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## AS1121

### 16-Channel LED Driver with Dot Correction and Greyscale PWM

## 1 General Description

The AS1121 is a 16-channel, constant current-sink LED driver. Each of the 16 channels can be individually adjusted by 4096-step greyscale PWM brightness control and 64-step constant-current sink (dot correction).

The dot correction circuitry adjusts the brightness variations between the AS1121 channels and other LED drivers. Greyscale control and dot correction circuitry are accessible via the SPI-compatible serial interface. A single external resistor sets the maximum current value of all 16 channels.

The open LED detection function indicates a broken or disconnected LED at one or more of the outputs. The overtemperature protection flag indicates that the device is in an overtemperature condition.

An additional power-down pin puts the AS1121 into a 40nA standby-mode.

The AS1121 is available in a 32-pin TQFN 5x5 mm package.

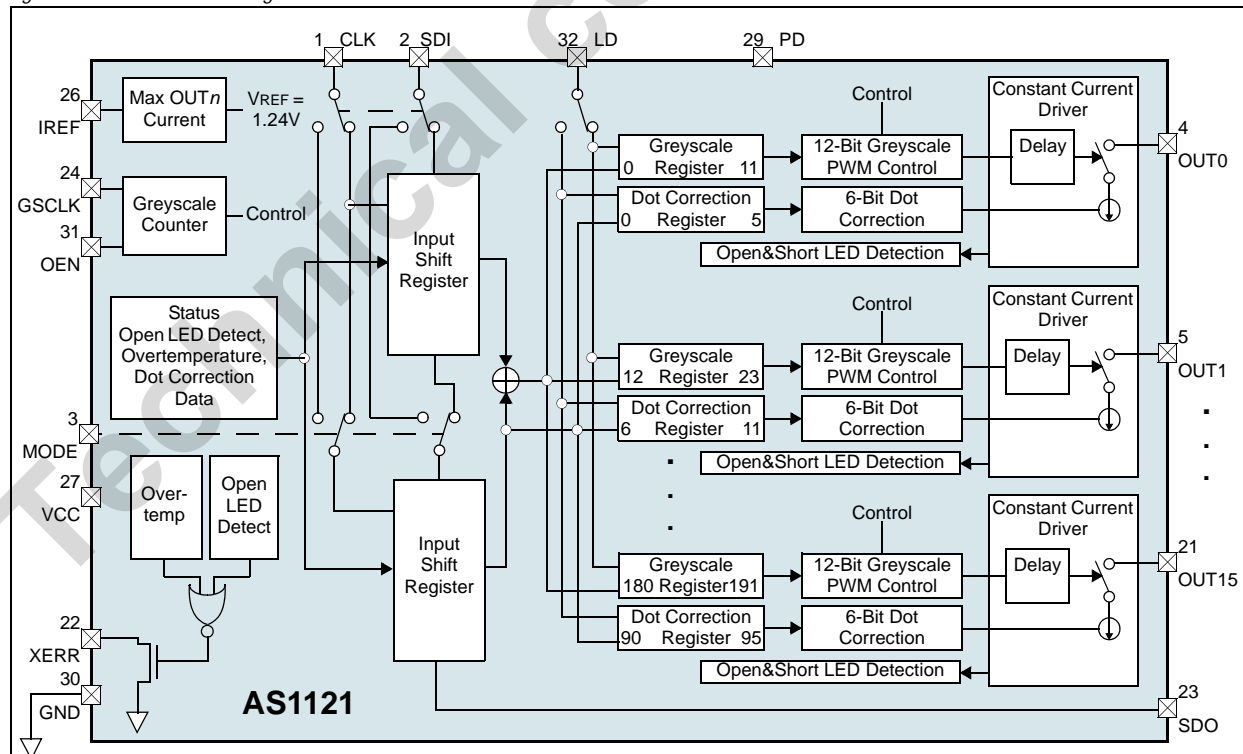
## 2 Key Features

- Greyscale PWM Control: 12-Bit (4096 Steps)
- Dot Correction: 6-Bit (64 Steps)
- Drive Capability (Constant-Current Sink): 0 to 40mA
- LED Power Supply Voltage: up to 30V
- Supply Voltage Range: 3.1V to 3.6V
- SPI-Compatible Serial Interface
- Output Delay for controlled Inrush Current (factory set, can be turned off)
- Factory set rise- and fall-time for EMI improvement
- PWM Clock Rate: up to 10 MHz
- Data Transfer Clock Rate: up to 30 MHz
- CMOS Level I/O
- Diagnostic Features
- 32-pin TQFN 5x5 mm Package

## 3 Applications

The device is ideal for mono-, multi-, and full-color LED displays, LED signboards, and display backlights.

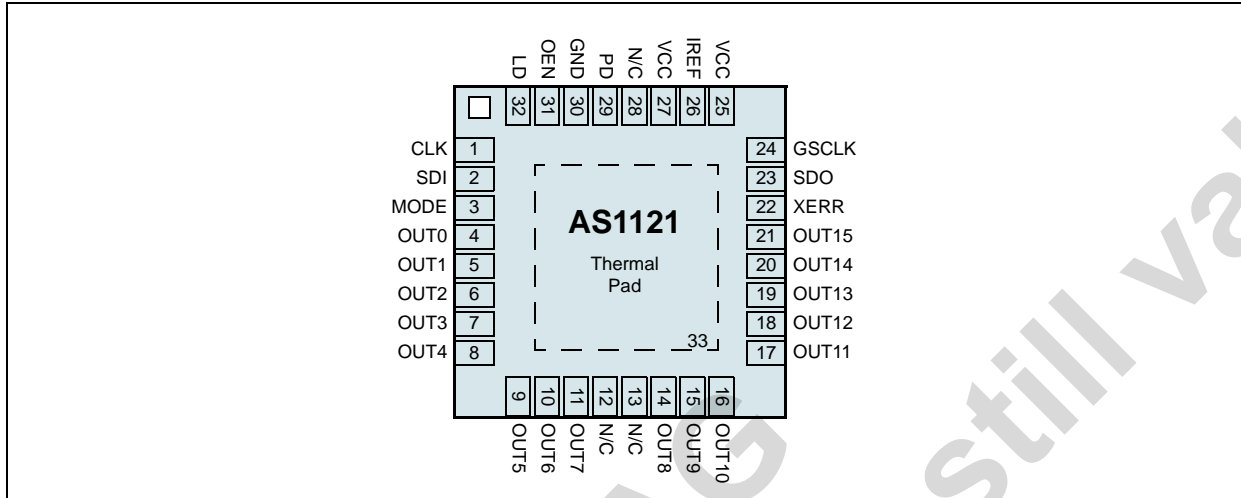
Figure 1. AS1121 - Block Diagram



## 4 Pinout

### Pin Assignments

Figure 2. Pin Assignments (Top View)



### Pin Descriptions

Table 1. Pin Descriptions

| Pin Number | Pin Name    | Description   |
|------------|-------------|---|
| 1          | CLK         | Serial Data Shift Clock   |
| 2          | SDI         | Serial Data Input   |
| 3          | MODE        | Mode Select input with internal pulldown<br>MODE = GND: Selects greyscale mode (see <a href="#">Setting Greyscale Brightness on page 14</a> )<br>MODE = Vcc: Selects dor correction mode (see <a href="#">Setting Dot Correction on page 13</a> ) |
| 4:11       | OUT0:OUT7   | Constant-Current Outputs 0:7  |
| 14:21      | OUT8:OUT15  | Constant-Current Outputs 8:15   |
| 22         | XERR        | Error Output<br>0 = LED open detection or overtemperature condition is detected.<br>1 = Normal operation.   |
| 23         | SDO         | Serial Data Output  |
| 24         | GSCLK       | Greyscale Clock. Reference clock for greyscale PWM control  |
| 26         | IREF        | Reference Current Terminal  |
| 25, 27     | VCC         | Power Supply Voltage  |
| 12,13,28   | N/C         | This pins must not be connected   |
| 29         | PD          | Power Down<br>0 = normal operation mode<br>1 = power down mode  |
| 30         | GND         | Ground  |
| 31         | OEN         | Blank Outputs<br>0 = OUT <i>n</i> outputs are controlled by the greyscale PWM control.<br>1 = OUT <i>n</i> outputs are forced off; the greyscale counter is reset.  |
| 32         | LD          | Data Latch. The internal connections are switched by pin MODE.<br>For LD (MODE = GND), the greyscale register receives new data.<br>For LD (MODE = Vcc), the dot correction register receives new data.   |
| 33         | Thermal Pad | Thermal Pad. This pin must be connected to GND to ensure normal operation.  |

## 5 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stresses beyond those listed in [Table 2](#) 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 in [Electrical Characteristics on page 4](#) is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

