

Technical Note

Ambient Light Sensor ICs

Analog Current Output Type Ambient Light Sensor IC

Free Direction Components

No.12046EBT14

BH1680FVC

BH1680EV/C is a

BH1680FVC is an analog current output ambient light sensor. This IC can detect the illuminance from 0lx to 50000lx. It is the most suitable to obtain the ambient light data for adjusting LCD and Keypad backlight of Mobile phone for power saving and better visibility. It is suitable also for the use of optical window that the visible light transmission is low because of the high sensitivity type.

Features

- 1) Compact surface mount package 1.6 x 1.6 mm
- 2) Output current in proportion to brightness
- 3) Suitable for optical window that the visible light transmission is low (High sensitivity type)
- 4) The influence of infrared is very small by an infrared cut filter
- 5) Supply voltage operates from 2.4V to 5.5V
- 6) Built-in shutdown function
- 7) 3 steps controllable output current gain
- 8) 1.8V logic input interface
- 9) Low sensitivity variation (+/-15%)

Applications

Mobile phone, LCD TV, PDP TV, Laptop PC, Portable game console, Digital camera, Digital video camera, LCD display

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Symbol	Limits	Units
Supply Voltage	Vmax	7	V
Operating Temperature	Topr	-40~85	°C
Storage Temperature	Tstg	-40~100	°C
lout Current	loutmax	7.5	mA
Power Dissipation	Pd	165 [*]	mW

% 70mm × 70mm × 1.6mm glass epoxy board. Derating at 2.2 mW/°C for operating above Ta=25°C.

Operating Conditions

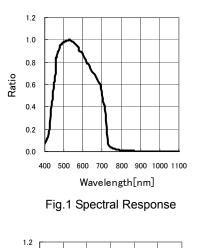
ſ	Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
ſ	Vcc Voltage	Vcc	2.4	3.0	5.5	V

Electrical Characteristics (Vcc = 3.0V, Ta = 25°C, unless otherwise noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units	Conditions
Supply Current1 (Operate)		51.9	75	105	μA	Ev=10 lx (H-Gain Mode) [*]
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Supply Current2 (0 lx)	Icc2	4.5	9	13.5	μA	Ev=0 lx (H-Gain Mode)
Supply Current3 (Shutdown)	Icc3sd	-	0.2	0.4	μA	V _{GC1} =V _{GC2} =0 No Input Light
IOUT Output Current1(Dark Current)	lout1	-	-	0.2	μA	Ev=0 lx
IOUT Output Current2	lout2	51.9	61	70.1	μA	Ev=10 lx (H-Gain Mode) [*]
Peak Wave Length	λр	-	530	-	nm	
Saturated Output Voltage	V _{OMAX}	2.6	2.9	3.0	V	Ev=10 lx, RL=220kΩ (H-Gain Mode) [%]
GC1,GC2 Input 'L' Voltage	VIL	0	-	0.4	V	
GC1,GC2 Input 'H' Voltage1	V _{IH1}	1.4	-	Vcc	V	$2.4V \leq VCC \leq 3.6V$
GC1,GC2 Input 'H' Voltage2	V _{IH2}	2.0	-	Vcc	V	$3.6V < VCC \leq 5.5V$
Wake-up Time	twu	-	13	52	μs	Shutdown \rightarrow H-Gain Mode Ev=100lx [*]
Gain Ratio H-Gain Mode/M-Gain Mode	rHM	8	10	12	times	Ev=10lx [*]
Gain Ratio M-Gain Mode/L-Gain Mode ※ White LED is used as optical source	rML	8	10	12	times	Ev=10lx [*]

※ White LED is used as optical source

Reference Data



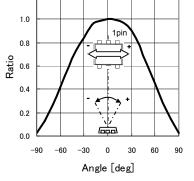
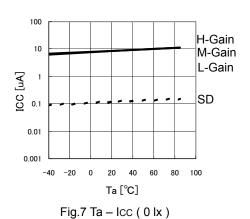


Fig.4 Directional Characteristics 1



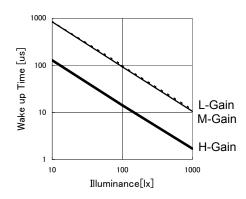
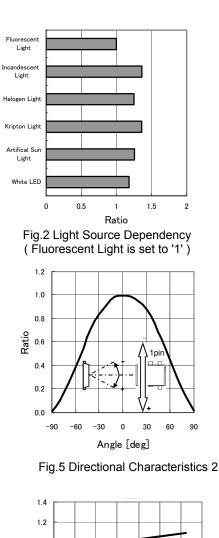


