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DP8428/NS32828, DP8429/NS32829 1 Megabit High Speed Dynamic RAM Controller/Drivers

General Description

The DP8428 and DP8429 1M DRAM Controller/Drivers are designed to provide "No-Waitstate" CPU interface to Dynamic RAM arrays of up to 8 Mbytes and larger. The DP8428 and DP8429 are tailored for 32-bit and 16-bit system requirements, respectively. Both devices are fabricated using National's new oxide isolated Advanced Low power Schottky (ALS) process and use design techniques which enable them to significantly out-perform all other LSI or discrete alternatives in speed, level of integration, and power consumption.

Each device integrates the following critical 1M DRAM controller functions on a single monolithic device: ultra precise delay line; 9 bit refresh counter; fall-through row, column, and bank select input latches; Row/Column address muxing logic; on-board high capacitive-load RAS, CAS, Write Enable and Address output drivers; and, precise control signal timing for all the above.

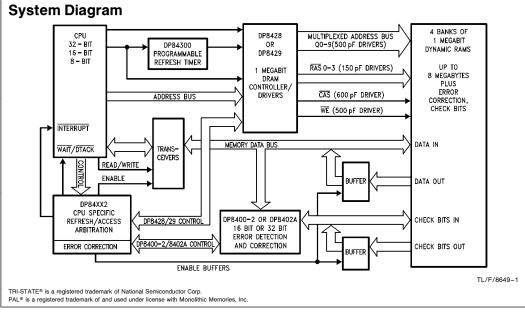
In order to specify each device for "true" worst case operating conditions, all timing parameters are guaranteed while the chip is driving the capacitive load of 88 DRAMs including trace capacitance. The chip's delay timing logic makes use of a patented new delay line technique which keeps AC skew to ± 3 ns over the full V_{CC} range of $\pm 10\%$ and temperature range of -55°C to $+125^\circ\text{C}$. The DP8428 and DP8429 guarantee a maximum RASIN to CASOUT delay of 80 ns or 70 ns even while driving an 8 Mbyte memory array with error correction check bits included. Two speed selected options of these devices are shown in the switching characteristics section of this document. (Continued)

Features

- Makes DRAM interface and refresh tasks appear virtually transparent to the CPU making DRAMs as easy to use as static RAMs
- Specifically designed to eliminate CPU wait states up to 10 MHz or beyond
- Eliminates 20 discrete components for significant board real estate reduction, system power savings and the elimination of chip-to-chip AC skewing
- On-board ultra precise delay line
- On-board high capacitive RAS, CAS, WE and Address drivers (specified driving 88 DRAMs directly)
- AC specified for directly addressing up to 8 Mbytes
- Low power/high speed bipolar oxide isolated process
- Downward pin and function compatible with 256k DRAM Controller/Drivers DP8409A, DP8417, DP8418, and DP8419

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General Description (Continued)

With its four independent RAS outputs and ten multiplexed address outputs, the DP8429 can support up to four banks of 64k, 256k or 1M DRAMs. Two bank select pins, B1 and B0, are decoded to activate one of the RAS signals during an access, leaving the three non-selected banks in the standby mode (less than one tenth of the operating power) with data outputs in TRI-STATE®. The DP8428's one Bank Select pin, B1, enables 2 banks automatically during an access in order to provide an optimum interface for 32-bit microprocessors.

The DP8428 and DP8429 each have two mode-select pins, allowing for two refresh modes and two access modes. Refresh and access timing may be controlled either externally

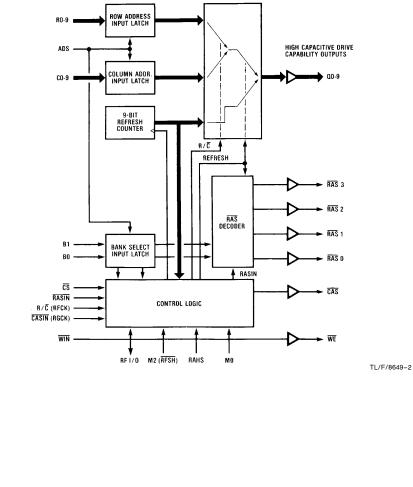
Functional Block Diagrams

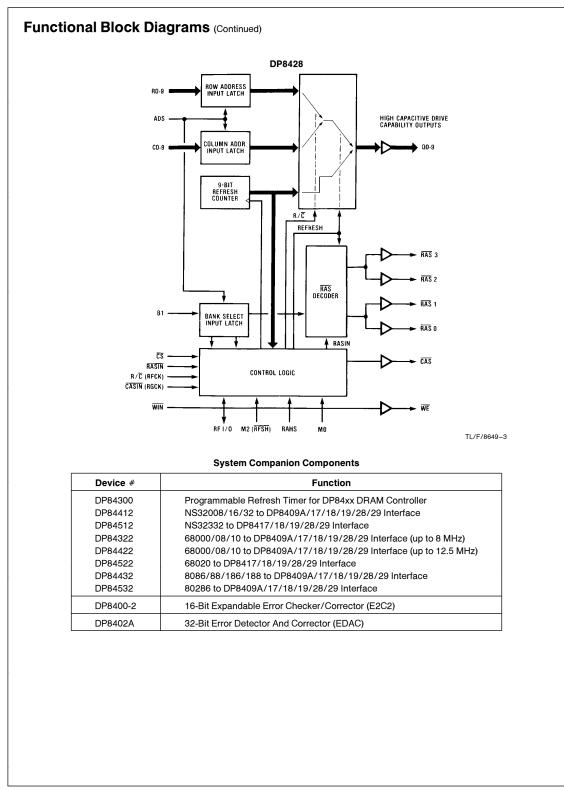
or automatically. The automatic modes require a minimum of input control signals.

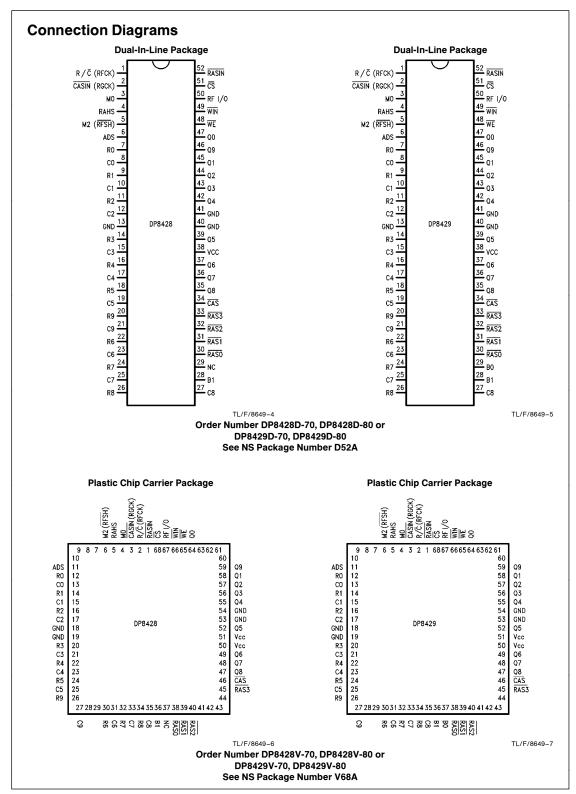
A refresh counter is on-chip and is multiplexed with the row and column inputs. Its contents appear at the address outputs of the DP8428 or DP8429 during any refresh, and are incremented at the completion of the refresh. Row, Column and bank address latches are also on-chip. However, if the address inputs to the DP8428 or DP8429 are valid throughout the duration of the access, these latches may be operated in the fall-through mode.

Each device is available in either the 52 pin Ceramic DIP, or the low cost JEDEC standard 68 pin Plastic Chip Carrier (PCC) package.

R0-9 ROW ADDRESS NPUT LATCH







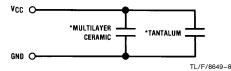
DP8428 vs DP8429

The DP8428 DYNAMIC RAM CONTROLLER/DRIVER is identical to the DP8429 with the exception of two functional differences incorporated to improve performance with 32-bit microprocessors.

