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# Dual Digitally Controlled Potentiometers (XDCPs™) X93254

## FEATURES

- Dual solid-state potentiometers
- Independent Up/Down interfaces
- 32 wiper tap points per potentiometer
  - Wiper position stored in nonvolatile memory and recalled on power-up
- 31 resistive elements per potentiometer
  - Temperature compensated
  - Terminal voltage, 0 to  $V_{CC}$
- Low power CMOS
  - $V_{CC} = 3V \pm 10\%$
  - Active current,  $250\mu A$  max
  - Standby current,  $1\mu A$  max
- High reliability
  - Endurance 100,000 data changes per bit
- $R_{TOTAL}$  value =  $50k\Omega$
- 14-lead TSSOP package

## DESCRIPTION

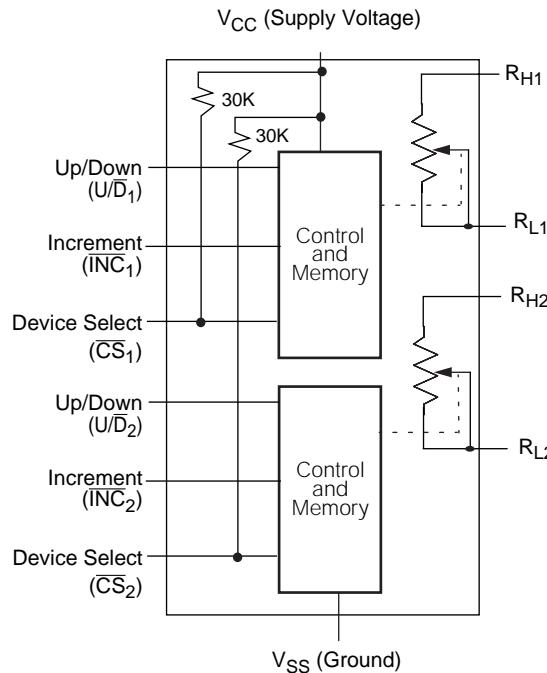
The Xicor X93254 is a dual digitally controlled potentiometer (XDCP). The device consists of two resistor arrays, wiper switches, a control section, and nonvolatile memory. The wiper positions are controlled by individual Up/Down interfaces.

A potentiometer is implemented by a resistor array composed of 31 resistive elements and a wiper switching network. The position of each wiper element is controlled by a set of independent  $\overline{CS}$ ,  $U/D$ , and  $INC$  inputs. The position of the wiper can be stored in nonvolatile memory and then be recalled upon a subsequent power-up operation.

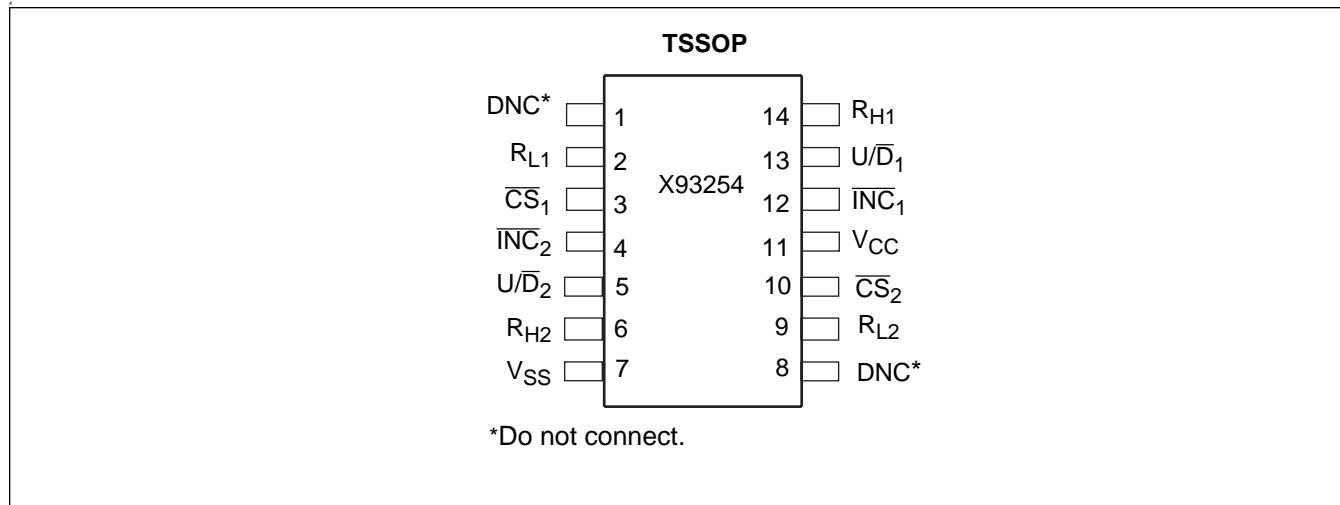
Each potentiometer is connected as a two-terminal variable resistor and can be used in a wide variety of applications including:

- Bias and Gain control
- LCD Contrast Adjustment

## BLOCK DIAGRAM



## PIN CONFIGURATION



## X93254 ORDERING CODES

Ordering Number	RTOTAL	Package	Temperature Range
X93254UV14I-3	50kΩ	14-lead TSSOP package	-40°C to +85°C

## PIN DESCRIPTIONS

TSSOP	Symbol	Description
1	DNC	<b>Do Not Connect.</b>
2	R <sub>L1</sub>	<b>Low Terminal 1.</b>
3	CS <sub>1</sub>	<b>Chip Select 1.</b>
4	INC <sub>2</sub>	<b>Increment 2.</b>
5	U/D <sub>2</sub>	<b>Up/Down 2.</b>
6	R <sub>H2</sub>	<b>High Terminal 2.</b>
7	V <sub>SS</sub>	<b>Ground.</b>
8	DNC	<b>Do Not Connect.</b>
9	R <sub>L2</sub>	<b>Low Terminal 2.</b>
10	CS <sub>2</sub>	<b>Chip Select 2.</b>
11	V <sub>CC</sub>	<b>Supply Voltage.</b>
12	INC <sub>1</sub>	<b>Increment 1.</b>
13	U/D <sub>1</sub>	<b>Up/Down 1.</b>
14	R <sub>H1</sub>	<b>High Terminal 1.</b>

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Temperature under bias ..... $-65^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+135^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 Storage temperature ..... $-65^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+150^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 Voltage on  $\overline{\text{CS}}$ ,  $\overline{\text{INC}}$ ,  $\overline{\text{U/D}}$ ,  $R_H$ ,  $R_L$  and  $V_{CC}$   
 with respect to  $V_{SS}$  ..... $-1\text{V}$  to  $+6.5\text{V}$   
 Lead temperature (soldering 10 seconds) ..... $300^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 Maximum reflow temperature (40 seconds) ..... $240^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 Maximum resistor current ..... $2\text{mA}$

## COMMENT

Stresses above those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only; the functional operation of the device (at these or any other conditions above those listed in the operational sections of this specification) is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

## RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Temperature	Min.	Max.
Industrial	$-40^{\circ}\text{C}$	$+85^{\circ}\text{C}$

Supply Voltage ( $V_{CC}$ )	Limits
X93254	$3\text{V} \pm 10\%$ <sup>(7)</sup>

## POTENTIOMETER CHARACTERISTICS (Over recommended operating conditions unless otherwise stated.)

Symbol	Parameter	Limits				Test Conditions/Notes
		Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit	
$R_{TOT}$	End to end resistance	37.5	50	62.5	$\text{k}\Omega$	<sup>(5)</sup>
$V_R$	$R_H$ , $R_L$ terminal voltages	0		$V_{CC}$	V	<sup>(5)</sup>
	Power rating			1	$\text{mW}^{(6)}$	$R_{TOTAL} = 50 \text{ K}\Omega$ <sup>(5)</sup>
	Noise		-120		$\text{dBV}^{(6)}$	Ref: 1kHz <sup>(5)</sup>
$R_W$	Wiper Resistance			1000	$\Omega$	<sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>
$I_W$	Wiper Current			0.6	$\text{mA}$	<sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>
	Resolution		3		%	<sup>(5)</sup>
	Absolute linearity <sup>(1)</sup>			$\pm 1$	$MI^{(3)}$	$V_{H(n)(actual)} - V_{H(n)(expected)}$ <sup>(5)</sup>
	Relative linearity <sup>(2)</sup>			$\pm 0.5$	$MI^{(3)}$	$V_{H(n+1)} - [V_{H(n)} + MI]$ <sup>(5)</sup>
	$R_{TOTAL}$ temperature coefficient		$\pm 100$		$\text{ppm}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	<sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>
$C_H/C_L/C_W$	Potentiometer capacitances		10/10/25		pF	See circuit #2 <sup>(5)</sup>

