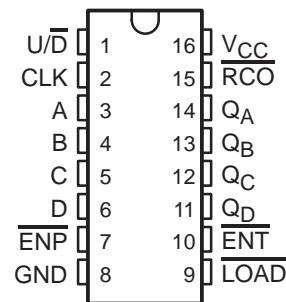


- Fully Synchronous Operation for Counting and Programming
- Internal Look-Ahead Circuitry for Fast Counting
- Carry Output for N-Bit Cascading
- Fully Independent Clock Circuit
- Package Options Include Plastic Small-Outline Packages and Standard Plastic 300-mil DIPs

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(TOP VIEW)



### description

This synchronous, presettable, 4-bit up/down decade counter features an internal carry look-ahead circuitry for cascading in high-speed counting applications. Synchronous operation is provided by having all flip-flops clocked simultaneously so that the outputs change coincident with each other when so instructed by the count-enable (ENP, ENT) inputs and internal gating. This mode of operation eliminates the output counting spikes that are normally associated with asynchronous (ripple-clock) counters. A buffered clock (CLK) input triggers the four flip-flops on the rising (positive-going) edge of the clock waveform.

This counter is fully programmable; that is, it may be preset to any number between 0 and its maximum count. The load-input circuitry allows loading with the carry-enable output of cascaded counters. As loading is synchronous, setting up a low level at the load (LOAD) input disables the counter and causes the outputs to agree with the data inputs after the next clock pulse.

The carry look-ahead circuitry provides for cascading counters for n-bit synchronous application without additional gating. Instrumental in accomplishing this function are two count-enable (ENP, ENT) inputs and a ripple-carry (RCO) output. Both ENP and ENT must be low to count. The direction of the count is determined by the level of the up/down (U/D) input. When U/D is high, the counter counts up; when low, it counts down. Input ENT is fed forward to enable the RCO. RCO thus enabled will produce a low-level pulse while the count is zero (all inputs low) counting down or maximum (9 or 15) counting up. This low-level overflow ripple-carry pulse can be used to enable successive cascaded stages. Transitions at ENP or ENT are allowed regardless of the level of the clock input. All inputs are diode clamped to minimize transmission-line effects, thereby simplifying system design.

The SN74F168 features a fully independent clock circuit. Changes at control inputs (ENP, ENT, LOAD or U/D) that will modify the operating mode have no effect on the contents of the counter until clocking occurs. The function of the counter (whether enabled, disabled, loading, or counting) will be dictated solely by the conditions meeting the setup and hold times.

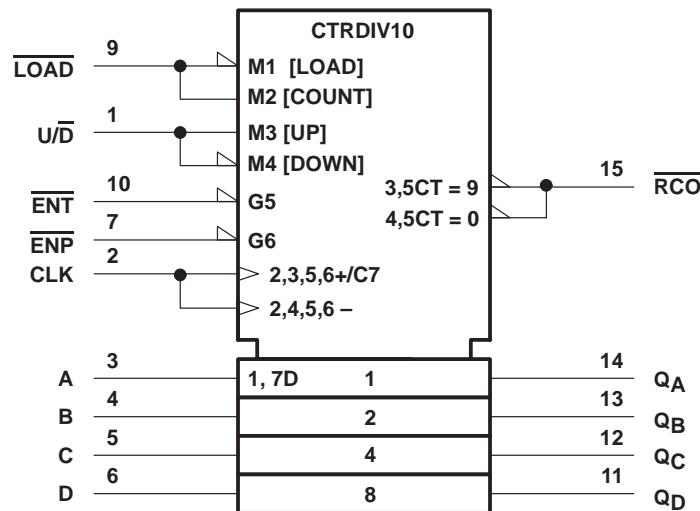
The SN74F168 is characterized for operation from 0°C to 70°C.

