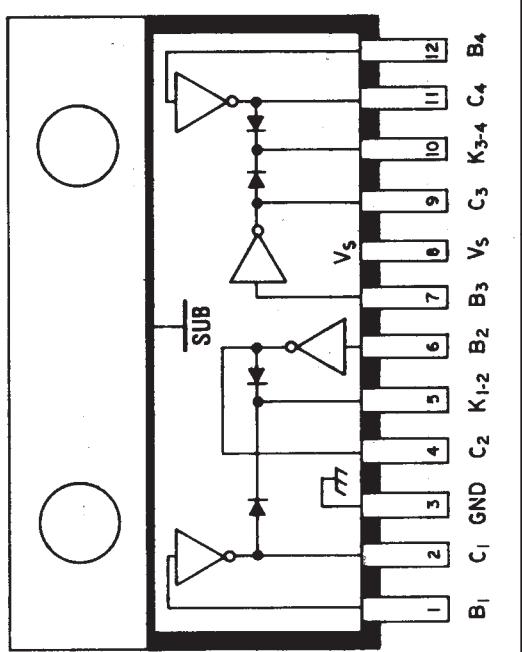


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## QUAD HIGH-CURRENT DARLINGTON SWITCHES



Dwg. No. A-11,974

### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS at +25°C Free-Air Temperature for any driver (unless otherwise noted)

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Output Voltage, $V_{CEX}$                               |                 |
| (UDN2878W) . . . . .                                    | 50 V            |
| (UDN2879W & UDN2879W-2) . . .                           | 80 V            |
| Output Current, $I_C$                                   |                 |
| (UDN2878W & UDN2879W) . . .                             | 5.0 A           |
| (UDN2879W-2) . . . . .                                  | 4.0 A           |
| Input Voltage, $V_{IN}$ . . . . .                       | 15 V            |
| Input Current, $I_{IN}$ . . . . .                       | 25 mA           |
| Supply Voltage, $V_S$ . . . . .                         | 10 V            |
| Total Package Power Dissipation,<br>$P_D$ . . . . .     | See Graph       |
| Operating Ambient Temperature Range,<br>$T_A$ . . . . . | -20°C to +85°C  |
| Storage Temperature Range,<br>$T_S$ . . . . .           | -55°C to +150°C |

These quad Darlington arrays are designed to serve as interface between low-level logic and peripheral power devices such as solenoids, motors, incandescent displays, heaters, and similar loads of up to 320 W per channel. Both integrated circuits include transient-suppression diodes that enable use with inductive loads. The input logic is compatible with most TTL, DTL, LSTTL, and 5 V CMOS logic.

Type UDN2878W and UDN2879W 4 A arrays are identical except for output-voltage ratings. The former is rated for operation to 50 V (35 V sustaining), while the latter has a minimum output breakdown rating of 80 V (50 V sustaining). The lower-cost UDN2879W-2 is recommended for applications requiring load currents of 3 A or less. These less expensive devices are identical to the basic parts except for the maximum allowable load-current rating.

For maximum power-handling capability, all drivers are supplied in a 12-pin single in-line power-tab package. The tab needs no insulation. External heat sinks are usually required for proper operation of these devices.

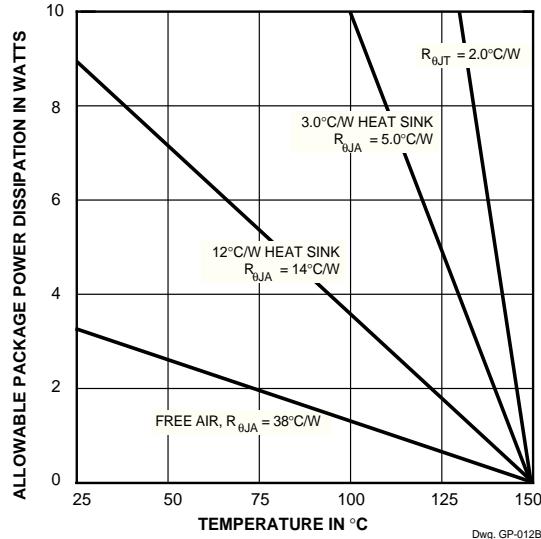
### FEATURES

- Output Currents to 4 A
- Output Voltages to 80 V
- Loads to 1280 W
- TTL, DTL, or CMOS Compatible Inputs
- Internal Clamp Diodes
- Plastic Single In-Line Package
- Heat-Sink Tab

