

TCS3771

Color Light-To-Digital Converter with Proximity Sensing

General Description

The TCS3771 family of devices provides red, green, blue, and clear (RGBC) light sensing and proximity detection (when coupled with an external IR LED). They detect light intensity under a variety of lighting conditions and through a variety of attenuation materials. The proximity detection feature allows a large dynamic range of operation for use in short distance detection behind dark glass such as in a cell phone or for longer distance measurements for applications such as presence detection for monitors or laptops. The programmable proximity detection enables continuous measurements across the entire range. In addition, an internal state machine provides the ability to put the device into a low power mode in between RGBC and proximity measurements providing very low average power consumption.

The TCS3771 is directly useful in lighting conditions containing minimal IR content such as LED RGB backlight control, reflected LED color sampler, or fluorescent light color temperature detector. With the addition of an IR blocking filter, the device is an excellent ambient light sensor, color temperature monitor, and general purpose color sensor.

The proximity function is targeted specifically towards battery-powered mobile devices, LCD monitor, laptop, and flat-panel television applications. In cell phones, the proximity detection can detect when the user positions the phone close to their ear. The device is fast enough to provide proximity information at a high repetition rate needed when answering a phone call. It can also detect both close and far distances so the application can implement more complex algorithms to provide a more robust interface. In laptop or monitor applications, the product is sensitive enough to determine whether a user is in front of the laptop using the keyboard or away from the desk. This provides both improved *green* power saving capability and the added security to lock the computer when the user is not present.

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Key Benefits & Features

The benefits and features of the TCS3771 are listed below:

Figure 1:
Added Value of using TCS3771

| Benefits | Features |
|--|---|
| Single Device reduces board space | RGB Color Sensing and Proximity Detection in a Single Device |
| Enables both Correlated Color Temperature and Ambient Light Sensing across wide range of lighting condition applications | Color Light Sensing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmable Analog Gain, Integration Time, and Interrupt Function with Upper and Lower Thresholds • Resolution Up to 16 bits • Very High Sensitivity - Ideally Suited for Operation Behind Dark Glass • Up to 1,000,000:1 Dynamic Range |
| Enables versatile Infra-red proximity based object detection | Proximity Detection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmable Number of IR Pulses, Current Sink for the IR LED - No Limiting Resistor Needed, and Interrupt Function with Upper and Lower Thresholds • Covers a 2000:1 Dynamic Range |
| Low power wait state programmability reduces average power consumption | Low Power Wait State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65µA Typical Current • Wait Timer is Programmable from 2.4ms to > 7 seconds |
| Digital interfaces are less susceptible to noise | I ² C Interface Compatible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 400kHz (I²C Fast Mode) |
| Reduces micro-processor Interrupt Overhead with both up persist and no-persist interrupt thresholds | Dedicated Interrupt Pin |
| Enables drop-in and foot-print compatible solutions | Pin and Register Set Compatible with the TCS3x7x Family of Devices |
| Reduces board space requirements while simplifying designs | Small 2mm × 2.4mm Dual Flat No-Lead Package |
| Low power sleep state reduces average power consumption | Sleep Mode - 2.5µA Typical Current |

Applications

The applications of TCS3771 include:

- RGB LED Backlight Control
- Ambient Color Temperature Sensing
- Cell Phone Touch Screen Disable
- Notebook/Monitor Security
- Automatic Menu Popup
- Industrial Process Control
- Medical Diagnostics

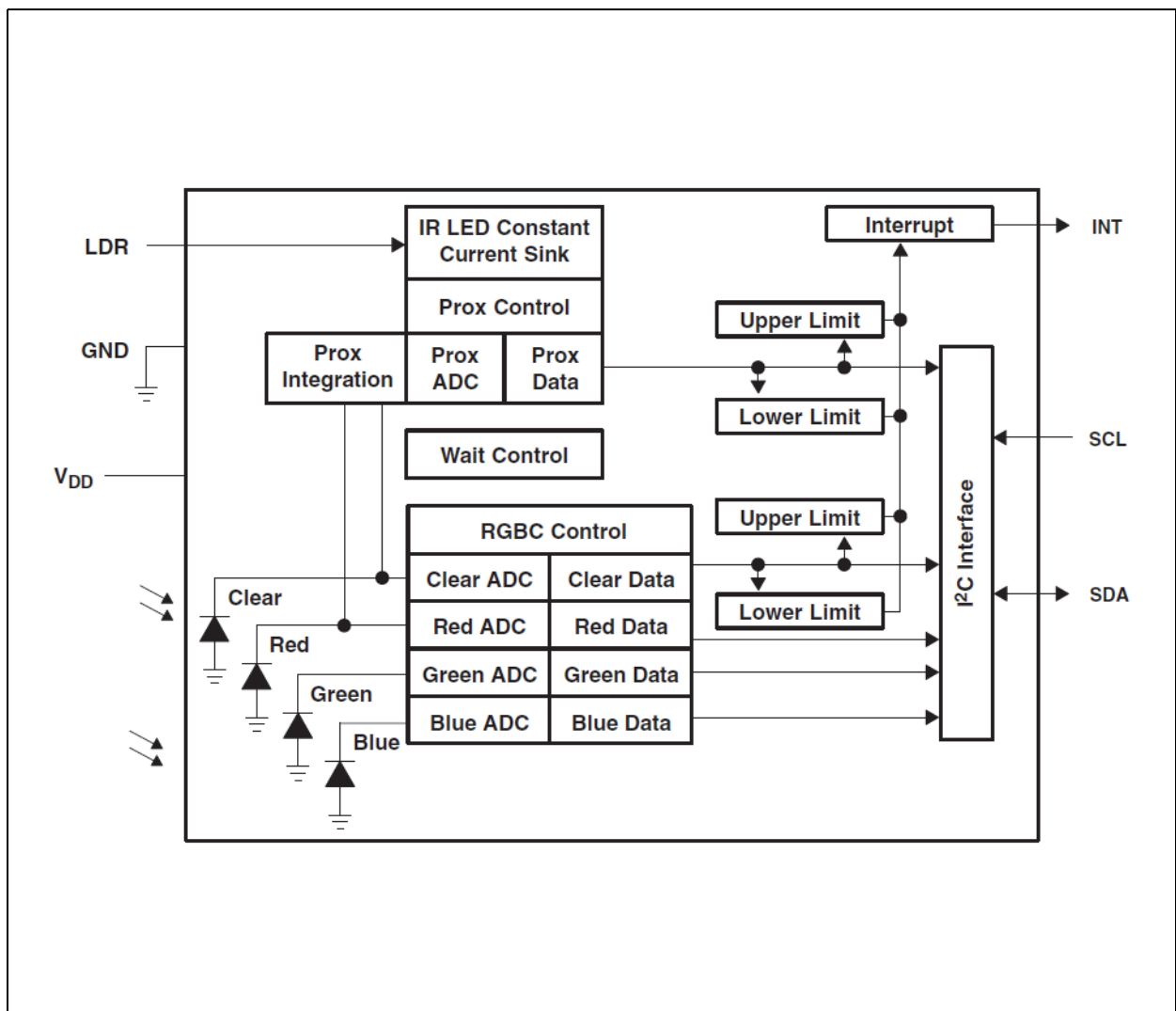
End Products and Market Segments

- HDTVs, Mobile Handsets, Tablets, Laptops, Monitors, PMP (Portable Media Players)
- Medical and Commercial Instrumentation
- Consumer Toys
- Industrial/Commercial Lighting

Block Diagram

The functional blocks of this device for reference are shown below:

Figure 2:
TCS3771 Block Diagram



Detailed Description

The TCS3771 light-to-digital device contains a 4 × 4 photodiode array, integrating amplifiers, ADCs, accumulators, clocks, buffers, comparators, a state machine, and an I²C interface. The 4 × 4 photodiode array is composed of red-filtered, green-filtered, blue-filtered, and clear photodiodes - four of each type. Four integrating ADCs simultaneously convert the amplified photodiode currents to a digital value providing up to 16 bits of resolution. Upon completion of the conversion cycle, the conversion result is transferred to the data registers. The transfers are double-buffered to ensure that the integrity of the data is maintained. Communication to the device is accomplished through a fast (up to 400kHz), two-wire I²C serial bus for easy connection to a microcontroller or embedded controller.

The TCS3771 provides a separate pin for level-style interrupts. When interrupts are enabled and a preset value is exceeded, the interrupt pin is asserted and remains asserted until cleared by the controlling firmware. The interrupt feature simplifies and improves system efficiency by eliminating the need to poll a sensor for a light intensity or proximity value. An interrupt is generated when the value of an RGBC or proximity conversion exceeds either an upper or lower threshold. In addition, a programmable interrupt persistence feature allows the user to determine how many consecutive exceeded thresholds are necessary to trigger an interrupt. Interrupt thresholds and persistence settings are configured independently for both RGBC and proximity.

Proximity detection requires only a single external IR LED. An internal LED driver can be configured to provide a constant current sink of 12.5mA, 25mA, 50mA or 100mA of current. No external current limiting resistor is required. The number of proximity LED pulses can be programmed from 1 to 255 pulses. Each pulse has a 14µs period. This LED current coupled with the programmable number of pulses provides a 2000:1 contiguous dynamic range.

Pin Assignments

The TCS3771 pin assignments are described below:

Figure 3:
Pin Diagram of Package FN Dual Flat No-Lead (Top View)

Package drawing not to scale.

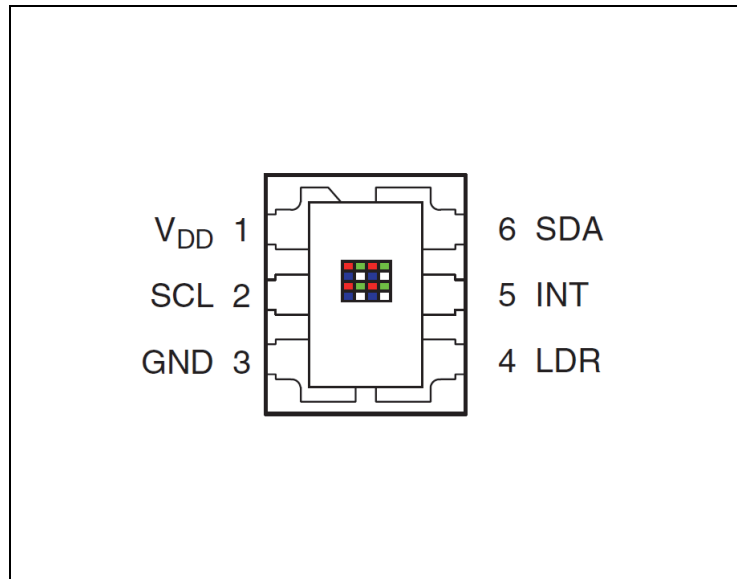


Figure 4:
Terminal Functions

| Terminal | | Type | Description |
|-----------------|----|------|--|
| Name | No | | |
| V _{DD} | 1 | | Supply voltage |
| SCL | 2 | I | I ² C serial clock input terminal - clock signal for I ² C serial data |
| GND | 3 | | Power supply ground. All voltages are referenced to GND. |
| LDR | 4 | O | LED driver for proximity emitter - up to 100mA, open drain |
| INT | 5 | O | Interrupt - open drain (active low) |
| SDA | 6 | I/O | I ² C serial data I/O terminal - serial data I/O for I ² C |

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stresses beyond those listed under “Absolute Maximum Ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only. Functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under [“Recommended Operating Conditions” on page 7](#) is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

Figure 5:
Absolute Maximum Ratings over Operating Free-Air Temperature Range (unless otherwise noted)

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Max | Unit |
|-----------|---------------------------------|------|------|------|
| V_{DD} | Supply voltage ⁽¹⁾ | | 3.8 | V |
| V_O | Digital output voltage range | -0.5 | 3.8 | V |
| I_O | Digital output current | -1 | 20 | mA |
| T_{stg} | Storage temperature range | -40 | 85 | °C |
| | ESD tolerance, human body model | | 2000 | V |

Note(s) and/or Footnote(s):

1. All voltages are with respect to GND.

Electrical Characteristics

All limits are guaranteed. The parameters with min and max values are guaranteed with production tests or SQC (Statistical Quality Control) methods.

