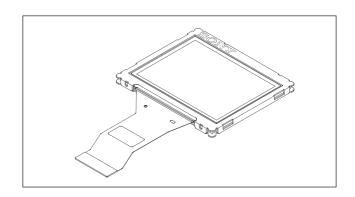
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ACX306AK

3.86cm (1.5 Type) NTSC/PAL Color LCD Panel

Description

The ACX306AK is a 3.86cm diagonal active matrix TFT-LCD panel addressed by low temperature polycrystalline silicon transistors with built-in peripheral driving circuitry. This panel provides full-color representation for NTSC and PAL systems. In addition, RGB dots are arranged in a delta pattern that provides smooth picture quality without fixed color patterns compared to vertical stripe and mosaic patterns.



Features

- Number of active dots: 118,000, 3.86cm (1.5 Type) in diagonal
- Horizontal resolution: 240 TV linesOptical transmittance: 6.5% (typ.)
- High contrast ratio with normally white mode: 200 (typ.)
- Built-in H and V driving circuitry (built-in input level conversion circuit, 3V drive possible)
- Low voltage, low power consumption: 12V drive: 43mW (panel block, typ.)
- Smooth pictures with a RGB delta arrangement
- Supports NTSC/PAL
- Built-in picture quality improvement circuit
- Up/down and/or right/left inverse display function
- LR (low reflectance) surface treatment provides an easy-to-see display even outdoors
- Dirt-resistant surface treatment
- Narrow frame

Element Structure

- Active matrix TFT-LCD panel with built-in peripheral driving circuitry using low temperature polycrystalline silicon transistors
- Number of pixels

Total number of dots: $494 \text{ (H)} \times 242 \text{ (V)} = 119,548$ Number of active dots: $490 \text{ (H)} \times 240 \text{ (V)} = 117,600$

Module dimensions

Package dimensions: 38 (W) \times 32.6 (D) \times 2.2 (H) (mm) Effective display dimensions: 31.115 (H) \times 30.360 (V) (mm)

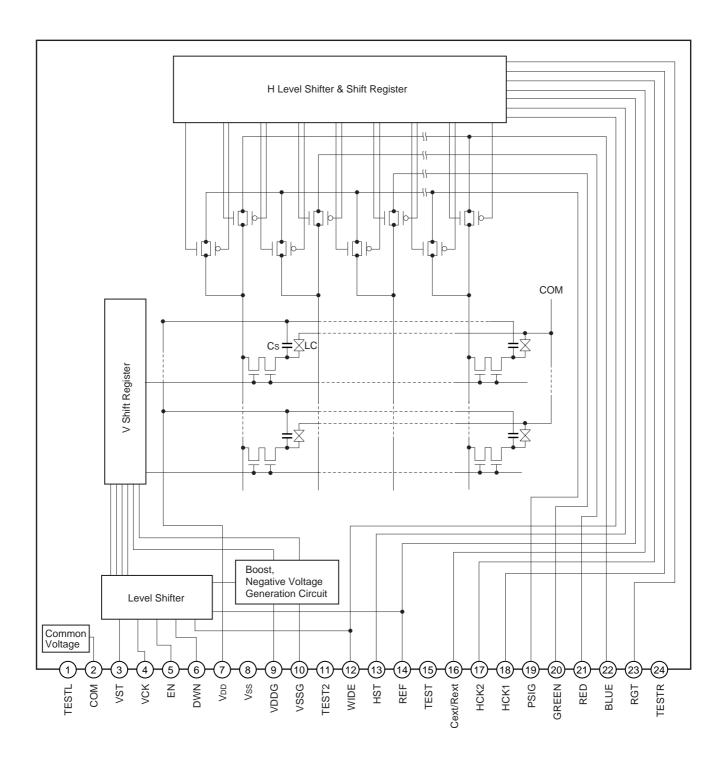
Applications

LCD monitors, etc.

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Block Diagram

The panel block diagram is shown below.



Absolute Maximum Ratings (Vss = 0V)

 H driver supply voltage 	VDD, Cext/Rext	-1.0 to +17	V
 V driver boost supply voltage 	VDDG	$V_{DD} - 1.0 \text{ to } +18$	V
• V driver negative supply voltage	VSSG	-3.0 to +1.0	V
 Common voltage of panel 	СОМ	-1.0 to +17	V
 H driver input pin voltage 	HST, HCK1, HCK2, RGT, WIDE	-1.0 to +17	V
 V driver input pin voltage 	VST, VCK, EN, DWN, REF	-1.0 to +15	V
• Video signal, uniformity improver	nent signal input pin voltage		
	GREEN, RED, BLUE, PSIG	-1.0 to +13	V
 Operating temperature 	Topr	-10 to +60	°C
Storage temperature	Tstg	-30 to +85	°C

