# 1/4- to 1/12-DUTY FIP ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ (VFD) CONTROLLER/DRIVER 

## DESCRIPTION

The $\mu$ PD16315 is a FIP (Fluorescent Indicator Panel, or Vacuum Fluorescent Display) controller/driver that is driven on a $1 / 4$ - to $1 / 12$ - duty factor. It consists of 16 segment output lines, 4 grid output lines, 8 segment/grid output drive lines, a display memory, a control circuit, and a key scan circuit. Serial data is input to the $\mu$ PD16315 through a three-line serial interface. This FIP controller/driver is ideal as a peripheral device for a single-chip microcomputer.

## FEATURES

- Multiple display modes: 16 -segment \& 12-digit to 24 -segment \& 4-digit
- Key scanning: $16 \times 2$ matrix
- Dimming circuit: 8 steps
- High-withstanding-voltage output: VdD - 35 V MAX.
- LED ports: 4 chs., 20 mA MAX.
- No external resistors necessary for driver outputs: P-ch open-drain + pull-down resistor output
- Serial interface: CLK, STB, Din, Dout


## ORDERING INFORMATION

| Part Number | Package |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\mu$ PD16315GB-3BS | $44-$ pin Plastic QFP $(10 \times 10)$ |

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## 1. BLOCK DIAGRAM



## 2. PIN CONFIGURATION (Top View)

44-pin Plastic QFP (10 x 10)


Caution Use all of the power supply pins.

## 3. PIN FUNCTION

| Symbol | Pin Name | Pin No. | 1/O | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Din | Data input | 7 | Input | Input serial data at rising edge of shift clock, starting from the low order bit. |
| Dout | Data output | 6 | Output | Output serial data at the falling edge of the shift clock, starting from low order bit. This is N -ch open-drain output pin. |
| STB | Strobe | 9 | - | Initializes serial interface at the rising or falling edge of the $\mu$ PD16315. It then waits for reception of a command. Data input after STB has fallen is processed as a command. While command data is processed, current processing is stopped, and the serial interface is initialized. While STB is high, CLK is ignored. |
| CLK | Clock input | 8 | Input | Reads serial data at the rising edge, and outputs data at the falling edge. |
| OSC | Oscillator pin | 5 | - | Connect resistor to this pin to determine the oscillation frequency to this pin. Connect resistor between this pin and GND (Vss). |
| $\mathrm{Seg}_{1} / \mathrm{KS}_{1}$ to Seg16/KS 16 | High-withstanding-voltage output (Segment) | 14 to 29 | Output | Segment output pins (Dual function as key source) |
| Grid 1 to Grid4 | High-withstanding-voltage output (grid) | 39 to 42 | Output | Grid output pins |
| Seg ${ }_{17} /$ Grid $_{12}$ to Seg24/Grid5 | High-withstanding-voltage output (segment/grid) | 31 to 38 | Output | These pins are selectable for segment or grid driving. |
| LED ${ }_{1}$ to LED 4 | LED output | 1 to 4 | Output | CMOS output, +20 mA MAX. |
| $\mathrm{KEY}_{1}, \mathrm{KEY}_{2}$ | Key data input | 10,11 | Input | Data input to these pins is latched at the end of the display cycle. |
| VDD | Logic power | 13, 43 | - | $5 \mathrm{~V} \pm 10 \%$ |
| Vss | Logic ground | 12, 44 | - | Connect this pin to system GND. |
| $V_{\text {EE }}$ | Pull-down level | 30 | - | VDD - 35 V MAX. |

## 4. DISPLAY RAM ADDRESS AND DISPLAY MODE

The display RAM stores the data transmitted to the $\mu$ PD16315 through the serial communication. The addresses are allocated in 8-bit units.