Figure 6:
Recommended Operating Conditions

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Nom | Max | Unit |
|----------|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| V_{DD} | Supply voltage | 2.7 | 3 | 3.3 | V |
| T_A | Operating free-air temperature | -30 | | 70 | °C |

Figure 7:
Operating Characteristics, $V_{DD} = 3V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$ (unless otherwise noted)

| Symbol | Parameter | Test Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|
| I_{DD} | Supply current | Active - LDR pulses off | | 235 | 330 | μA |
| | | Wait mode | | 65 | | |
| | | Sleep mode - no I ² C activity | | 2.5 | 10 | |
| V_{OL} | INT, SDA output low voltage | 3mA sink current | 0 | | 0.4 | V |
| | | 6mA sink current | 0 | | 0.6 | |
| I_{LEAK} | Leakage current, SDA, SCL, INT pins | | -5 | | 5 | μA |
| I_{LEAK} | Leakage current, LDR pin | | -10 | | +10 | μA |
| V_{IH} | SCL, SDA input high voltage | TCS37711 & TCS37715 | $0.7 V_{DD}$ | | | V |
| | | TCS37713 & TCS37717 | 1.25 | | | |
| V_{IL} | SCL, SDA input low voltage | TCS37711 & TCS37715 | | | $0.3 V_{DD}$ | V |
| | | TCS37713 & TCS37717 | | | 0.54 | |

Figure 8:

 Optical Characteristics, $V_{DD} = 3V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, Gain = 16, ATIME = 0xF6 (unless otherwise noted) ⁽¹⁾

| | Parameter | Test Conditions | Red Channel | | | Green Channel | | | Blue Channel | | | Clear Channel | | | Unit |
|----------------|-------------------------|---|-------------|-----|------|---------------|-----|-----|--------------|-----|-----|---------------|-----|------|--|
| | | | Min | Typ | Max | Min | Typ | Max | Min | Typ | Max | Min | Typ | Max | |
| R _e | Irradiance responsivity | $\lambda_D = 465\text{nm}$, ⁽²⁾ | 0% | | 15% | 10% | | 42% | 65% | | 88% | 19.2 | 24 | 28.8 | counts/ ($\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$) |
| | | $\lambda_D = 525\text{nm}$, ⁽³⁾ | 8% | | 25% | 60% | | 85% | 9% | | 35% | 22.4 | 28 | 33.6 | |
| | | $\lambda_D = 625\text{nm}$, ⁽⁴⁾ | 85% | | 110% | 0% | | 15% | 5% | | 25% | 27.2 | 34 | 40.8 | |

Note(s) and/or Footnote(s):

- The percentage shown represents the ratio of the respective red, green, or blue channel value to the clear channel value.
- The 465nm input irradiance is supplied by an InGaN light-emitting diode with the following characteristics: dominant wavelength $\lambda_D = 465\text{nm}$, spectral halfwidth $\Delta\lambda_{1/2} = 22\text{nm}$, and luminous efficacy = 75lm/W.
- The 525nm input irradiance is supplied by an InGaN light-emitting diode with the following characteristics: dominant wavelength $\lambda_D = 525\text{nm}$, spectral halfwidth $\Delta\lambda_{1/2} = 35\text{nm}$, and luminous efficacy = 520lm/W.
- The 625nm input irradiance is supplied by a AlInGaP light-emitting diode with the following characteristics: dominant wavelength $\lambda_D = 625\text{nm}$, spectral halfwidth $\Delta\lambda_{1/2} = 9\text{nm}$, and luminous efficacy = 155lm/W.

Figure 9:
RGBC Characteristics, $V_{DD} = 3V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, AGAIN = 16, AEN = 1 (unless otherwise noted)

| Parameter | Test Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|---|---|------|-----|-------|--------|
| Dark ADC count value | $E_e = 0$, AGAIN = 60x, ATIME = 0xD6 (100ms) | 0 | 1 | 5 | counts |
| ADC integration time step size | ATIME = 0xFF | 2.27 | 2.4 | 2.56 | ms |
| ADC number of integration steps | | 1 | | 256 | steps |
| ADC counts per step | | 0 | | 1024 | counts |
| ADC count value | ATIME = 0xC0 (153.6ms) | 0 | | 65535 | counts |
| Gain scaling, relative to 1x gain setting | 4x | 3.8 | 4 | 4.2 | % |
| | 16x | 15 | 16 | 16.8 | |
| | 60x | 58 | 60 | 63 | |

Figure 10:
 Proximity Characteristics, $V_{DD} = 3V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, Gain = 16, PEN = 1 (unless otherwise noted)

| | Parameter | Test Conditions | Condition | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------|------|-----|------|---------|
| I_{DD} | Supply current | LDR pulse on | | | 3 | | mA |
| | ADC conversion time step size | PTIME = 0xFF | | 2.27 | 2.4 | 2.56 | ms |
| | ADC number of integration steps | | | 1 | | 256 | steps |
| | ADC counts per step | | | 0 | | 1023 | counts |
| | IR LED pulse count | | | 0 | | 255 | pulses |
| | LED pulse period | Two or more pulses | | | 14 | | μs |
| | LED pulse width - LED on time | | | | 6.3 | | μs |
| | LED drive current | I_{SINK} sink current @ 600mV, LDR pin | PDRIVE = 0 | 80 | 106 | 132 | mA |
| PDRIVE = 1 | | | | 50 | | | |
| PDRIVE = 2 | | | | 25 | | | |
| PDRIVE = 3 | | | | 12.5 | | | |
| | Dark count value | $E_e = 0$, PTIME = 0xFB, PPULSE = 2 | | | | 900 | counts |
| | Red channel | $\lambda_p = 850nm$, $E_e = 45.3\mu W/cm^2$, PTIME = 0xFB, PPULSE = 2 ⁽¹⁾ | | 1000 | | 3000 | counts |
| | Clear channel | $\lambda_p = 850nm$, $E_e = 45.3\mu W/cm^2$, PTIME = 0xFB, PPULSE = 2 ⁽¹⁾ | | 1000 | | 3000 | counts |
| | Operating distance ⁽²⁾ | | | | 30 | | inches |

Note(s) and/or Footnote(s):

1. The specified light intensity is 100% modulated by the pulse output of the device so that during the pulse output low time, the light intensity is at the specified level, and 0 otherwise.
2. Proximity Operating Distance is dependent upon emitter properties and the reflective properties of the proximity surface. The nominal value shown uses an IR emitter with a peak wavelength of 850nm and a 20° half angle. The proximity surface used is a 90% reflective (white surface) 16 x 20-inch Kodak Gray Card. 60mw/SR, 100mA, 64 pulses, open view (no glass). **Greater distances are achievable with appropriate system considerations.**

Figure 11:
 Wait Characteristics, $V_{DD} = 3V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, Gain = 16, WEN = 1 (unless otherwise noted)

| Parameter | Test Conditions | Channel | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------|------|-----|------|-------|
| Wait step size | WTIME = 0xFF | | 2.27 | 2.4 | 2.56 | ms |
| Wait number of steps | | | 1 | | 256 | steps |

Figure 12:
AC Electrical Characteristics, $V_{DD} = 3V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$ (unless otherwise noted)

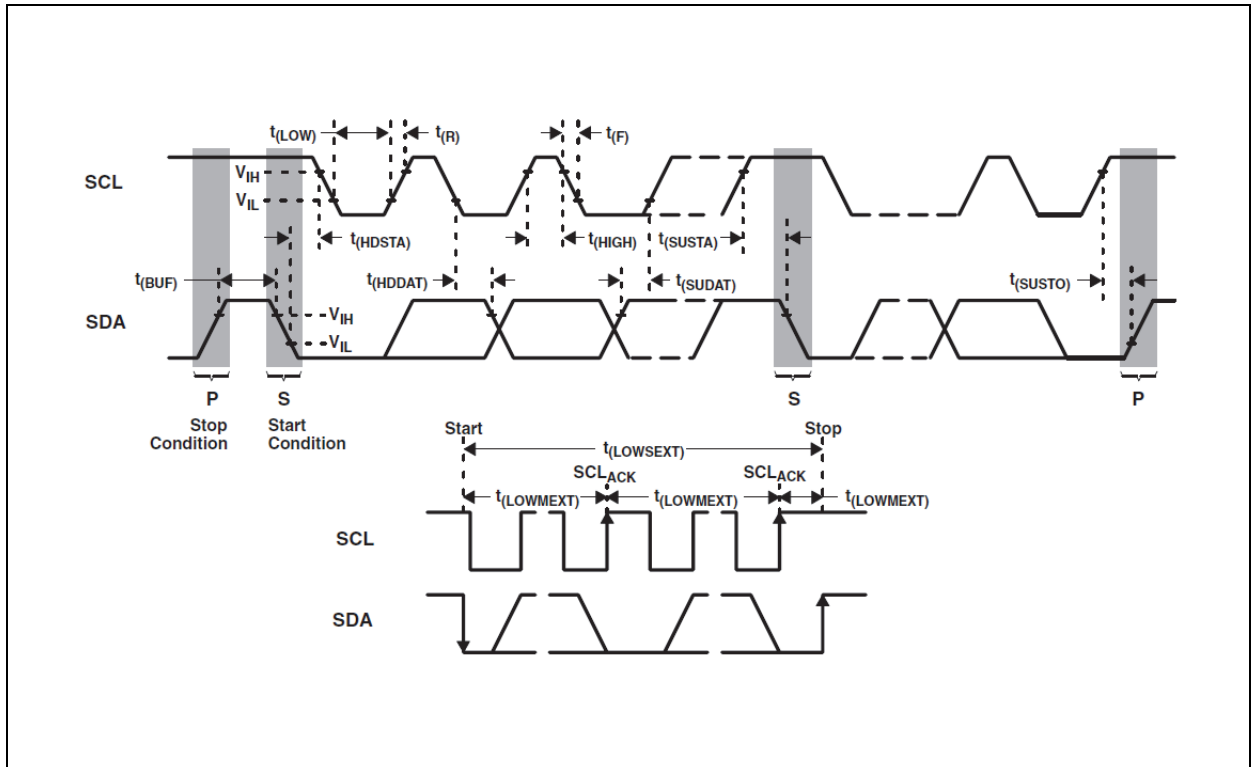
| Symbol | Parameter ⁽¹⁾ | Test Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|---------------|--|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| $f_{(SCL)}$ | Clock frequency (I ² C only) | | 0 | | 400 | kHz |
| $t_{(BUF)}$ | Bus free time between start and stop condition | | 1.3 | | | μs |
| $t_{(HDSTA)}$ | Hold time after (repeated) start condition. After this period, the first clock is generated. | | 0.6 | | | μs |
| $t_{(SUSTA)}$ | Repeated start condition setup time | | 0.6 | | | μs |
| $t_{(SUSTO)}$ | Stop condition setup time | | 0.6 | | | μs |
| $t_{(HDDAT)}$ | Data hold time | | 0 | | | μs |
| $t_{(SUDAT)}$ | Data setup time | | 100 | | | ns |
| $t_{(LOW)}$ | SCL clock low period | | 1.3 | | | μs |
| $t_{(HIGH)}$ | SCL clock high period | | 0.6 | | | μs |
| t_F | Clock/data fall time | | | | 300 | ns |
| t_R | Clock/data rise time | | | | 300 | ns |
| C_i | Input pin capacitance | | | | 10 | pF |

Note(s) and/or Footnote(s):