Operating Conditions of Panel Block

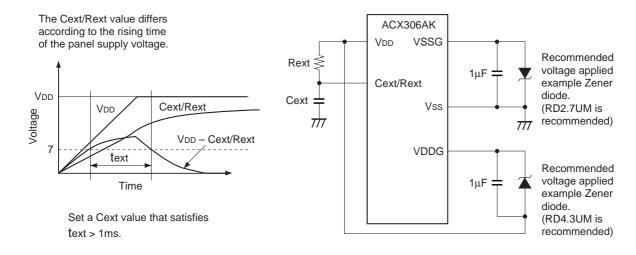
1. Input/output supply voltage conditions*1

(Vss = 0V)

Item	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Supply voltage	Vdd	11.4	12.0	12.6	٧
Supply voltage	Cext/Rext*2	VDD - 3.4	12.0	_	V
VDDG output voltage setting	VDDG	14.0	15.0	16.3	V
VSSG output voltage setting*3	VSSG	-2.3	-1.8	-1.5	V
Resistor connected to Cext/Rext pin*2	Rext	_	10	160	kΩ

^{*1} The VDD typical voltage setting is noted as 12.0V in these specifications.

^{*3} For the VDDG, VSSG output setting, connect an external smoothing capacitor and a voltage stabilizing Zener diode as shown in the figure below.



^{*2} Connect the resistor and capacitor to the Cext/Rext pin as shown in the figure below.

2. Panel input signal voltage conditions

(Vss = 0V)

Item	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	
	(Low)	VIL	-0.3	0.0	0.3	V
H/V driver input voltage	(High)	VIH	2.6	3.0	5.5	V
REF input voltage		VREF	VIH/2 - 0.3	VIH/2	VIH/2 + 0.3	V
Video signal center voltage	*4	VVC	5.8	6.0	6.2	V
Video signal input range*4		Vsig	1.0	VVC ± 4.0	VDDG - 4.0 (10.5V or less)	V
Uniformity improvement sig	nal*4	Vpsig	VVC ± 2.3	VVC ± 2.5	VVC ± 2.7	V
Common voltage of panel (Ta = 25°C)	Vcom	VVC - 0.6	VVC - 0.5	VVC - 0.4	V

^{*4} Input video and uniformity improvement signals should be input the voltage amplitude symmetrical to VVC as shown in Fig. 1.



Pin Description of Panel Block

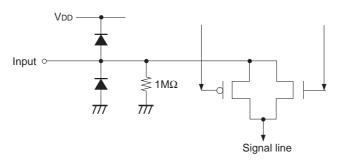
Pin No.	Symbol	Description	Pin No.	Symbol	Description
1	TESTL	Panel test output; no connection	13	HST	Start pulse input for H shift register drive
2	СОМ	Common voltage input of panel	14	REF	Level shifter circuit REF voltage input
3	VST	Start pulse input for V shift register drive	15	TEST	Panel test output; no connection
4	VCK	Clock input for V shift register drive	16	Cext/ Rext	Time constant power supply input for H shift register drive
5	EN	Gate selection pulse enable input	17	HCK2	Clock input for H shift register drive
6	DWN	V shift register drive direction signal input	18	HCK1	Clock input for H shift register drive
7	VDD	Power supply input for V driver	19	PSIG	Uniformity improvement signal input
8	Vss	H and V driver GND	20	GREEN	Video signal (G) input to panel
9	VDDG	Boost power supply setting for V driver	21	RED	Video signal (R) input to panel
10	VSSG	Negative power supply setting for V driver	22	BLUE	Video signal (B) input to panel
11	TEST2	No connection inside the panel. (with $1M\Omega$ terminating resistor)	23	RGT	H shift register drive direction signal input
12	WIDE	Uniformity improvement signal control pulse input	24	TESTR	Panel test output; no connection

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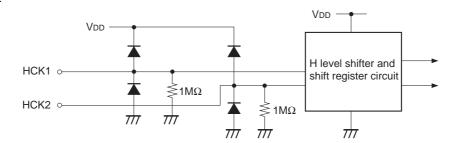
Input Equivalent Circuits of Panel Block

To prevent static charges, protective diodes are provided for each pin except the power supplies. In addition, protective resistors are added to all pins except the video signal input pins. All pins are connected to Vss with a high resistance of $1M\Omega$ (typ.). The equivalent circuit of each input pin is shown below: (Resistor value: typ.)