Table 2. Absolute Maximum Ratings

| Parameter                                 | Min   | Max       | Units | Comments   |
|---|-------|-----------|-------|--|
| Electrical Parameters                     |       |           |       |  |
| VCC to GND                                | -0.3  | 5         | V     |  |
| All other pins to GND                     | -0.3  | VCC + 0.3 | V     |  |
| VSDO, VXERR to GND                        | -0.3  | VCC + 0.3 | V     |  |
| VOUT0 : VOUT15 to GND                     | -0.3  | 30        | V     |  |
| Output Current                            |       | 50        | mA    |  |
| Input Current (latch-up immunity)         | -100  | 100       | mA    | Norm: JEDEC 78   |
| Electrostatic Discharge                   |       |           |       |  |
| Electrostatic Discharge HBM               | +/- 2 |           | kV    | Norm: MIL 883 E method 3015  |
| Thermal Information                       |       |           |       |  |
| Junction to ambient thermal resistance    |       | 37        | °C/W  | For more information about thermal metrics, see application note <a href="#">AN01 Thermal Characteristics</a> .  |
| Temperature Ranges and Storage Conditions |       |           |       |  |
| Junction Temperature                      |       | +150      | °C    |  |
| Storage Temperature Range                 | -55   | +150      | °C    |  |
| Package Body Temperature                  |       | +260      | °C    | The reflow peak soldering temperature (body temperature) specified is in accordance with <i>IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020 "Moisture/Reflow Sensitivity Classification for Non-Hermetic Solid State Surface Mount Devices"</i> .<br>The lead finish for Pb-free leaded packages is matte tin (100% Sn). |
| Humidity non-condensing                   | 5     | 85        | %     |  |
| Moisture Sensitive Level                  | 3     |           |       | Represents a max. floor life time of 168h  |

## 6 Electrical Characteristics

VCC = +3.1V to +3.6V, Typical values are at TAMB = +25°C, VCC = 3.3V (unless otherwise specified). All limits are guaranteed. The parameters with min and max values are guaranteed with production tests or SQC (Statistical Quality Control) methods..

Table 3. Electrical Characteristics

| Symbol            | Parameter                                 | Condition  | Min                      | Typ   | Max                      | Unit |
|-------------------|---|--|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|------|
| TAMB              | Operating Temperature Range               |  | -40                      |       | +85                      | °C   |
| TJ                | Operating Junction Temperature            |  | -40                      |       | +125                     | °C   |
| Input Supply      |   |  |                          |       |                          |      |
| Vcc               | Supply Voltage                            |  | 3.1                      |       | 3.6                      | V    |
| Icc               | Supply Current                            | All outputs off, R <sub>IREF</sub> = 1kΩ                                       |                          | 8.5   | 15                       | mA   |
|                   |   | All outputs on, R <sub>IREF</sub> = 1kΩ  |                          | 15    | 20                       |      |
|                   |   | All outputs off, R <sub>IREF</sub> = 10kΩ                                      |                          | 2     | 4                        |      |
|                   |   | All outputs on, R <sub>IREF</sub> = 10kΩ                                       |                          | 3     | 5                        |      |
| I                 | Input Current                             | V <sub>IN</sub> = Vcc or GND;<br>Pins OEN, GSCLK, CLK, SDI, LD, PD             | -1                       |       | 1                        | μA   |
|                   |   | V <sub>IN</sub> = Vcc; pin MODE  |                          |       | 50                       |      |
|                   |   | V <sub>IN</sub> = GND; pin MODE  | -1                       |       | 1                        |      |
| IPD               | Power Down Current                        |  |                          | 40    |                          | nA   |
| Output            |   |  |                          |       |                          |      |
| VOUT              | Voltage Applied to Output<br>(OUT0:OUT15) |  | 1.5                      |       | 30                       | V    |
| ICOC              | Constant Output Current                   | All outputs on, VOUT = 1.5V,<br>R <sub>IREF</sub> = 1kΩ                        | 36                       | 40    | 44                       | mA   |
| ΔICOC             | Constant Output Current Error             | VOUT = 1.5V, R <sub>IREF</sub> = 1kΩ, OUT0:OUT15                               |                          | ±1    |                          | %    |
|                   |   | VOUT = 1.5V, R <sub>IREF</sub> = 10kΩ, OUT0:OUT15                              |                          | ±1.5  |                          |      |
|                   |   | Device to device, average current from<br>OUT0:OUT15, R <sub>IREF</sub> = 1kΩ  |                          | ±1    |                          |      |
|                   |   | Device to device, average current from<br>OUT0:OUT15, R <sub>IREF</sub> = 10kΩ |                          | ±1    |                          |      |
| I <sub>LEAK</sub> | Leakage Output Current                    | All outputs off, VOUT = 30V,<br>R <sub>IREF</sub> = 1kΩ, OUT0:OUT15            |                          | 20    |                          | nA   |
| ΔILNR             | Line Regulation                           | VOUT = 1V, R <sub>IREF</sub> = 1kΩ OUT0:OUT15                                  |                          | ±1    | ±2.5                     | %/V  |
|                   |   | VOUT = 1V, R <sub>IREF</sub> = 10kΩ OUT0:OUT15                                 |                          | ±0.2  | ±2.5                     |      |
| ΔILDR             | Load Regulation                           | VOUT = 1.5V to 4V, R <sub>IREF</sub> = 1kΩ,<br>OUT0:OUT15                      |                          | ±0.1  | ±0.4                     | %/V  |
|                   |   | VOUT = 1.5V to 4V, R <sub>IREF</sub> = 10kΩ,<br>OUT0:OUT15                     |                          | ±0.01 | ±0.4                     |      |
| Logic Levels      |   |  |                          |       |                          |      |
| V <sub>IH</sub>   | High-Level Input Voltage                  |  | 0.8 x<br>V <sub>CC</sub> |       | V <sub>CC</sub>          | V    |
| V <sub>IL</sub>   | Low-Level Input Voltage                   |  | GND                      |       | 0.2 x<br>V <sub>CC</sub> | V    |
| V <sub>OH</sub>   | High-Level Output Voltage                 | I <sub>OH</sub> = -1mA, SDO  | V <sub>CC</sub> -0.5     |       |                          | V    |
| V <sub>OL</sub>   | Low-Level Output Voltage                  | I <sub>OL</sub> = 1mA, SDO, XERR   |                          |       | 0.5                      | V    |
| I <sub>OH</sub>   | High-Level Output Current                 | V <sub>CC</sub> = 5 V at SDO   | -1.0                     |       |                          | mA   |

Table 3. Electrical Characteristics (Continued)

| Symbol                    | Parameter                    | Condition              | Min  | Typ  | Max  | Unit |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| IOL                       | Low-Level Output Current     | VCC = 5 V at SDO, XERR | 1.0  |      |      | mA   |
| VLOD                      | LED Open Detection Threshold |                        |      | 0.3  | 0.4  | V    |
| VIREF                     | Reference Voltage Output     | RREF = 1kΩ             | 1.23 | 1.27 | 1.32 | V    |
| <b>Thermal Protection</b> |                              |                        |      |      |      |      |
| TTWF                      | Thermal Warn Flag Threshold  |                        |      | 125  |      | °C   |
| TTEF                      | Thermal Error Flag Threshold |                        |      | 150  |      | °C   |

## Timing Characteristics

VCC = +3.1V to +3.6V, TAMB = -40°C to +85°C. Typical values are at TAMB = +25°C, VCC = 3.3V (unless otherwise specified).

Table 4. Output Timing Characteristics

| Symbol           | Parameter   | Conditions   | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|------------------|---|--|-----|-----|-----|------|
| tR0              | Rise Time   | SDO  |     | 8   |     | ns   |
| tR1 <sup>1</sup> |   | OUTn, DC = 3F <sub>HEX</sub> , RREF = 1kΩ                        |     | 25  |     |      |
| tF0              | Fall Time   | SDO  |     | 8   |     | ns   |
| tF1 <sup>1</sup> |   | OUTn, DC = 3F <sub>HEX</sub> , RREF = 1kΩ                        |     | 25  |     |      |
| tpD0             | Propagation Delay Time                                      | CLK, SDO <sup>2</sup>  |     | 15  |     | ns   |
| tpD1             |   | OUT0, OUT1, OUT2, OUT3 <sup>2</sup> , RREF = 1kΩ, turn ON delay  |     |     |     |      |
| tpD2             |   | OUT0, OUT1, OUT2, OUT3 <sup>2</sup> , RREF = 1kΩ, turn OFF delay |     |     |     |      |
| tD               | Average Output Delay Time<br>(can be turned off on request) | OUT4, OUT5, OUT6, OUT7 <sup>2</sup>                              |     | 25  |     | ns   |
|                  |   | OUT8, OUT9, OUT10, OUT11 <sup>2</sup>                            |     |     |     |      |
|                  |   | OUT12, OUT13, OUT14, OUT15 <sup>2</sup>                          |     |     |     |      |

1. Value can be factory trimmed for EMI improvement

2. See Figure 24 on page 16.

## Interface Characteristics

VCC = +3.1V to +3.6V, TAMB = -40°C to +85°C. Typical values are at TAMB = +25°C, VCC = 3.3V (unless otherwise specified).