| $\mathrm{Seg}_{1} \quad \mathrm{Seg}_{4}$ | Seg8 |  |  |  |  | $\mathrm{DIG}_{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 00 HL | 00Hu | 01 HL | 01 Hu | 02HL | 02Hu |  |
| 03 HL | 03 Hu | 04 HL | 04 Hu | 05 HL | 05 Hu | DIG2 |
| 06 HL | 06 Hu | 07 HL | 07 Hu | 08 HL | 08 Hu | DIG3 |
| 09 HL | 09 Hu | OAHL | OAHu | OBHı | OBHu | $\mathrm{DIG}_{4}$ |
| 0 CHL | $0 \mathrm{CH} u$ | ODHL | ODHu | 0 EHL | 0 EHu | DIG5 |
| 0FHL | OFHu | 10 HL | 10 Hu | 11 HL | 11 Hu | DIG6 |
| 12 HL | 12 Hu | 13 HL | 13 Hu | 14 HL | 14 Hu | $\mathrm{DIG}_{7}$ |
| 15 HL | 15 Hu | 16 HL | 16 Hu | 17 HL | 17 Hu | DIG8 |
| 18 HL | 18 Hu | 19 HL | 19 Hu | 1 AH | 1 AHu | DIG9 |
| 1 BHL | $1 \mathrm{BH} u$ | 1 CHL | 1 CHu | 1DHL | 1DHu | DIG ${ }_{10}$ |
| 1 EHL | 1 EHu | 1 FHL | 1 FHu | 20 HL | 2 Hu | DIG11 |
| $21 \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{L}}$ | 21 Hu | $22 \mathrm{H}_{L}$ | 22 Hu | $23 \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{L}}$ | 23 Hu | DIG12 |


| b0 | b3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| XXHL | b7 |
| Lower 4 bits |  |
| Higher 4 bits |  |

## 5. KEY MATRIX AND KEY-INPUT DATA STORAGE RAM

The key matrix is made up of a $16 \times 2$ matrix, as shown below.


The data of each key is stored as follows, and is read with the read command starting from the least significant bit.

| $\mathrm{KEY}_{1} \quad \mathrm{KEY}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{KEY}_{1} \quad \mathrm{KEY}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{KEY}_{1} \quad \mathrm{KEY}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{KEY}_{1} \quad \mathrm{KEY}_{2}$ | Reading Sequence |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Seg}_{1} / \mathrm{KS}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{Seg}_{2} / \mathrm{KS}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{Seg}_{3} / \mathrm{KS}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{Seg}_{4} / \mathrm{KS}_{4}$ |  |
| Seg5/KS5 | Seg6/KS6 | $\mathrm{Seg}_{7} / \mathrm{KS}_{7}$ | Seg8/KS8 |  |
| Seg9/KS9 | Seg ${ }_{10} / \mathrm{KS}_{10}$ | Seg $11^{1 / K S}{ }_{11}$ | $\mathrm{Seg}_{12} / \mathrm{KS}_{12}$ |  |
| $\mathrm{Seg}_{13} / \mathrm{KS}_{13}$ | $\mathrm{Seg}_{14} / \mathrm{KS}_{14}$ | Seg15/KS ${ }_{15}$ | $\mathrm{Seg}_{16} / \mathrm{KS}{ }_{16}$ |  |
| b0 b1 | b2 b3 | b4 b5 | b6 b7 |  |

### 5.1 LED Port

Data is written to the LED port with the write command, starting from the least significant bit. " L " output when the bit of this port is 0 , and " H " output when the bit is 1 . The data of bits after the 5 th bit are ignored.


Remark Power ON application, all the LED ports are "L" output.

## 6. COMMANDS

Commands set the display mode and status of the FIP ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ (VFD) driver.
The first 1 byte input to the $\mu$ PD16315 through the DIN pin after the STB pin has fallen is regarded as a command. If STB is set high while commands/data are transmitted, serial communication is initialized, and the commands/data being transmitted are invalid (however, the commands/data previously transmitted remain valid).

## (1) Display mode setting commands

These commands initialize the $\mu$ PD16315 and select the number of segments and the number of grids (1/4- to $1 / 12$ duty, 16 segments to 24 segments).

When these commands are executed, the display is forcibly turned OFF, and key scanning is also stopped. To resume display, the display command "ON" must be executed. If the same mode is selected, however, nothing happens.


Remark Power ON application, the 12-digit, 16-segment mode is selected.

## (2) Data setting commands

These commands set data write and data read modes.


Remark Power ON application, the normal operation and address increment modes are set.

## (3) Address setting commands

These commands set an address of the display memory.


Remarks 1. If address 24 H or higher is set, data is ignored, until a valid address is set.
2. Power ON application, the address is set to 00 H .
(4) Display control commands

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MSB LSB
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Dimming quantity settings
000 : Set pulse width to \(1 / 16\). 001 : Set pulse width to \(2 / 16\) 010 : Set pulse width to \(4 / 16\). 011 : Set pulse width to 10/16. 100 : Set pulse width to \(11 / 16\). 101 : Set pulse width to 12/16. 110 : Set pulse width to 13/16. 111 : Set pulse width to \(14 / 16\).
Turns ON/OFF display. 0 : Display OFF (Key scan continues \({ }^{\text {Note }}\) ) 1 : Display ON
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Note Power ON application, key scanning is stopped.

