

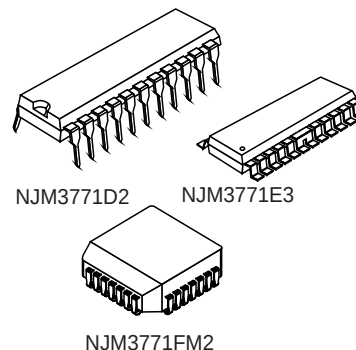
DUAL STEPPER MOTOR DRIVER

■ GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The NJM3771 is a stepper motor driver, which circuit is especially developed for use in microstepping applications in conjunction with the matching dual DAC (Digital-to-Analog Converter) NJU39610.

The NJM3771 contains a clock oscillator, which is common for both driver channels; a set of comparators and flip-flops implementing the switching control; and two H-bridges with internal recirculation diodes. Voltage supply requirements are +5 V for logic and +10 to +45 V for the motor. Maximum output current is 650 mA per channel.

■ PACKAGE OUTLINE



■ FEATURES

- Dual chopper driver
- 650 mA output current per channel
- Selectable slow/fast current decay for improved high-speed microstepping
- Specially matched to Dual DAC NJU39610
- Packages DIP22 / EMP24(Batwing) / PLCC28

■ BLOCK DIAGRAM

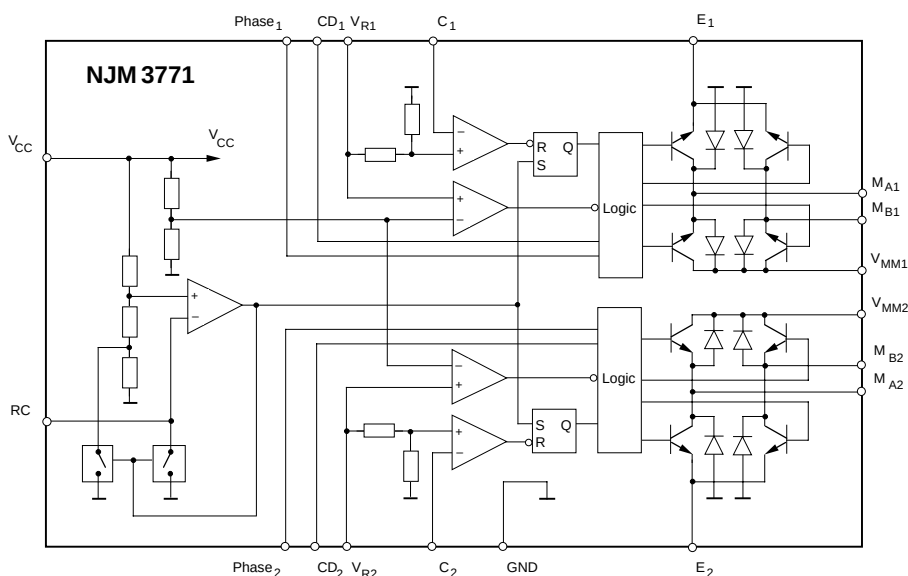


Figure 1. Block diagram

■ FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

Each channel of the NJM3771 consists of the following sections: an H-bridge output stage, capable of driving up to 650 mA continuous motor current (or 500 mA, both channels driven), a logic section that controls the output transistors, an S-R flip-flop, and two comparators. The oscillator is common to both channels.

Constant current control is achieved by switching the current to the windings. This is done by sensing the (peak) voltage across a current-sensing resistor, R_s , effectively connected in series with the motor winding, and feeding that voltage back to a comparator. When the motor current reaches a threshold level, determined by the voltage at the reference input, V_R , the comparator resets the flip-flop, which turns off the output transistors. The current decreases until the clock oscillator triggers the flip-flop, which turns on the output transistors again, and the cycle is repeated.

The current-decay rate during the turn-off portion of the switching cycle, can be selected fast or slow by the CD input.

In slow current-decay mode, only one of the lower transistors in the H-bridge (those closest to the negative supply) is switched on and off, while one of the upper transistors is held constantly on. During turn-off, the current recirculates through the upper transistor (which one depends on current direction) and the corresponding free-wheeling diode connected to V_{MM} , see figure 3.