Always order by complete part number:

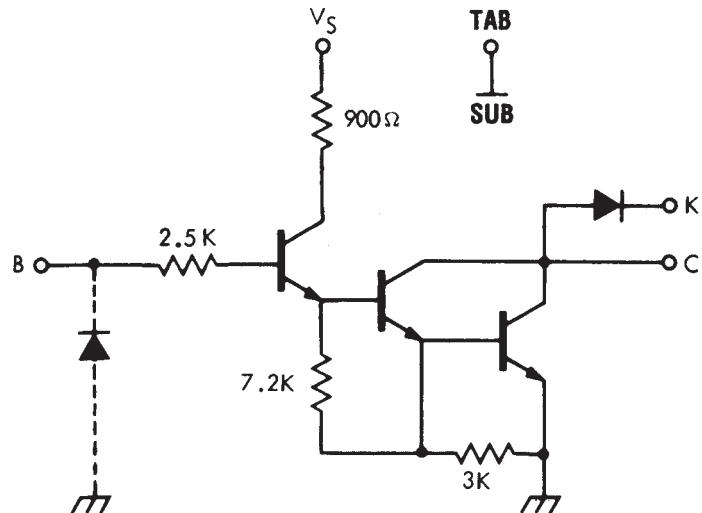
| Part Number | Max. $I_C$ | Max. $V_{CEX}$ | Min. $V_{CE(sus)}$ |
|-------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|
| UDN2878W    | 5.0 A      | 50 V           | 35 V               |
| UDN2879W    | 5.0 A      | 80 V           | 50 V               |
| UDN2879W-2  | 4.0 A      | 80 V           | 50 V               |

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Dwg. GP-012B

**PARTIAL SCHEMATIC**  
One of 4 Drivers



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NOTE: Pin 3 must be connected to ground for proper operation.

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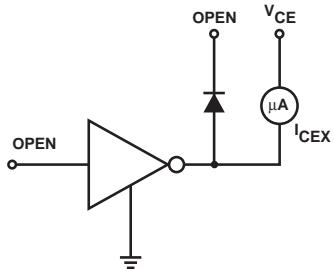
**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS at  $V_S = 5.0$  V,  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$  (unless otherwise noted).**

