# **16-Channel Constant Current LED Driver**

# CAT4016, CAV4016

## Description

The CAT4016 is a 16 channel constant current driver for LED billboard and other general display applications. LED channel currents are programmed together via an external RSET resistor. Low output voltage operation on the LED channels as low as 0.4 V (for 2 to 100 mA LED current) allows for more power efficient designs.

A high-speed 4-wire serial interface of up to 25 MHz clock frequency controls each individual channel using a shift register and latch configuration. A serial output data pin (SOUT) allows multiple devices to be cascaded and programmed via one serial interface. The device also includes a blanking control pin (BLANK) that can be used to disable all channels independently of the interface.

Thermal shutdown protection is incorporated in the device to disable the LED outputs if the die temperature exceeds a set limit.

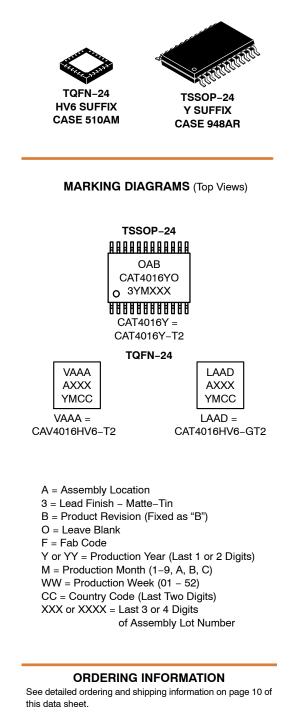
The device is available in the 24–lead TSSOP and the compact TQFN 4 x 4 mm packages.

## Features

- 16 Constant Current-sink Channels
- Serial Interface up to 25 MHz Clock Frequency
- 3 V to 5.5 V Logic Supply
- LED Current Range from 2 mA to 100 mA
- LED Current set by External RSET Resistor
- 300 mV LED Dropout at 30 mA
- Thermal Shutdown Protection
- Available in 24–lead TSSOP and 4 x 4 mm TQFN Packages
- CAV Prefix for Automotive and Other Applications Requiring Unique Site and Control Change Requirements; AEC-Q100 Qualified and PPAP Capable
- These Devices are Pb–Free, Halogen Free/BFR Free and are RoHS Compliant

## Applications

- Billboard Display
- Marquee Display
- Instrument Display
- General Purpose Display



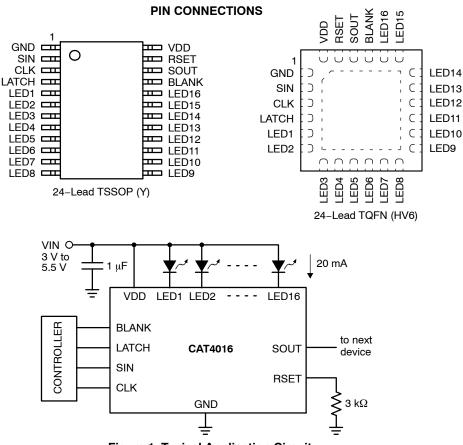


Figure 1. Typical Application Circuit

### Table 1. ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Parameter	Rating	Unit
V <sub>DD</sub> Supply Voltage	6	V
Logic input/output voltage (SIN, SOUT, CLK, BLANK, LATCH)	–0.3 V to V <sub>DD</sub> +0.3 V	V
LEDn voltage, channel off LEDn voltage, channel on	6 2.5	V
DC output current on LED1 to LED16	150	mA
Storage Temperature Range	–55 to +160	°C
Junction Temperature Range	-40 to +150	°C
Lead Soldering Temperature (10 sec.)	300	°C

Stresses exceeding those listed in the Maximum Ratings table may damage the device. If any of these limits are exceeded, device functionality should not be assumed, damage may occur and reliability may be affected.

## Table 2. RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Pa	Range	Unit	
V <sub>DD</sub>	3.0 to 5.5	V	
Voltage applied to LED1 to LED16, channel off Voltage applied to LED1 to LED16, channel on	0.4 to 5.5 0.4 to 2.0	V	
LED current RSET control range	up to 100	mA	
Ambient Temperature Range	CAT4016 CAV4016	-40 to +85 -40 to +125	°C

Functional operation above the stresses listed in the Recommended Operating Ranges is not implied. Extended exposure to stresses beyond the Recommended Operating Ranges limits may affect device reliability.

