## 5400 PIXELS $\times 3$ COLOR CCD LINEAR IMAGE SENSOR

## DESCRIPTION

The $\mu$ PD8861 is a color CCD (Charge Coupled Device) linear image sensor which changes optical images to electrical signal and has the function of color separation.

The $\mu$ PD8861 has 3 rows of 5400 pixels, and each row has a single-sided readout type of charge transfer register. And it has reset feed-through level clamp circuits and voltage amplifiers. Therefore, it is suitable for $600 \mathrm{dpi} / \mathrm{A} 4$ color image scanners, color facsimiles and so on.

## FEATURES

- Valid photocell $: 5400$ pixels $\times 3$
- Photocell pitch $: 5.25 \mu \mathrm{~m}$
- Photocell size $: 5.25 \times 5.25 \mu \mathrm{~m}^{2}$
- Line spacing $\quad: 42 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ (8 lines) Red line - Green line, Green line - Blue line
- Color filter : Primary colors (red, green and blue), pigment filter (with light resistance $10^{7} \mathrm{Ix} \cdot \mathrm{hour}$ )
- Resolution : $24 \mathrm{dot} / \mathrm{mm}$ A4 $(210 \times 297 \mathrm{~mm})$ size (shorter side)

600 dpi US letter ( 8.5 " $\times 11^{\prime \prime}$ ) size (shorter side)

- Drive clock level : CMOS output under 5 V operation
- Data rate : 6 MHz Max.
- Power supply : +12 V
- On-chip circuits : Reset feed-through level clamp circuits Voltage amplifiers


## ORDERING INFORMATION

| Part Number | Package |
| :--- | :---: |
| $\mu$ PD8861CY | CCD linear image sensor 22-pin plastic DIP $(10.16 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{(400)})$ |

## BLOCK DIAGRAM



## PIN CONFIGURATION (Top View)

CCD linear image sensor 22-pin plastic DIP (10.16 mm (400))

- $\mu$ PD8861CY

| Output signal 3 (Red) | Vout3 | 1 |  |  |  | 22 | Vout2 | Output signal 2 (Green) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Groun | GND | 2 | - | $\leftharpoondown$ | - | 21 | Vout1 | Output signal 1 (Blue) |
| Reset gate clock | $\phi \mathrm{RB}$ | 3 |  |  |  | 20 | Vod | Output drain voltage |
| Reset feed-through level clamp clock | $\phi$ CLB | 4 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { D } \\ & \text { 区 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \widetilde{(1} \\ & \stackrel{\nu}{ \pm} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{0}{\bar{D}}$ | 19 | NC | No connection |
| Last stage shift register clock | $\phi 1 \mathrm{~L}$ | 5 |  |  |  | 18 | NC | No connection |
| No connection NC 6 |  |  |  |  |  | 17 | NC | No connection |
| No connectio | NC | 7 |  |  |  | 16 | NC | No connection |
| Shift register clock | $\phi 2$ | 8 |  |  |  | 15 | $\phi 2$ | Shift register clock 2 |
| Shift register clock | $\phi 1$ | 9 |  |  |  | 14 | $\phi 1$ | Shift register clock 1 |
| Transfer gate clock (for Red) | $\phi$ TG3 | 10 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O } \\ & \text { O } \end{aligned}$ | O+ | ষ্ণ | 13 | $\phi$ TG1 | Transfer gate clock 1 (for Blue) |
| Groun | GND | 11 |  |  |  | 12 | $\phi$ TG2 | Transfer gate clock 2 (for Green) |

## PHOTOCELL STRUCTURE DIAGRAM



## PHOTOCELL ARRAY STRUCTURE DIAGRAM

 (Line spacing)

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS ( $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+\mathbf{+ 2 5 ^ { \circ }} \mathbf{C}$ )

| Parameter | Symbol | Ratings | Unit |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Output drain voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{oD}}$ | -0.3 to +15 | V |
| Shift register clock voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\phi 1,}, \mathrm{~V}_{\phi 22}, \mathrm{~V}_{\phi 1 \mathrm{~L}}$ | -0.3 to +8 | V |
| Reset gate clock voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\phi \mathrm{RB}}$ | -0.3 to +8 | V |
| Reset feed-through level clamp clock <br> voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\phi \mathrm{CLB}}$ | -0.3 to +8 | V |
| Transfer gate clock voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\phi \text { TG1 }}$ to $\mathrm{V}_{\phi \text { TG } 3}$ | -0.3 to +8 | 0 to +60 |
| Operating ambient temperature | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}$ | -40 to +70 | V |
| Storage temperature | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{stg}}$ | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |

Caution Product quality may suffer if the absolute maximum rating is exceeded even momentarily for any parameter. That is, the absolute maximum ratings are rated values at which the product is on the verge of suffering physical damage, and therefore the product must be used under conditions that ensure that the absolute maximum ratings are not exceeded.