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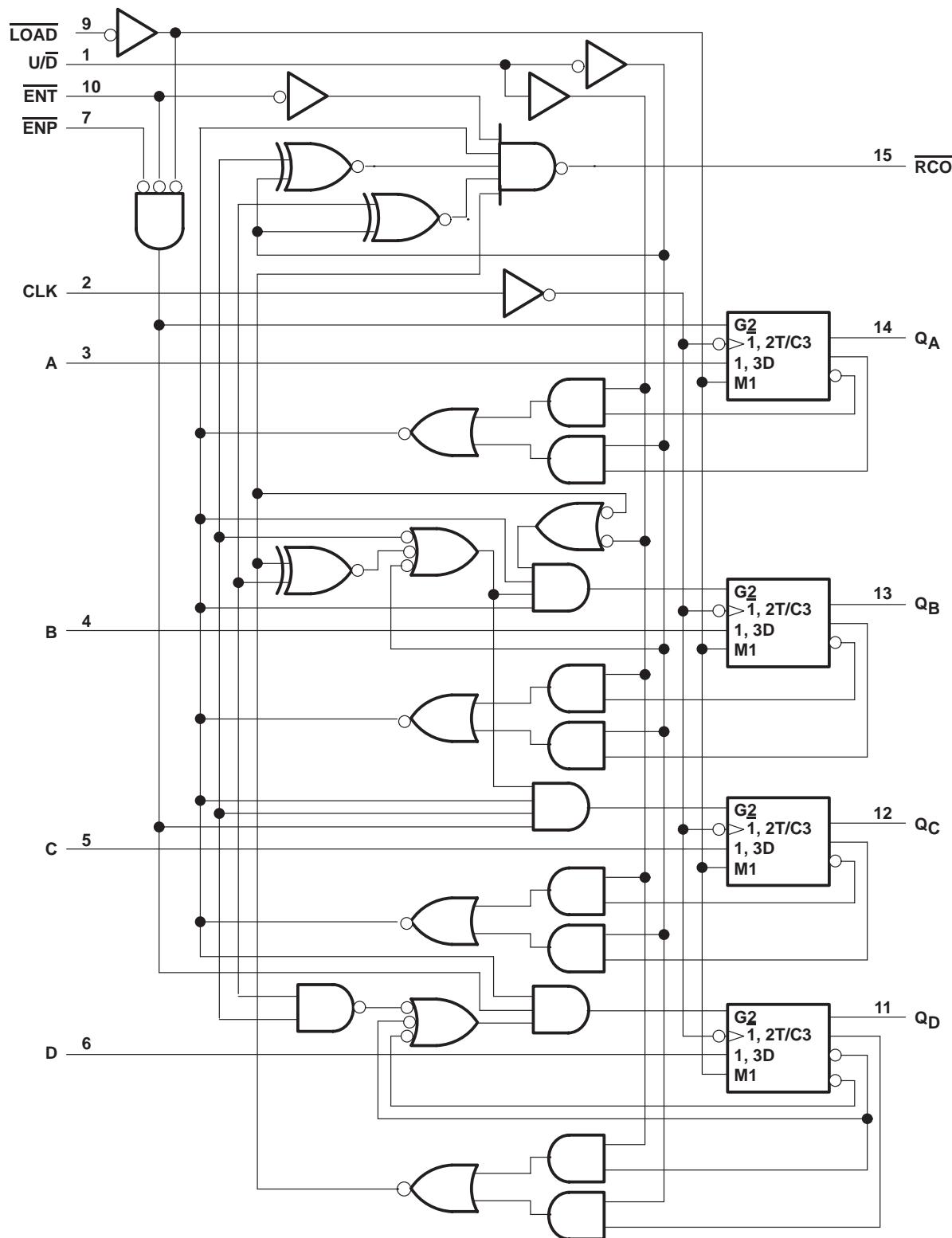
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### logic symbol†



† This symbol is in accordance with ANSI/IEEE Std 91-1984 and IEC Publication 617-12.

logic diagram (positive logic)