Table 3. ELECTRICAL OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS $(V_{DD} = 5.0 \text{ V}, T_{AMB} = 25^{\circ}\text{C}, \text{ over recommended operating conditions unless specified otherwise.})$ 

Symbol	Name	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Units
DC CHARAC	CTERISTICS					
I <sub>LED-ACC</sub>	LED Current (any channel)	$V_{LED}$ = 1 V, $R_{SET}$ = 3 k $\Omega$	18	20	22	mA
		$V_{LED}$ = 1 V, $R_{SET}$ = 1.5 k $\Omega$	36	40	44	1
		$V_{LED}$ = 1 V, $R_{SET}$ = 750 $\Omega$		80		1
I <sub>LED-MAT</sub>	LED Current Matching	$V_{LED}$ = 1 V, $R_{SET}$ = 3 k $\Omega$		±1.5		%
	(I <sub>LED</sub> – I <sub>LEDAVR</sub> ) / I <sub>LEDAVR</sub>	$V_{LED}$ = 1 V, $R_{SET}$ = 1.5 k $\Omega$	-6.0	±1.5	+6.0	1
		$V_{LED}$ = 1 V, $R_{SET}$ = 750 $\Omega$		±2.0		1
$\Delta I_{VDD}$	LED current regulation vs. $V_{DD}$	V <sub>DD</sub> within 4.5 V and 5.5 V LED current 30 mA		±0.1		% / V
$\Delta I_{VLED}$	LED current regulation vs. $V_{LED}$	V <sub>LED</sub> within 1 V and 3 V LED current 30 mA		±0.05		% / V
IDDOFF	Supply Current (all outputs off)	R <sub>SET</sub> = 3 kΩ		3	8	mA
		R <sub>SET</sub> = 750 Ω		8.5		1
I <sub>DDON</sub>	Supply Current (all outputs on)	R <sub>SET</sub> = 3 kΩ		4	9	mA
		R <sub>SET</sub> = 750 Ω		10		1
I <sub>LKG</sub>	LEDn output Leakage	V <sub>LED</sub> = 5 V, outputs off	-1		1	μΑ
R <sub>LATCH</sub>	LATCH Pull-down Resistance		100	180	300	kΩ
R <sub>BLANK</sub>	BLANK Pull-up Resistance		100	180	300	kΩ
V <sub>IH</sub> V <sub>IL</sub>	Logic high input voltage Logic low input voltage		0.7xV <sub>DD</sub>		0.3xV <sub>DD</sub>	V
V <sub>HYS</sub>	Logic input hysteresis voltage			0.1xV <sub>DD</sub>		V
Ι <sub>ΙL</sub>	Logic Input leakage current (CLK, SIN)	V <sub>I</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub> or GND	-5	0	5	μΑ
V <sub>OH</sub> V <sub>OL</sub>	SOUT logic high output voltage SOUT logic low output voltage	I <sub>OH</sub> = -1 mA I <sub>OL</sub> = 1 mA	V <sub>CC</sub> -0.3 V		0.3	V
V <sub>RSET</sub>	RSET Regulated Voltage		1.17	1.20	1.23	V
T <sub>SD</sub>	Thermal Shutdown			160		°C
T <sub>HYST</sub>	Thermal Hysteresis			20	l	°C

Product parametric performance is indicated in the Electrical Characteristics for the listed test conditions, unless otherwise noted. Product performance may not be indicated by the Electrical Characteristics if operated under different conditions.

## Table 4. TIMING CHARACTERISTICS

(For 3.0 V  $\leq$  V\_DD  $\leq$  5.5 V, T\_{AMB} = 25°C, unless specified otherwise.)

Symbol	Name	Conditions	Min (Note 1)	<b>Typ</b> (Note 2)	Max (Note 1)	Units
CLK	-	• •				
f <sub>clk</sub>	CLK Clock Frequency				25	MHz
t <sub>cwh</sub>	CLK Pulse Width High		20			ns
t <sub>cwl</sub>	CLK Pulse Width Low		20			ns
SIN						
t <sub>ssu</sub>	Setup time SIN to CLK		4			ns
t <sub>sh</sub>	Hold time SIN to CLK		4			ns
LATCH						
t <sub>lwh</sub>	LATCH Pulse width		20			ns
T <sub>lh</sub>	Hold time LATCH to CLK		4			ns
T <sub>lsu</sub>	Setup time LATCH to CLK	Channel Stagger Delay	800			ns
LEDn						
t <sub>ld</sub>	LED1 Propagation delay	LATCH to LED1 on LATCH to LED1 off		40 -	300 1000	ns
t <sub>ls</sub>	LED Propagation delay stagger	LED(n) to LED(n+1)		17	40	ns
t <sub>lst</sub>	LED Propagation delay stagger total	LED1 to LED16		250		ns
t <sub>bd</sub>	BLANK Propagation delay	BLANK to LED(n) on BLANK to LED(n) off		60 -	300 800	ns
t <sub>lr</sub>	LED rise time (10% to 90%)	Pull–up resistor = 50 $\Omega$ to 3.0 V		40	200	ns
t <sub>lf</sub>	LED fall time (90% to 10%)	Pull–up resistor = 50 $\Omega$ to 3.0 V		30	250	ns