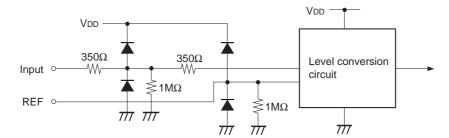
(1) RED, GREEN, BLUE, PSIG



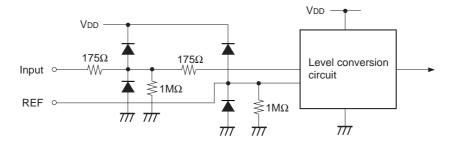
(2) HCK1, HCK2



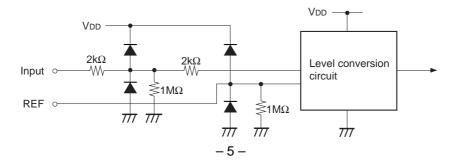
(3) WIDE, REF



(4) HST

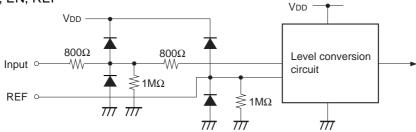


(5) RGT, REF

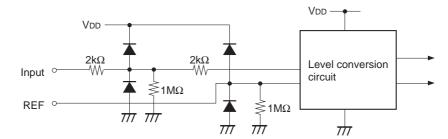


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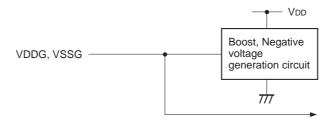




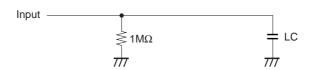
(7) DWN, REF



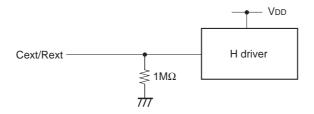
(8) VDDG, VSSG



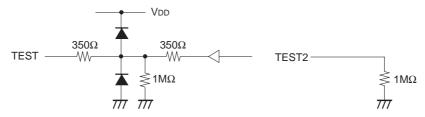
(9) COM



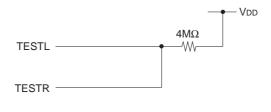
(10) Cext/Rext



(11) TEST, TEST2



(12) TESTL, TESTR



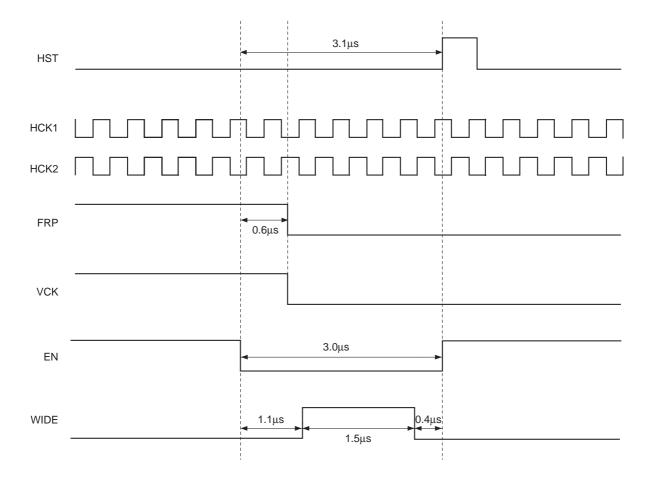
Clock Timing Conditions of Panel Block

 $(VIH = 3.0V, VDD = 12V, Ta = 25^{\circ}C)$

	Item	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
	HST rise time	trHst	_	_	30	
HST	HST fall time	tfHst	_	_	30	
1131	HST data setup time	tdHst	300	333	363	
	HST data hold time	thHst	-30	0	30	
	HCKn*5 rise time	trHckn	_	_	30	ns
HCK	HCKn*5 fall time	tfHckn	_	_	30	115
TICK	HCK1 fall to HCK2 rise time	to1Hck	-15	0	15	
	HCK1 rise to HCK2 fall time	to2Hck	-15	0	15	
	VST rise time	trVst	_	_	100	
VST	VST fall time		_	_	100	
۷31	VST data setup time	tdVst	30	32	34	116
	VST data hold time	thVst	-30	-32	-34	μs
VCK	VCK rise time	trVckn	_	_	100	
VCK	VCK fall time	tfVckn	_	_	100	
	EN rise time	trEn	_	_	100	
EN	EN fall time	tfEn	_	_	100	ns
	EN fall to VCK rise/fall time	tdEn	500	600	700	115
	EN pulse width	twEn	2900	3000	3100	
	WIDE rise time	trWide	_		100	
WIDE	WIDE fall time	tfWide	_		100	
ANIDE	WIDE (H) rise to VCK rise/fall time	tdhWide	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	116
	WIDE (H) pulse width	twhWide	1.4	1.5	1.6	μs