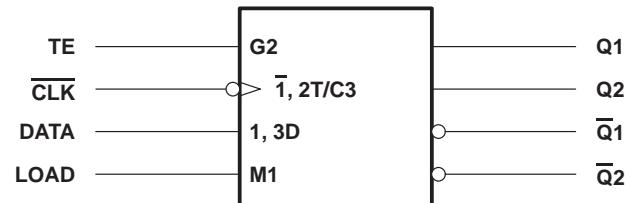


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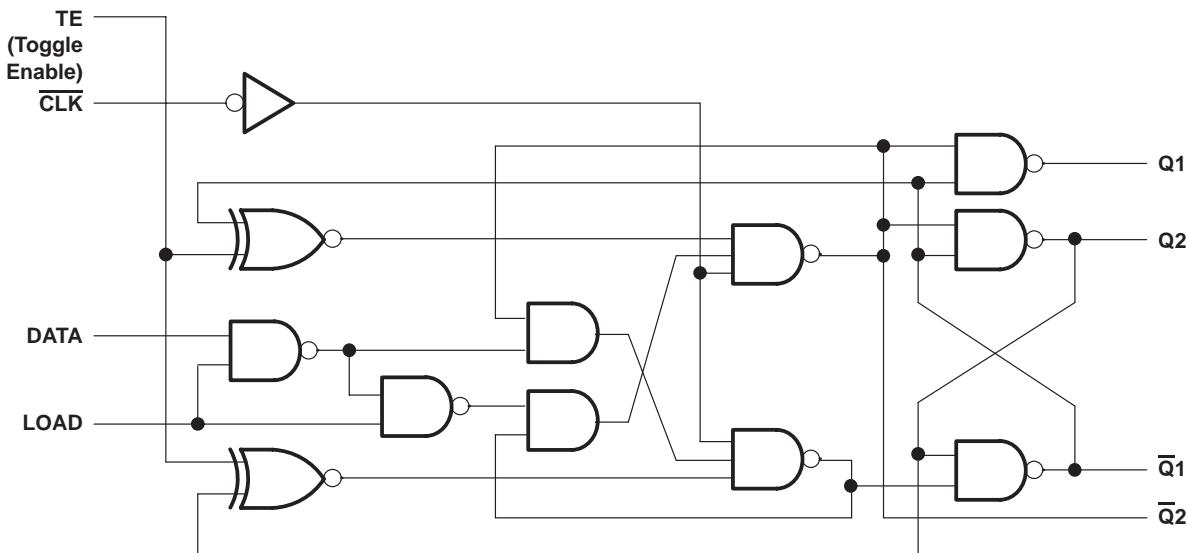
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logic symbol, each flip-flop



logic diagram, each flip-flop (positive logic)



