**Features**
- Ballast control and half bridge driver in one IC
- Programmable preheat frequency
- Programmable preheat time
- Internal ignition ramp
- Programmable over-current threshold
- Programmable run frequency
- Programmable dead time
- DC bus under-voltage reset
- Shutdown pin with hysteresis
- Internal 15.6V zener clamp diode on Vcc
- Micropower startup (150 µA)
- Latch immunity and ESD protection

**Description**
The IR2156 incorporates a high voltage half-bridge gate driver with a programmable oscillator and state diagram to form a complete ballast control IC. The IR2156 features include programmable preheat and run frequencies, programmable preheat time, programmable dead-time, and programmable over-current protection. Comprehensive protection features such as protection from failure of a lamp to strike, filament failures, as well as an automatic restart function, have been included in the design.

**Packages**
- IR2156SPBF
  - SOICN14
- IR2156PBF
  - PDIP14

**Application Diagram**

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**IR2156**

- V\(_{BUS(+)}\)  
- R\(_{BUS}\)  
- R\(_{SUPPLY}\)  
- R\(_{UM}\)  
- D\(_{ROOT}\)  
- V\(_{B}\)  
- H\(_{O}\)  
- V\(_{C}\)  
- V\(_{DC}\)  
- V\(_{C}\)  
- V\(_{DC}\)  
- R\(_{PH}\)  
- R\(_{PH}\)  
- C\(_{PH}\)  
- C\(_{PH}\)  
- R\(_{C}\)  
- R\(_{C}\)  
- C\(_{C}\)  
- C\(_{C}\)  
- L\(_{RES}\)  
- R\(_{RES}\)  
- D\(_{CP}\)  
- V\(_{BUS(-)}\)
### Absolute Maximum Ratings

Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate sustained limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. All voltage parameters are absolute voltages referenced to COM, all currents are defined positive into any lead. The Thermal Resistance and Power Dissipation ratings are measured under board mounted and still air conditions.

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Note 1: This IC contains a zener clamp structure between the chip VCC and COM which has a nominal breakdown voltage of 15.6V. Please note that this supply pin should not be driven by a DC, low impedance power source greater than the VCLAMP specified in the Electrical Characteristics section.
#### Recommended Operating Conditions

For proper operation the device should be used within the recommended conditions.

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<td>TJ</td>
<td>Junction temperature</td>
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Note 2: Enough current should be supplied into the VCC pin to keep the internal 15.6V zener clamp diode on this pin regulating at its voltage, VCLAMP.

#### Electrical Characteristics

\( VCC = VBS = VBias = 14V \pm 0.25V, VVDc=Open, RT=40K\Omega, RPH=100K\Omega, CT=470\ pF, VCPH=0.0V, VSD=0.0V, VCS=0.0V, CLO=CHO=1000\ pF, TA=25C \) unless otherwise specified.

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<td>VCC supply undervoltage lockout hysteresis</td>
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<td>UVLO mode quiescent current</td>
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#### Floating Supply Characteristics

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## Electrical Characteristics

VCC = VBS = VBIAS = 14V +/- 0.25V, VVDC=Open, RT=40KΩ, RPH=100KΩ, CT=470 pF, VCPH=0.0V, VSD=0.0V, VCS=0.0V, CLO=CHO=1000 pF, TA=25C unless otherwise specified.

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<td>Oscillator duty cycle</td>
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<td>%</td>
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Electrical Characteristics

$V_{CC} = V_{BS} = V_{BIAS} = 14V \pm 0.25V$, $V_{VDC}=Open$, $RT=39K\Omega$, $RPH=100K\Omega$, $CT=470\ pF$, $V_{CPH}=0.0V$, $V_{SD}=0.0V$, $V_{CS}=0.0V$, $CLO=CHO=1000\ pF$, $TA=25C$ unless otherwise specified.

