

# CA555, CA555C, LM555, LM555C, NE555

Timers for Timing Delays and Oscillator Application  
in Commercial, Industrial and Military Equipment

May 1997

## Features

- Accurate Timing From Microseconds Through Hours
- Astable and Monostable Operation
- Adjustable Duty Cycle
- Output Capable of Sourcing or Sinking up to 200mA
- Output Capable of Driving TTL Devices
- Normally ON and OFF Outputs
- High Temperature Stability . . . . . 0.005%/°C
- Directly Interchangeable with SE555, NE555, MC1555, and MC1455

## Applications

- Precision Timing
- Sequential Timing
- Time Delay Generation
- Pulse Generation
- Pulse Detector
- Pulse Width and Position Modulation

## Ordering Information

| PART NUMBER<br>(BRAND) | TEMP.<br>RANGE (°C) | PACKAGE         | PKG.<br>NO. |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| CA0555E                | -55 to 125          | 8 Ld PDIP       | E8.3        |
| CA0555M (555)          | -55 to 125          | 8 Ld SOIC       | M8.15       |
| CA0555M96 (555)        | -55 to 125          | 8 Ld SOIC †     | M8.15       |
| CA0555T                | -55 to 125          | 8 Pin Metal Can | T8.C        |
| CA0555CE               | 0 to 70             | 8 Ld PDIP       | E8.3        |
| CA0555CM (555C)        | 0 to 70             | 8 Ld SOIC       | M8.15       |
| CA0555CM96 (555C)      | 0 to 70             | 8 Ld SOIC †     | M8.15       |
| CA0555CT               | 0 to 70             | 8 Pin Metal Can | T8.C        |
| LM555N                 | -55 to 125          | 8 Ld PDIP       | E8.3        |
| LM555CN                | 0 to 70             | 8 Ld PDIP       | E8.3        |
| NE555N                 | 0 to 70             | 8 Ld PDIP       | E8.3        |

NOTE: † Denotes Tape and Reel

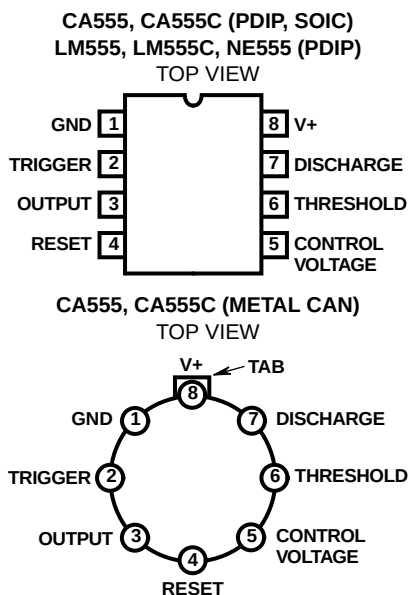
## Description

The CA555 and CA555C are highly stable timers for use in precision timing and oscillator applications. As timers, these monolithic integrated circuits are capable of producing accurate time delays for periods ranging from microseconds through hours. These devices are also useful for astable oscillator operation and can maintain an accurately controlled free running frequency and duty cycle with only two external resistors and one capacitor.

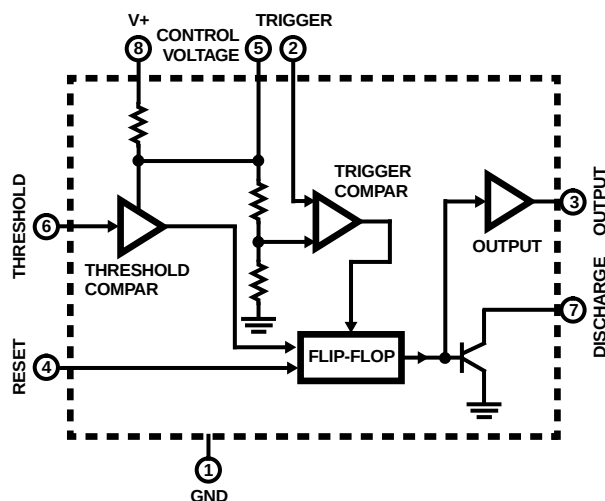
The circuits of the CA555 and CA555C may be triggered by the falling edge of the waveform signal, and the output of these circuits can source or sink up to a 200mA current or drive TTL circuits.

