SDK6 AN Custom LCD Driver

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II Preface

This document provides technical details using a set of consistent typographical conventions to help the user differentiate key concepts at a glance.

Conventions include:

Example	Description
AmbaGuiGen, **DirectUSB** **Save, File > Save** **Power, Reset, Home**	Software names GUI commands and command sequences Computer / Hardware buttons
Flash_IO_control **da**, **status**, **enable**	Register names and register fields. For example, **Flash_IO_control** is the register for global control of Flash I/O, and bit 17 (**da)** is used for DMA acknowledgement.
GPIO81, **CLK_AU**	Hardware external pins
VIL, VIH, VOL, VOH	Hardware pin parameters
INT_O, RXDATA_I	Hardware pin signals
amb_performance_t ***amb_operating_mode_t*** **amb_set_operating_mode()**	API details (e.g., functions, structures, and type definitions)

`yes`
`/usr/local/bin`
`make`
	User entries into software dialogues and GUI windows
	File names and paths
	Command line scripting and Code

Table II-1. Typographical Conventions for Technical Documents.

Additional Ambarella typographical conventions include:

- Acronyms are given in UPPER CASE using the default font (e.g., AHB, ARM11 and DDRIO).
- Names of Ambarella documents and publicly available standards, specifications, and databooks appear in *italic* type.

1 Overview

1.1 Overview: Introduction

This application note (AN) describes the procedure to create a customized LCD panel driver for an Ambarella development platform with an Ambarella chip and software development kit (SDK). Testing a customized LCD panel driver in the development environment provides the basis to implement a private LCD panel device and test features planned for the final product. The document is laid out as follows:

- Chapter 1 “Overview”
- Chapter 2 “Custom LCD Panel Driver API”
- Chapter 3 “Example”
- Appendix 1

1.2 Overview: Scope of Document

The APIs and LCD panel driver example in this document are intended to provide an experienced programmer with the background needed to create and implement a custom panel in a final product. It is assumed that the reader of this document has an LCD panel device for testing purposes and already is familiar with the chip, the development board, and the system software. Further the reader should be familiar with the steps and functions to implement a standard LCD panel, which are covered in the Ambarella document “*SDK6 API System*”.

1.3 Overview: Necessary Resources

For using a customized LCD Panel driver, the user requires the following documents:

- The datasheet of the chosen LCD Panel device.
- The DSP library (AmbaDSP) which provides an interface to generate video frame data as the input of the LCD Panel. Please refer to “*SDK6 DSP Support Package*” for details.
- The System library (AmbaSYS) which provides peripheral drivers that help the user to control the LCD Panel device. Please refer to “*SDK6 API System*” for details.

The customer should confirm that the LCD Panel device is compatible with the Ambarella chip and the platform libraries before attempting to use the camera platform libraries to translate the Image Sensor datasheet to C language.

2 Custom LCD Panel Driver API

2.1 API: Overview

This chapter provides the APIs to create a customized LCD panel driver:

- (Section 2.2) API: Background
- (Section 2.3) API: List of Functions

2.2 API: Background

The APIs in this chapter can help the user to do the following:

- Enable the LCD panel
- Disable the LCD panel
- Get vout configuration for the current LCD display mode
- Configure the LCD display mode
- Control backlight
- Set brightness
- Set contrast
- Set color balance

2.3 API: List of Functions

- AmbaLCD_Enable
- AmbaLCD_Disable
- AmbaLCD_GetInfo
- AmbaLCD_Config
- AmbaLCD_SetBacklight
- AmbaLCD_SetBrightness
- AmbaLCD_SetContrast
- AmbaLCD_SetColorBalance

2.3.1 AmbaLCD_Enable

API Syntax:

int **AmbaLCD_Enable** (UINT8 Chan)

Function Description:

- This function is used to enable the LCD panel.

Parameters:

Type	Parameter	Description
UINT8	**Chan**	LCD channel number

*Table 2-1. Parameters for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_Enable()**.*

Returns:

Return	Description
0	Success
- 1	Failure

*Table 2-2. Returns for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_Enable()**.*

Example:

```
AMBA_LCD_CONFIG_sLcdConfig= {
        .Mode = 0,
        .TvSystem = AMBA_DSP_VOUT_SYSTEM_60HZ
};

/* Initializations of LCD channel 0 */
AmbaLCD_Config(0, &LcdConfig);

/* Enable LCD panel of LCD channel 0 */
AmbaLCD_Enable(0);
```

See Also:

AmbaLCD_Disable()

2.3.2 AmbaLCD_Disable

API Syntax:

int **AmbaLCD_Disable** (UINT8 Chan)

Function Description:

- This function is used to disable the LCD panel.

Parameters:

Type	Parameter	Description
UINT8	**Chan**	LCD channel number

*Table 2-3. Parameters for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_Disable()**.*

Returns:

Return	Description
0	Success
- 1	Failure

*Table 2-4. Returns for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_Disable()**.*

Example:

```
/* Enable LCD panel of LCD channel 0*/
AmbaLCD_Enable(0);
...
/* Disable LCD */
AmbaLCD_Disable(0);
```

See Also:

AmbaLCD_Enable()

2.3.3 AmbaLCD_GetInfo

API Syntax:

int **AmbaLCD_GetInfo** (UINT8 Chan , AMBA_LCD_INFO_s *pInfo)

Function Description:

- This function is used to get the vout configuration for the current LCD display mode.

Parameters:

Type	Parameter	Description
UINT8	**Chan**	LCD channel number
AMBA_LCD_INFO_s	***pInfo**	Pointer to LCD display mode information. Please refer to Section 2.3.3.1 for more information.