 $^{^{*5}}$ HCKn means HCK1 and HCK2. (fHCKn = 1.5MHz)

Horizontal Standard Timing



< Horizontal Shift Register Driving Waveforms>

	Item	Symbol	Waveform	Conditions
	HST rise time	trHst	90% 90% HST	• HCKn*5 duty cycle 50%
	HST fall time	tfHst	trHst tfHst	to1Hck = 0ns to2Hck = 0ns
HST	HST data setup time	tdHst	*6 HST_50%	• HCKn*5 duty cycle 50%
	HST data hold time	thHst	HCK1 50% 50% tdHst thHst	to1Hck = 0ns to2Hck = 0ns
	HCKn*5 rise time	trHckn	*5 90% 90% 10% / 10%	• HCKn*5 duty cycle 50% to1Hck = 0ns to2Hck = 0ns
	HCKn*5 fall time	tfHckn	trHckn tfHckn	tdHst = 333ns thHst = 0ns
HCK	HCK1 fall to HCK2 rise time	to1Hck	*6 HCK1 50%	• tdHst = 333ns
	HCK1 rise to HCK2 fall time	to2Hck	HCK2 50% 50% to2Hck to1Hck	thHst = 0ns
	WIDE rise time	trWide	90% 90% WIDE	
	WIDE fall time	tfWide	10%/ trWide tfWide	
WIDE	WIDE rise to VCK rise/ fall time	tdhWide	*6 VCK 50%	
	WIDE pulse width	twhWide	WIDE50%50%	

^{*6} Definitions:

The right-pointing arrow (→) means +.

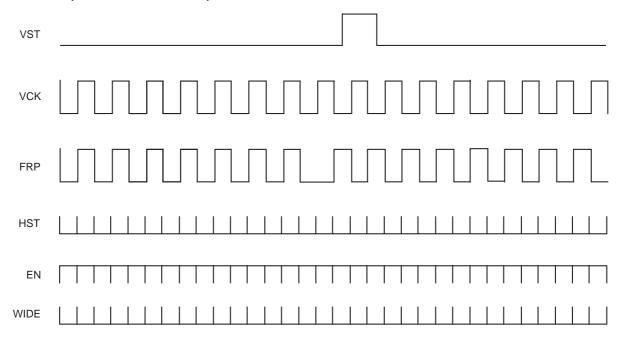
The left-pointing arrow (←) means –.

The black dot at an arrow (•) indicates the start of measurement

^{*7} WIDE represents every 1H pulse as shown in Horizontal Timing.

Vertical Standard Timing

NTSC 4:3 (in case of EVEN field)



< Vertical Shift Register Driving Waveforms>

	Item	Symbol	Waveform	Conditions		
	VST rise time	trVst	90% 90% VST	• VCK duty cycle 50% to1Vck = 0ns		
	VST fall time	tfVst	10% trVst tfVst	to2Vck = 0ns to2Vck = 0ns		
VST	VST data setup time	tdVst	*6 VST 50%	• VCK duty cycle 50%		
	VST data hold time	thVst	VCK 50% 50% tdVst thVst	to1Vck = 0ns to2Vck = 0ns		
VCK	VCK rise time	trVck	90% VCK 10% 90% to1Vck = 0ns			
	VCK fall time	tfVck	trVck tfVck	to2Vck = 0ns tdVst = 32µs thVst = -32µs		
	EN rise time	trEn	90% 10% 10% EN	VCK duty cycle 50%		
	EN fall time	tfEn	tfEn trEn	to1Vck = 0ns to2Vck = 0ns		
EN	EN fall to VCK rise/fall time	tdEn	*6			
	EN pulse width	twEn	EN 50% tdEn twEn			

Electrical Characteristics of Panel Block (Ta = 25°C, VDD = 12.0V, VIH = 3.0V, VREF = 1.5V)

1. Horizontal drivers

Item	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	Conditions
HCKn input pin capacitance	CHckn	_	55	65	pF	
HST input pin capacitance	CHst	_	30	50	pF	
Video signal input pin capacitance	Csig	_	120	150	pF	
Psig input pin capacitance (4:3 display)	Cpsig	_	5.2	8.0	nF	
Input pin current HCK1	I Hck1	-600	-300	_	μA	HCK1: actual driving
HCK2	I Hck2	-600	-300	_	μA	HCK2: actual driving
HST	I Hst	-200	-100	_	μA	HST = GND
RGT	IRGT	-150	-50	_	μΑ	RGT = GND
REF	IREF	-900	-300	_	μΑ	REF = VIH/2

HCKn: HCK1, HCK2 (1.5MHz)