These types are direct replacements for industry types in packages with similar terminal arrangements e.g. SE555 and NE555, MC1555 and MC1455, respectively. The CA555 type circuits are intended for applications requiring premium electrical performance. The CA555C type circuits are intended for applications requiring less stringent electrical characteristics.

## Pinouts



## Functional Block Diagram



# CA555, CA555C, LM555, LM555C, NE555

## Absolute Maximum Ratings

DC Supply Voltage ..... 18V

## Operating Conditions

Temperature Range

CA555, LM555 ..... -55°C to 125°C

CA555C, LM555C, NE555 ..... 0°C to 70°C

## Thermal Information

Thermal Resistance (Typical, Note 1)  $\theta_{JA}$  (°C/W)  $\theta_{JC}$  (°C/W)

Metal Can Package ..... 170 85

PDIP Package ..... 100 N/A

SOIC Package ..... 160 N/A

Maximum Junction Temperature (Hermetic Package) ..... 175°C

Maximum Junction Temperature (Plastic Package) ..... 150°C

Maximum Storage Temperature Range ..... -65°C to 150°C

Maximum Lead Temperature (Soldering 10s) ..... 300°C  
(SOIC - Lead Tips Only)

CAUTION: Stresses above those listed in "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress only rating and operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not implied.

NOTE:

1.  $\theta_{JA}$  is measured with the component mounted on an evaluation PC board in free air.

## Electrical Specifications $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_+ = 5\text{V}$ to $15\text{V}$ Unless Otherwise Specified

| PARAMETER                                  | SYMBOL   | TEST CONDITIONS                                                               | CA555, LM555 |            |      | CA555C, LM555C, NE555 |            |      | UNITS                       |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------|-----------------------|------------|------|-----------------------------|
|                                            |          |                                                                               | MIN          | TYP        | MAX  | MIN                   | TYP        | MAX  |                             |
| DC Supply Voltage                          | $V_+$    |                                                                               | 4.5          | -          | 18   | 4.5                   | -          | 16   | V                           |
| DC Supply Current (Low State),<br>(Note 2) | $I_+$    | $V_+ = 5\text{V}$ , $R_L = \infty$                                            | -            | 3          | 5    | -                     | 3          | 6    | mA                          |
|                                            |          | $V_+ = 15\text{V}$ , $R_L = \infty$                                           | -            | 10         | 12   | -                     | 10         | 15   | mA                          |
| Threshold Voltage                          | $V_{TH}$ |                                                                               | -            | $(2/3)V_+$ | -    | -                     | $(2/3)V_+$ | -    | V                           |
| Trigger Voltage                            |          | $V_+ = 5\text{V}$                                                             | 1.45         | 1.67       | 1.9  | -                     | 1.67       | -    | V                           |
|                                            |          | $V_+ = 15\text{V}$                                                            | 4.8          | 5          | 5.2  | -                     | 5          | -    | V                           |
| Trigger Current                            |          |                                                                               | -            | 0.5        | -    | -                     | 0.5        | -    | $\mu\text{A}$               |
| Threshold Current (Note 3)                 | $I_{TH}$ |                                                                               | -            | 0.1        | 0.25 | -                     | 0.1        | 0.25 | $\mu\text{A}$               |
| Reset Voltage                              |          |                                                                               | 0.4          | 0.7        | 1.0  | 0.4                   | 0.7        | 1.0  | V                           |
| Reset Current                              |          |                                                                               | -            | 0.1        | -    | -                     | 0.1        | -    | mA                          |
| Control Voltage Level                      |          | $V_+ = 5\text{V}$                                                             | 2.9          | 3.33       | 3.8  | 2.6                   | 3.33       | 4    | V                           |
|                                            |          | $V_+ = 15\text{V}$                                                            | 9.6          | 10         | 10.4 | 9                     | 10         | 11   | V                           |
| Output Voltage<br>Low State                | $V_{OL}$ | $V_+ = 5\text{V}$ , $I_{SINK} = 5\text{mA}$                                   | -            | -          | -    | -                     | 0.25       | 0.35 | V                           |
|                                            |          | $I_{SINK} = 8\text{mA}$                                                       | -            | 0.1        | 0.25 | -                     | -          | -    | V                           |
|                                            |          | $V_+ = 15\text{V}$ , $I_{SINK} = 10\text{mA}$                                 | -            | 0.1        | 0.15 | -                     | 0.1        | 0.25 | V                           |
|                                            |          | $I_{SINK} = 50\text{mA}$                                                      | -            | 0.4        | 0.5  | -                     | 0.4        | 0.75 | V                           |
|                                            |          | $I_{SINK} = 100\text{mA}$                                                     | -            | 2.0        | 2.2  | -                     | 2.0        | 2.5  | V                           |
|                                            |          | $I_{SINK} = 200\text{mA}$                                                     | -            | 2.5        | -    | -                     | 2.5        | -    | V                           |
| Output Voltage<br>High State               | $V_{OH}$ | $V_+ = 5\text{V}$ , $I_{SOURCE} = 100\text{mA}$                               | 3.0          | 3.3        | -    | 2.75                  | 3.3        | -    | V                           |
|                                            |          | $V_+ = 15\text{V}$ , $I_{SOURCE} = 100\text{mA}$                              | 13.0         | 13.3       | -    | 12.75                 | 13.3       | -    | V                           |
|                                            |          | $I_{SOURCE} = 200\text{mA}$                                                   | -            | 12.5       | -    | -                     | 12.5       | -    | V                           |
| Timing Error (Monostable)                  |          | $R_1, R_2 = 1\text{k}\Omega$ to $100\text{k}\Omega$ ,<br>$C = 0.1\mu\text{F}$ | -            | 0.5        | 2    | -                     | 1          | -    | %                           |
| Frequency Drift with Temperature           |          | Tested at $V_+ = 5\text{V}$ , $V_+ = 15\text{V}$                              | -            | 30         | 100  | -                     | 50         | -    | $\text{ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Drift with Supply Voltage                  |          |                                                                               | -            | 0.05       | 0.2  | -                     | 0.1        | -    | %/V                         |

