

# NE555

## DESCRIPTION

The NE555 monolithic timing circuit is a highly stable controller capable of producing accurate time delays or oscillation. In the time delay mode of operation, the time is precisely controlled by one external resistor and capacitor. For a stable operation as an oscillator, the free running frequency and the duty cycle are both accurately controlled with two external resistors and one capacitor. The circuit may be triggered and reset on falling waveforms, and the output structure can source or sink up to 200mA. The NE555 is available in plastic and ceramic minidip package and in a 8-lead micropackage and in metal can package version.

## FEATURES

- ◆ Low turn off time
- ◆ Maximum operating frequency greater than 500kHz
- ◆ Timing from microseconds to hours
- ◆ Operates in both astable and monostable modes
- ◆ High output current can source or sink 200mA
- ◆ Adjustable duty cycle
- ◆ TTL compatible
- ◆ Temperature stability of 0.005% per °C

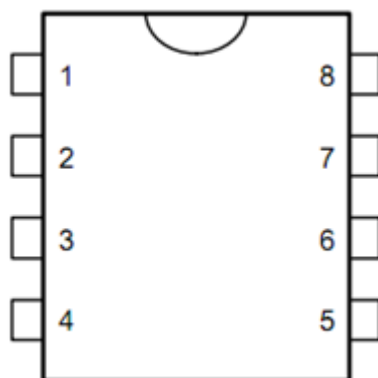


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(Plastic Package)



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(Plastic Micropackage)

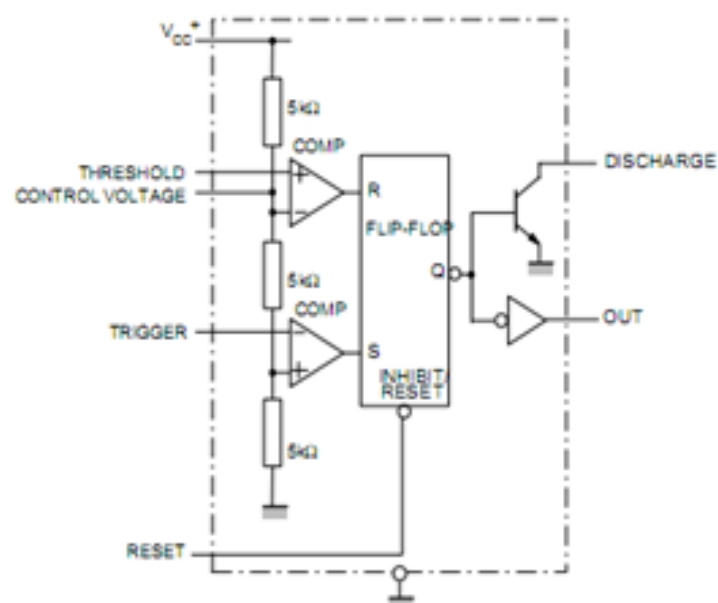
## PIN CONNECTIONS (top view)



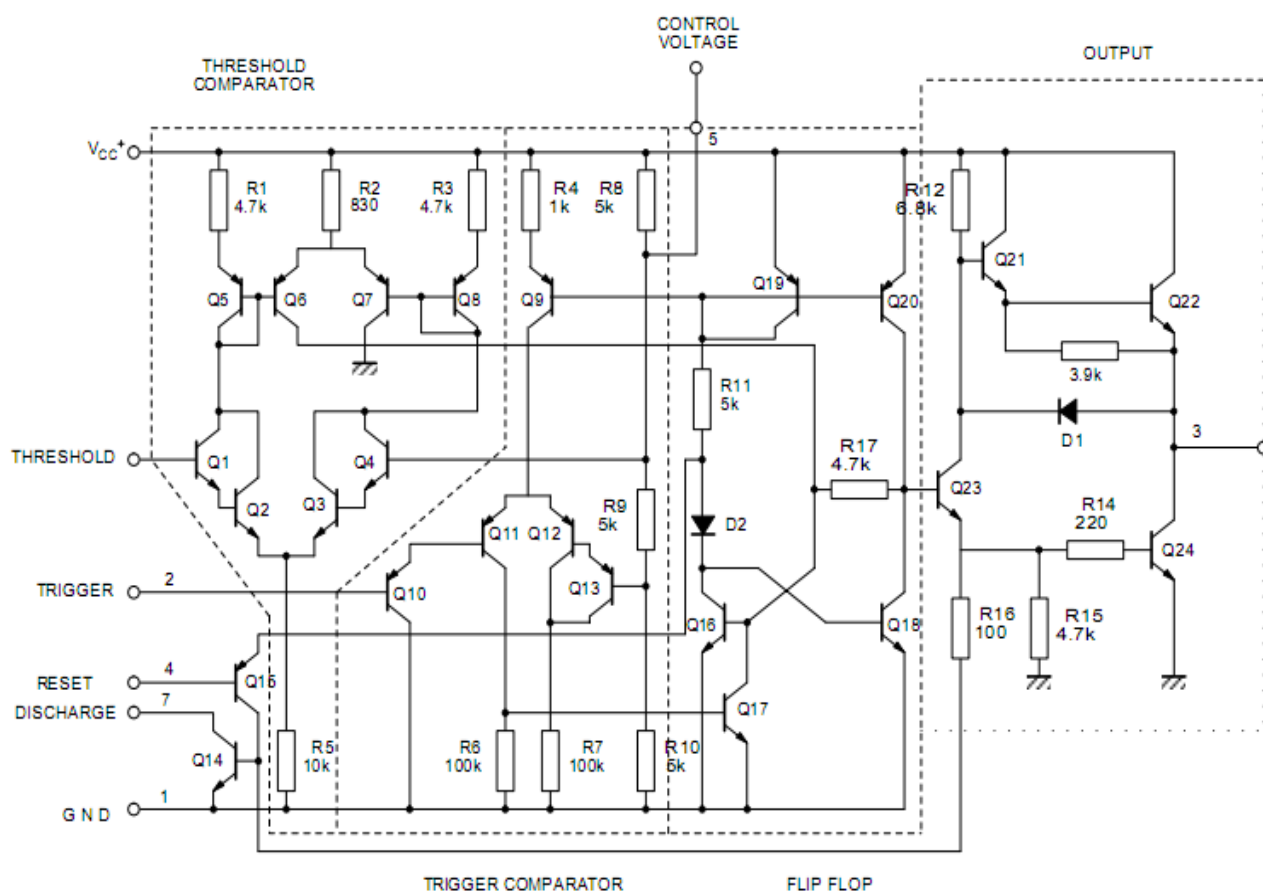
- 1 - GND
- 2 - Trigger
- 3 - Output
- 4 - Reset
- 5 - Control voltage
- 6 - Threshold
- 7 - Discharge
- 8 - Vcc