| Characteristic                       | Symbol               | Test Fig. | Applicable Devices | Test Conditions                               | Limits |      |               |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|---|--------|------|---------------|
|                                      |                      |           |                    |   | Min.   | Max. | Units         |
| Output Leakage Current               | $I_{CEX}$            | 1         | UDN2878W           | $V_{CE} = 50$ V                               | —      | 100  | $\mu\text{A}$ |
|                                      |                      |           |                    | $V_{CE} = 50$ V, $T_A = +70^\circ\text{C}$    | —      | 500  | $\mu\text{A}$ |
|                                      |                      |           | UDN2879W/W-2       | $V_{CE} = 80$ V                               | —      | 100  | $\mu\text{A}$ |
|                                      |                      |           |                    | $V_{CE} = 80$ V, $T_A = +70^\circ\text{C}$    | —      | 500  | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| Output Sustaining Voltage            | $V_{CE(\text{sus})}$ | —         | UDN2878W           | $I_C = 4$ A, $L = 10$ mH                      | 35     | —    | V             |
|                                      |                      |           | UDN2879W           | $I_C = 4$ A, $L = 10$ mH                      | 50     | —    | V             |
|                                      |                      |           | UDN2879W-2         | $I_C = 3$ A, $L = 10$ mH                      | 50     | —    | V             |
| Collector-Emitter Saturation Voltage | $V_{CE(\text{SAT})}$ | 2         | All                | $I_C = 500$ mA, $V_{IN} = 2.75$ V             | —      | 1.1  | V             |
|                                      |                      |           |                    | $I_C = 1.0$ A, $V_{IN} = 2.75$ V              | —      | 1.3  | V             |
|                                      |                      |           |                    | $I_C = 2.0$ A, $V_{IN} = 2.75$ V              | —      | 1.5  | V             |
|                                      |                      |           |                    | $I_C = 3.0$ A, $V_{IN} = 2.75$ V              | —      | 1.9  | V             |
|                                      |                      |           | UDN2878/79W        | $I_C = 4.0$ A, $V_{IN} = 3.0$ V               | —      | 2.4  | V             |
| Input Current                        | $I_{IN}$             | 3         | All                | $V_{IN} = 2.75$ V                             | —      | 550  | $\mu\text{A}$ |
|                                      |                      |           |                    | $V_{IN} = 3.75$ V                             | —      | 1000 | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| Input Voltage                        | $V_{IN(\text{ON})}$  | 4         | All                | $V_{CE} = 2.2$ V, $I_C = 3.0$ A               | —      | 2.75 | V             |
|                                      |                      |           | UDN2878/79W        | $V_{CE} = 2.2$ V, $I_C = 4.0$ A               | —      | 2.75 | V             |
| Supply Current per Driver            | $I_S$                | 7         | All                | $I_C = 500$ mA, $V_{IN} = 2.75$ V             | —      | 6.0  | mA            |
| Turn-On Delay                        | $t_{PLH}$            | —         | All                | 0.5 $E_{in}$ to 0.5 $E_{out}$                 | —      | 1.0  | $\mu\text{s}$ |
| Turn-Off Delay                       | $t_{PHL}$            | —         | All                | 0.5 $E_{in}$ to 0.5 $E_{out}$ , $I_C = 3.0$ A | —      | 1.5  | $\mu\text{s}$ |
| Clamp Diode Leakage Current          | $I_R$                | 5         | All                | $V_R = 50$ V                                  | —      | 50   | $\mu\text{A}$ |
|                                      |                      |           |                    | $V_R = 50$ V, $T_A = +70^\circ\text{C}$       | —      | 100  | $\mu\text{A}$ |
|                                      |                      |           | UDN2879W/W-2       | $V_R = 80$ V                                  | —      | 50   | $\mu\text{A}$ |
|                                      |                      |           |                    | $V_R = 80$ V, $T_A = +70^\circ\text{C}$       | —      | 100  | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| Clamp Diode Forward Voltage          | $V_F$                | 6         | All                | $I_F = 3.0$ A                                 | —      | 2.5  | V             |
|                                      |                      |           | UDN2878/79W        | $I_F = 4.0$ A                                 | —      | 3.0  | V             |

Caution: High-current tests are pulse tests or require heat sinking.

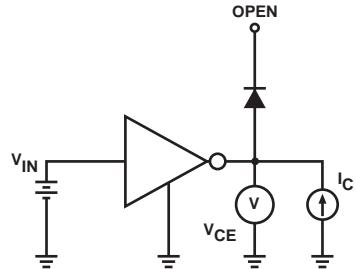
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**TEST FIGURES**



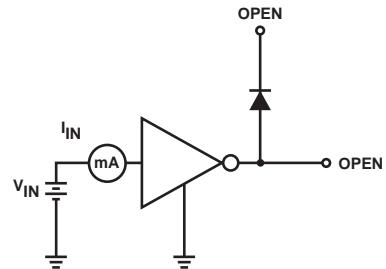
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**FIGURE 1**



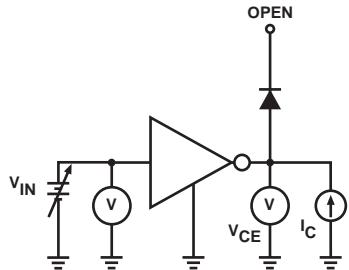
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**FIGURE 2**



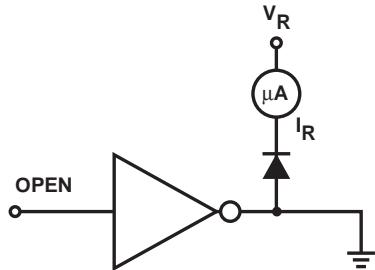
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**FIGURE 3**



