



Absolute Maximum Ratings

Rating	Symbol	Value	Units	
Input Voltage Range	V _{in}	-0.3 to +13.2	Vdc	
Storage Temperature	T _{stg}	-40 to +85	°C	

Operating Characteristics

With a load simulating the referenced display and lamp warm-up of 5 minutes. Unless otherwise noted Vin = 12.00 Volts dc and Ta = $25^{\circ}C$.

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Тур	Мах	Units		
Input Voltage	V _{in}	+10.8	+12.0	+12.6	Vdc		
Component Surface Temperature ^(Note 1)	Τ _s	-20	-	+80	°C		
Input Current (Note 2)	I _{in}	-	0.22	0.28	Adc		
Input Ripple Current	I _{rip}	-	20	-	mA _{pk-pk}		
Operating Frequency	Fo	52	58	62	kHz		
Minimum Output Voltage (Note 3)	V _{out} (min)	1200	-	-	Vrms		
Efficiency	η	-	73	-	%		
Output Current (per lamp)	I _{out}	-	5.3	-	mArms		
Output Voltage	V _{out}	-	365	-	Vrms		
Enable Pin ^(Note 4)							
Turn-off Threshold	V _{thoff}	GND	-	0.5	Vdc		
Turn-on Threshold	V _{thon}	2.5	-	Vin	Vdc		
Impedance to Vin	R _{Enable}	-	47	-	kOhms		

Specifications subject to change without notice.

(Note 1) Surface temperature must not exceed 80 degrees C; thermal management actions may be required.

(Note 2) Input current in excess of maximum may indicate a load/inverter mismatch condition, which can result in reduced reliability. Please contact ERG technical support.

- (Note 3) Provided data is not tested but guaranteed by design.
- (Note 4) The inverter is always enabled with an internal pullup resistor tied to the enable pin. A ground on the enable input will turn the inverter off.

Application Notes:

- 1) The minimum distance from high voltage areas of the inverter to any conductive material should be .12 inches per kilovolt of starting voltage.
- 2) Mounting hardware to be non-conductive.
- 3) Open framed inverters should not be used in applications at altitudes over 10,000 feet.
- 4) ACreturn should be left floating, not grounded.
- 5) Contact ERG for possible exceptions.



Onboard PWM

Unless otherwise noted Vin = 12.00 Volts DC, T_a = 25 °C and unit has been running for 5 minutes.

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Тур	Мах	Units
Frequency	f _{pwm}	-	160	-	Hz
Control Input Bias Current	I _{cbias}	-	-	10	uA

Pin Descriptions

+Vin Input voltage to the inverter.

- **GND** Inverter ground.
- **Control** Analog voltage input to the onboard pulse width modulator. Increasing this voltage increases the off time of the onboard PWM resulting in decreased brightness. The inverter is full on when this voltage is near inverter ground.
- **Enable** Inverter Enable. The inverter is always enabled with an internal pullup resistor tied to the enable pin. Pull this pin low to disable inverter operation. The onboard PWM is always utilized.

Application information

The 8mD series of inverters is designed to power one cold cathode fluorescent lamp with up to four watts. An external analog control interfaces with an onboard pulse width modulator to provide dimming control. The 8mD inverter can reliably dim to less than 5% duty cycle.

External shutdown of the inverter is accomplished using the Enable pin. Pulling this pin low (below Vthoff) disables the inverter.

If analog voltage dimming is required, the analog voltage is applied to the Control pin. Figure 1 shows how to connect the inverter for onboard PWM operation. Graph 1 shows the relationship of PWM duty cycle to input control voltage.

If an external PWM is used, simply connect the Enable pin to the PWM source and connect the Control pin to inverter ground. If the onboard PWM is used, connect the analog voltage to the Control pin.







Graph 1





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