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## BLOCK DIAGRAM



## SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
$V_{CC}$	Supply Voltage	18	V
$T_{oper}$	Operating Free Air Temperature Range for NE555	0 to 70	°C
$T_j$	Junction Temperature	150	°C
$T_{stg}$	Storage Temperature Range	- 65 to 150	°C

## OPERATING CONDITIONS

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
$V_{CC}$	Supply Voltage	4.5 to 18	V
$V_{th}, V_{trig}, V_{cl}, V_{reset}$	Maximum Input Voltage	$V_{CC}$	V

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$T_{amb} = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_{CC} = +5\text{V}$  to  $+15\text{V}$  (unless otherwise specified)

Symbol	Parameter	Value			Unit
		Min.	Typ.	Max.	
$I_{CC}$	Supply Current (RL $\infty$ ) (- note 1) Low State $V_{CC} = +5\text{V}$		3	6	mA
	$V_{CC} = +15\text{V}$		10	15	
	High State $V_{CC} = 5\text{V}$		2		
	Timing Error (monostable) ( $R_A = 2\text{k}$ to $100\text{k}\Omega$ , $C = 0.1\mu\text{F}$ ) Initial Accuracy - (note 2)		1		% ppm/°C %/V
	Drift with Temperature		50	3	
	Drift with Supply Voltage		0.1	0.5	
	Timing Error (astable) ( $R_A, R_B = 1\text{k}\Omega$ to $100\text{k}\Omega$ , $C = 0.1\mu\text{F}$ , $V_{CC} = +15\text{V}$ ) Initial Accuracy - (note 2)		2.25		% ppm/°C %/V
	Drift with Temperature		150		
	Drift with Supply Voltage		0.3		
$V_{CL}$	Control Voltage level $V_{CC} = +15\text{V}$	9	10	11	V
	$V_{CC} = +5\text{V}$	2.6	3.33	4	
$V_{th}$	Threshold Voltage $V_{CC} = +15\text{V}$	8.8	10	11.2	V
	$V_{CC} = +5\text{V}$	2.4	3.33	4.2	
$I_{th}$	Threshold Current - (note 3)		0.1	0.25	$\mu\text{A}$
$V_{trig}$	Trigger Voltage $V_{CC} = +15\text{V}$	4.5	5	5.6	V
	$V_{CC} = +5\text{V}$	1.1	1.67	2.2	
$I_{trig}$	Trigger Current ( $V_{trig} = 0\text{V}$ )		0.5	2.0	$\mu\text{A}$
$V_{reset}$	Reset Voltage	0.4	0.7	1	V