- 1) Pin 28 (B1) is used to enable/disable a pair of RAS outputs, and pin 29 (B0 on the DP8429) is a no connect. When B1 is low, RASO and RAS1 are enabled such that they both go low during an access. When B1 is high, RAS2 and RAS3 are enabled. This feature is useful when driving words of 32 bits or more since each RAS would be driving only one half of the word. By distributing the load on each RAS line in this way, the DP8428 will meet the same AC specifications driving 2 banks of 32 DRAMs each as the DP8429 does driving 4 banks of 16 bits each.
- 2) The hidden refresh function available on the DP8429 has been disabled on the DP8428 in order to reduce the amount of setup time necessary from CS going low to RASIN going low during an access of DRAM. This parameter, called t_{CSRL1}, is 5 ns for the DP8428 whereas it is 34 ns for the DP8429. The hidden refresh function allowed only a very small increase in system performance, at microprocessor frequencies of 10 MHz and above.

Pin Definitions

 V_{CC} , GND, GND – V_{CC} = 5V \pm 10%. The three supply pins have been assigned to the center of the package to reduce voltage drops, both DC and AC. There are two ground pins to reduce the low level noise. The second ground pin is located two pins from V_{CC}, so that decoupling capacitors can be inserted directly next to these pins. It is important to adequately decouple this device, due to the high switching currents that will occur when all 10 address bits change in the same direction simultaneously. A recommended solution would be a 1 μF multilayer ceramic capacitor in parallel with a low-voltage tantalum capacitor, both connected as close as possible to GND and V_{CC} to reduce lead inductance. See Figure below.



*Capacitor values should be chosen depending on the particular application.

R0-R9: Row Address Inputs.

C0-C9: Column Address Inputs.

Q0-Q9: Multiplexed Address Outputs - This address is selected from the Row Address Input Latch, the Column Address Input Latch or the Refresh Counter.

RASIN: Row Address Strobe Input – RASIN directly controls the selected RAS output when in an access mode and all RAS outputs during hidden or external refresh.

 $\mathbf{R}/\overline{\mathbf{C}}$ (RFCK) – In the auto-modes this pin is the external refresh clock input; one refresh cycle should be performed each clock period. In the external access mode it is Row/ Column Select Input which enables either the row or column address input latch onto the output bus.

CASIN (RGCK) – In the auto-modes this pin is the RAS Generator Clock input. In external access mode it is the Column Address Strobe input which controls CAS directly once columns are enabled on the address outputs.

ADS: Address (Latch) Strobe Input – Row Address, Column Address, and Bank Select Latches are fall-through with ADS high; latching occurs on high-to-low transition of ADS.

 $\overline{\text{CS:}}$ Chip Select Input – When high, $\overline{\text{CS}}$ disables all accesses. Refreshing, however, in both modes 0 and 1 is not affected by this pin.

M0, M2 (RFSH): Mode Control Inputs – These pins select one of the four available operational modes of the DP8429 (see Table III).

RFI/0: Refresh Input/Output – In the auto-modes this pin is the Refresh Request Output. It goes low following RFCK indicating that no hidden refresh was performed while RFCK was high. When this pin is set low by an external gate the on-chip refresh counter is reset to all zeroes.

WIN: Write Enable Input.

WE: Write Enable Output – WE follows WIN unconditionally. **RAHS: Row Address Hold Time Select** – Selects the t_{RAH} to be guaranteed by the DP8428 or DP8429 delay line to allow for the use of fast or slow DRAMs.

CAS: Column Address Strobe Output – In mode 5 and in mode 4 with CASIN low before R/C goes low, CAS goes low automatically after the column address is valid on the address outputs. In mode 4 CAS follows CASIN directly after R/C goes low, allowing for nibble accessing. CAS is always high during refresh.

RAS 0-3: Row Address Strobe Outputs - The enabled RAS output (see Table II) follows RASIN directly during an access. During refresh, all RAS outputs are enabled.

Pin Definitions (Continued)

B0, B1: Bank Select Inputs – These pins are decoded to enable one or two of the four RAS outputs during an access (see Table I and Table II).

TABLE I. DP8429 Memory Bank Decode

	d Select d by ADS)	Enabled RAS _n
B1	B0	
0	0	RAS ₀
0	1	RAS ₁
1	0	RAS ₂
1	1	RAS ₃

TABLE II. DP8428 Memory Bank Decode

	Select I by ADS)	Enabled RAS _n
B1	NC	
0	Х	RAS ₀ & RAS ₁
1	X	RAS ₂ & RAS ₃

Conditions for All Modes

INPUT ADDRESSING

The address block consists of a row-address latch, a column-address latch, and a resettable refresh counter. The address latches are fall-through when ADS is high and latch when ADS goes low. If the address bus contains valid addresses until after \overline{CAS} goes low at the end of the memory cycle, ADS can be permanently high. Otherwise ADS must go low while the addresses are still valid.

DRIVE CAPABILITY

The DP8429 has timing parameters that are specified driving the typical capacitance (including traces) of 88, 5V-only DRAMs. Since there are 4 $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ outputs, each is specified driving one-fourth of the total memory. $\overline{\text{CAS}}, \overline{\text{WE}}$ and the address outputs are specified driving all 88 DRAMs.

The graph in *Figure 10* may be used to determine the slight variations in timing parameters, due to loading conditions other than 88 DRAMs.

Because of distributed trace capacitance and inductance and DRAM input capacitance, current spikes can be created, causing overshoots and undershoots at the DRAM inputs that can change the contents of the DRAMs or even destroy them. To reduce these spikes, a damping resistor (low inductance, carbon) should be inserted between the DP8429 outputs and the DRAMs, as close as possible to the DP8429. The damping resistor values may differ depending on how heavily an output is loaded. These resistors should be determined by the first prototypes (not wirewrapped due to the larger distributed capacitance and inductance). Resistors should be chosen such that the transition on the control outputs is critically damped. Typical values will be from 15Ω to 100Ω , with the lower values being used with the larger memory arrays. Note that AC parameters are specified with 15Ω damping resistors. For more information see AN-305 "Precautions to Take When Driving Memories".

DP8429 DRIVING ANY 256k or 1M DRAMS

The DP8429 can drive any 256k or 1M DRAMs. 256k DRAMs require 18 of the DP8429's address inputs to select one memory location within the DRAM. RAS-only refreshing with the nine-bit refresh-counter on the DP8429 makes \overline{CAS} before \overline{RAS} refreshing, available on 256k DRAMs, unnecessary (see *Figure 1a*).

1 Mbit DRAMs require the use of all 10 of the DP8429 Address Outputs (see *Figure 1b*).

READ, WRITE AND READ-MODIFY-WRITE CYCLES

The output signal, $\overline{\text{WE}}$, determines what type of memory access cycle the memory will perform. If $\overline{\text{WE}}$ is kept high while $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ goes low, a read cycle occurs. If $\overline{\text{WE}}$ goes low before $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ goes low, a write cycle occurs and data at DI (DRAM input data) is written into the DRAM as $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ goes low. If $\overline{\text{WE}}$ goes low later than t_{CWD} after $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ goes low, first a read occurs and DO (DRAM output data) becomes valid, then data DI is written into the same address in the DRAM as $\overline{\text{WE}}$ goes low. In this read-modify-write case, DI and DO cannot be linked together. $\overline{\text{WE}}$ always follows $\overline{\text{WIN}}$ directly to determine the type of access to be performed.

POWER-UP INITIALIZE

When V_{CC} is first applied to the DP8429, an initialize pulse clears the refresh counter and the internal control flip-flops.

Mode Features Summary

- 4 modes of operation: 2 access and 2 refresh
- Automatic or external selected by the user
- Auto access mode provides RAS, row to column change, and then CAS automatically.
- Choice between two different values of $\ensuremath{t_{\text{RAH}}}$ in auto-access mode
- CAS controlled independently in external control mode, allowing for nibble mode accessing
- Automatic refreshing can make refreshes transparent to the system
- CAS is inhibited during refresh cycles

DP8428/DP8429 Mode Descriptions

MODE 0-EXTERNALLY CONTROLLED REFRESH

Figure 2 shows the Externally Controlled Refresh timing. In this mode the refresh counter contents are multiplexed to the address outputs. All \overline{RAS} outputs are enabled to follow \overline{RASIN} so that the row address indicated by the refresh counter is refreshed in all DRAM banks when \overline{RASIN} goes low. The refresh counter increments when \overline{RASIN} goes high. \overline{RFSH} should be held low at least until \overline{RASIN} goes high (they may go high simultaneously) so that the refresh address remains valid and all \overline{RAS} outputs remain enabled throughout the refresh.