**Notes:** (1) Absolute linearity is utilized to determine actual wiper voltage versus expected voltage =  $(V_{H(n)(actual)} - V_{H(n)(expected)}) = \pm 1 MI$   
 Maximum,  $n = 1 \dots 29$  only  
 (2) Relative linearity is a measure of the error in step size between taps =  $V_{H(n+1)} - [V_{H(n)} + MI] = \pm 0.5 MI$ ,  $n = 1 \dots 29$  only.  
 (3) 1 MI = Minimum Increment =  $R_{TOT}/31$ .  
 (4) Typical values are for  $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$  and nominal supply voltage.  
 (5) This parameter only applies to a single potentiometer.  
 (6) This parameter is guaranteed by characterization.  
 (7) When performing multiple write operations,  $V_{CC}$  must not decrease by more than 150mV from its initial value.

## D.C. OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS (Over recommended operating conditions unless otherwise specified.)

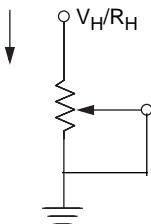
Symbol	Parameter	Limits			Unit	Test Conditions
		Min.	Typ. <sup>(4)</sup>	Max.		
I <sub>CC1</sub>	V <sub>CC</sub> active current (Increment) per DCP		50	250	µA	$\overline{CS} = V_{IL}$ , $U/\overline{D} = V_{IL}$ or $V_{IH}$ and $\overline{INC} = 0.4V$ @ max. $t_{CYC}$ <sup>(5)</sup>
I <sub>CC2</sub>	V <sub>CC</sub> active current (Store) (EEPROM Store) per DCP			600	µA	$\overline{CS} = V_{IH}$ , $U/\overline{D} = V_{IL}$ or $V_{IH}$ and $\overline{INC} = V_{IH}$ @ max. $t_{WR}$ <sup>(5)</sup>
I <sub>SB</sub>	Standby supply current			1	µA	$\overline{CS} = V_{CC} - 0.3V$ , $U/\overline{D}$ and $\overline{INC} = V_{SS}$ or $V_{CC} - 0.3V$
I <sub>LI</sub>	$\overline{CS}_1$ or $\overline{CS}_2$			±1	µA	$V_{IN} = V_{CC}$ <sup>(5)</sup>
I <sub>LI</sub>	$\overline{CS}_1$ or $\overline{CS}_2$	60	100	150	µA	$V_{CC} = 3V$ , $\overline{CS} = 0$ <sup>(5)</sup>
I <sub>LI</sub>	$\overline{INC}_1$ , $\overline{INC}_2$ , $U/\overline{D}_1$ , $U/\overline{D}_2$ input leakage current			±1	µA	$V_{IN} = V_{SS}$ to $V_{CC}$ <sup>(5)</sup>
V <sub>IH</sub>	$\overline{CS}_1$ , $\overline{CS}_2$ , $\overline{INC}_1$ , $\overline{INC}_2$ , $U/\overline{D}_1$ , $U/\overline{D}_2$ input HIGH voltage	$V_{CC} \times 0.7$		$V_{CC} + 0.5$	V	<sup>(5)</sup>
V <sub>IL</sub>	$\overline{CS}_1$ , $\overline{CS}_2$ , $\overline{INC}_1$ , $\overline{INC}_2$ , $U/\overline{D}_1$ , $U/\overline{D}_2$ input HIGH voltage	-0.5		$V_{CC} \times 0.1$	V	<sup>(5)</sup>
C <sub>IN</sub>	$\overline{CS}_1$ , $\overline{CS}_2$ , $\overline{INC}_1$ , $\overline{INC}_2$ , $U/\overline{D}_1$ , $U/\overline{D}_2$ input capacitance			10	pF	$V_{CC} = 3V$ , $V_{IN} = V_{SS}$ , $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , $f = 1MHz$ <sup>(6)</sup>