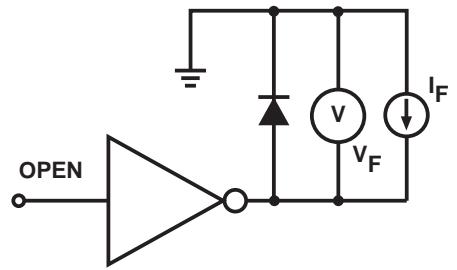
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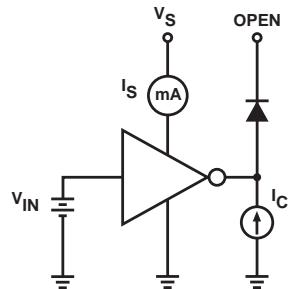
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**FIGURE 5**



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**FIGURE 6**



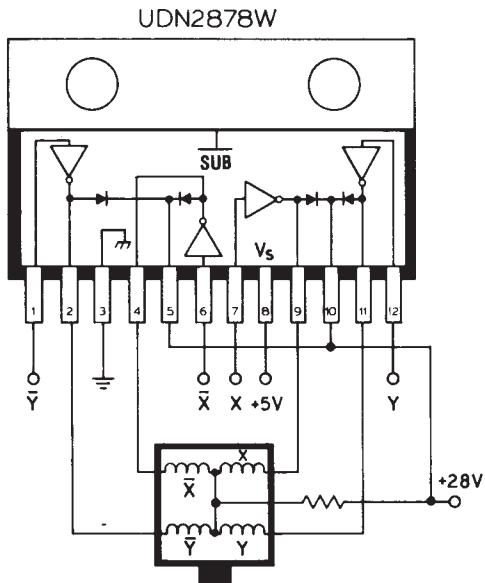
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**FIGURE 7**

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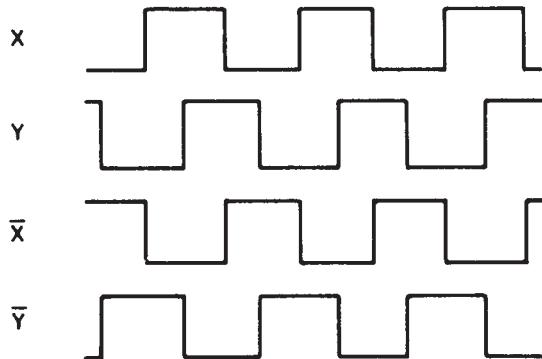
## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

### INPUT WAVEFORMS



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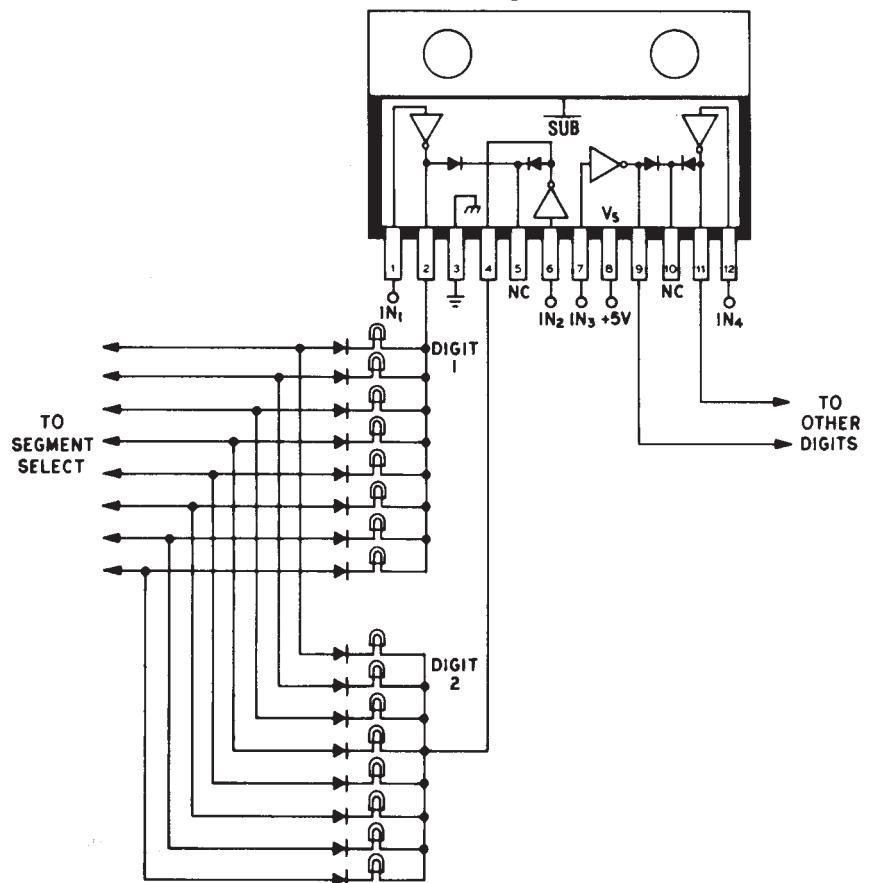
### STEPPER-MOTOR DRIVER



