16 characters × 4 lines reflective character module RCM2038R

The RCM2038R is a reflective TN type liquid crystal module with a built-in controller/driver LSI and a display capacity of 16 characters × 4 lines.

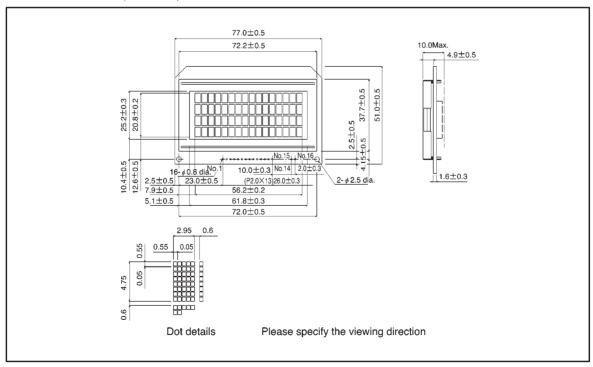
Applications

Personal computers, word processors, facsimiles, telephones, etc.

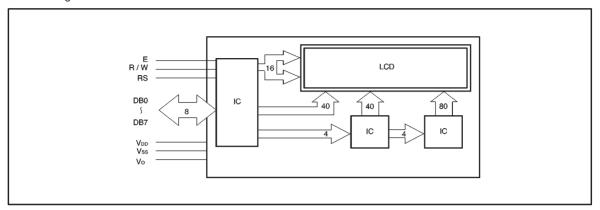
Features

- 1) Wide viewing angle and high contrast.
- 2) 5×7 dot character matrix with cursor.
- 3) Interfaces with 4-bit or 8-bit MPUs.
- 4) Displays up to 181 characters and special symbols.
- Custom character patterns are displayed with the character RAM.
- 6) Abundant instruction set including clear display, cursor on/off, and character blinking.
- Compact and light weight for easy assembly to the host instrument.
- 8) Operable on single 5 V power supply.
- 9) Low power consumption.

External dimensions (Units: mm)



Block diagram



Pin assignments

Pin no.	Signal	Pin no.	Signal
1	Vss	8	DB1
2	V _{DD}	9	DB2
3	Vo	10	DB3
4	RS	11	DB4
5	R/W	12	DB5
6	E	13	DB6
7	DB0	14	DB7

Power supply example

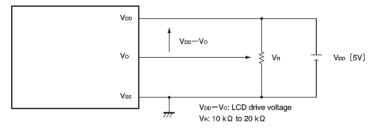


Fig.1

●Absolute maximum ratings (Ta = 25°C)

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Logic power supply voltage	V _{DD} -V _{SS}	0	_	6.5	٧
LCD drive voltage	V _{DD} -V _O	0	_	6.5	V
Input voltage	Vin	Vss	_	VDD	V
Operating temperature	Topr	0	_	50	°C
Storage temperature	Tstg	-20	_	70	င

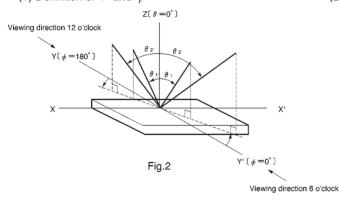
• Electrical characteristics ($V_{DD} = 5.0 \text{ V} \pm 0.25 \text{ V}$, Ta = 25° C)

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	Conditions
Input high level voltage	ViH	2.2	_	V _{DD}	٧	
Input low level voltage	VIL	_	_	0.6	V	
Output high level voltage	Vон	2.4	_	_	V	—Iон=0.205mA
Output low level voltage	Vol	_	_	0.4	V	IoL=1.2mA
Power supply current	loo	_	2	4	mA	V _{DD} =5V

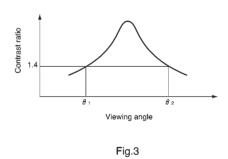
•Optical characteristics (Ta = 25° C, $\phi = 0^{\circ}$)

