

## **DIAMOND SYSTEMS CORPORATION**

## **RUBY-MM**

## 4 / 8 / 16-Channel 12-Bit Analog Output PC/104 Modules

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(16-channel model RMM-1612-XT shown)

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## 1. DESCRIPTION

Ruby-MM-412/812/1612 is a family of PC/104-format data acquisition boards that provide analog outputs and digital I/O for process control and other applications. Below is a summary of key features:

## **Analog Outputs**

- 4, 8, or 16 analog voltage outputs with 12-bit resolution (1 part in 4096).
- ⇒ **Note:** Analog output, D/A, and DAC are all used interchangeably in this manual.

## **Multiple Full-Scale Output Ranges**

Six different preset ranges are available, including both bipolar and unipolar ranges.

## Adjustable Full-Scale Output Range

One of the preset ranges (2.5V full-scale) can be adjusted by the user to any voltage between approximately 1V and 2.5V.

## **Simultaneous Update**

All analog outputs are updated simultaneously. This prevents time skew errors which can result from updating outputs sequentially on a system which requires two or more control signals to change simultaneously.

## **External Trigger**

An external trigger signal can be connected to the board. This trigger can be used to update the analog outputs. The trigger is enabled in software.

## Digital I/O

An 82C55 chip is included to provide 24 lines of digital I/O. Each line has a  $10 \text{K}\Omega$  pull-up resistor. Each line is CMOS / TTL compatible and can supply up to  $\pm 2.5 \text{mA}$  of current.

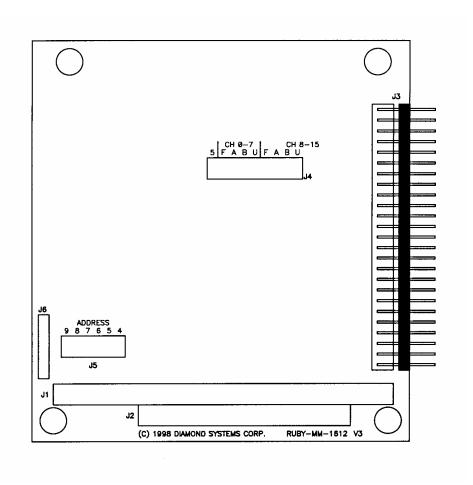
## +5V Operation

The board requires only +5VDC from the system power supply for operation. It generates its own ±15V supplies for the analog circuitry on board using four miniature DC/DC converters.

#### Models:

•	RMM-412-XT	4 12-bit analog outputs, 24 digital I/O
•	RMM-812-XT	8 12-bit analog outputs, 24 digital I/O
•	RMM-1612-XT	16 12-bit analog outputs, 24 digital I/O

## 2. BOARD DRAWING



Location	Description
J1:	PC/104 8-bit bus connector
J2:	PC/104 16-bit bus connector (not used)
J3:	User I/O connector
J4:	Analog output range configuration jumper block
J5:	Base address selection jumper block
J6:	ISP header for factory use only; do not connect

## 3. I/O HEADER PINOUT

The board provides a 50-pin right-angle connector labeled J3 for all user I/O. This connector is located on the right side of the board. Pins 1, 2, 49, and 50 are marked to aid in proper orientation. Diamond Systems' cable no. C-50-18 or any standard 50-pin cable-mount IDC (insulation displacement contact) connector will mate with this connector.

J3 (Top of board)

Agnd	1	2	Vout 0
Agnd	3	4	Vout 1
Agnd	5	6	Vout 2
Agnd	7	8	Vout 3
Agnd	9	10	Vout 4 <sup>1</sup>
Agnd	11	12	Vout 5 *
Agnd	13	14	Vout 6 *
Agnd	15	16	Vout 7 *
Vout 8 %	17	18	Vout 9 %
Vout 10 %	19	20	Vout 11 %
Vout 12 %	21	22	Vout 13 %
Vout 14 %	23	24	Vout 15 %
DIO A7	25	26	DIO A6
DIO A5	27	28	DIO A4
DIO A3	29	30	DIO A2
DIO A1	31	32	DIO A0
DIO B7	33	34	DIO B6
DIO B5	35	36	DIO B4
DIO B3	37	38	DIO B2
DIO B1	39	40	DIO B0
DIO C7	41	42	DIO C6
DIO C5	43	44	DIO C4
DIO C3	45	46	DIO C2
DIO C1	47	48	DIO C0 / Ext Trig
+5V	49	50	Dgnd

Signal Name	Definition
Vout15 - 0	Analog output channels
	* Present on RMM-812-XT and RMM-1612-XT only
	% Present on RMM-1612-XT only
Agnd	Analog ground reference for analog outputs
DIO A7-0, B7-0, C7-0	Digital I/O lines (programmable direction)
Ext Trig	Digital I/O line C0 can be used as an external D/A update signal
+5V	Connected to PC/104 bus +5V power supply
Dgnd	Digital ground

<sup>⇒</sup> **Note:** The +5V and Dgnd pins do not need to be connected to a power supply to use this board. They are provided as outputs for convenience purposes only.

## 4. BOARD CONFIGURATION

Refer to the board drawing on Page 4 for locations of headers described in Chapters 3 and 4.

#### **Base Address**

Each board in the system must have a different base address. Use the pin header labeled J5, base address. The numbers above the jumpers correspond to the I/O address bits; bit 9 is the MSB and bit 0 is the LSB. Only bits 9-4 are used for the base address decoding. The remaining 4 bits 3-0 are assumed to be 0 for the base address. When a jumper is in, the corresponding base address bit is a 0, and when it is out, the bit is a 1.

The default address is 300 Hex = 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0, so 9 8 are out and 7 6 5 4 are in. Any address above 100 Hex is a valid I/O address. However, there are many other circuits and boards sharing the I/O space, so you should check the documentation for your other boards to avoid conflicts. Below are some recommended I/O addresses for Ruby-MM. Although the Base addresses can only be selected on 16-byte boundaries, Ruby-MM only uses the first 8 addresses.

**Table 3.1: Base Address Configuration** 

Bas	e Address		Header J5 Position						
Hex	Decimal	9	8	7	6	5	4		
220	544	Out	In	In	In	Out	In		
240	576	Out	In	In	Out	In	In		
250	592	Out	In	In	Out	In	Out		
260	608	Out	In	In	Out	Out	In		
280	640	Out	In	Out	In	In	In		
290	656	Out	In	Out	In	In	Out		
2A0	672	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In		
2B0	688	Out	In	Out	In	Out	Out		
2C0	704	Out	In	Out	Out	In	In		
2D0	720	Out	In	Out	Out	In	Out		
2E0	736	Out	In	Out	Out	Out	In		
300	768 (Default)	Out	Out	In	In	In	In		
330	816	Out	Out	In	In	Out	Out		
340	832	Out	Out	In	Out	In	In		
350	848	Out	Out	In	Out	In	Out		
360	864	Out	Out	In	Out	Out	In		
380	896	Out	Out	Out	In	In	In		
390	912	Out	Out	Out	In	In	Out		
3A0	928	Out	Out	Out	In	Out	In		
3C0	960	Out	Out	Out	Out	In	In		
3E0	992	Out	Out	Out	Out	Out	ln		

## 5. ANALOG OUTPUT RANGE CONFIGURATION

Refer to the board drawing on Page 4 for locations of headers described in Sections 3 and 4. Refer to Figure 4.1 on Page for an explanation of the voltage reference circuitry. Also refer to Table 4.1 for a quick guide to output range configuration and jumper settings.

Header **J4** is used to configure the analog outputs. Four items are configurable: (1) On-board reference full-scale voltage, (2) D/A full-scale voltage, (3) unipolar / bipolar select, and (4) adjustable reference voltage. Items 2 and 3 in turn are configured separately for each bank of 8 analog output channels.

## On-Board Reference Full-Scale Voltage Selection

An on-board reference voltage generator provides a +5.000V full-scale voltage output. This voltage is used as the basis for all on-board full-scale output ranges. This +5 reference drives an operational amplifier, from which the fixed references are derived. The gain of this amplifier is normally set to 1, so that its output is also +5.000V. However, you can change the gain to 2 so that the output is +10.00V. For an output of +5V, install a jumper in location 5 in header J4. For an output of +10V, remove the jumper from this location. The output of this amplifier is used to generate the full-scale voltages for both bipolar and unipolar output ranges.

