

LED level meter driver, 5-point, VU scale

BA6124 / BA6124F

The BA6124 and BA6124F are driver ICs for LED VU level meters in stereo equipment and other display applications.

The ICs display the input level (range : -10dB to $+6\text{dB}$) on a 5-point, bar-type LED display.

The circuit includes a rectifier amplifier allowing direct AC input, and has constant-current outputs, so it can directly drive the LEDs without variations in LED current due to supply voltage fluctuations.

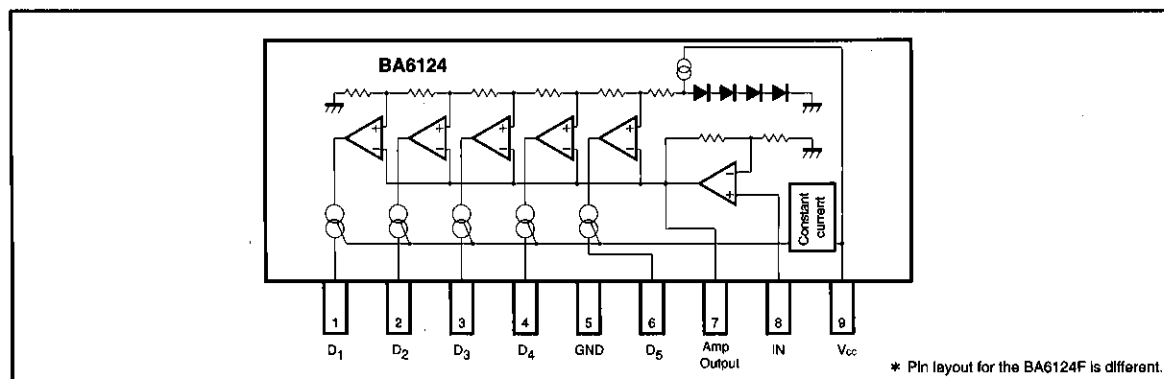
●Applications

VU meters, signal meters, and other display devices.

●Features

- 1) Rectifier amplifier allows either AC or DC input.
- 2) Constant-current outputs for constant LED current when the supply voltage fluctuates.
- 3) Built-in reference voltage means that power supply voltage fluctuations do not effect the display.
- 4) Wide operating voltage range (3.5V to 16V) for a wide range of applications.
- 5) Low PCB space requirements. Comes in a compact package and requires few external components.

●Block diagram



● Absolute maximum ratings ($T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$)

Parameter	Symbol	Limits	Unit
Supply voltage	V_{CC}	18	V
Power dissipation	BA6124	500* ¹	mW
	BA6124F		
Operating temperature	T_{opr}	$-25 \sim 60$	$^\circ\text{C}$
Storage temperature	T_{stg}	$-55 \sim 125$	$^\circ\text{C}$
Junction temperature	T_j	150	$^\circ\text{C}$

*1 Reduced by 5mW for each increase in T_a of 1°C over 25°C .

*2 Reduced by 3mW for each increase in T_a of 1°C over 25°C .

● Electrical characteristics (unless otherwise specified $T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{CC} = 6.0\text{V}$, and $f = 1\text{kHz}$)

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit	Conditions	Measurement Circuit
Operating voltage range	V_{CC}	3.5	6	16	V	—	Fig.1
Quiescent current	I_Q	—	5	8	mA	$V_{IN} = 0\text{V}$	Fig.1
Control level 1	V_{C1}	-11.5	-10	-8.5	dB	—	Fig.1
Control level 2	V_{C2}	-6	-5	-4	dB	—	Fig.1
Control level 3	V_{C3}	—	0	—	dB	Adjustment point	Fig.1
Control level 4	V_{C4}	2.5	3	3.5	dB	—	Fig.1
Control level 5	V_{C5}	5	6	7	dB	—	Fig.1
Sensitivity	V_{IN}	74	85	96	mV_{rms}	V_{C3} on level	Fig.1
LED current	I_{LED}	11	15	18.5	mA	—	Fig.1
Input bias current	I_{INO}	—	0.3	1.0	μA	—	Fig.1