1. Specified by design and characterization; not production tested.

Parameter Measurement Information

Figure 13:
Timing Diagrams



Typical Characteristics

Figure 14:
Photodiode Spectral Responsivity

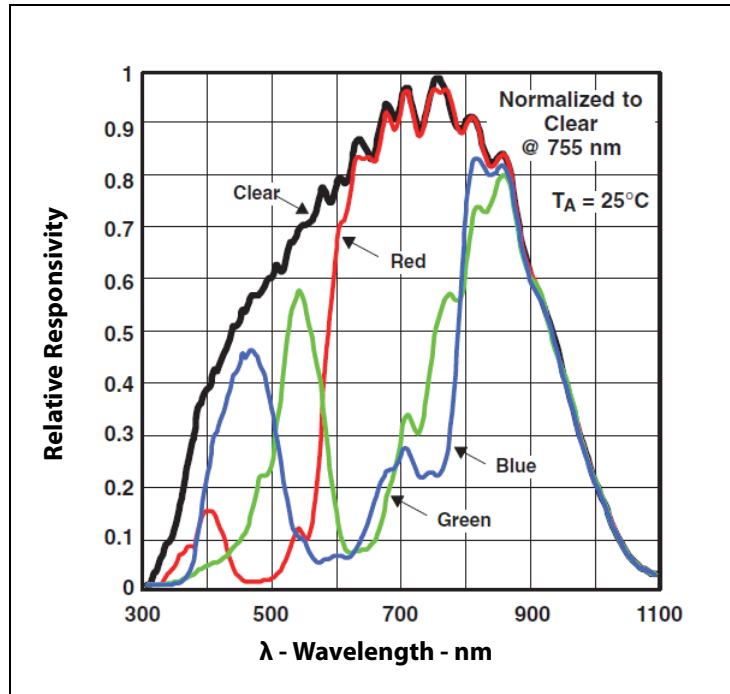


Figure 15:
Typical LDR Current vs. Voltage

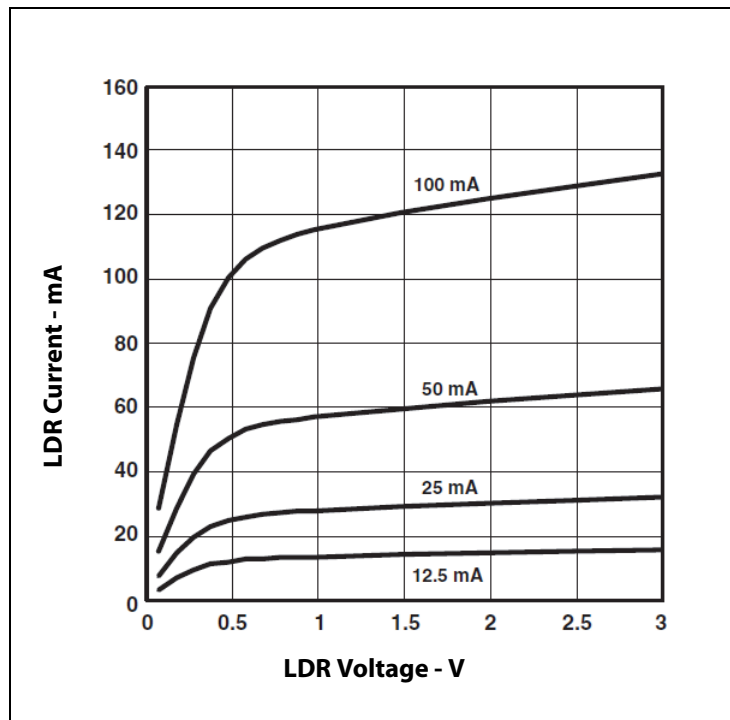


Figure 16:
Normalized I_{DD} vs. V_{DD} and Temperature

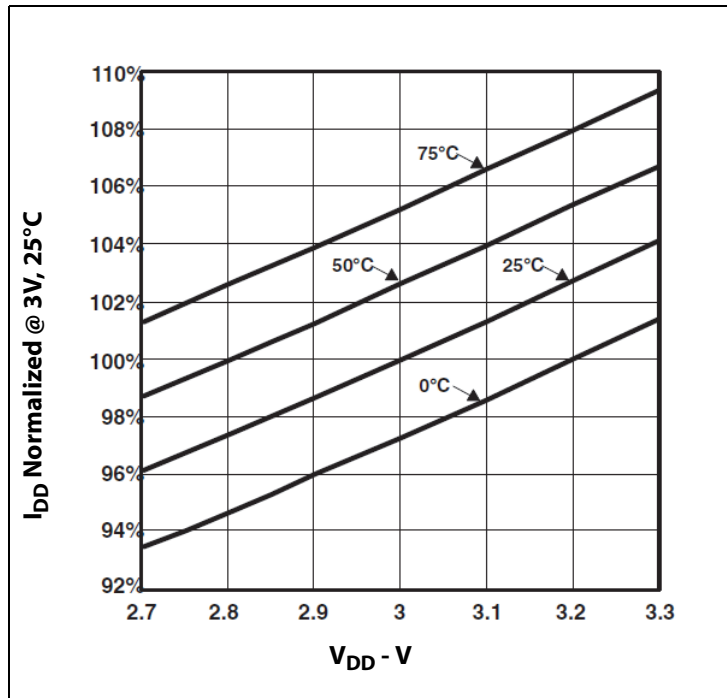


Figure 17:
Normalized Responsivity vs. Angular Displacement

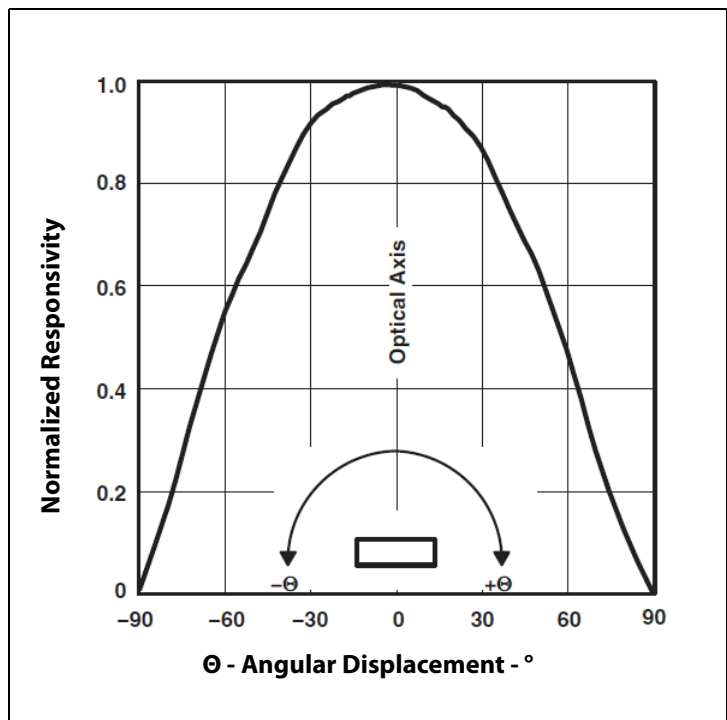
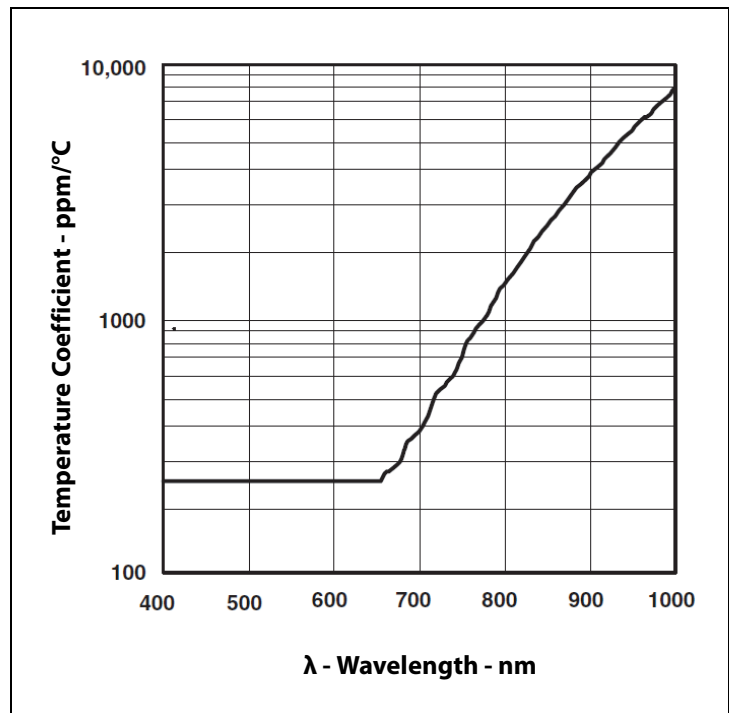


Figure 18:
Responsivity Temperature Coefficient

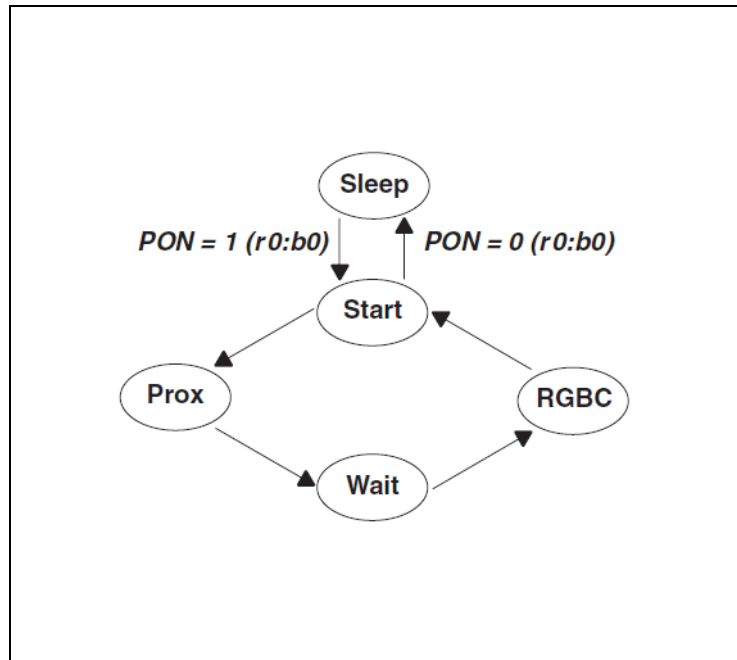


Principles of Operation

System State Machine

The TCS3771 provides control of RGBC, proximity detection, and power management functionality through an internal state machine (Figure 19). After a power-on-reset, the device is in the sleep mode. As soon as the PON bit is set, the device will move to the start state. It will then continue through the Prox, Wait, and RGBC states. If these states are enabled, the device will execute each function. If the PON bit is set to 0, the state machine will continue until all conversions are completed and then go into a low power sleep mode.

Figure 19:
Simplified State Diagram

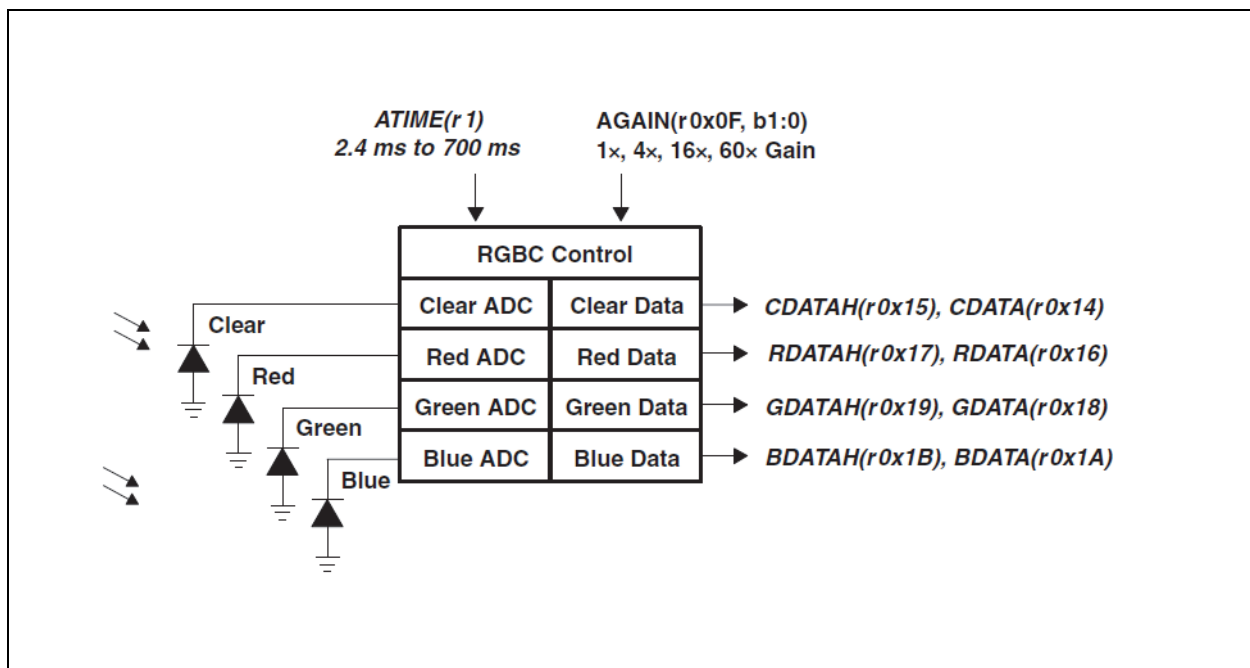


Note(s): In this document, the nomenclature uses the bit field name in italics followed by the register number and bit number to allow the user to easily identify the register and bit that controls the function. For example, the power on (PON) is in register 0, bit 0. This is represented as *PON (r0:b0)*.

RGBC Operation

The RGBC engine contains RGBC gain control (AGAIN) and four integrating analog-to-digital converters (ADC) for the RGBC photodiodes. The RGBC integration time (ATIME) impacts both the resolution and the sensitivity of the RGBC reading. Integration of all four channels occurs simultaneously and upon completion of the conversion cycle, the results are transferred to the color data registers. This data is also referred to as channel count. The transfers are double-buffered to ensure that invalid data is not read during the transfer. After the transfer, the device automatically moves to the next state in accordance with the configured state machine.