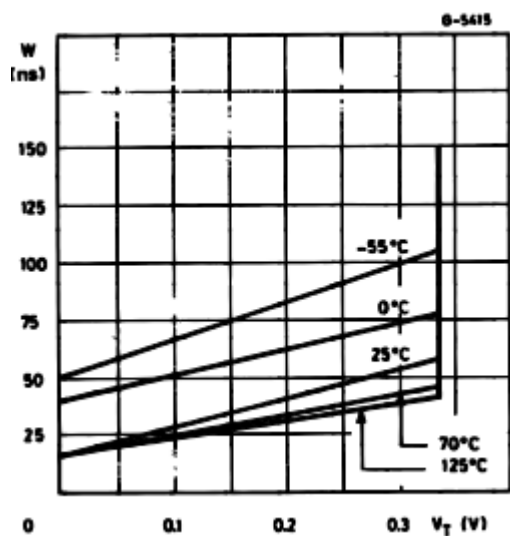
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$I_{reset}$	Reset Current $V_{reset} = +0.4V$ $V_{reset} = 0V$		0.1 0.4	0.4 1.5	mA
$V_{OL}$	Low Level Output Voltage $V_{CC} = +15V, I_{O(sink)} = 10mA$ $I_{O(sink)} = 50mA$ $I_{O(sink)} = 100mA$ $I_{O(sink)} = 200mA$ $V_{CC} = +5V, I_{O(sink)} = 8mA$ $I_{O(sink)} = 5mA$		0.1 0.4 2 2.5 0.3 0.25	0.25 0.75 2.5 0.4 0.35	V
$V_{OH}$	High Level Output Voltage $V_{CC} = +15V, I_{O(source)} = 200mA$ $I_{O(source)} = 100mA$ $V_{CC} = +5V, I_{O(source)} = 100mA$	12.75 2.75	12.5 13.3 3.3		V
$I_{dis(off)}$	Discharge Pin Leakage Current (output high) ( $V_{dis} = 10V$ )		20	100	nA
$V_{dis(sat)}$	Discharge pin Saturation Voltage (output low) - (note 4) $V_{CC} = +15V, I_{dis} = 15mA$ $V_{CC} = +5V, I_{dis} = 4.5mA$		180 80	480 200	mV
$t_r$ $t_f$	Output Rise Time Output Fall Time		100 100	300 300	ns
$t_{off}$	Turn off Time - (note 5) ( $V_{reset} = V_{CC}$ )		0.5		$\mu s$

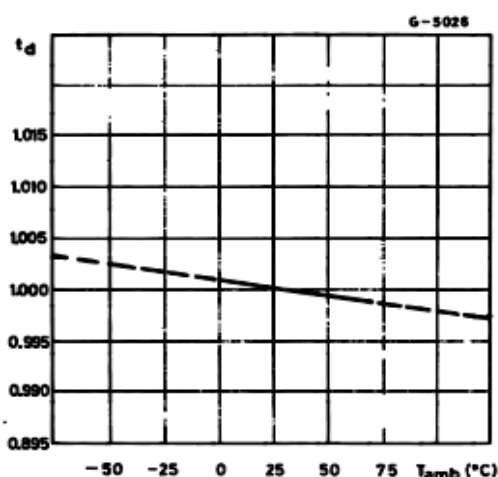
- Notes :**
1. Supply current when output is high is typically 1mA less.
  2. Tested at  $V_{CC} = +5V$  and  $V_{CC} = +15V$ .
  3. This will determine the maximum value of  $R_A + R_B$  for +15V operation the max total is  $R = 20M\Omega$  and for 5V operation the max total  $R = 3.5M\Omega$ .
  4. No protection against excessive Pin 7 current is necessary, providing the package dissipation rating will not be exceeded.
  5. Time measured from a positive going input pulse from 0 to  $0.8 \times V_{CC}$  into the threshold to the drop from high to low of the output trigger is tied to threshold

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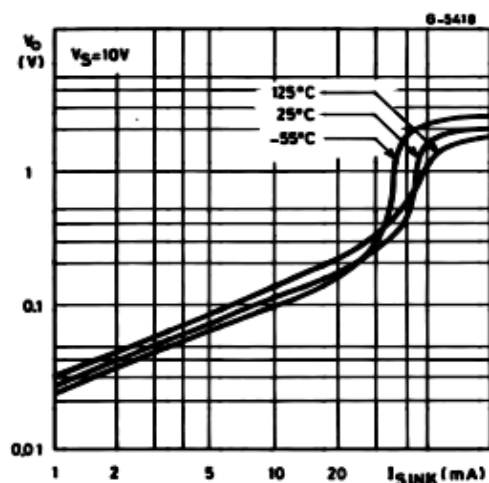
**Figure 1 :** Minimum Pulse Width Required for Supply Voltage



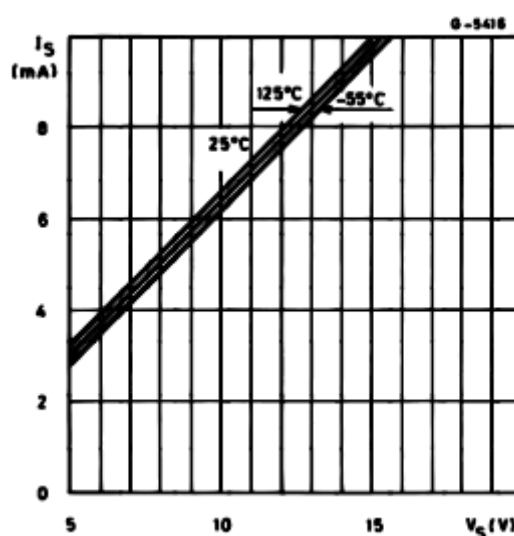
**Figure 3 :** Delay Time versus Temperature



