

DRIVING LEDS: CONSTANT VOLTAGE OR CONSTANT CURRENT

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LED BASICS



What is LED

- LED is an abbreviation for Light Emitting Diode
- LED is a special diode as semiconductor electronic component
- LED emits light when an electric current is passed through it and different voltages are necessary to operate the diode in forward bias
- LED light's color depends on the semiconductor material used
- LED lights are extremely energy efficient and long lasting
- LED lights can be used in a wide range of applications
- LED lights contain no mercury or other toxins
- LED lighting can create fascinating worlds of experience



History of LED

- In 1907, British scientist Henry J. Round discovered the physical effect of electroluminescence, but the light produced was very dim
- In 1962, the first visible spectrum LED light was produced by Nick Holonyak Jr.
- In 1971, the development of new semiconductor materials, LEDs are produced in new colors: green, orange and yellow
- In 1980, the first super bright LED's were developed
- From 1990 the use of LED's became standard in various industrial applications
- For last two decades LED lights have been replacing incandescent globes in homes, businesses and everywhere



Benefits of LED Lighting

- Low power consumption
- High efficiency level
- Long lifetime (50,000 hours) and superior reliability
- Continuous dimming and robustness
- Immediate light (full brightness) at switching on
- Smallest possible dimensions
- Wide operating temperature range
- High impact and vibration resistance
- No Ultraviolet (UV) or Infrared (IR) radiation
- Smart Lighting with natural color



LED DRIVER CONSIDERATIONS



How to Drive LED

Voltage Source with Resistor Pros:

- Heat is dissipated in the resistor
- Source is independent of heat dissipated
- \bullet Good for driving multiple LEDs in series, with different V $_{\rm F}$ Cons:
- ${\boldsymbol{\cdot}}$ Any change in LED forward voltage (V_F) or LED supply
- voltage (V_{IN}) create a change in LED current (I_{LED})

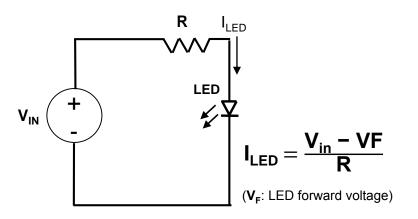
Constant Current Source without Resistor

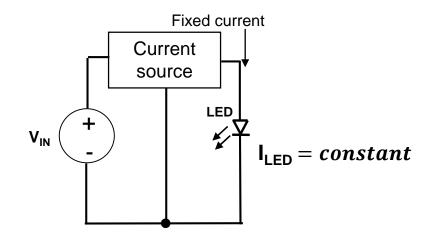
Pros:

 LED light remains constant current regardless of LED supply voltage and LED forward voltage fluctuations

Cons:

- · Heat is dissipated at the current source
- Current source is sensitive to heat dissipation







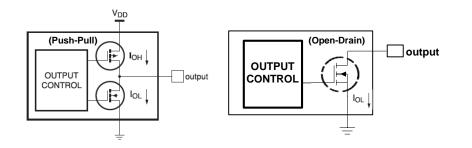
LED Output Structures

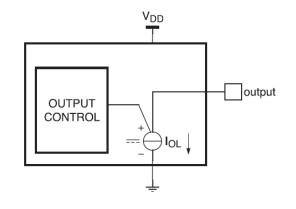
Voltage switch/source output structure

- Either Push-pull or Open-drain output
- The LED connected to the output by switching the connection to GND or VDD/Open (on or off)
- A series resistor connected between the LED and output to limit the current, and dissipate the heat outside the device

Constant current source output structure

- Open-drain sink current output
- Current-regulated output to drive LEDs
- Remaining constant current with the LED supply-voltage fluctuations
- The higher power dissipation in the device if the LED forwards voltage mismatch







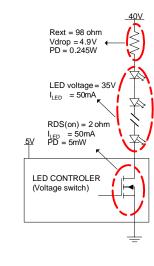
Two Types of LED Controllers

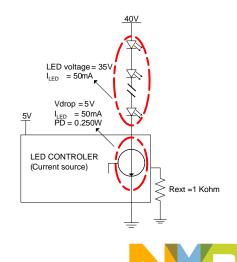
Voltage switch driver

- Advantages
- Less power dissipation in driver
- Higher ILED per channel (up to 100mA)
- Considerations
- Need one REXT per channel to limit current
- ILED varies with changes of LED supply voltage and each LED forward voltage

Current source driver

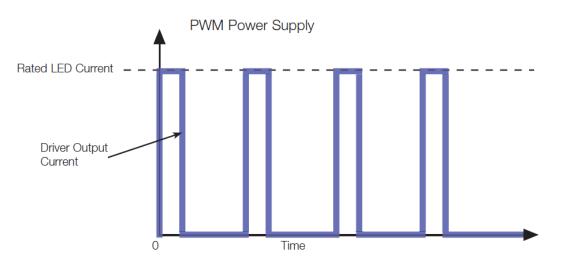
- Advantages
- One REXT sets ILED for all channels
- ILED is independent of changes in supply voltage and LED forward voltage
- Considerations
- Higher power dissipation in driver
- Lower ILED per channel (up to 57mA)