*Table 2-5. Parameters for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_GetInfo()**.*

Returns:

Return	Description
0	Success
- 1	Failure

*Table 2-6. Returns for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_GetInfo()**.*

Example:

```
AMBA_LCD_INFO_s *pInfo;

/* Get vout configuration */
AmbaLCD_GetInfo(0, pInfo);
```

See Also:

None

2.3.3.1 AmbaLCD_GetInfo > AMBA_LCD_INFO_s

Type	Field	Description
UINT16	**Width**	Horizontal display resolution of the LCD panel
UINT16	**Height**	Vertical display resolution of the LCD panel
AMBA_DSP_FRAME_RATE_s	**FrameRate**	Frame rate of the current LCD configuration
AMBA_LCD_ASPECT_RATIO_s	**AspectRatio**	Aspect ratio of the LCD panel display

*Table 2-7. Definition of **AMBA_LCD_INFO_s** for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_GetInfo()**.*

2.3.4 AmbaLCD_Config

API Syntax:

int **AmbaLCD_Config** (UINT8 Chan , AMBA_LCD_MODE_ID_u Mode)

Function Description:

- This function is used to configure the default LCD panel display mode.

Parameters:

Type	Parameter	Description
UINT8	**Chan**	LCD channel number
AMBA_LCD_ MODE_ID_u	**Mode**	Configuration of the LCD display mode. Please refer to Section 2.3.4.1 for definition.

*Table 2-8. Parameters for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_Config()**.*

Returns:

Return	Description
0	Success
- 1	Failure

*Table 2-9. Returns for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_Config()**.*

Example:

```
AMBA_LCD_MODE_ID_u LcdMode = { .Data = 0 };

/* LCD Initializations  */
AmbaLCD_Config(0,  LcdMode);
```

See Also:

None

2.3.4.1 AmbaLCD_Config > AMBA_LCD_MODE_ID_u

Type	Field	Description
UINT8	**Mode:5**	LCD input mode
UINT8	**FlipHorizontal:1**	Flip the display horizontally.
UINT8	**FlipVertical:1**	Flip the display vertically.
UINT8	**Stereoscopic:1**	3D display

*Table 2-10. Definition of **AMBA_LCD_MODE_ID_u** for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_Config()**.*

2.3.5 AmbaLCD_SetBacklight

API Syntax:

int **AmbaLCD_SetBacklight** (UINT8 Chan , INT32 EnableFlag)

Function Description:

- This function is used to turn on/off the LCD display backlight.

Parameters:

Type	Parameter	Description
UINT8	**Chan**	LCD channel number
INT32	**EnableFlag**	0: Backlight Off 1: Backlight On

*Table 2-11. Parameters for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_SetBacklight()**.*

Returns:

Return	Description
0	Success
- 1	Failure

*Table 2-12. Returns for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_SetBacklight()**.*

Example:

```
/* Enable LCD panel of LCD channel 0 */
AmbaLCD_Enable(0);
...
/* Turn on the back light */
AmbaLCD_SetBacklight(0, 1);
```

See Also:

None

2.3.6 AmbaLCD_SetBrightness

API Syntax:

int **AmbaLCD_SetBrightness** (UINT8 Chan, INT32 Offset)

Function Description:

- This function is used to adjust the brightness of the LCD display.

Parameters:

Type	Parameter	Description
UINT8	**Chan**	LCD channel number
INT32	**Offset**	Offset of the black level

*Table 2-13. Parameters for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_SetBrightness()**.*

Returns:

Return	Description
0	Success
- 1	Failure

*Table 2-14. Returns for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_SetBrightness()**.*

Example:

```
/* Set brightness level to normal (i.e. 64) */
AmbaLCD_SetBrightness(0, 64);
```

See Also:

None

2.3.7 AmbaLCD_SetContrast

API Syntax:

int **AmbaLCD_SetContrast** (UINT8 Chan, float Gain)

Function Description:

- This function is used to adjust the contrast of the LCD display.

Parameters:

Type	Parameter	Description
UINT8	**Chan**	LCD channel number
float	**Gain**	Contrast gain value in dB (decibel)

*Table 2-15. Parameters for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_SetContrast ()**.*

Returns:

Return	Description
0	Success
- 1	Failure

*Table 2-16. Returns for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_SetContrast ()**.*

Example:

```
/* Set 1x contrast gain */
AmbaLCD_SetContrast(0, 1.0);
```

See Also:

None

2.3.8 AmbaLCD_SetColorBalance

API Syntax:

int **AmbaLCD_SetColorBalance** (UINT8 Chan , AMBA_LCD_COLOR_BALANCE_s *pColorBalance)

Function Description:

- This function is used to adjust the color balance of the LCD display.

Parameters:

Type	Parameter	Description
UINT8	Chan	LCD channel number
AMBA_LCD_COLOR_BALANCE_s	***pColorBalance**	Gains and Offsets of each color channel. Please refer to Section 2.3.8.1 for more information.

*Table 2-17. Parameters for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_SetColorBalance()**.*

Returns:

Return	Description
0	Success
- 1	Failure

*Table 2-18. Returns for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_SetColorBalance()**.*

Example:

```
AMBA_LCD_COLOR_BALANCE_s ColorBalance = {
.OffsetRed = 64,
.OffsetGreen = 64,
.OffsetBlue = 64,
.GainRed = 1.0,
.GainGreen = 1.0,
.GainBlue = 1.0
};

/* Set color balance */
AmbaLCD_SetColorBalance(0, &ColorBalance);
```

See Also:

None

2.3.8.1 AmbaLCD_SetColorBalance > AMBA_LCD_COLOR_BALANCE_s

Type	Field	Description
INT16	**OffsetRed**	Offset of color red
INT16	**OffsetGreen**	Offset of color green
INT16	**OffsetBlue**	Offset of color blue
float	**GainRed**	Gain of color red
float	**GainGreen**	Gain of color green
float	**GainBlue**	Gain of color blue

*Table 2-19. Definition of **AMBA_LCD_COLOR_BALANCE_s** for LCD Panel Driver API **AmbaLCD_SetColorBalance()**.*

3 Example

3.1 Example: Overview

The following example presents a process to apply a custom LCD panel driver. For more details, please refer to "*SDK6 API DSP Support Package"* and "*SDK6 API System"*.