In fast current decay mode, both the upper and lower transistors are switched. During the off-time, the freewheeling current is opposed by the supply voltage, causing a rapid discharge of energy in the winding.

Fast current decay may be required in half- and microstepping applications when rapid changes of motor current are necessary. Slow current decay, however, gives less current ripple, and should always be selected, if possible, to minimize core losses and switching noise.

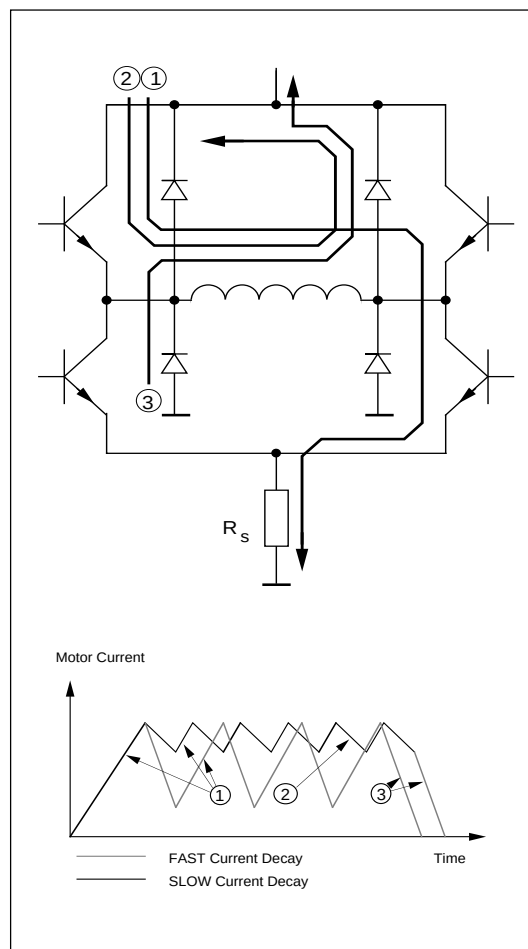


Figure 3. Output stage with current paths during turn-on, turn-off and phase shift

■ ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Parameter	Pin no. (DIP)	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
Voltage					
Logic supply	11	V_{CC}	0	7	V
Motor supply	3, 20	V_{MM}	0	45	V
Logic inputs	7, 8, 15, 16	V_I	-0.3	6	V
Comparator inputs	10, 13	V_C	-0.3	V_{CC}	V
Reference inputs	9, 14	V_R	-0.3	7.5	V
Current					
Motor output current	1, 4, 19, 22	I_M	-700	+700	mA
Logic inputs	7, 8, 15, 16	I_I	-10	-	mA
Analog inputs	10, 13	I_A	-10	-	mA
Oscillator charging current	12	I_{RC}	-	5	mA
Temperature					
Operating junction temperature		T_J	-40	+150	°C
Storage temperature**		T_S	-55	+150	°C

** Circuit only. The packaging can handle max 60°C

■ RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Logic supply voltage	V_{CC}	4.75	5	5.25	V
Motor supply voltage	V_{MM}	10	-	40	V
Motor output current ***	I_M	-650	-	650	mA
Junction temperature ****	T_J	-20	-	+125	°C
Rise time logic inputs	t_r	-	-	2	μs
Fall time logic inputs	t_f	-	-	2	μs
Oscillator timing resistor	R_T	2	15	20	kohm

*** In microstepping mode, "sine/cosine" drive where $I_1 = 650 \cdot \cos(q)$ and $I_2 = 650 \cdot \sin(q)$ mA, otherwise 500 mA/channel both channels fully on.