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS ( $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ )

| Parameter | Symbol | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Output drain voltage | Vod | 11.4 | 12.0 | 12.6 | V |
| Shift register clock high level | $\mathrm{V}_{\phi 1 \mathrm{H},} \mathrm{V}_{\phi 2 \mathrm{H},} \mathrm{V}_{\phi \text { 1 }}$ | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.5 | V |
| Shift register clock low level | $\mathrm{V}_{\phi 1 \mathrm{~L}}, \mathrm{~V}_{\phi 2 \mathrm{~L}}, \mathrm{~V}_{\phi 1 \mathrm{LL}}$ | -0.3 | 0 | +0.5 | V |
| Reset gate clock high level | $\mathrm{V}_{\phi \text { RBH }}$ | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.5 | V |
| Reset gate clock low level | $\mathrm{V}_{\phi \text { RBL }}$ | -0.3 | 0 | +0.5 | V |
| Reset feed-through level clamp clock high level | $\mathrm{V}_{\phi \text { CLBH }}$ | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.5 | V |
| Reset feed-through level clamp clock low level | $\mathrm{V}_{\phi \text { CLBL }}$ | -0.3 | 0 | +0.5 | V |
| Transfer gate clock high level | $\mathrm{V}_{\phi \text { TG1 }}$ to $\mathrm{V}_{\phi \text { TG3 }}$ | 4.5 | $\mathrm{V}_{\phi \text { 1 }}{ }^{\text {Note }}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\phi \text { 1H }}{ }^{\text {Note }}$ | V |
| Transfer gate clock low level | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {¢ TG1L }}$ to $\mathrm{V}_{\text {¢TG3L }}$ | -0.3 | 0 | +0.3 | V |
| Data rate | $\mathrm{f}_{\phi} \mathrm{RB}$ | - | 1.0 | 6.0 | MHz |

Note When Transfer gate clock high level ( $\mathrm{V}_{\phi \text { TG1H }}$ to $\mathrm{V}_{\phi \text { TG3H }}$ ) is higher than Shift register clock high level $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\phi 1 H}\right)$, Image lag can increase.

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$\binom{\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{Vod}=12 \mathrm{~V}$, data rate $\left(\mathrm{f}_{\phi} \mathrm{RB}\right)=1 \mathrm{MHz}$, storage time $=5.5 \mathrm{~ms}$, input signal clock $=5 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{p},}}{$ light source $: 3200 \mathrm{~K}$ halogen lamp $+\mathrm{C}-500 \mathrm{~S}$ (infrared cut filter, $\mathrm{t}=1 \mathrm{~mm})+$ HA-50 (heat absorbing filter, $\mathrm{t}=3 \mathrm{~mm})}$

| Parameter |  | Symbol | Test Conditions | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Saturation voltage |  | $V_{\text {sat }}$ |  | 2.0 | 2.5 | - | V |
| Saturation exposure | Red | SER |  | - | 0.420 | - | Ix*s |
|  | Green | SEG |  | - | 0.429 | - | Ix*s |
|  | Blue | SEB |  | - | 0.739 | - | 1x*s |
| Photo response non-uniformity |  | PRNU | Vout $=1.0 \mathrm{~V}$ | - | 6 | 20 | \% |
| Average dark signal |  | ADS | Light shielding | - | 0.2 | 2.0 | mV |
| Dark signal non-uniformity |  | DSNU | Light shielding | - | 1.5 | 5.0 | mV |
| Power consumption |  | Pw |  | - | 360 | 540 | mW |
| Output impedance |  | Zo |  | - | 0.35 | 1 | k $\Omega$ |
| Response | Red | RR |  | 4.15 | 5.94 | 7.72 | $\mathrm{V} / \mathrm{x} \cdot \mathrm{s}$ |
|  | Green | $\mathrm{Rg}_{\mathrm{g}}$ |  | 4.07 | 5.82 | 7.57 | V/Ix-s |
|  | Blue | Rв |  | 2.36 | 3.38 | 4.39 | V/Ix-s |
| Image lag |  | IL | Vout $=1.0 \mathrm{~V}$ | - | 1.5 | 7.0 | \% |
| Offset level ${ }^{\text {Note } 1}$ |  | Vos |  | 4.0 | 5.5 | 7.0 | V |
| Output fall delay time ${ }^{\text {Note } 2}$ |  | td | Vout $=1.0 \mathrm{~V}$ | - | 25 | - | ns |
| Total transfer efficiency |  | TTE | Vout $=1.0 \mathrm{~V}$, data rate $=6 \mathrm{MHz}$ | 92 | 98 | - | \% |
| Response peak | Red |  |  | - | 630 | - | nm |
|  | Green |  |  | - | 540 | - | nm |
|  | Blue |  |  | - | 460 | - | nm |
| Dynamic range |  | DR1 | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {sat }} /$ DSNU | - | 1666 | - | times |
|  |  | DR2 | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {sat }} / \sigma$ CDS | - | 2777 | - | times |
| Reset feed-through noise ${ }^{\text {Note } 1}$ |  | RFTN | Light shielding | 0 | 750 | 1500 | mV |
| Random noise (CDS) |  | $\sigma$ CDS | Light shielding, bit clamp mode | - | 0.9 | - | mV |