Figure 20:
RGBC Operation



The registers for programming the integration and wait times are a 2's complement values. The actual time can be calculated as follows:

$$ATIME = 256 - \text{Integration Time} / 2.4\text{ms}$$

Inversely, the time can be calculated from the register value as follows:

$$\text{Integration Time} = 2.4\text{ms} \times (256 - ATIME)$$

For example, if a 100-ms integration time is needed, the device needs to be programmed to:

$$256 - (100 / 2.4) = 256 - 42 = 214 = 0xD6$$

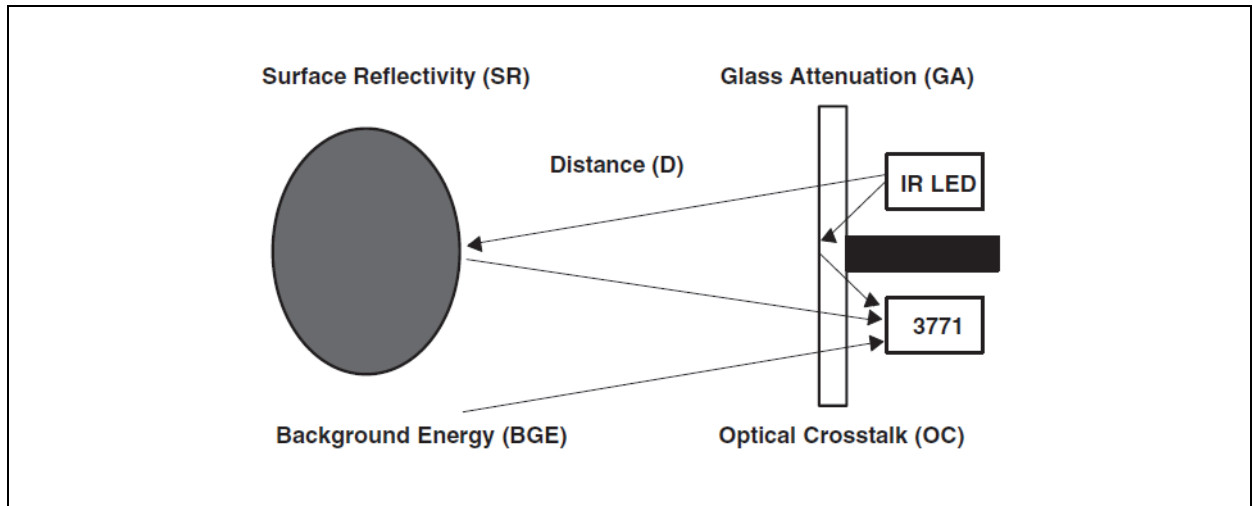
Conversely, the programmed value of 0xC0 would correspond to:

$$(256 - 0xC0) \times 2.4 = 64 \times 2.4 = 154\text{ms}$$

Proximity Detection

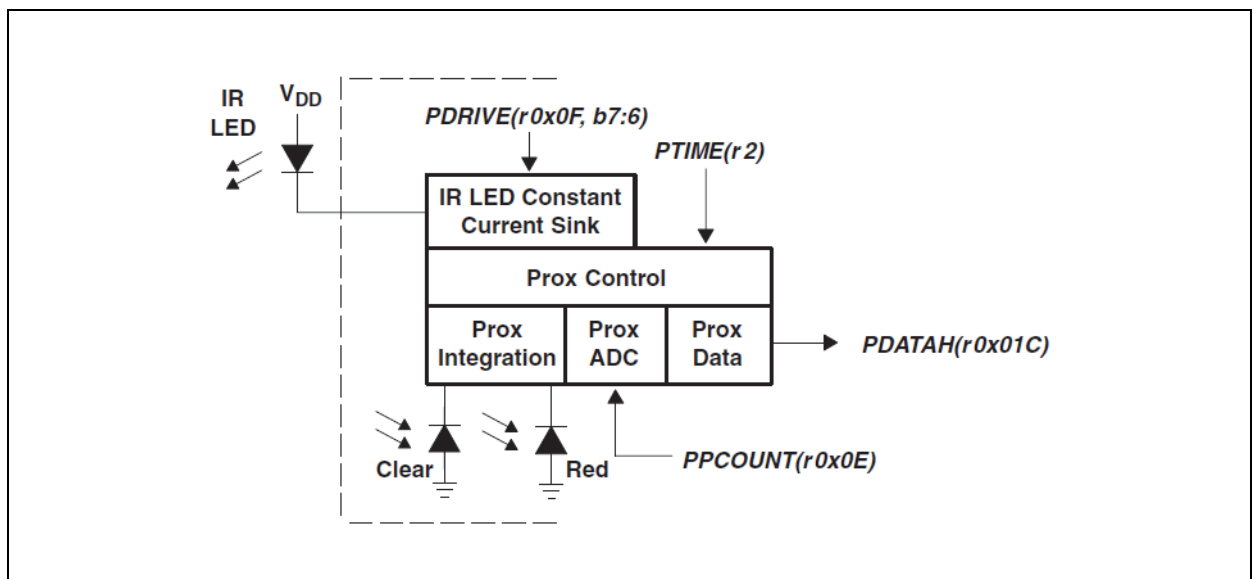
Proximity sensing uses an external light source (generally an infrared emitter) to emit light, which is then viewed by the integrated light detector to measure the amount of reflected light when an object is in the light path (Figure 21). The amount of light detected from a reflected surface can then be used to determine an object’s proximity to the sensor.

Figure 21:
Proximity Detection



The TCS3771 has controls for the number of IR pulses (PPCOUNT), the integration time (PTIME), the LED drive current (PDRIVE) and the photodiode configuration (PDIODE). The photodiode configuration can be set to red diode (recommended), clear diode, or a combination of both diodes. At the end of the integration cycle, the results are latched into the proximity data (PDATA) register.

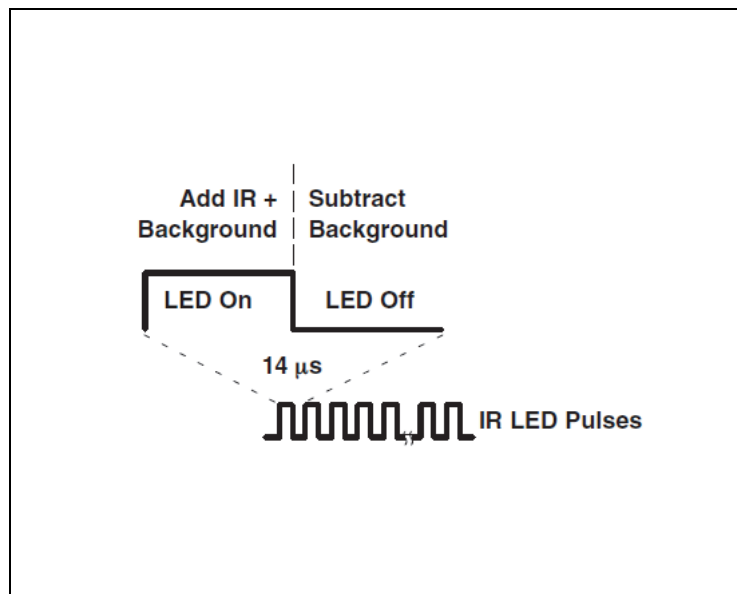
Figure 22:
Proximity Detection Operation



The LED drive current is controlled by a regulated current sink on the LDR pin. This feature eliminates the need to use a current limiting resistor to control LED current. The LED drive current can be configured for 12.5mA, 25mA, 50mA, or 100mA. For higher LED drive requirements, an external P-FET transistor can be used to control the LED current.

The number of LED pulses can be programmed to any value between 1 and 255 pulses as needed. Increasing the number of LED pulses at a given current will increase the sensor sensitivity. Sensitivity grows by the square root of the number of pulses. Each pulse has a 14µs period.

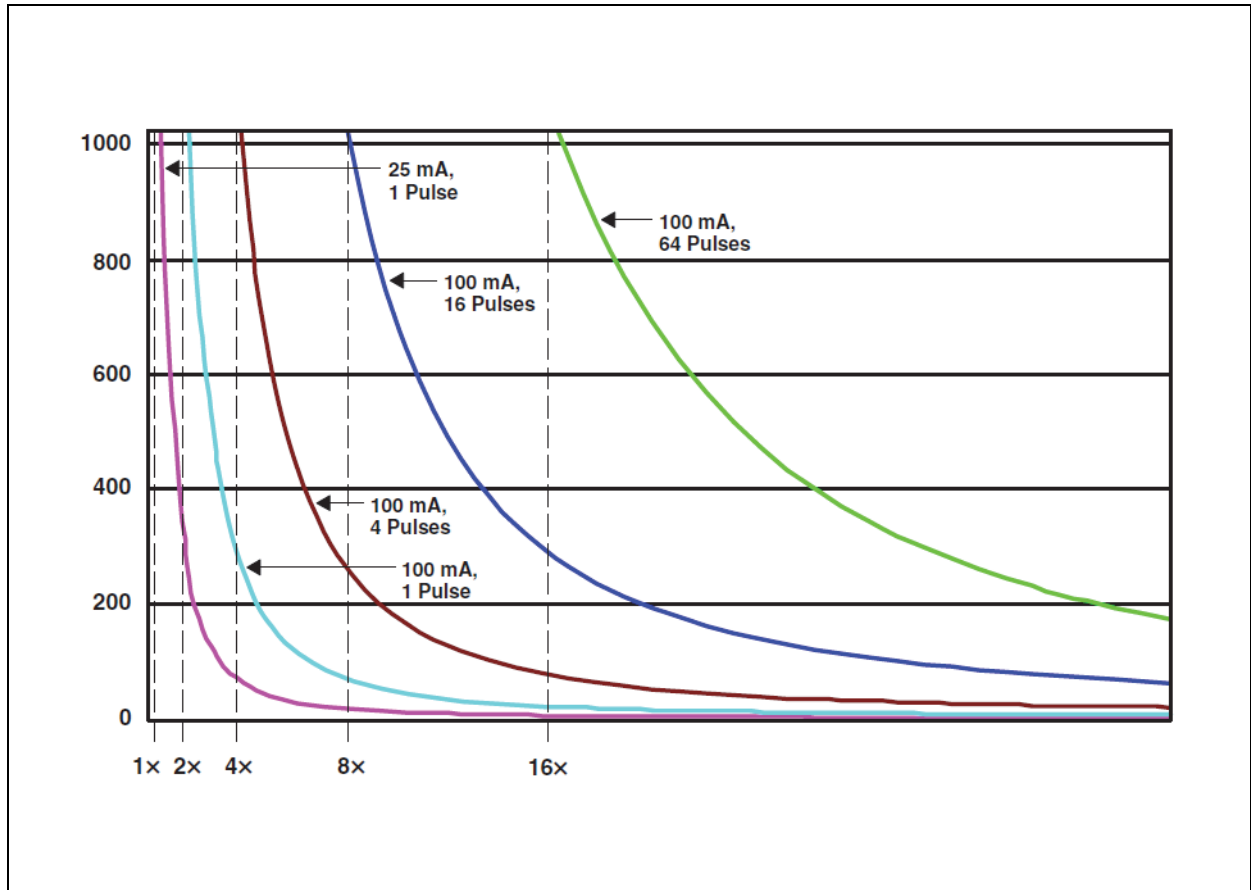
Figure 23:
Proximity IR LED Waveform



The proximity integration time (PTIME) is the period of time that the internal ADC converts the analog signal to a digital count. It is recommend that this be set to a minimum of PTIME = 0xFF or 2.4ms.

The combination of LED power and number of pulses can be used to control the distance at which the sensor can detect proximity. Figure 24 shows an example of the distances covered with settings such that each curve covers 2x the distance. Counts up to 64 pulses provide a 16x range.