#### SOUT

t <sub>or</sub>	SOUT rise time (10% to 90%)	C <sub>L</sub> = 15 pF		5		ns
t <sub>of</sub>	SOUT fall time (90% to 10%)	C <sub>L</sub> = 15 pF		5		ns
t <sub>od</sub>	Propagation delay time SOUT	CLK to SOUT	8	15	25	ns

1. All min and max values are guaranteed by design. 2.  $V_{DD} = 5 \text{ V}$ , LED current 30 mA.

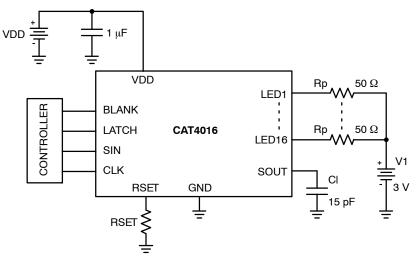
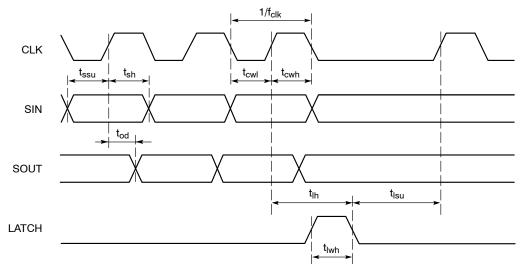


Figure 2. Test Circuit for AC Characteristics





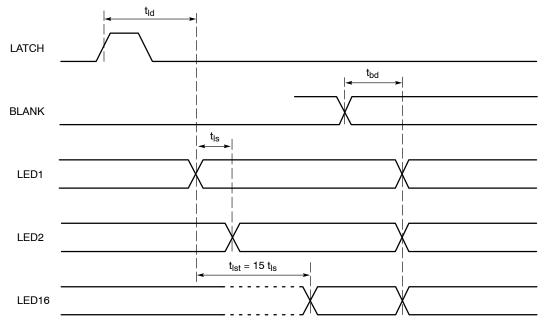
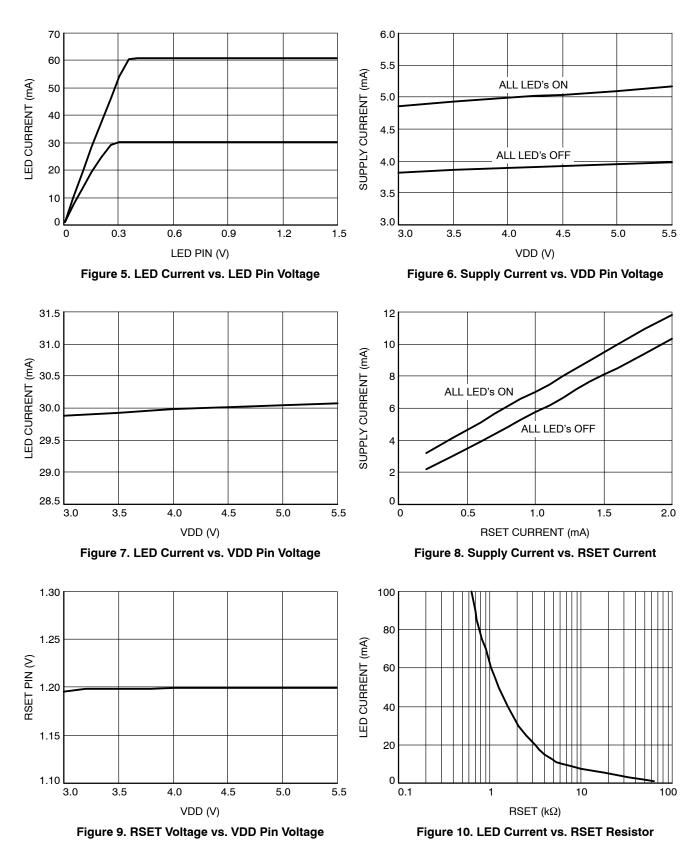