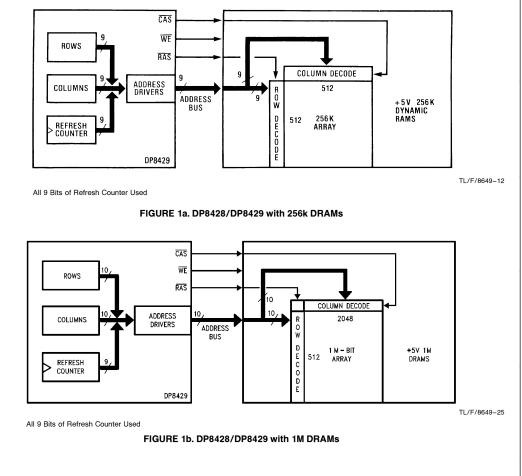
A burst refresh may be performed by holding $\overline{\text{RFSH}}$ low and toggling $\overline{\text{RASIN}}$ until all rows are refreshed. It may be useful in this case to reset the refresh counter just prior to beginning the refresh. The refresh counter resets to all zeroes when RFI/O is pulled low by an external gate. The refresh counter always counts to 511 before rolling over to zero. If there are 128 or 256 rows being refreshed then Q7 or Q8, respectively, going high may be used as an end-of-burst indicator.

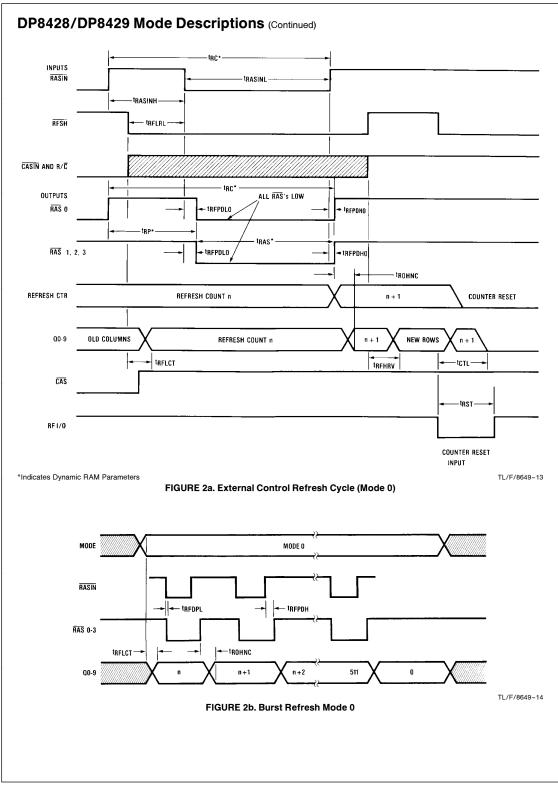
In order that the refresh address is valid on the address outputs prior to the $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ lines going low, $\overline{\text{RFSH}}$ must go low before $\overline{\text{RASIN}}$. The setup time required is given by t_{RFLRL} in the Switching Characteristics. This parameter may be adjusted using *Figure 10* for loading conditions other than those specified.

TABLE III. DP8428/DP8429 Mode Select Options

Mode	(RFSH) M2	МО	Mode of Operation
0	0	0	Externally Controlled Refresh
1	0	1	Auto Refresh-Forced
4	1	0	Externally Controlled Access
5	1	1	Auto Access (Hidden Refresh)







MODE 1-AUTOMATIC FORCED REFRESH

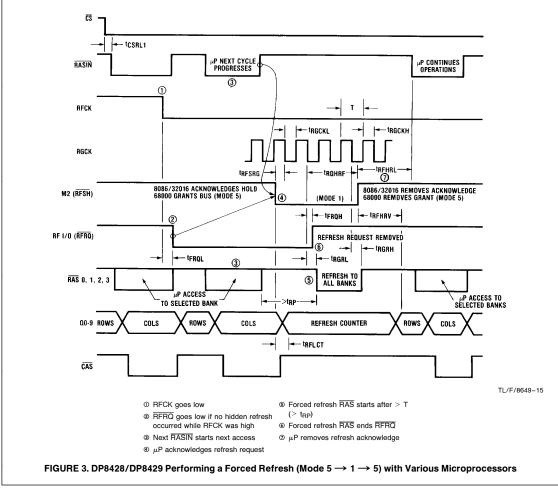
In Mode 1 the R/ \overline{C} (RFCK) pin becomes RFCK (refresh cycle clock) and the \overline{CASIN} (RGCK) pin becomes RGCK (RAS generator clock). If RFCK is high and Mode 1 is entered then the chip operates as if in MODE 0 (externally controlled refresh), with all RAS outputs following RASIN. This feature of Mode 1 may be useful for those who want to use Mode 5 (automatic access) with externally controlled refresh. By holding RFCK permanently high one need only toggle M2 (RFSH) to switch from Mode 5 to external refresh. As with Mode 0, RFI/O may be pulled low by an external gate to reset the refresh counter.

When using Mode 1 as automatic refresh, RFCK must be an input clock signal. One refresh should occur each period of RFCK. If no refresh is performed while RFCK is high, then when RFCK goes low RFI/O immediately goes low to indicate that a refresh is requested. (RFI/O may still be used to reset the refresh counter even though it is also used as a refresh request pin, however, an open-collector gate should be used to reset the counter in this case since RFI/O is forced low internally for a request).

After receiving the refresh request the system must allow a forced refresh to take place while RFCK is low. External logic can monitor $\overline{\text{RFRQ}}$ (RFI/O) so that when $\overline{\text{RFRQ}}$ goes low this logic will wait for the access currently in progress to be completed before pulling M2 ($\overline{\text{RFSH}}$) low to put the DP8429 in mode 1. If no access is taking place when $\overline{\text{RFRQ}}$ occurs, then M2 may immediately go low. Once M2 is low, the refresh counter contents appear at the address outputs and $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ is generated to perform the refresh.

An external clock on RGCK is required to derive the refresh \overline{RAS} signals. On the second falling edge of RGCK after M2 is low, all \overline{RAS} lines go low. They remain low until two more falling edges of RGCK. Thus \overline{RAS} remains high for one to two periods of RGCK after M2 goes low, and stays low for two periods. In order to obtain the minimum delay from M2 going low to \overline{RAS} going low, M2 should go low t_{RFSRG} before the falling edge of RGCK.

The Refresh Request on RFI/O is terminated as RAS goes low. This signal may be used to end the refresh earlier than it normally would as described above. If M2 is pulled high



while the $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ lines are low, then the $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ s go high t_{RFRH} later. The designer must be careful, however, not to violate the minimum $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ low time of the DRAMs. He must also guarantee that the minimum $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ precharge time is not violated during a transition from mode 1 to mode 5 when an access is desired immediately following a refresh.

If the processor tries to access memory while the DP8429 is in mode 1, WAIT states should be inserted into the processor cycles until the DP8429 is back in mode 5 and the desired access has been accomplished (see *Figure 9*).

Instead of using WAIT states to delay accesses when refreshing, HOLD states could be used as follows. $\overline{\text{RFRQ}}$ could be connected to a HOLD or Bus Request input to the system. When convenient, the system acknowledges the HOLD or Bus Request by pulling M2 low. Using this scheme, HOLD will end as the RAS lines go low (RFI/O goes high). Thus, there must be sufficient delay from the time HOLD goes high to the DP8429 returning to mode 5, so that the RAS low time of the DRAMs isn't violated as described earlier (see *Figure 3* for mode 1 refresh with Hold states).

To perform a forced refresh the system will be inactive for about four periods of RGCK. For a frequency of 10 MHz, this is 400 ns. To refresh 128 rows every 2 ms an average of

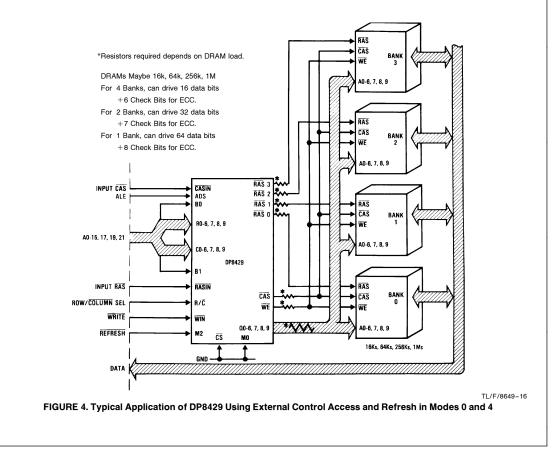
about one refresh per 16 μ s is required. With a RFCK period of 16 μ s and RGCK period of 100 ns, DRAM accesses are delayed due to refresh only 2.5% of the time. If using the Hidden Refresh available in mode 5 (refreshing with RFCK high) this percentage will be even lower.

