This bit is used to control the location where the CPU accesses the two individual 16K planes of video display memory. The video controller access to these planes is always contiguous, from B8000 hex to BFFFF hex. This bit is effective only if one of the two modes available in bits 4 or 5 are selected, and the second video memory bank is needed.</p> <p>1 = Selects the second 16K plane of memory (Plane 1). Plane 1 is located at B8000 hex and Plane 0 is at BC000 hex.</p> <p>0 = Selects the first 16K plane of memory (Plane 0). Plane 0 is now located at B8000 hex and Plane 1 is at BC000.</p> |
| Bit 5         | <p>1 = Selects 640 x 200 resolution with four colors (high resolution).</p> <p>0 = Selects normal IBM CGA resolution only if bit 4 is also set to "0".</p>  |
| Bit 4         | <p>1 = Selects 320 x 200 resolution with sixteen colors (medium resolution).</p> <p>0 = Selects normal IBM CGA resolution only if bit 5 is also set to "0".</p>   |
| Bit 3 - Bit 0 | Not used.   |

**HERCULES REGISTER****HERCULES REGISTER - WRITE-ONLY PORT = 3BF**

Reserved

Enable Mode Reg. Bit 1

1=Graphics Mode Can Be Selected  
(Bit 1 of Mode Reg. Can Be Set)0=Alpha Mode Forced  
(Bit 1 of Mode Reg. Cannot Be Set)

Enable Mode Reg. Bit 7

1=Second Page of Video Memory Can Be Accessed  
(Bit 7 of Mode Reg. Can Be Set)0=Second Page of Video Memory Cannot Be Accessed  
First Page of Video Memory is Displayed  
(Bit 7 of Mode Reg. Cannot Be Set)

The Hercules Register is an 8-bit write-only register located at I/O port address 3BF hex and is used to control the Hercules Mode graphics with a monochrome display resolution of 720 x 348 pixels. Only bits 1 and 0 are used. Bits 7 thru 2 are reserved. Both bit 1 and bit 0 are reset to low(0), upon power-up or resetting the PVC4A, or by selecting a color operating mode.

Bit 7 thru Bit 2 Reserved. (Do not use).

**Bit 1** Enables Mode Register bit 7 (Address 3X8). Bit 7 of the Mode Register is used by the Hercules Graphics Card to select the displayed memory page in graphics mode. Mode Register(7)=1 selects the second page of the video RAM, which is mapped to address B8000 hex. Mode Register(7)=0 selects the first page of video RAM, which is mapped to address B0000 hex. This bit also maps the PVC4A video memory into B8000-BFFFF, regardless of the state of Mode Register Bit 7.

1 = Bit 7 of the Mode Register may be set and the second page of video RAM may be accessed and displayed.

0 = Bit 7 of the Mode Register cannot be set, preventing the second page of video RAM from being accessed or displayed. The first page of video RAM is displayed.

**HERCULES REGISTER CONT'D**

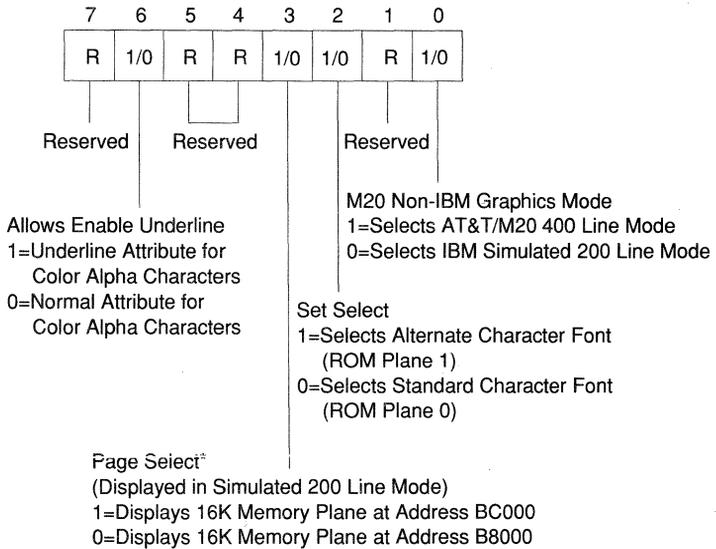
Bit 0            Enables Mode Register bit 1 (Address 3X8). Mode Register(1)=1 selects graphics mode. Mode Register(1)=0 selects alpha mode.  
                  1 = Allows Bit 1 of the Mode Register to be set and alpha or graphics mode may be selected.  
                  0 = Bit 1 of the Mode Register cannot be set, forcing alpha mode.