## D/A Full-Scale Voltage

The full-scale voltage defines the full output range capability of the analog outputs. Locations **F A** on header **J4** are used to select the full-scale voltage. Each bank of eight channels has its own selection pins for full-scale voltage. Thus each bank of eight channels may be configured differently. Install only one jumper in these locations for each bank of channels. Position **F** is for the Full-scale voltage (5V or 10V depending on the jumper in position 2, explained above). This is the default setting. Position **A** is for the Adjustable reference voltage (see section 4.4).

#### **Unipolar / Bipolar Output Range**

Unipolar output ranges are positive voltages only (for example 0 - 5V), while bipolar output ranges include both positive and negative voltages (for example ±5V). To select unipolar outputs, install a jumper in position **U** on J4. to select bipolar outputs, install a jumper in position **B**. Install only one jumper in these locations for each bank of channels.

#### Adjustable Reference Voltage

One full-scale voltage range is adjustable by the user. It is preset to 2.5V (for both 0-2.5V and  $\pm 2.5V$  ranges), but may be set anywhere between 0V and 2.5V. To adjust this voltage, apply a voltmeter to the top pin of header **J4** underneath either **A** mark and turn the screw on potentiometer **R4** (the fourth from the left / second from the right in the row of blue potentiometers at the top of the board) until the voltmeter reads the desired voltage.

Table 4.1: Analog Output Configuration (Jumper Block J4)

Output Range	5	F	Α	В	U
0-5V	Х	Х			Х
0-10V		Χ			Χ
+/-5V	Х	Χ		Χ	
+/-10V		Х		Χ	
0-2.5V	Χ		Χ		Х
0-2.5V (alternate configuration)			Χ		Х
+/-2.5V	Х		Х	Χ	
+/-2.5V (alternate configuration)			Χ	Χ	

An X means that a jumper is installed in that location. Only one half of pin header J4 is shown. Positions F A B U are repeated for each bank of 8 channels.

On model RMM-1612-XT, each bank of eight channels (0 - 7 and 8 - 15) can have a different output range setting. However, all eight channels within a bank will always have the same output range. For the 4 and 8 channel models RMM-412-XT and RMM-812-XT, all channels have the same output range, and the second set of jumpers has no effect.

Special note for model RMM-812-XT: It is possible to give each group of 4 channels its own output range by pulling the quad D/A converter chip out of the socket in the U9 location and moving it to the socket in the U10 location. In this case this chip will take its references from the second set of jumpers, and the second set of 4 outputs will appear on pins 17-20 on connector J3 (labeled Vout 8-11 in the connector pinout diagram).

**WARNING:** This rework should only be attempted by a trained technician with the proper tool to remove the PLCC from its socket and re-insert it in the new socket. Improper handling of the D/A converter chip can damage or break its pins or render it inoperative from ESD damage.

## 6. I/O MAP

Ruby-MM occupies 8 consecutive 8-bit locations in I/O space. For example, the default base address is 300 Hex (768 Decimal); in this case the board occupies addresses 300 - 307 (768 - 775).

The first 2 locations are used individually for each analog output channel. Since analog output data is 12 bits wide, it is broken into two bytes. The first byte contains the 8 least significant bits (called the LSB) of the D/A data, and the 4 lowest bits of the second byte contain the 4 most significant bits (called the MSB) of the D/A data. The 4 highest bits of the second byte are not used.

The DACs are updated all at once when Base or Base+1 is read. The value read from these locations is not predictable and not meaningful. Only the act of reading from the board is required to perform the update.

## Ruby-MM-1612 I/O Map

Base +	Write Function	Read Function
0	DAC LSB (all DACs)	Update all DACs simultaneously
1	DAC MSB (all DACs)	Update all DACs simultaneously
2	DAC channel register	NA
3	External trigger enable	NA
4	Digital I/O port A data	Digital I/O port A data
5	Digital I/O port B data	Digital I/O port B data
6	Digital I/O port C data	Digital I/O port C data
7	Digital I/O control register	Digital I/O control register

## Reset information:

A system hardware reset will also reset the board.

During a reset, the following occurs:

- All analog outputs are set to mid-scale (0V for bipolar ranges and 1/2 full-scale for unipolar ranges).
- The external trigger register is set to 0, disabling external trigger.
- All digital I/O lines are set to input mode.

The next chapter describes all registers on the board. You should familiarize yourself with these registers in order to get a complete understanding of the board's operation.

## 7. REGISTER DEFINITIONS

## Base + 0, Write: DAC LSB register

Bit No.	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Name	DA7	DA6	DA5	DA4	DA3	DA2	DA1	DA0

DA7-0 D/A data bits 7-0. DA0 is the LSB (least significant bit).

## Base + 1, Write: DAC MSB register

Bit No.	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Name	Х	Х	Х	Х	DA11	DA10	DA9	DA8

X Bit not used. These bits will be ignored.

DA11-8 D/A data bits 11-8. DA11 is the MSB (most significant bit).

## Base + 0 or 1, Read: Update DACs

Reading from these locations updates all DACs to the values written to them. Only DACs with new data written to them will change. The remaining channels will retain their current values.

## Base + 2, Write: DAC channel register

Bit No.	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Name	Х	Х	Х	Х	СНЗ	CH2	CH1	CH0

X Bit not used. These bits will be ignored.

CH3-0 D/A Channel no. There are 16 channels numbered 0 to 15.

Base + 3, Write: External trigger register

Bit No.	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Name	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	TRIGEN

X Bit not used. These bits will be ignored.

TRIGEN

External trigger enable. 1 = enable, 0 = disable. When external trigger is enabled, digital I/O line C0 will update all DACs simultaneously when it is brought low. This can be done either by an external signal, when C0 is in input mode, or in software, when C0 is in output mode.

If using an external trigger, make sure that the lower half of Port C is in input mode.

## Base + 4 through Base + 7 Read/Write 82C55 Digital I/O Registers

These registers map directly to the 82C55 digital I/O chip. The definitions of these registers can be found in the 82C55 datasheet appended to the back of this manual. A short form description is on the next page.

These lines power up in input mode. Each line has a  $10K\Omega$  pull-up resistor, so on power-up or system reset, all lines will indicate a logic high.

## 8. 82C55 DIGITAL I/O CHIP OPERATION

This is a short form description of the 82C55 digital I/O chip on the board. A full datasheet is included at the back of this manual.

## 82C55 Register Map

Base + n, Dir, Function 4, R/W, Port A 5, R/W, Port B 6, R/W, Port C 7, W, Config Register

D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
A7	A6	A5	A4	А3	A2	A1	A0
B7	В6	B5	B4	В3	B2	B1	В0
C7	C6	C5	C4	C3	C2	C1	C0
1	ModeC	ModeA	DirA	DirCH	ModeB	DirB	DirCL

## **Configuration Register**

The configuration register is programmed by writing to Base + 7 using the format below. Once you have set the port directions with this register, you can read and write to the ports as desired. When you set a port to output mode, its contents are cleared to 0.

Bit No.	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Name	1	ModeC	ModeA	DirA	DirCH	ModeB	DirB	DirCL	

## **Definitions:**

Bit 7 must be set to 1 to indicate mode set operation.

DirA

Direction control for bits A7 – A0: 0 = output, 1 = input

DirB

Direction control for bits B7 – B0: 0 = output, 1 = input

DirCL

Direction control for bits C3 – C0: 0 = output, 1 = input

DirCH

Direction control for bits C7 – C4: 0 = output, 1 = input

ModeA, ModeB, ModeC

I/O Mode for each port, 0 or 1

Here is a list of common configuration register values (others are possible):

Configu	ration Byte		Direction -		
Hex	Decimal	Port A	Port B	Port C (	both halves)
9B	155	Input	Input	Input	(all ports input)
92	146	Input	Input	Output	
99	153	Input	Output	Input	
90	144	Input	Output	Output	
8B	139	Output	Input	Input	
82	130	Output	Input	Output	
89	137	Output	Output	Input	
80	128	Output	Output	Output	(all ports output)

## 9. ANALOG OUTPUT RANGES AND RESOLUTION

The table below lists the available fixed full-scale output ranges and their corresponding actual full-scale voltage ranges and resolution.