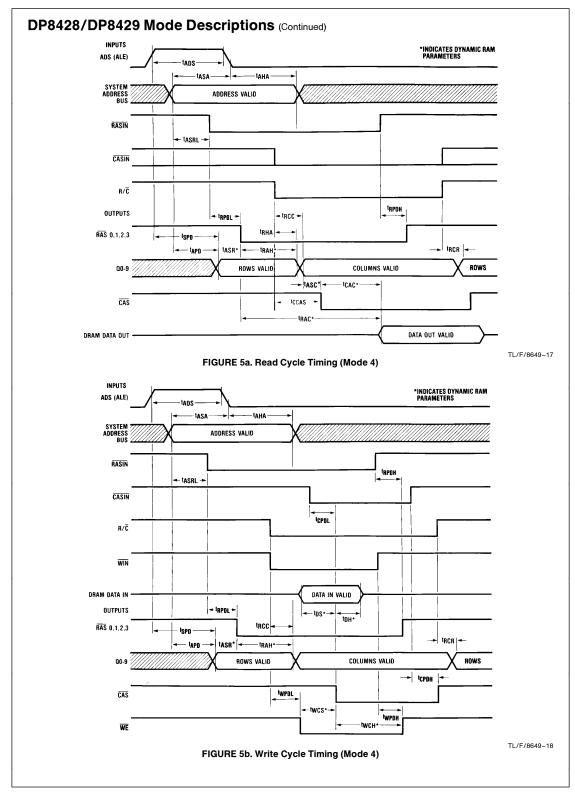
MODE 4 - EXTERNALLY CONTROLLED ACCESS

In this mode all control signal outputs can be controlled directly by the corresponding control input. The enabled RAS output follows RASIN, CAS follows CASIN (with R/C low), WE follows WIN and R/C determines whether the row or the column inputs are enabled to the address outputs (see *Figure 4*).

With R/ \overline{C} high, the row address latch contents are enabled onto the address bus. \overline{RAS} going low strobes the row address into the DRAMs. After waiting to allow for sufficient row-address hold time (t_{RAH}) after \overline{RAS} goes low, R/ \overline{C} can go low to enable the column address latch contents onto the address bus. When the column address is valid, \overline{CAS} going low will strobe it into the DRAMs. \overline{WIN} determines whether the cycle is a read, write or read-modify-write access. Refer to *Figures 5a* and *5b* for typical Read and Write timing using mode 4.

Page or Nibble mode may be performed by toggling CASIN once the initial access has been completed. In the case of page mode the column address must be changed before





AUTOMATIC CAS GENERATION

 $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ is held high when R/\overline{C} is high even if $\overline{\text{CASIN}}$ is low. If $\overline{\text{CASIN}}$ is low when R/\overline{C} goes low, $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ goes low automatically, t_{ASC} after the column address is valid. This feature eliminates the need for an externally derived $\overline{\text{CASIN}}$ signal to control $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ when performing a simple access (*Figure 5a* demonstrates Auto- $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ generation in mode 4). Page or nible accessing may be performed as shown in *Figure 5c* even if $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ is generated automatically for the initial access.

FASTEST MEMORY ACCESS

The fastest Mode 4 access is achieved by using the automatic \overline{CAS} feature and external delay line to generate the required delay between \overline{RASIN} and R/\overline{C} . The amount of delay required depends on the minimum t_{RAH} of the DRAMs being used. The DP8429 parameter t_{DIF1} has been specified in order that the delay between \overline{RASIN} and R/\overline{C} may be minimized.

 $t_{DIF1} = MAXIMUM (t_{RPDL} - t_{RHA})$

where $t_{RPDL} = \overline{RASIN}$ to \overline{RAS} delay

and $t_{RHA}=$ row address held from R/ \overline{C} going low. The delay between \overline{RASIN} and R/ \overline{C} that guarantees the specified DRAM t_{RAH} is given by

MINIMUM $\overline{\text{RASIN}}$ to $R/\overline{C} = t_{\text{DIF1}} + t_{\text{RAH}}$.

Example

In an application using DRAMs that require a minimum t_{RAH} of 15 ns, the following demonstrates how the maximum RASIN to CAS time is determined.

 $\label{eq:bill} \begin{array}{l} \mbox{With } t_{DIF1} \mbox{ (from Switching Characteristics)} = 7 \mbox{ ns}, \\ \hline \hline \mbox{RASIN} \mbox{ to } R/\overline{C} \mbox{ delay} = 7 \mbox{ ns} + 15 \mbox{ ns} = 22 \mbox{ ns}. \end{array}$

A delay line of 25 ns will be sufficient.

With Auto- \overline{CAS} generation, the maximum delay from R/\overline{C} to \overline{CAS} (loaded with 600 pF) is 46 ns. Thus the maximum \overline{RASIN} to \overline{CAS} time is 71 ns, under the given conditions.

With a maximum \overrightarrow{RASIN} to \overrightarrow{RAS} time (t_{RPDL}) of 20 ns, the maximum \overrightarrow{RAS} to \overrightarrow{CAS} time is about 51 ns. Most DRAMs with a 15 ns minimum t_{RAH} have a maximum t_{RCD} of about 60 ns. Thus memory accesses are likely to be \overrightarrow{RAS} limited instead of \overrightarrow{CAS} limited. In other words, memory access time is limited by DRAM performance, not controller performance.

REFRESHING IN CONJUNCTION WITH MODE 4

If using mode 4 to access memory, mode 0 (externally controlled refresh) must be used for all refreshing.

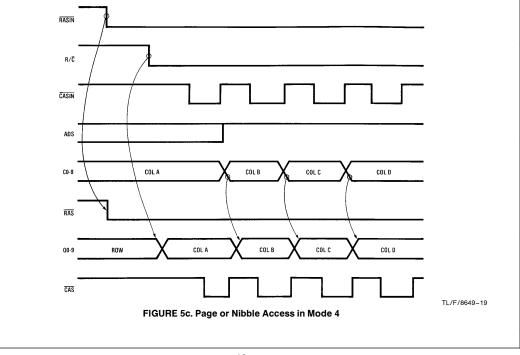
MODE 5 – AUTOMATIC ACCESS WITH HIDDEN RE-FRESHING CAPABILITY

Automatic-Access has two advantages over the externally controlled access (mode 4). First, RAS, CAS and the row to column change are all derived internally from one input signal, RASIN. Thus the need for an external delay line (see mode 4) is eliminated.

Secondly, since R/ \overline{C} and \overline{CASIN} are not needed to generate the row to column change and \overline{CAS} , these pins can be used for the automatic refreshing function.

AUTOMATIC ACCESS CONTROL

Mode 5 of the DP8429 makes accessing Dynamic RAM nearly as easy as accessing static RAM. Once row and column addresses are valid (latched on the DP8429 if necessary), $\overline{\text{RASIN}}$ going low is all that is required to perform the memory access.



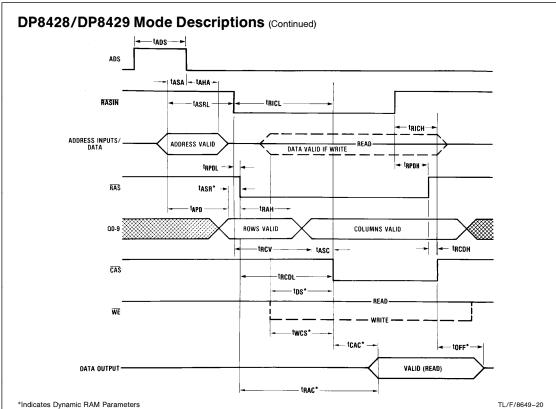
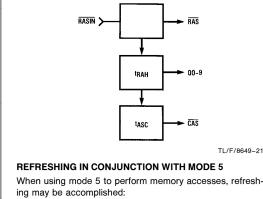


FIGURE 6. Mode 5 Timing

(Refer to Figure 6) In mode 5 the selected \overline{RAS} follows \overline{RASIN} immediately, as in mode 4, to strobe the row address into the DRAMs. The row address remains valid on the DP8429 address outputs long enough to meet the t_{RAH} requirement of the DRAMs (pin 4, RAHS, of the DP8429 allows the user two choices of t_{RAH}). Next, the column address replaces the row address on the address outputs and CAS goes low to strobe the columns into the DRAMs. WIN determines whether a read, write or read-modify-write is done.

The diagram below illustrates mode 5 automatic control signal generation.