Figure 24:
Proximity ADC Count vs. Relative Distance



Interrupts

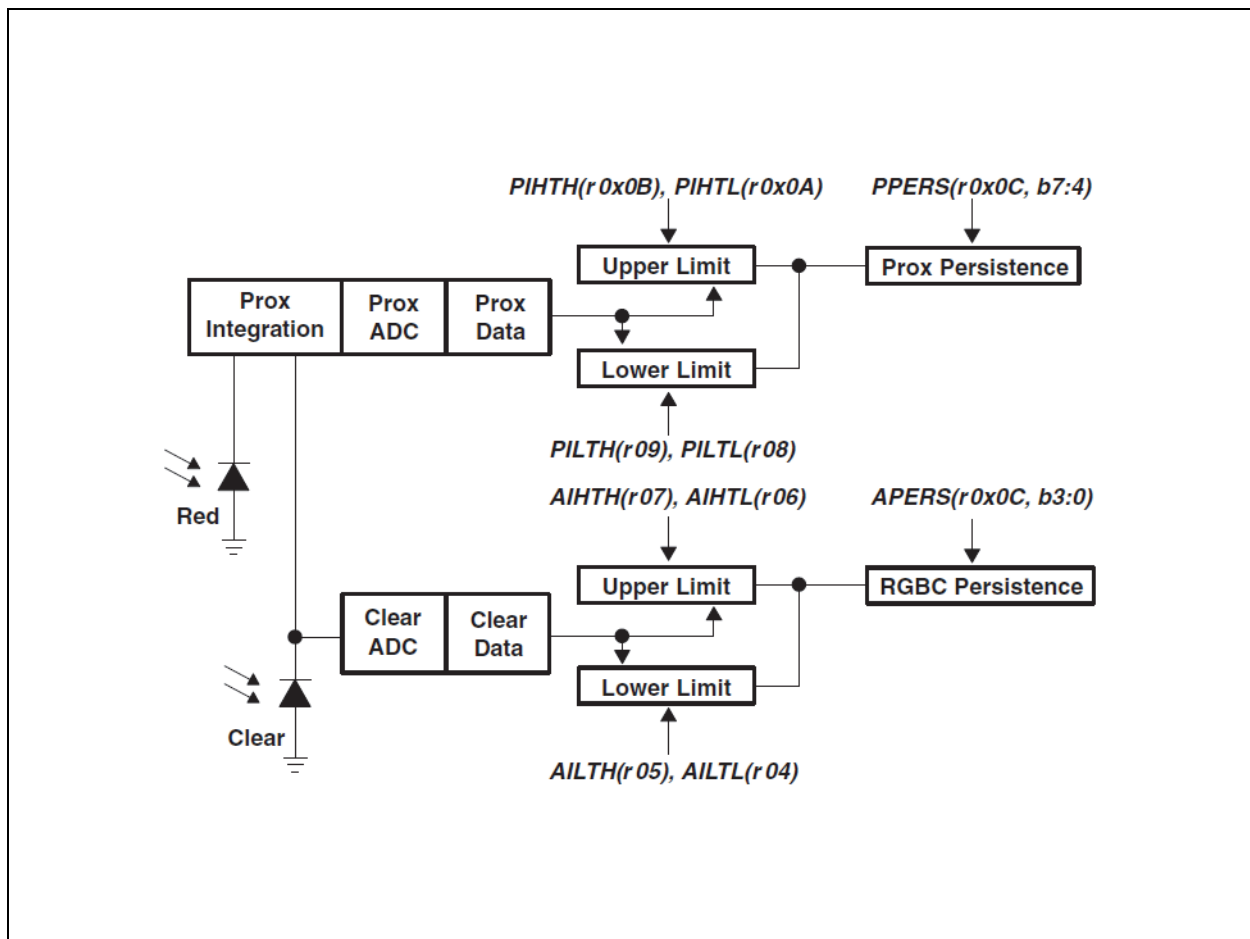
The interrupt feature simplifies and improves system efficiency by eliminating the need to poll the sensor for light intensity or proximity values outside of a user-defined range. While the interrupt function is always enabled and its status is available in the status register (0x13), the output of the interrupt state can be enabled using the proximity interrupt enable (PIEN) or RGBC interrupt enable (AIEN) fields in the Enable Register (0x00).

Four 16-bit interrupt threshold registers allow the user to set limits below and above a desired light level and proximity range. An interrupt can be generated when the RGBC Clear data (CDATA) falls outside of the desired light level range, as determined by the values in the RGBC interrupt low threshold registers (AILTx) and RGBC interrupt high threshold registers (AIHTx). Likewise, an out-of-range proximity interrupt can be generated when the proximity data (PDATA) falls below the

proximity interrupt low threshold (PILTx) or exceeds the proximity interrupt high threshold (PIHTx). It is important to note that the low threshold value must be less than the high threshold value for proper operation.

To further control when an interrupt occurs, the device provides a persistence filter. The persistence filter allows the user to specify the number of consecutive out-of-range RGBC or proximity occurrences before an interrupt is generated. The persistence register (0x0C) allows the user to set the RGBC persistence (APERS) and the proximity persistence (PPERS) values. See the persistence register for details on the persistence filter values. Once the persistence filter generates an interrupt, it will continue until a special function interrupt clear command is received (see “Command Register” on page 26).

Figure 25:
Programmable Interrupt



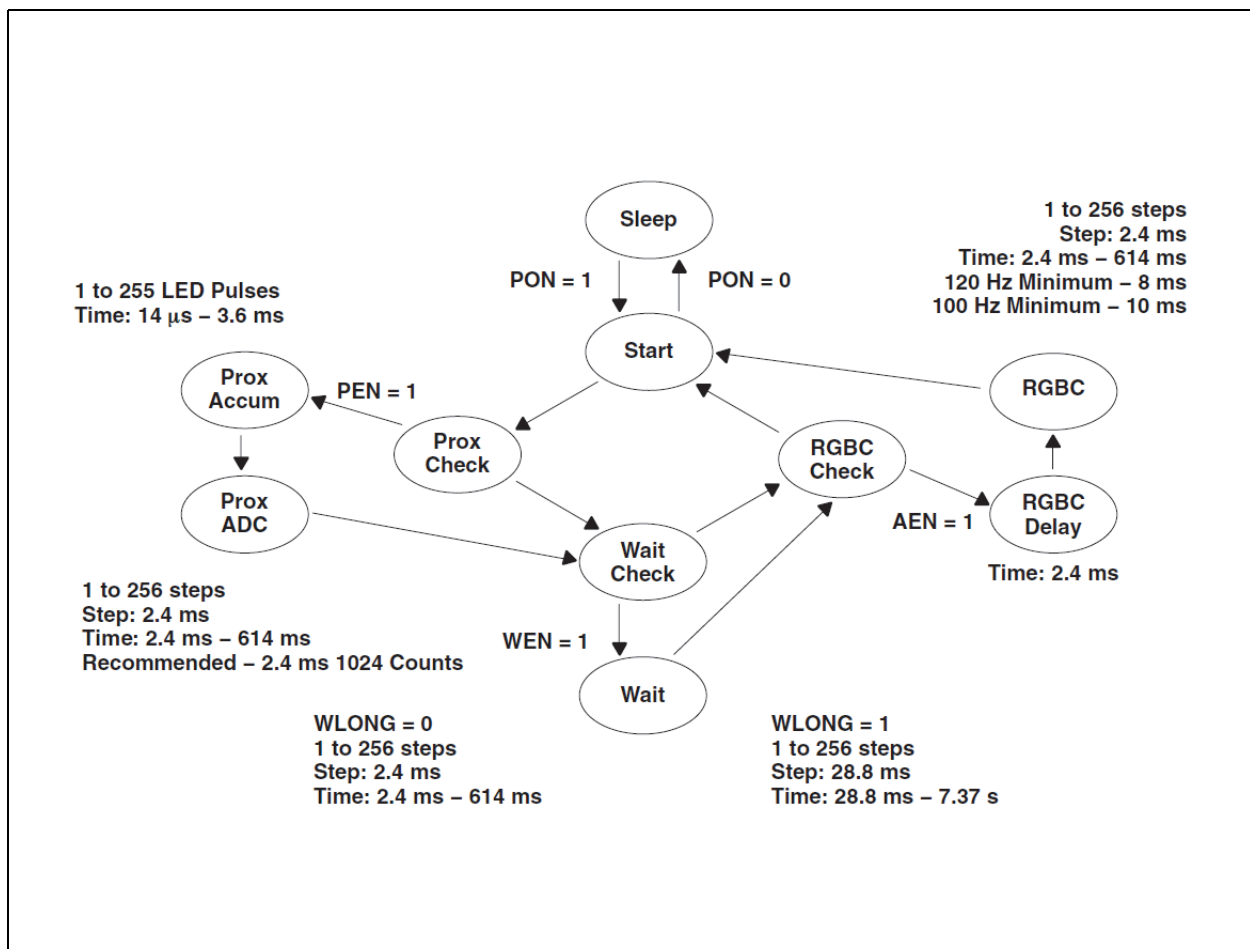
State Diagram

Figure 26 shows a more detailed flow for the state machine. The device starts in the sleep mode. The PON bit is written to enable the device. A 2.4ms delay will occur before entering the start state. If the PEN bit is set, the state machine will step through the proximity states of proximity accumulate and then proximity ADC conversion. As soon as the conversion is complete, the state machine will move to the following state.

If the WEN bit is set, the state machine will then cycle through the wait state. If the WLONG bit is set, the wait cycles are extended by 12x over normal operation. When the wait counter terminates, the state machine will step to the RGBC state.

The AEN should always be set, even in proximity-only operation. In this case, a minimum of 1 integration time step should be programmed. The RGBC state machine will continue until it reaches the terminal count at which point the data will be latched in the RGBC register and the interrupt set, if enabled.

Figure 26:
Expanded State Diagram



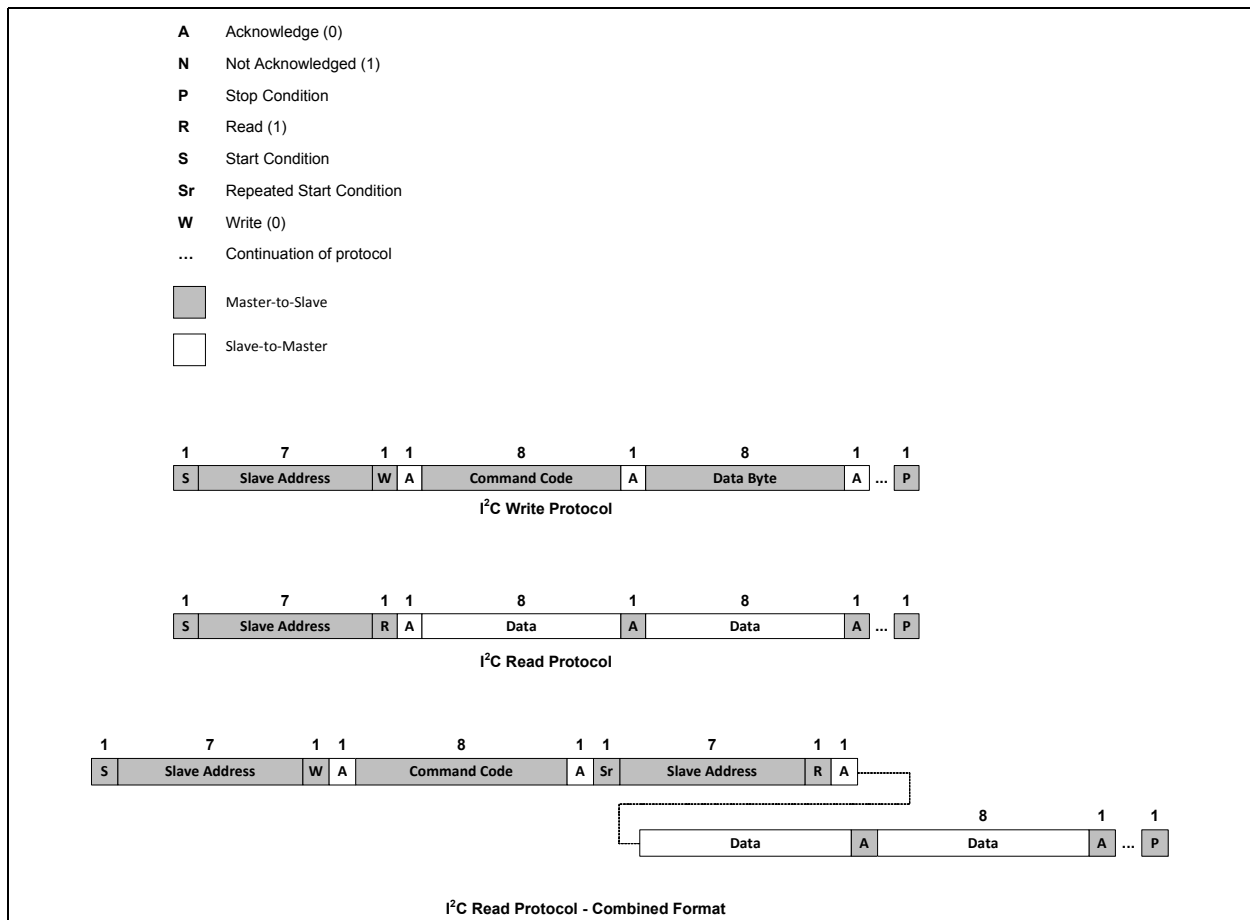
I²C Protocol

Interface and control are accomplished through an I²C serial compatible interface (standard or fast mode) to a set of registers that provide access to device control functions and output data. The devices support the 7-bit I²C addressing protocol.

The I²C standard provides for three types of bus transaction: read, write, and a combined protocol (Figure 27). During a write operation, the first byte written is a command byte followed by data. In a combined protocol, the first byte written is the command byte followed by reading a series of bytes. If a read command is issued, the register address from the previous command will be used for data access. Likewise, if the MSB of the command is not set, the device will write a series of bytes at the address stored in the last valid command with a register address. The command byte contains either control information or a 5-bit register address. The control commands can also be used to clear interrupts.

The I²C bus protocol was developed by Philips (now NXP). For a complete description of the I²C protocol, please review the NXP I²C design specification at <http://www.i2c-bus.org/references>.

Figure 27:
I²C Protocols



Register Set

The TCS3771 is controlled and monitored by data registers and a command register accessed through the serial interface. These registers provide for a variety of control functions and can be read to determine results of the ADC conversions. The Register Set is summarized in [Figure 28](#).