For any output range, the resolution is equal to the maximum possible range of output voltages divided by the maximum number of possible steps. For a 12-bit D/A converter as is used on the Ruby-MM, the maximum number of steps is  $2^{12} = 4096$  (the actual output codes range from 0 to 4095, which is the full range of possible 12-bit binary numbers). Thus the resolution is equal to 1/4096 times the full-scale range. This is the smallest possible change in the output and corresponds to a change of 1 in the output code. Because of this fact the resolution is often referred to as the value of **1 LSB**, or 1 least significant bit.

Table 10.1: Analog Output Ranges and Resolution

Full-Scale Voltage	Unipolar or Bipolar	Range Name	Negative Full Scale	Positive Full Scale	Resolution (1LSB)
10V	Unipolar	0-10V	0V	+9.9976V	2.44mV
5V	Unipolar	0-5V	0V	+4.9988V	1.22mV
2.5V	Unipolar	0-2.5V	0V	+2.4994V	0.61mV
10V	Bipolar	±10V	-10V	+9.9951V	4.88mV
5V	Bipolar	±5V	-5V	+4.9963V	2.44mV
2.5V	Bipolar	±2.5V	-2.5V	+2.4988V	1.22mV

In the table above, *negative full scale* refers to the output voltage for a code of 0, and *positive full scale* refers to the output voltage for a code of 4095.

## 10. D/A CODE COMPUTATION

Two different methods are used to compute the 12-bit D/A code used for analog output operations.

- For unipolar output ranges (positive voltages only), straight binary coding is used.
- For bipolar output ranges (both positive and negative voltages), offset binary coding is used.

For any output range, the resolution is equal to the maximum possible range of output voltages divided by the maximum number of possible steps. For a 12-bit D/A converter as is used on Ruby-MM, the maximum number of steps is  $2^{12} = 4096$  (the actual output codes range from 0 to 4095, which is the full range of possible 12-bit binary numbers). Thus the resolution is equal to 1/4096 times the full-scale range. This is the smallest possible change in the output and corresponds to a change of 1 in the output code. Because of this fact the resolution is often referred to as the value of **1 LSB**, or 1 least significant bit.

## Straight Binary Coding (for unipolar output ranges)

This is the simplest form of binary coding. The output voltage is given by:

## Output Voltage = (Output Code / 4096) x Full-Scale Voltage

Example: Output code = 1024, full-scale voltage = 5V

Output voltage =  $(1024 / 4096) \times 5 = .25 \times 5 = 1.250V$ 

Conversely, the output code for a desired output voltage is given by:

## Output Code = (Desired Output Voltage / Full-Scale Voltage) x 4096

Example: Desired output voltage = 0.485V, Full-scale voltage = 2.5V

Output Code =  $(0.485 / 2.5) \times 4096 = 0.194 \times 4096 = 795$  (rounded up)

The relationship between D/A resolution and Full-scale voltage is:

### 1 LSB = 1/4096 x Full-Scale Voltage

Example: Full-scale voltage = 5V; 1 LSB = 5V / 4096 = 1.22mV

Here is a brief overview of the relationship between output code and output voltage:

Explanation	Output Voltage for 0-5V Range
0V	0V
1 LSB	.0024V (2.44mV)
1/2 positive full scale	2.5V
Positive full scale - 1 LSB	4.9988V
	0V 1 LSB 1/2 positive full scale

<sup>⇒</sup> **Note:** In order to generate an output voltage of positive full scale, you would have to output a code of 4096 (4096 / 4096 x full-scale = full-scale). However, 4096 is a 13-bit number which cannot be reproduced on a 12-bit D/A converter. The highest number that can be output is 4095, which is 4096 - 1. This results in a maximum output voltage of full scale minus 1 LSB for any analog output range. This phenomenon is true for all D/A and A/D converters.

## Offset Binary Coding (for bipolar output ranges)

This method takes into account the fact that the lowest output voltage is not zero but a negative value. The output voltage is given by:

## Output Voltage = (Output Code / 2048) x Full-Scale Voltage - Full-Scale Voltage

Example: Output code = 1024, full-scale voltage = 5V

Output voltage =  $(1024 / 2048) \times 5 - 5 = (0.5 \times 5) - 5 = -2.500V$ 

Note the difference between this output voltage to the output voltage using straight binary coding shown above using the same output code.

Conversely, the output code for a desired output voltage is given by:

## Output Code = (Desired Output Voltage / Full-Scale Voltage) x 2048 + 2048

Example: Desired output voltage = 0.485V, Full-scale voltage = 2.5V

Output Code = (0.485 / 2.5) x 2048 + 2048 = 0.194 x 2048 + 2048 = **2445** 

(rounded down)

The relationship between D/A resolution and Full-scale voltage is:

## 1 LSB = 1/2048 x Full-Scale Voltage

Example: Full-scale voltage = 5V; 1 LSB = 5V / 2048 = 2.44mV

The reason that 1 LSB for a bipolar range is twice the magnitude of 1 LSB for a unipolar range with the same full-scale voltage is that for the bipolar range, the full voltage span is twice the magnitude. For example, a unipolar range with a full-scale voltage of 5V has a range of 0V to 5V, for a total span of 5V. However, a bipolar range with a full-scale voltage of 5V has a range of ±5V, for a total span of 10V. Here is a brief overview of the relationship between output code and output voltage:

Output Code	Explanation	Output Voltage for ±5V Range
0	Negative full scale	-5V
1	Negative full scale + 1 LSB	-4.9976V
2047	-1 LSB	0024V (-2.44mV)
2048	0V	0V
2049	+1 LSB	+.0024V (+2.44mV)
4095	Positive full scale - 1 LSB	+4.9976V

⇒ **Note:** Again, an output code of 4096 would be required to generate the positive-full-scale output voltage, but since that is impossible, the maximum output voltage is 1 LSB less then positive full scale.

## 11. HOW TO GENERATE AN ANALOG OUTPUT

This chapter describes how to generate an analog output directly (without the use of the driver software). Ruby-MM has 12-bit resolution analog outputs. However, data is written to the board in 8-bit bytes. Therefore two bytes must be written to the board to generate a single analog output. In addition, many applications require several channels to be updated simultaneously. In order to provide this ability, the update operation is separate from the data write operation.

Thus there are three steps required to generate an analog output. Each step is described in detail. The steps must be completed in the sequence shown below.

## To generate an analog output on one or more channels:

- 1. Write the LSB (least significant byte) to the board at register Base + 0.
- 2. Write the channel number to the board at register Base + 2...
- **3.** Write the MSB (most significant byte) to the board.
- **4.** Repeat steps 1-3 for each channel to be changed
- **5.** Update all changed channels by reading Base + 0 or Base + 1.

## **Hardware Update Command**

A hardware update command can occur with a falling edge on the external trigger, pin 48 of J3. To use hardware updating, or triggering, you must program the TRIGEN bit at Base + 3. See Chapter 3 for details.

- ⇒ **Note:** When a channel is updated, its output will change only if new data has been written to it since the last update. For example, if you do a simultaneous update on all channels but you only wrote data to channel 0, then only channel 0 will change, and channels 1 15 will stay the same.
- ⇒ **Note:** If hardware updating is enabled, software updating will still work.

## **Examples**

## Single channel output

Assume channels 0 - 7 are configured for 0-5V. To set channel 0 to 3V, do the following: D/A code is  $3V / 5V \times 4096 = 2458$  (value is rounded to nearest integer)

**LSB =** 2458 AND 255 = 154

MSB = (2458 AND 3840) / 256 = 9

- 1. Write **154** to base + 0 (LSB register).
- Write 0 to base + 2 (Channel register).
- 3. Write 9 to base + 1 (MSB register). The value 2458 is written to DAC 0.
- 4. Read from base + 0. DAC 0 now outputs 3.000V.

## Two channel output

Assume channels 0 - 7 are configured for 0-5V. To set channel 0 to 3.8V and channel 3 to 1.5V, do the following:

D/A code for channel  $0 = 3.8 / 5 \times 4096 = 3113$ 

**LSB =** 3113 AND 255 = 41

**MSB =** (3113 AND 3840) / 256 = 12

D/A code for channel  $1 = 1.5 / 5 \times 4096 = 1229$ 

**LSB =** 1229 AND 255 = 205

MSB = (1229 AND 3840) / 256 = 4

- 1. Write **41** to base + 0 (LSB register).
- 2. Write 0 to base + 2 (Channel register).
- 3. Write 12 to base + 1 (MSB register). The value 3113 is written to DAC 0.
- 4. Write 205 to base + 0 (LSB register).
- 5. Write 0 to base + 2 (Channel register).
- 6. Write 4 to base + 1 (MSB register). The value 1229 is written to DAC 1.
- 7. Read from base + 0. DAC 0 and DAC3 are both updated to their new output voltages. All other channels remain at their existing output voltages.