2. Vertical drivers

Item	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	Conditions
VCK input pin capacitance	CVck	_	15	20	pF	
VST input pin capacitance	CVst	_	15	20	pF	
Input pin current VCK	I Vck	-150	-50	_	μΑ	VCK = GND
VST	I Vst	-150	-50	_	μΑ	VST = GND
EN	I En	-150	-50	_	μΑ	EN = GND
DWN	I DWN	-150	-50	_	μA	DWN = GND
WIDE	I WIDE	-150	-50	_	μΑ	WIDE = GND

3. Total power consumption of the panel

Item	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	
Total power consumption	(Ta = 25°C)	PWR25		43	55	mW
of the panel (NTSC)	(Ta = 60°C)	PWR60			75	mW

4. Pin input resistance

Item	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Pin – Vss input resistance 1	Rin1	0.5	1	_	ΜΩ

Electro-optical Characteristics

(Ta = 25°C, NTSC mode)

	Item		Symbol	Measurement method	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Contract ratio		25°C	CR25	4	100	200	_	_
Contrast ratio		60°C	CR60	1	100	180		
Panel transmittar	Panel transmittance*1		Т	2	6.0	6.5	_	%
	R	Х	Rx		0.595	0.625	0.655	
	IX	Υ	Ry		0.310	0.340	0.370	
Chromoticity	G	Х	Gx	3	0.240	0.270	0.300	CIE
Chromaticity	G	Υ	Gy	3	0.580	0.610	0.640	standards
	В	Х	Вх		0.120	0.150	0.180	
	Ь	Υ	Ву		0.08	0.110	0.140	
	V ₉₀	25°C	V90-25		1.30	1.50	1.70	
	V 90	60°C	V90-60		1.30	1.50	1.70	
V-T characteristics*1	V ₅₀	25°C	V50-25	4	1.70	1.90	2.10	- V
	V 30	60°C	V50-60		1.70	1.90	2.10	
	V ₁₀	25°C	V10-25		2.30	2.50	2.70	
	V 10	60°C	V10-60		2.30	2.50	2.70	
Half tone color re	production	R – G	V ₅₀ RG	5	-0.115	-0.080	-0.045	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
range*1		B – G	V ₅₀ BG) 5	0	0.03	0.05	V
	ON time	0°C	ton0			70	90	
Response	ON time	25°C	ton25	6	_	17	25	
time ^{*1}	OFF time	0°C	toff0	6	_	120	180	ms
	OFF time	25°C	toff25		_	30	75	
Flicker*1		60°C	F	7		-60	-30	dB
Image retention t	ime*1	60°C	YT1	8		_	rank C	S
Viewing angle rai	nge	CR ≥ 10	θΤ θΒ θL θR	9	15 50 35 35	20 60 40 40	_	Degree (°)
Surface reflection	ratio	θ = 0°	Rf	10	_	0.9	1.5	%
Cross talk*1		25°C	СТК	11	_	0.9	1.5	%

^{*1} Conforms to the measurement results for the discrete panel.

<Electro-optical Characteristics Measurement>

Basic measurement conditions

(1) Driving voltage

 $V_{DD} = 12.0V$, VIH = 3.0V, VREF = 1.5V

VVC = 6.0V, VCOM = 5.5V, Vpsig = 6.0 ± 2.5 V

(2) Measurement temperature

25°C unless otherwise specified.

(3) Measurement point

One point in the center of the screen unless otherwise specified.

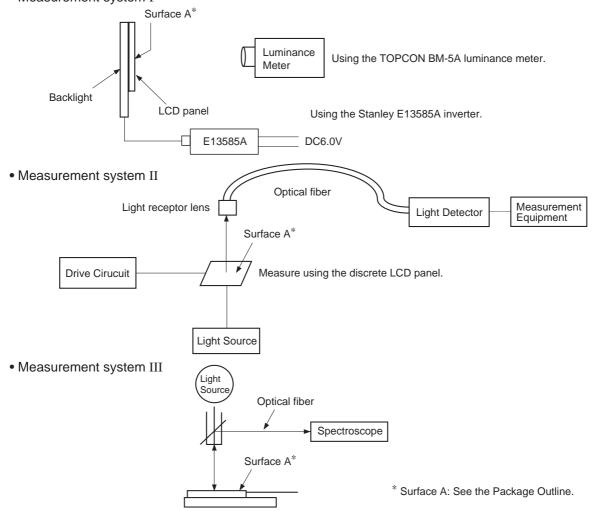
(4) Measurement systems

Three types of measurement systems are used as shown below.

(5) R, G and B input signal voltage Vsig

 $Vsig = 6.0 \pm Vac [V]$ (Vac: signal amplitude)

• Measurement system I



1. Contrast Ratio

Contrast ratio (CR) is given by the following formula.