Table 5. Serial Interface Timing Characteristics

| Symbol    | Parameter                  | Conditions              | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| fCLK      | Data Shift Clock Frequency | CLK                     |     |     | 30  | MHz  |
| fGCLK     | Greyscale Clock Frequency  | GCLK                    |     |     | 5   | MHz  |
| tWH0/tWL0 | CLK Pulse Duration         | CLK = 1/0 <sup>1</sup>  | 16  |     |     | ns   |
| tWH1/tWL1 | GCLK Pulse Duration        | GCLK = 1/0 <sup>2</sup> | tbd |     |     | ns   |
| tWH2      | LD Pulse Duration          | LD = 1 <sup>1</sup>     | 20  |     |     | ns   |
| tWH3      | OEN Pulse Duration         | OEN = 1 <sup>2</sup>    | 20  |     |     | ns   |

Table 5. Serial Interface Timing Characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter                | Conditions                   | Min | Typ  | Max | Unit |
|--------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----|------|-----|------|
| tERR   | Error Detection Duration | LD = 1, OEN = 0 <sup>3</sup> |     | 1000 |     | ns   |
| tSU0   | Setup Time               | SDI, CLK <sup>4</sup>        | 12  |      |     | ns   |
| tSU1   |                          | CLK, LD <sup>3</sup>         | 12  |      |     |      |
| tSU2   |                          | MODE, CLK <sup>5</sup>       | 12  |      |     |      |
| tSU3   |                          | MODE, LD <sup>4</sup>        | 12  |      |     |      |
| tSU4   |                          | OEN, GSCLK <sup>2</sup>      | 12  |      |     |      |
| tH0    | Hold Time                | CLK, SDI <sup>3</sup>        | 12  |      |     | ns   |
| tH1    |                          | LD, CLK <sup>1</sup>         | 12  |      |     |      |
| tH2    |                          | CLK, MODE <sup>4</sup>       | 12  |      |     |      |
| tH3    |                          | LD, MODE <sup>4</sup>        | 12  |      |     |      |
| tH4    |                          | OEN, GSCLK <sup>2</sup>      | 12  |      |     |      |

1. See Figure 20 on page 13.

2. See Figure 24 on page 16.

3. See Figure 18 on page 11

4. See Figure 22 on page 14.

5. See Figure 17 on page 10.

## 7 Typical Operating Characteristics

T<sub>AMB</sub> = +25°C, V<sub>CC</sub> = 3.3V (unless otherwise specified)

Figure 3. Constant Output Current vs. Output Voltage

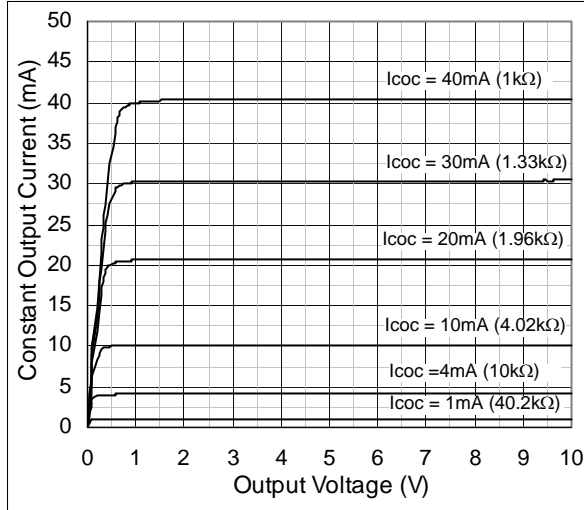


Figure 4. Constant Output Current vs. Output Voltage

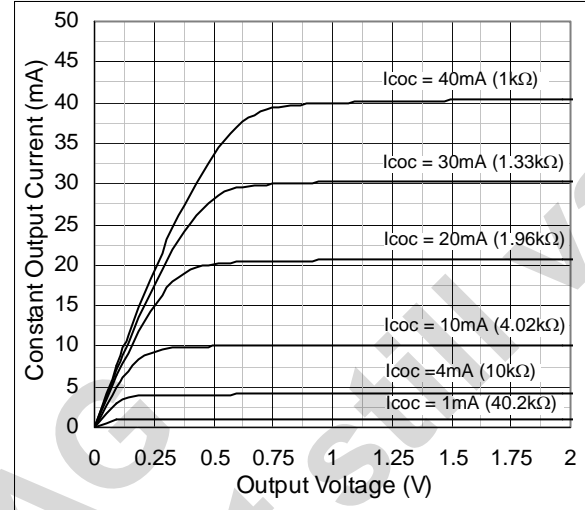


Figure 5. Constant Output Current vs. V<sub>OUT</sub>; R<sub>REF</sub> = 1kΩ

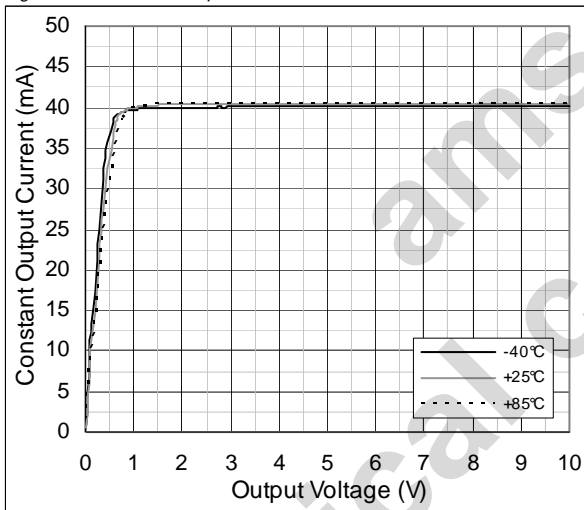


Figure 6. Constant Output Current vs. V<sub>OUT</sub>; R<sub>REF</sub> = 1kΩ

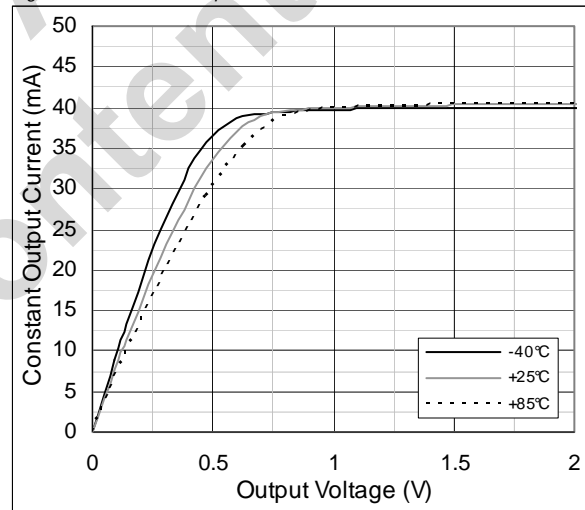


Figure 7. I<sub>COC</sub> vs. Temp.; R<sub>REF</sub> = 1kΩ, V<sub>OUT</sub> = 1.5V

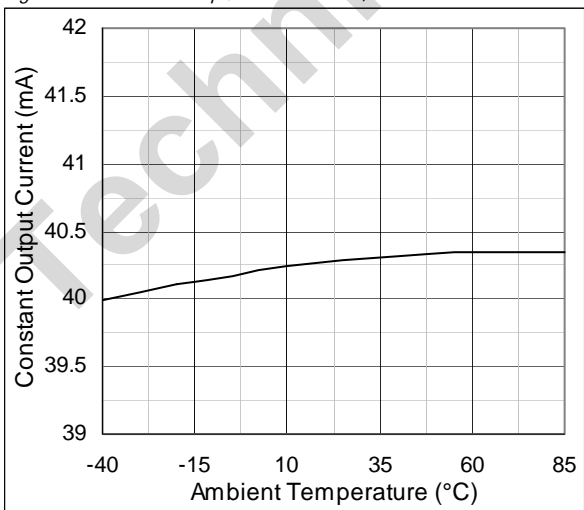


Figure 8. I<sub>COC</sub> vs. Temp.; R<sub>REF</sub> = 10kΩ, V<sub>OUT</sub> = 1.5V