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## AT&T / M24 REGISTER

AT&T / M24 REGISTER - WRITE-ONLY PORT = 3DE



**\*NOTE:** This bit has no effect if bit 0 of the AT&T / M24 Register is set to 1.

The AT&T / M24 Register is a write-only register located at I/O port address 3DE hex. It is used to produce a display resolution of 640 x 400 pixels. In AT&T nomenclature, this mode is referred to as "Mode Select 2". In order for this register to be enabled, bit 3 of the Paradise Register must equal 0. (NOTE: Reset disables the AT&T / M24 Register and sets all its bits to 0).

Bit 7            Reserved.

Bit 6            Enable Underline  
 1 = Causes an attribute of "blue foreground, black background" to produce a white, underlined character.  
 0 = Normal attribute for color alpha characters.

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## AT&T / M24 REGISTER CONT'D

- Bit 5, Bit 4      Reserved.
- Bit 3              Page Select. This bit is used to toggle between 16K pages of display memory when operating in the simulated 200 line mode, after bit 0 of the AT&T / M24 Register has been set to 0. (NOTE: This bit has no effect if bit 0 of the AT&T / M24 Register is set to 1).  
1 = Causes the video controller in PVC4A to display the 16K plane of memory at address BC000 hex, in simulated 200 line mode.  
0 = The 16K plane of memory at address B8000 hex is displayed, in simulated 200 line mode.
- Bit 2              Set Select. This bit selects between two character fonts.  
1 = Selects the alternate the character font (ROM Plane 1).  
0 = Selects the standard character font (ROM Plane 0).
- Bit 1              Reserved.
- Bit 0              M24, Non-IBM Graphics Mode.  
1 = Selects AT&T / M24 400 line mode (two color).  
0 = Selects simulated IBM 200 line mode, i.e. double-scanned lines.  
(Note: If the AT&T / M24 Register is disabled, IBM standard 200 line mode is displayed).

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## 6845 CRT CONTROLLER REGISTERS

Register name	Port (hex)	Index (3 x 4 hex)	R/W	
Horizontal Total	3X5	00	W	
Horizontal Displayed	3X5	01	W	
H. Sync. Character Position	3X5	02	W	
H. Sync. Character Width	3X5	03	W	
*Vertical Total	3X5	04	W	
Vertical Adjust	3X5	05	W	
*Vertical Displayed	3X5	06	W	
*V.Sync. Char. Row Position	3X5	07	W	
*Not Used		08		
Maximum Scan Line Address	3X5	09	W	
Cursor Start	3X5	0A	W	
Cursor End	3X5	0B	W	
*RAM Start Address High	3X5	0C	W	
RAM Start Address Low	3X5	0D	W	
*Cursor RAM Address High	3X5	0E	R/W	
Cursor RAM Address Low	3X5	0F	R/W	
*Light Pen High	3X5	10	R	
Light Pen Low	3X5	11	R	
*Vertical Registers 04, 06, 07, MSB	3X5	12	W	Locked
*MCG Register	3X5	13	W	Locked
*Storage 1	3X5	14	R/W	Locked
*Storage 2	3X5	15	R/W	Locked
*Storage 3	3X5	16	R/W	Locked
*Storage 4	3X5	17	R/W	Locked
*Reserved	3X5	1C	N/A	
*Reserved	3X5	1D	N/A	
*Reserved	3X5	1E	N/A	
*Reserved	3X5	1F	N/A	

- Notes:**
1. CRTC Registers 12 through 17 can be written to at address 3X5 after they have been unlocked. Unlocking these registers consists of writing the register index to address 3X4, then reading address 3X8 twice in succession. After the write to address 3X5 these registers will be relocked. CRTC Register 12 (the Vertical High Bits Register) and Register 13 (the MCG Register) are write-only registers. CRTC Registers 14 through 17 (the Storage Registers) can be read without being unlocked.
  2. All other CRTC Registers can be accessed by writing the register index to address 3X4 and then writing the data to, or reading the data from, address 3X5.
  3. \* = This register is not identical to the 6845 definition.
  4. "X" = B (hex) in monochrome MDA modes, and D (hex) in color CGA modes.