CR = L (White)/L (Black)

L (White): Surface luminance of the TFT-LCD panel at the input signal amplitude V_{AC} = 0.5V.

L (Black): Surface luminance of the panel at VAC = 4.0V.

Both luminosities are measured by System I.

2. Optical Transmittance of Panel

Optical transmittance (T) is given by the following formula.

 $T = L \text{ (White)/Luminance of Backlight} \times 100 \text{ [%]}$

3. Chromaticity

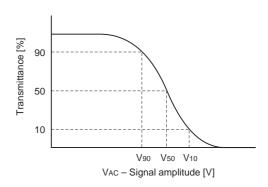
Chromaticity of the panels is measured by System I. Raster modes of each color are defined by the representations at the input signal amplitude conditions shown in the table below. System I uses x and y of the CIE standards as the chromaticity here.

		Signal amplitudes (VAC) supplied to each input		
		R input	G input	B input
Raster	R	0.5	4.0	4.0
	G	4.0	0.5	4.0
	В	4.0	4.0	0.5
	W	0.0	0.0	0.0

(Unit: V)

4. V-T Characteristics

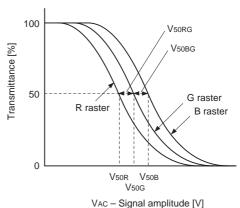
V-T characteristics, or the relationship between signal amplitude and the transmittance of the panel, are measured by System II by inputting the same signal amplitude V_{AC} to each input pin. V_{90} , V_{50} , and V_{10} correspond to the voltages which define 90%, 50%, and 10% of transmittance respectively.



5. Half Tone Color Reproduction Range

The half tone color reproduction range of LCD panels is characterized by the differences between the V-T characteristics of R, G and B. The differences of these V-T characteristics are measured by System II. System II defines signal voltages of each R, G and B raster mode which correspond to 50% of transmittance, V50R, V50G and V50B, respectively. V50RG and V50BG, that is to say the differences between V50R and V50G and between V50B and V50G, are given by the following formulas respectively.

 $V_{50RG} = V_{50R} - V_{50G}$ $V_{50BG} = V_{50B} - V_{50G}$



6. Response Time

Response times ton and toff are measured by System II by applying the input signal voltages in the figure to the right to each input pin. These times are defined by the following formulas.

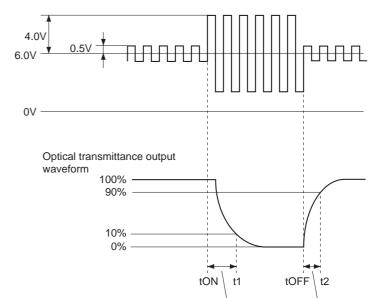
ton = t1 - tON

toff = t2 - tOFF

t1: time which gives 10% transmittance of the panel.

t2: time which gives 90% transmittance of the panel.

The relationships between t1, t2, tON and tOFF are shown in the figure to the right.



ton

toff

Input signal voltage (Waveform applied to measured pixels)

7. Flicker

Flicker (F) is given by the following formula. DC and AC components (NTSC: 30Hz, rms; PAL: 25Hz, rms) of the panel output signal for gray raster* mode are measured by a DC voltmeter and a spectrum analyzer in System II.

F [dB] = 20 log {AC component/DC component}

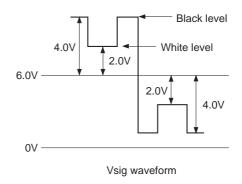
* R, G, B input signal voltage for gray raster mode is given by Vsig = $6.0 \pm V_{50}$ [V] where: V₅₀ is the signal amplitude which gives 50% of transmittance in V-T curve.

8. Image Retention Time

Image retention time is given by the following procedures.

Apply the monoscope pattern* to the LCD panel for 1 minute and then change to a gray scale signal (Vsig = $6.0 \pm \text{Vac}$ [V]; Vac = 3 to 4V). Judging by sight at the Vac that holds the maximum image retention, measure the time for the residual image to disappear.

* Monoscope pattern input conditions $Vsig = 6.0 \pm 4.0 \text{ or } 6.0 \pm 2.0 \text{ [V]}$ (shown in the figure to the right) Vcom = 5.5V

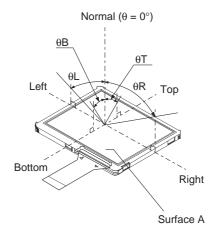


9. Definition of Viewing Angle Range

Viewing angle range is measured by System I. The contrast ratio (CR) is measured at the angles defined in the figure to the right and the range where $CR \ge 10$ is taken as the viewing angle range.

Measure with surface A* facing upwards.

* Surface A: See the Package Outline.