# CA555, CA555C, LM555, LM555C, NE555

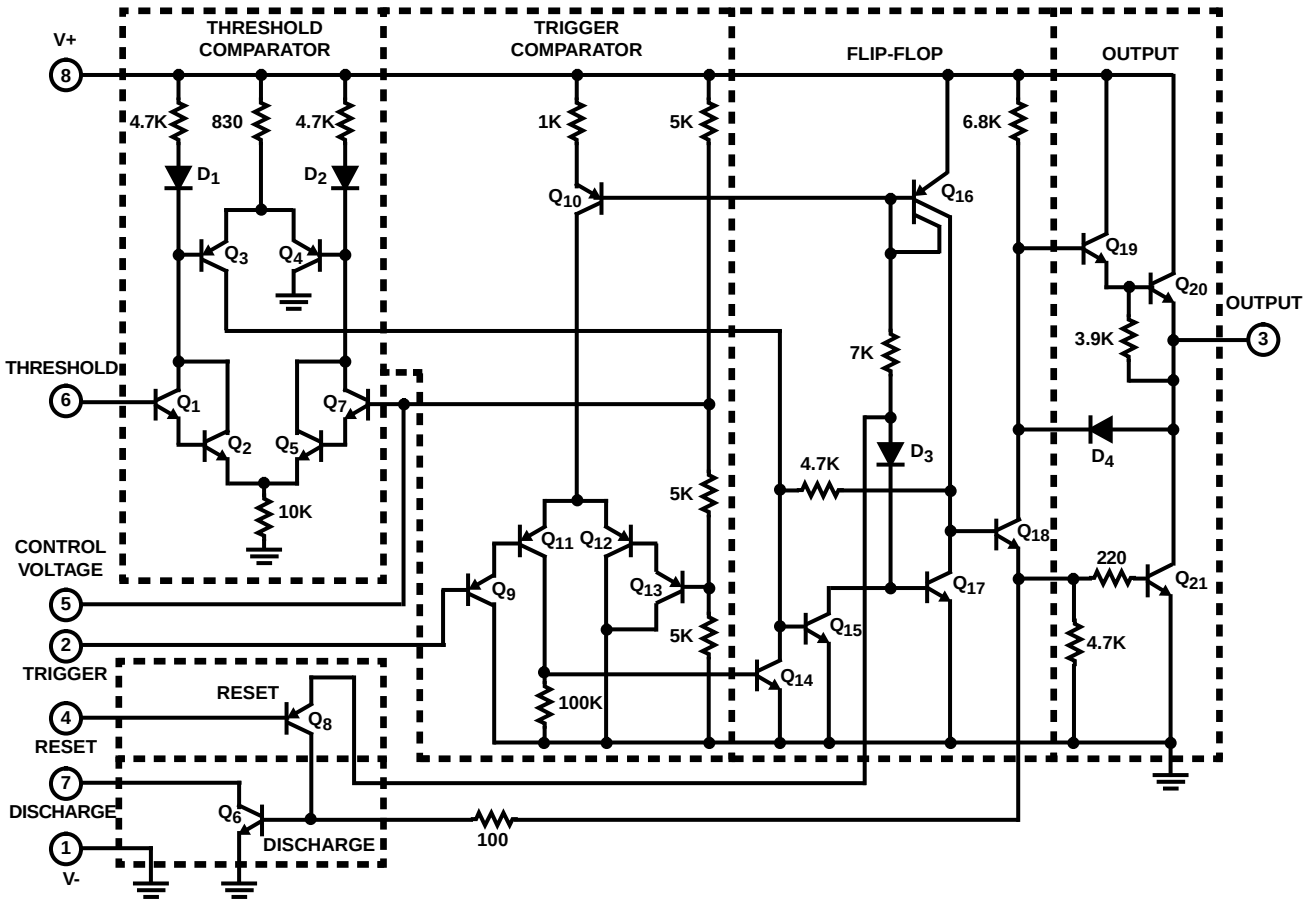
## Electrical Specifications $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , $V_+ = 5\text{V}$ to $15\text{V}$ Unless Otherwise Specified (Continued)