Fig.10 Illuminance - Wake up Time



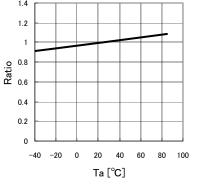
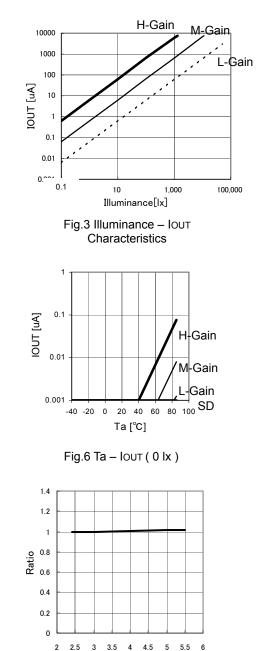
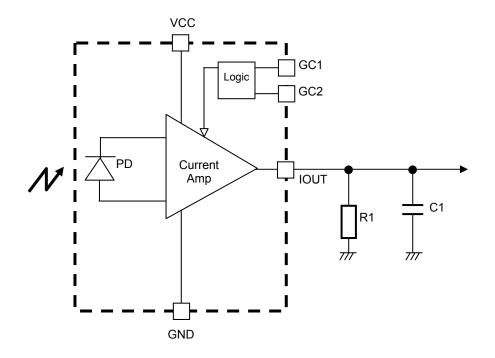


Fig.8 IOUT Temperature dependency (10 lx)



VCC [V] Fig.9 IOUT VCC dependency

Block Diagram



Block Diagram Descriptions

- PD
 - Photo diode detects the visible light, and cuts the infrared.
- Current AMP
 - To amplify Photo diode current (H-Gain / M-Gain / L-Gain)
 - Gain controllable in 3 steps by input voltage from GC1 and GC2.
- Logic

Logic block for mode setting by input voltage from GC1 and GC2

Mode Setting

GC2	GC1	Mode
0	0	Shutdown
0	1	H-Gain Mode
1	0	M-Gain Mode
1	1	L-Gain Mode

External parts Setting

1) Gain setting of BH1680FVC

Please select the best gain controlled by 3 and 4pin based on the required illuminance range. The reference is as follows.

Illuminance detection range [lx]	Gain Mode
~100	H-Gain Mode
~1,000	M-Gain Mode
~50,000	L-Gain Mode

This device will be mounted under the optical window in actual designing. Therefore, there is a possibility that the illuminace to ALS(Ambient Light Sensor) will be less than the illuminance on the final product surface. Please consider the attenuation of light through the optical window. Please set output resistance value(R1) within the range of 1 kΩ~1MΩ which needs to be smaller than the input impedance of the next circuit.

2) Approximate formula of IOUT output voltage in each Gain Mode

(1) H-Gain mode

The output voltage is calculated as below. Viout= $6.1 \times 10^{-6} \times Ev \times R1$

Viout is IOUT output voltage [V]. Ev is an illuminance of the ALS surface [Ix].

R1 is IOUT output resistor[Ω].

(For example) In case you want to convert the illuminance value up to 50 lx by ADC.

If the maximum voltage of ADC input is 2V, output resistor value will be as below.

R1 = Viout/(6.1 x 10^{-6} x Ev) $= 2/(6.1 \times 10^{-6} \times 50) = 6557[\Omega]$ ⇒6.8[kΩ]

(2) M-Gain mode

. Viout= 0.61 x 10⁻⁶ x Ev x R1

(3) L-Gain mode

. Viout= 0.061 x 10⁻⁶ x Ev x R1

3) C1

(1) To reject the flicker light.

In case IOUT output is R1 only and an ALS receives the artificial lights such as fluorescent lamps and incandescent lamps synchronized with 50/60 Hz of AC power supplies, the output current has a ripple. If you want to reject this ripple, please add C1 to R1 in parallel. Please set it to C1 x R1 = about 0.1 as a time constant.

(For example) If the R1 = $6.8[k\Omega]$, C1 value will be as below. C1 = 0.1 / R1 $= 0.1 / (6.8 \times 10^3) = 14.7 \times 10^{-6}$ [F] ⇒15[uF]

(2) To control backlight smoothly by using illuminance value.

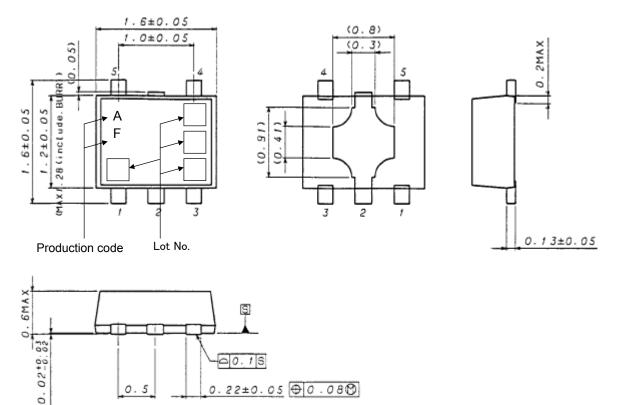
C1 is effective to control backlight smoothly for a rapid changing of the illuminance. In this case, please set it to C1 x R1 = about 1 ~ 10 as a time constant. It is not necessary if you average illuminance value with software to change backlight smoothly.