10. Surface Reflection Ratio

Surface reflection ratio (Rf) is given by the following formula.

Rf = Reflected optical luminance of the panel surface A*/Reflected optical luminance of Al (wafer) × 100 [%]

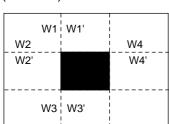
The incident and reflected angles of light are both 0°.

Both luminosities are measured by System III.

* Surface A: See the Package Outline.

11. Cross Talk

Cross talk is determined by the luminance differences between adjacent areas represented by Wi' and Wi (i = 1 to 4) around the black window (Vsig = 4.0V/1V).

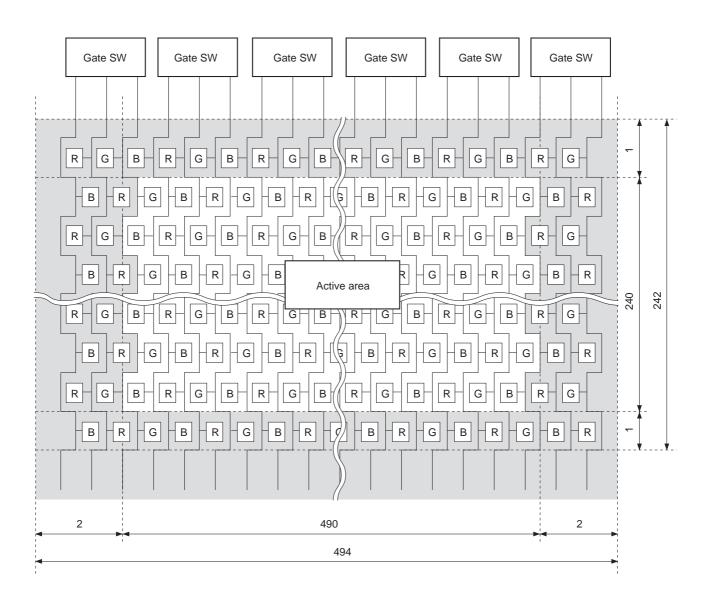


Cross talk value CTK =
$$\left| \frac{Wi' - Wi}{Wi} \right| \times 100 \, [\%]$$

Description of Panel Block Operation

1. Color Coding

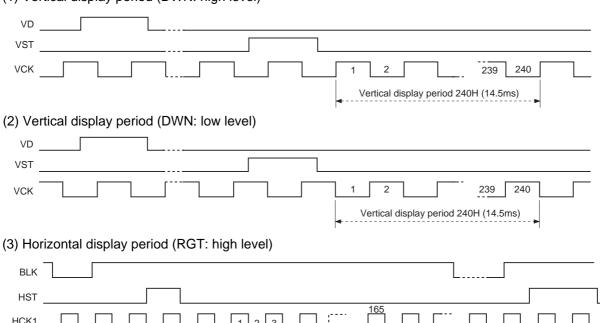
The color filters are coded in a delta arrangement. The shaded area is used for the dark border around the display.



2. Description of LCD Panel Operations

- A vertical driver, which consists of vertical shift registers, enable-gates and buffers, applies a selected pulse
 to each of 240 line electrodes sequentially one line electrode at a time in a single horizontal scanning period.
- The selected pulse is output when the enable pin goes to high level. PAL signal pulse elimination display is possible by using the enable pin and simultaneously controlling VCK.
- A horizontal driver, which consists of horizontal shift registers, gates and CMOS sample-and-hold circuitry, applies selected pulses to each of 490 signal electrodes sequentially in a single horizontal scanning period. These pulses are used to supply the sampled video signal to the row signal lines.
- The scanning direction of the horizontal shift registers can be switched with the RGT pin. The scanning direction is left to right (right scan) for RGT pin at high level (2.6 to 5.5V), and right to left (left scan) for RGT pin at low level (0V). In addition, the scanning direction of the vertical shift registers can be switched with the DWN pin. The scanning direction is top to bottom for DWN pin at high level (2.6 to 5.5V), and bottom to top for DWN pin at low level (0V). (These scanning directions are from a front view.)
- The vertical and horizontal drivers address one pixel, and then thin film transistors (TFTs; two TFTs for one
 pixel) turn on to apply a video signal to the pixel. The same procedures lead to the entire 240 × 490 pixels to
 display a picture in a single vertical scanning period.
- Pixel dots are arranged in a delta pattern, where sets of RGB pixels are positioned shifted by 1.5 dots against adjacent horizontal lines. The horizontal driver output pulse must be shifted by 1.5 dots for each horizontal line against the horizontal sync signal to apply a video signal to each pixel properly.
- The video signal should be input with the polarity-inverted every horizontal cycle.
- The relationships between the vertical shift register start pulse VST and the vertical display period, and between the horizontal shift register start pulse HST and the horizontal display period are shown below for top to bottom and left to right scan.