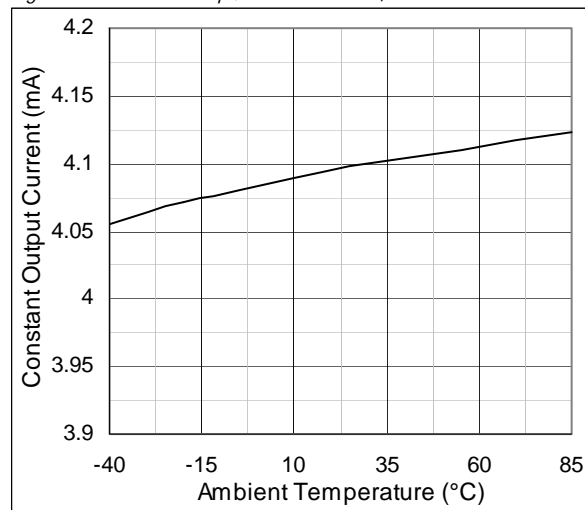


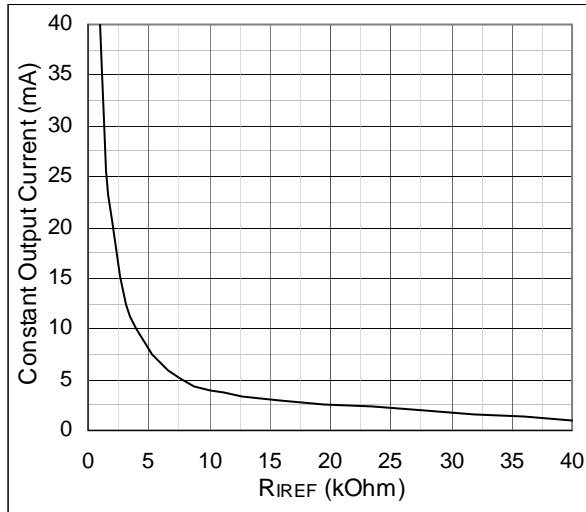
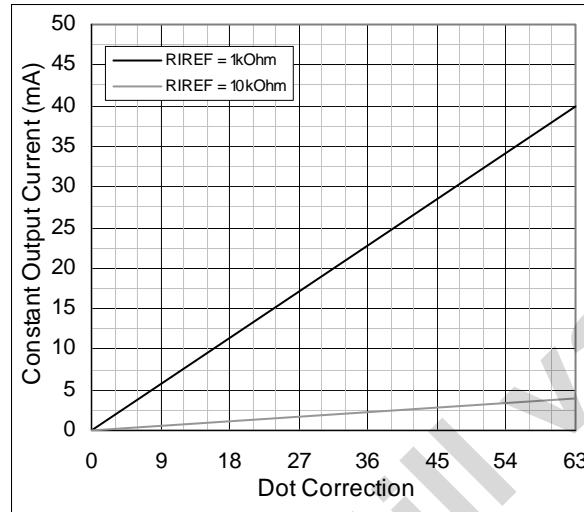
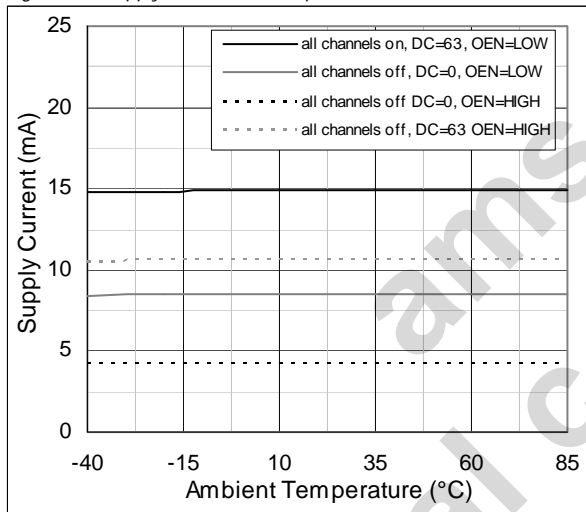
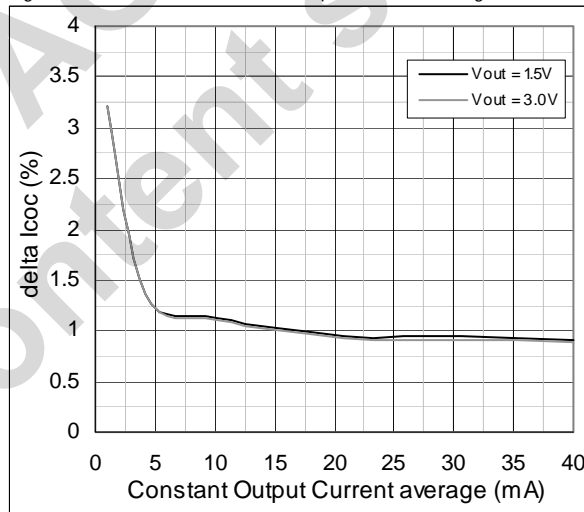
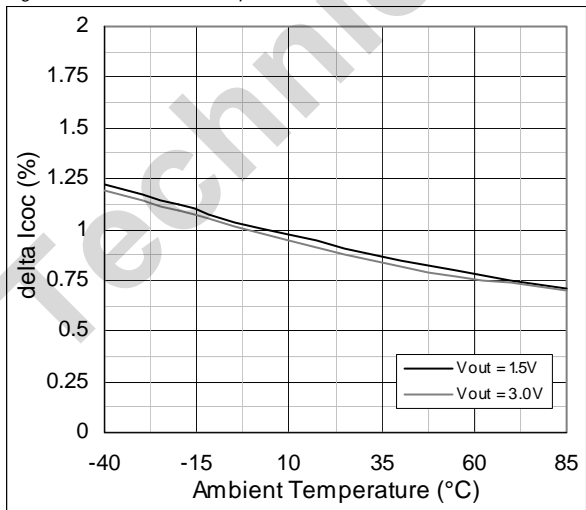
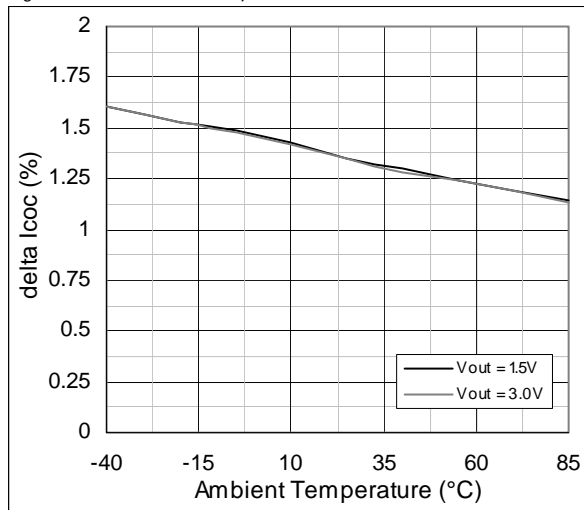
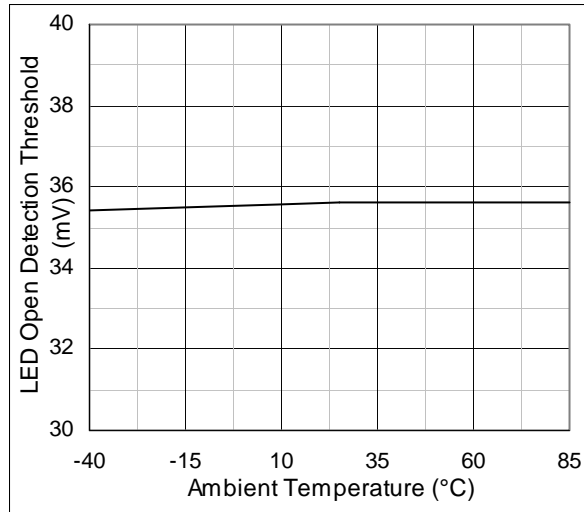
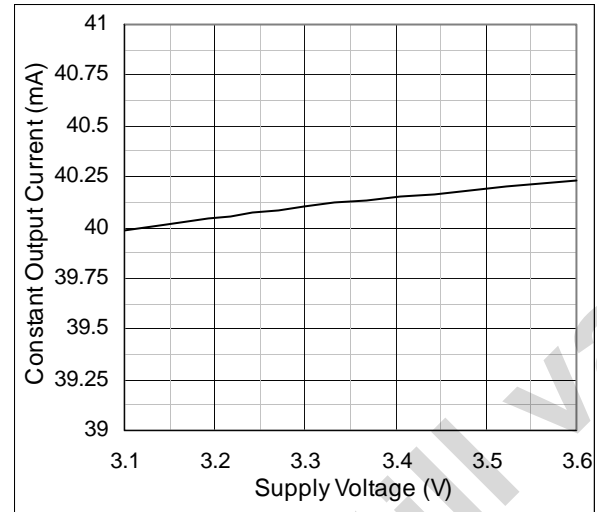
Figure 9.  $I_{COC}$  vs.  $R_{REF}$ ;  $V_{OUT} = 1.5V$ Figure 10.  $I_{COC}$  vs. Dot Correction;  $V_{OUT} = 1.5V$ Figure 11. Supply Current vs. Temp.;  $R_{REF} = 1k\Omega$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 1.5V$ Figure 12.  $\Delta I_{COC}$  vs. Constant Output Current averageFigure 13.  $\Delta I_{COC}$  vs. Temp.;  $R_{REF} = 1k\Omega$ Figure 14.  $\Delta I_{COC}$  vs. Temp.;  $R_{REF} = 10k\Omega$ 