Please note that the rise time becomes slow at power-on and recovery from shutdown mode to operation mode.

Terminal Descriptions

PIN No.	Terminal Name	Equivalent Circuit	Function
1	VCC		Power Supply Terminal
2	GND		GND Terminal
3	GC1		Mode Setting Terminal 1
4	GC2		Mode Setting Terminal 2
5	IOUT		This terminal outputs current depending on illuminance level. Use this pin by putting resistor between GND.

Package Outlines

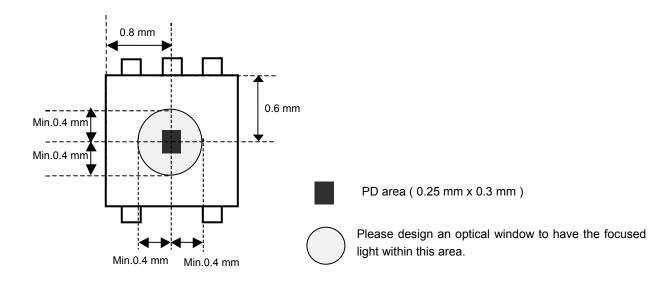


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WSOF5 (Unit : mm)

Optical design for the device

0.5



Cautions on use

1) Absolute Maximum Ratings

An excess in the absolute maximum ratings, such as supply voltage (Vmax), temperature range of operating conditions (Topr), etc., can break down devices, thus making impossible to identify breaking mode such as a short circuit or an open circuit. If any special mode exceeding the absolute maximum ratings is assumed, consideration should be given to take physical safety measures including the use of fuses, etc.

2)GND voltage

Make setting of the potential of the GND terminal so that it will be maintained at the minimum in any operating state. Furthermore, check to be sure no terminals are at a potential lower than the GND voltage including an actual electric transient.

3) Short circuit between terminals and erroneous mounting

In order to mount ICs on a set PCB, pay thorough attention to the direction and offset of the ICs. Erroneous mounting can break down the ICs. Furthermore, if a short circuit occurs due to foreign matters entering between terminals or between the terminal and the power supply or the GND terminal, the ICs can break down.

Operation in strong electromagnetic field Be noted that using ICs in the strong electromagnetic field can malfunction them.

5) Inspection with set PCB

On the inspection with the set PCB, if a capacitor is connected to a low-impedance IC terminal, the IC can suffer stress. Therefore, be sure to discharge from the set PCB by each process. Furthermore, in order to mount or dismount the set PCB to/from the jig for the inspection process, be sure to turn OFF the power supply and then mount the set PCB to the jig. After the completion of the inspection, be sure to turn OFF the power supply and then dismount it from the jig. In addition, for protection against static electricity, establish a ground for the assembly process and pay thorough attention to the transportation and the storage of the set PCB.

6) Input terminals

In terms of the construction of IC, parasitic elements are inevitably formed in relation to potential. The operation of the parasitic element can cause interference with circuit operation, thus resulting in a malfunction and then breakdown of the input terminal. Therefore, pay thorough attention not to handle the input terminals; such as to apply to the input terminals a voltage lower than the GND respectively, so that any parasitic element will operate. Furthermore, do not apply a voltage to the input terminals when no power supply voltage is applied to the IC. In addition, even if the power supply voltage is applied, apply to the input terminals a voltage lower than the guaranteed value of electrical characteristics.

7) Thermal design

Perform thermal design in which there are adequate margins by taking into account the permissible dissipation (pd) in actual states of use.

8) Treatment of package

Dusts or scratch on the photo detector may affect the optical characteristics. Please handle it with care.

9) Rush current

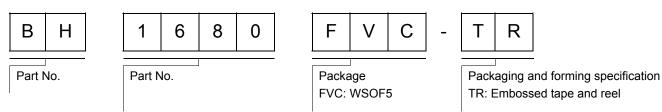
When power is first supplied to this IC, rush current may flow instantaneously. Because it is possible that the charge current to the parastic capacitance of internal photo diode or the internal logic may be unstable. Therefore, give special consideration to power coupling capacitance, power wiring, width of GND wiring, and routing of connections.

10)The exposed central pad on the back side of the package

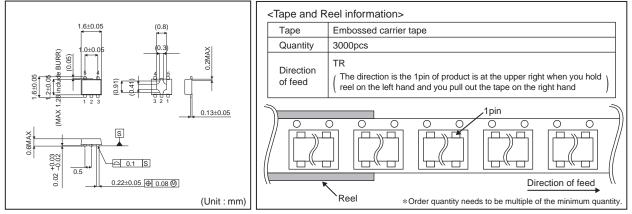
There is an exposed central pad on the back side of the package. Please mount by footprint dimensions described in the Jisso Information for WSOF5. This pad is GND pin, therefore there is a possibility that LSI malfunctions and heavy-current is generated.

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Ordering part number



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