Figure 4. LED Output Timing Diagram

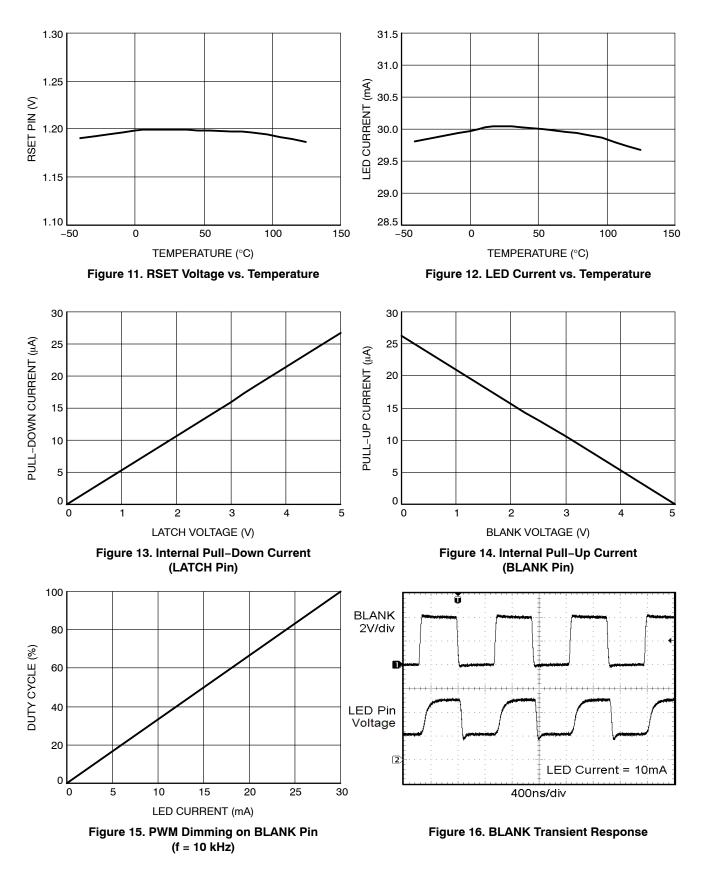
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## Table 5. PIN DESCRIPTION

Name	Function	
GND	Ground	
SIN	Serial data input pin	
CLK	Serial clock input pin	
LATCH	Latch serial data to output registers	
LED1-LED16	LED channel 1 to 16 cathode terminals	
BLANK	Enable / disable all channels	
SOUT	Serial data output pin.	
RSET	LED current set pin	
VDD	Positive supply Voltage	
TAB (TQFN package only)	Connect to GND on the PCB	

## **Pin Function**

**GND** is the ground reference pin for the device. This pin must be connected to the ground plane on the PCB.

**SIN** is the serial data input. Data is loaded into the internal register on each rising edge of CLK.

**CLK** is the serial clock input. On each rising CLK edge, data is transferred from SIN to the internal 16–bit serial shift register.

**LATCH** is the latch data input. On the rising edge of LATCH, data is loaded from the 16-bit serial shift register into the output register latch. On the falling edge, this data is latched in the output register and isolated from the state of the serial shift register.

**LED1 – LED16** are the LED current sink channels. These pins are connected to the LED cathodes. The current sinks drive the LEDs with a current equal to 50 times RSET pin current. For the LED sink to operate correctly, the voltage on the LED pin must be above 0.4 V.

**BLANK** is the LED channel enable and disable input pin. When low, LEDs are enabled according to the output latch register content. When high, all LEDs are off, while preserving the data in the output latch register.

**SOUT** is the serial data output of the 16-bit serial shift register. This pin is used to cascade several devices on the serial bus. The SOUT pin is then connected to the SIN input of the next device on the serial bus to cascade.

**RSET** is the LED current setting pin. A resistor is connected between this pin and ground. Each LED channel current is set to 50 times the current pulled out of the pin. The RSET pin voltage is regulated to 1.2 V.

**VDD** is the positive supply pin voltage for the entire device. A small 1  $\mu$ F ceramic is recommended close to pin.