Figure 15. LED Open Detection Threshold vs. Temperature

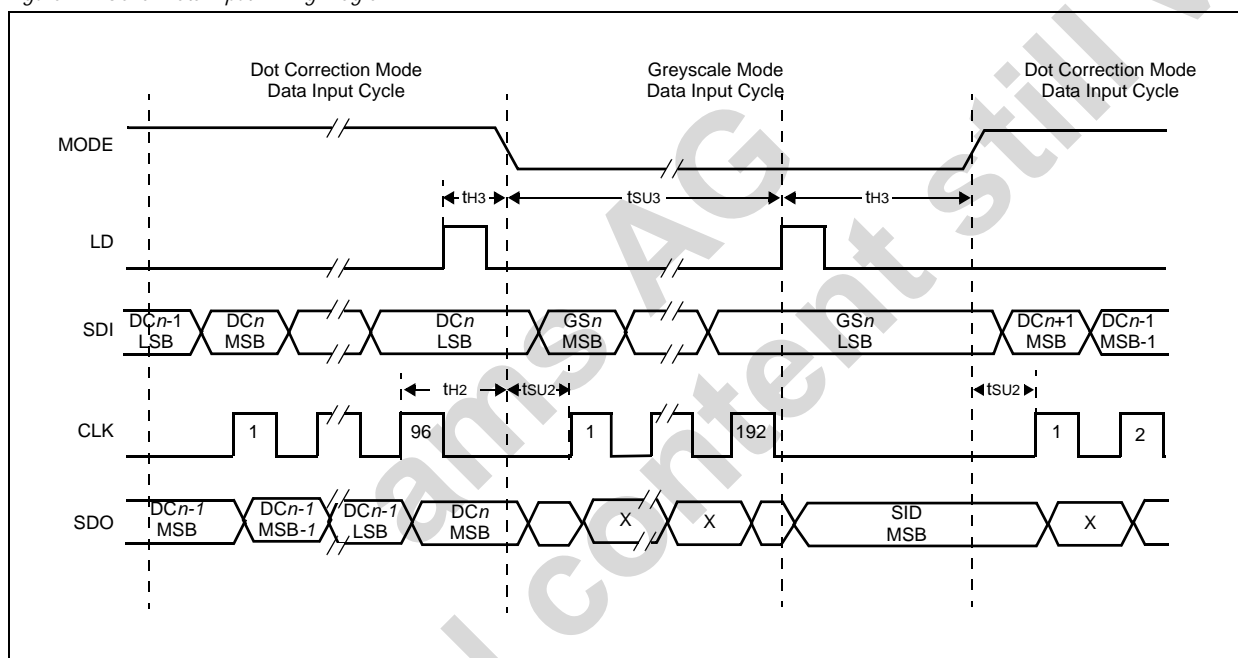
Figure 16.  $I_{COC}$  vs. Supply Voltage;  $R_{REF} = 1k\Omega$ 

## Serial Interface

The rising edge of the CLK signal shifts data from pin SDI to the internal register. After all data is clocked in, the serial data is latched into the internal registers at the rising edge of the LD signal.

Multiple AS1121 devices can be cascaded by connecting the SDO pin of one device with pin SDI of the next device (see Figure 25 on page 17). The SDO pin can also be connected to the microcontroller to receive status information from the AS1121. The serial data format is 96-bit or 192-bit wide, depending on mode of the device (see LD on page 2).

Figure 17. Serial Data Input Timing Diagram



The open-drain output pin XERR indicates if the device is in one of the two error conditions: overtemperature flag or open LED detect. During normal operation, the internal transistor connected to pin XERR is turned off and the voltage on XERR is pulled up to VCC through an external pullup resistor.

To differentiate the overtemperature flag from the open LED detect flag from pin XERR, the open LED detect flag can be masked out by setting  $OEN = 1$  (see Table 6).

Table 6. XERR Truth Table

| Error Condition |              |                 | Error Information  |                      |                 | Selected Mode |      |      | Status             |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|------|------|--------------------|
|                 | Temp.        | OUT $n$ Voltage | Thermal Error Flag | Thermal Warning Flag | Open LED Detect | OEN           | Mode | XERR |                    |
| Open            | T $J$ < TTEF | OUT $n$ > VLOD  | 0                  | Don't Care           | 0               | 0             | 0    | 1    | normal             |
|                 |              | OUT $n$ < VLOD  | 0                  | Don't Care           | 1               | 0             | 0    | 0    | open error         |
|                 | T $J$ > TTEF | OUT $n$ > VLOD  | 1                  | Don't Care           | 0               | 0             | 0    | 0    | temp. error        |
|                 |              | OUT $n$ < VLOD  | 1                  | Don't Care           | 1               | 0             | 0    | 0    | open & temp. error |
| Temp            | T $J$ > TTEF | Don't Care      | 0                  | Don't Care           | Don't Care      | 1             | 0    | 1    | normal             |
|                 | T $J$ < TTEF | Don't Care      | 1                  | Don't Care           | Don't Care      | 1             | 0    | 0    | temp error         |
|                 | T $J$ > TTWF | Don't Care      | Don't Care         | 0                    | Don't Care      | 1             | 1    | 1    | normal             |
|                 | T $J$ < TTWF | Don't Care      | Don't Care         | 1                    | Don't Care      | 1             | 1    | 0    | temp. warn         |

## Overtemperature Error/Warning Flags

The AS1121 provides a overtemperature circuit to indicate that the device is in an overtemperature condition. If the device junction temperature (T $J$ ) exceeds the threshold temperature (150°C typ), the overtemperature circuit trips and pulls XERR to ground. The overtemperature flag status can be read out from the AS1121 status register.

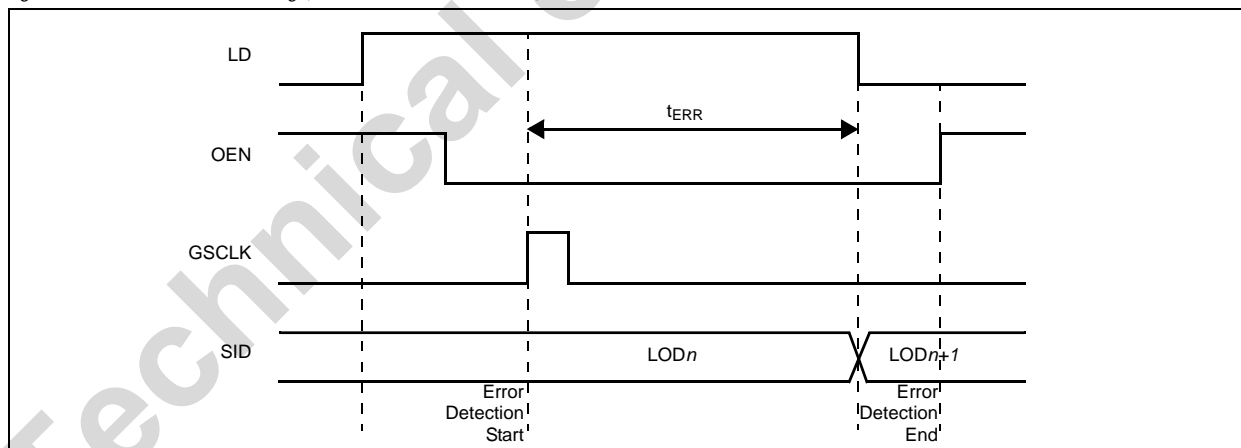
To prevent an overtemperature condition the AS1121 offers an temperature warning flag at 125°C typical. This flag can be used to take precautions (e.g. start an external cooling) against a overtemperature condition.

## Open LED Detection

The AS1121 integrated open LED detection circuit reports an error if any of the 16 LEDs is open or disconnected from the circuit. The open LED detection circuit trips when the error detection is activated and the voltage at OUT $n$  is less than VLOD.

**Note:** The voltage at each OUT $n$  is sampled 1  $\mu$ s after being switched on. Please refer to [Figure 18 on page 11](#).

The open LED detection circuit also pulls XERR to GND when tripped. The open LED status of each channel can also be read out from the AS1121 status information data (SID) during a greyscale data input cycle.

Figure 18. Error Detection Timing (GS=FFFF $_{\text{HEX}}$ , DC=3F $_{\text{HEX}}$ )

**Note:** The rising edge of LD latches new data into the internal registers depending on the logic level of the pin MODE. If the pin MODE is tied GND, the greyscale registers are updated. If the pin MODE is tied to Vcc, the dot correction registers are updated.

## OUT $n$ Enable

All OUT $n$  channels can be collectively switched off with one signal. When OEN is set to 1, all OUT $n$  channels are disabled, regardless of the device logic operations. The greyscale counter is also reset when OEN is set to 1.

When OEN is set to 0, all OUT $n$  channels are in normal operation.