Dwg. No. A-11,795

### DIGIT DRIVER FOR MULTIPLEXED INCANDESCENT LAMP DISPLAY

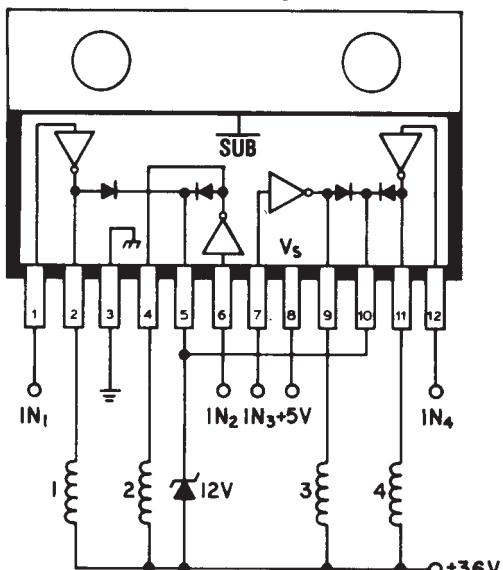
UDN2879W



Dwg. No. B-1512

### PRINT-HAMMER DRIVER

UDN2879W

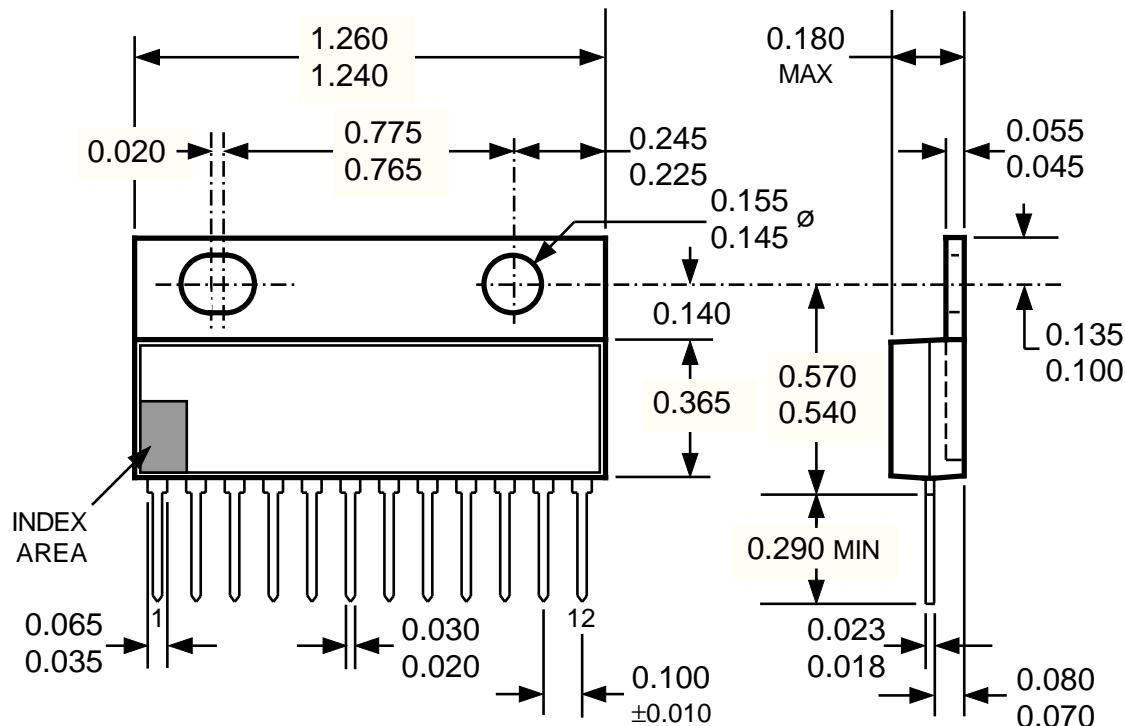


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## **Dimensions in Inches**

(controlling dimensions)