| PARAMETER        | SYMBOL | TEST CONDITIONS | CA555, LM555 |     |     | CA555C, LM555C, NE555 |     |     | UNITS |
|------------------|--------|-----------------|--------------|-----|-----|-----------------------|-----|-----|-------|
|                  |        |                 | MIN          | TYP | MAX | MIN                   | TYP | MAX |       |
| Output Rise Time | $t_R$  |                 | -            | 100 | -   | -                     | 100 | -   | ns    |
| Output Fall Time | $t_F$  |                 | -            | 100 | -   | -                     | 100 | -   | ns    |

### NOTES:

- When the output is in a high state, the DC supply current is typically 1mA less than the low state value.
- The threshold current will determine the sum of the values of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  to be used in Figure 4 (astable operation); the maximum total  $R_1 + R_2 = 20\text{M}\Omega$ .

## Schematic Diagram



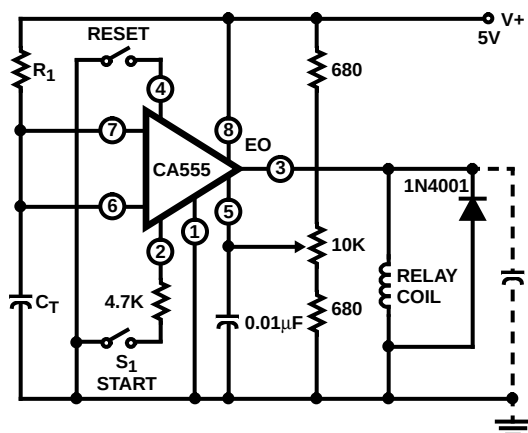
NOTE: Resistance values are in ohms.

## Typical Applications

### Reset Timer (Monostable Operation)

Figure 1 shows the CA555 connected as a reset timer. In this mode of operation capacitor  $C_T$  is initially held discharged by a transistor on the integrated circuit. Upon closing the "start" switch, or applying a negative trigger pulse to terminal 2, the integral timer flip-flop is "set" and releases the short circuit across  $C_T$  which drives the output voltage "high" (relay ener-

gized). The action allows the voltage across the capacitor to increase exponentially with the constant  $t = R_1 C_T$ . When the voltage across the capacitor equals  $2/3 V_+$ , the comparator resets the flip-flop which in turn discharges the capacitor rapidly and drives the output to its low state.