**** See operating temperature chapter.

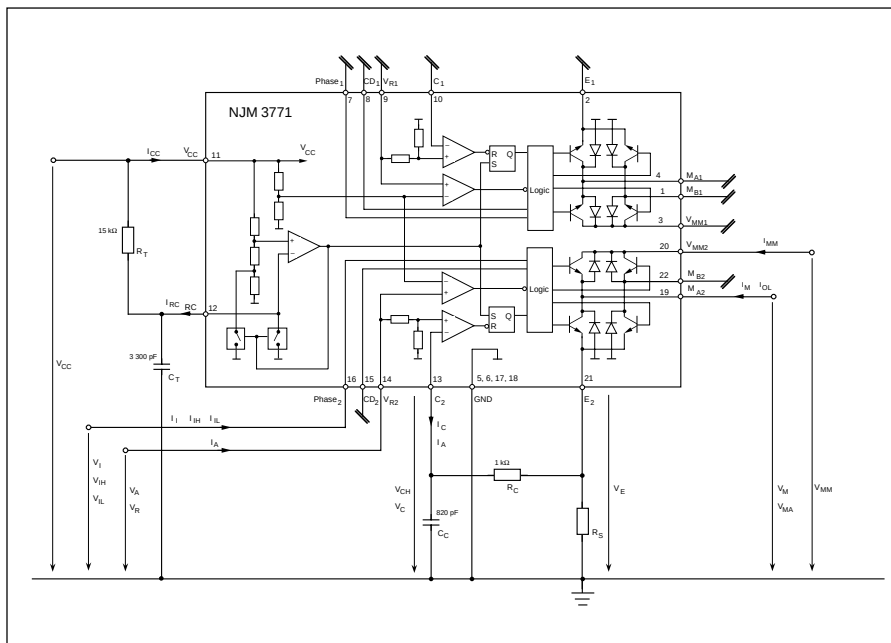


Figure 4. Definitions of symbols

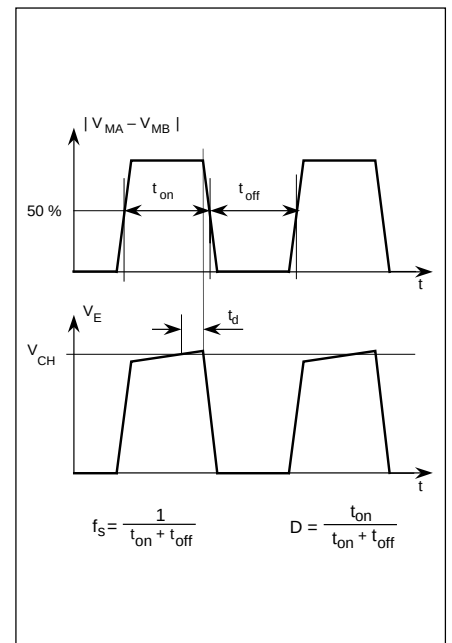


Figure 5. Definition of terms

■ ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Electrical characteristics over recommended operating conditions, unless otherwise noted. $-20^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_j \leq +125^{\circ}\text{C}$

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
General						
Supply current	I_{CC}		-	38	50	mA
Total power dissipation	P_D	$V_{MM} = 40\text{ V}$, $I_{M1} = 450\text{ mA}$, $I_{M2} = 0\text{ mA}$. Notes 2, 3.		1.4	1.6	W
		$V_{MM} = 40\text{ V}$, $I_{M1} = I_{M2} = 318\text{ mA}$. Notes 2, 3.		1.6	1.8	W
Turn-off delay	t_d	$T_a = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $dV_C/dt \geq 50\text{ mV}/\mu\text{s}$. Note 3.	-	1.0	1.5	μs
Logic Inputs						
Logic HIGH input voltage	V_{IH}		2.0	-	-	V
Logic LOW input voltage	V_{IL}		-	-	0.6	V
Logic HIGH input current	I_{IH}	$V_I = 2.4\text{ V}$	-	-	20	μA
Logic LOW input current	I_{IL}	$V_I = 0.4\text{ V}$	-0.4	-	-	mA
Reference Inputs						
Input resistance	R_R	$T_a = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	5	-	kohm
Input current	I_R	$T_a = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $V_R = 2.5\text{ V}$.		0.5	1.0	mA
Turn-off voltage	V_{TO}		20	29	38	mV
Comparator Inputs						
Threshold voltage	V_{CH}	$R_C = 1\text{ kohms}$, $V_R = 2.5\text{ V}$	430	450	470	mV
$ V_{CH1} - V_{CH2} $ mismatch	$V_{CH,diff}$	$R_C = 1\text{ kohms}$	-	1	-	mV
Input current	I_C		-10	-	1	μA
Motor Outputs						
Lower transistor saturation voltage		$I_M = 500\text{ mA}$	-	1.00	1.20	V
Lower transistor leakage current		$V_{MM} = 41\text{ V}$, $V_E = V_R = 0\text{ V}$, $V_C = V_{CC}$	-	-	300	μA
Lower diode forward voltage drop		$I_M = 500\text{ mA}$	-	1.10	1.25	V
Upper transistor saturation voltage		$I_M = 500\text{ mA}$	-	1.20	1.35	V
Upper transistor leakage current		$V_{MM} = 41\text{ V}$, $V_E = V_R = 0\text{ V}$, $V_C = V_{CC}$	-	-	300	μA
Upper diode forward voltage drop		$I_M = 500\text{ mA}$	-	1.00	1.25	V
Chopper Oscillator						
Chopping frequency	f_s	$C_T = 3300\text{ pF}$, $R_T = 15\text{ kohms}$	25.0	26.5	28.0	kHz

■ THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Thermal resistance	$R_{th_{J-GND}}$	DIP package.	-	11	-	$^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$
	$R_{th_{J-A}}$	DIP package. Note 2.	-	40	-	$^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$
	$R_{th_{J-GND}}$	PLCC package.	-	9	-	$^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$
	$R_{th_{J-A}}$	PLCC package. Note 2.	-	35	-	$^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$
	$R_{th_{J-GND}}$	EMP package.	-	13	-	$^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$
	$R_{th_{J-A}}$	EMP package. Note 2.	-	42	-	$^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$

Notes

1. All voltages are with respect to ground. Currents are positive into, negative out of specified terminal.
2. All ground pins soldered onto a 20 cm^2 PCB copper area with free air convection.
3. Not covered by final test program.
4. Switching duty cycle $D = 30\%$, $f_s = 26.5\text{ kHz}$

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Current control

The output current to the motor winding is mainly determined by the voltage at the reference input and the value of the sensing resistor, R_S .

Chopping frequency, winding inductance, and supply voltage will affect the current level, but to much less extent. Fast current decay setting will produce somewhat lower (average) current than slow current decay. The peak current through the sensing resistor (and motor winding) can be expressed as:

$$I_{M,peak} = 0.18 \cdot (V_R / R_S) \text{ [A]}$$

i.e., with a recommended value of 1 ohm for the sensing resistor, R_S , a 2.5 V reference voltage will produce an output current of approximately 450 mA. To improve noise immunity on the V_R input, the control range may be increased to

5 volts if R_S is correspondingly changed to 2 ohms.