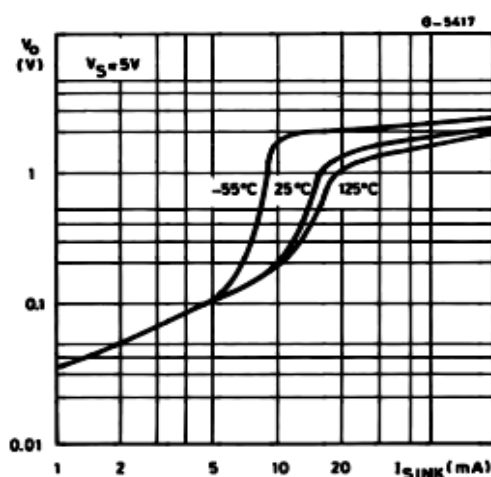
**Figure 5 :** Low Output Voltage versus Output



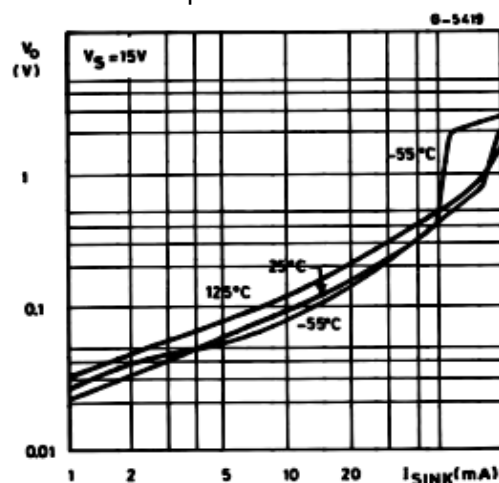
**Figure 2 :** Supply Current versus Trigering



**Figure 4 :** Low Output Voltage versus Output Sink Current

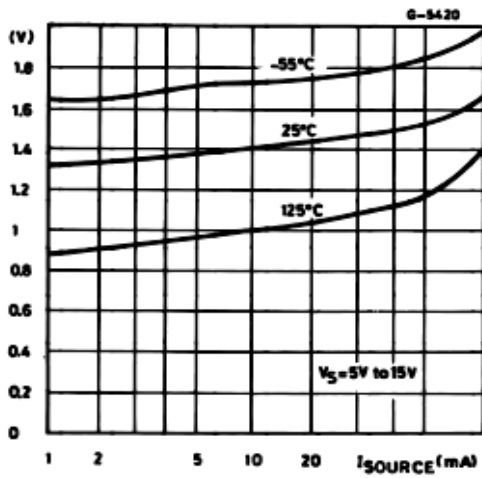


**Figure 6 :** Low Output Voltage versus Output Sink Current

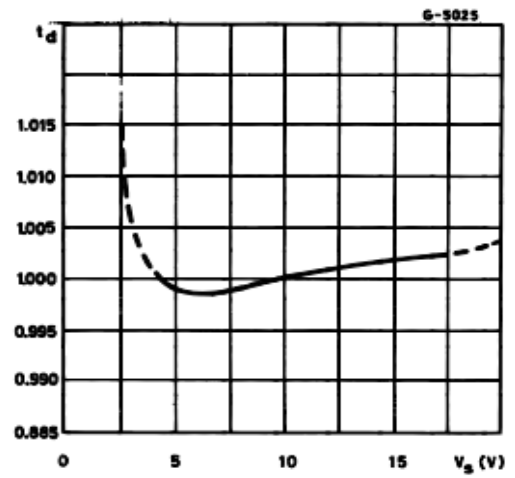


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**Figure 7 : High Output Voltage Drop versus Output**