Table 7. Pin OEN Truth Table

| OEN | OUT0:OUT15       |
|-----|------------------|
| 0   | Normal Operation |
| 1   | Disabled         |

## Setting Maximum Channel Current

The maximum output current per channel is programmed by a single resistor, R<sub>IREF</sub>, which is placed between pin IREF and GND. The voltage on pin IREF is set by an internal band gap V<sub>IREF</sub> (1.27V typ). The maximum channel current is equivalent to the current flowing through R<sub>IREF</sub> multiplied by a factor of 31.5. The maximum output current is calculated as:

$$I_{MAX} = \frac{V_{IREF}}{R_{IREF}} \times 31.5 \quad (EQ 1)$$

### Where:

V<sub>IREF</sub> = 1.27V;

R<sub>IREF</sub> = User-selected external resistor.

## Power Dissipation

To ensure proper operation of the device, the total power dissipation of the AS1121 must be below the power dissipation rating of the device package. Total power dissipation is calculated as:

$$PD = (V_{CC} \times I_{CC}) + (V_{OUT} \times I_{MAX} \times n \times \frac{DCn}{63} \text{ dPWM}) \quad (EQ 2)$$

### Where:

V<sub>CC</sub> is the device supply voltage;

I<sub>CC</sub> is the device supply current;

V<sub>OUT</sub> is the device OUT $n$  voltage when driving LED current;

I<sub>MAX</sub> is the LED current adjusted by R<sub>IREF</sub>;

DC $n$  is the maximum dot correction value for OUT $n$ ;

$n$  is the number of OUT $n$  driving LED at the same time;

dPWM is the duty cycle defined by pin OEN or the greyscale PWM value.

## Operating Modes

The AS1121 operates in two modes (see Table 8). Greyscale operating mode (see Figure 22 on page 14) and the shift registers are in reset state at power-up.

Table 8. Operating Modes

| Mode | Input Shift Register | Operating Mode                 |
|------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0    | 192-bit              | Greyscale PWM Mode             |
| 1    | 96-bit               | Dot Correction Data Input Mode |

## Setting Dot Correction

The AS1121 can perform independent fine-adjustments to the output current of each channel, i.e., dot correction. Dot correction is used to adjust brightness deviations of LEDs connected to the output channels (OUT0:OUT15).

The device powers up with the following default settings: DC = 63 and GS = 4095.

The 16 channels can be individually programmed with a 6-bit word. The channel output can be adjusted in 64 steps from 0 to 100% of the maximum output current (IMAX). The output current for each OUT $n$  channel can be calculated as:

$$I_{OUTn} = I_{MAX} \times \frac{DCn}{63} \quad (EQ\ 3)$$

### Where:

IMAX is the maximum programmable output current for each output;

DC $n$  is the programmed dot correction value for output (DC $n$  = 0 to 63);

$n$  = 0 to 15

Dot correction data are simultaneously entered for all channels. The complete dot correction data format consists of 16 x 6-bit words, which forms a 96-bit serial data packet (see Figure 19). Channel data is put on one by one, and the data is clocked in with the MSB first.

Figure 19. Dot Correction Data Packet Format

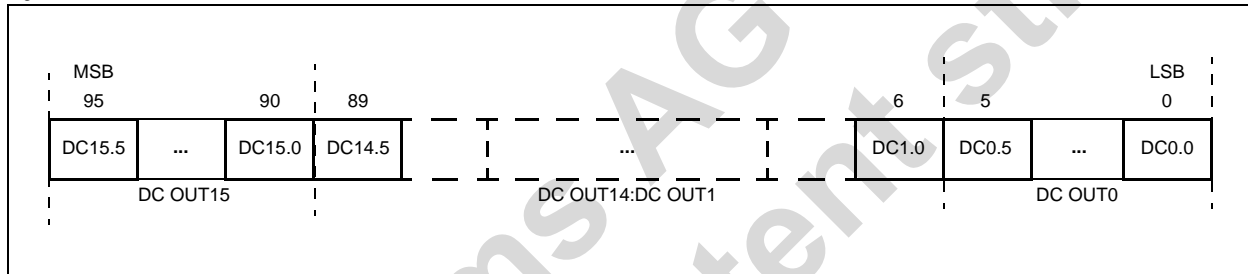
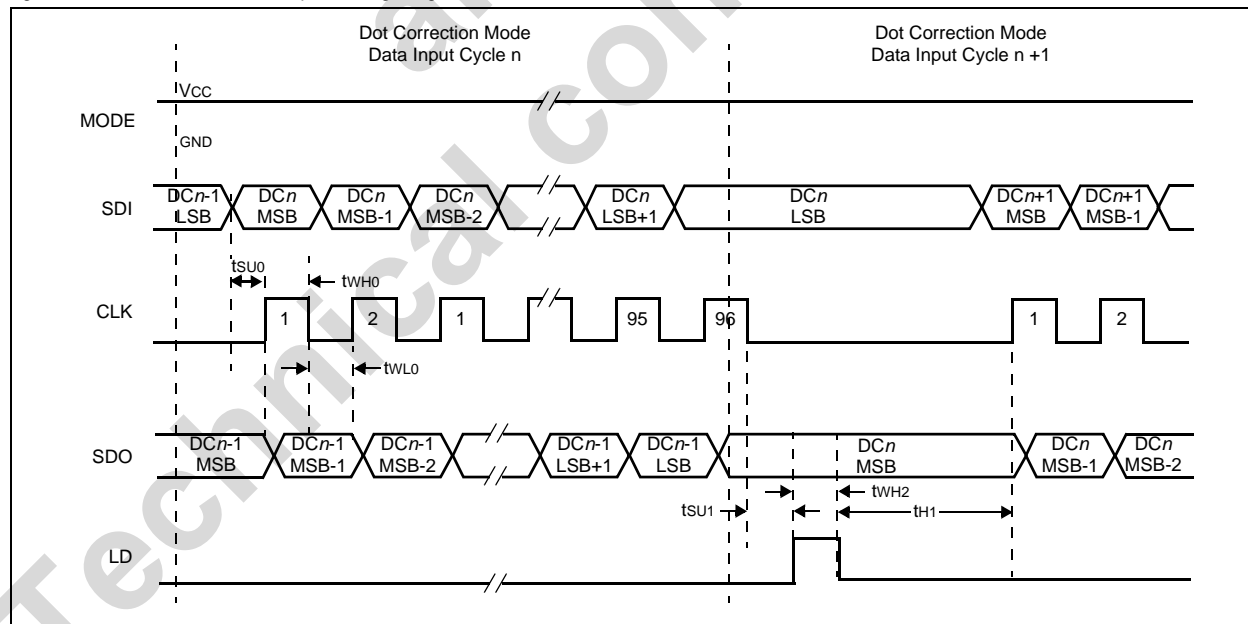


Figure 20. Dot Correction Data Input Timing Diagram



## Setting Greyscale Brightness

The brightness of each channel output can be adjusted using a 12 bits-per-channel PWM control scheme which results in 4096 brightness steps, from 0% to 100% brightness. The brightness level for each output is calculated as:

$$\% \text{Brightness} = \frac{GS_n}{4095} \times 100 \quad (\text{EQ } 4)$$

### Where:

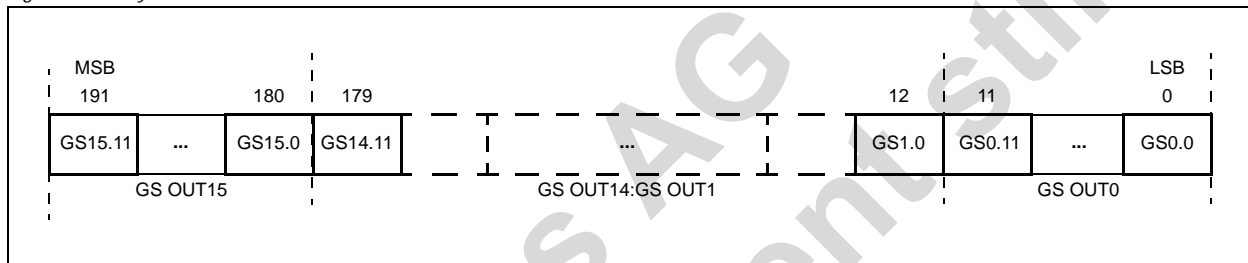
$GS_n$  is the programmed greyscale value for  $OUT_n$  ( $GS_n = 0$  to  $4095$ );  
 $n = 0$  to  $15$  greyscale data for all outputs.

The device powers up with the following default settings:  $GS = 4095$  and  $DC = 63$ .

The input shift register shifts greyscale data into the greyscale register for all channels simultaneously. The complete greyscale data format consists of  $16 \times 12$  bit words, which forms a 192-bit wide data packet (see Figure 21).