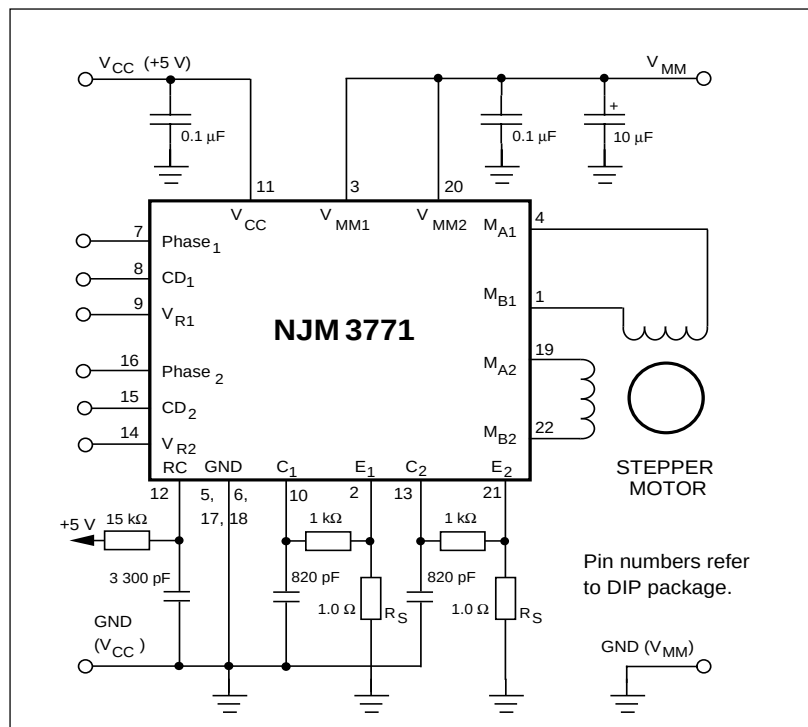


Figure 6. Typical stepper motor application with NJM3771

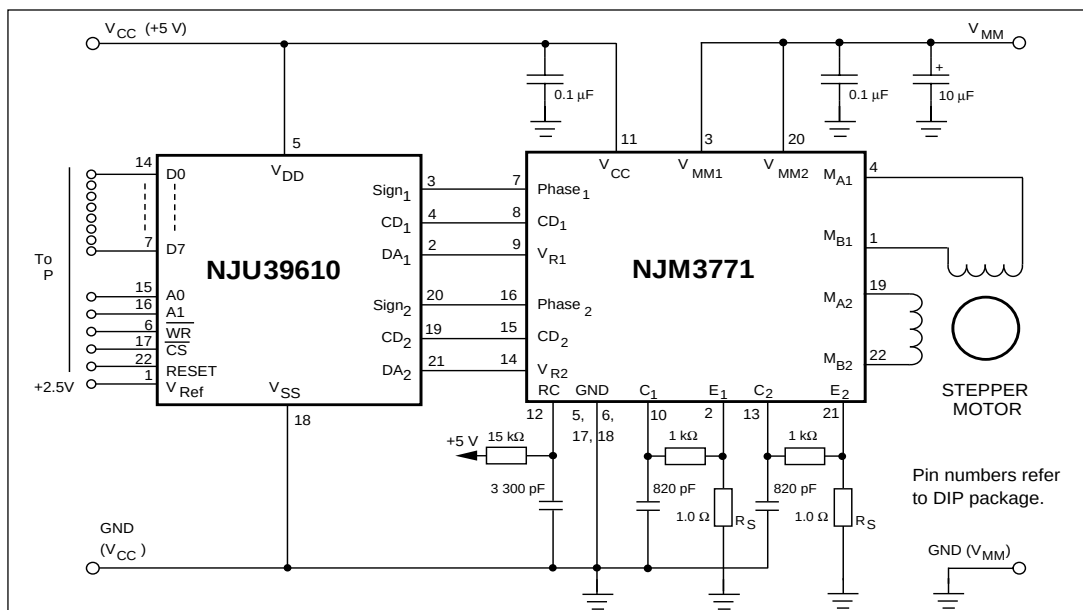


Figure 7. Microstepping system with NJU39610 and NJM3771

External components

The voltage across the sensing resistor is fed back to the comparator via a low-pass filter section, to prevent erroneous switching due to switching transients. The recommended filter component values, 1 kohm and 820 pF, are suitable for a wide range of motors and operational conditions.

Since the low-pass filtering action introduces a small delay of the signal to the comparator, peak voltage across the sensing resistor, and hence the peak motor current, will reach a slightly higher level than the threshold, V_C , set by the reference voltage

($V_C = 450 \text{ mV} @ V_R = 2.5 \text{ V}$).

The time constant of the low-pass filter may therefore be reduced to minimize the delay and optimize low-current performance, especially if a low (12 V) supply voltage is used. Increasing the time constant may result in unstable switching.

The frequency of the clock oscillator is set by the R-C combination at pin RC. The recommended values give a nominal frequency of 26.5 kHz. A lower frequency will result in higher current ripple and may cause audible noise from the motor, while increasing the frequency results in higher switching losses and possibly increased iron losses in the motor.

The sensing resistor, R_S , should be selected for maximum motor current. The relationship between peak motor current, reference voltage and the value of R_S is described under "Current control" above. Be sure not to exceed the maximum output current which is 650 mA per channel (or 500 mA per channel, both channels fully on, see "Recommended Operating Conditions").

Motor selection

The NJM3771 is designed for bipolar motors, i.e., motors that have only one winding per phase. A unipolar motor, having windings with a center tap, can also be used, see figure 8.

The chopping principle in the NJM3771 is based on a constant frequency and a varying duty cycle. This scheme imposes certain restrictions on motor selection. Unstable chopping can occur if the chopping duty cycle exceeds approximately 50%. To avoid this, it is necessary to choose a motor with a low winding resistance. Low winding resistance means less inductance and will therefore enable higher stepping rates, however it also means less torque capability. A compromise has to be made.

Choose a motor with the lowest possible winding resistance that still gives the required torque and use as high supply voltage as possible without exceeding the maximum recommended 40 V. Check that the chopping duty cycle does not exceed 50% at maximum current.