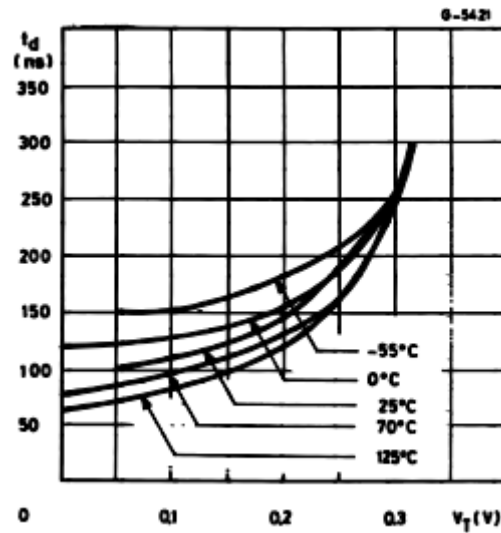


**Figure 8 : Delay Time versus Supply Voltage**



**Figure 9 : Propagation Delay versus Voltage**

Level of Trigger Value

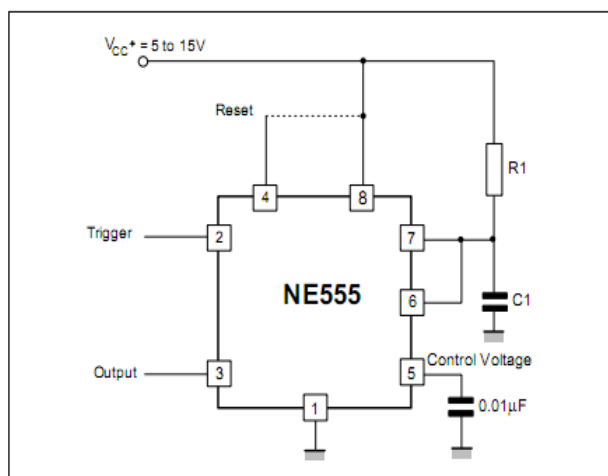


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## APPLICATION INFORMATION MONOSTABLE OPERATION

In the monostable mode, the timer functions as a one-shot. Referring to figure 10 the external capacitor is initially held discharged by a transistor inside the timer.

**Figure 10**

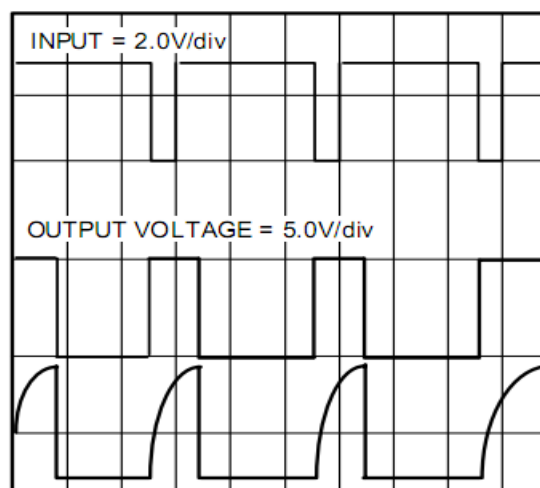


The circuit triggers on a negative-going input signal when the level reaches  $1/3 V_{cc}$ . Once triggered, the circuit remains in this state until the set time has elapsed, even if it is triggered again during this interval. The duration of the output HIGH state is given by  $t = 1.1 R_1 C_1$  and is easily determined by figure 12. Notice that since the charge rate and the threshold level of the comparator are both directly proportional to supply voltage, the timing interval is independent of supply. Applying a negative pulse simultaneously to the reset terminal (pin 4) and the trigger terminal (pin 2) during the timing cycle discharges the external capacitor and causes the cycle to start over. The timing cycle now starts on the positive edge of the reset pulse. During the time the reset pulse is applied, the output is driven to its LOW state. When a negative trigger pulse is applied to pin 2, the flip-flop is set, releasing the short circuit

across the external capacitor and driving the output HIGH. The voltage across the capacitor increases exponentially with the time constant  $\tau = R_1 C_1$ . When the voltage across the capacitor equals  $2/3 V_{cc}$ , the comparator resets the flip-flop which then discharge the capacitor rapidly and drives the output to its LOW state. Figure 11 shows the actual waveforms generated in this mode of operation. When Reset is not used, it should be tied high to avoid any possibly or false triggering.

**Figure 11**

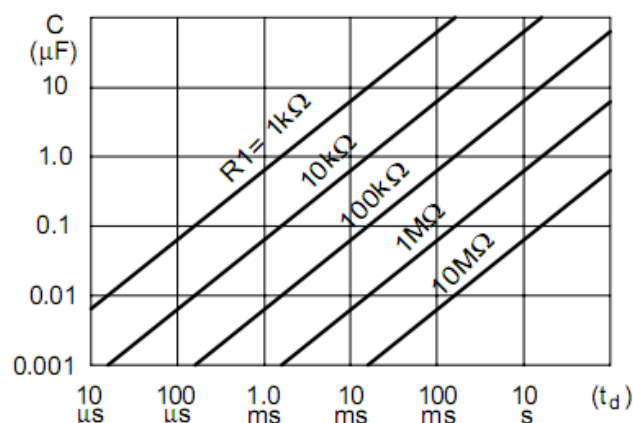
$t = 0.1 \text{ ms / div}$



CAPACITOR VOLTAGE = 2.0V/div

$R_1 = 9.1 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $C_1 = 0.01 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $R_L = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$

**Figure 12**



## ASTABLE OPERATION

When the circuit is connected as shown in figure 13 (pin 2 and 6 connected) it riggers itself and free runs as a multivibrator. The external capacitor charges through R1 and R2 and discharges through R2 only. Thus the duty cycle may be precisely set by the ratio of these two resistors.

In the astable mode of operation, C1 charges and discharges between  $\frac{1}{3} V_{cc}$  and  $\frac{2}{3} V_{cc}$ . As in the triggered mode, the charge and discharge times and therefore frequency are independent of the supply voltage.