## 12. CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

Calibration requires a voltmeter (at least 5 digits of precision is preferred) and a miniature screwdriver to turn the potentiometer screws. The common lead of the voltmeter must be connected to analog ground (not digital ground). The best source for this connection is any of the analog ground pins on the user I/O header J3.

⇒ **Note:** All steps should be completed in the sequence shown, since each step affects the following steps. (Steps 4 and 5 may be interchanged since they do not depend on each other.)

## +5.000V Reference Voltage Adjust

Install a jumper in position "5" on J4. Connect the high side lead of the voltmeter to the upper pin of J4 under either location marked "F". Adjust R1 so that the voltmeter reads +5.000V.

## +10.00V Reference Voltage Adjust

Keep the voltmeter connected to as described above. Remove the jumper in position "5" on J4 and adjust **R2** so that the voltmeter reads +10.000V.

## Adjustable Reference Adjust

This step can be skipped if you are not using the adjustable reference.

Connect the voltmeter to the upper pin of J4 below either location marked "A" on J4. Adjust R3 so that the voltmeter reads the desired full-scale voltage range. This voltage is factory-preset to 2.500V. Any adjustment from about 1V to slightly over 2.5V is achievable.

#### Negative Full-Scale Reference Adjust, Channels 0 - 7

Install jumpers in positions "5" and the *leftmost* "F" on J4. Connect the voltmeter to the upper pin on J4 under the *leftmost* "B". Adjust R4 so that the voltmeter reads –4.999V. With this setting, the D/A will actually output closer to –5.000V when it is loaded with all zeros. This value can be adjusted later if desired by measuring the actual D/A output.

## Negative Full-Scale Reference Adjust, Channels 8-15

Install jumpers in positions "**5**" and the *rightmost* "**F**" on J4. Connect the voltmeter to the upper pin on J4 under the *rightmost* "**B**". Adjust **R5** so that the voltmeter reads –4.999V.

## 13. SPECIFICATIONS

## **Analog Outputs**

No. of outputs 4, 8, or 16 voltage outputs Resolution 12 bits (1 part in 4096)

Fixed output ranges 0 - 5V, 0 - 10V unipolar,  $\pm 5V$ ,  $\pm 10V$  bipolar

Adjustable output range Preset to 2.5V for 0 - 2.5V, ±2.5V output ranges

Can be adjusted anywhere between approx. 1V and 2.5V

External reference 0V min, 10V max Settling time  $6\mu s$  max to  $\pm .01\%$ 

Accuracy ±1LSB

Integral nonlinearity ±1LSB max

Differential nonlinearity -1LSB max, guaranteed monotonic

Output current ±5mA max per channel

Minimum output load  $2K\Omega$ 

Update method Simultaneous, software command or external trigger

Reset All DACs reset to mid-scale

(0V for bipolar ranges, 1/2 full-scale for unipolar ranges)

## Digital I/O

No. of lines 24

Compatibility CMOS / TTL

Input voltage Logic 0: -0.5V min, 0.8V max Logic 1: -0.5V min, 5.5V max

Output voltage Logic 0: 0.0V min, 0.4V max

Logic 1: 3.0V min, Vcc - 0.4V max

Output current ±2.5mA max per line

Pull-up resistor  $10K\Omega$  resistor on each I/O line

External trigger TTL / CMOS compatible,  $10K\Omega$  pull-up resistor, active low edge

Reset All digital output lines are set to 0

### **Miscellaneous**

Power supply (Vcc) +5VDC  $\pm 10\%$ 

Current requirement 430mA, all outputs unloaded (RMM-1612-XT)

Operating temperature -40 to +85°C

Operating humidity 5 to 95% non-condensing

Size 3.55" x 3.775"

Data bus 8 bits (16-bit header can be installed for

pass-through function but is not used on board)



# 82C55A

## CMOS Programmable Peripheral Interface

June 1998

## Features

- Pin Compatible with NMOS 8255A
- 24 Programmable I/O Pins
- Fully TTL Compatible
- High Speed, No "Wait State" Operation with 5MHz and 8MHz 80C86 and 80C88
- Direct Bit Set/Reset Capability
- Enhanced Control Word Read Capability
- L7 Process
- 2.5mA Drive Capability on All I/O Ports
- Low Standby Power (ICCSB) ......10μA

## Ordering Information

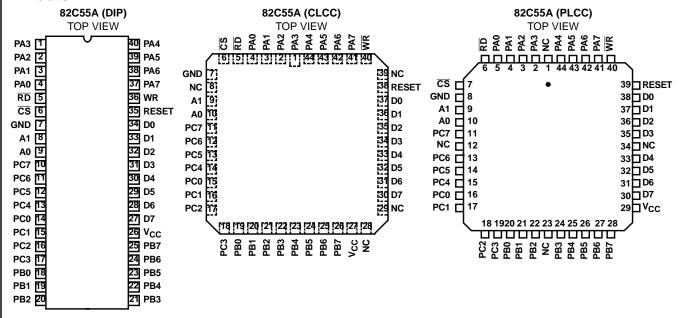
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5MHz	8MHz	PACKAGE	RANGE	NO.
CP82C55A-5	CP82C55A	40 Ld PDIP	0°C to 70°C	E40.6
IP82C55A-5	IP82C55A	40 La i Dii	-40°C to 85°C	E40.6
CS82C55A-5	CS82C55A	44 Ld PLCC	0°C to 70°C	N44.65
IS82C55A-5	IS82C55A	144 LUT LOO	-40°C to 85°C	N44.65
CD82C55A-5	CD82C55A	40 Ld	0°C to 70°C	F40.6
ID82C55A-5	ID82C55A	CERDIP	-40°C to 85°C	F40.6
MD82C55A-5/B	MD82C55A/B	OLINDII	-55°C to 125°C	F40.6
8406601QA	8406602QA	SMD#		F40.6
MR82C55A-5/B	MR82C55A/B	44 Pad CLCC	-55°C to 125°C	J44.A
8406601XA	8406602XA	SMD#		J44.A

## Description

The Intersil 82C55A is a high performance CMOS version of the industry standard 8255A and is manufactured using a self-aligned silicon gate CMOS process (Scaled SAJI IV). It is a general purpose programmable I/O device which may be used with many different microprocessors. There are 24 I/O pins which may be individually programmed in 2 groups of 12 and used in 3 major modes of operation. The high performance and industry standard configuration of the 82C55A make it compatible with the 80C86, 80C88 and other microprocessors.

Static CMOS circuit design insures low operating power. TTL compatibility over the full military temperature range and bus hold circuitry eliminate the need for pull-up resistors. The Intersil advanced SAJI process results in performance equal to or greater than existing functionally equivalent products at a fraction of the power.