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## 6845 CRT Controller Registers CRTC

Index (Hex)	Register Name	Register Field Details	Register Bit Definitions								
			7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
00	Horizontal Total	Horizontal Total Character Count Less 1 - Bits (7-0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
01	Horizontal Displayed	Horizontal Displayed Character Count - Bits (7-0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
02	H. Sync Character Position	Horizontal Sync Character Position - Bits (7-0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
03	H. Sync Character Width	Horizontal Sync Character Width - Bits (3-0)	R	R	R	R	-	-	-	-	-
*04	Vertical Total	Vertical Total Character Row Count Less 1 - Bits (7-0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
05	Vertical Adjust	Vertical Adjust Scan Lines Bits (4-0)	R	R	R	-	-	-	-	-	-
*06	Vertical Displayed	Vertical Displayed Character Row Count - Bits (7-0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*07	V. Sync Character Row Position	Vertical Sync Character Row Position - Bits (7-0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*08	Not Used	The PVC4A Supports only the Non-Interlace Mode									
09	Max. Scan Line Address	Maximum Scan Line Address (per character) Less 1 - Bits (4-0)	R	R	R	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Notes:** 1. R = Reserved Bits.

2. Bit 0 = LSB.

3. \* = This register is not identical to the 6845 definition.

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## 6845 CRT Controller Registers (CRTC) Contin'd

Index (Hex)	Register Name	Register Field Details	Register Bit Definitions							
			7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0A	Cursor StartOn/Off	Cursor On/Off Bit (Q5), and Cursor Start Scan Line Bits (4-0)	R	R	Q5	CS4	CS3	CS2	CS1	CS0
*0B	Cursor End	Unlocked: Cursor End Scan Line. Locked: Underline Scan Line Bits (4-0)	R	R	R	-	-	-	-	-
*0C	RAM Start Address High	RAM Starting Address High Bits (6-0)	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0D	RAM Start Address Low	RAM Starting Address Low Bits (7-0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*0E	Cursor RAM Address High	Cursor RAM Address High Bits (6-0)	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0F	Cursor RAM Address Low	Cursor RAM Address Low Bits (7-0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*10	Light Pen High	Light Pen Address High Bits (6-0)	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Light Pen Low	Light Pen Address Low Bits (7-0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*‡12	Vertical Registers 4, 6, 7 MSB	MSB of Registers 4, 6, 7 (i.e., Bit 8)	R	R	R	7‡	R	6‡	R	4‡

**Notes:** 1. R = Reserved Bits

2. Bit 0 = LSB.

3. 4‡, 6‡, 7‡ = Register 4, Register 6, Register 7, Bit # 8 (MSB).

4. \* = This register is not identical to the 6845 definition.

5. CRTC Register 12 can be written to at address 3X5 after it has been unlocked. Unlocking this register consists of writing a 12 to address 3X4, then reading address 3X8 twice in succession. After the write to address 3X5 this register will be relocked.

## 6845 CRT Controller Registers (CRTC) Contin'd

Index (Hex)	Register Name	Register Field Details	Register Bit Definitions							
			7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
*13	MCG	DAC Support (B4), VSYNC Polarity (B3), HSYNC Polarity (B2), MONO Data (B1), Video Memory Base (B0)	R	R	R	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
*14	Storage 1	Byte Storage (7-0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*15	Storage 2	Byte Storage (7-0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*16	Storage 3	Byte Storage (7-0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*17	Storage 4	Byte Storage (7-0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Notes:** 1. R = Reserved Bits

2. Bit 0 = LSB.

3. \* = This register is not identical to the 6845 definition.

4. "X" = B (hex) in monochrome MDA modes, and D (hex) in color CGA modes.

5. CRTC Registers 13 through 17 can be written to at address 3X5 after they have been unlocked. Unlocking these registers consists of writing the register index to address 3X4, then reading address 3X8 twice in succession. After the write to address 3X5 these registers will be relocked. CRTC Register 13 (the MCG Register) is a write-only register. CRTC Registers 14 through 17 (the Storage Registers) can be read without being unlocked.

6. The four Storage Registers located at CRTC indexes 14 through 17 hex are write-protected (locked) read/write registers. They provide the MCGA BIOS with a storage location for the four-byte interrupt vector in MCGA mode. If MCGA modes are not supported (no MCGA BIOS on the card), the Storage Registers can be used for general purpose storage.