Dimming LEDs Via PWM

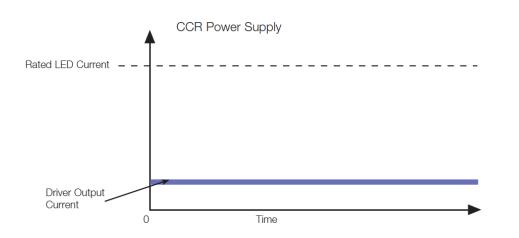
- Use Pulse Width Modulation for LED brightness/contrast adjustment
- Applying full current to the LED at a reduced duty cycle
- PWM signal must be above 100 Hz to avoid blinking to human eye
- Need additional logic to create the PWM digital waveforms
- PWM based drivers can provide a very precise output level
- PWM dimming greatly reduces color changes or shifting
- The discrete switching cycles can cause EMI noise and inrush current in the system
- Voltage switch LED driver always uses PWM for dimming





Dimming LEDs Via CCR

- Use Constant Current Reduction (CCR) for LED brightness/contrast adjustment
- The current flows continuously at a set amount for a given light level
- The current is reduced to reduce the brightness of the LED
- Applications where long wire runs may exist between the driver and the light engines
- Applications that may have strict EMI requirements, such as medical suites
- Changing the operating current linearly may not result in a linear change in light output
- Inappropriate for applications that require a constant color temperature





LED PRODUCTS OVERVIEW AND DESCRIPTION



LED Controllers Overview

- Why used?
 - Reduce I2C-bus traffic and off-load the microcontroller
 - Pre-programmed individual/global dimming, blinking and color mixing
 - Low power consumption and high reliability
- Where used?
 - Status indicator and display for White Goods
 - Keypad and LCD backlighting
 - Color mixing and brightness control for Pachinko/gaming machines
 - Tell-Tales light and Instrument cluster for Automotive
- Why NXP LED Controller?
 - Large selection of LED Controllers in a wide range of packages
 - AEC-Q100 automotive compliant qualification
 - Each LED output can be set to OFF, ON, individual/group PWM control for dimming/blinking and color mixing capabilities
 - Low power in standby or sleep mode
 - Minimized surge currents and reduce EMI noise with programmable LED output delay
 - LED Open or Short error detection and Over-temperature protection in real time
 - No external components required





NXP's LED Controllers Offer a Variety of Features

- Programmable group blinking and dimming mixed capability with individual LED brightness
- Up to 12-bit Pulse-width modulation (PWM) resolution for LED luminous control
- 256 discrete steps for Red/Green/Blue (RGB) Color mixing capabilities
- Up to 40 V for LED supply and adjustable output peak current with 8-bit linear DAC up to 57 mA
- Fast-mode Plus (Fm+) bi-directional communication I2C-bus with data rate up to 1 Mbps
- SPI-compatible 4-wire serial bi-directional daisy-chain interface with data rate up to 25 Mbps
- Different or programmable output drive types (push-pull or open-drain)
- Independent control of LEDs
- Highly reliable thanks to AEC-Q100 compliant automotive qualification
- · LED Open or Short status and fault reading
- Gradation control with programmable "breathing" effect
- Over-temperature protection

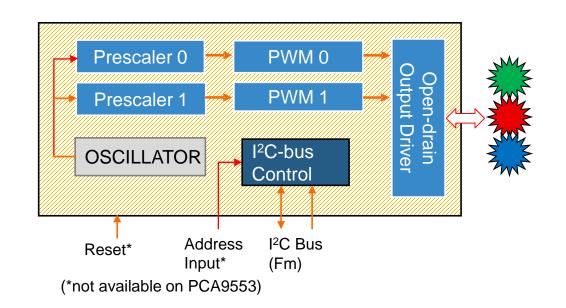


PCA955x – Simple LED Blinkers

Voltage Switch LED Controllers with Dual PWMs/Prescalers, 25 mA/5 V

Features

- Device supply voltage 2.3 V to 5.5 V
- Device can be used as regular GPIOs
- Output
 - Open Drain
 - 5 V / 25 mA
- Digital Interface
 - I2C-bus, Fm 400 KHz (bi-directional)
 - Hardware Address Input Pins
- PWM Generator
 - 2x PWM with 256 steps (8-bit)
- Two frequency prescalers for blinking rates between 0.172 Hz and 44 Hz
- Packages offered: SO, TSSOP, HVQFN, HVSON
- -40°C to +85°C operating temperature range
- ESD exceeds 2 kV HBM, 150V MM
- Low standby current



| Device | # Channel | Package |
|---------|------------|------------------------|
| PCA9550 | 2-channel | TSSOP8, SO8, HVSON8 |
| PCA9553 | 4-channel | TSSOP8, SO8, HVSON8 |
| PCA9551 | 8-channel | TSSOP16, SO16, HVQFN16 |
| PCA9552 | 16-channel | TSSOP24, SO24, HVQFN24 |