Figure 28:
Register Address

| Address | Register Name | R/W | Register Function | Reset Value |
|---------|---------------|-----|--|-------------|
| -- | COMMAND | W | Specifies register address | 0x00 |
| 0x00 | ENABLE | R/W | Enables states and interrupts | 0x00 |
| 0x01 | ATIME | R/W | RGBC ADC time | 0xFF |
| 0x02 | PTIME | R/W | Proximity ADC time | 0xFF |
| 0x03 | WTIME | R/W | Wait time | 0xFF |
| 0x04 | AILTL | R/W | RGBC interrupt low threshold low byte | 0x00 |
| 0x05 | AILTH | R/W | RGBC interrupt low threshold high byte | 0x00 |
| 0x06 | AIHTL | R/W | RGBC interrupt high threshold low byte | 0x00 |
| 0x07 | AIHTH | R/W | RGBC interrupt high threshold high byte | 0x00 |
| 0x08 | PILTL | R/W | Proximity interrupt low threshold low byte | 0x00 |
| 0x09 | PILTH | R/W | Proximity interrupt low threshold high byte | 0x00 |
| 0x0A | PIHTL | R/W | Proximity interrupt high threshold low byte | 0x00 |
| 0x0B | PIHTH | R/W | Proximity interrupt high threshold high byte | 0x00 |
| 0x0C | PERS | R/W | Interrupt persistence filters | 0x00 |
| 0x0D | CONFIG | R/W | Configuration | 0x00 |
| 0x0E | PPCOUNT | R/W | Proximity pulse count | 0x00 |
| 0x0F | CONTROL | R/W | Gain control register | 0x00 |
| 0x12 | ID | R | Device ID | ID |
| 0x13 | STATUS | R | Device status | 0x00 |
| 0x14 | CDATA | R | Clear ADC low data register | 0x00 |
| 0x15 | CDATAH | R | Clear ADC high data register | 0x00 |
| 0x16 | RDATA | R | Red ADC low data register | 0x00 |
| 0x17 | RDATAH | R | Red ADC high data register | 0x00 |
| 0x18 | GDATA | R | Green ADC low data register | 0x00 |

| Address | Register Name | R/W | Register Function | Reset Value |
|---------|---------------|-----|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 0x19 | GDATAH | R | Green ADC high data register | 0x00 |
| 0x1A | BDATA | R | Blue ADC low data register | 0x00 |
| 0x1B | BDATAH | R | Blue ADC high data register | 0x00 |
| 0x1C | PDATA | R | Proximity ADC low data register | 0x00 |
| 0x1D | PDATAH | R | Proximity ADC high data register | 0x00 |

The mechanics of accessing a specific register depends on the specific protocol used. See the section on I²C protocols on the previous pages. In general, the Command register is written first to specify the specific control/status register for following read/write operations.

Command Register

The Command Registers specifies the address of the target register for future write and read operations.

Figure 29:
Command Register

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------|---|---|------------|---|---|---|---|
| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| COMMAND | TYPE | | | ADD | | | | |

| Field | Bits | Description | |
|---------|------|--|--|
| COMMAND | 7 | Select Command Register. Must write as 1 when addressing Command Register. | |
| TYPE | 6:5 | Selects type of transaction to follow in subsequent data transfers: | |
| | | Field Value | Integration Time |
| | | 00 | Repeated byte protocol transaction |
| | | 01 | Auto-increment protocol transaction |
| | | 10 | Reserved - Do not use |
| | | 11 | Special function - See description below |
| | | Byte protocol will repeatedly read the same register with each data access. Block protocol will provide auto-increment function to read successive bytes. | |
| ADD | 4:0 | Address field/special function field. Depending on the transaction type, see above, this field either specifies a special function command or selects the specific control-status-register for following write and read transactions. The field values listed below apply only to special function commands: | |
| | | Field Value | Read Value |
| | | 00000 | Normal - no action |
| | | 00101 | Proximity interrupt clear |
| | | 00110 | RGBC interrupt clear |
| | | 00111 | Proximity and RGBC interrupt clear |
| | | other | Reserved — Do not write |
| | | RGBC/Proximity Interrupt Clear. Clears any pending RGBC/Proximity interrupt. This special function is self clearing. | |

Enable Register (0x00)

The Enable Register is used primarily to power the TCS3771 device on and off, and enable functions and interrupts as shown in [Figure 30](#).

Figure 30:
Enable Register

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reserved | | PIEN | AIEN | WEN | PEN | AEN | PON |

| Field | Bits | Description |
|--------------------|------|---|
| Reserved | 7:6 | Reserved. Write as 0. |
| PIEN | 5 | Proximity interrupt enable. When asserted, permits proximity interrupts to be generated. |
| AIEN | 4 | RGBC interrupt enable. When asserted, permits RGBC interrupts to be generated. |
| WEN | 3 | Wait enable. This bit activates the wait feature. Writing a 1 activates the wait timer. Writing a 0 disables the wait timer. |
| PEN | 2 | Proximity enable. This bit activates the proximity function. Writing a 1 enables proximity. Writing a 0 disables proximity. |
| AEN | 1 | RGBC enable. This bit activates the two-channel ADC. Writing a 1 activates the RGBC. Writing a 0 disables the RGBC. |
| PON ⁽¹⁾ | 0 | Power ON. This bit activates the internal oscillator to permit the timers and ADC channels to operate. Writing a 1 activates the oscillator. Writing a 0 disables the oscillator. During reads and writes over the I ² C interface, this bit is temporarily overridden and the oscillator is enabled, independent of the state of PON. |

Note(s) and/or Footnote(s):

1. A minimum interval of 2.4ms must pass after PON is asserted before either a proximity or an RGBC can be initiated. This required time is enforced by the hardware in cases where the firmware does not provide it.

RGBC Timing Register (0x01)

The RGBC Timing Register controls the internal integration time of the RGBC clear and IR channel ADCs in 2.4ms increments.

Figure 31:
RGBC Timing Register

| Field | Bits | Description | | | |
|-------|------|-------------|--------------|-------|-----------|
| | | Value | INTEG_CYCLES | Time | Max Count |
| ATIME | 7:0 | 0xFF | 1 | 2.4ms | 1024 |
| | | 0xF6 | 10 | 24ms | 10240 |
| | | 0xD6 | 42 | 101ms | 43008 |
| | | 0xAD | 64 | 154ms | 65535 |
| | | 0x00 | 256 | 614ms | 65535 |

Proximity Time Control Register (0x02)

The Proximity Timing Register controls the integration time of the proximity ADC in 2.4ms increments. It is recommended that this register be programmed to a value of 0xFF (1 cycle, 1023 bits).

Max Prox Count = ((256 - PTIME) × 1024) - 1 up to a maximum of 65535

Figure 32:
Proximity Time Control Register

| Field | Bits | Description | | | |
|-------|------|-------------|--------------|-------|-----------|
| | | Value | INTEG_CYCLES | Time | Max Count |
| PTIME | 7:0 | 0xFF | 1 | 2.4ms | 1023 |

Wait Time Register (0x03)

Wait time is set 2.4ms increments unless the WLONG bit is asserted in which case the wait times are 12× longer. WTIME is programmed as a 2's complement number.

Figure 33:
Wait Time Register

| Field | Bits | Description | | | |
|-------|------|----------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| WTIME | 7:0 | Register Value | Wait Time | Time (WLONG = 0) | Time (WLONG = 1) |
| | | 0xFF | 1 | 2.4ms | 0.029 sec |
| | | 0xAB | 85 | 204ms | 2.45 sec |
| | | 0x00 | 256 | 614ms | 7.4 sec |

RGBC Interrupt Threshold Registers (0x04 – 0x07)

The RGBC Interrupt Threshold Registers provides the values to be used as the high and low trigger points for the comparison function for interrupt generation. If the value generated by the clear channel crosses below the lower threshold specified, or above the higher threshold, an interrupt is asserted on the interrupt pin.

Figure 34:
RGBC Interrupt Threshold Registers

| Register | Address | Bits | Description |
|----------|---------|------|--|
| AILTL | 0x04 | 7:0 | RGBC clear channel low threshold lower byte |
| AILTH | 0x05 | 7:0 | RGBC clear channel low threshold upper byte |
| AIHTL | 0x06 | 7:0 | RGBC clear channel high threshold lower byte |
| AIHTH | 0x07 | 7:0 | RGBC clear channel high threshold upper byte |

Proximity Interrupt Threshold Registers (0x08 – 0x0B)

The Proximity Interrupt Threshold Registers provide the values to be used as the high and low trigger points for the comparison function for interrupt generation. If the value generated by proximity channel crosses below the lower threshold specified, or above the higher threshold, an interrupt is signaled to the host processor.

Figure 35:
Proximity Interrupt Threshold Register

| Register | Address | Bits | Description |
|----------|---------|------|---|
| PILTL | 0x08 | 7:0 | Proximity ADC channel low threshold lower byte |
| PILTH | 0x09 | 7:0 | Proximity ADC channel low threshold upper byte |
| PIHTL | 0x0A | 7:0 | Proximity ADC channel high threshold lower byte |
| PIHTH | 0x0B | 7:0 | Proximity ADC channel high threshold upper byte |

Persistence Register (0x0C)

The Persistence Register controls the filtering interrupt capabilities of the device. Configurable filtering is provided to allow interrupts to be generated after each integration cycle or if the integration has produced a result that is outside of the values specified by the threshold register for some specified amount of time. Separate filtering is provided for proximity and the RGBC clear channel.

Figure 36:
Persistence Register

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|--------------|---|---|---|
| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| PPERS | | | | | APERS | | | |

| Field | Bits | Description | | |
|-------|------|--|---------|--|
| PPERS | 7:4 | Proximity interrupt persistence. Controls rate of proximity interrupt to the host processor. | | |
| | | Field Value | Meaning | Interrupt Persistence Function |
| | | 0000 | ---- | Every proximity cycle generates an interrupt |
| | | 0001 | 1 | 1 proximity value out of range |
| | | 0010 | 2 | 2 consecutive proximity values out of range |
| | | | | |
| | | 1111 | 15 | 15 consecutive proximity values out of range |

| Field | Bits | Description | | |
|-------|------|--|---------|--|
| APERS | 3:0 | Interrupt persistence. Controls rate of interrupt to the host processor. | | |
| | | Field Value | Meaning | Interrupt Persistence Function |
| | | 0000 | Every | Every RGBC cycle generates an interrupt |
| | | 0001 | 1 | 1 clear channel value outside of threshold range |
| | | 0010 | 2 | 2 clear channel consecutive values out of range |
| | | 0011 | 3 | 3 clear channel consecutive values out of range |
| | | 0100 | 5 | 5 clear channel consecutive values out of range |
| | | 0101 | 10 | 10 clear channel consecutive values out of range |
| | | 0110 | 15 | 15 clear channel consecutive values out of range |
| | | 0111 | 20 | 20 clear channel consecutive values out of range |
| | | 1000 | 25 | 25 clear channel consecutive values out of range |
| | | 1001 | 30 | 30 clear channel consecutive values out of range |
| | | 1010 | 35 | 35 clear channel consecutive values out of range |
| | | 1011 | 40 | 40 clear channel consecutive values out of range |
| | | 1100 | 45 | 45 clear channel consecutive values out of range |
| | | 1101 | 50 | 50 clear channel consecutive values out of range |
| | | 1110 | 55 | 55 clear channel consecutive values out of range |
| 1111 | 60 | 60 clear channel consecutive values out of range | | |

Configuration Register (0x0D)

The Configuration Register sets the wait long time.

Figure 37:
Configuration Register

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------|-----------------|
| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reserved | | | | | | | WLONG | Reserved |

| Field | Bits | Description |
|----------|------|---|
| Reserved | 7:2 | Reserved. Write as 0. |
| WLONG | 1 | Wait Long. When asserted, the wait cycles are increased by a factor 12× from that programmed in the WTIME register. |
| Reserved | 0 | Reserved. Write as 0. |

Proximity Pulse Count Register (0x0E)

The Proximity Pulse Count Register sets the number of proximity pulses that will be transmitted. When proximity detection is enabled, a proximity detect cycle occurs after each RGBC cycle. PPULSE defines the number of pulses to be transmitted.

Note(s): The ATIME register will be used to time the interval between proximity detection events even if the RGBC function is disabled.

Figure 38:
Proximity Pulse Count Register

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| PPULSE | | | | | | | | |

| Field | Bits | Description |
|--------|------|--|
| PPULSE | 7:0 | Proximity Pulse Count. Specifies the number of proximity pulses to be generated. |

Control Register (0x0F)

The Control Register provides eight bits of miscellaneous control to the analog block. These bits typically control functions such as gain settings and/or diode selection.

Figure 39:
Control Register

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---|---------------|---|-----------------|---|--------------|---|
| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| | PDRIVE | | PDIODE | | Reserved | | AGAIN | |

| Field | Bits | Description | |
|----------|------|----------------------------|---|
| PDRIVE | 7:6 | LED Drive Strength. | |
| | | Field Value | LED Strength |
| | | 00 | 100mA |
| | | 01 | 50mA |
| | | 10 | 25mA |
| | | 11 | 12.5mA |
| PDIODE | 5:4 | Proximity Diode Select. | |
| | | Field Value | Diode Selection |
| | | 00 | Reserved |
| | | 01 | Proximity uses the clear (broadband) diode |
| | | 10 | Proximity uses the IR diode |
| | | 11 | Proximity uses both the clear diode and the red diode |
| Reserved | 3:2 | Reserved. Write bits as 0. | |
| AGAIN | 1:0 | RGBC Gain Control. | |
| | | Field Value | RGBC Gain Value |
| | | 00 | 1× gain |
| | | 01 | 4× gain |
| | | 10 | 16× gain |
| | | 11 | 60× gain |

ID Register (0x12)

The ID Register provides the value for the part number. The ID Register is a read-only register.