NOTE: All resistance values are in ohms.

FIGURE 1. RESET TIMER (MONOSTABLE OPERATION)

Since the charge rate and threshold level of the comparator are both directly proportional to  $V_+$ , the timing interval is relatively independent of supply voltage variations. Typically, the timing varies only 0.05% for a 1V change in  $V_+$ .

Applying a negative pulse simultaneously to the reset terminal (4) and the trigger terminal (2) during the timing cycle discharges  $C_T$  and causes the timing cycle to restart. Momentarily closing only the reset switch during the timing interval discharges  $C_T$ , but the timing cycle does not restart.

Figure 2 shows the typical waveforms generated during this mode of operation, and Figure 3 gives the family of time delay curves with variations in  $R_1$  and  $C_T$ .

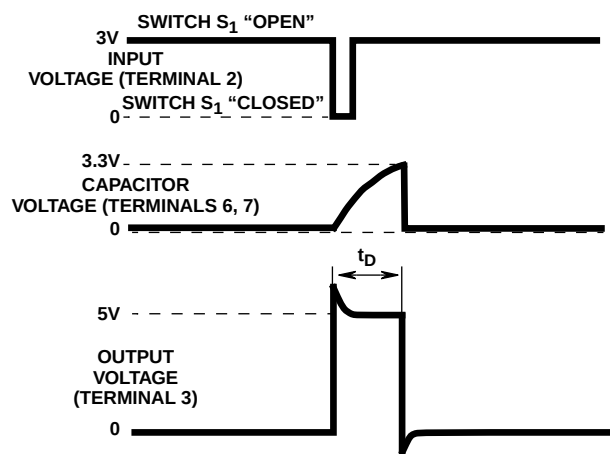


FIGURE 2. TYPICAL WAVEFORMS FOR RESET TIMER

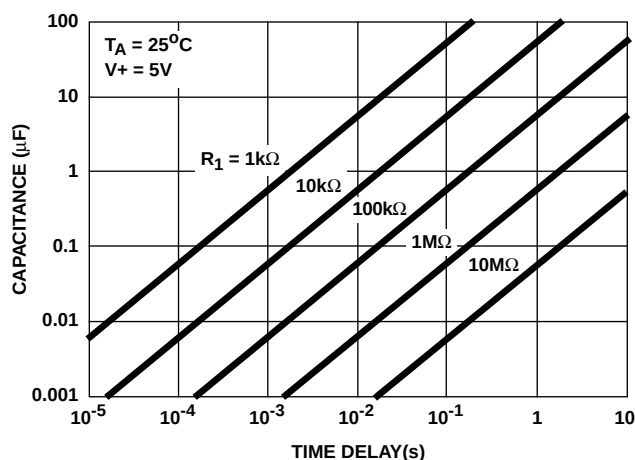


FIGURE 3. TIME DELAY vs RESISTANCE AND CAPACITANCE

### Repeat Cycle Timer (Astable Operation)

Figure 4 shows the CA555 connected as a repeat cycle timer. In this mode of operation, the total period is a function of both  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ .

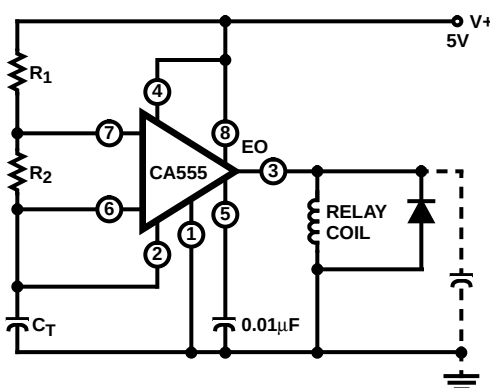


FIGURE 4. REPEAT CYCLE TIMER (ASTABLE OPERATION)