3.2 Example: Custom LCD Display

In this example, the user assumes that the normal brightness/black level is 0x40(64) and that no rotation or contrast enhancement is performed.

Before using the custom LCD panel driver, the user needs to set up the video mode info of the LCD panel according to the pixel format, timing, and special property of the LCD panel.

An example of the information from the WDF9648W panel is given below:

```
/*-------------------------------------------------------------------------*\
 * WDF9648W video mode info
\*-------------------------------------------------------------------------*/
static AMBA_LCD_WDF9648W_CONFIG_s  WdF9648w_Config[2]={
  [AMBA_LCD_WDF9648W_960_480_60HZ] = {
     .Width          = 960,
     .Height         = 480,
     .FrameRate      = {
       .Interlace      = 0,
       .TimeScale      = 60000,
       .NumUnitsInTick = 1001,
     },
     .ScreenMode     = AMBA_LCD_WDF9648W_SCREEN_MODE_WIDE,
     /* clock frequency to LCD */
     .DeviceClock    = AMBA_DSP_VOUT_PIXEL_CLOCK_FULL_DCLK,
     /* pixel format */
     .OutputMode     = AMBA_DSP_VOUT_LCD_1COLOR_PER_DOT,
     /*  even line color order */
     .EvenLineColor = AMBA_DSP_VOUT_LCD_COLOR_RGB,
     /* odd   line color order */
     .OddLineColor   = AMBA_DSP_VOUT_LCD_COLOR_RGB,
     .VideoTiming    = {
        .PixelClock       = 36000000,
        .PixelRepetition  = 1,
        .Htotal           = 1144,
        .Vtotal           = 525,
        .HsyncColStart    = 0,
```

```
        .HsyncColEnd     = 1,
        .VsyncColStart   = 0,
        .VsyncColEnd     = 0,
        .VsyncRowStart   = 0,
        .VsyncRowEnd     = 1,
        .ActiveColStart  = 32,
        .ActiveColWidth  = 960,
        .ActiveRowStart  = 42,
        .ActiveRowHeight = 480
    }
  },

  [AMBA_LCD_WDF9648W_960_480_50HZ] = {
    .Width         = 960,
    .Height        = 480,
    .FrameRate  =  {
      .Interlace      = 0,
      .TimeScale      = 50,
      .NumUnitsInTick = 1,
    },
    .ScreenMode    = AMBA_LCD_WDF9648W_SCREEN_MODE_WIDE,
    /* clock frequency to LCD */
    .DeviceClock   = AMBA_DSP_VOUT_PIXEL_CLOCK_FULL_DCLK,
    /* pixel format */
    .OutputMode    = AMBA_DSP_VOUT_LCD_1COLOR_PER_DOT,
    /*  even line color order */
    .EvenLineColor = AMBA_DSP_VOUT_LCD_COLOR_RGB,
    /* odd   line color order */
    .OddLineColor  = AMBA_DSP_VOUT_LCD_COLOR_RGB,
    .VideoTiming   = {
       .PixelClock      = 30030000,
       .PixelRepetition = 1,
       .Htotal          = 1144,
       .Vtotal          = 525,
       .HsyncColStart   = 0,
       .HsyncColEnd     = 1,
       .VsyncColStart   = 0,
       .VsyncColEnd     = 0,
       .VsyncRowStart   = 0,
       .VsyncRowEnd     = 1,
       .ActiveColStart  = 32,
       .ActiveColWidth  = 960,
       .ActiveRowStart  = 42,
       .ActiveRowHeight = 480
    }
  }
};
```

Once the user has access to the LCD video mode parameters, the user can use the parameters to make some initializations. Initializations are usually done once after the system is booted. In this case, the user uses mode 0 and 60HZ TV system of the LCD panel WDF9648W, and then uses it to configure LCD channel 0 and set the brightness and contrast.

```
/* Using LCD mode 0 (AMBA_LCD_WDF9648W_960_480_60HZ) and no rotation */
AMBA_LCD_MODE_ID_u LcdMode = { .Data = 0 };

AmbaLCD_Config(0,  LcdMode);          /* Initialize LCD panel */

AmbaLCD_SetBrightness(0, 0x40);       /* normal brightness */
AmbaLCD_SetContrast(0, 0.0);          /* 0.0 dB */
```

After all the programming is done, the user can power-on the LCD device and then turn the LCD backlight on.

```
AmbaLCD_Enable(0);
AmbaLCD_SetBacklight(0, 1);
```

Now, the user can see the video/image/background color displayed on the LCD panel.

Appendix 1 Digital Vout Data Format and Pin Mapping

Supported Digital Output Modes
Digital Output Modes 0 - LCD – Single color per pixel 1 - LCD – 3 colors per pixel, no dummy clock 2 - LCD – 3 colors per pixel, dummy clock 3 - LCD – 5:6:5 mode 4 - 656 output mode 5 - 601 output mode (16-bit, 4:2:2 YUV) 6 - 601 output mode (24-bit, 4:4:4 YUV or RGB – Display 0 only) 7 - 601 output mode (8-bit, CbYCrY order) 8 - Bayer pattern output mode Other values reserved

Table A1-1. Vout Digital Output Mode.