Notes 1. Refer to TIMING CHART 2, 3.
2. When the fall time of $\phi 1 \mathrm{~L}\left(\mathrm{t} 1^{\prime}\right)$ is the Typ. value (refer to TIMING CHART 2, 3).

INPUT PIN CAPACITANCE ( $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+\mathbf{2 5}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{Vod}=\mathbf{1 2} \mathrm{V}$ )

| Parameter | Symbol | Pin name | Pin No. | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shift register clock pin capacitance 1 | $\mathrm{C}_{\phi 1}$ | $\phi 1$ | 9 | - | 300 | - | pF |
|  |  |  | 14 | - | 300 | - | pF |
| Shift register clock pin capacitance 2 | $\mathrm{C}_{\phi 2}$ | $\phi 2$ | 8 | - | 300 | - | pF |
|  |  |  | 15 | - | 300 | - | pF |
| Last stage shift register clock pin capacitance | $\mathrm{C}_{\phi}$ L | $\phi 1 \mathrm{~L}$ | 5 | - | 10 | - | pF |
| Reset gate clock pin capacitance | $\mathrm{C}_{\phi \text { RB }}$ | $\phi$ RB | 3 | - | 10 | - | pF |
| Reset feed-through level clamp clock pin capacitance | $\mathrm{C}_{\phi \text { CLB }}$ | $\phi$ CLB | 4 | - | 10 | - | pF |
| Transfer gate clock pin capacitance | $\mathrm{C}_{\text {¢ }}$ TG | $\phi$ TG1 | 13 | - | 100 | - | pF |
|  |  | $\phi$ TG2 | 12 | - | 100 | - | pF |
|  |  | $\phi$ TG3 | 10 | - | 100 | - | pF |

Remark Pin 9 and $14(\phi 1), 8$ and $15(\phi 2)$ are each connected inside of the device.


Note Set the $\phi$ RB and $\phi$ CLB (Bit clamp mode) to high level during this period.
And stop the $\phi$ RB pulse while the $\phi$ CLB pulse is low level at line clamp mode.

Remark Inverse pulse of the $\phi$ TG1 to $\phi$ TG3 can be used as $\phi$ CLB at line clamp mode.

TIMING CHART 2 (Bit clamp mode, for each color)


| Symbol | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{t} 1, \mathrm{t} 2$ | 0 | 25 | - | ns |
| t1', t2' | 0 | 5 | - | ns |
| t3 | 20 | 200 | - | ns |
| t 4 | 40 | 300 | - | ns |
| t5, t6 | 0 | 5 | - | ns |
| t7 | $-5^{\text {Note }}$ | 50 | - | ns |
| t 8 | 35 | 200 | - | ns |
| t9, t10 | 0 | 5 | - | ns |
| t 11 | 10 | 50 | - | ns |

Note Min. of t 7 shows that the $\phi \mathrm{RB}$ and $\phi$ CLB overlap each other.