## ENDURANCE AND DATA RETENTION

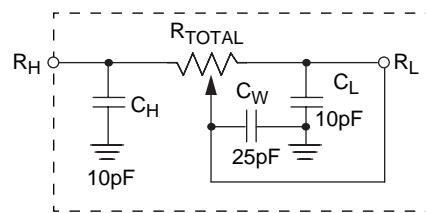
Parameter	Min.	Unit
Minimum endurance	100,000	Data changes per bit

## Test Circuit #1

Test Point



## Circuit #2 SPICE Macro Model



## A.C. CONDITIONS OF TEST

Input pulse levels	0V to 3V
Input rise and fall times	10ns
Input reference levels	1.5V

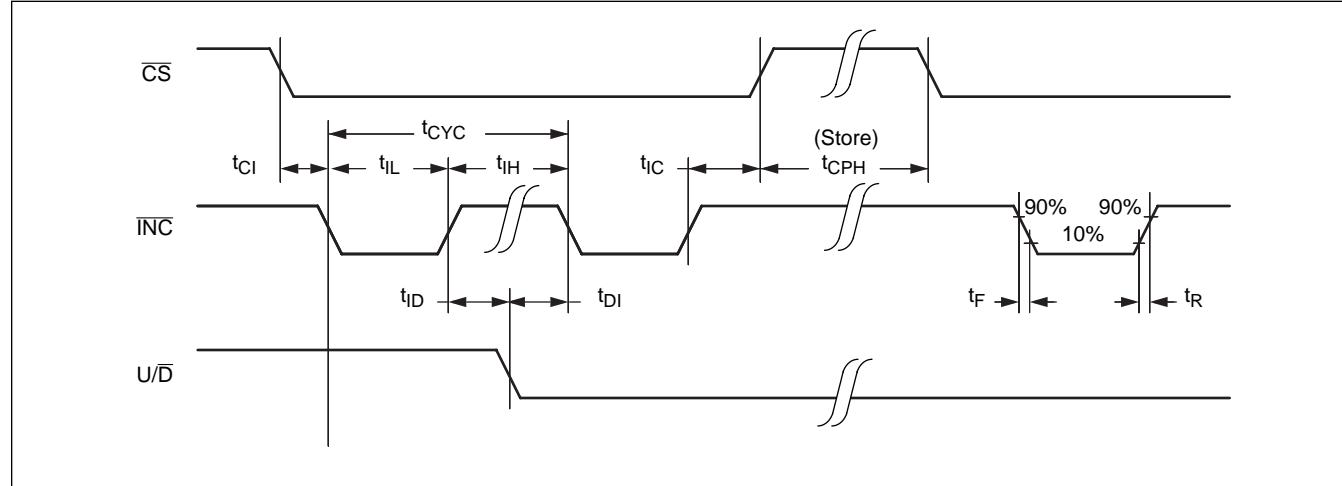
**A.C. OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS** (Over recommended operating conditions unless otherwise specified. In the table,  $\overline{CS}$ ,  $\overline{INC}$ ,  $U/\overline{D}$ ,  $R_H$  and  $R_L$  are used to refer to either  $\overline{CS}_1$  or  $\overline{CS}_2$ , etc.)

Symbol	Parameter	Limits			Unit
		Min.	Typ.(6)	Max.	
$t_{CI}$	$\overline{CS}$ to $\overline{INC}$ setup	100			ns
$t_{ID}$	$\overline{INC}$ HIGH to $U/\overline{D}$ change	100			ns
$t_{DI}$	$U/\overline{D}$ to $\overline{INC}$ setup	100			ns
$t_{IL}$	$\overline{INC}$ LOW period	1			μs
$t_{IH}$	$\overline{INC}$ HIGH period	1			μs
$t_{IC}$	$\overline{INC}$ Inactive to $\overline{CS}$ inactive	1			μs
$t_{CPH}$	$\overline{CS}$ Deselect time (NO STORE)	250			ns
$t_{CPH}$	$\overline{CS}$ Deselect time (STORE)	10			ms
$t_{CYC}$	$\overline{INC}$ cycle time	2			μs
$t_R, t_F^{(6)}$	$\overline{INC}$ input rise and fall time			500	μs
$t_R V_{CC}^{(6)}$	$V_{CC}$ power-up rate	1		10,000	V/ms
$t_{WR}$	Store cycle		5	10	ms