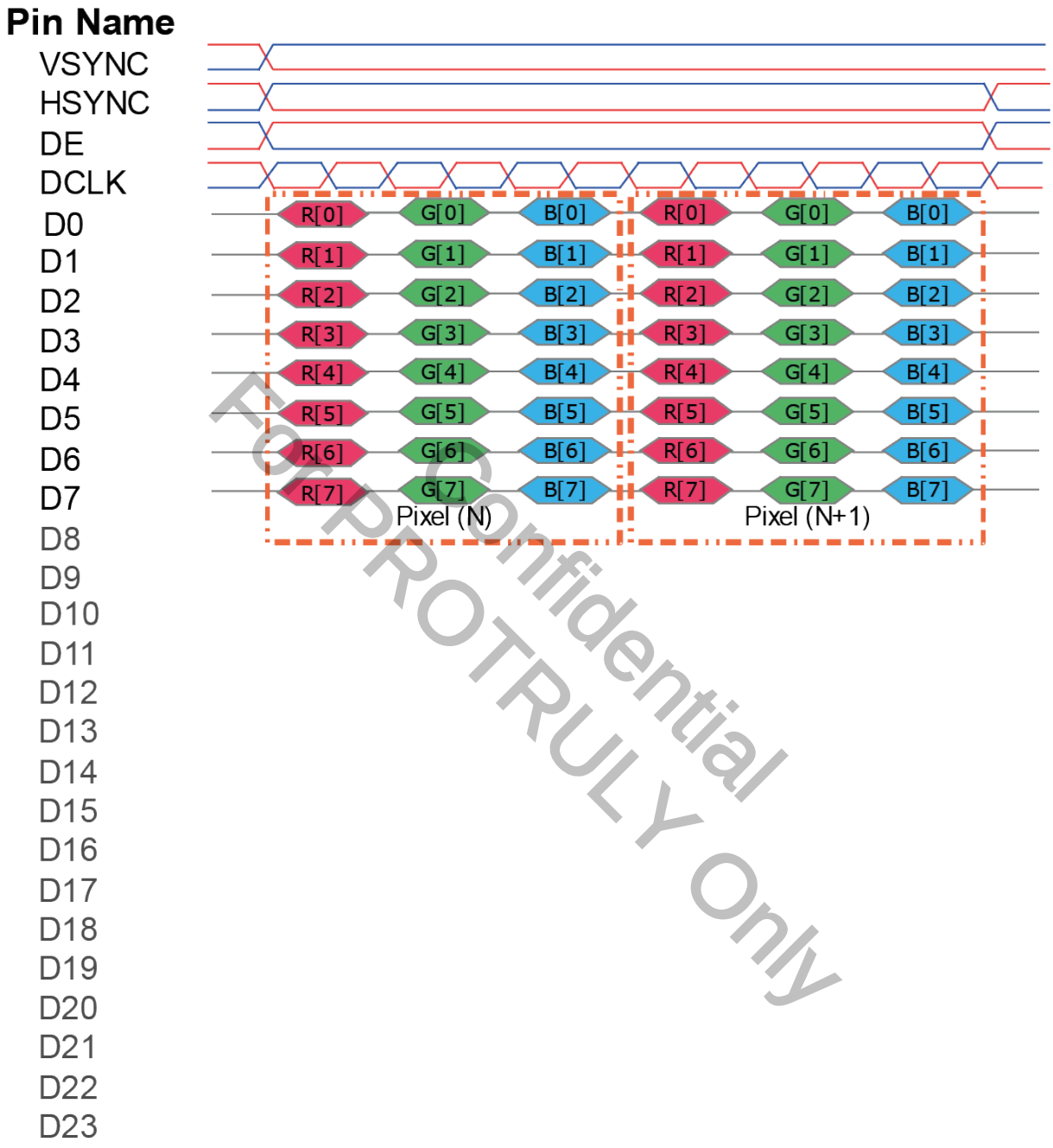

Figure A1-1. Digital Mode 0/1 (RGB data come from different/same pixel).