7. The MCG Register is a write-protected (locked) write-only register located at index 13 hex in the CRT Controller. A detailed description of the MCG Register follows:

**6845 CRT Controller Registers (CRTC) Contin'd**

**MCG Register (Port = 3X5, Index = 13H)**

Bit 7 - Bit 5 Not used.

Bit 4 RAMDAC Support

1 = Provides DAC support. Several PVC4A pins support a companion RAMDAC:

CMPVD provides pixel clock output. RD, GR, BL and MONO data are valid on rising PIXCLK. (Composite video is not available in MCGA RAMDAC mode).

SPPIN provides an active low chip select for the RAMDAC by decoding system I/O reads and writes. (The printer port controller (PPC) cannot be used in MCGA RAMDAC mode).

DIR controls the direction of the system data buffer in order to support RAMDAC reads and writes.

The display enable video signal DE, available on the CSYNCN pin, is modified to BLANKN out. (Refer to the Configuration Register Bit 4).

0 = No RAMDAC support.

Bit 3 VSYNC Polarity

1 = Inverts the VSYNC signal from its normal polarity. This allows software to choose either VSYNC polarity in any mode.

0 = Normal VSYNC polarity.

Bit 2 HSYNC Polarity

1 = Inverts the HSYNC signal from its normal polarity. This allows software to choose either HSYNC polarity in any mode.

0 = Normal HSYNC polarity.

**Note:** "X" = B (hex) in monochrome MDA modes, and D (hex) in color CGA modes.

**6845 CRT Controller Registers (CRTC) Contin'd**

**MCG Register (Port = 3X5, Index = 13H) contin'd**

- Bit 1            MONO Data  
1 = The color data normally output on pins RD, GR, and BL is discarded, and the monochrome data on the MONO pin is used by all four pins simultaneously.  
  
0 = RD, GR, and BL pins function normally.
- Bit 0            Video Memory Base  
1 = The video memory base address = A0000 hex.  
  
0 = The video memory base address = B0000 hex in color modes, and B8000 hex in monochrome modes.