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	Conditions
Rise time	tr	_	100	250	ms	$\theta = 10^{\circ}, \phi = 0^{\circ}$
Fall time	ta	_	150	250	ms	$\theta = 10^{\circ}$, $\phi = 0^{\circ}$
Contrast ratio	К	_	3	_	_	$\theta = 10^{\circ}$, $\phi = 0^{\circ}$
	<i>θ</i> 1	_	_	10	deg	φ=0°, K≥1.4
Viewing angle	<i>θ</i> 2	40	_	_	deg	φ=0°, K≥1.4
	φ	±30	_	_	deg	θ₁=20°, K≧1.4

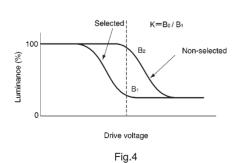
(1) Definition of θ and ϕ



(2) Definition of viewing angles θ_1 and θ_2



(3) Definition of contrast ratio"K"



(4) Definition of optical response

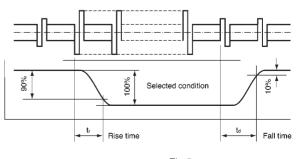


Fig.5

Timing chart

(1) Writing

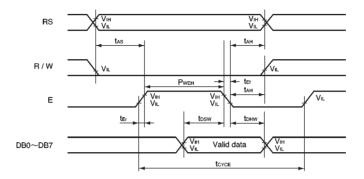


Fig. 6

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	
Enable cycle time	toyce	500	_	_	ns	Fig.6
Enable pulse time	PWEH	230	_	_	ns	Fig.6
Enable rise and fall time	ter, ter	_	_	20	ns	Fig.6
Address setup time	tas	40	_	_	ns	Fig.6
Address hold time	t ah	10	_	_	ns	Fig.6
Data setup time	tosw	80	_	_	ns	Fig.6
Data hold time	tohw	10	_	_	ns	Fig.6

(2) Reading

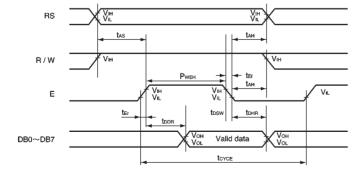


Fig. 7

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	
Enable cycle time	toyce	500	_	_	ns	Fig.7
Enable pulse time	Pweh	230	_	_	ns	Fig.7
Enable rise and fall time	ter, ter	_	_	20	ns	Fig.7
Address setup time	tas	40	_	_	ns	Fig.7
Address hold time	tan	10	_	_	ns	Fig.7
Data delay time	toon	_	_	160	ns	Fig.7
Data hold time	tohr	5	_	_	ns	Fig.7

Pin functions

Symbol	Level	Input / output	Fun	ction						
Vss	_	_	GND:0V							
VDD	1	_	5V	Power supply voltage						
Vo	_	_								
RS	H/L	Input	Register selection signal. 0: Instruction register (writing) Busy flag, address counter (reading) 1: Data register (reading / writing)							
R/W	H/L	Input	Reading (R) and writing (W) selection signal. "0" : Writing MPU → LCD module "1" : Reading MPU ← LCD module							
Е	H,H→L	Input	Data reading and writing sta	art signal.						
DB0 } DB3	H/L	Input / output		s are bi-directional and used the MPU and the module. bit operation.						
DB4	H/L	Input / output		s are bi-directional and used the MPU and the module. busy flag.						

Note: In order to be able to interface with 4-bit or 8-bit MPUs, the module supports data transfer with two transmissions of 4 bits at a time or one transmission of 8 bits at once.



⁽¹⁾ When the interface data length is 4 bits, data is transferred along DB4 through DB7 buses and DB0 through DB3 buses are not used. Data transferal is completed after two transfers of 4 bit data. First the upper nibble (contents of DB4 through DB7 during 8-bit interfacing) is transferred and then the lower nibble (contents of DB0 through DB3 during 8-bit interfacing) is transferred.

⁽²⁾ When the interface data length is 8 bits, the data DB0 through DB7 is transferred along the eight data buses.