(a) externally (in mode 0 or mode 1)

- (b) by a combination of mode 5 (hidden refresh) and mode 1 (auto-refresh)
- or (c) by a combination of mode 5 and mode 0
- (a) Externally Controlled Refreshing in Mode 0 or Mode 1

All refreshing may be accomplished using external refreshes in either mode 0 or mode 1 with R/\overline{C} (RFCK) tied high (see mode 0 and mode 1 descriptions). If this is desired, the system determines when a refresh will be performed, puts the DP8429 in the appropriate mode, and controls the RAS signals directly with RASIN. The on-chip refresh counter is enabled to the address outputs of the DP8429 when the refresh mode is entered, and increments when RASIN goes high at the completion of the refresh.

(b) Mode 5 Refreshing (hidden) with Mode 1 refreshing (auto)

(Refer to *Figure 7a*) If RFCK is tied to a clock (see mode 1 description), RFI/O becomes a refresh request output and goes low following RFCK going low if no refresh occurred while RFCK was high. Refreshes may be performed in mode 5 when the DP8429 is not selected for access ($\overline{\text{CS}}$ is high) and RFCK is high. If these conditions exist the refresh counter contents appear on the DP8429 address outputs and all RAS lines follow RASIN so that if RASIN goes low (an access other than through the DP8429 occurs), all RAS lines go low to perform the refresh. The DP8429 allows only one refresh of this type for each period of RFCK, since RFCK should be fast enough such that one refresh requirement.

Once it is started, a hidden refresh will continue even if RFCK goes low. However, $\overline{\text{CS}}$ must be high throughout the refresh (until $\overline{\text{RASIN}}$ goes high).

These hidden refreshes are valuable in that they do not delay accesses. When determining the duty cycle of RFCK, the high time should be maximized in order to maximize the probability of hidden refreshes. If a hidden refresh doesn't happen, then a refresh request will occur on RFI/O when RFCK goes low. After receiving the request, the system must perform a refresh while RFCK is low. This may be done by going to mode 1 and allowing an automatic refresh (see mode 1 description). This refresh must be completed while RFCK is low, thus the RFCK low time is determined by the worst-case time required by the system to respond to a refresh request.

(c) Mode 5 Refresh (Hidden Refresh) with mode 0 Refresh (External Refresh)

This refresh scheme is identical to that in (b) except that after receiving a refresh request, mode 0 is entered to do the refresh (see mode 0 description). The refresh request is terminated (RFI/O goes high) as soon as mode 0 is entered. This method requires more control than using mode 1 (auto-refresh), however, it may be desirable if the mode 1 refresh time is considered to be excessive.

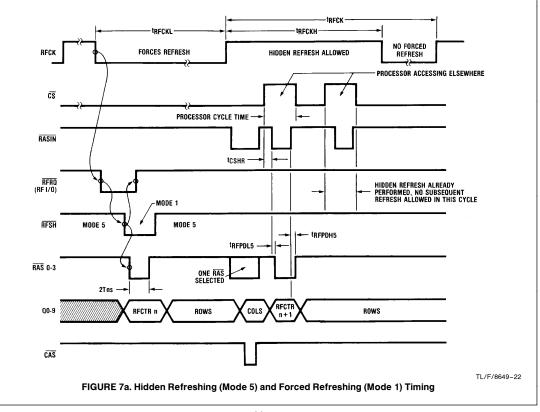
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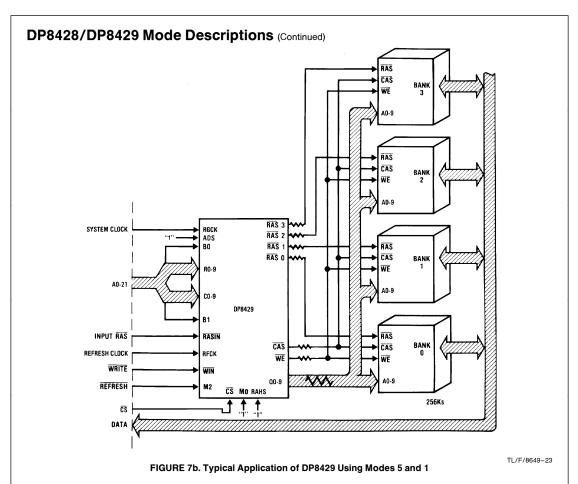
Figure 7b demonstrates how a system designer would use the DP8429 in mode 5 based on certain characteristics of his system.

System Characteristics:

- 1) DRAM used has min t_{RAH} requirement of 15 ns and min t_{ASR} of 0 ns
- 2) DRAM address is valid from time T_V to the end of the memory cycle
- 3) four banks of twenty-two 256k memory chips each are being driven
- Using the DP8429 (see Figure 7b):
 - 1) Tie pin 4 (RAHS) high to guarantee a 15 ns minimum $t_{\rm RAH}$ which is sufficient for the DRAMs being used
 - 2) Generate $\overline{\text{RASIN}}$ no earlier than time T_V + t_{ASRL} (see switching characteristics), so that the row address is valid on the DRAM address inputs before $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ occurs
 - 3) Tie ADS high since latching the DRAM address on the DP8429 is not necessary
 - 4) Connect the first 20 system address bits to R0-R9 and C0-C9, and bits 21 and 22 to B0 and B1
 - 5) Connect each RAS output of the DP8429 to the RAS inputs of the DRAMs of one bank of the memory array; connect Q0-Q9 of the DP8429 to A0-A9 of all DRAMs; connect CAS of the DP8429 to CAS of all the DRAMs

Figure 7c illustrates a similar example using the DP8428 to drive two 32-bit banks.





Applications

If one desires a memory interface containing the DP8429 that minimizes the number of external components required, modes 5 and 1 should be used. These two modes provide:

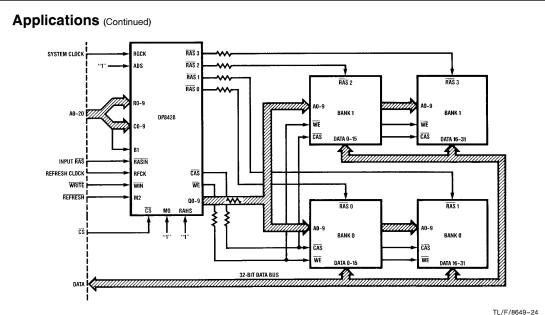
- 1) Automatic access to memory (in mode 5 only one signal, RASIN, is required in order to access memory)
- Hidden refresh capability (refreshes are performed automatically while in mode 5 when non-local accesses are taking place, as determined by CS)
- Refresh request capability (if no hidden refresh took place while RFCK was high, a refresh request is generated at the RFI/O pin when RFCK goes high)
- 4) Automatic forced refresh (If a refresh request is generated while in mode 5, as described above, external logic should switch the DP8429 into mode 1 to do an automatic forced refresh. No other external control signals need be issued. WAIT states can be inserted into the processor machine cycles if the system tries to access memory while the DP8429 is in mode 1 doing a forced refresh).

Some items to be considered when integrating the DP8429 into a system design are:

1) The system designer should ensure that a DRAM access not be in progress when a refresh mode is entered. Simi-

larly, one should not attempt to start an access while a refresh is in progress. The parameter t_{RFHRL} specifies the minimum time from $\overline{\text{RFSH}}$ high to $\overline{\text{RASIN}}$ going low to initiate an access.

- One should always guarantee that the DP8429 is enabled for access prior to initiating the access (see t_{CSRL1}).
- One should bring RASIN low even during non-local access cycles when in mode 5 in order to maximize the chance of a hidden refresh occurring.
- 4) At lower frequencies (under 10 Mhz), it becomes increasingly important to differentiate between READ and WRITE cycles. RASIN generation during READ cycles can take place as soon as one knows that a processor READ access cycle has started. WRITE cycles, on the other hand, cannot start until one knows that the data to be written at the DRAM inputs will be valid a setup time before CAS (column address strobe) goes true at the DRAM inputs. Therefore, in general, READ cycles can be initiated earlier than WRITE cycles.
- 5) Many times it is possible to only add WAIT states during READ cycles and have no WAIT states during WRITE cycles. This is because it generally takes less time to write data into memory than to read data from memory.