TIMING CHART 3 (Line clamp mode, for each color)


| Symbol | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{t} 1, \mathrm{t} 2$ | 0 | 25 | - | ns |
| t1', t2' | 0 | 5 | - | ns |
| t3 | 20 | 200 | - | ns |
| t4 | 40 | 300 | - | ns |
| t5, t6 | 0 | 5 | - | ns |

## * TIMING CHART 4



| Symbol | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{t} 7 \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{t} 10$ | $-5^{\text {Note } 3}$ | 50 | - | ns |
| t 9 t 11 | 0 | 5 | - | ns |
| t 12 | 10 | 50 | - | ns |
| $\mathrm{t} 13, \mathrm{t} 14$ | 3000 | 10000 | 50000 | ns |
| $\mathrm{t} 15, \mathrm{t} 16$ | 0 | 50 | - | ns |
| $\mathrm{t} 17, \mathrm{t} 18$ | 900 | 1000 | - | ns |
| t 19 | 200 | 400 | - | ns |
| $\mathrm{t} 20, \mathrm{t} 21$ | t 12 | t 12 | 50000 | ns |
| $\mathrm{t} 22, \mathrm{t} 23$ | 0 | 50 | - | ns |

Notes 1. Set the $\phi \mathrm{RB}$ and $\phi$ CLB (Bit clamp mode) to high level during this period.
2. Stop the $\phi$ RB pulse during this period.
3. Min. of $t 7$ shows that the $\phi$ RB and $\phi$ CLB overlap each other.

Remark Inverse pulse of the $\phi$ TG1 to $\phi$ TG3 can be used as $\phi$ CLB.
$\star \quad \phi 1, \phi 2$ cross points

$\phi 1 \mathrm{~L}, \phi 2$ cross points


Remark Adjust cross points ( $\phi 1, \phi 2$ ) and ( $\phi 1 \mathrm{~L}, \phi 2$ ) with input resistance of each pin.

## DEFINITIONS OF CHARACTERISTIC ITEMS

1. Saturation voltage : Vsat

Output signal voltage at which the response linearity is lost.
2. Saturation exposure: SE

Product of intensity of illumination (lx) and storage time (s) when saturation of output voltage occurs.
3. Photo response non-uniformity: PRNU

The output signal non-uniformity of all the valid pixels when the photosensitive surface is applied with the light of uniform illumination. This is calculated by the following formula.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{PRNU}(\%)=\frac{\Delta \mathrm{x}}{\overline{\mathrm{x}}} \times 100 \\
& \Delta x \text { : maximum of }\left|\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{j}}-\overline{\mathrm{x}}\right| \\
& \bar{x}=\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{5400} x_{j}}{5400} \\
& \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{j}} \text { : Output voltage of valid pixel number } \mathrm{j}
\end{aligned}
$$

## 4. Average dark signal : ADS

Average output signal voltage of all the valid pixels at light shielding. This is calculated by the following formula.

$$
\operatorname{ADS}(\mathrm{mV})=\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{5400} \mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{j}}}{5400}
$$

5. Dark signal non-uniformity: DSNU

Absolute maximum of the difference between ADS and voltage of the highest or lowest output pixel of all the valid pixels at light shielding. This is calculated by the following formula.

DSNU (mV) : maximum of $\mid d_{j}-$ ADS $\left.\right|_{j=1 \text { to } 5400}$
$\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{j}}$ : Dark signal of valid pixel number j

6. Output impedance: Zo

Impedance of the output pins viewed from outside.
7. Response: R

Output voltage divided by exposure ( $\mathrm{Ix} \cdot \mathrm{s}$ ).
Note that the response varies with a light source (spectral characteristic).
8. Image lag: IL

The rate between the last output voltage and the next one after read out the data of a line.

$\mathrm{IL}(\%)=\frac{\mathrm{V}_{1}}{\text { Vout }} \times 100$
9. Random noise (CDS) : $\sigma C D S$

Random noise $\sigma$ CDS is defined as the standard deviation of a valid pixel output signal with 100 times (=100 lines) data sampling at dark (light shielding). $\sigma$ CDS is calculated by the following procedure.

1. One valid photocell in one reading is fixed as measurement point.
2. The output level is measured during the reset feed-through period which is averaged over 100 ns to get "VDi".
3. The output level is measured during the video output time averaged over 100 ns to get "VO".
4. The correlated double sampling output is defined by the following formula.

$$
\mathrm{VCDS}_{i}=\mathrm{VD}_{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{VO}_{i}
$$

5. Repeat the above procedure ( 1 to 4 ) for 100 times (= 100 lines).
6. Calculate the standard deviation $\sigma$ CDS using the following formula equation.

$$
\sigma \operatorname{CDS}(\mathrm{mV})=\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{100}\left(\mathrm{VCDS}_{\mathrm{i}}-\overline{\mathrm{V}}\right)^{2}}{100}}, \overline{\mathrm{~V}}=\frac{1}{100} \sum_{\mathrm{i}=1}^{100} \mathrm{VCDS}_{\mathrm{i}}
$$



## STANDARD CHARACTERISTIC CURVES (Nominal)



TOTAL SPECTRAL RESPONSE CHARACTERISTICS
(without infrared cut filter and heat absorbing filter) $\left(\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+\mathbf{2 5}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$


## APPLICATION CIRCUIT EXAMPLE



Remark The inverters shown in the above application circuit example are the 74 HCO (data rate $<2 \mathrm{MHz}$ ) or the $74 \mathrm{AC04}(2 \mathrm{MHz} \leq$ data rate $<6 \mathrm{MHz}$ ).


