## Trigger Devices

Trigger devices come under a variety of different classifications, with somewhat differing characteristics —

Unijunction Transistors Unidirectional Switches Bidirectional Switches Bilateral Triggers 4-Layer Diodes











the principal function of all these is to act as trigger devices for SCR and Triac circuits. Motorola makes them all, and with sufficient breadth of specifications to meet any circuit requirement.

The variety of different trigger devices available complicates device selection. No specific type of trigger has a clear-cut advantage over all others. Hence, trigger selection is often very subjective, based on the designer's experience and familiarity. Nevertheless, some basic comparisons can be drawn that might simplify the job of trigger selection for designers who have not already formed specific preferences.

## Programmable Unijunction Transistors – PUT

Similar to UJTs, except that IV, Ip and intrinsic standoff voltage are programmable (adjustable) by means of external voltage divider. This stabilizes circuit performance for variations in device parameters. General operating frequency range is from 0.01 Hz to 10 kHz, making them suitable for long-duration timer circuits. Two-package availability provides cost option.

		lр			Iv	
Package	Device Type	R <sub>G</sub> = 10 kΩ	$R_G = 1.0 \mathrm{M}\Omega$	I <sub>GAO</sub> @40 V	$R_G = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$	R <sub>G</sub> = 1.0 MΩ
		μΑ Max.		nA Max.	μΑ Min.	μΑ Max.
Plastic Case 29-02 (TO-92)	2N6027 2N6028 MPU131 MPU132 MPU133	5.0 1.0 5.0 2.0 1.0	2.0 0.15 2.0 0.3 0.15	10 5.0 5.0 5.0	70 25 70 50 50	50 25 50 50 25

## Bilateral Triggers – DIACs

Specifically designed as low-cost bidirectional triggers in line-operated Triac control circuits such as light dimmers, motor controls and temperature controls.

Package	Device Type	V <sub>S</sub> Vol No	ts	lg μΑ Max.	mA Max.
		Min.	Max.		
Plastic Case 182-02 (TO-92)	1N5758/MPT20 1N5759 1N5760/MPT28 1N5761/MPT32 1N5762 1N5758A 1N5759A 1N5760A 1N5761A	24 ± 28 ± 32 ± 36 ± 20 ± 24 ± 28 ± 28	4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0	100 100 100 100 100 25 25 25 25	

## Silicon Bidirectional Switch - SBS

Applications similar to Diac, but has gate electrode that permits synchronization.

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Plastic	MBS4991	6.0	10	500	1.5
Case 29-02 (TO-92)	MBS4992	7.5	9.0	120	0.5