Since the NJM3771 produces a regulated, constant output current it is not necessary to use a motor that is rated at the same voltage as the actual supply voltage. Only rated current needs to be considered. Typical motors to be used together with the NJM3771 have voltage ratings of 5 to 12 V, while the supply voltage usually ranges from 24 to 40 V.

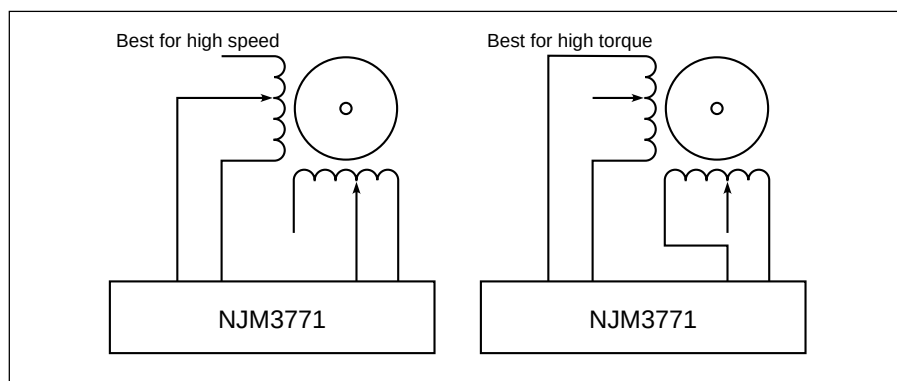


Figure 8. Connection of unipolar motors

General

Phase inputs

A logic HIGH on a Phase input gives positive current flowing out from M_A into M_B . A logic LOW gives a current in the opposite direction.

Slow/fast current decay

A logic HIGH on the CD input gives slow current decay, a logic LOW gives fast current decay.

Heat sinking

Soldering the four center pins onto a free PCB copper area of 20 cm² (approx. 1.8" x 1.8", copper foil thickness = 35 μ m) permits the circuit to operate with a maximum of 320 mA output current, both channels driving, at ambient temperatures up to +70°C. Consult figures 9 and 14 in order to determine the necessary copper area for heat sinking if higher currents are required.

Thermal shutdown

The circuit is equipped with a thermal shutdown function that reduces the output current at chip temperatures above +160°C.