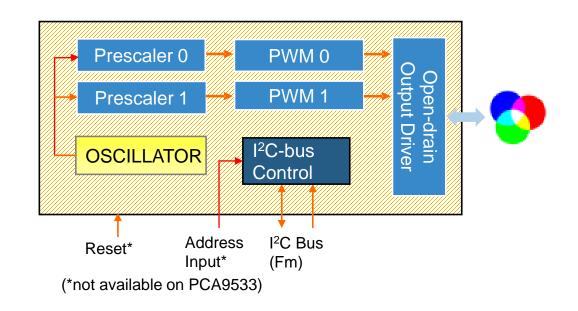


PCA953x – Simple LED Dimmer and Blinker

Voltage Switch LED Controllers with Dual PWMs/Prescalers, 25 mA/5 V

Features

- Device supply voltage 2.3 V to 5.5 V
- Device can be used as regular GPIOs
- Output
 - Open Drain
 - 5 V / 25 mA
- Digital Interface
 - I2C-bus, Fm 400 KHz (bi-directional)
 - Hardware Address Input Pins
- PWM Generator
 - 2x PWM with 256 steps (8-bit)
- Two frequency prescalers for blinking rates between 0.591 Hz and 152 Hz
- Packages offered: SO, TSSOP, HVQFN
- -40°C to +85°C operating temperature range
- ESD exceeds 2 kV HBM, 150V MM
- Low standby current



| Device | # Channel | Package |
|---------|------------|------------------------|
| PCA9530 | 2-channel | TSSOP8, SO8 |
| PCA9533 | 4-channel | TSSOP8, SO8 |
| PCA9531 | 8-channel | TSSOP16, SO16, HVQFN16 |
| PCA9532 | 16-channel | TSSOP24, SO24, HVQFN24 |

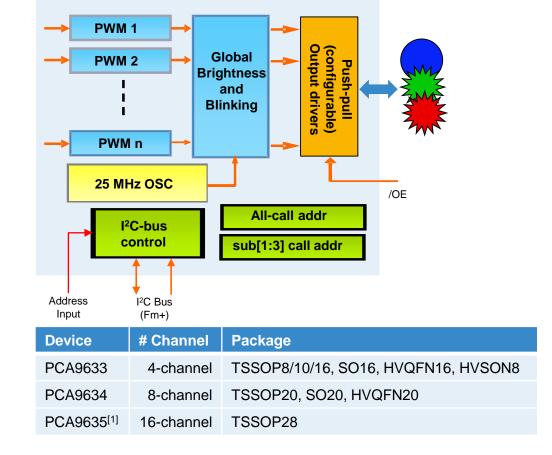


PCA963x – RGBA Color Mixing LED Dimmer and Blinker

Voltage Switch LED Controllers with Individual and Global PWMs, 25 mA/5 V

Features

- Device supply voltage 2.3 V to 5.5 V
- Output
 - Configurable push-pull or open drain
 - 5 V / 25 mA
- Digital Interface
 - I2C-bus, Fm+ 1 MHz (bi-directional)
 - Hardware Address Input Pins
 - Four programmable all/sub-call addresses
 - Software Reset feature through the I2C-bus
- PWM Generator
 - 256-step individual PWM (97 kHz)
 - 256-step Global PWM 190 Hz dimming and 41 ms to 10.73 S blinking
- Active LOW Output Enable (OE) input
- Packages offered: SO, TSSOP, HVQFN, HVSON
- -40°C to +85°C operating temperature range
- ESD exceeds 2 kV HBM, 200V MM
- PCA9635 is AEC-Q100 automotive compliant qualification
- Low standby current



[1] PCA9635 is AEC-Q100 compliant

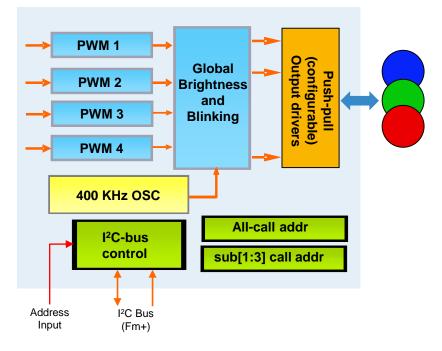


PCA9632 – RGBA Color Mixing LED Dimmer and Blinker for Mobile

Voltage Switch LED Controllers with Individual & Global PWMs, 25 mA/5 V

Features

- Device supply voltage 2.3 V to 5.5 V
- Output
 - Configurable push-pull or open drain
 - 5 V / 25 mA
- Digital Interface
 - I2C-bus, Fm+ 1 MHz (bi-directional)
 - Hardware Address Input Pins
 - Four programmable all/sub-call addresses
 - Software Reset feature through the I2C-bus
- PWM Generator
 - 256-step individual PWM (1.56 kHz)
 - 64-step Global PWM 190 Hz dimming and 41 ms to 10.73 S blinking
- Packages offered: TSSOP, HVSON
- -40°C to +85°C operating temperature range
- ESD exceeds 5 kV HBM, 200V MM
- Lowest standby current and 40x power reduction