## **Block Diagram**

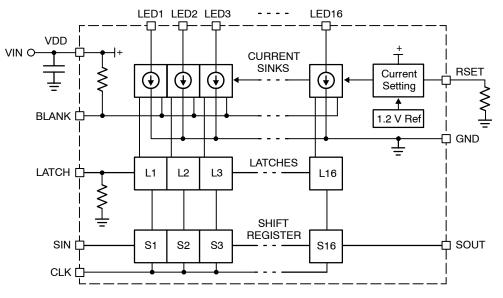


Figure 17. CAT4016 Functional Block Diagram

## **Basic Operation**

The CAT4016 uses 16 tightly matched current sinks to accurately regulate the LED current in each channel. The external resistor,  $R_{SET}$ , is used to set the LED channel current to 50 times the current in  $R_{SET}$ .

$$LED \text{ current} = 50 \times \frac{1.2}{R_{SET}}$$

Tight current regulation for all channels is possible over a wide range of input and LED voltages due to independent current sensing circuitry on each channel. The LED channels have a maximum dropout of 0.4 V for most current and supply voltage conditions. This helps improve the heat dissipation and efficiency of the LED driver.

Upon power–up, an under–voltage lockout circuit clears all latches and shift registers and sets all outputs to off. Once the under–voltage lockout threshold has been reached the device can be programmed.

The driver delays the activation of each consecutive LED output channel by 17 ns (typical). Relative to LED1, LED2 is delayed by 17 ns, LED3 by 34 ns and LED16 by 250 ns typical. The delay is introduced when LATCH is activated. The delay minimizes the inrush current on the LED supply by staggering the turn on and off current spikes over a period of time and therefore allowing usage of smaller bypass capacitors. Pull-up and pull-down resistors are internally provided to set the state of the BLANK and LATCH pins to the off-state when not externally driven.

#### Serial Interface

A high-speed serial 4-wire interface is provided to program the state of each LED on or off. The interface contains a 16-bit serial to parallel shift register (S1-S16) and a 16-bit latch (L1-L16). Programming the serial to parallel register is accomplished via SIN and CLK input pins. On each rising edge of the CLK signal, the data from SIN is moved through the shift register serially. Data is also moved out of SOUT which can be connected to a next device if programming more than one device on the same interface.

On the rising edge of LATCH, the data contents of the serial to parallel shift register is reflected in the latches. On the falling edge of LATCH, the state of the serial to parallel register at that particular time is saved in the latches and does not change irrespective of the contents of the serial to parallel register.

BLANK is used to disable all LEDs (turn off) simultaneously while maintaining the same data in the latch register. When low, the LED outputs reflect the data in the latches. When high, all outputs are high impedance (zero current).

## **Table 6. ORDERING INFORMATION**

Part Number	Package Marking	Package	Shipping <sup>†</sup>
CAT4016Y-T2	CAT4016Y	TSSOP24 (Note 7) (Pb-Free)	2000 / Tape & Reel
CAT4016HV6-T2	LAAA	TQFN24 (Note 7) (Pb-Free)	2000 / Tape & Reel
CAV4016HV6-T2 (Note 3)	VAAA	TQFN24 (Note 7) (Pb-Free)	2000 / Tape & Reel

†For information on tape and reel specifications, including part orientation and tape sizes, please refer to our Tape and Reel Packaging Specifications Brochure, BRD8011/D.
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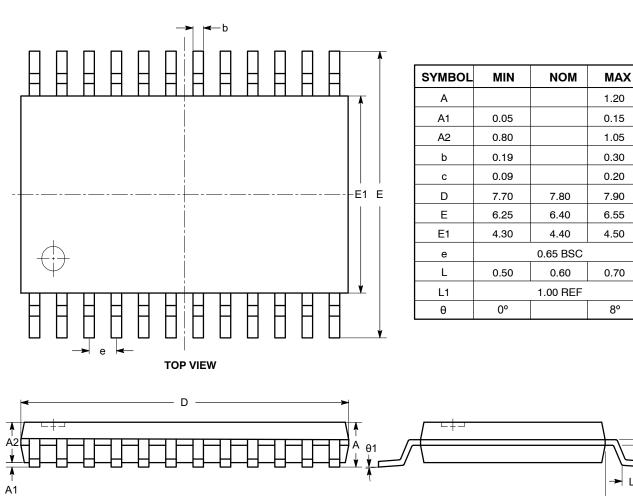
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Matte-Tin Plated Finish (RoHS-compliant).

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