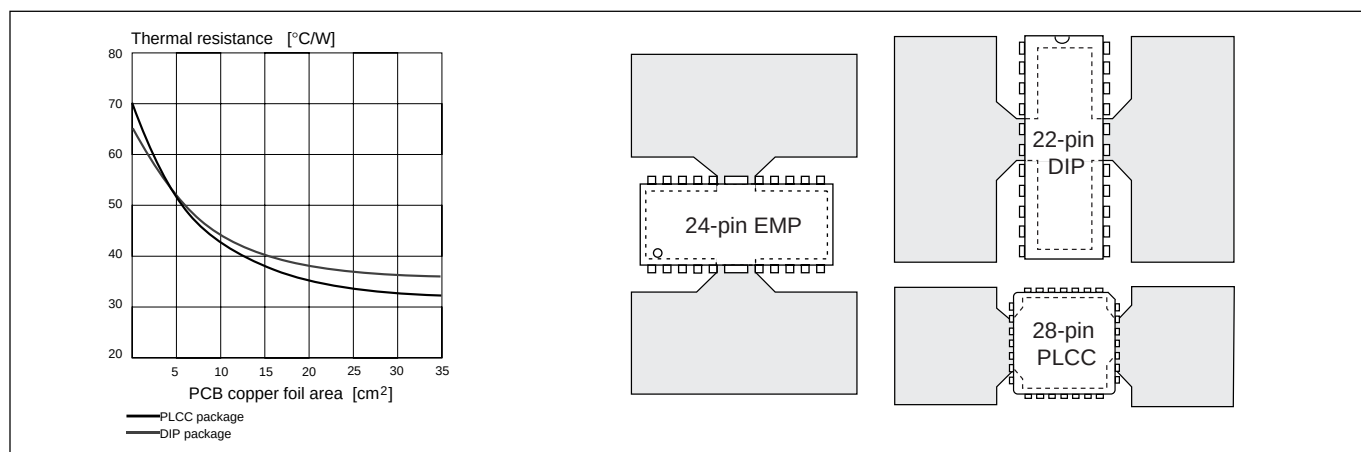


Figure 9. Thermal Resistance vs. PC Board copper area and suggested layout

■ TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

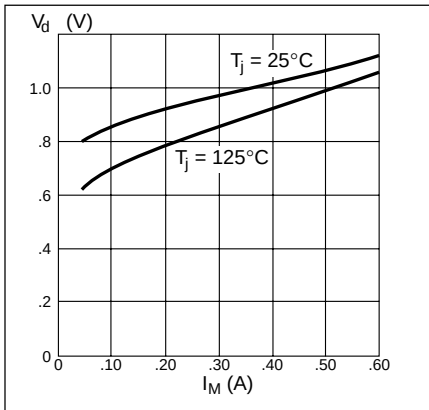


Figure 10. Typical upper diode voltage drop vs. recirculating current

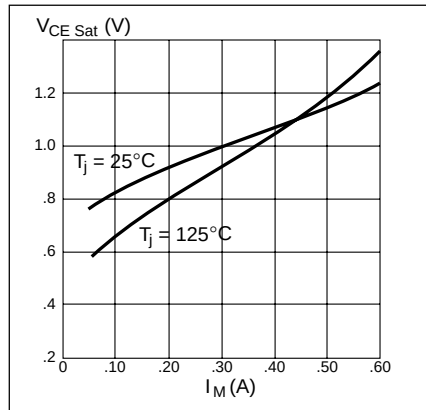


Figure 11. Typical source saturation voltage vs. output current

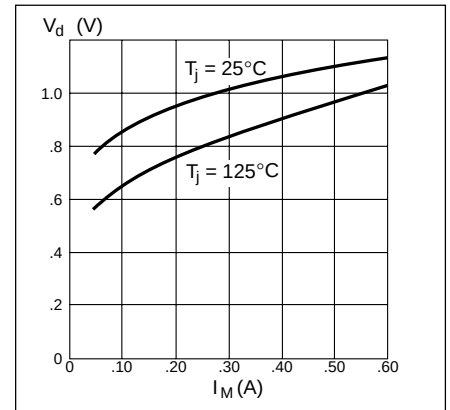


Figure 12. Typical lower diode voltage drop vs. recirculating current

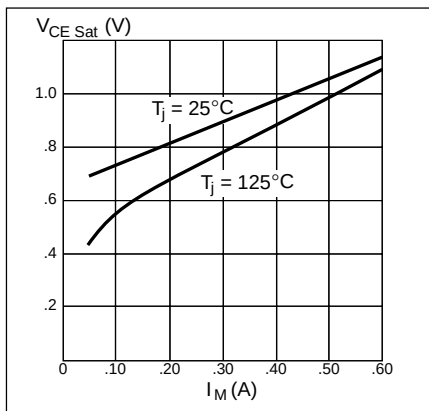


Figure 13 Typical sink saturation voltage vs. output current

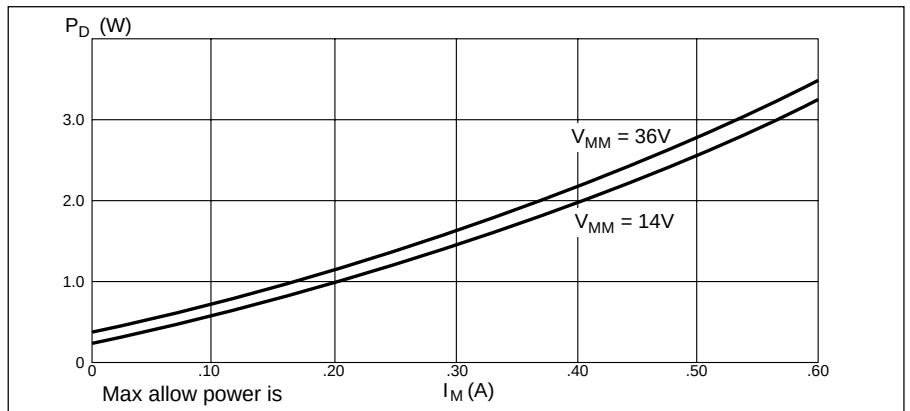


Figure 14. Power dissipation vs. motor current, both channels driven, $T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$

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