| Device | # Channel | Package |
|---------|-----------|----------------------|
| PCA9632 | 4-channel | TSSOP8/10, HVSON8/10 |

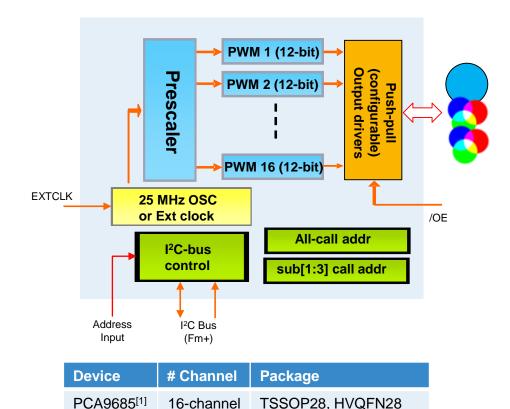


PCA9685: RGBA Color Mixing LED Dimmer/Blinker, 12-bit PWM

Voltage switch LED Controllers with individual PWMs, 25 mA/5 V

Features

- Device supply voltage 2.3 V to 5.5 V
- Output
 - Configurable push-pull or open drain
 - 5 V / 25 mA
- Digital Interface
 - I2C-bus, Fm+ 1 MHz (bi-directional)
 - Hardware Address Input Pins
 - Four programmable all/sub-call addresses
 - Software Reset feature through the I2C-bus
- 12-bit PWM Generator
 - 4096-step individual PWM (24 Hz ~ 1526 Hz)
- Active LOW Output Enable (OE) input
- External 50 MHz (max) clock input
- Packages offered: TSSOP, HVQFN
- -40°C to +85°C operating temperature range
- ESD exceeds 2 kV HBM, 200V MM
- AEC-Q100 automotive compliant qualification
- Low standby current



[1] PCA9685 is AEC-Q100 compliant

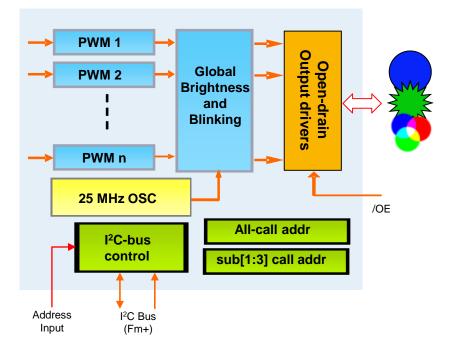
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PCA962x – RGBA Color Mixing LED Dimmer and Blinker

Voltage Switch LED Controllers With Individual & Global PWMs, 100 mA/40 V

Features

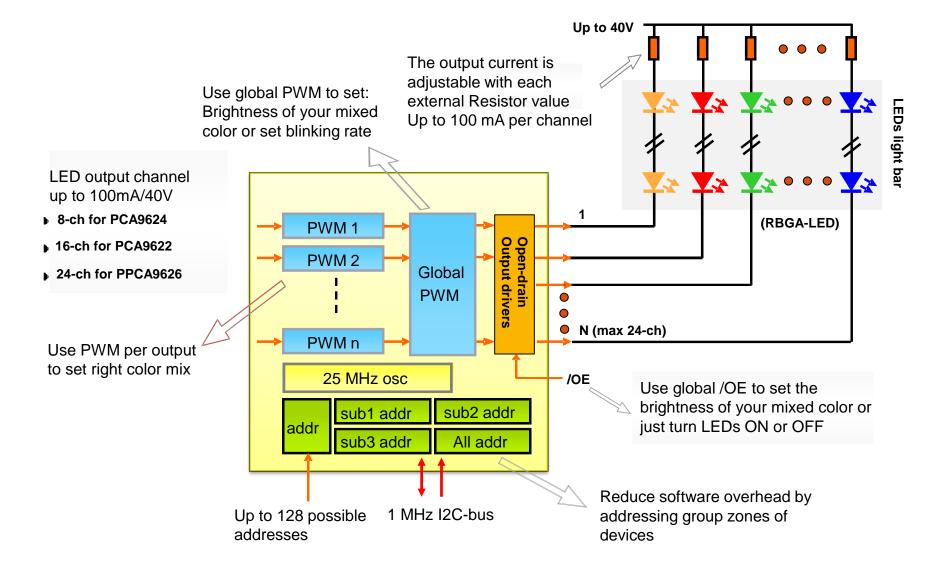
- Device supply voltage 2.3 V to 5.5 V
- Output
 - Open drain
 - 40 V / 100 mA
- Digital Interface
 - I2C-bus, Fm+ 1 MHz (bi-directional)
 - Hardware Address Input Pins
 - Four programmable all/sub-call addresses
 - Software Reset feature through the I2C-bus
- PWM Generator
 - 256-step individual PWM (97 kHz)
 - 256-step Global PWM 190 Hz dimming and 41 ms to 10.73 S blinking
- Active LOW Output Enable (OE) input
- Packages offered: TSSOP, HVQFN, LQFP
- -40°C to +85°C operating temperature range
- ESD exceeds 2 kV HBM, 200V MM
- Low standby current