**Note:** The data packet must be clocked in with the MSB first.

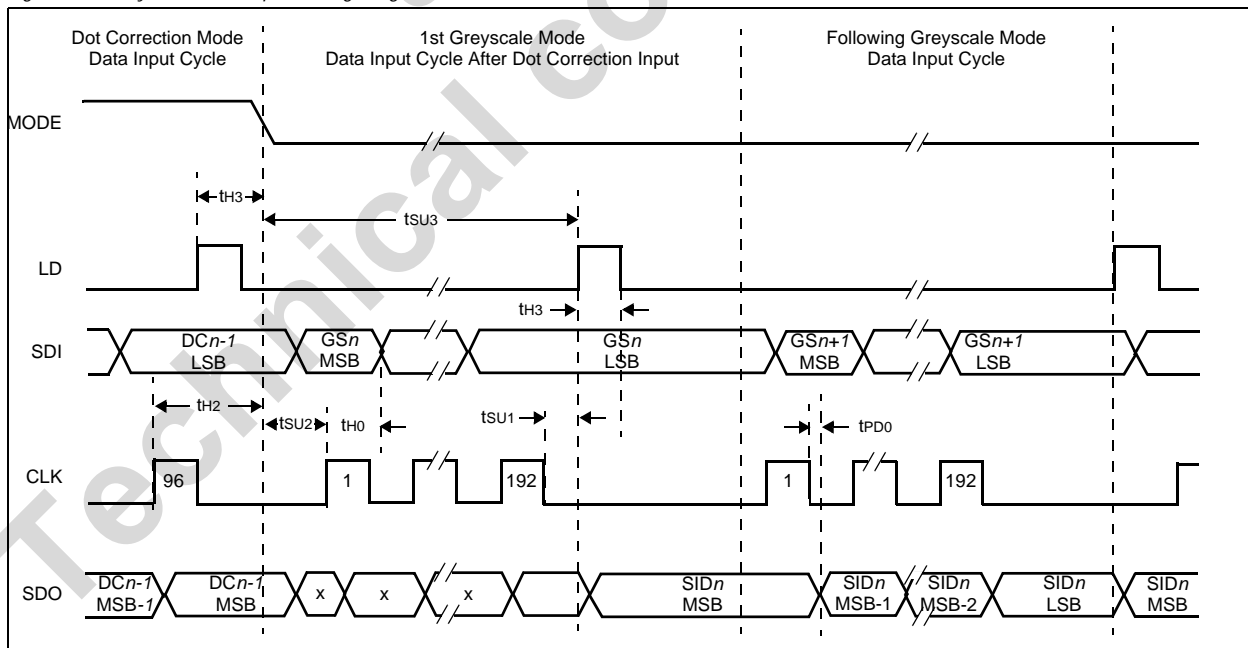
Figure 21. Greyscale Data Packet Format



When pin  $MODE$  is tied to  $GND$ , the AS1121 enters greyscale data input mode. The device switches the input shift register to 192-bit width. After all data is clocked in, the rising edge of the  $LD$  signal latches the data into the greyscale register (see Figure 22).

All greyscale data in the input shift register is replaced with status information data ( $SID$ ) after latching into the greyscale register.

Figure 22. Greyscale Data Input Timing Diagram

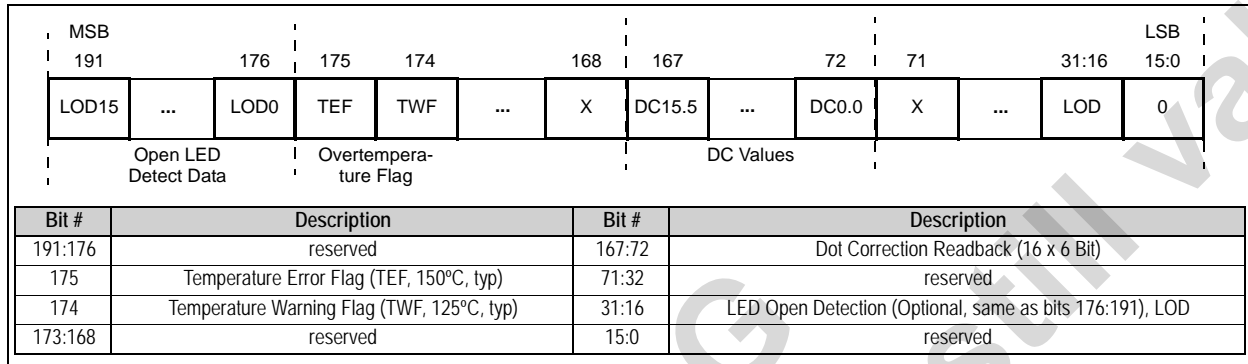


## Status Information Data (SID)

The AS1121 contains an integrated status information register, which can be accessed in greyscale mode (MODE = GND). Once the LD signal latches the data into the greyscale register, the input shift register data is replaced with status information data (see Figure 23).

Open LED and overtemperature flags as well as the dot-correction registers can be read out at pin SDO. The status information data packet is 192 bits wide. Bits 191:176 and 31:16 contain the open LED detection status of each channel (either 191:176 or 31:16 can be used for readout). Bit 175 contains the thermal error flag status. Bits 167:72 contain the data of the dot-correction register. Bit 15:0 contains the LED shorted flags. The remaining bits are reserved. The complete status information data packet is shown in Figure 23.

Figure 23. Status Information Data Packet Format

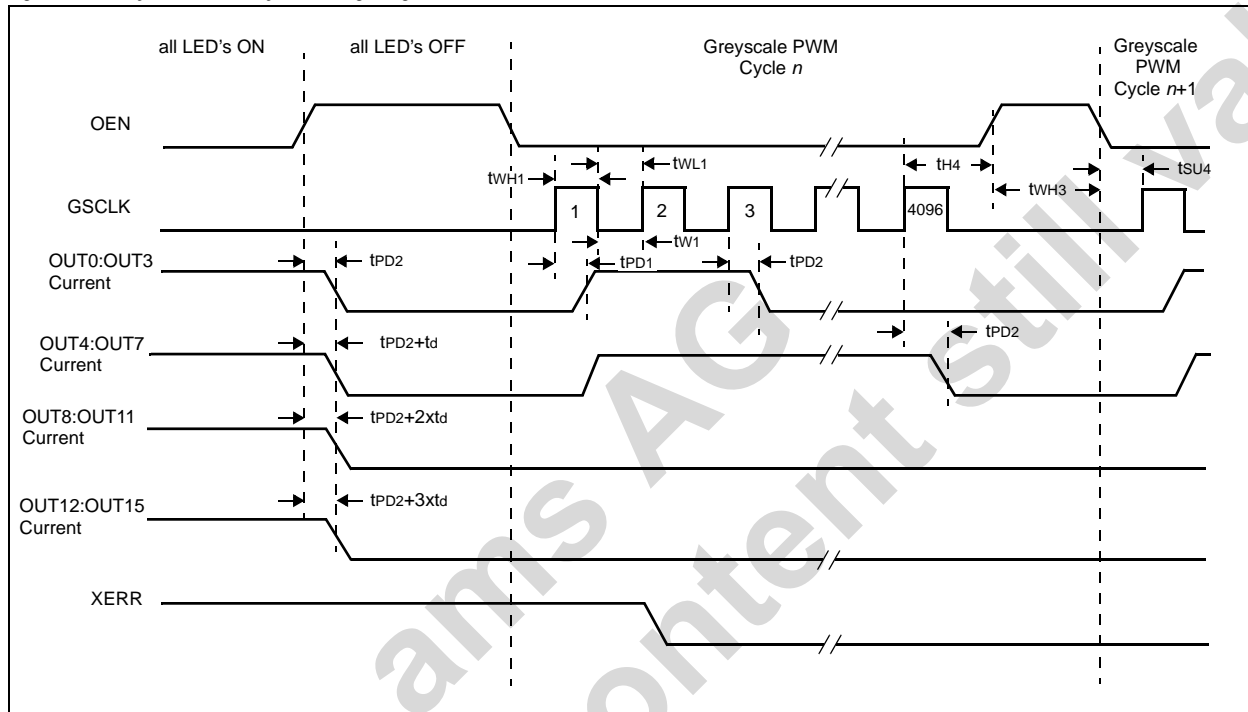


## Greyscale PWM Operation

The falling edge of the OEN signal initiates a greyscale PWM cycle. The first GSCLK pulse after the falling edge of OEN increments the greyscale counter by one and switches on any  $OUT_n$  whose greyscale value does not equal zero. Each subsequent rising edge of GSCLK increments the greyscale counter by one.

The AS1121 compares the greyscale value of each  $OUT_n$  channel with the greyscale counter value. All  $OUT_n$  whose greyscale values equal the counter values are switched off. A  $OEN = 1$  signal after 4096 GSCLK pulses resets the greyscale counter to zero and completes a greyscale PWM cycle (see Figure 24).