Remark Power ON application, the $1 / 16$ pulse width is set and the display is turned OFF.
7. KEY SCANNING AND DISPLAY TIMING


Remark One cycle of key scanning consists of two frame, and data in a $16 \times 2$ matrix is stored in RAM.

## Key Scan Expansion



## 8. SERIAL COMMUNICATION FORMAT

Reception (command/data write)


Transmission (data read)


Note When data is read, a wait time twait of $1 \mu \mathrm{~s}$ is necessary since the rising of the eighth clock that has set the command, until the falling of the first clock that has read the data.

Remark Because the Dout pin is an N-ch, open-drain output pin, be sure to connect an external pull-up resistor ( 1 to $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ) to this pin.

## 9. ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Absolute Maximum Ratings $\left(\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{Vss}=0 \mathrm{~V}\right)$

| Parameter | Symbol | Ratings | Unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Logic Supply Voltage | VDD | -0.5 to +6.0 | V |
| Driver Supply Voltage | $V_{\text {EE }}$ | $V_{D D}+0.5$ to $V_{D D}-40$ | V |
| Logic Input Voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{11}$ | -0.5 to $V_{\text {DD }}+0.5$ | V |
| FIP Driver Output Voltage | Vo2 | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {EE }}-0.5$ to $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{DD}}+0.5$ | V |
| LED Driver Output Current | lo1 | $\pm 20$ | mA |
| FIP Driver Output Current | loz | $\begin{gathered} -40 \text { (grid) } \\ -15 \text { (segment) } \end{gathered}$ | mA |
| Power Dissipation | Pd | $800^{\text {Note }}$ | mW |
| Operating Ambient Temperature | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}$ | -40 to +85 | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Storage Temperature | $\mathrm{T}_{\text {stg }}$ | -65 to +150 | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

Note Derate at $-6.4 \mathrm{~mW} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ or higher.

Caution Product quality may suffer if the absolute maximum rating is exceeded even momentarily for any parameter. That is, the absolute maximum ratings are rated values at which the product is on the verge of suffering physical damage, and therefore the product must be used under conditions that ensure that the absolute maximum ratings are not exceeded.

Recommended Operating Range ( $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathbf{- 2 0}$ to $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, $\mathrm{Vss}=0 \mathrm{~V}$ )

| Parameter | Symbol | MIN. | TYP. | MAX. | Unit |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Logic Supply Voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{DD}}$ | 4.5 | 5 | 5.5 | V |
| High-Level Input Voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{I H}$ | $0.7 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{DD}}$ |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{DD}}$ | V |
| Low-Level Input Voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IL}}$ | 0 |  | $0.3 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{DD}}$ | V |
| Driver Supply Votlage | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {EE }}$ | 0 |  | $\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{DD}}-35$ | V |

Remark Maximum power consumption Pmax. = FIP driver dissipation + RL dissipation + LED driver dissipation + dynamic power consumption
Where segment current $=3 \mathrm{~mA}$, grid current $=15 \mathrm{~mA}$, and LED current $=20 \mathrm{~mA}$,
FIP driver dissipation $=$ number of segments $\times 6+$ number of grids/(number of grids +1$) \times 30(\mathrm{~mW})$
$R\left\llcorner\right.$ dissipation $\cong\left(V D D-V_{E E}\right)^{2} / 50 \times$ (number of segments +1$)(m W)$
LED driver dissipation $=$ number of LEDs $\times 20(\mathrm{~mW})$
Dynamic power consumption $=$ VDD $\times 5(\mathrm{~mW})$

Electrical Characteristics ( $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathbf{- 2 0}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{VdD}=4.5$ to 5.5 V , $\mathrm{Vss}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{VeE}=\mathrm{VdD}-35 \mathrm{~V}$ )