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**Pin Assignments & Definitions**

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State Diagram

Power Turned On

UVLO Mode
\( \frac{1}{2}\)-Bridge Off
\( I_{QCC} \approx 120\mu A \)
\( CPH = 0V \)
\( CT = 0V \) (Oscillator Off)

PREHEAT Mode
\( \frac{1}{2}\)-Bridge oscillating @ \( f_{PH} \)
RPH // RT
CPH Charging @ \( I_{CPH} = 5 \mu A \)
CS Enabled @ \( CPH > 7.5V \)
\( R_{VCC} \) to COM = 12.6kΩ @ \( CPH > 7.5V \)

Ignition Ramp Mode
RPH = Open
\( f_{PH} \) ramps to \( f_{RUN} \)
CPH charging

RUN Mode
RPH = Open
\( 1/2\)-Bridge Oscillating @ \( f_{RUN} \)

FAULT Mode
Fault Latch Set
\( \frac{1}{2}\)-Bridge Off
\( I_{QCC} \approx 180\mu A \)
\( CPH = 0V \)
\( VCC = 15.6V \)
\( CT = 0V \) (Oscillator Off)

CS > 1.3V
(Lamp Removal)
or
\( SD > 5.1V \)
or
\( VCC < 9.5V \) (UV-)
(Power Turned Off)

CS > 1.3V
(Failure to Strike Lamp)

CS > 1.3V
(Lamp Fault)

VCC > 11.5V (UV+)
and
SD < 5.1V

VCC < 9.5V
(VCC Fault or Power Down)
or
\( SD > 5.1V \)
(Lamp Fault or Lamp Removal)

VCC > 10V
(End of PREHEAT Mode)

VCC > 13V
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TIMING DIAGRAMS
NORMAL OPERATION

VCC
15.6V
UVLO+
UVLO-

VDC

VCC
7.5V

CPH

FREQ

HO
LO

CS
1.25V

Over-Current Threshold

UVLO
PH
RUN
UVLO

RT

RPH

CT

HO
LO
CS

RT

RPH

CT

HO
LO
CS

RT

RPH

CT

HO
LO
CS

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Characterization Data

Graph 1. CT vs Dead Time (IR2156)

Graph 2. \( I_{CC} \) vs Frequency (IR2156)

Graph 3. Frequency vs \( V_{CPH} \) (IR2156)

Graph 4. Frequency vs VDC (IR2156)
Characterization Data

Graph 5. $I_{CPH}$ vs $V_{CPH}$ (IR2156)

Graph 6. Frequency vs RT (IR2156)

Graph 7. $I_{QCC}$ vs $V_{CC}$ (IR2156)

Graph 8. $I_{QBS}$ vs $V_{BS}$ vs Temp (IR2156)
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Graph 9. $V_{GS\text{TH}+}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)

Graph 10. $R_{DT}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)

Graph 11. $R_{DC\text{+}}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)

Graph 12. $U_{V\text{+}}, U_{V\text{-}}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)
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Graph 13. $SD^+$, $SD^-$ vs Temperature (IR2156)

Graph 14. $I_{OX}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)

Graph 15. $I_{OCC}$ vs $V_{CC}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)

Graph 16. $I_{OCC}$ vs $V_{CC}$ vs Temperature (IR2156) Internal Zener Diode Curve
Characterization Data

Graph 17. $I_{QCC}$ vs $V_{CC}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)

Graph 18. $I_{QCC}$ vs $V_{CC}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)

Graph 19. $F_{OSC}$ vs $V_{CC}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)

Graph 20. $F_{OSC}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)
Characterization Data

Graph 21. $I_{CPH}$ vs $V_{CC}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)
$V_{CPH} = V_{CC}$

Graph 22. $I_{CPH}$ vs $V_{CC}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)
$V_{CPH} = 0V$

Graph 23. $t_{DEAD}$ vs $V_{CC}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)
$C_{T} = 1nF$

Graph 24. $t_{RISE(HI)}$ vs $V_{CC}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)
Characterization Data

Graph 25. $I_{FALL\,(LO)}$ vs $V_{CC}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)

Graph 26. $I_{RISE\,(LO)}$ vs $V_{CC}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)

Graph 27. $I_{FALL\,(LO)}$ vs $V_{CC}$ vs Temperature (IR2156)
Functional Description

Under-voltage Lock-out Mode (UVLO)

The under-voltage lock-out mode (UVLO) is defined as the state the IC is in when VCC is below the turn-on threshold of the IC. To identify the different modes of the IC, refer to the State Diagram shown on page 2 of this document. The IR2156 undervoltage lock-out is designed to maintain an ultra low supply current of less than 200uA, and to guarantee the IC is fully functional before the high and low side output drivers are activated. Figure 1 shows an efficient supply voltage using the start-up current of the IRS2156 together with a charge pump from the ballast output stage (RSUPPLY, C VCC, D CP1 and D CP2).