Figure 40:
ID Register

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| ID | | | | | | | |

| Field | Bits | Description | |
|-------|------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ID | 7:0 | Part number identification | 0x10 = TCS37711 & TCS37715 |
| | | | 0x19 = TCS37713 & TCS37717 |

Status Register (0x13)

The Status Register provides the internal status of the device. This register is read only.

Figure 41:
Status Register

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---|---|
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reserved | PINT | AINT | Reserved | PVALID | AVALID | | |

| Field | Bits | Description |
|----------|------|--|
| Reserved | 7:6 | Reserved |
| PINT | 5 | Proximity Interrupt |
| AINT | 4 | RGBC clear channel Interrupt |
| Reserved | 3:2 | Reserved |
| PVALID | 1 | Proximity Valid. Indicates that a RGBC cycle has completed since AEN was asserted. |
| AVALID | 0 | RGBC Valid. Indicates that the RGBC channels have completed an integration cycle. |

RGBC Channel Data Registers (0x14 – 0x1B)

Clear, red, green, and blue data is stored as 16-bit values. To ensure the data is read correctly, a two-byte read I²C transaction should be used with a read word protocol bit set in the Command Register. With this operation, when the lower byte register is read, the upper eight bits are stored into a shadow register, which is read by a subsequent read to the upper byte. The upper register will read the correct value even if additional ADC integration cycles end between the reading of the lower and upper registers.

Figure 42:
ADC Channel Data Registers

| Register | Address | Bits | Description |
|----------|---------|------|----------------------|
| CDATA | 0x14 | 7:0 | Clear data low byte |
| CDATAH | 0x15 | 7:0 | Clear data high byte |
| RDATA | 0x16 | 7:0 | Red data low byte |
| RDATAH | 0x17 | 7:0 | Red data high byte |
| GDATA | 0x18 | 7:0 | Green data low byte |
| GDATAH | 0x19 | 7:0 | Green data high byte |
| BDATA | 0x1A | 7:0 | Blue data low byte |
| BDATAH | 0x1B | 7:0 | Blue data high byte |

Proximity Data Registers (0x1C – 0x1D)

Proximity data is stored as a 16-bit value. To ensure the data is read correctly, a two-byte read I²C transaction should be used with a read word protocol bit set in the Command Register. With this operation, when the lower byte register is read, the upper eight bits are stored into a shadow register, which is read by a subsequent read to the upper byte. The upper register will read the correct value even if additional ADC integration cycles end between the reading of the lower and upper registers.

Figure 43:
PDATA Registers

| Register | Address | Bits | Description |
|----------|---------|------|--------------------------|
| PDATA | 0x1C | 7:0 | Proximity data low byte |
| PDATAH | 0x1D | 7:0 | Proximity data high byte |

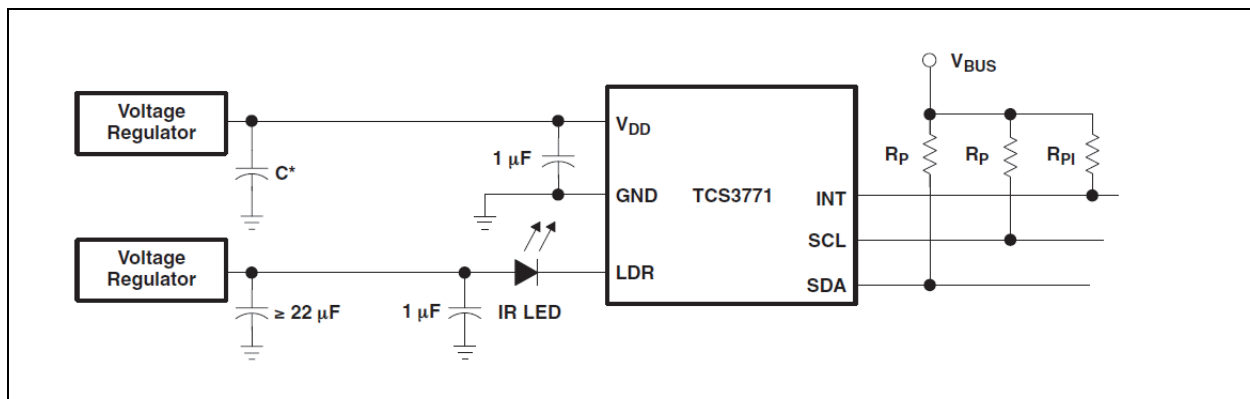
Application Information

LED Driver Pin with Proximity Detection

In a proximity sensing system, the IR LED can be pulsed by the TCS3771 with more than 100mA of rapidly switching current, therefore, a few design considerations must be kept in mind to get the best performance. The key goal is to reduce the power supply noise coupled back into the device during the LED pulses.

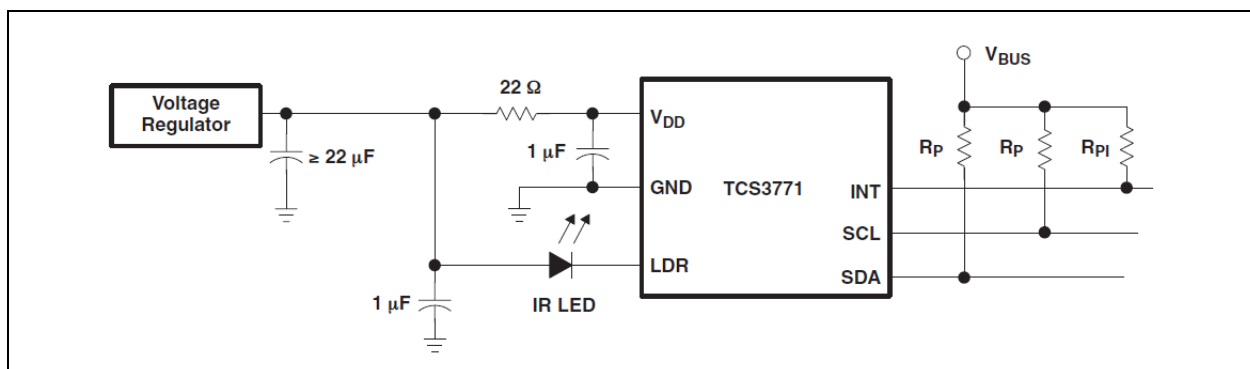
The first recommendation is to use two power supplies; one for the device V_{DD} and the other for the IR LED. In many systems, there is a quiet analog supply and a noisy digital supply. By connecting the quiet supply to the V_{DD} pin and the noisy supply to the LED, the key goal can be met. Place a $1\mu\text{F}$ low-ESR decoupling capacitor as close as possible to the V_{DD} pin and another at the LED anode, and a $22\mu\text{F}$ capacitor at the output of the LED voltage regulator to supply the 100mA current surge.

Figure 44:
Proximity Sensing Using Separate Power Supplies



If it is not possible to provide two separate power supplies, the device can be operated from a single supply. A 22Ω resistor in series with the V_{DD} supply line and a $1\mu\text{F}$ low ESR capacitor effectively filter any power supply noise. The previous capacitor placement considerations apply.

Figure 45:
Proximity Sensing Using Single Power Supply



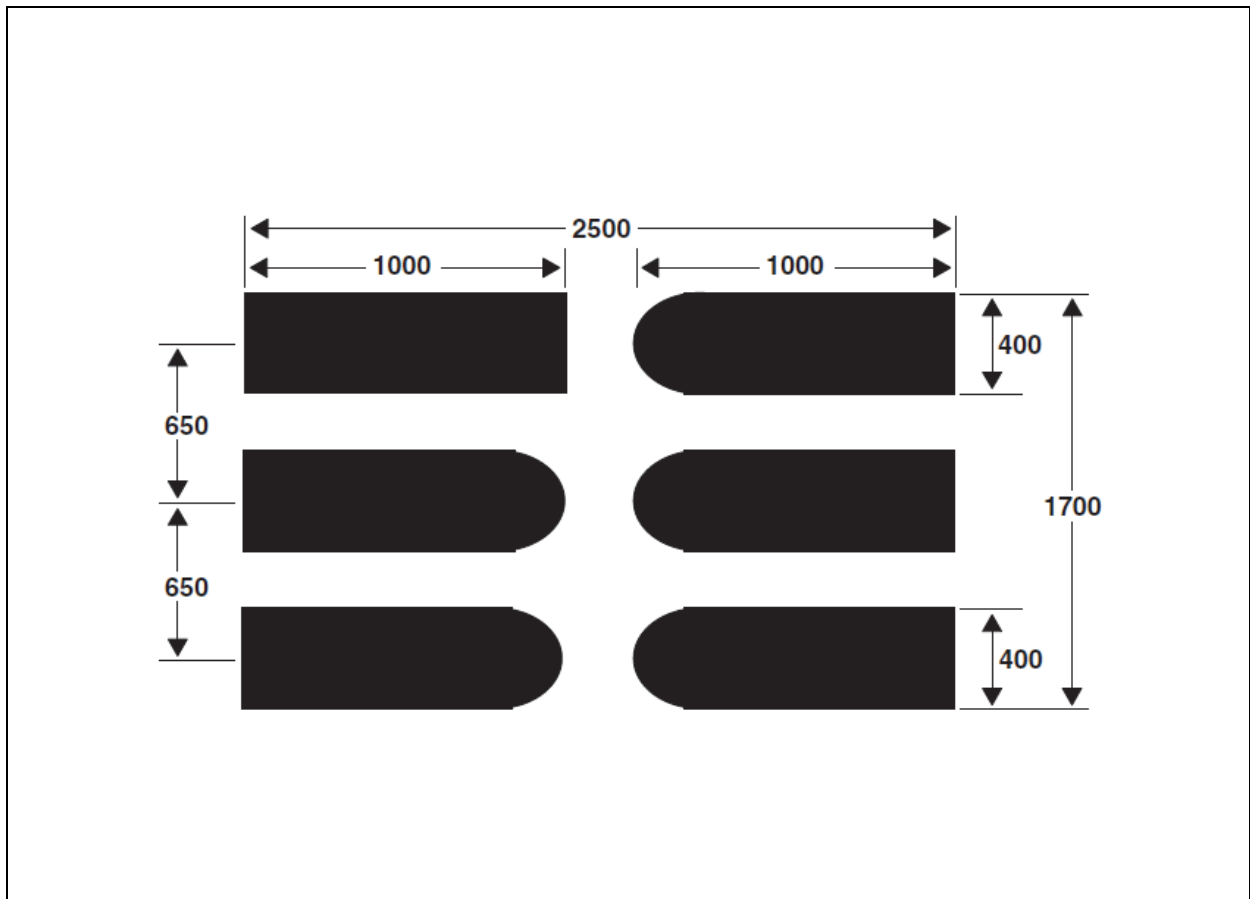
V_{BUS} in the above figures refers to the I²C bus voltage which is either V_{DD} or 1.8V. Be sure to apply the specified I²C bus voltage shown in the Available Options table for the specific device being used.

The I²C signals and the Interrupt are open-drain outputs and require pull-up resistors. The pull-up resistor (RP) value is a function of the I²C bus speed, the I²C bus voltage, and the capacitive load. The ams EVM running at 400kbps, uses 1.5k Ω resistors. A 10k Ω pull-up resistor (RPI) can be used for the interrupt line.

PCB Pad Layout

Suggested PCB pad layout guidelines for the Dual Flat No-Lead (FN) surface mount package are shown in [Figure 46](#).