Horizontal display period (54.6µs)

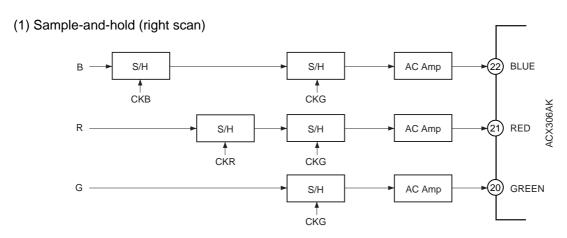
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3. RGB Simultaneous Sampling

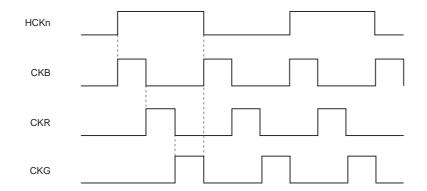
The horizontal driver samples R, G and B video signal simultaneously, which requires phase matching between the R, G and B signals to prevent the horizontal resolution from deteriorating. Thus phase matching by an external signal delay circuit is needed before applying the video signal to the LCD panel.

Two methods are applied for the delaying procedure: Sample-and-hold and Delay circuit. These two block diagrams are as follows.

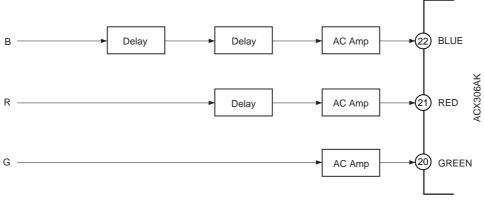
The ACX306AK has a right/left inversion function. The following phase relationship diagram indicates the phase setting for right scan (RGT = high level). For left scan (RGT = low level), the phase setting should be inverted for the B and G signals.



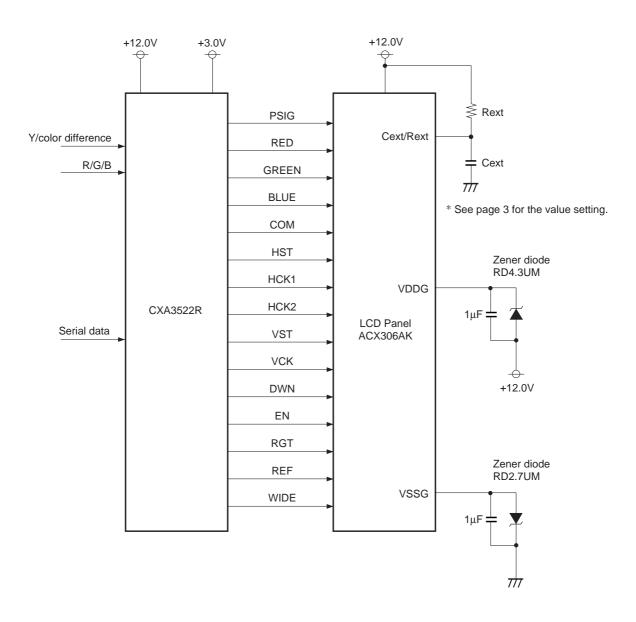
<Phase relationship of delaying sample-and-hold pulses> (right scan)



(2) Delay element (right scan)



System Configuration



Notes on Handling

(1) Static charge prevention

Be sure to take the following protective measures. TFT-LCD panels are easily damaged by static charges.

- a) Use non-chargeable gloves, or simply use bare hands.
- b) Use an earth-band when handling.
- c) Do not touch any electrodes of a panel.
- d) Wear non-chargeable clothes and conductive shoes.
- e) Install grounded conductive mats on the working floor and working table.
- f) Keep panels away from any charged materials.
- g) Use ionized air to discharge the panels.

(2) Protection from dust and dirt

- a) Operate in a clean environment.
- b) When delivered, the panel surface (Polarizer) is not covered by a protective sheet. Take care of handling it so as not to damage the polarizer.
- c) Do not touch the polarizer surface. The surface is easily scratched. When cleaning, use a clean-room wiper with isopropyl alcohol. Be careful not to leave stains on the surface.
- d) Use ionized air to blow dust off the panel.

(3) Others

- a) Do not twist or bend the flexible PC board especially at the connecting region because the board is easily deformed.
- b) Do not drop the panel.
- c) Do not twist or bend the panel or panel frame.
- d) Keep the panel away from heat sources.
- e) Do not dampen the panel with water or other solvents.
- f) Avoid storage or use the panel at high temperatures or high humidity, as this may result in damage.