The start-up capacitor (C VCC) is charged by current through supply resistor (RSUPPLY) minus the start-up current drawn by the IC. This resistor is chosen to provide 2X the maximum start-up current to guarantee ballast start-up at low line input voltage. Once the capacitor voltage on VCC reaches the start-up threshold VCCUV+, and the SD pin is below VSDTH-, the IC turns on and HO and LO begin to oscillate. The capacitor begins to discharge due to the increase in IC operating current (Figure 2).

During the discharge cycle, the rectified current from the charge pump charges the capacitor above the IC turn-off threshold. The charge pump and the internal 15.6V zener clamp of the IC take over as the supply voltage. The start-up capacitor and snubber capacitor must be selected such that enough supply current is available over all ballast operating conditions. An external bootstrap diode (D BOOT) and the supply capacitor (C BOOT) comprise the supply voltage for the high side driver circuitry. To guarantee that the high-side supply is charged up before the first pulse on pin HO, the first pulse from the output drivers comes from the LO pin. During undervoltage lock-out mode, the high- and low-side driver outputs HO and LO are both low, pin CT is connected internally to COM to disable the oscillator, and pin CPH is connected internally to COM for resetting the preheat time.

Preheat Mode (PH)

The preheat mode is defined as the state the IC is in when the lamp filaments are being heated to their correct emission temperature. This is necessary for maximizing lamp life and reducing the required ignition voltage. The IR2156 enters preheat mode when VCC exceeds the VCCUV+ positive-going threshold. HO and LO begin to oscillate at the preheat frequency with 50% duty cycle and with a dead-time which is set by the value of the external timing capacitor, CT, and internal deadtime resistor, RDT. Pin CPH is disconnected from COM and an internal 4uA current source (Figure 3) charges the external preheat timing capacitor on CPH linearly. The over-current protection on pin CS is disabled during preheat.

The preheat frequency is determined by the parallel combination of resistors RT and RPH, together with timing capacitor CT. CT charges and discharges between 1/3 and 3/5 of VCC (see Timing Diagram, page 9). CT is charged exponentially through the parallel combination of RT and RPH connected internally to VCC through MOSFET S1. The charge time of CT from 1/3 to 3/5 VCC is the on-time of the respective output gate driver, HO or LO. Once CT exceeds 3/5 VCC, MOSFET S1 is turned off, disconnecting RT and RPH from VCC. CT is then discharged exponentially through an internal resistor, RDT, through MOSFET S3 to COM. The discharge time of CT from 3/5 to 1/3 VCC is the dead-time (both off) of the output gate drivers, HO and LO. The selected value of CT together with RDT therefore program the desired dead-time (see Design Equations, page 12, Equations 1 and 2). Once CT discharges below 1/3 VCC, MOSFET S3 is turned off, disconnecting RDT from COM, and MOSFET S1 is turned on, connecting RT and RPH again to VCC. The frequency remains at the preheat frequency until the voltage on pin CPH exceeds 13V and the IC enters Ignition Mode. During the preheat mode, both the over-current protection and the
DC bus under-voltage reset are enabled when pin CPH exceeds 7.5V.

**Ignition Mode (IGN)**

The ignition mode is defined as the state the IC is in when a high voltage is being established across the lamp necessary for igniting the lamp. The IR2156 enters ignition mode when the voltage on pin CPH exceeds 13V.

![Ignition circuitry](image)

**Run Mode (RUN)**

Once the lamp has successfully ignited, the ballast enters run mode. The run mode is defined as the state the IC is in when the lamp arc is established and the lamp is being driven to a given power level. The run mode oscillating frequency is determined by the timing resistor RT and timing capacitor CT (see Design Equations, page 12, Equations 3 and 4). Should hard-switching occur at the half-bridge at any time due to an open-filament or lamp removal, the voltage across the current sensing resistor, RCS, will exceed the internal threshold of 1.3V and the IC will enter FAULT mode. Both gate driver outputs, HO and LO, will be latched low.