Instructions

Instruction					Co	ode					Description	Execution time
mstruction	RS	R/W	DB7	DB6	DB5	DB4	DB3	DB2	DB1	DB0	Description	fcp=250kHz
Clear display	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Clears display and sets address 0 of DD RAM to address counter.	1.64ms
Home cursor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	Sets address 0 of DD RAM to address counter and returns a shifted display to original position. The contents of DD RAM are unchanged.	1.64ms
Entry mode set	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	I/D	S	Sets the cursor move direction and specifies whether or not to shift display. This operation occurs when reading or writing data.	40 μs
Display on / off control	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	D	С	В	Turns display on or off [D], turns cursor on or off [C], or blinks the character at the cursor position [B].	40 μs
Cursor / display shift	0	0	0	0	0	1	s/c	R/L	*	*	Moves cursor or shifts display without changing the DD RAM.	40 μs
Function set	0	0	0	0	1	DL	N	F	*	*	Sets the interface data length [DL], number of lines displayed [N], and character font [F].	40 μs
CG RAM address set	0	0	0	1			Α	CG			Sets the CG RAM address. Data received after this is CG RAM data.	40 μs
DD RAM address set	0	0	1				Add				Sets the DD RAM address. Data received after this is DD RAM data.	40 μs
Read busy flag address	0	1	BF				AC				Reads the busy flag signifying internal operations in progress and reads the contents of the address counter.	0 μs
Write data to CG or DD RAM	1	0			١	Vrite	Dat	a			Data is written from the DD RAM or CG RAM.	46 μs
Read data from CG or DD RAM	1	1			F	Read	Dat	а			Data is read to DD RAM or CG RAM.	46 μs
	1 1 Read Data I/D = 1: Increment I/D = 0: Decrement S = 1: Accompanies display shift S/C = 1: Display shift S/C = 0: Cursor movement R/L = 1: Right shift R/L = 0: Left shift DL = 1: 8 bit DL = 0: 4 bit N = 1: 2 lines N = 0: 1 line F = 1: 5 × 10 dots F = 0: 5 × 7 dots BF = 1: Internal operation in progress BF = 0: Instructions can be received										DD RAM: Display data RAM CG RAM: Character generator RAM Acc: CG RAM address Address: DD RAM address (corresponds to cursor address) AC: Address counter used for both DD and CG RAM.	Execution times will vary with frequency.

(Note) * = Invalid

● Character code and corresponding character pattern

Higher 4 bit	0000	0010	0011	0100	0101	0110	0111	1010	1011	1100	1101	1110	1111
Lower 4 bit XXXX0000	CGRAM (1)			:::	:::	••				-::			
XXXX0001	(2)						-:::	===	Ţ.		<u>:</u>	-==	
XXXX0010	(3)	H					<u></u>			ij	×		
XXXX0011	(4)				:	:	-:::.					::	
XXXX0100	(5)					:::		٠.					:::
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Reset function

When you turn the power supply on using the internal reset circuit, the module automatically returns to its initial (reset) settings. At the initial settings, the following instructions are carried out.

(1) Clear display

The busy flag remains in the busy condition (BF = 1) until initialization is completed. This takes 15 ms.

(2) Function set

DL = 1: 8-bit interface data length

N = 1

 $F = 0: 5 \times 7$ dot matrix

(3) Display on/off control

D = 0: Display off

C = 0: Cursor off

B = 0: Blinking off

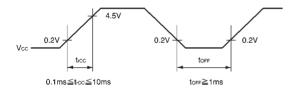
(4) Entry mode set

1/D = 1: +1 (increment)

S = 0: No shift

(5) Select DD RAM

Depending on the power supply's rise and fall times when it is turned on, there may be times when the initialization cannot be completed. Therefore, be aware of the following timing relationship.



toff regulates the power supply breaks, or on and off times.

Note) When the above power supply conditions are not met, the internal reset circuit will not operate properly.