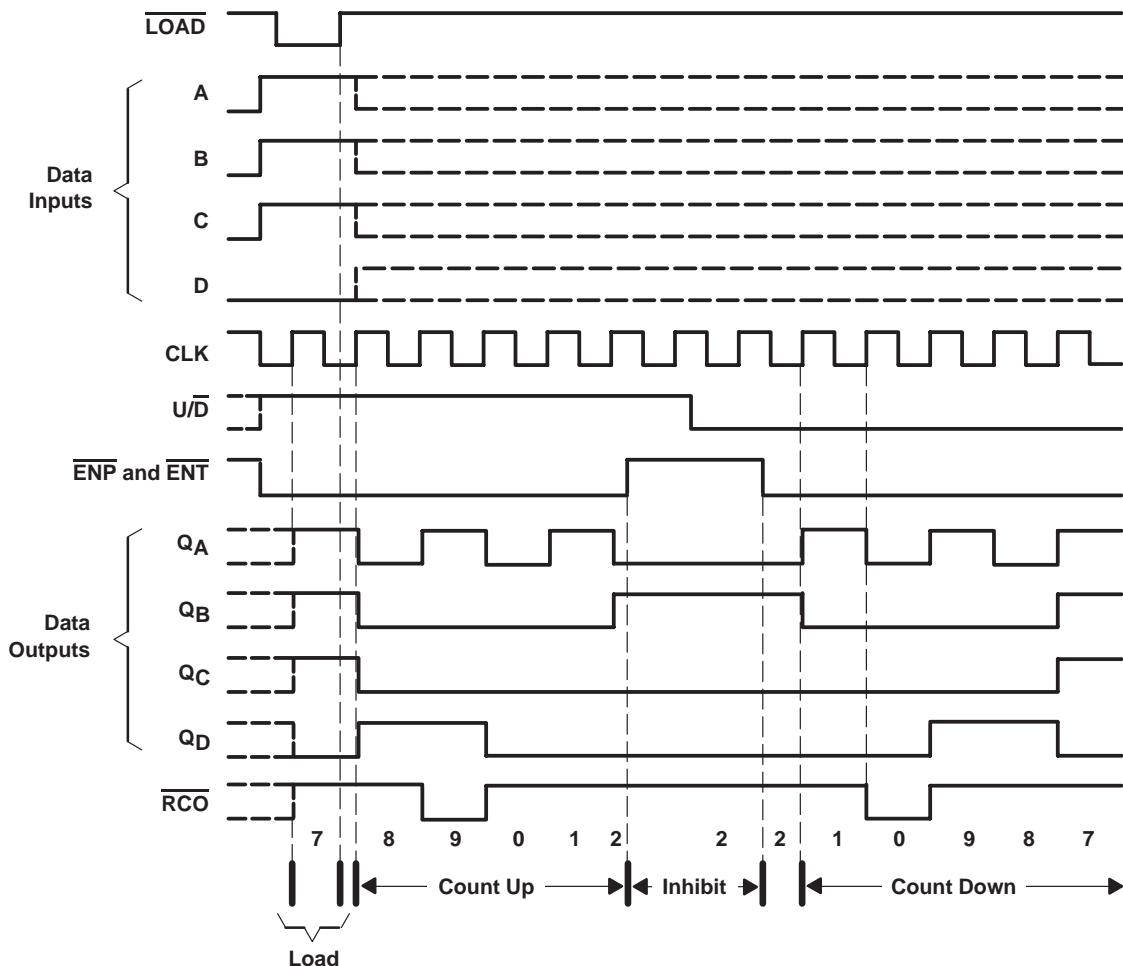
FUNCTION TABLE  
(each flip-flop)

COUNTER INPUTS		FLIP-FLOP INPUTS				OUTPUTS	
LOAD	CLK	LOAD	TE	CLK	DATA	Q	Q̄
L	↑	H	L	↓	H	H	L
L	↑	H	L	↓	L	L	H
H	↑	L	H	↓	X	Q <sub>0</sub>	Q <sub>0</sub>
H	↑	L	L	↓	X	Q <sub>0</sub>	Q̄ <sub>0</sub>

**typical load, count, and inhibit sequences**

Illustrated below is the following sequence:

1. Load (preset) to BCD seven
2. Count up to eight, nine (maximum), zero, one, and two
3. Inhibit
4. Count down to one, zero (minimum), nine, eight, and seven



**absolute maximum ratings over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)<sup>†</sup>**

Supply voltage range, $V_{CC}$ .....	-0.5 V to 7 V
Input voltage range, $V_I$ (see Note 1) .....	-1.2 V to 7 V
Input current range .....	-30 mA to 5 mA
Voltage range applied to any output in the high state .....	-0.5 V to $V_{CC}$
Current into any output in the low state .....	40 mA
Operating free-air temperature range .....	0°C to 70°C
Storage temperature range .....	-65°C to 150°C

<sup>†</sup> Stresses beyond those listed under "absolute maximum ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under "recommended operating conditions" is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

NOTE 1: The input voltage ratings may be exceeded provided the input current ratings are observed.

**recommended operating conditions**

		MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
$V_{CC}$	Supply voltage	4.5	5	5.5	V
$V_{IH}$	High-level input voltage	2			V
$V_{IL}$	Low-level input voltage			0.8	V
$I_{IK}$	Input clamp current			-18	mA
$I_{OH}$	High-level output current			-1	mA
$I_{OL}$	Low-level output current			20	mA
$T_A$	Operating free-air temperature	0		70	°C