### POWER UP AND DOWN REQUIREMENTS

There are no restrictions on the power-up or power-down conditions of  $V_{CC}$  and the voltages applied to the potentiometer pins provided that  $V_{CC}$  is always more positive than or equal to  $V_H$  and  $V_L$ , i.e.,  $V_{CC} \geq V_H, V_L$ . The  $V_{CC}$  ramp rate spec is always in effect.

**A.C. TIMING** (In the diagram,  $\overline{CS}$ ,  $\overline{INC}$ ,  $U/\overline{D}$ ,  $R_H$  and  $R_L$  are used to refer to either  $\overline{CS}_1$  or  $\overline{CS}_2$ , etc.)



## PIN DESCRIPTIONS

(In the text,  $\overline{CS}$ ,  $\overline{INC}$ ,  $U/\overline{D}$ ,  $R_H$  and  $R_L$  are used to refer to either  $\overline{CS}_1$  or  $\overline{CS}_2$ , etc. Note: These signals can be applied independently or at the same time.)

### $R_H$ and $R_L$

The  $R_H$  and  $R_L$  pins of the X93254 are equivalent to the fixed terminals of a mechanical potentiometer. The minimum voltage is  $V_{SS}$  and the maximum is  $V_{CC}$ . The terminology of  $R_H$  and  $R_L$  references the relative position of the terminal in relation to wiper movement direction selected by the  $U/\overline{D}$  input per potentiometer.

### Up/Down ( $U/\overline{D}$ )

The  $U/\overline{D}$  input controls the direction of a single potentiometer's wiper movement and whether the counter is incremented or decremented.

### Increment ( $\overline{INC}$ )

The  $\overline{INC}$  input is negative-edge triggered. Toggling  $\overline{INC}$  will move the wiper and either increment or decrement the corresponding potentiometer's counter in the direction indicated by the logic level on the corresponding potentiometer's  $U/\overline{D}$  input.

### Chip Select ( $\overline{CS}$ )

A potentiometer is selected when the corresponding  $\overline{CS}$  input is LOW. Its current counter value is stored in nonvolatile memory when the corresponding  $\overline{CS}$  is returned HIGH while the corresponding  $\overline{INC}$  input is also HIGH. After the store operation is complete the affected potentiometer will be placed in the low power standby mode until the potentiometer is selected once again.

## PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION

There are multiple sections for each potentiometer in the X93254: an input control, a counter and decode section; the nonvolatile memory; and a resistor array. Each input control section operates just like an up/down counter. The output of this counter is decoded to turn on a single electronic switch connecting a point on the resistor array to the wiper output. Under the proper conditions the contents of the counter can be stored in nonvolatile memory and retained for future use. Each resistor array is comprised of 31 individual resistors connected in series. At either end of the array and between each resistor is an electronic switch that transfers the connection at that point to the wiper.

Each wiper, when at either fixed terminal, acts like its mechanical equivalent and does not move beyond the last position. That is, the counter does not wrap around when clocked to either extreme.

If the wiper is moved several positions, multiple taps are connected to the wiper for  $t_{IW}$  ( $INC$  to  $V_W$  change). The 2-terminal resistance value for the device can temporarily change by a significant amount if the wiper is moved several positions.

When the device is powered-down, the last wiper position stored will be maintained in the nonvolatile memory for each potentiometer. When power is restored, the contents of the memory are recalled and each wiper is set to the value last stored.

## INSTRUCTIONS AND PROGRAMMING

The  $\overline{INC}$ ,  $U/\overline{D}$  and  $\overline{CS}$  inputs control the movement of the wiper along the resistor array. With  $\overline{CS}$  set LOW the potentiometer is selected and enabled to respond to the  $U/\overline{D}$  and  $\overline{INC}$  inputs. HIGH to LOW transitions on  $\overline{INC}$  will increment or decrement (depending on the state of the  $U/\overline{D}$  input) a five bit counter. The output of this counter is decoded to select one of thirty two wiper positions along the resistive array.