| Device | # Channel | Package |
|---------|------------|------------------------|
| PCA9624 | 8-channel | TSSOP24, SO16, HVQFN24 |
| PCA9622 | 16-channel | TSSOP32 |
| PCA9626 | 24-channel | LQFP48 |



PCA9624/2/6 Voltage Switch LED Controller Block Diagram





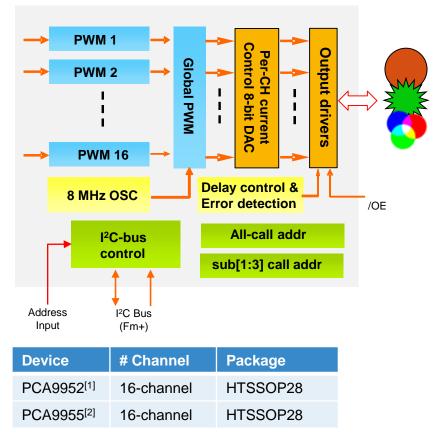
PCA995x – Constant Current LED Dimming, Blinking and Color Mixing

Current source LED Controllers with individual & global PWMs and current setting, 57 mA/40 V

Features

- Device supply voltage 3.0 V to 5.5 V
- Output
 - Open drain up to 57 mA/40 V
 - Error detection for LED open or short
 - Output delay offset
- Digital Interface
 - I2C-bus with software reset control, Fm+ 1 MHz (bi-directional)
 - Hardware Address Input Pins with four all/sub-call addresses
 - Output enable input pin (PCA9952 only)
- PWM Generator
 - 256-step individual PWM (31.25 kHz)
 - 256-step Global PWM 122 Hz dimming and 67 ms to 16.8 S blinking
- Per channel output current setting with 8-bit DAC
- Output current accuracy
 - ±6% between channels; ±8% between devices
- Packages offered: HTSSOP
- Over temperature protection and thermal shutdown
- -40°C to +85°C operating temperature range
- ESD exceeds 2 kV HBM, 500V CDM
- Low standby current

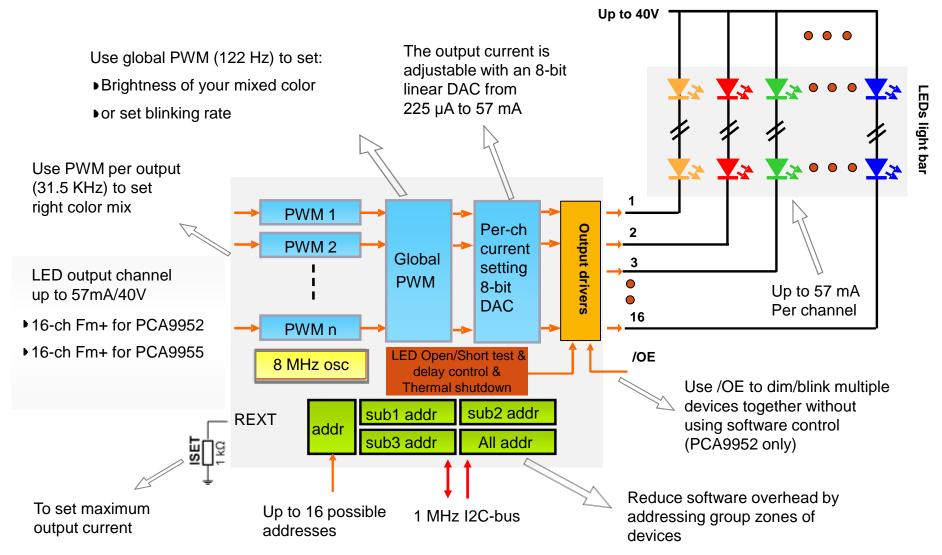




Both devices are AEC-Q100 compliant [1] Pin 5 is used for Output Enable (/OE) [2] Pin 5 is used for Address 3 (A3)