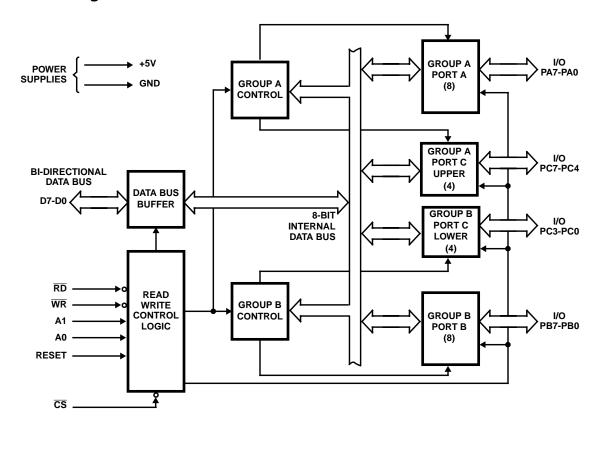
## **Pinouts**



## Pin Description

SYMBOL	PIN NUMBER	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Vcc	26		$V_{\mbox{CC}}\colon$ The +5V power supply pin. A $0.1\mu\mbox{F}$ capacitor between pins 26 and 7 is recommended for decoupling.
GND	7		GROUND
D0-D7	27-34	I/O	DATA BUS: The Data Bus lines are bidirectional three-state pins connected to the system data bus.
RESET	35	I	RESET: A high on this input clears the control register and all ports (A, B, C) are set to the input mode with the "Bus Hold" circuitry turned on.
CS	6	I	CHIP SELECT: Chip select is an active low input used to enable the 82C55A onto the Data Bus for CPU communications.
RD	5	I	READ: Read is an active low input control signal used by the CPU to read status information or data via the data bus.
WR	36	I	WRITE: Write is an active low input control signal used by the CPU to load control words and data into the 82C55A.
A0-A1	8, 9	I	ADDRESS: These input signals, in conjunction with the $\overline{\text{RD}}$ and $\overline{\text{WR}}$ inputs, control the selection of one of the three ports or the control word register. A0 and A1 are normally connected to the least significant bits of the Address Bus A0, A1.
PA0-PA7	1-4, 37-40	I/O	PORT A: 8-bit input and output port. Both bus hold high and bus hold low circuitry are present on this port.
PB0-PB7	18-25	I/O	PORT B: 8-bit input and output port. Bus hold high circuitry is present on this port.
PC0-PC7	10-17	I/O	PORT C: 8-bit input and output port. Bus hold circuitry is present on this port.

## Functional Diagram



## Functional Description

#### **Data Bus Buffer**

This three-state bi-directional 8-bit buffer is used to interface the 82C55A to the system data bus. Data is transmitted or received by the buffer upon execution of input or output instructions by the CPU. Control words and status information are also transferred through the data bus buffer.

## Read/Write and Control Logic

The function of this block is to manage all of the internal and external transfers of both Data and Control or Status words. It accepts inputs from the CPU Address and Control busses and in turn, issues commands to both of the Control Groups.

**(CS)** Chip Select. A "low" on this input pin enables the communcation between the 82C55A and the CPU.

**(RD)** Read. A "low" on this input pin enables 82C55A to send the data or status information to the CPU on the data bus. In essence, it allows the CPU to "read from" the 82C55A.

(WR) Write. A "low" on this input pin enables the CPU to write data or control words into the 82C55A.

(A0 and A1) Port Select 0 and Port Select 1. These input signals, in conjunction with the RD and WR inputs, control the selection of one of the three ports or the control word register. They are normally connected to the least significant bits of the address bus (A0 and A1).

#### 82C55A BASIC OPERATION

A1	Α0	RD	WR	cs	INPUT OPERATION (READ)
0	0	0	1	0	Port A → Data Bus
0	1	0	1	0	Port B → Data Bus
1	0	0	1	0	Port $C \rightarrow Data Bus$
1	1	0	1	0	Control Word → Data Bus
					OUTPUT OPERATION (WRITE)
0	0	1	0	0	Data Bus → Port A
0	1	1	0	0	Data Bus → Port B
1	0	1	0	0	Data Bus → Port C
1	1	1	0	0	Data Bus → Control
					DISABLE FUNCTION
Х	Х	Х	Х	1	Data Bus → Three-State
Х	Х	1	1	0	Data Bus → Three-State

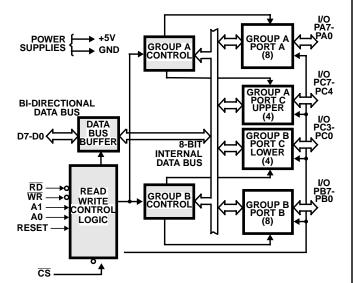


FIGURE 1. 82C55A BLOCK DIAGRAM. DATA BUS BUFFER, READ/WRITE, GROUP A & B CONTROL LOGIC FUNCTIONS

(RESET) Reset. A "high" on this input initializes the control register to 9Bh and all ports (A, B, C) are set to the input mode. "Bus hold" devices internal to the 82C55A will hold the I/O port inputs to a logic "1" state with a maximum hold current of  $400\mu A$ .

#### **Group A and Group B Controls**

The functional configuration of each port is programmed by the systems software. In essence, the CPU "outputs" a control word to the 82C55A. The control word contains information such as "mode", "bit set", "bit reset", etc., that initializes the functional configuration of the 82C55A.

Each of the Control blocks (Group A and Group B) accepts "commands" from the Read/Write Control logic, receives "control words" from the internal data bus and issues the proper commands to its associated ports.

Control Group A - Port A and Port C upper (C7 - C4)

Control Group B - Port B and Port C lower (C3 - C0)

The control word register can be both written and read as shown in the "Basic Operation" table. Figure 4 shows the control word format for both Read and Write operations. When the control word is read, bit D7 will always be a logic "1", as this implies control word mode information.

#### Ports A, B, and C

The 82C55A contains three 8-bit ports (A, B, and C). All can be configured to a wide variety of functional characteristics by the system software but each has its own special features or "personality" to further enhance the power and flexibility of the 82C55A.

**Port A** One 8-bit data output latch/buffer and one 8-bit data input latch. Both "pull-up" and "pull-down" bus-hold devices are present on Port A. See Figure 2A.

**Port B** One 8-bit data input/output latch/buffer and one 8-bit data input buffer. See Figure 2B.

**Port C** One 8-bit data output latch/buffer and one 8-bit data input buffer (no latch for input). This port can be divided into two 4-bit ports under the mode control. Each 4-bit port contains a 4-bit latch and it can be used for the control signal output and status signal inputs in conjunction with ports A and B. See Figure 2B.

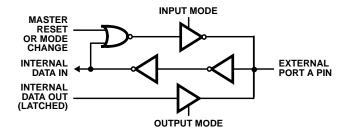


FIGURE 2A. PORT A BUS-HOLD CONFIGURATION

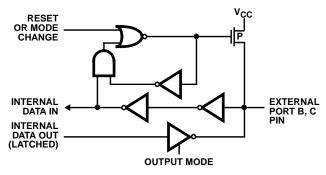


FIGURE 2B. PORT B AND C BUS-HOLD CONFIGURATION

FIGURE 2. BUS-HOLD CONFIGURATION

## Operational Description

#### **Mode Selection**

There are three basic modes of operation than can be selected by the system software:

Mode 0 - Basic Input/Output Mode 1 - Strobed Input/Output

Mode 2 - Bi-directional Bus

When the reset input goes "high", all ports will be set to the input mode with all 24 port lines held at a logic "one" level by internal bus hold devices. After the reset is removed, the 82C55A can remain in the input mode with no additional initialization required. This eliminates the need to pullup or pulldown resistors in all-CMOS designs. The control word

register will contain 9Bh. During the execution of the system program, any of the other modes may be selected using a single output instruction. This allows a single 82C55A to service a variety of peripheral devices with a simple software maintenance routine. Any port programmed as an output port is initialized to all zeros when the control word is written.

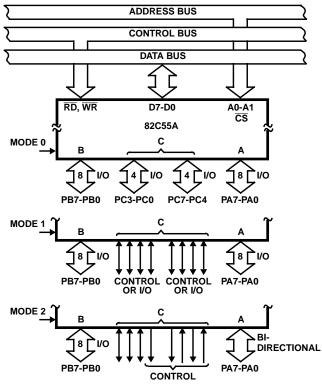


FIGURE 3. BASIC MODE DEFINITIONS AND BUS INTERFACE

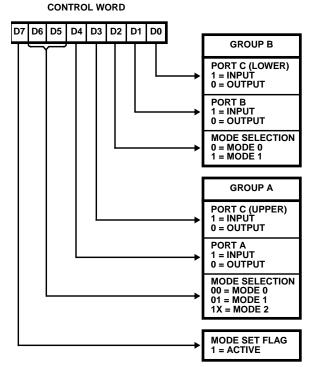


FIGURE 4. MODE DEFINITION FORMAT

The modes for Port A and Port B can be separately defined, while Port C is divided into two portions as required by the Port A and Port B definitions. All of the output registers, including the status flip-flops, will be reset whenever the mode is changed. Modes may be combined so that their functional definition can be "tailored" to almost any I/O structure. For instance: Group B can be programmed in Mode 0 to monitor simple switch closings or display computational results, Group A could be programmed in Mode 1 to monitor a keyboard or tape reader on an interrupt-driven basis.