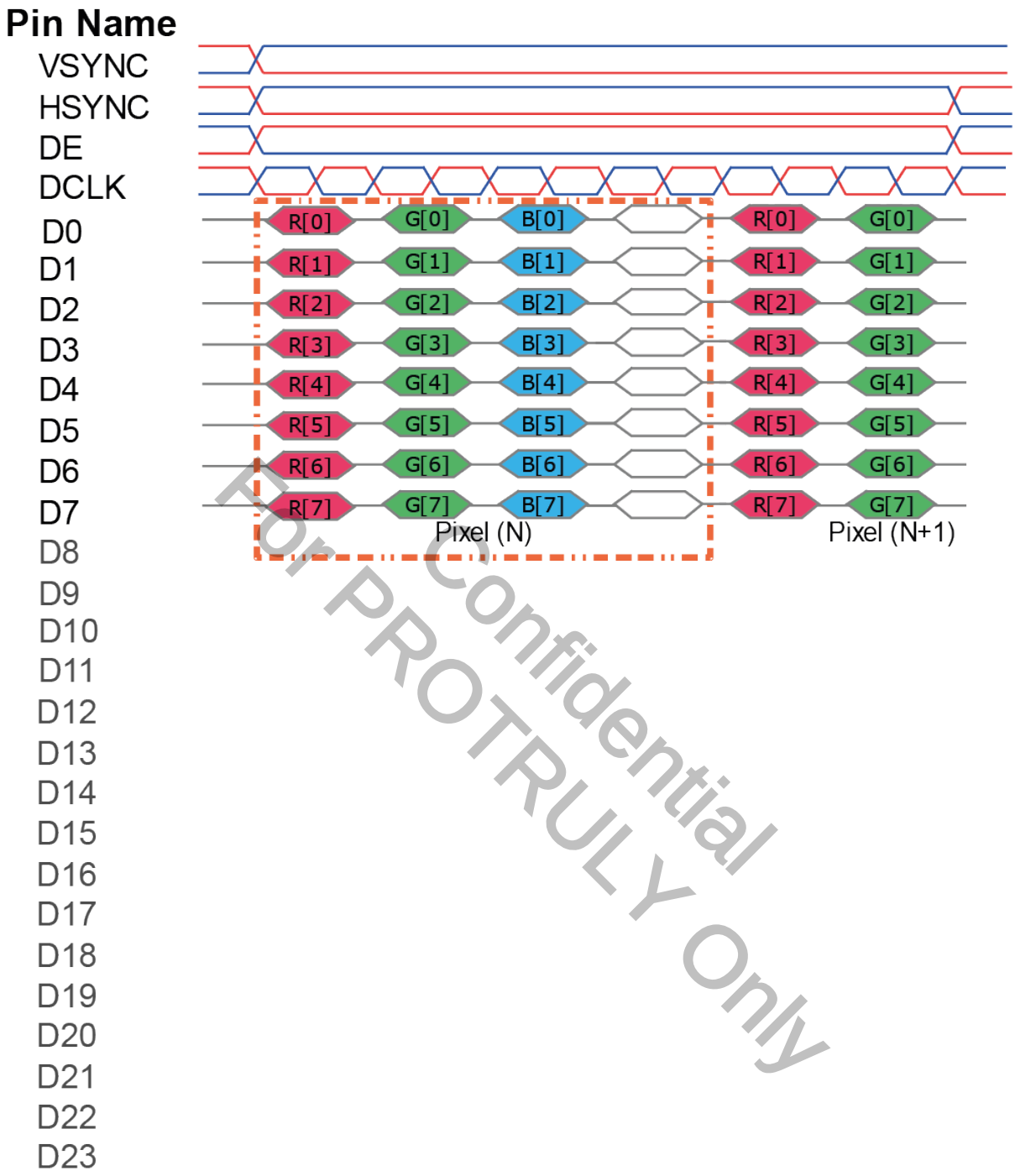

Figure A1-2. Digital Mode 2 (RGB data with one dummy clock).

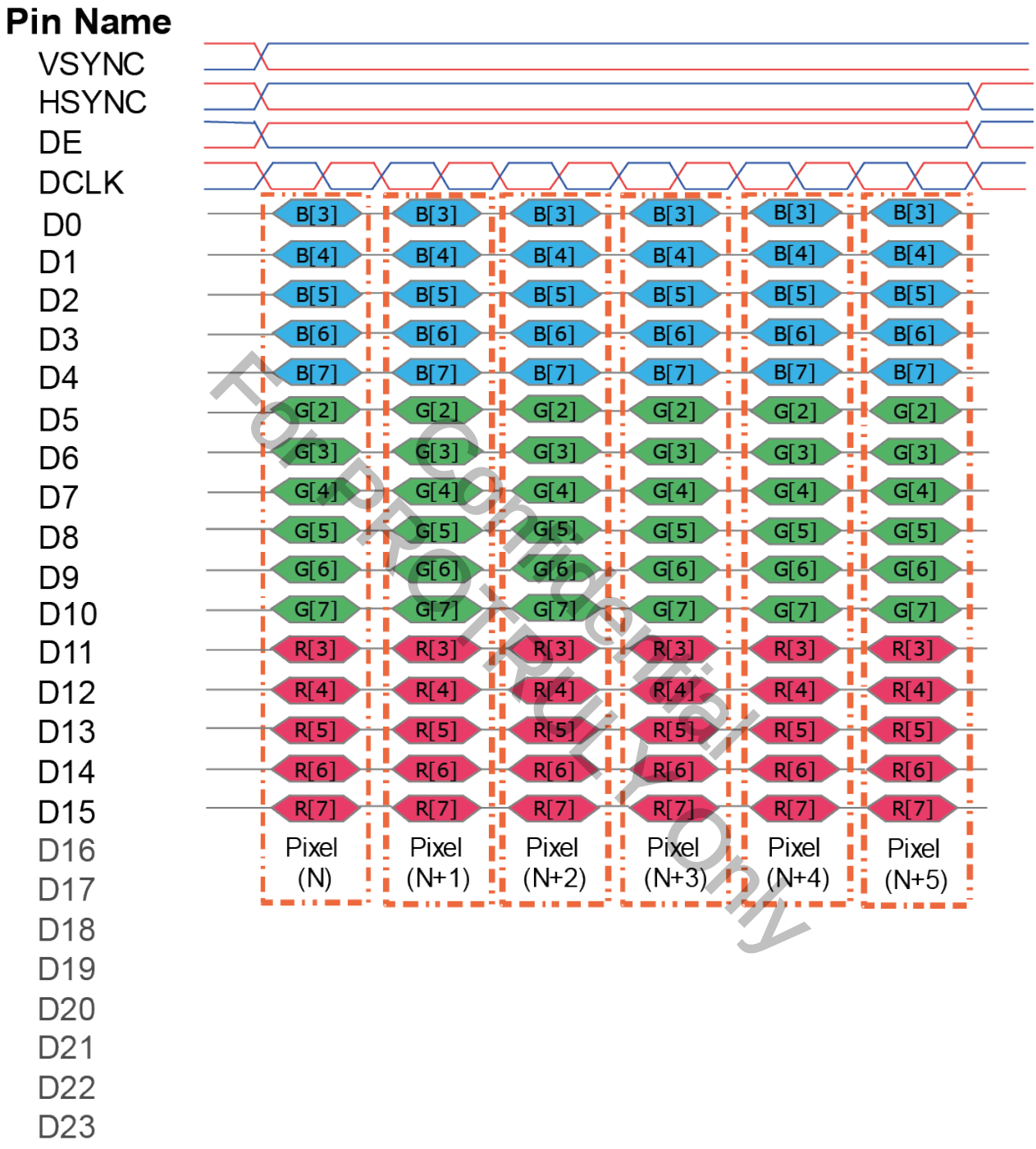

Figure A1-3. Digitnal Mode 3 (RGB565).