PCA9952/5 Constant Current LED Controller Block Diagram





PCA9955B: Constant Current LED Dimming, Blinking and Color Mixing

Current source LED Controllers with individual & global PWMs and current setting, 57 mA/20 V

Features

- Device supply voltage 3.0 V to 5.5 V
- Gradation control for all channels to program fade in or out, breathing functions in single shot or continuous mode
- Output
 - Open drain up to 57 mA/20 V
 - Error detection in real time for LED open or short
 - Programmable output delay to deduce EMI and surge current
- Digital Interface
 - I2C-bus with software reset control, Fm+ 1 MHz (bi-directional)
 - Three Quinary (five states) address input pins up to 125 devices within same bus with four all/sub-call addresses
 - Output enable input pin to allow external hardware PWM control for all LED output channels and multiple devices
- PWM Generator
 - 256-step individual PWM (31.25 kHz)
 - 256-step Global PWM 122 Hz dimming and 67 ms to 16.8 S blinking

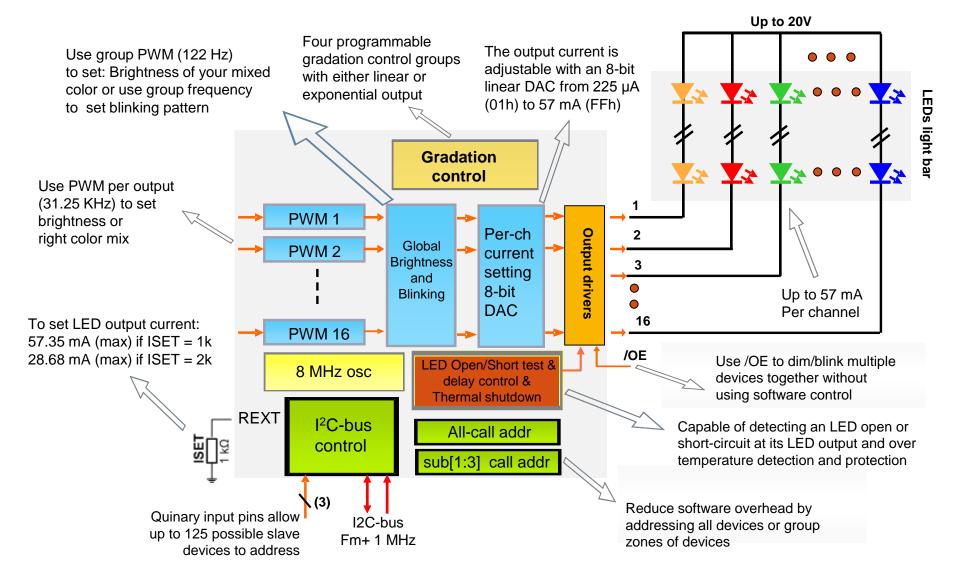
- Per channel output current setting with 8-bit DAC
- Output current accuracy
 - ±4% between channels; ±6% between devices
- Package offered: HTSSOP28 thermal package to enhanced thermal performance
- Over temperature protection and thermal shutdown
- -40°C to +85°C operating temperature range
- ESD exceeds 4 kV HBM, 1000V CDM
- Low power SLEEP mode

| Device | # Channel | Package |
|-------------------------|------------|----------|
| PCA9955B ^[1] | 16-channel | HTSSOP28 |

PCA9955B is AEC-Q100 compliant



PCA9955B: Constant Current LED Controller Block Diagram





PCA9956B – Constant Current LED Dimming, Blinking and Color Mixing

24-channel Fm+ I2C-bus 57 mA/20 V constant current LED controller

Features

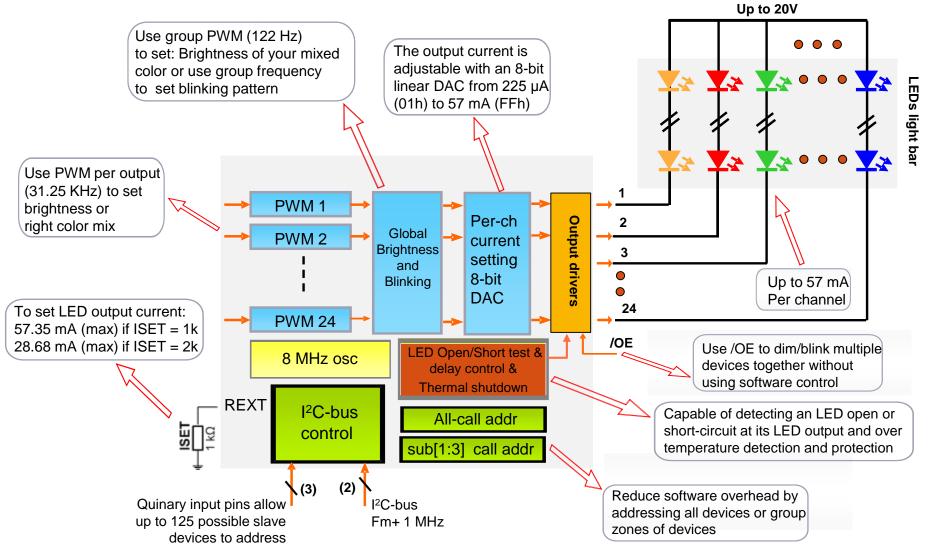
- Device supply voltage 3.0 V to 5.5 V
- Output
 - Open drain up to 57 mA/20 V
 - Error detection in real time for LED open or short
 - Programmable output delay to deduce EMI and surge current
- Digital Interface
 - I2C-bus with software reset control, Fm+ 1 MHz (bi-directional)
 - Three Quinary (five states) address input pins up to 125 devices within same bus with four all/sub-call addresses
 - Output enable input pin to allow external hardware PWM control for all LED output channels and multiple devices
- PWM Generator
 - 256-step individual PWM (31.25 kHz)
 - 256-step Global PWM 122 Hz dimming and 67 ms to 16.8 S blinking