Figure 13

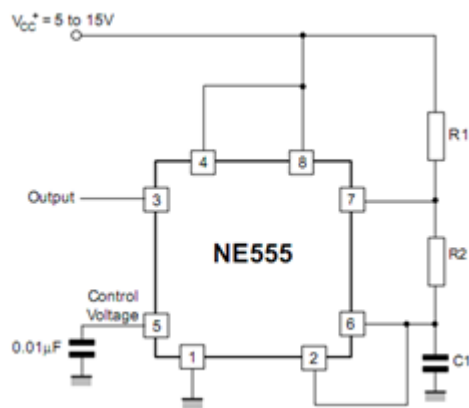


Figure 14 shows actual waveforms generated in this mode of operation.

The charge time (output HIGH) is given by :

$$t_1 = 0.693 (R_1 + R_2) C_1$$

and the discharge time (output LOW) by :

$$t_2 = 0.693 (R_2) C_1$$

Thus the total period T is given by :

$$T = t_1 + t_2 = 0.693 (R_1 + 2R_2) C_1$$

The frequency of oscillation is then :

$$f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1.44}{(R_1 + 2R_2) C_1}$$

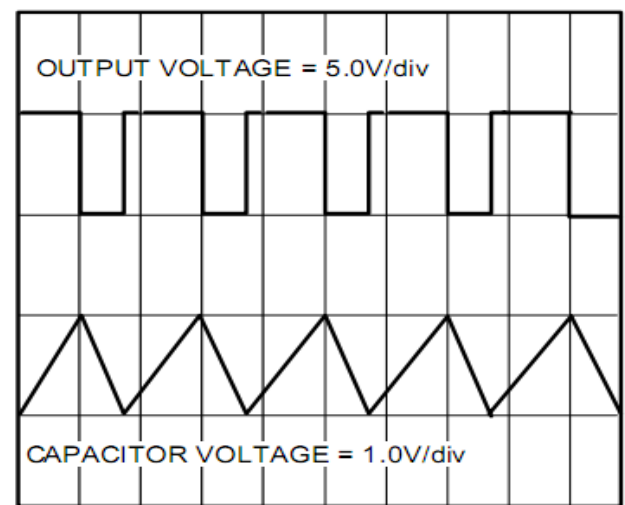
and may be easily found by figure 15.

The duty cycle is given by :

$$D = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + 2R_2}$$

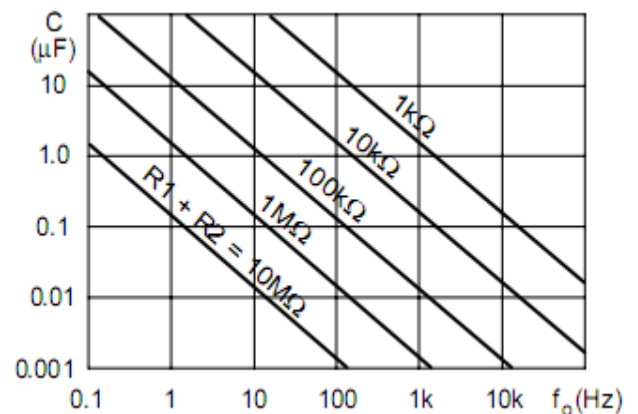
Figure 14

t = 0.5 ms / div



$R_1 = R_2 = 4.8k\Omega$ ,  $C_1 = 0.1\mu F$ ,  $R_L = 1k\Omega$

Figure 15 : Free Running Frequency versus R1,R2 and C1



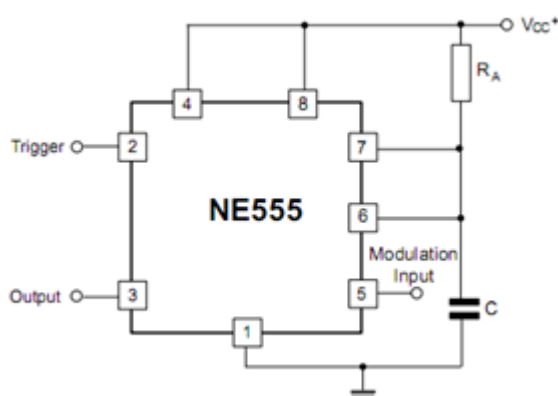


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## PULSE WIDTH MODULATOR

When the timer is connected in the monostable mode and triggered with a continuous pulse train, the output pulse width can be modulated by a signal applied to pin 5. Figure 16 shows the circuit.