## PACKAGE DRAWING

CCD LINEAR IMAGE SENSOR 22-PIN PLASTIC DIP (10.16 mm (400))
(Unit : mm)


| Name | Dimensions | Refractive index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Plastic cap | $42.9 \times 8.35 \times 0.7^{※ 2}$ | 1.5 |

$※ 1$ The bottom of the package $\longrightarrow$ The surface of the chip
$\times 2$ The thickness of the cap over the chip

## RECOMMENDED SOLDERING CONDITIONS

When soldering this product, it is highly recommended to observe the conditions as shown below.
If other soldering processes are used, or if the soldering is performed under different conditions, please make sure to consult with our sales offices.

For more details, refer to our document "Semiconductor Device Mounting Technology Manual" (C10535E).

## Type of Through-hole Device

$\mu$ PD8861CY: CCD linear image sensor 22-pin plastic DIP (10.16 mm (400))

| Process | Conditions |
| :---: | :--- |
| Partial heating method | Pin temperature $: 300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ or below, Heat time : 3 seconds or less (per pin) |

Caution During assembly care should be taken to prevent solder or flux from contacting the plastic cap. The optical characteristics could be degraded by such contact.

## NOTES ON CLEANING THE PLASTIC CAP

## (1) CLEANING THE PLAStIC CAP

Care should be taken when cleaning the surface to prevent scratches.
The optical characteristics of the CCD will be degraded if the cap is scratched during cleaning.

We recommend cleaning the cap with a soft cloth moistened with one of the recommended solvents below. Excessive pressure should not be applied to the cap during cleaning. If the cap requires multiple cleanings it is recommended that a clean surface or cloth be used.

## (2) RECOMMENDED SOLVENTS

The following are the recommended solvents for cleaning the CCD plastic cap. Use of solvents other than these could result in optical or physical degradation in the plastic cap. Please consult your sales office when considering an alternative solvent.

| Solvents | Symbol |
| :--- | :--- |
| Ethyl Alcohol | EtOH |
| Methyl Alcohol | MeOH |
| Isopropyl Alcohol | IPA |
| N-methyl Pyrrolidone | NMP |

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## NOTES FOR CMOS DEVICES

## (1) PRECAUTION AGAINST ESD FOR SEMICONDUCTORS

Note:
Strong electric field, when exposed to a MOS device, can cause destruction of the gate oxide and ultimately degrade the device operation. Steps must be taken to stop generation of static electricity as much as possible, and quickly dissipate it once, when it has occurred. Environmental control must be adequate. When it is dry, humidifier should be used. It is recommended to avoid using insulators that easily build static electricity. Semiconductor devices must be stored and transported in an anti-static container, static shielding bag or conductive material. All test and measurement tools including work bench and floor should be grounded. The operator should be grounded using wrist strap. Semiconductor devices must not be touched with bare hands. Similar precautions need to be taken for PW boards with semiconductor devices on it.

## (2) HANDLING OF UNUSED INPUT PINS FOR CMOS

Note:
No connection for CMOS device inputs can be cause of malfunction. If no connection is provided to the input pins, it is possible that an internal input level may be generated due to noise, etc., hence causing malfunction. CMOS devices behave differently than Bipolar or NMOS devices. Input levels of CMOS devices must be fixed high or low by using a pull-up or pull-down circuitry. Each unused pin should be connected to VDD or GND with a resistor, if it is considered to have a possibility of being an output pin. All handling related to the unused pins must be judged device by device and related specifications governing the devices.

## (3) STATUS BEFORE INITIALIZATION OF MOS DEVICES

Note:
Power-on does not necessarily define initial status of MOS device. Production process of MOS does not define the initial operation status of the device. Immediately after the power source is turned ON, the devices with reset function have not yet been initialized. Hence, power-on does not guarantee out-pin levels, l/O settings or contents of registers. Device is not initialized until the reset signal is received. Reset operation must be executed immediately after power-on for devices having reset function.

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