The value of the counter is stored in nonvolatile memory whenever each  $\overline{CS}$  transitions HIGH while the  $\overline{INC}$  input is also HIGH. In order to avoid an accidental store during power-up, each  $\overline{CS}$  must go HIGH with  $V_{CC}$  during initial power-up. When left open, each  $\overline{CS}$  pin is internally pulled up to  $V_{CC}$  by an internal 30K resistor.

The system may select the X93254, move any wiper and deselect the device without having to store the latest wiper position in nonvolatile memory. After the wiper movement is performed as described above and once the new position is reached, the system must keep  $\overline{INC}$  LOW while taking  $\overline{CS}$  HIGH. The new wiper position will be maintained until changed by the system or until a power-up/down cycle recalled the previously stored data. In order to recall the stored position of the wiper on power-up, the  $\overline{CS}$  pin must be held HIGH.

This procedure allows the system to always power-up to a preset value stored in nonvolatile memory; then during system operation minor adjustments could be made. The adjustments might be based on user preference, system parameter changes due to temperature drift, or other system trim requirements.

The state of  $U/D$  may be changed while  $\overline{CS}$  remains LOW. This allows the host system to enable the device and then move each wiper up and down until the proper trim is attained.

### MODE SELECTION

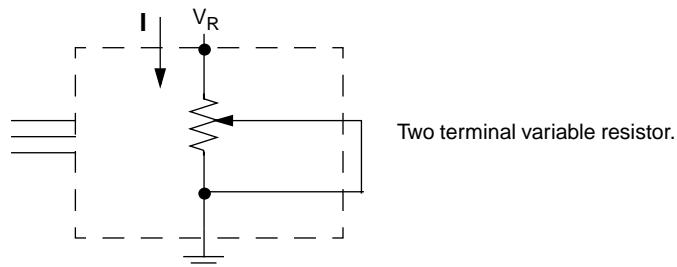
$\overline{CS}$	$\overline{INC}$	$U/D$	Mode
L		H	Wiper Up
L		L	Wiper Down
	H	X	Store Wiper Position
H	X	X	Standby Current
	L	X	No Store, Return to Standby
	L	H	Wiper Up (not recommended)
	L	L	Wiper Down (not recommended)

### SYMBOL TABLE

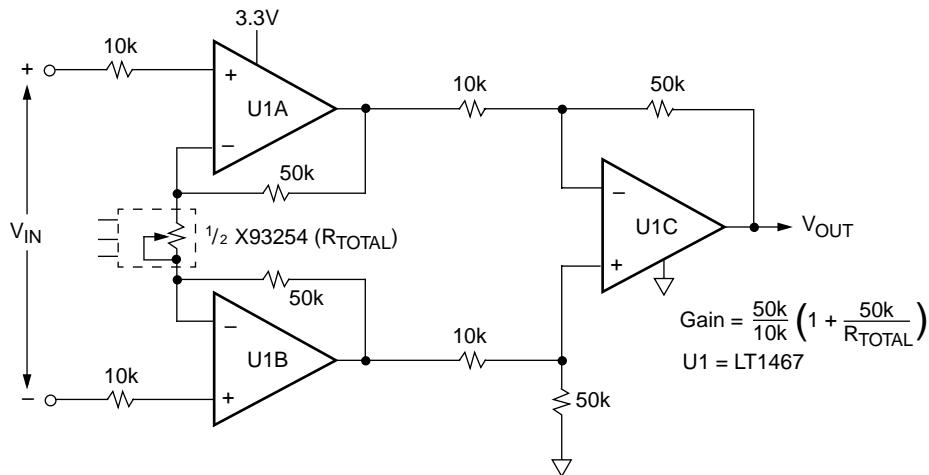
WAVEFORM	INPUTS	OUTPUTS
	Must be steady	Will be steady
	May change from Low to High	Will change from Low to High
	May change from High to Low	Will change from High to Low
	Don't Care: Changes Allowed	Changing: State Not Known
	N/A	Center Line is High Impedance

## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

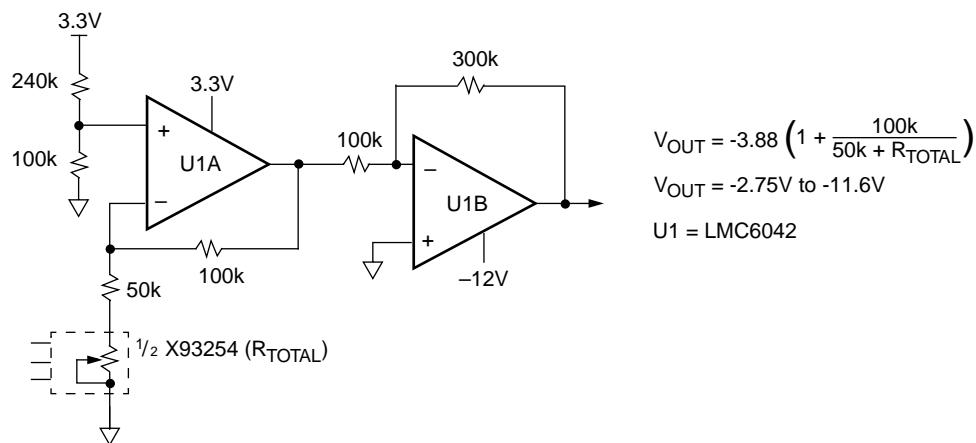
Electronic digitally controlled (XDCP) potentiometers provide three powerful application advantages; (1) the variability and reliability of a solid-state potentiometer (2) the flexibility of computer-based digital controls, and (3) the retentivity of nonvolatile memory used for the storage of multiple potentiometer settings or data.



## Low Voltage High Impedance Instrumentation Amplifier

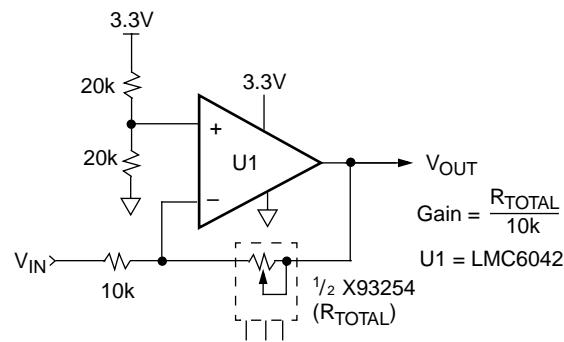


## Micro-Power LCD Contrast Control



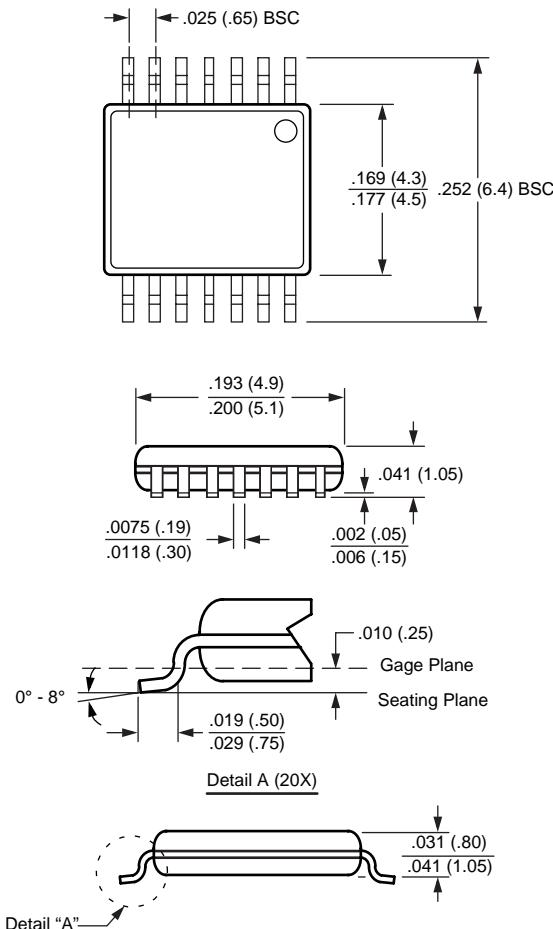
## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION (Continued)

## Single Supply Variable Gain Amplifier



## PACKAGING INFORMATION

## 14-Lead Plastic, TSSOP, Package Code V14



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