**DC Bus Under-voltage Reset**

Should the DC bus decrease too low during a brown-out line condition or over-load condition, the resonant output stage to the lamp can shift near or below resonance. This can produce hard-switching at the half-bridge which can damage the half-bridge switches. To protect against this, pin VDC measures the DC bus voltage and pulls down on pin CPH linearly as the voltage on pin VDC decreases 10.9V below VCC. This causes the p-channel MOSFET S4 (Figure 4) to close as the DC bus increases and the frequency to shift higher to a safe operating point above resonance. The DC bus level at which the frequency shifting occurs is set by the external RBUS resistor and internal RVDC resistor. By pulling down on pin CPH, the ignition ramp is also reset. Therefore, should the lamp extinguish due to very low DC bus levels, the lamp will be automatically ignited as the DC bus increases again. The internal RVDC resistor is connected between pin VDC and COM when CPH exceeds 7.5V (during preheat mode).

**Fault Mode (FAULT)**

Should the voltage at the current sensing pin, CS, exceed 1.3V at any time after the preheat mode, the IC enters fault mode and both gate driver outputs, HO and LO, are latched in the 'low' state. CPH is discharged to COM for resetting the preheat time, and CT is discharged to COM for disabling the oscillator. To exit fault mode, VCC must be recycled back below the UVLO negative-going turn-off threshold, or, the shutdown pin, SD, must be pulled above VSDTH+. Either of these will force the IC to enter UVLO mode (see State Diagram, page 2). Once VCC is above VCCUV+ and SD is below 4.5V, the IC will begin oscillating again in the preheat mode.
Design Equations

Note: The results from the following design equations can differ slightly from experimental measurements due to IC tolerances, component tolerances, and oscillator over- and under-shoot due to internal comparator response time.

For additional design support for different lamp types and AC line input configurations, including component calculations, schematics, bill of materials and inductor specifications, please download IR’s Ballast Design Assistant (BDA) software at www.irf.com.

Step 1: Program Dead-time

The dead-time between the gate driver outputs HO and LO is programmed with timing capacitor CT and an internal dead-time resistor RDT. The dead-time is the discharge time of capacitor CT from 3/5VCC to 1/3VCC and is given as:

\[ t_{DT} = C_T \cdot 2000 \] [Seconds] (1)

Or,

\[ C_T = \frac{t_{DT}}{2000} \] [Farads] (2)

Step 2: Program Run Frequency

The final run frequency is programmed with timing resistor RT and timing capacitor CT. The charge time of capacitor CT from 1/3VCC to 3/5VCC determines the on-time of HO and LO gate driver outputs. The run frequency is therefore given as:

\[ f_{RUN} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot C_T (0.6 \cdot R_T + 2000)} \] [Hertz] (3)

Or,

\[ R_T = \frac{1}{1.12 \cdot C_T \cdot f_{RUN} - 3333} \] [Ohms] (4)

Step 3: Program Preheat Frequency

The preheat frequency is programmed with timing resistors RT and RPH, and timing capacitor CT. The timing resistors are connected in parallel internally for the duration of the preheat time. The preheat frequency is therefore given as:

\[ f_{PH} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot C_T \left( 0.51 \cdot R_T \cdot R_{PH} + 2000 \right)} \] [Hertz] (5)

Or,

\[ R_{PH} = \left( \frac{1}{1.12 \cdot C_T \cdot f_{PH} - 3333} \right) \cdot R_T \] [Ohms] (6)

Step 4: Program Preheat Time

The preheat time is defined by the time it takes for the capacitor on pin CPH to charge up to 13 volts. An internal current source of 5uA flows out of pin CPH. The preheat time is therefore given as:

\[ t_{PH} = C_{PH} \cdot 3.02e-6 \] [Seconds] (7)

Or,

\[ C_{PH} = t_{PH} \cdot 0.33e-6 \] [Farads] (8)

Step 5: Program Maximum Ignition Current

The maximum ignition current is programmed with the external resistor RCS and an internal threshold of 1.25 volts (VCSTH+). This threshold determines the over-current limit of the ballast, which can be exceeded when the frequency ramps down towards resonance during ignition and the lamp does not ignite. The maximum ignition current is given as:

\[ I_{IGN} = \frac{1.25}{R_{CS}} \] [Amps Peak] (9)

Or,

\[ R_{CS} = \frac{1.25}{I_{IGN}} \] [Ohms] (10)
Qualification: Lead-free MSL3, industrial

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