Dwg. MP-007 in

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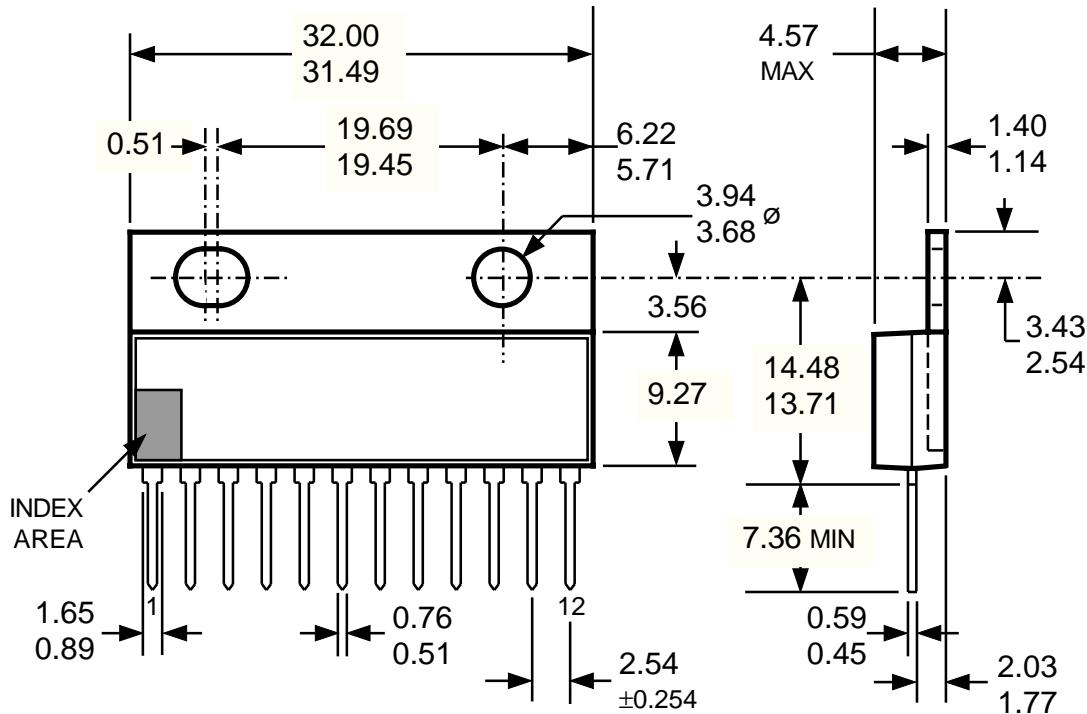
1. Lead thickness is measured at seating plane or below.
2. Lead spacing tolerance is non-cumulative
3. Exact body and lead configuration at vendor's option within limits shown.
4. Lead gauge plane is 0.030" below seating plane.



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**Dimensions in Millimeters**  
 (for reference only)



Dwg. MP-007 mm

- NOTES:
1. Lead thickness is measured at seating plane or below.
  2. Lead spacing tolerance is non-cumulative
  3. Exact body and lead configuration at vendor's option within limits shown.
  4. Lead gauge plane is 0.762 mm below seating plane.