Figure 24. Greyscale PWM Cycle Timing Diagram



## Output Delay

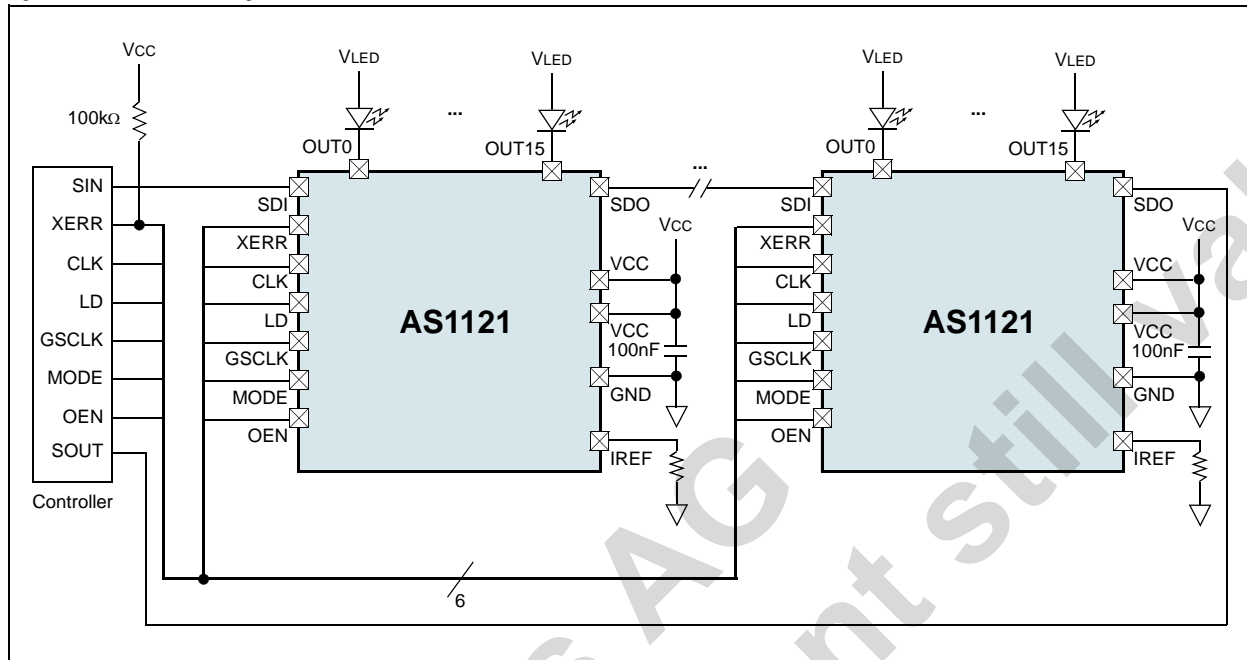
To minimize the ripple on the inrush current, the outputs are delayed and are not switching at the same time. The 16 channels of the AS1121 are combined in groups of 4. The channels within the groups OUT0:OUT3, OUT4:OUT7, OUT8:OUT11, OUT12:OUT15 are switching at the same time. Between the 4 groups a delay of  $t_d = 25\text{ns}$  (typ.) is implemented. On request this delay can be turned off (see [Ordering Information on page 20](#)).

To increase the EMI performance the rising and falling edges of the  $OUT_n$  signals are symmetrical ( $t_R = t_F = 25\text{ns}$ ). The rise- and fall-times are factory set and can be changed on request. For further information and requests, please contact us <mailto:sales@austriamicrosystems.com>.

## Serial Data Transfer Rate

Figure 25 shows a cascaded arrangement AS1121 devices connected to a controller, building a basic module of an LED display system.

Figure 25. Cascaded Configuration



The maximum number of cascading AS1121 devices depends on the application system and is in the range of 40 devices. The minimum frequency needed can be calculated by the following equations:

$$f_{GSCLK} = 4096 \times f_{UPDATE} \quad (EQ 5)$$

### Where:

$f_{GSCLK}$  is the minimum frequency needed for GSCLK;

$f_{UPDATE}$  is the update rate of whole cascaded system.

$$f_{CLK} = 193 \times f_{UPDATE} \times n \quad (EQ 6)$$

### Where:

$f_{CLK}$  is the minimum frequency needed for CLK and SIN;

$f_{UPDATE}$  is the update rate of whole cascaded system;

$n$  is the number of cascaded of AS1121 devices.

## 9 Package Drawings and Markings

Figure 26. 32-pin TQFN 5x5 mm Marking

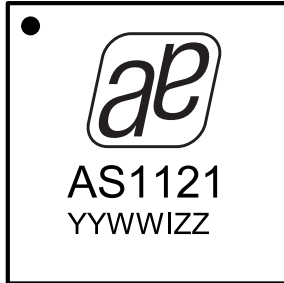
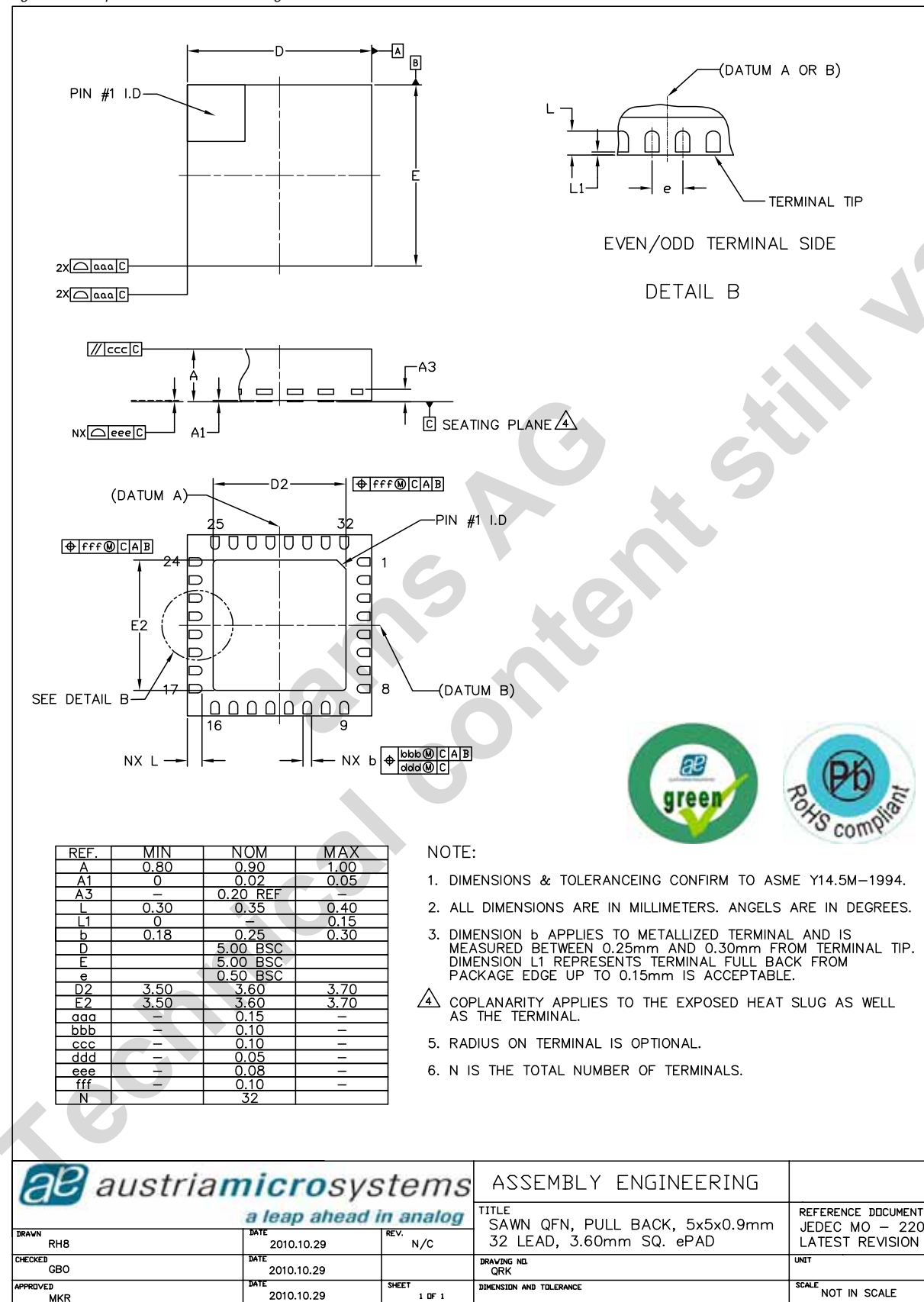


Figure 27. Packaging Code YYWWIZZ

| YY                                  | WW                 | I                | ZZ                              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| last two digits of the current year | manufacturing week | plant identifier | free choice / traceability code |

Figure 28. 32-pin TQFN 5x5 mm Package



## 10 Ordering Information

The device is available as the standard products shown in [Table 9](#).

Table 9. Ordering Information

| Ordering Code | Marking | Description  | Delivery Form | Package            |
|---------------|---------|--|---------------|--------------------|
| AS1121-BQFT   | AS1121  | 16-Channel LED Driver with Dot Correction and Greyscale PWM                      | Tape and Reel | 32-pin TQFN 5x5 mm |
| AS1121B-BQFT* | AS1121B | 16-Channel LED Driver with Dot Correction and Greyscale PWM without Output Delay | Tape and Reel | 32-pin TQFN 5x5 mm |

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