The mode definitions and possible mode combinations may seem confusing at first, but after a cursory review of the complete device operation a simple, logical I/O approach will surface. The design of the 82C55A has taken into account things such as efficient PC board layout, control signal definition vs. PC layout and complete functional flexibility to support almost any peripheral device with no external logic. Such design represents the maximum use of the available pins.

## Single Bit Set/Reset Feature (Figure 5)

Any of the eight bits of Port C can be Set or Reset using a single Output instruction. This feature reduces software requirements in control-based applications.

When Port C is being used as status/control for Port A or B, these bits can be set or reset by using the Bit Set/Reset operation just as if they were output ports.

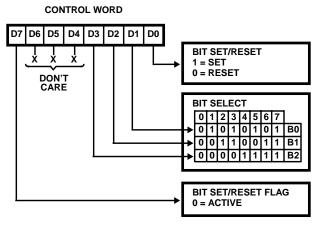


FIGURE 5. BIT SET/RESET FORMAT

## **Interrupt Control Functions**

When the 82C55A is programmed to operate in mode 1 or mode 2, control signals are provided that can be used as interrupt request inputs to the CPU. The interrupt request signals, generated from port C, can be inhibited or enabled by setting or resetting the associated INTE flip-flop, using the bit set/reset function of port C.

This function allows the programmer to enable or disable a CPU interrupt by a specific I/O device without affecting any other device in the interrupt structure.

### **INTE Flip-Flop Definition**

(BIT-SET)-INTE is SET - Interrupt Enable

(BIT-RESET)-INTE is Reset - Interrupt Disable

NOTE: All Mask flip-flops are automatically reset during mode selection and device Reset.

## **Operating Modes**

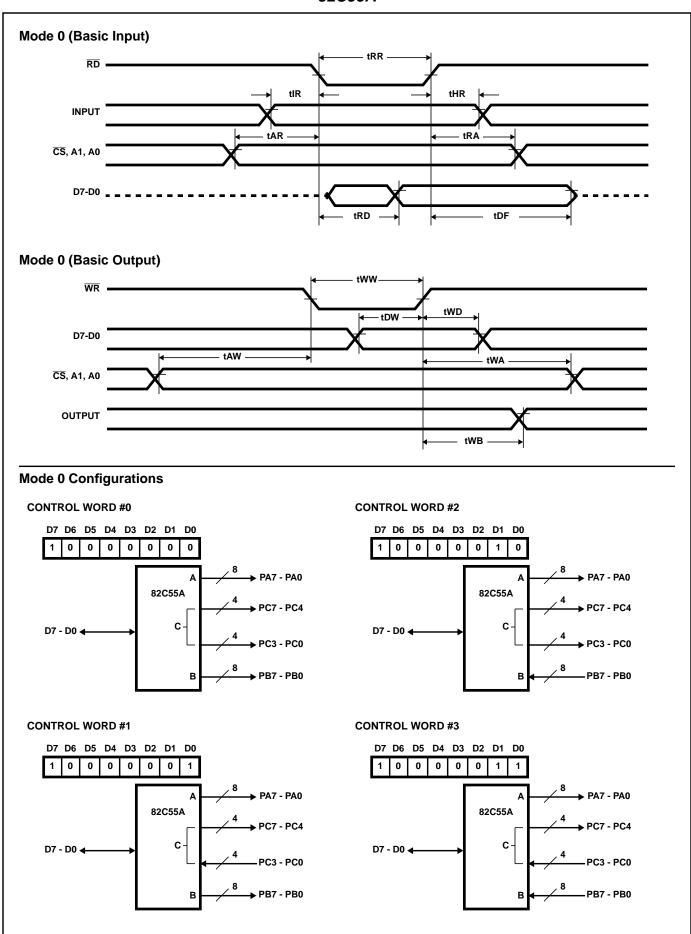
**Mode 0** (Basic Input/Output). This functional configuration provides simple input and output operations for each of the three ports. No handshaking is required, data is simply written to or read from a specific port.

Mode 0 Basic Functional Definitions:

- Two 8-bit ports and two 4-bit ports
- · Any Port can be input or output
- · Outputs are latched
- · Input are not latched
- 16 different Input/Output configurations possible

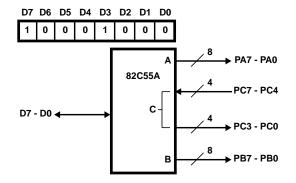
#### **MODE 0 PORT DEFINITION**

<i>-</i>	Α		3	GRO	UP A		GRO	UP B
D4	D3	D1	D0	PORT A	PORTC (Upper)	#	PORT B	PORTC (Lower)
0	0	0	0	Output	Output	0	Output	Output
0	0	0	1	Output	Output	1	Output	Input
0	0	1	0	Output	Output	2	Input	Output
0	0	1	1	Output	Output	3	Input	Input
0	1	0	0	Output	Input	4	Output	Output
0	1	0	1	Output	Input	5	Output	Input
0	1	1	0	Output	Input	6	Input	Output
0	1	1	1	Output	Input	7	Input	Input
1	0	0	0	Input	Output	8	Output	Output
1	0	0	1	Input	Output	9	Output	Input
1	0	1	0	Input	Output	10	Input	Output
1	0	1	1	Input	Output	11	Input	Input
1	1	0	0	Input	Input	12	Output	Output
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1	1	1	1	Input	Input	15	Input	Input

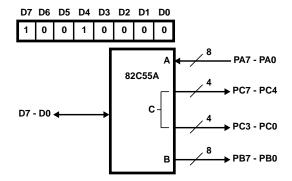


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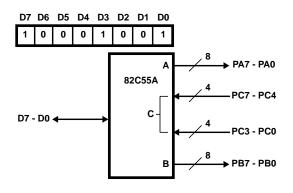
#### **CONTROL WORD #4**



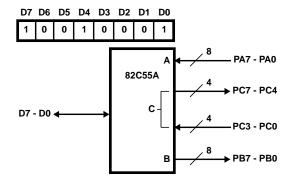
#### **CONTROL WORD #8**



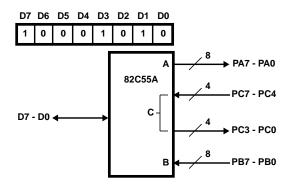
### **CONTROL WORD #5**



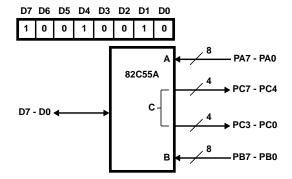
### **CONTROL WORD #9**



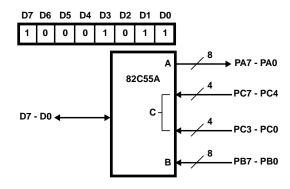
### **CONTROL WORD #6**



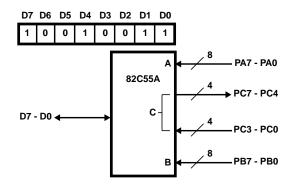
### **CONTROL WORD #10**



#### **CONTROL WORD #7**

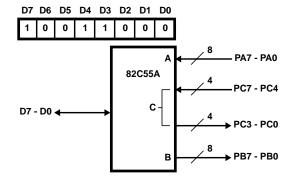


#### **CONTROL WORD #11**

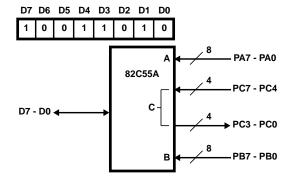


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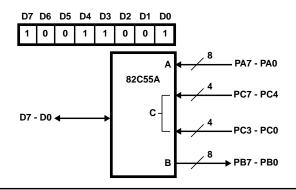
#### **CONTROL WORD #12**



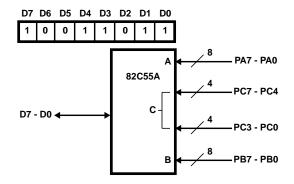
#### **CONTROL WORD #14**



#### **CONTROL WORD #13**



#### **CONTROL WORD #15**



## **Operating Modes**

**Mode 1** - (Strobed Input/Output). This functional configuration provides a means for transferring I/O data to or from a specified port in conjunction with strobes or "hand shaking" signals. In mode 1, port A and port B use the lines on port C to generate or accept these "hand shaking" signals.