$$T = 0.693 (R_1 + 2R_2) C_T = t_1 + t_2$$

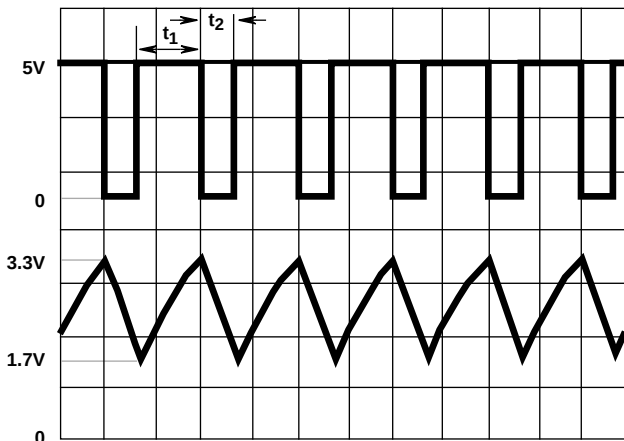
$$\text{where } t_1 = 0.693 (R_1 + R_2) C_T$$

$$\text{and } t_2 = 0.693 (R_2) C_T$$

the duty cycle is:

$$\frac{t_1}{t_1 + t_2} = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1 + 2R_2}$$

Typical waveforms generated during this mode of operation are shown in Figure 5. Figure 6 gives the family of curves of free running frequency with variations in the value of  $(R_1 + 2R_2)$  and  $C_T$ .



Top Trace: Output voltage (2V/Div. and 0.5ms/Div.)  
Bottom Trace: Capacitor voltage (1V/Div. and 0.5ms/Div.)

FIGURE 5. TYPICAL WAVEFORMS FOR REPEAT CYCLE TIMER

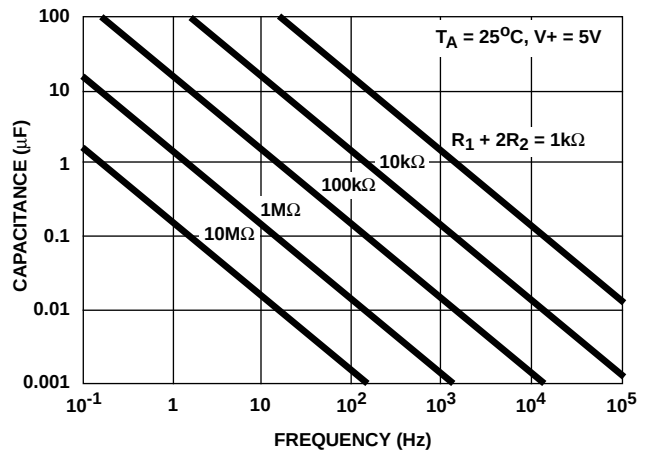
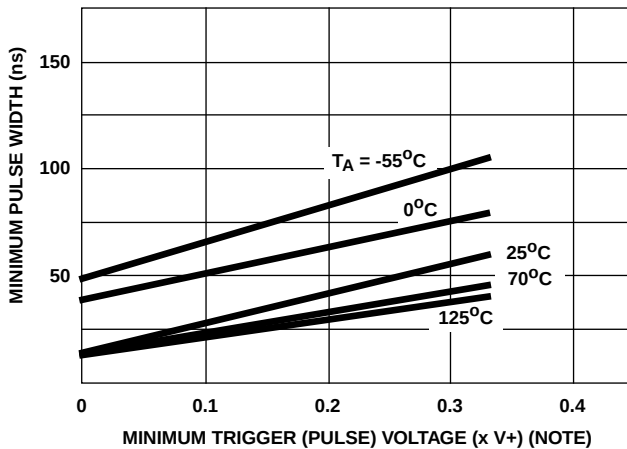


FIGURE 6. FREE RUNNING FREQUENCY OF REPEAT CYCLE TIMER WITH VARIATION IN CAPACITANCE AND RESISTANCE

### Typical Performance Curves



NOTE: Where x is the decimal multiplier of the supply voltage.