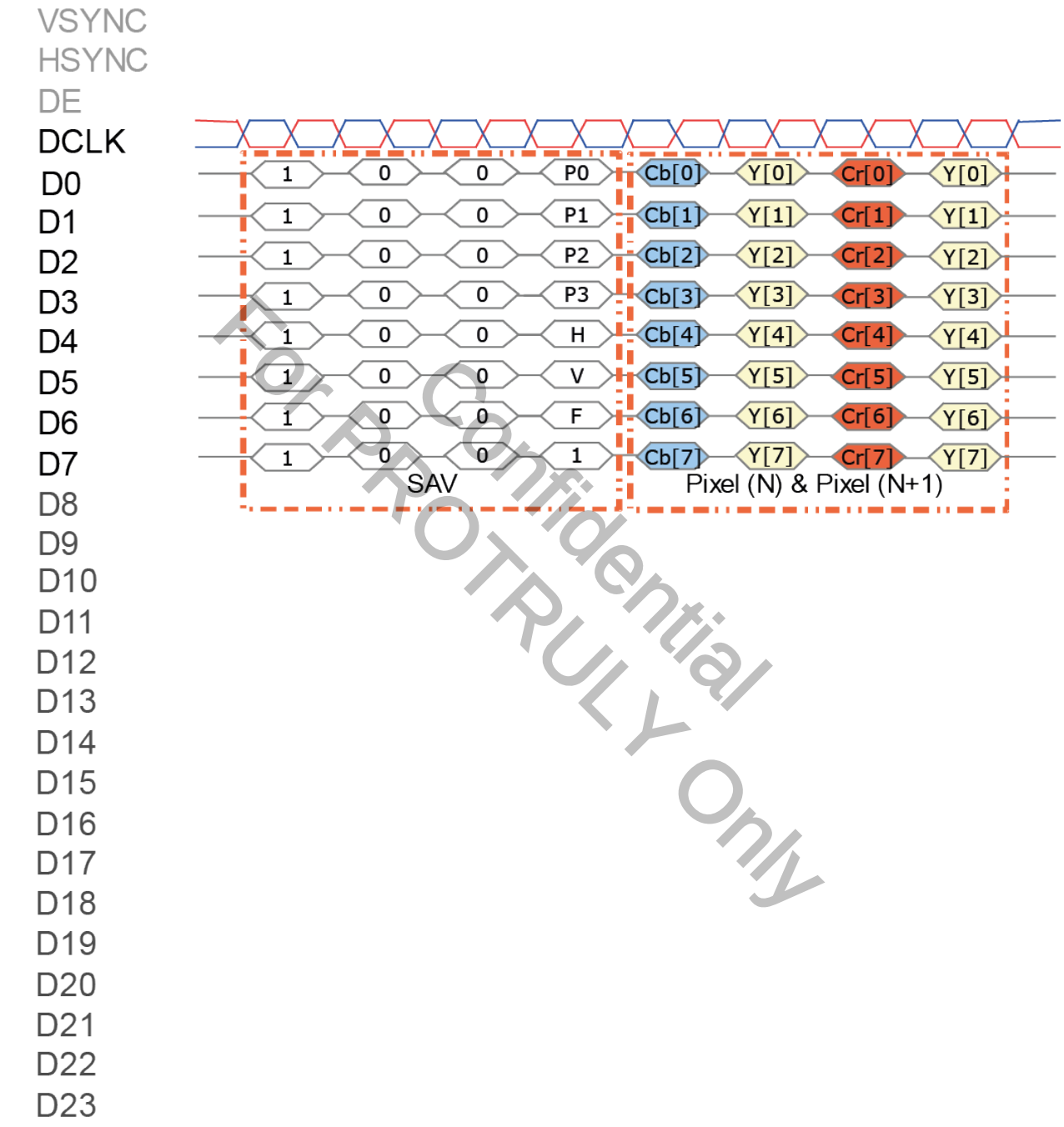

Figure A1-4. Digital Mode 4 (BT656 Output mode).