- Per channel output current setting with 8-bit DAC
- Output current accuracy
 - ±4% between channels; ±6% between devices
- Package offered: HTSSOP38 thermal package to enhanced thermal performance
- Over temperature protection and thermal shutdown
- -40°C to +85°C operating temperature range
- ESD exceeds 3 kV HBM, 1000V CDM
- Low power SLEEP mode

| Device | # Channel | Package |
|----------|------------|----------|
| PCA9956B | 24-channel | HTSSOP38 |



PCA9956B Constant Current LED Controller Block Diagram





PCA9745B: Constant Current LED Dimming, Blinking, Color Mixing

16-channel SPI Serial Bus 57 mA/20 V Constant Current LED Controller

Features

- Device supply voltage 3.0 V to 5.5 V
- Gradation control for all channels to program fade in or out, breathing functions in single shot or continuous mode
- Output
 - Open drain up to 57 mA/20 V
 - Error detection in real time for LED open or short
 - Programmable output delay to deduce EMI and surge current
- Digital Interface
 - 4-wire SPI-compatible serial-bus interface up to 25 MHz data clock rate
 - Output enable input pin to allow external hardware PWM control for all LED output channels and multiple devices
- PWM Generator
 - 256-step individual PWM (31.25 kHz)
 - 256-step Global PWM 122 Hz dimming and 67 ms to 16.8 S blinking

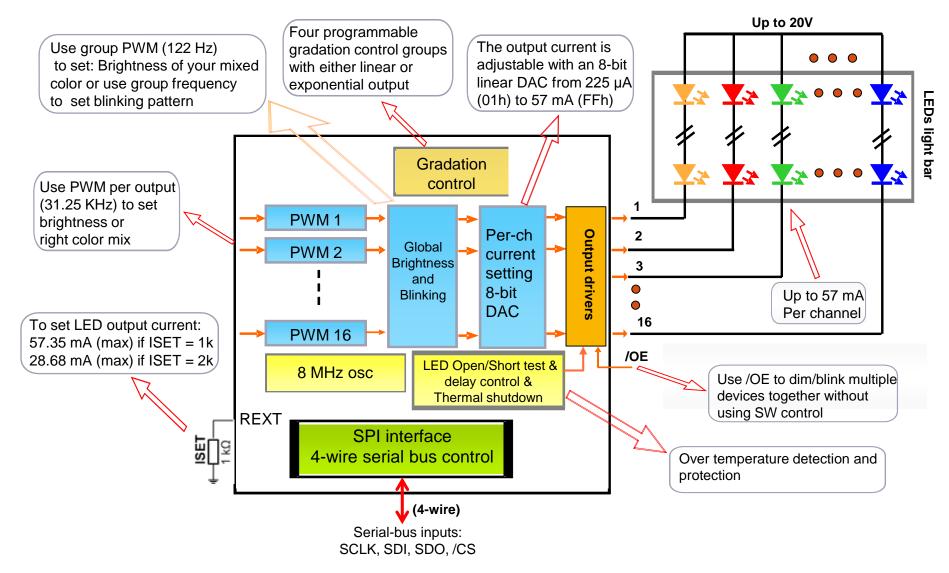
- Per channel output current setting with 8-bit DAC
- Output current accuracy
 - $\pm 4\%$ between channels; $\pm 6\%$ between devices
- Package offered: HTSSOP28 thermal package to enhanced thermal performance
- Over temperature protection and thermal shutdown
- -40°C to +85°C operating temperature range
- ESD exceeds 4 kV HBM, 1000V CDM
- Low power SLEEP mode

| Device | # Channel | Package |
|-------------------------|------------|----------|
| PCA9745B ^[1] | 16-channel | HTSSOP28 |