FIGURE 7. MINIMUM PULSE WIDTH vs. MINIMUM TRIGGER VOLTAGE

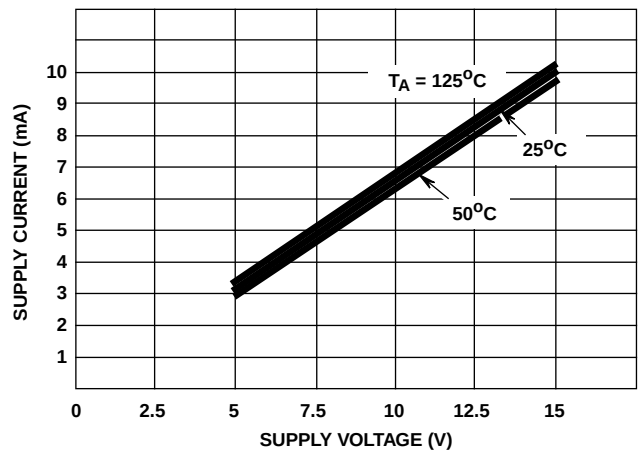


FIGURE 8. SUPPLY CURRENT vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE

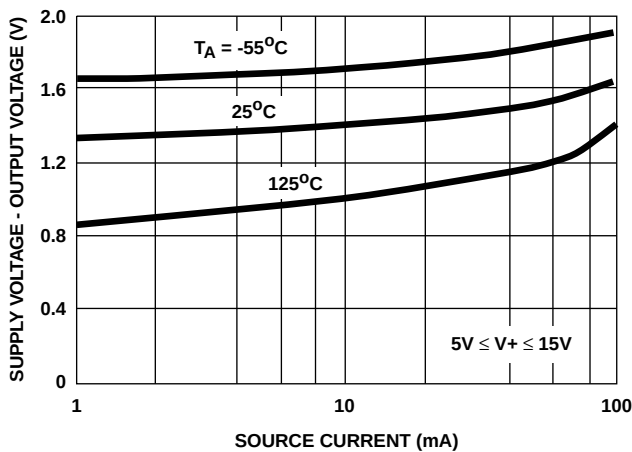


FIGURE 9. OUTPUT VOLTAGE DROP (HIGH STATE) vs. SOURCE CURRENT

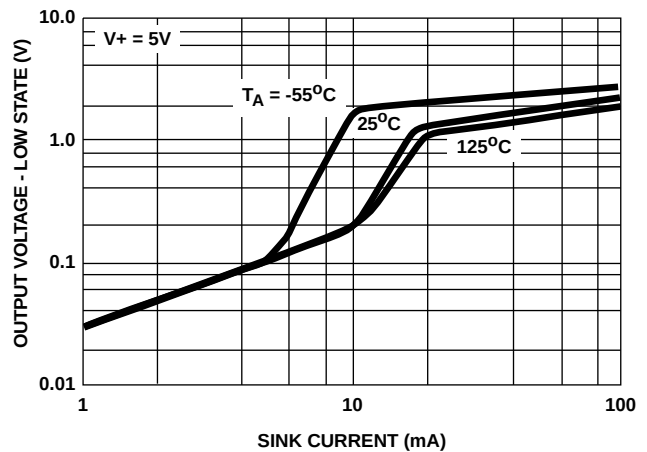


FIGURE 10. OUTPUT VOLTAGE LOW STATE vs. SINK CURRENT

**Typical Performance Curves** (Continued)

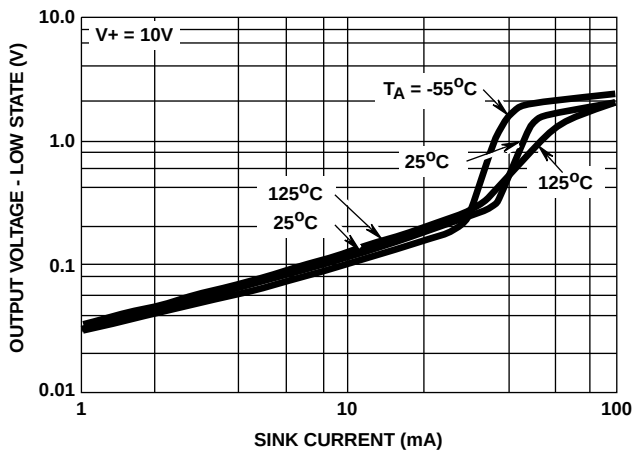