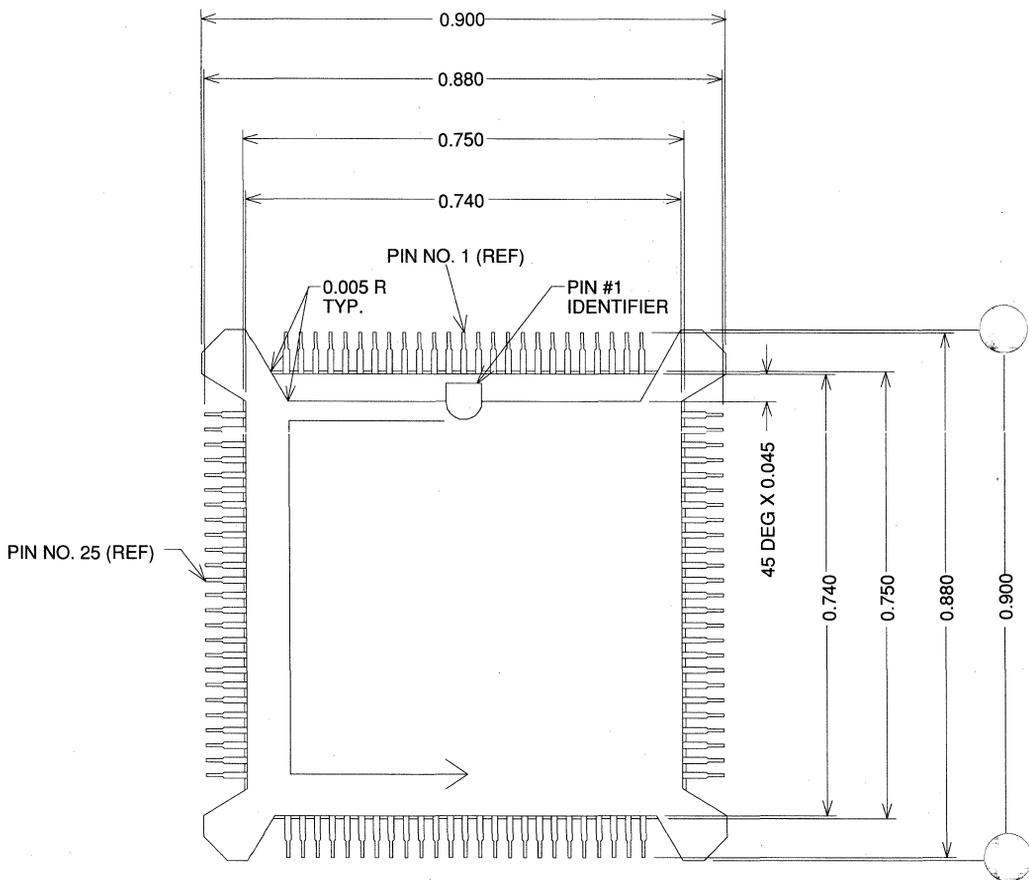
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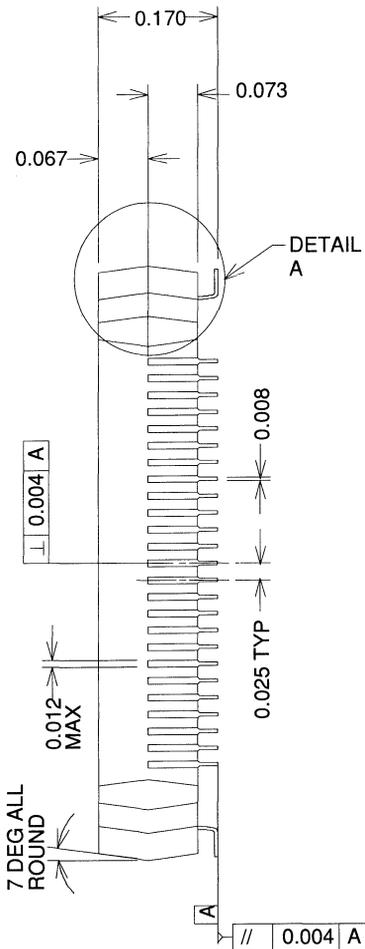
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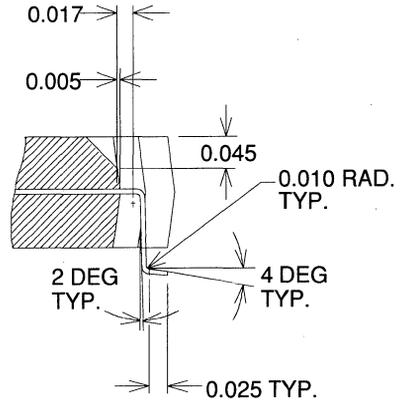
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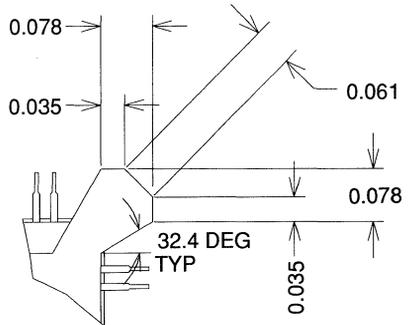
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DETAIL A



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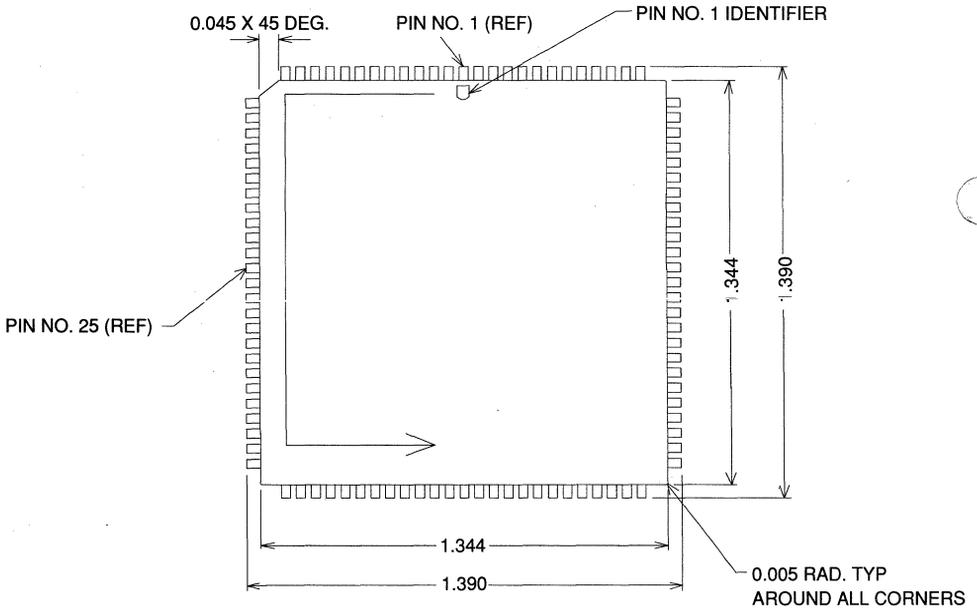
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100 PIN PLCC PACKAGE