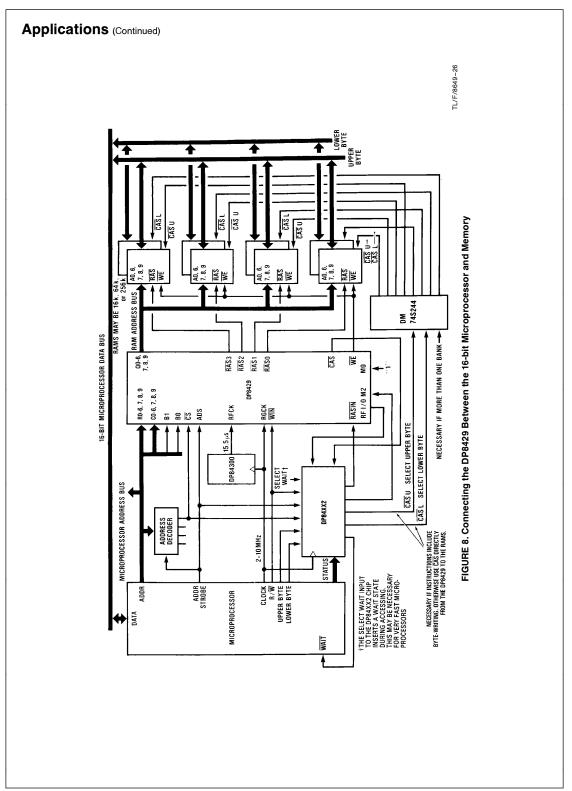


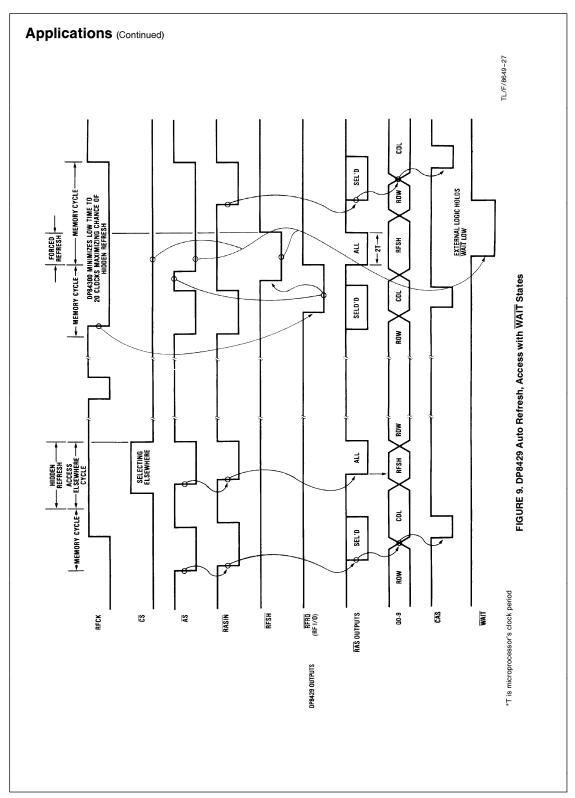
The DP84XX2 family of inexpensive preprogrammed medium Programmable Array Logic devices (PALs) have been developed to provide an easy interface between various microprocessors and the DP84XX family of DRAM controller/ drivers. These PALs interface to all the necessary control signals of the particular processor and the DP8429. The PAL controls the operation of the DP8429 in modes 5 and 1, while meeting all the critical timing considerations discussed above. The refresh clock, RFCK, may be divided down from the processor clock using an IC counter such as the DM74LS393 or the DP84300 programmable refresh timer. The DP84300 can provide RFCK periods ranging from 15.4 μs to 15.6 μs based on an input clock of 2 to 10 MHz. Figure 8 shows a general block diagram for a system using the DP8429 in modes 1 and 5. Figure 9 shows possible timing diagrams for such a system (using WAIT to prohibit access when refreshing). Although the DP84XX2 PALs are offered as standard peripheral devices for the DP84XX DRAM controller/drivers, the programming equations for these devices are provided so the user may make minor modifications for unique system requirements.

ADVANTAGES OF DP8429 OVER A DISCRETE DYNAMIC RAM CONTROLLER

1) The DP8429 system solution takes up much less board space because everything is on one chip (latches, refresh counter, control logic, multiplexers, drivers, and internal delay lines).

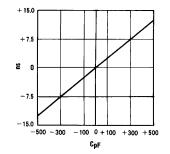
- 2) Less effort is needed to design a memory system. The DP8429 has automatic modes (1 and 5) which require a minimum of external control logic. Also programmable array logic devices (PALs) have been designed which allow an easy interface to most popular microprocessors (Motorola 68000 family, National Semiconductor 32032 family, Intel 8086 family, and the Zilog Z8000 family).
- 3) Less skew in memory timing parameters because all critical components are on one chip (many discrete drivers specify a minimum on-chip skew under worst-case conditions, but this cannot be used if more then one driver is needed, such as would be the case in driving a large dynamic RAM array).
- 4) Our switching characteristics give the designer the critical timing specifications based on TTL output levels (low = 0.8V, high = 2.4V) at a specified load capacitance. All timing parameters are specified on the DP8429:
 - A) driving 88 DRAM's over a temperature range of 0-70 degrees centigrade (no extra drivers are needed).
 - B) under worst-case driving conditions with all outputs switching simultaneously (most discrete drivers on the market specify worst-case conditions with only one output switching at a time; this is not a true worst-case condition!).





Switching Characteristics

All A. C. parameters are specified with the equivalent load capacitances, including traces, of 88 DRAMs organized as 4 banks of 22 DRAMs each. Maximums are based on worst-case conditions including all outputs switching simultaneously. This, in many cases, results in the AC valves shown in the DP84XX DRAM controller data sheet being much looser than true worst case maximum AC delays. The system designer should estimate the DP8429 load in his/ her application, and modify the appropriate A. C. parameters using the graph in *Figure 10*. Two example calculations are provided below.



TL/F/8649-28 FIGURE 10. Change in Propagation Delay relative to "true" (application) load minus AC specified data sheet load

Examples

- 1) A mode 4 user driving 2 banks of DRAM has the following loading conditions:
 - CAS 300 pF
 - Q0-Q9 250 pF
 - RAS 150 pF

A.C. parameters should be adjusted in accordance with *Figure 10* and the specifications given for the 88 DRAM load as follows:

max $t_{RPDL} = 20 \text{ ns} - 0 \text{ ns} = 20 \text{ ns}$ (since \overline{RAS} loading is the same as that which is spec'ed)

max t_{CPDL} = 32 ns - 7 ns = 25 ns

max t_{CCAS} = 46 ns - 7 ns = 39 ns

max $t_{BCC} = 41 \text{ ns} - 6 \text{ ns} = 35 \text{ ns}$

min $t_{\rm RHA}$ is not significantly effected since it does not involve an output transition

Other parameters are adjusted in a similar manner.

- A mode 5 user driving one bank of DRAM has the following loading conditions:
 - CAS 120 pF Q0-Q9 - 100 pF
 - RAS 120 pF
- A. C. parameters should be adjusted as follows: with RAHS = "1",

max $t_{RICL} = 70 \text{ ns} - 11 \text{ ns} = 59 \text{ ns}$

max $t_{RCDL} = 55 \text{ ns} + 1 \text{ ns} - 11 \text{ ns} = 45 \text{ ns}$

(the + 1 ns is due to lighter \overline{RAS} loading; the - 11 ns is due to lighter \overline{CAS} loading)

min $t_{BAH} = 15 \text{ ns} + 1 \text{ ns} = 16 \text{ ns}$

The additional 1 ns is due to the fact that the $\overline{\text{PAS}}$ line is driving less (switching faster) than the load to which the 15 ns spec applies. The row address will remain valid for about the same time irregardless of address loading since it is considered to be not valid at the beginning of its transition.