**Figure 16 : Pulse Width**



**Figure 17.**

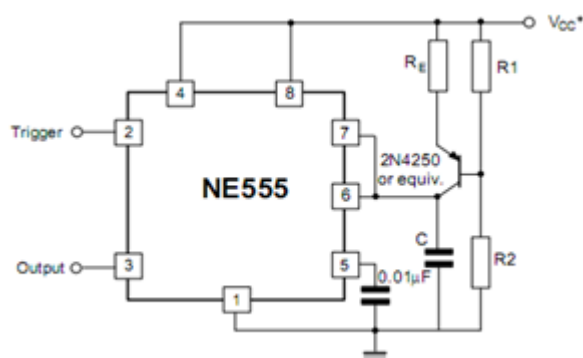
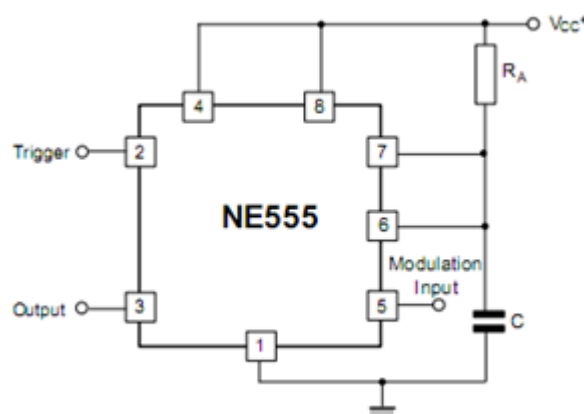


Figure 18 shows waveforms generator by the linear ramp.

The time interval is given by :

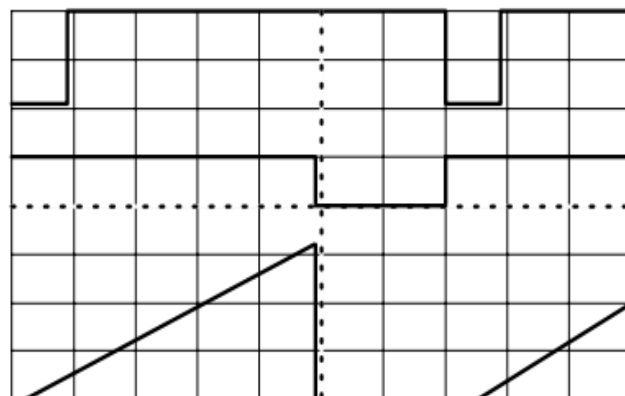
$$T = \frac{(2/3 V_{CC} R_E (R_1 + R_2) C)}{R_1 V_{CC} - V_{BE} (R_1 + R_2)} \quad V_{BE} = 0.6V$$

**Figure 18 : Linear Ramp.**



## LINEAR RAMP

When the pullup resistor, RA, in the monostable circuit is replaced by a constant current source, a linear ramp is generated. Figure 17 shows a circuit configuration that will perform this function.



$V_{CC} = 5V$       Top trace : input 3V/DIV  
 Time = 20μs/DIV      Middle trace : output 5V/DIV  
 $R_1 = 47k\Omega$       Bottom trace : output 5V/DIV  
 $R_2 = 100k\Omega$       Bottom trace : capacitor voltage  
 $R_E = 2.7k\Omega$       1V/DIV  
 $C = 0.01\mu F$

## 50% DUTY CYCLE OSCILLATOR

For a 50% duty cycle the resistors RA and RE may be connected as in figure 19. The time period for the output high is the same as previous,  $t_1 = 0.693 R_A C$ . For the output low it is 2 =

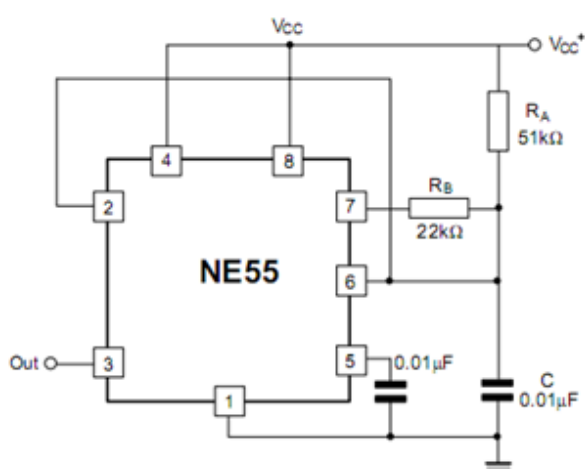
$$[(R_A R_B) / (R_A + R_B)] C \ln \left[ \frac{R_B - 2R_A}{2R_B - R_A} \right]$$

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Thus the frequency of oscillation is

$$f = \frac{1}{t_1 + t_2}$$

**Figure 19 : 50% Duty Cycle Oscillator**



than  $1/2 R_A$  because the junction of  $R_A$  and  $R_B$  can-not bring pin 2 down to  $1/3 V_{CC}$  and trigger the lower comparator.