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**POWER SINK DRIVERS  
SELECTION GUIDE**

IN ORDER OF 1) OUTPUT CURRENT, 2) OUTPUT VOLTAGE, 3) NUMBER OF DRIVERS

| Output Ratings * |     |    | Features                         |                 |             |                   |                     |                          |
|------------------|-----|----|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| mA               | V   | #  | Serial Input                     | Latched Drivers | Diode Clamp | Saturated Outputs | Internal Protection | Part Number <sup>†</sup> |
| 100              | 20  | 8  | —                                | —               | —           | X                 | —                   | 2595                     |
|                  | 30  | 32 | X                                | X               | —           | —                 | —                   | 5833                     |
|                  | 40  | 32 | X                                | X               | —           | X                 | —                   | 5832                     |
| 250              | 135 | 7  | —                                | —               | X           | —                 | —                   | 7003                     |
| 300              | 45  | 1  | Hall Sensor/Driver               |                 | X           | —                 | X                   | 5140                     |
|                  | 50  | 7  | —                                | —               | X           | —                 | —                   | 2003                     |
|                  | 50  | 8  | —                                | —               | X           | —                 | —                   | 2803                     |
|                  | 50  | 8  | —                                | —               | X           | X                 | —                   | 2596                     |
|                  | 60  | 2  | Hall Sensor/Driver               |                 | —           | X                 | —                   | 5275                     |
|                  | 60  | 4  | —                                | —               | X           | X                 | X                   | 2557                     |
|                  | 95  | 7  | —                                | —               | X           | —                 | —                   | 2023                     |
|                  | 95  | 8  | —                                | —               | X           | —                 | —                   | 2823                     |
| 350              | 50  | 4  | —                                | X               | X           | —                 | —                   | 5800                     |
|                  | 50  | 7  | —                                | —               | X           | —                 | —                   | 2004                     |
|                  | 50  | 8  | —                                | —               | X           | —                 | —                   | 2804                     |
|                  | 50  | 8  | —                                | X               | X           | —                 | —                   | 5801                     |
|                  | 50  | 8  | X                                | X               | —           | —                 | —                   | 5821                     |
|                  | 80  | 8  | X                                | X               | —           | —                 | —                   | 5822                     |
|                  | 50  | 8  | X                                | X               | X           | —                 | —                   | 5841                     |
|                  | 80  | 8  | X                                | X               | X           | —                 | —                   | 5842                     |
|                  | 95  | 7  | —                                | —               | X           | —                 | —                   | 2024                     |
|                  | 95  | 8  | —                                | —               | X           | —                 | —                   | 2824                     |
| 450              | 30  | 28 | Dual 4 to 14-Line Decoder/Driver |                 |             | —                 | —                   | 6817                     |
| 600              | 60  | 4  | —                                | —               | —           | X                 | X                   | 2547                     |
|                  | 60  | 4  | —                                | —               | X           | X                 | X                   | 2549                     |
| 700              | 60  | 4  | —                                | —               | X           | X                 | X                   | 2543 and 2559            |
| 750              | 50  | 8  | —                                | —               | X           | X                 | —                   | 2597                     |
| 900              | 14  | 2  | Hall Sensor/Driver               |                 | X           | X                 | X                   | 3625                     |
|                  | 26  | 2  | Hall Sensor/Driver               |                 | X           | X                 | X                   | 3626                     |
| 1000             | 46  | 4  | Stepper Motor Controller/Driver  |                 | MOS         | —                 | 7024 and 7029       |                          |
| 1200             | 46  | 4  | Microstepping Controller/Driver  |                 | MOS         | —                 | 7042                |                          |
| 1250             | 50  | 4  | Stepper Motor Translator/Driver  |                 | —           | X                 | 5804                |                          |
|                  | 50  | 4  | —                                | —               | X           | —                 | 2064 and 2068       |                          |
| 1500             | 80  | 4  | —                                | —               | X           | —                 | 2065 and 2069       |                          |
| 1600             | 50  | 9  | X                                | X               | —           | —                 | 5829                |                          |
| 1800             | 50  | 4  | —                                | —               | X           | —                 | 2544                |                          |
|                  | 50  | 4  | —                                | —               | X           | —                 | 2540                |                          |
| 3000             | 46  | 4  | Stepper Motor Controller/Driver  |                 | MOS         | —                 | 7026                |                          |
| 4000             | 50  | 4  | —                                | —               | X           | —                 | 2878                |                          |
|                  | 80  | 4  | —                                | —               | X           | —                 | 2879                |                          |

\* Current is maximum specified test condition, voltage is maximum rating. See specification for sustaining voltage limits or over-current protection voltage limits.

† Complete part number includes additional characters to indicate operating temperature range and package style.



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