Mode 1 Basic Function Definitions:

- Two Groups (Group A and Group B)
- Each group contains one 8-bit port and one 4-bit control/data port
- The 8-bit data port can be either input or output. Both inputs and outputs are latched.
- The 4-bit port is used for control and status of the 8-bit port.

### **Input Control Signal Definition**

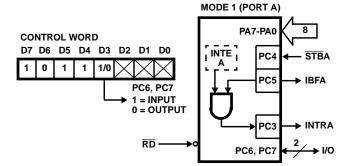
(Figures 6 and 7)

### STB (Strobe Input)

A "low" on this input loads data into the input latch.

## IBF (Input Buffer Full F/F)

A "high" on this output indicates that the data has been loaded into the input latch: in essence, and acknowledgment. IBF is set by  $\overline{STB}$  input being low and is reset by the rising edge of the  $\overline{RD}$  input.



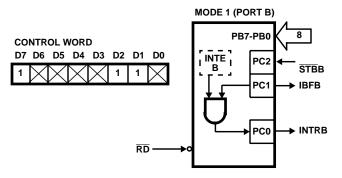


FIGURE 6. MODE 1 INPUT

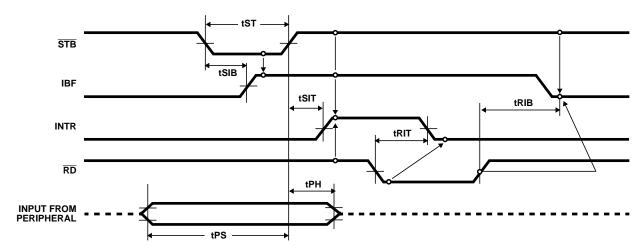


FIGURE 7. MODE 1 (STROBED INPUT)

#### **INTR (Interrupt Request)**

A "high" on this output can be used to interrupt the CPU when and input device is requesting service. INTR is set by the condition:  $\overline{STB}$  is a "one", IBF is a "one" and INTE is a "one". It is reset by the falling edge of  $\overline{RD}$ . This procedure allows an input device to request service from the CPU by simply strobing its data into the port.

#### **INTE A**

Controlled by bit set/reset of PC4.

#### **INTE B**

Controlled by bit set/reset of PC2.

## **Output Control Signal Definition**

(Figure 8 and 9)

OBF - Output Buffer Full F/F). The OBF output will go "low" to indicate that the CPU has written data out to be specified port. This does not mean valid data is sent out of the part at this time since OBF can go true before data is available. Data is guaranteed valid at the rising edge of OBF, (See Note 1). The OBF F/F will be set by the rising edge of the WR input and reset by ACK input being low.

ACK - Acknowledge Input). A "low" on this input informs the 82C55A that the data from Port A or Port B is ready to be accepted. In essence, a response from the peripheral device indicating that it is ready to accept data, (See Note 1).

**INTR** - (Interrupt Request). A "high" on this output can be used to interrupt the CPU when an output device has accepted data transmitted by the CPU. INTR is set when  $\overline{ACK}$  is a "one", OBF is a "one" and INTE is a "one". It is reset by the falling edge of  $\overline{WR}$ .

#### INTE A

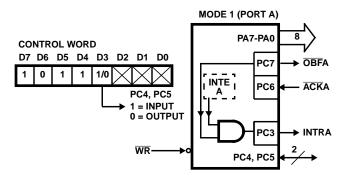
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#### **INTE B**

Controlled by Bit Set/Reset of PC2.

#### NOTE:

To strobe data into the peripheral device, the user must operate
the strobe line in a hand shaking mode. The user needs to send
OBF to the peripheral device, generates an ACK from the peripheral device and then latch data into the peripheral device on
the rising edge of OBF.



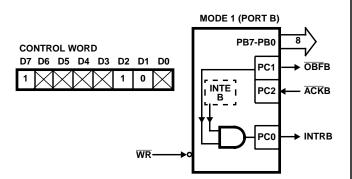
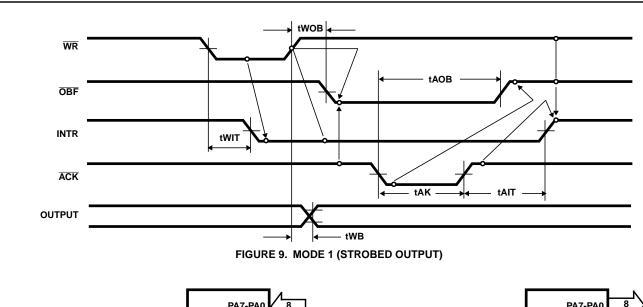
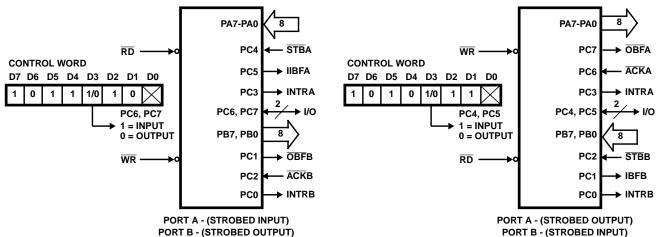


FIGURE 8. MODE 1 OUTPUT





Combinations of Mode 1: Port A and Port B can be individually defined as input or output in Mode 1 to support a wide variety of strobed I/O applications.

#### FIGURE 10. COMBINATIONS OF MODE 1

## **Operating Modes**

#### Mode 2 (Strobed Bi-Directional Bus I/O)

The functional configuration provides a means for communicating with a peripheral device or structure on a single 8-bit bus for both transmitting and receiving data (bi-directional bus I/O). "Hand shaking" signals are provided to maintain proper bus flow discipline similar to Mode 1. Interrupt generation and enable/disable functions are also available.

Mode 2 Basic Functional Definitions:

- · Used in Group A only
- One 8-bit, bi-directional bus Port (Port A) and a 5-bit control Port (Port C)
- Both inputs and outputs are latched
- The 5-bit control port (Port C) is used for control and status for the 8-bit, bi-directional bus port (Port A)

## **Bi-Directional Bus I/O Control Signal Definition** (Figures 11, 12, 13, 14)

**INTR** - (Interrupt Request). A high on this output can be used to interrupt the CPU for both input or output operations.

#### **Output Operations**

**OBF** - (Output Buffer Full). The OBF output will go "low" to indicate that the CPU has written data out to port A.

ACK - (Acknowledge). A "low" on this input enables the three-state output buffer of port A to send out the data. Otherwise, the output buffer will be in the high impedance state.

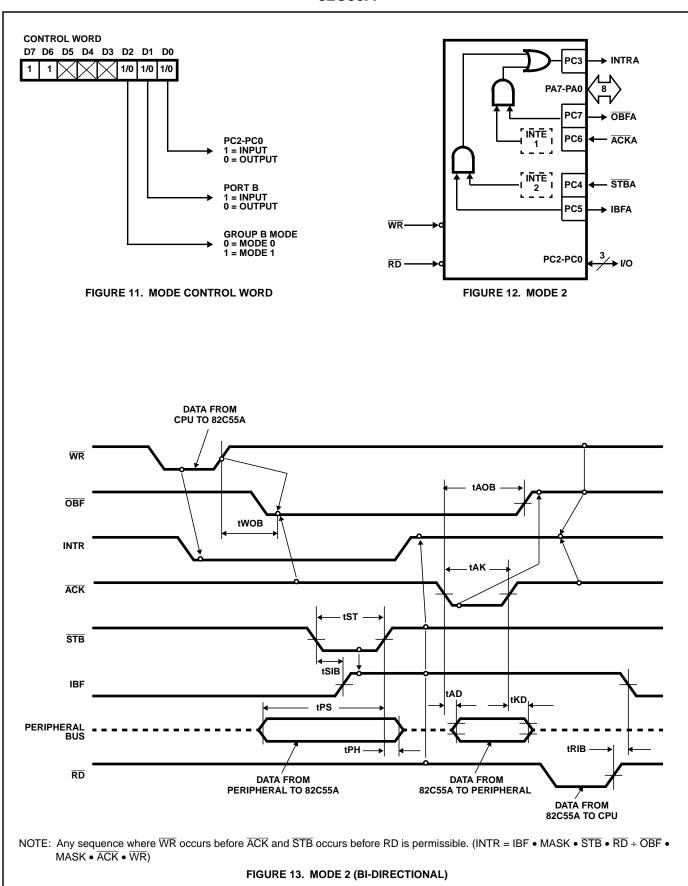
**INTE 1** - (The INTE flip-flop associated with  $\overline{\text{OBF}}$ ). Controlled by bit set/reset of PC4.