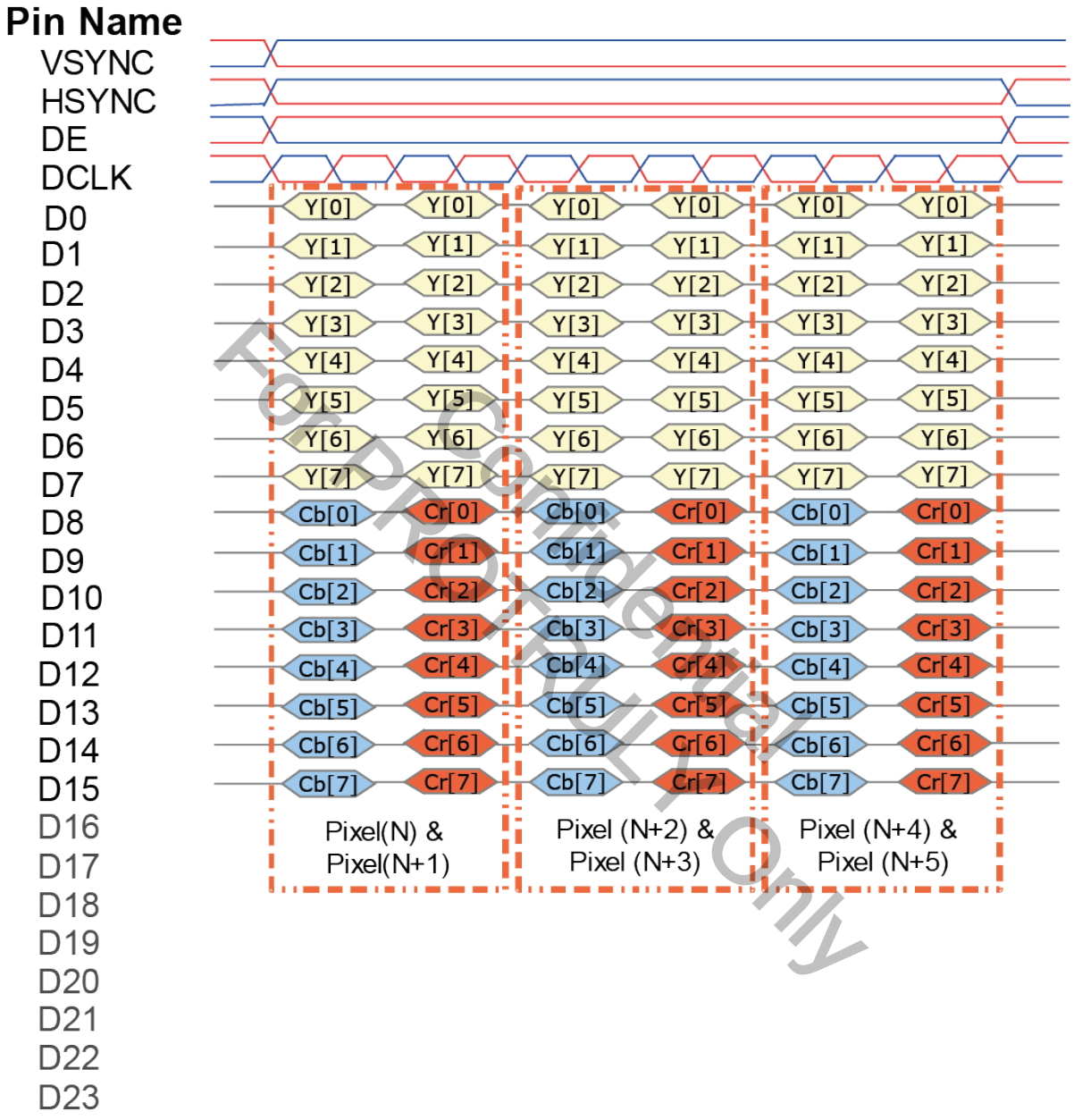

Figure A1-5. Digital Mode 5 (16Bits YUV422).

Figure A1-6. Digital Mode 6 (24Bits RGB).