PCA9745B is AEC-Q100 compliant

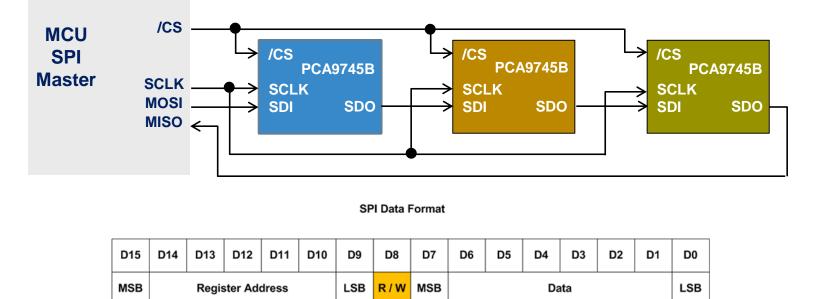


PCA9745B SPI Daisy-chain LED Controller Block Diagram





PCA9745B SPI Daisy-chain Connection With Three Devices



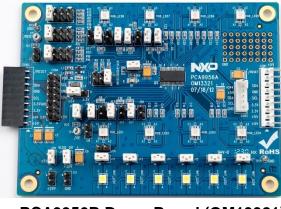
- SPI Master send 16-bit (clocks with register address and data) x 3 (number of slaves) to access all slave devices at the same time
- Only one byte data can be read/write from/to all slave devices
- No slave address required



LED Demo Boards Description

- PCA9532 16-channel Fm I2C-bus dimmer LED driver demo board (OM13528)
- PCA9633 4-channel Fm+ I2C-bus LED driver demo board (OM6282 w/o Micro)
- PCA9634 8-channel Fm+ I2C-bus LED driver demo board (OM13327)
- PCA9635 16-channel Fm+ I2C-bus LED driver demo board (OM13333)
- PCA9685 16-channel, 12-bit PWM Fm+ I2C-bus LED driver demo board (OM13332)
- PCA9952 16-channel Fm+ I2C-bus 57 mA constant current LED driver demo board (OM13329)
- PCA9955 16-channel Fm+ I2C-bus 57 mA constant current LED driver demo board (OM13330)
- PCA9956B 24-channel Fm+ I2C-bus 57 mA constant current LED driver demo board (OM13321)
- PCA9955B 16-channel Fm+ I2C-bus 57 mA constant current LED driver demo board (OM13483)

Note: All demo boards are available on eDemoboard store



PCA9956B Demo Board (OM13321)



PCA9955B Demo Board (OM13483)



PCA9532 Demo Board (OM13528)



PCA9635 Demo Board (OM13333)



LED APPLICATIONS

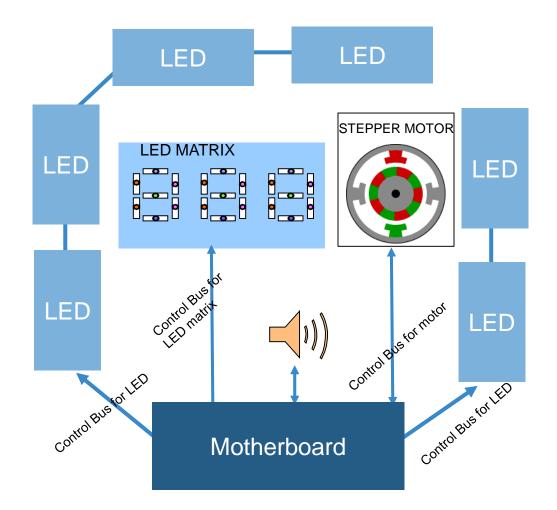


LED Applications for Pachinko Machine

New Amusement System

- 2-wire I2C-bus, easy to route and add additional/new devices
- I2C-bus is the ideal control bus for this application (multi-channel and multi-drop devices)
- Off load microcontroller, no burden to host processor with minimal I2C-bus traffic
- Part type: PCA9622, PCA9626







LED Applications for Backlighting

Application: Backlight for Car Audio Part Type: PCA9624PW Description: 8-ch LED controller (40V/100mA)

Application: Backlight for Headphones

Part Type: PCA9633CP2 Description: 4-ch LED controller

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(5V/25mA)

LED Applications for Automotive

Application:

- Instrument Cluster, Tell-Tale Light,
- Infotainment Backlighting, Interior Lighting

Part Type:

• PCA9955/PCA9955B/PCA9745B-Q900

Description:

- 16-ch LED controller (20V/57mA)
- AEC-Q100 compliant









CONCLUSION AND Q&A



Success Stories

- Mouse and keyboard backlight
- Car radio backlight
- Pachinko gaming
- Instrumentation cluster
- White goods
- Computing/servers
- Mobile devices



Delonghi EDG455T With LED display





















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