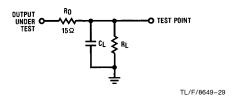


FIGURE 11. Output Load Circuit

Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)

Storage Temperature Range

Lead Temp. (Soldering, 10 seconds)

Input Voltage

Output Current

If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the National Semiconductor Sales Office/Distributors for availability and specifications. Supply Voltage, V_{CC} 7.0V

Operating Conditions

		Min	Max	Units
V _{CC} T _A	Supply Voltage Ambient	4.50	5.50	V
	Temperature	0	+70	°C

Electri	cal Characteristics v _{cc}	= 5.0V \pm 10%, 0°C \leq T_A \leq 70°C (unless othe	rwise noted (Note 2)
			1		

5.5V

150 mA

300°C

-65°C to +150°C

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Units
V _C	Input Clamp Voltage	$V_{CC} = Min, I_C = -12 \text{ mA}$		- 0.8	- 1.2	V
IIH	Input High Current for all Inputs	$V_{IN} = 2.5V$		2.0	100	μΑ
I _I RSI	Output Load Current for RFI/O	V _{IN} = 0.5V, Output high		-0.7	-1.5	mA
I _{IL1}	Input Low Current for all Inputs**	$V_{IN} = 0.5V$		-0.02	-0.25	mA
I _{IL2}	ADS, R/\overline{C} , \overline{CS} , M2, \overline{RASIN}	$V_{IN} = 0.5V$		-0.05	-0.5	mA
VIL	Input Low Threshold				0.8	V
VIH	Input High Threshold		2.0			V
V _{OL1}	Output Low Voltage*	I _{OL} = 20 mA		0.3	0.5	V
V _{OL2}	Output Low Voltage for RFI/O	$I_{OL} = 8 \text{ mA}$		0.3	0.5	V
V _{OH1}	Output High Voltage*	$I_{OH} = -1 \text{ mA}$	2.4	3.5		V
V _{OH2}	Output High Voltage for RFI/O	$I_{OH} = -100 \mu A$	2.4	3.5		V
I _{1D}	Output High Drive Current*	V _{OUT} = 0.8V (Note 3)	-50	- 200		mA
I _{0D}	Output Low Drive Current*	V _{OUT} = 2.4V (Note 3)	50	200		mA
ICC	Supply Current	V _{CC} = Max		150	240	mA

*Except RFI/O

**Except RFI/O, ADS, R/C, CS, M2, RASIN

Switching Characteristics: DP8428 and DP8429

 $V_{CC} = 5.0V \pm 10\%$, 0°C $\leq T_A \leq 70$ °C unless otherwise noted (Notes 2, 4, 5), the output load capacitance is typical for 4 banks of 22 DRAMs each or 88 DRAMs, including trace capacitance.

* These values are Q0-Q9, $C_L = 500 \text{ pF}$; $\overline{RAS0} - \overline{RAS3}$, $C_L = 150 \text{ pF}$; \overline{WE} , $C_L = 500 \text{ pF}$; \overline{CAS} , $C_L = 600 \text{ pF}$; $RL = 500\Omega$ unless otherwise noted. See *Figure 11* for test load. Maximum propagation delays are specified with all outputs switching.

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Symbol	Access Parameter	Condition	*CL **All C _L =		**All C _L	= 50 pF	Units
Cymbol	Addess Farameter	Condition	Min	Мах	Min	Max	
t _{RICL0}	$\overline{\text{RASIN}} \text{ to } \overline{\text{CAS}} \text{ Low Delay} \\ (\text{RAHS} = 0)$	<i>Figure 6</i> DP8428-80/29-80	57	97	42	85	ns
t _{RICL0}	$\overline{\text{RASIN}} \text{ to } \overline{\text{CAS}} \text{ Low Delay} \\ (\text{RAHS} = 0)$	<i>Figure 6</i> DP8428-70/29-70	57	87	42	75	ns
tRICL1	$\overline{\text{RASIN}} \text{ to } \overline{\text{CAS}} \text{ Low Delay} \\ (\text{RAHS} = 1)$	<i>Figure 6</i> DP8428-80/29-80	48	80	35	68	ns
t _{RICL1}	$\overline{\text{RASIN}} \text{ to } \overline{\text{CAS}} \text{ Low Delay} \\ (\text{RAHS} = 1)$	<i>Figure 6</i> DP8428-70/29-70	48	70	35	58	ns
t _{RICH}	RASIN to CAS High Delay	Figure 6		37			ns
t _{RCDL0}	\overline{RAS} to \overline{CAS} Low Delay (RAHS = 0)	<i>Figure 6</i> DP8428-80/29-80	43	80			ns
t _{RCDL0}	\overline{RAS} to \overline{CAS} Low Delay (RAHS = 0)	<i>Figure 6</i> DP8428-70/29-70	43	72			ns

Switching Characteristics: DP8428 and DP8429 (Continued)

 $V_{CC} = 5.0V \pm 10\%$, 0°C $\leq T_A \leq 70$ °C unless otherwise noted (Notes 2, 4, 5), the output load capacitance is typical for 4 banks of 22 DRAMs each or 88 DRAMs, including trace capacitance.

* These values are Q0-Q9, $C_L = 500 \text{ pF}$; $\overline{RAS0} - \overline{RAS3}$, $C_L = 150 \text{ pF}$; \overline{WE} , $C_L = 500 \text{ pF}$; \overline{CAS} , $C_L = 600 \text{ pF}$; $RL = 500\Omega$ unless otherwise noted. See *Figure 11* for test load. Maximum propagation delays are specified with all outputs switching.

Symbol	Access Parameter	Condition	*CL **All C _L = 50 pF		Unit		
Symbol	Access Farameter	Condition	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t _{RCDL1}	$\overline{\text{RAS}}$ to $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Low Delay (RAHS = 1)	<i>Figure 6</i> DP8428-80/29-80	34	63			ns
t _{RCDL1}	$\overline{\text{RAS}}$ to $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Low Delay (RAHS = 1)	<i>Figure 6</i> DP8428-70/29-70	34	55			ns
t _{RCDH}	RAS to CAS High Delay	Figure 6		22			ns
t _{RAH0}	Row Address Hold Time (RAHS = 0, Mode 5)	Figure 6	25		25		ns
t _{RAH1}	Row Address Hold Time (RAHS = 1, Mode 5)	Figure 6	15		15		ns
t _{ASC}	Column Address Set-up Time (Mode 5)	Figure 6	0		0		ns
t _{RCV0}	$\overline{\text{RASIN}} \text{ to Column Address} \\ \text{Valid (RAHS} = 0, \text{ Mode 5)}$	<i>Figure 6</i> DP8428-80/29-80		94			ns
t _{RCV0}	$\overline{\text{RASIN}} \text{ to Column Address} \\ \text{Valid (RAHS} = 0, \text{ Mode 5)}$	<i>Figure 6</i> DP8428-70/29-70		85			ns
t _{RCV1}	$\overline{\text{RASIN}}$ to Column Address Valid (RAHS = 1, Mode 5)	<i>Figure 6</i> DP8428-80/29-80		76			ns
t _{RCV1}	$\overline{\text{RASIN}}$ to Column Address Valid (RAHS = 1, Mode 5)	<i>Figure 6</i> DP8428-70/29-70		68			ns
t _{RPDL}	RASIN to RAS Low Delay	Figures 5a, 5b, 6		21		18	ns
t _{RPDH}	RASIN to RAS High Delay	Figures 5a, 5b, 6		20		17	ns
t _{ASRL}	Address Set-up to RASIN low	Figures 5a, 5b, 6	13				ns
t _{APD}	Address Input to Output Delay	Figures 5a, 5b, 6		36		25	ns
t _{SPD}	Address Strobe High to Address Output Valid	Figures 5a, 5b		48			ns
t _{ASA}	Address Set-up Time to ADS	Figures 5a, 5b, 6	5				ns
t _{AHA}	Address Hold Time from ADS	Figures 5a, 5b, 6	10				ns
t _{ADS}	Address Strobe Pulse Width	Figures 5a, 5b, 6	26				ns
t _{WPD}	WIN to WE Output Delay	Figure 5b		28			ns
t _{CPDL}	\overline{CASIN} to \overline{CAS} Low Delay (R/ \overline{C} low, Mode 4)	Figure 5b	17	33			ns
t _{CPDH}	CASIN to CAS High Delay (R/C low, Mode 4)	Figure 5b	13	33			ns
t _{CPdif}	tCPDL - tCPDH	See Mode 4 Description		13			ns
t _{RCC}	Column Select to Column Address Valid	Figure 5a		41			ns
t _{RCR}	Row Select to Row Address Valid	Figures 5a, 5b		45			ns
t _{RHA}	Row Address Held from Column Select	Figure 5a	7				ns
tCCAS	R/C Low to CAS Low Delay (CASIN Low, Mode 4)	<i>Figure 5a</i> DP8428-80/29-80		50			ns
tCCAS	R/\overline{C} Low to \overline{CAS} Low Delay (CASIN Low, Mode 4)	<i>Figure 5a</i> DP8428-70/29-70		46			ns
t _{DIF1}	Maximum (t _{RPDL} - t _{RHA})	See Mode 4 Description		7			ns

Switching Characteristics: DP8428 and DP8429 (Continued)

 $V_{CC} = 5.0V \pm 10\%$, 0°C $\leq T_A \leq$ 70°C unless otherwise noted (Notes 2, 4, 5). The output load capacitance is typical for 4 banks of 22 DRAMs each or 88 DRAMs, including trace capacitance.