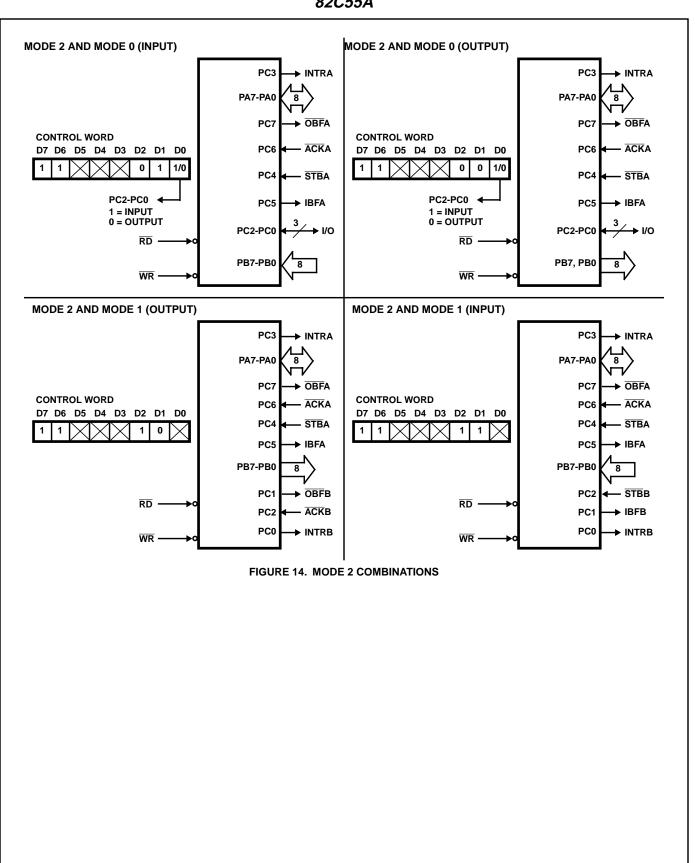
#### **Input Operations**

**STB** - (Strobe Input). A "low" on this input loads data into the input latch.

**IBF** - (Input Buffer Full F/F). A "high" on this output indicates that data has been loaded into the input latch.

**INTE 2** - (The INTE flip-flop associated with IBF). Controlled by bit set/reset of PC4.





	MODE DEFINITION SUMMARY						
	MODE 0		MOI	DE 1	MODE 2		
	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	GROUP A ONLY	1	
PA0	In	Out	In	Out	<b>←</b>	1	
PA1	In	Out	In	Out	←───		
PA2	In	Out	In	Out	←───		
PA3	In	Out	In	Out	←───		
PA4	In	Out	In	Out	←───		
PA5	In	Out	In	Out	←───		
PA6	In	Out	In	Out	←───		
PA7	In	Out	In	Out	←───		
PB0	In	Out	In	Out		11	
PB1	In	Out	In	Out			
PB2	In	Out	In	Out		11	
PB3	In	Out	In	Out		Mode 0  >or Mode 1	
PB4	In	Out	In	Out		Only	
PB5	In	Out	In	Out		•,	
PB6	In	Out	In	Out			
PB7	In	Out	In	Out		<b>]</b>	
PC0	In	Out	INTRB	INTRB	I/O	1	
PC1	In	Out	IBFB	OBFB	I/O		
PC2	In	Out	STBB	ACKB	I/O		
PC3	In	Out	INTRA	INTRA	INTRA		
PC4	In	Out	STBA	I/O	STBA		
PC5	In	Out	IBFA	I/O	IBFA		
PC6	In	Out	I/O	ACKA	ACKA		
PC7	In	Out	I/O	OBFA	OBFA		

#### **Special Mode Combination Considerations**

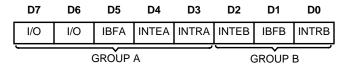
There are several combinations of modes possible. For any combination, some or all of Port C lines are used for control or status. The remaining bits are either inputs or outputs as defined by a "Set Mode" command.

During a read of Port C, the state of all the Port C lines, except the  $\overline{ACK}$  and  $\overline{STB}$  lines, will be placed on the data bus. In place of the  $\overline{ACK}$  and  $\overline{STB}$  line states, flag status will appear on the data bus in the PC2, PC4, and PC6 bit positions as illustrated by Figure 17.

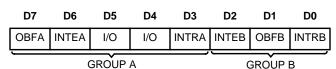
Through a "Write Port C" command, only the Port C pins programmed as outputs in a Mode 0 group can be written. No other pins can be affected by a "Write Port C" command, nor can the interrupt enable flags be accessed. To write to any Port C output programmed as an output in Mode 1 group or to change an interrupt enable flag, the "Set/Reset Port C Bit" command must be used.

With a "Set/Reset Port Cea Bit" command, any Port C line programmed as an output (including IBF and  $\overline{OBF}$ ) can be written, or an interrupt enable flag can be either set or reset. Port C lines programmed as inputs, including  $\overline{ACK}$  and  $\overline{STB}$  lines, associated with Port C fare not affected by a "Set/Reset Port C Bit" command. Writing to the corresponding Port C bit positions of the  $\overline{ACK}$  and  $\overline{STB}$  lines with the "Set Reset Port C Bit" command will affect the Group A and Group B interrupt enable flags, as illustrated in Figure 17.

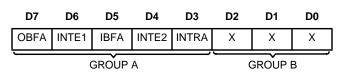
#### **INPUT CONFIGURATION**



#### **OUTPUT CONFIGURATION**



#### FIGURE 15. MODE 1 STATUS WORD FORMAT



(Defined by Mode 0 or Mode 1 Selection)

#### FIGURE 16. MODE 2 STATUS WORD FORMAT

#### **Current Drive Capability**

Any output on Port A, B or C can sink or source 2.5mA. This feature allows the 82C55A to directly drive Darlington type drivers and high-voltage displays that require such sink or source current.

#### Reading Port C Status (Figures 15 and 16)

In Mode 0, Port C transfers data to or from the peripheral device. When the 82C55A is programmed to function in Modes 1 or 2, Port C generates or accepts "hand shaking" signals with the peripheral device. Reading the contents of Port C allows the programmer to test or verify the "status" of each peripheral device and change the program flow accordingly.

There is not special instruction to read the status information from Port C. A normal read operation of Port C is executed to perform this function.

INTERRUPT ENABLE FLAG	POSITION	ALTERNATE PORT C PIN SIGNAL (MODE)
INTE B	PC2	ACKB (Output Mode 1) or STBB (Input Mode 1)
INTE A2	PC4	STBA (Input Mode 1 or Mode 2)
INTE A1	PC6	ACKA (Output Mode 1 or Mode 2)

FIGURE 17. INTERRUPT ENABLE FLAGS IN MODES 1 AND 2

## Applications of the 82C55A

The 82C55A is a very powerful tool for interfacing peripheral equipment to the microcomputer system. It represents the optimum use of available pins and flexible enough to interface almost any I/O device without the need for additional external logic.

Each peripheral device in a microcomputer system usually has a "service routine" associated with it. The routine manages the software interface between the device and the CPU. The functional definition of the 82C55A is programmed by the I/O service routine and becomes an extension of the system software. By examining the I/O devices interface characteristics for both data transfer and timing, and matching this information to the examples and tables in the detailed operational description, a control word can easily be developed to initialize the 82C55A to exactly "fit" the application. Figures 18 through 24 present a few examples of typical applications of the 82C55A.

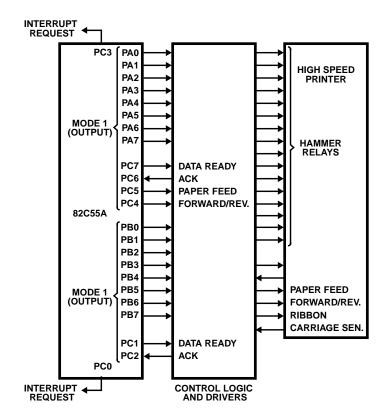


FIGURE 18. PRINTER INTERFACE