Figure 46:
Suggested FN Package PCB Layout

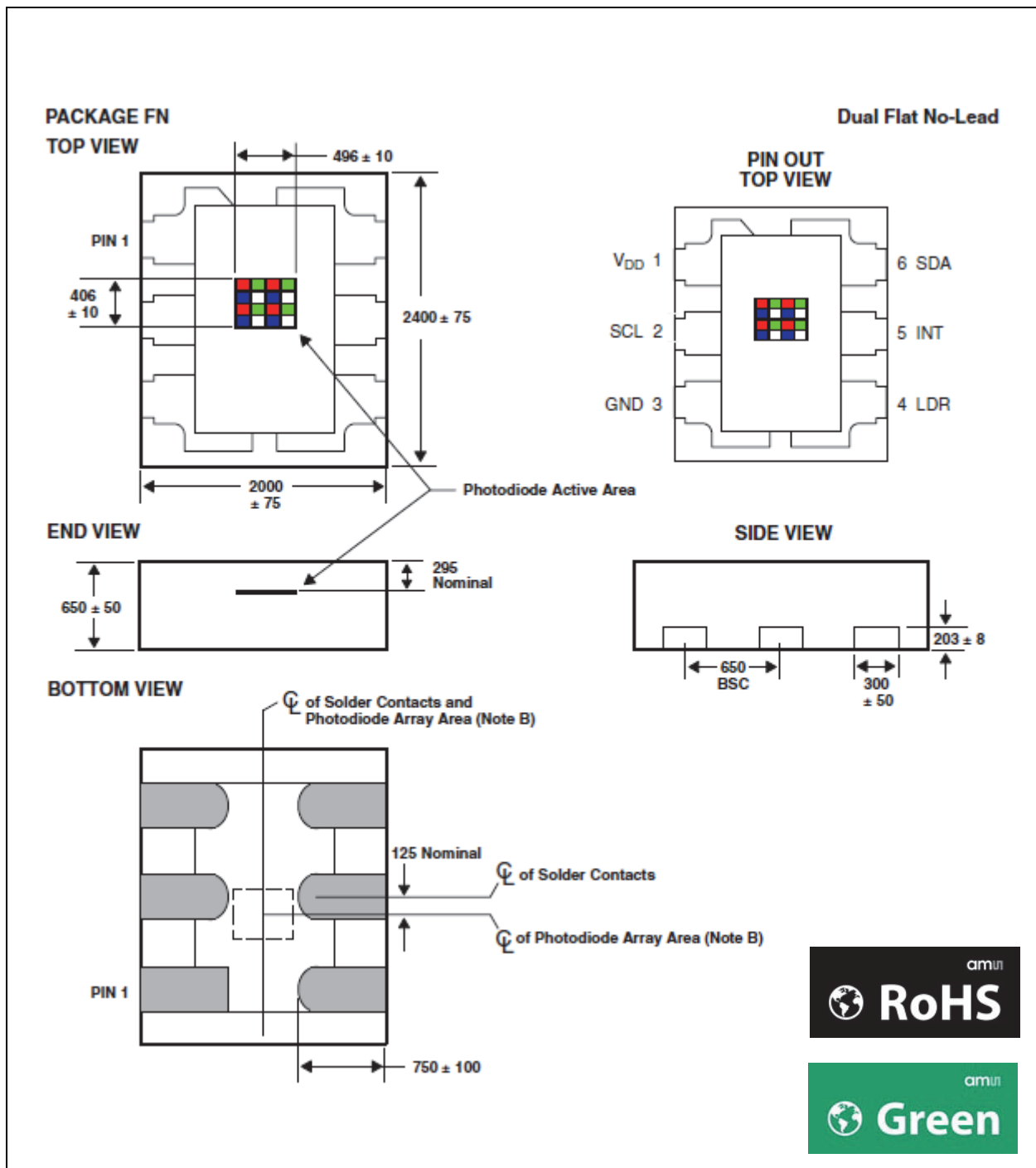


Note(s) and/or Footnote(s):

1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters.
2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
3. Pads can be extended further if hand soldering is needed.

Packaging Mechanical Data

Figure 47:
Package FN - Dual Flat No-Lead Packaging Configuration

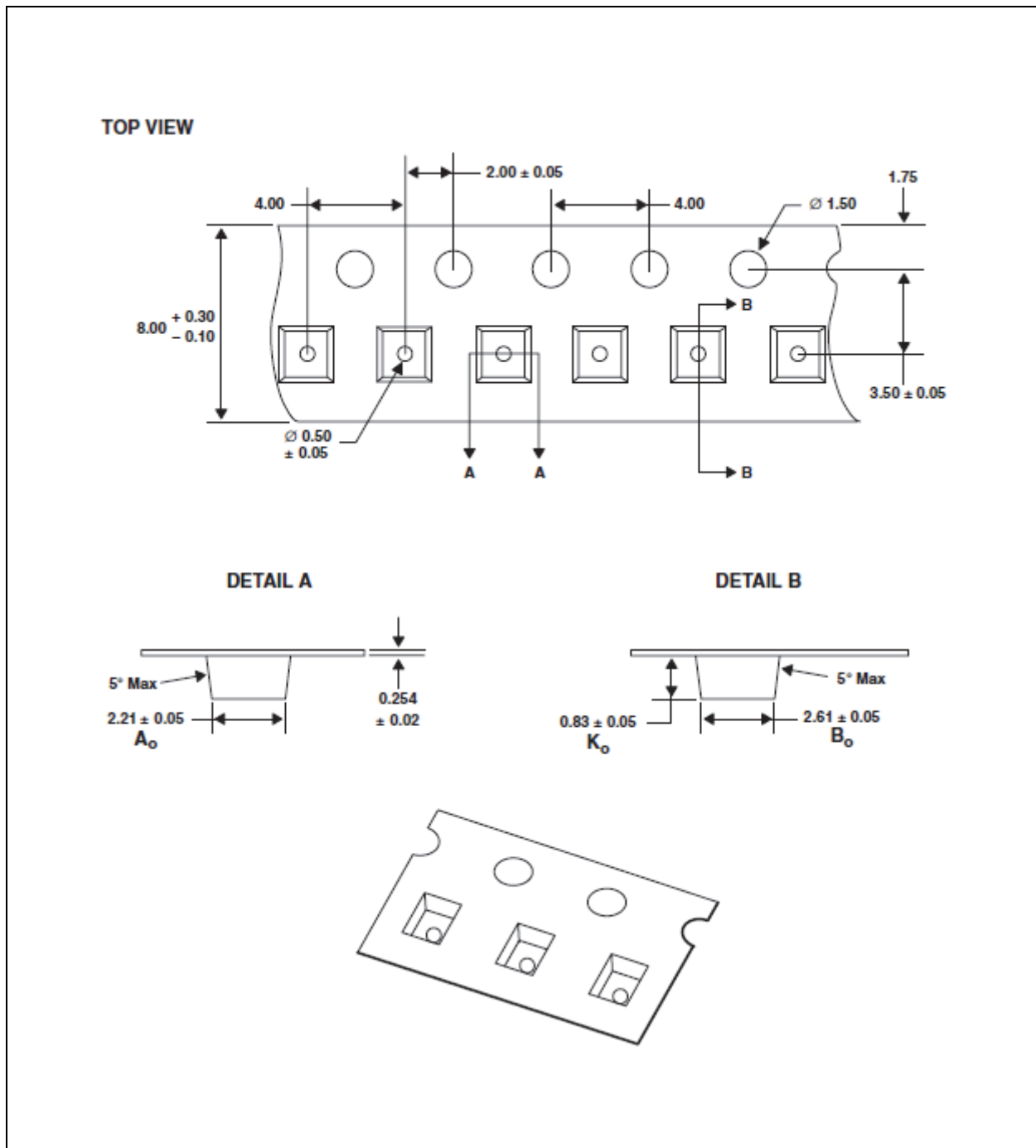


Note(s) and/or Footnote(s):

1. All linear dimensions are in micrometers.
2. The die is centered within the package within a tolerance of $\pm 75\mu\text{m}$.
3. Package top surface is molded with an electrically nonconductive clear plastic compound having an index of refraction of 1.55.
4. Contact finish is copper alloy A194 with pre-plated NiPdAu lead finish.
5. This package contains no lead (Pb).
6. This drawing is subject to change without notice.



Figure 48:
Package FN Carrier Tape



Note(s) and/or Footnote(s):

1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Dimension tolerance is ± 0.10 mm unless otherwise noted.
2. The dimensions on this drawing are for illustrative purposes only. Dimensions of an actual carrier may vary slightly.
3. Symbols on drawing A_o , B_o , and K_o are defined in ANSI EIA Standard 481-B 2001.
4. Each reel is 178 millimeters in diameter and contains 3500 parts.
5. ams packaging tape and reel conform to the requirements of EIA Standard 481-B.
6. In accordance with EIA standard, device pin 1 is located next to the sprocket holes in the tape.
7. This drawing is subject to change without notice.

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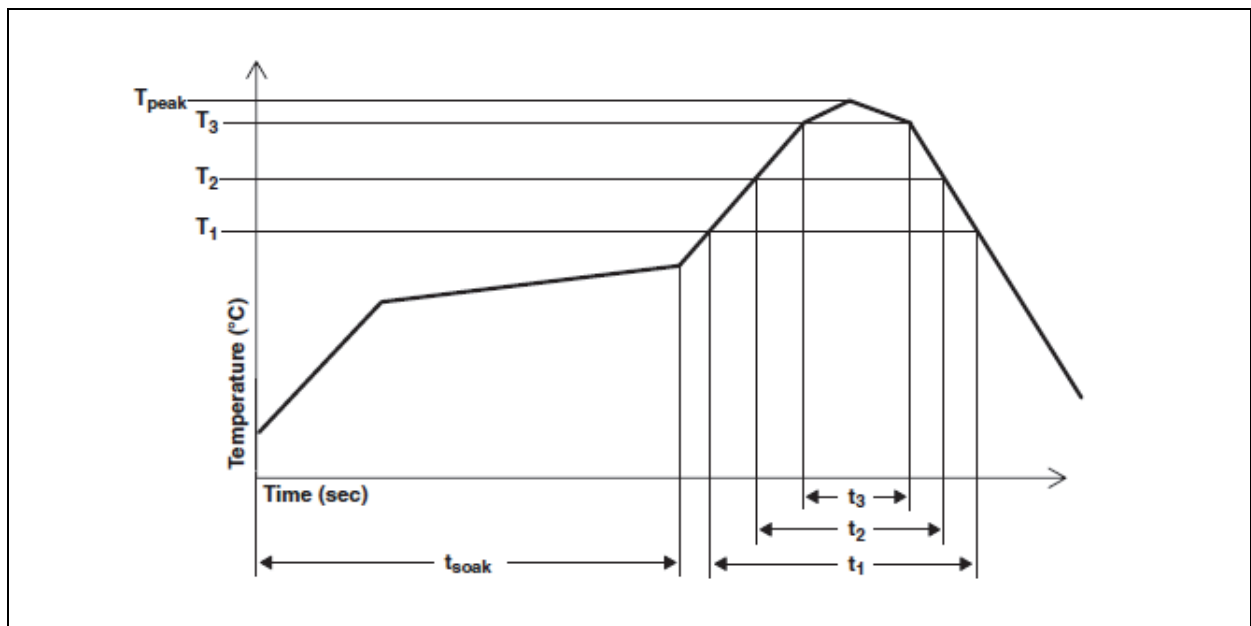
The FN package has been tested and has demonstrated an ability to be reflow soldered to a PCB substrate.

The solder reflow profile describes the expected maximum heat exposure of components during the solder reflow process of product on a PCB. Temperature is measured on top of component. The components should be limited to a maximum of three passes through this solder reflow profile.

Figure 49:
TCS310x Solder Reflow Profile

| Parameter | Reference | TCS310x |
|---|------------|----------------|
| Average temperature gradient in preheating | | 2.5°C/sec |
| Soak time | t_{soak} | 2 to 3 minutes |
| Time above 217°C (T1) | t_1 | Max 60 sec |
| Time above 230°C (T2) | t_2 | Max 50 sec |
| Time above $T_{peak} - 10^\circ\text{C}$ (T3) | t_3 | Max 10 sec |
| Peak temperature in reflow | T_{peak} | 260° C |
| Temperature gradient in cooling | | Max -5°C/sec |

Figure 50:
Solder Reflow Profile Graph



Note(s) and/or Footnote(s):

1. Not to scale - for reference only.

Moisture Sensitivity

Optical characteristics of the device can be adversely affected during the soldering process by the release and vaporization of moisture that has been previously absorbed into the package. To ensure the package contains the smallest amount of absorbed moisture possible, each device is dry-baked prior to being packed for shipping. Devices are packed in a sealed aluminized envelope called a moisture barrier bag with silica gel to protect them from ambient moisture during shipping, handling, and storage before use.

The FN package has been assigned a moisture sensitivity level of MSL 3 and the devices should be stored under the following conditions:

- Temperature Range: 5°C to 50°C
- Relative Humidity: 60% maximum
- Total Time: 12 months from the date code on the aluminized envelope - if unopened
- Opened Time: 168 hours or fewer

Rebaking will be required if the devices have been stored unopened for more than 12 months or if the aluminized envelope has been open for more than 168 hours. If rebaking is required, it should be done at 50°C for 12 hours.

Ordering & Contact Information

Figure 51:
Ordering Information

| Device | Address | Package - Leads | Interface Description | Ordering Number |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| TCS37711 ⁽¹⁾ | 0x39 | FN-6 | I ² C Vbus = V _{DD} Interface | TCS37711FN |
| TCS37713 ⁽¹⁾ | 0x39 | FN-6 | I ² C Vbus = 1.8V Interface | TCS37713FN |
| TCS37715 | 0x29 | FN-6 | I ² C Vbus = V _{DD} Interface | TCS37715FN |
| TCS37717 | 0x29 | FN-6 | I ² C Vbus = 1.8V Interface | TCS37717FN |

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