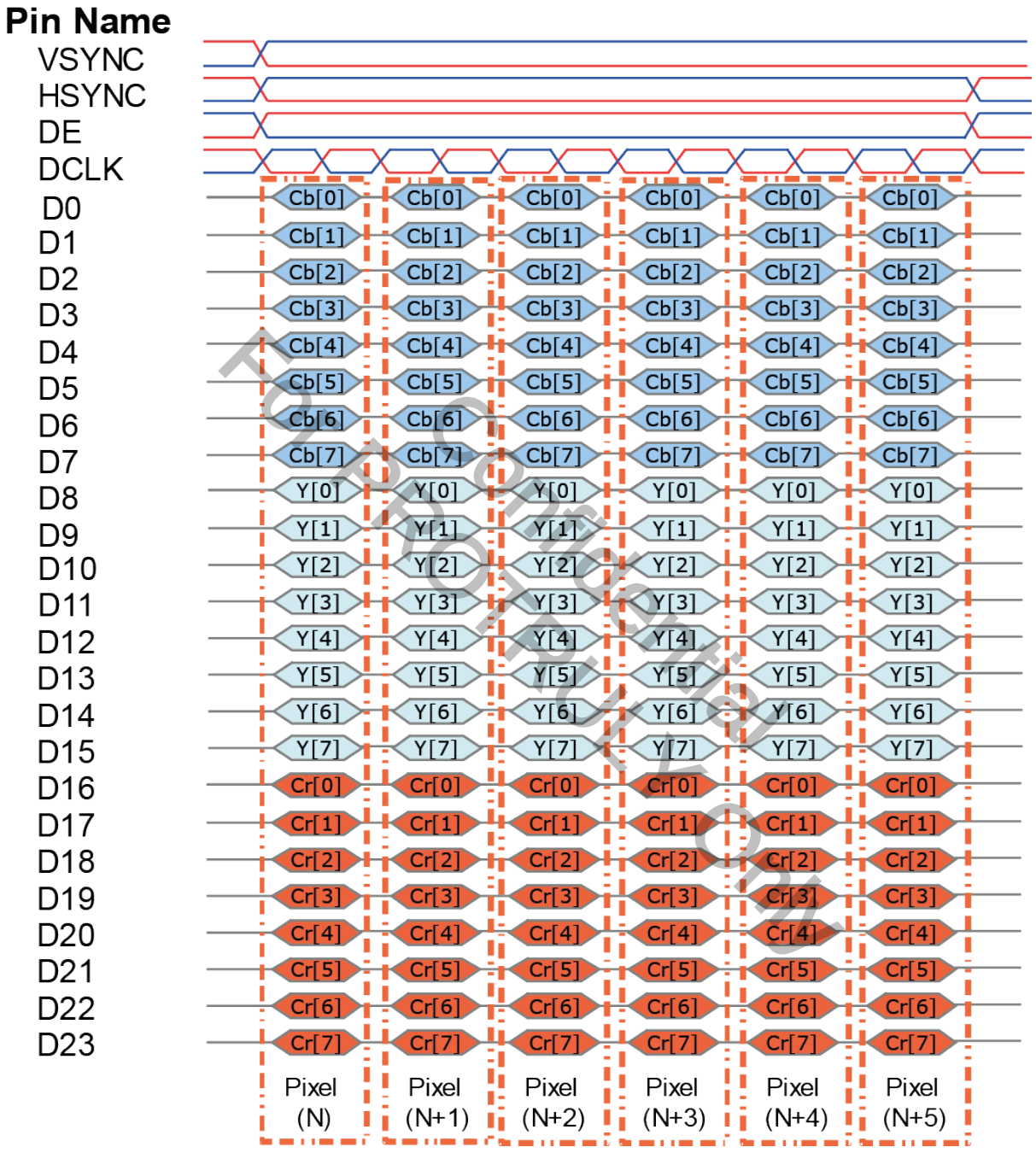

Figure A1-7. Digital Mode 6 (24Bits YUV).

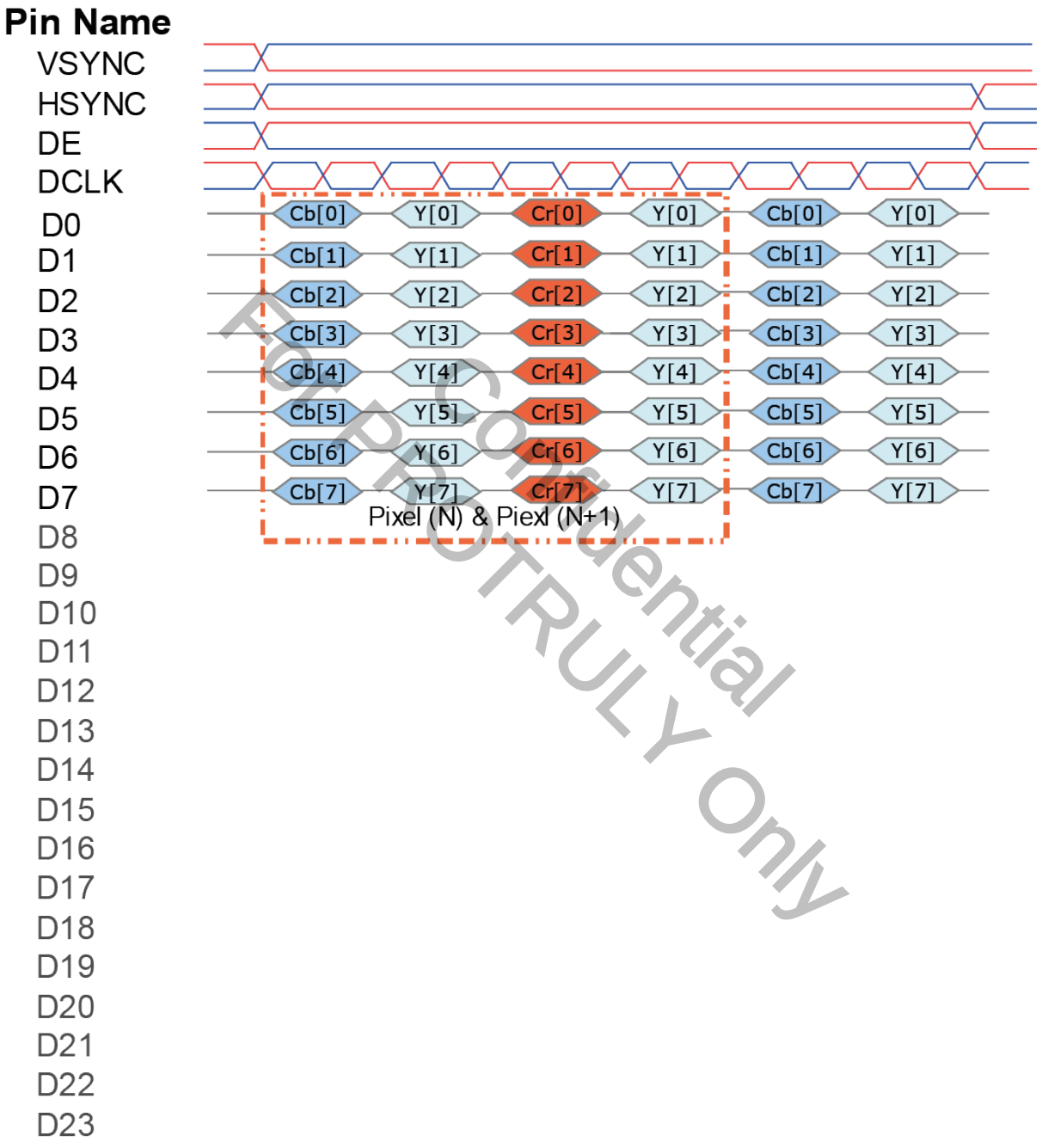

Figure A1-8. Digital Mode 7 (8Bits CbYCrY).

Appendix 2 Additional Resources

Related resources include:

- *SDK6 API DSP Support Package*
- *SDK6 AmbaKAL*
- *SDK6 API AmbaFS*
- *SDK6 API System*

Please contact an Ambarella representative for a full list of related resources.

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Table A4-1. Revision History.