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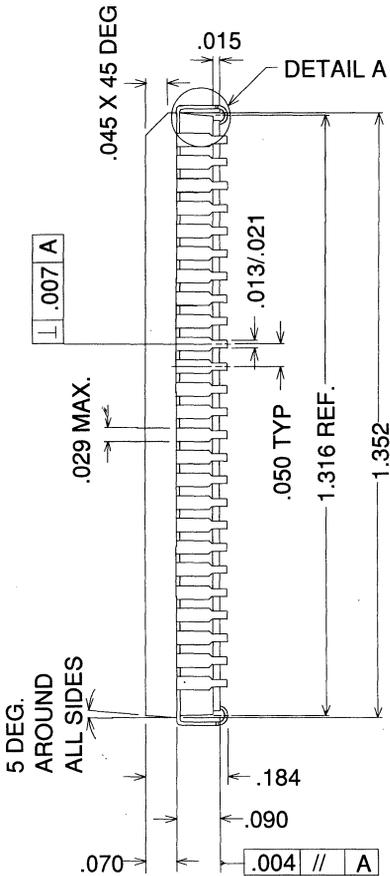
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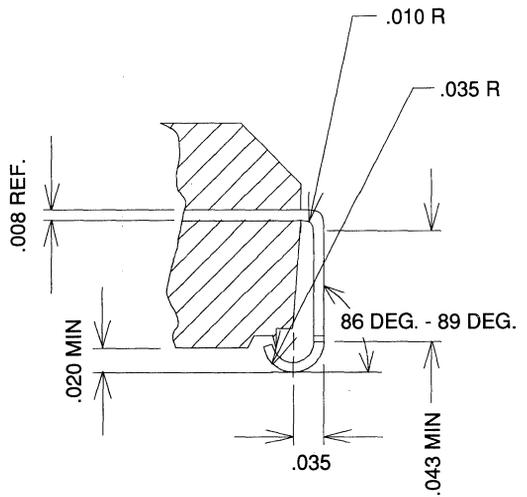
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SIDE VIEW



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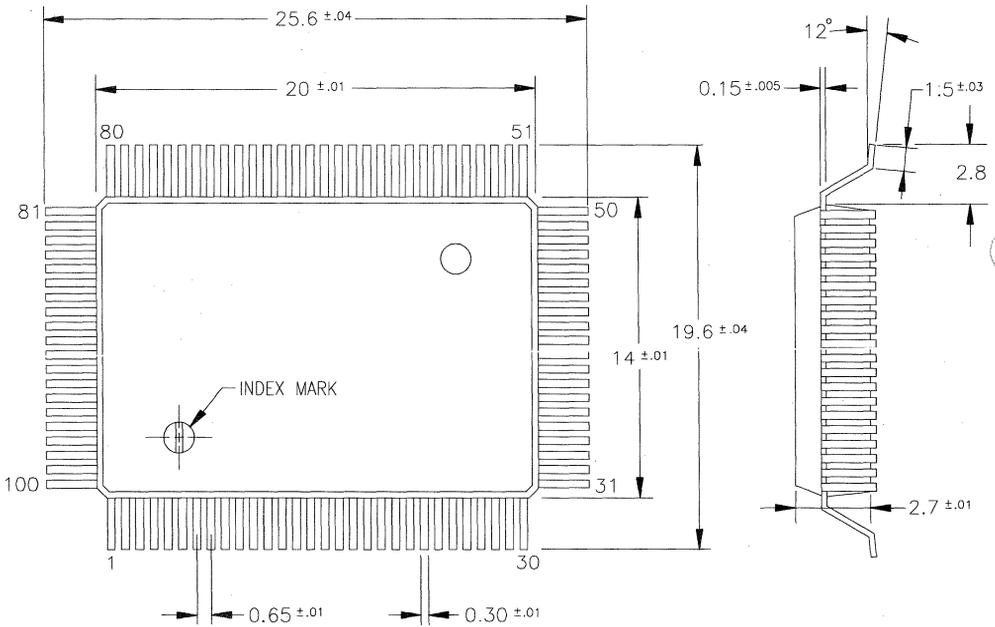


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