| Parameter | Symbol | Test Conditions | MIN. | TYP. | MAX. | Unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| High-Level Output Voltage | Vori | $\mathrm{LED}_{1}-\mathrm{LED}_{4}, \mathrm{loH} 1=-15 \mathrm{~mA}$ | $V_{D D}-1$ |  |  | V |
| Low-Level Output Voltage | VoL1 | $\mathrm{LED}_{1}-\mathrm{LED}_{4}, \mathrm{loL} 1=+15 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  |  | 1 | V |
| Low-Level Output Voltage | VoL2 | Dout, loL2 $=4 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  |  | 0.4 | V |
| High-Level Output Current | Іон21 | $V_{O}=V_{D D}-2 V,$ <br> $\mathrm{Seg}_{1} / \mathrm{KS}_{1}$ to $\mathrm{Seg}_{16} / \mathrm{KS}_{16}$ | -3 |  |  | mA |
| High-Level Output Current | Іон22 | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{O}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{DD}}-2 \mathrm{~V}$, Grid ${ }_{1}$ to Grid 4 <br> Seg $_{17} /$ Grid $_{12}$ to $\mathrm{Seg}_{24}$ / Grid5 | -15 |  |  | mA |
| Driver Leakage Current | loleak | $V_{O}=V_{D D}-35 \mathrm{~V}$, driver OFF |  |  | -10 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Output Pull-Down Resistor | RL | Driver output | 40 | 65 | 120 | $\mathrm{k} \Omega$ |
| Input Current | 11 | $\mathrm{V}_{1}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {DD }}$ or $\mathrm{V}_{\text {SS }}$ |  |  | $\pm 1$ | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| High-Level Input Voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{H}}$ |  | 0.7 VDD |  |  | V |
| Low-Level Input Voltage | VIL |  |  |  | 0.3 VDD | V |
| Hysteresis Voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{H}}$ | CLK, Din, STB |  | 0.35 |  | V |
| Dynamic Current Consumption | Idodyn | Under no load, display OFF |  |  | 5 | mA |

Switching Characteristics ( $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-20$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{dD}}=4.5$ to $5.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{EE}}=-30 \mathrm{~V}$ )

| Parameter | Symbol | Test Conditions |  | MIN. | TYP. | MAX. | Unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oscillation Frequency | fosc | $\mathrm{R}=82 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |  | 350 | 500 | 650 | kHz |
| Propagation Delay Time | tplz | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CLK } \rightarrow \text { Dout } \\ & C L=15 \mathrm{pF}, \mathrm{RL}=10 \mathrm{k} \Omega \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | 300 | ns |
|  | tpzL |  |  |  |  | 100 | ns |
| Rise Time | tтzH1 | $\mathrm{CL}=300 \mathrm{pF}$ | $\mathrm{Seg}_{1} / \mathrm{KS} 1$ to $\mathrm{Seg}_{16} / \mathrm{KS}_{16}$ |  |  | 2 | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |
|  | tтzH2 |  | Grid 1 to Grid4, Seg17/Grid ${ }_{12}$ to $\mathrm{Seg}_{24} /$ Grid5 |  |  | 0.5 | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |
| Fall Time | tinz | $\mathrm{CL}=300 \mathrm{pF}$, Segn, Gridn |  |  |  | 160 | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |
| Maximum Clock Frequency | fmax. | Duty $=50 \%$ |  | 1 |  |  | MHz |
| Input Capacitance | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ |  |  |  |  | 15 | pF |

Timing Conditions ( $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-20$ to $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{VdD}=4.5$ to 5.5 V )

| Parameter | Symbol | Test Conditions | MIN. | TYP. | MAX. | Unit |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Clock Pulse Width | PWCLK |  | 400 |  |  | ns |
| Strobe Pulse Width | PWSTB |  | 1 |  |  | $\mu \mathrm{~s}$ |
| Data Setup Time | tsetup |  | 100 |  |  | ns |
| Data Hold Time | thold |  | 100 |  |  | ns |
| Clock-Strobe Time | tcLk-STB | CLK $\uparrow \rightarrow$ STB $\uparrow$ | 1 |  |  | $\mu \mathrm{~s}$ |
| Wait Time | twait | CLK $\uparrow \rightarrow$ CLK $\downarrow^{\text {Note }}$ | 1 |  |  | $\mu \mathrm{~s}$ |

Note Refer to the SERIAL COMMUNICATION FORMAT.