● Measurement circuit

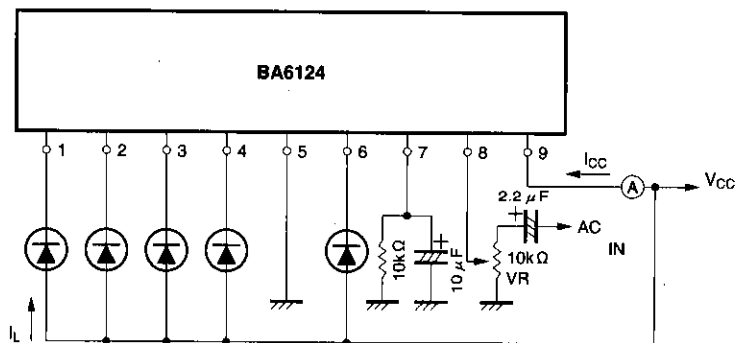


Fig. 1

● Electrical characteristics curves ($T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$)

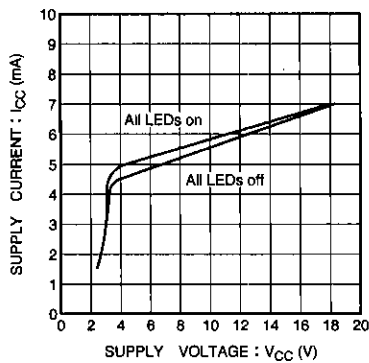


Fig. 2 Supply current vs. supply voltage

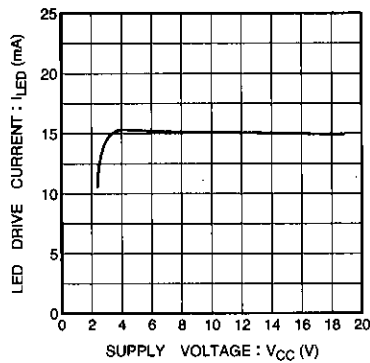


Fig. 3 LED drive current vs. supply voltage

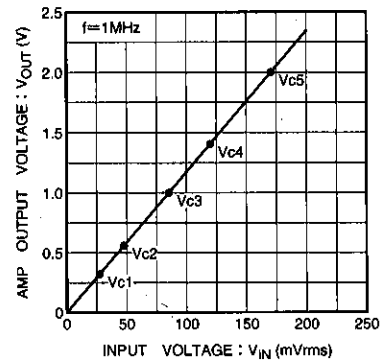


Fig. 4 Rectifier amplifier output voltage vs. input voltage

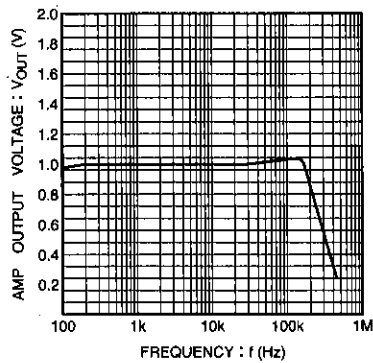


Fig. 5 Rectifier amplifier output voltage vs. frequency

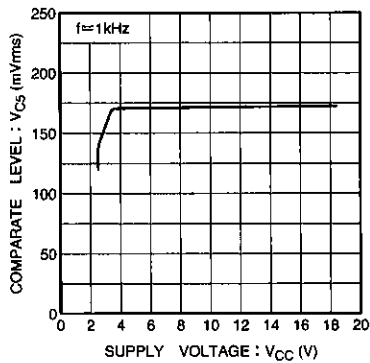


Fig. 6 Comparator level vs. supply voltage

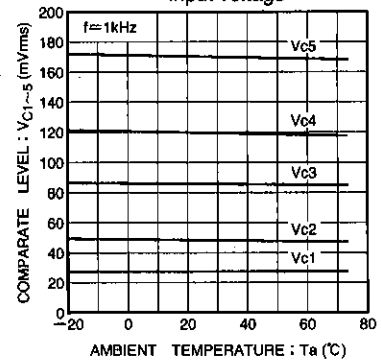


Fig. 7 Comparator level vs. ambient temperature

● Dimensions (Units: mm)