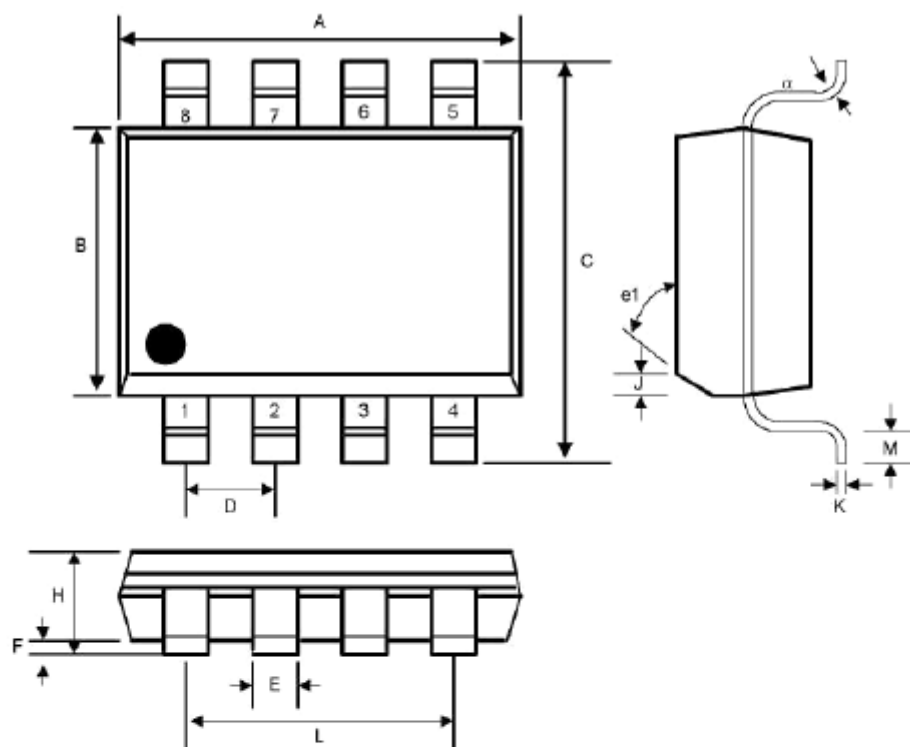
## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Adequate power supply bypassing is necessary to protect associated circuitry. Minimum recommended is  $0.1\mu F$  in parallel with  $1\mu F$  electrolytic

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## PACKAGE MECHANICAL DATA

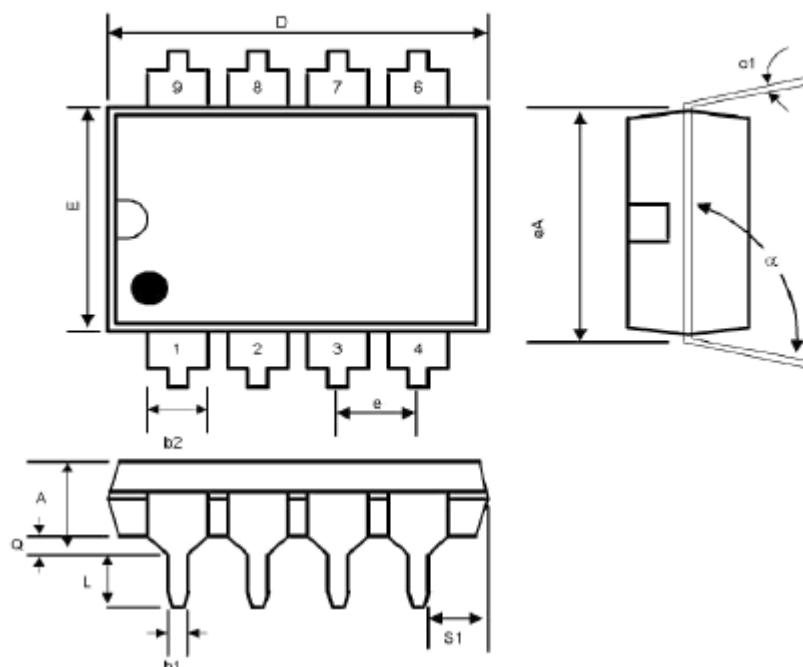
### SOP8 PACKAGE OUTLINE DIMENSIONS



SYMBOL	INCHES		MILLIMETERS		NOTES
	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
A	0.188	0.197	4.80	5.00	-
B	0.149	0.158	3.80	4.00	-
C	0.228	0.244	5.80	6.20	-
D	0.050	BSC	1.27	BSC	-
E	0.013	0.020	0.33	0.51	-
F	0.004	0.010	0.10	0.25	-
H	0.053	0.069	1.35	1.75	-
J	0.011	0.019	0.28	0.48	-
K	0.007	0.010	0.19	0.25	-
M	0.016	0.050	0.40	1.27	-
L	0.150	REF	3.81	REF	-
e1	45°		45°		-
α	0°	8°	0°	8°	-

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## DIP8 PACKAGE OUTLINE DIMENSIONS



SYMBOL	INCHES		MILLIMETERS		NOTES
	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
A	-	0.200	-	5.08	-
b1	0.014	0.023	0.36	0.58	-
b2	0.045	0.065	1.14	1.65	-
e1	0.008	0.015	0.20	0.38	-
D	0.355	0.400	9.02	10.16	-
E	0.220	0.310	5.59	7.87	-
e	0.100 BSC		2.54 BSC		-
eA	0.300 BSC		7.62 BSC		-
L	0.125	0.200	3.18	5.08	-
Q	0.015	0.060	0.38	1.52	-
s1	0.005	-	0.13	-	-
α	90°	105°	90°	105°	-