**electrical characteristics over recommended operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)**

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP <sup>‡</sup>	MAX	UNIT
$V_{IK}$	$V_{CC} = 4.5$ V,	$I_I = -18$ mA			-1.2	V
$V_{OH}$	$V_{CC} = 4.5$ V,	$I_{OH} = -1$ mA	2.5	3.4		V
	$V_{CC} = 4.75$ V,	$I_{OH} = -1$ mA	2.7			
$V_{OL}$	$V_{CC} = 4.5$ V,	$I_{OL} = 20$ mA	0.3	0.5		V
$I_I$	$V_{CC} = 5.5$ V,	$V_I = 7$ V			0.1	mA
$I_{IH}$	$V_{CC} = 5.5$ V,	$V_I = 2.7$ V			20	μA
$I_{IL}$	$\overline{ENT}$ All others	$V_{CC} = 5.5$ V,			-1.2	mA
		$V_I = 0.5$ V			-0.6	
$I_{OS}^§$	$V_{CC} = 5.5$ V,	$V_O = 0$	-60		-150	mA
$I_{CC}$	$V_{CC} = 5.5$ V,	See Note 2		38	52	mA

<sup>†</sup> All typical values are at  $V_{CC} = 5$  V,  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ .

<sup>‡</sup> Not more than one output should be shorted at a time, and the duration of the short circuit should not exceed one second.

NOTE 2:  $I_{CC}$  is measured after applying a momentary 4.5 V, then ground, to the clock input with B and ENT inputs high and all other inputs low.

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**timing requirements over recommended ranges of supply voltage and operating free-air temperature (unless otherwise noted)**

				$V_{CC} = 5 \text{ V}$ , $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$	MIN	MAX	UNIT	
				MIN				
$f_{clock}$	Clock frequency			0	100	0	90	MHz
$t_w$	Pulse duration	CLK high or low		5		5.5		ns
$t_{su}$	Setup time	Data before $\overline{\text{CLK}}\uparrow$	High or low	4		4.5		ns
		$\overline{\text{LOAD}}$ before $\overline{\text{CLK}}\uparrow$	High or low	8		9		
		$\overline{\text{ENP}}$ and $\overline{\text{ENT}}$ before $\overline{\text{CLK}}\uparrow$	High or low	5		6		
		U/D before $\overline{\text{CLK}}\uparrow$	High	11		12.5		
		U/D before $\overline{\text{CLK}}\uparrow$	Low	16.5		18		
$t_h$	Hold time	Data after $\overline{\text{CLK}}\uparrow$	High or low	3		3.5		ns
		$\overline{\text{LOAD}}$ after $\overline{\text{CLK}}\uparrow$	High or low	0		0		
		$\overline{\text{ENP}}$ and $\overline{\text{ENT}}$ after $\overline{\text{CLK}}\uparrow$	High or low	0		0		
		U/D after $\overline{\text{CLK}}\uparrow$	High or low	0		0		

**switching characteristics (see Note 3)**

PARAMETER	FROM (INPUT)	TO (OUTPUT)	$V_{CC} = 5 \text{ V}$ , $C_L = 50 \text{ pF}$ , $R_L = 500 \Omega$ , $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$V_{CC} = 4.5 \text{ V to } 5.5 \text{ V}$ , $C_L = 50 \text{ pF}$ , $R_L = 500 \Omega$ , $T_A = \text{MIN to MAX}^\dagger$		UNIT	
			MIN	TYP	MAX		
$f_{max}$			100	115		90	MHz
$t_{PLH}$	CLK	Q	2.2	6.1	8.5	2.2	ns
			3.2	8.6	11.5	3.2	
$t_{PHL}$	CLK	$\overline{\text{RCO}}$	4.7	11.6	15.5	4.7	ns
			3.2	8.1	11	3.2	
$t_{PLH}$	$\overline{\text{ENT}}$	$\overline{\text{RCO}}$	1.7	4.1	6	1.7	ns
			1.7	5.6	8	1.7	
$t_{PHL}$	U/D	$\overline{\text{RCO}}$	2.7	8.1	11	2.7	ns
			3.2	12.1	16	3.2	

<sup>†</sup> For conditions shown as MIN or MAX, use the appropriate value specified under recommended operating conditions.

NOTE 3: Load circuits and waveforms are shown in Section 1.



**PACKAGING INFORMATION**

Orderable Device	Status <sup>(1)</sup>	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan <sup>(2)</sup>	Lead/Ball Finish	MSL Peak Temp <sup>(3)</sup>
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