FIGURE 11. OUTPUT VOLTAGE LOW STATE vs SINK CURRENT

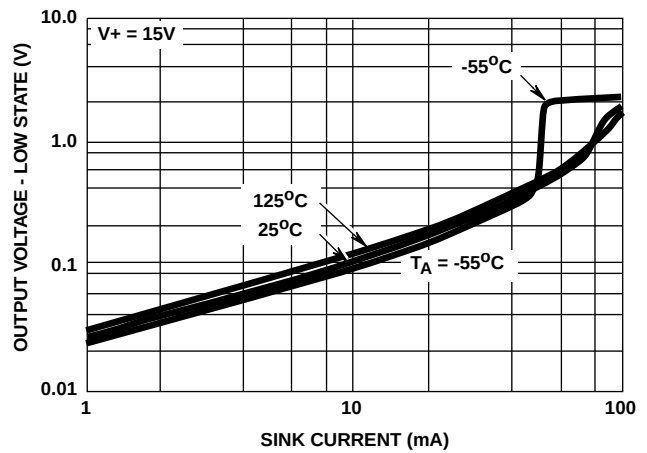


FIGURE 12. OUTPUT VOLTAGE LOW STATE vs SINK CURRENT

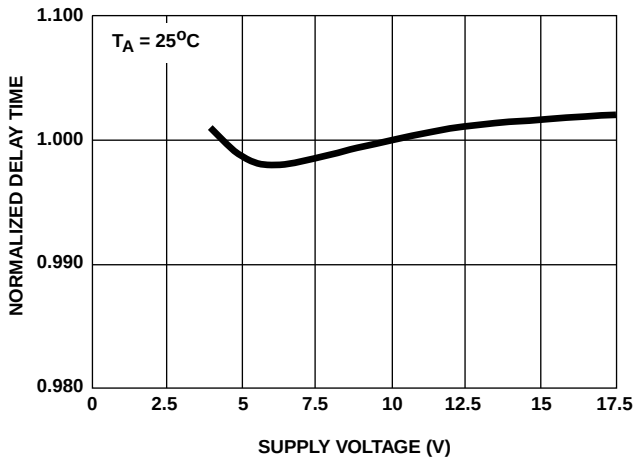


FIGURE 13. DELAY TIME vs SUPPLY VOLTAGE

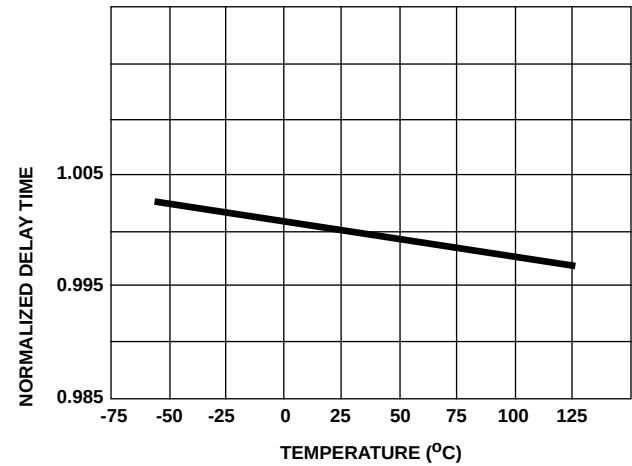
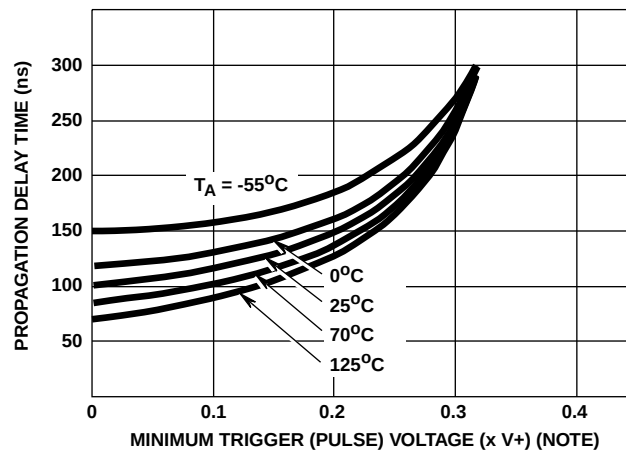


FIGURE 14. DELAY TIME vs TEMPERATURE



NOTE: Where x is the decimal multiplier of the supply voltage.

FIGURE 15. PROPAGATION DELAY TIME vs TRIGGER VOLTAGE