

TX-IR Serial Infrared Interface IC

The TX-IR is an 8-pin infrared transmitter IC designed for infrared serial data links, and remote control applications. Data present on the DIN pin is recreated on the DOUT pin modulated at the selected carrier frequency of 38KHz or 40KHz providing a simple, single-chip solution, for infrared data communications and remote control applications.

Programmable Features:

The programmable features of the TX-IR allow specific configuration options to be set before power is applied to the circuit. Programmable options are:

- 1. FSEL 38-40KHz Data Carrier "Frequency Select"
- 2. MSEL True or Inverted Data Input Logic "Mode Select".

FSEL Options:

The FSEL pin selects the modulation frequency of the data carrier for outgoing infrared data. Selectable frequencies are 38KHz or 40KHz. This feature allows the TX-IR to be used with inexpensive 38KHz or 40KHz infrared photo detector modules for infrared wireless communications, and remote control applications.

Pin programmable options are set at design time by connecting the FSEL & MSEL pins to the appropriate logic levels as shown below. When power is applied, the user-selected operating modes will be in effect.

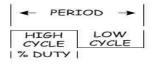
FSEL = 0

 \Box Frequency \cong 40KHz | Duty-Cycle \cong 52%

FSEL = 1

 \Box Frequency \cong 38KHz | Duty-Cycle \cong 50%

Note: Duty cycle % refers to the "High Cycle" time of the carrier frequency period.



MSEL Options:

The MSEL pin selects an input logic state of "1" or "0" that will turn ON or OFF the data carrier/infrared LED drive output on the DOUT pin. This feature allows the TX-IR to be used for infrared serial communications using TRUE or INVERTED serial modes, and simple push-button switches for remote control applications.

MSEL = 0

- □ Data Input Mode = TRUE
- Logic 0 on DIN Activates Modulated Data Carrier on DOUT

MSEL = 1

- Data Input Mode = Inverted
- Logic 1 on DIN Activates Modulated Data Carrier on DOUT

DIN & DOUT Pins

The DIN pin samples the logic state and bit timing of the incoming serial or logic pulse, and passes this timing information to the DOUT pin. The DOUT pin then outputs a carrier frequency matching the width of the sampled data bit by turning the carrier ON / OFF as shown below in Figure 1.

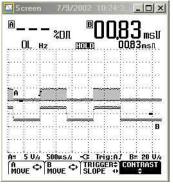


Figure 1

Trace B of the oscilloscope screen-capture shown in Figure 1 shows an incoming 1200-baud serial data stream present on DIN. Trace A shows the 40KHz modulated data signal being output on DOUT. The "input mode" selected by MSEL = 1 is inverted.

With the flexibility of programmable input logic modes, the TX-IR can be interfaced to the PC serial port, microcontrollers like the PIC, BASIC Stamp, 8051, and even simple pushbutton switches for wireless infrared serial communications, and remote control applications. For your convenience, we have included several infrared communications and remote control applications schematics with this document. Schematic examples provided are:

- Direct RS-232 PC Serial Port Interface
- Buffered RS-232 PC Serial Port Interface Using the MAX233
- Microcontroller Interface
- Push-Button Switch Interface For Remote Control Applications
- Object Detection

The TX-IR IC has been tested up to 2400 baud. Normal operation with standard infrared photo detectors such as the 38KHz Panasonic PNA4602M limits "reliable" serial data communications data-rates to 1200 baud. The PNA4602M is inexpensive, and best suited for remote control ON / OFF type applications.

Higher speed IR detectors such as the Vishay Telefunken 38KHz TSOP-1138 & 40KHz TSOP-1140 allow using up to the MAX data-rate of 2400 baud with the TX-IR IC. These IR detectors are suited for remote control ON / OFF, and serial communications.

TX-IR Applications:

- Infrared Serial Communications
- Object Detection Systems
- Remote Control Applications
- Robotics

Specifications:

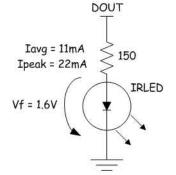
TX-IR IC: Microchip PIC12F508 PIC[™] Microcontroller
Power Requirements: Well Regulated 5 VDC
DOUT Max Output Drive Current: Sink or Source 25mA
DIN MAX Input Data Rate: 2,400 bps [2400 Baud]
Oscillator Frequency: 4MHz
Idle Current: ≅ < 2mA @5 VDC

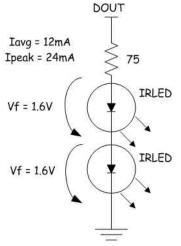
For more detailed device specifications or to download the datasheet for the PIC12F508 PIC microcontroller used for the TX-IR IC, please visit the Microchip corporate web site at: http://www.microchip.com

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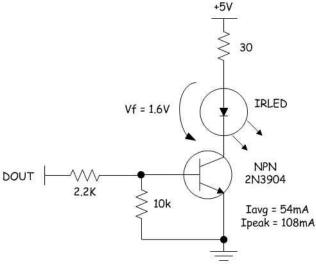






Example #1: Single Infrared LED

Example #2: Dual Infrared LEDs



Example #3: Transistor LED Drive Circuit

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