## Switching Characteristic Waveforms



## 10. APPLICATIONS

Updating display memory by incrementing address


Command 1 : sets display mode
Command 2 : sets data
Command 3 : sets address
Data 1 to n : transfers display data ( 36 bytes MAX.)
Command 4 : controls display

Updating specific address


Command 1 : sets data
Command 2 : sets address
Data : display data
11. CIRCUIT EXAMPLE FOR APPLICATION


Note $\wp=6^{0}$
Remark $R_{1}, R_{4}=1 \mathrm{k}$ to $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$
$\mathrm{R}_{2}=82 \mathrm{k} \Omega$
$\mathrm{R}_{3}=330$ to $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$
$\mathrm{C}=0.1 \mu$ to $1.0 \mu \mathrm{~F}$

## 12. PACKAGE DRAWING

## 44-PIN PLASTIC QFP (10x10)


detail of lead end


## NOTE

Each lead centerline is located within 0.16 mm of its true position (T.P.) at maximum material condition.

| ITEM | MILLIMETERS |
| :---: | :--- |
| A | $13.2 \pm 0.2$ |
| B | $10.0 \pm 0.2$ |
| C | $10.0 \pm 0.2$ |
| D | $13.2 \pm 0.2$ |
| F | 1.0 |
| G | 1.0 |
| H | $0.37_{-0.07}^{+0.08}$ |
| I | 0.16 |
| J | 0.8 (T.P.) |
| K | $1.6 \pm 0.2$ |
| L | $0.8 \pm 0.2$ |
| M | $0.17_{-0}^{+0.06}$ |
| N | 0.10 |
| P | $2.7 \pm 0.1$ |
| Q | $0.125 \pm 0.075$ |
| R | $3^{\circ+7^{\circ}}$ |
| S | 3.0 MAX. |
|  | S44GB-80-3BS-2 |

## 13. RECOMMENDED SOLDERING CONDITIONS

The following conditions must be met for soldering conditions of the $\mu$ PD16315.
For more details, refer to the Semiconductor Device Mounting Technology Manual (C10535E).
Please consult with our sales offices in case other soldering process is used, or in case the soldering is done under different conditions.

## Type of Surface Mount Device

$\mu$ PD16315GB-3BS : 44-pin plastic QFP (10 x 10)

| Soldering process | Soldering conditions | Symbol |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Infrared ray reflow | Peak package's surface temperature: $235^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ or below, <br> Reflow time: 30 seconds or below $\left(210^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ or higher), <br> Number of reflow process: MAX.3 | IR35-00-3 |
| VPS | Peak package's temperature: $215^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ or below, |  |
| Reflow time: 25 to 40 seconds $\left(200^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ or higher), |  |  |
| Number of reflow process: MAX.3 | VP15-00-3 |  |
| Wave Soldering | Solder temperature: $260^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ or below, <br> Flow time: 10 seconds or below <br> Temperature of pre-heat: $120^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ pr below (Plastic surface <br> temperature) <br> Number of flow process: 1 | WS60-00-1 |
| Partial heating method | Terminal temperature: $300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ or below, |  |

Caution Do not apply more than a single process at once, except for partial heating method.

## NOTES FOR CMOS DEVICES

## PRECAUTION AGAINST ESD FOR SEMICONDUCTORS

Note:
Strong electric field, when exposed to a MOS device, can cause destruction of the gate oxide and ultimately degrade the device operation. Steps must be taken to stop generation of static electricity as much as possible, and quickly dissipate it once, when it has occurred. Environmental control must be adequate. When it is dry, humidifier should be used. It is recommended to avoid using insulators that easily build static electricity. Semiconductor devices must be stored and transported in an anti-static container, static shielding bag or conductive material. All test and measurement tools including work bench and floor should be grounded. The operator should be grounded using wrist strap. Semiconductor devices must not be touched with bare hands. Similar precautions need to be taken for PW boards with semiconductor devices on it.

## (2) HANDLING OF UNUSED INPUT PINS FOR CMOS

Note:
No connection for CMOS device inputs can be cause of malfunction. If no connection is provided to the input pins, it is possible that an internal input level may be generated due to noise, etc., hence causing malfunction. CMOS devices behave differently than Bipolar or NMOS devices. Input levels of CMOS devices must be fixed high or low by using a pull-up or pull-down circuitry. Each unused pin should be connected to VDD or GND with a resistor, if it is considered to have a possibility of being an output pin. All handling related to the unused pins must be judged device by device and related specifications governing the devices.

## (3) STATUS BEFORE INITIALIZATION OF MOS DEVICES

Note:
Power-on does not necessarily define initial status of MOS device. Production process of MOS does not define the initial operation status of the device. Immediately after the power source is turned ON, the devices with reset function have not yet been initialized. Hence, power-on does not guarantee out-pin levels, I/O settings or contents of registers. Device is not initialized until the reset signal is received. Reset operation must be executed immediately after power-on for devices having reset function.

## Reference Documents

# NEC Semiconductor Device Reliability/Quality Control System (C10983E) <br> Quality Grades On NEC Semiconductor Devices (C11531E) 

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