* These values are Q0-Q9, $C_L = 500 \text{ pF}$; $\overline{RAS0} - \overline{RAS3}$, $C_L = 150 \text{ pF}$; \overline{WE} , $C_L = 500 \text{ pF}$; \overline{CAS} , $C_L = 600 \text{ pF}$; $RL = 500 \Omega$ unless otherwise noted. See *Figure 11* for test load. Maximum propagation delays are specified with all outputs switching.

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Symbol	Refresh Parameter	Condition	*	CL	**All C _L	**All C _L = 50 pF	
Cymbol	nencon rarameter	Condition	Min	Max	Min	Мах	– Units
t _{RC}	Refresh Cycle Period	Figure 2a	100				ns
t _{RASINL,H}	Pulse Width of RASIN during Refresh	Figure 2a	50				ns
t _{RFPDL0}	RASIN to RAS Low Delay during Refresh (Mode 0)	Figure 2a		28			ns
tRFPDL5	RASIN to RAS Low Delay during Hidden Refresh	Figure 7		38			ns
t _{RFPDH0}	RASIN to RAS High Delay during Refresh (Mode 0)	Figure 2a		35			ns
t _{RFPDH5}	RASIN to RAS High Delay during Hidden Refresh	Figure 7		44			ns
t RFLCT	RFSH Low to Counter Address Valid	$\frac{Figures 2a, 3}{CS} = X$		38			ns
t _{RFLRL}	$\begin{tabular}{lllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$	Figure 2a	12				ns
t _{RFHRL}	RFSH High Setup to Access RASIN Low	Figure 3	25				ns
t _{RFHRV}	RFSH High to Row Address Valid	Figure 3		43			ns
^t ROHNC	RAS High to New Count Valid	Figure 2a		42			ns
t _{RST}	Counter Reset Pulse Width	Figure 2a	60				ns
^t CTL	RFI/O Low to Counter Outputs All Low	Figure 2a		100			ns
^t RFCKL,H	Minimum Pulse Width of RFCK	Figure 7	100				ns
Т	Period of RAS Generator Clock	Figure 3	30				ns
^t RGCKL	Minimum Pulse Width Low of RGCK	Figure 3	15				ns
^t RGCKH	Minimum Pulse Width High of RGCK	Figure 3	15				ns
t _{FRQL}	RFCK Low to Forced RFRQ (RFI/O) Low	<i>Figure 3</i> C _L = 50 pF RL = 35k		66			ns
t _{FRQH}	RGCK Low to Forced RFRQ High	<i>Figure 3</i> C _L = 50 pF RL = 35k		55			ns

Switching Characteristics: DP8428 and DP8429 (Continued)

 $V_{CC} = 5.0V \pm 10\%$, 0°C $\leq T_A \leq 70$ °C unless otherwise noted (Notes 2, 4, 5). The output load capacitance is typical for 4 banks of 22 DRAMs each or 88 DRAMs, including trace capacitance.

* These values are Q0-Q9, C_L = 500 pF; RAS0-RAS3, C_L = 150 pF; WE, C_L = 500 pF; CAS, C_L = 600 pF; RL = 500 Ω unless otherwise noted. See *Figure 11* for test load. Maximum propagation delays are specified with all outputs switching.

Preliminary **All C_L = 50 pF *CL Symbol **Refresh Parameter Condition Units Min Max Min Max RGCK Low to RAS Low Figure 3 20 41 ns t_{RGRL} RGCK Low to RAS High 20 48 Figure 3 ns t_{RGRH} RFSH Hold Time from RGCK Figure 3 2T **t_{RQHRF}** ns RFSH High to RAS High (See Mode 1 42 t_{RFRH} ns (Ending Forced Refresh Description) early) RFSH Low Set-up to RGCK Low (Mode 1) (See Mode 1 12 t_{RFSRG} ns Description) Figure 3 CS High to RASIN Low for Figure 7 10 ns t_{CSHR} Hidden Refresh CS Low to Access RASIN Fiaure 3 34 t_{CSRL1} for DP8429 ns Low (Using Mode 5 with Auto Refresh Mode) CS Low to Access RASIN Figure 3 5 ns t_{CSRL1} for DP8428 Low (Using Mode 5 with Auto Refresh Mode) CS Low to Access RASIN (See Mode 5 tCSBL0 5 ns Low (Using Modes 4 or 5 Description) with externally controlled Refresh) RFCK High to RASIN 50 t_{RKRL} ns low for hidden Refresh

Input Capacitance T_A = 25°C (Note 2)

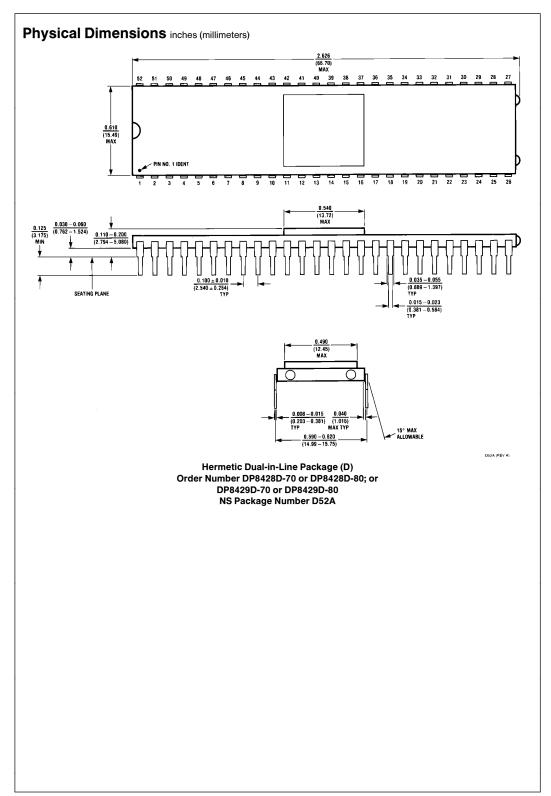
Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min	Тур	Max	Units
C _{IN}	Input Capacitance ADS, R/\overline{C} , \overline{CS} , M2, \overline{RASIN}			8		pF
C _{IN}	Input Capacitance All Other Inputs			5		pF

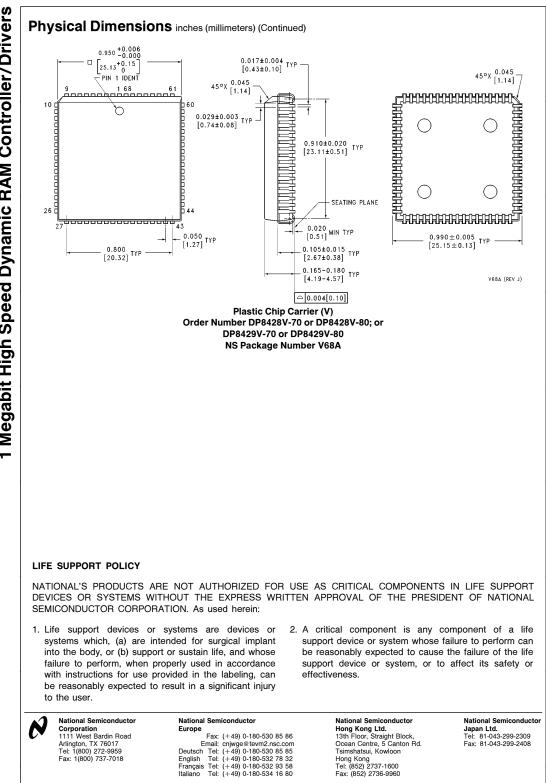
Note 1: "Absolute Maximum Ratings" are the values beyond which the safety of the device cannot be guaranteed. They are not meant to imply that the device should be operated at these limits. The table of "Electrical Characteristics" provides conditions for actual device operation.

Note 2: All typical values are for $T_A\!=\!25^\circ\!C$ and $V_{CC}\!=\!5.0V.$

Note 3: This test is provided as a monitor of Driver output source and sink current capability. Caution should be exercised in testing this parameter. In testing these parameters, a 15 Ω resistor should be placed in series with each output under test. One output should be tested at a time and test time should not exceed 1 second. Note 4: Input pulse 0V to 3.0V, t_R=t_F=2.5 ns, f=2.5 MHz, t_{PW}=200 ns. Input reference point on AC measurements is 1.5V Output reference points are 2.4V for High and 0.8V for Low.

Note 5: The load capacitance on RF I/O should not exceed 50 pF.





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