CMOS linear image sensor
S8377/S8378 series

Built-in timing generator and signal processing circuit; single 5 V supply operation

S8377/S8378 series is a family of CMOS linear image sensors designed for image input applications. These linear image sensors operate from single 5 V supply with only start and clock pulse inputs, making them easy to use. The signal processing circuit has a charge amplifier with excellent input/output characteristics and allows signal readout at 500 kHz.

The photodiodes of S8377 series have a height of 0.5 mm and are arrayed in a row at a spacing of 50 μm. The photodiodes of S8378 series also have a height of 0.5 mm but are arrayed at a spacing of 25 μm. The photodiodes are available in 3 different pixel quantities for each series: 128 (S8377-128Q), 256 (S8377-256Q, S8378-256Q), 512 (S8377-512Q, S8378-512Q) and 1024 (S8378-1024Q). Quartz glass is the standard window material.

Features

- Wide active area
  Pixel pitch: 50 μm (S8377 series)
  　　　　　　　25 μm (S8378 series)
  Pixel height: 0.5 mm
- On-chip charge amplifier with excellent input/output characteristics
- Built-in timing generator allows operation with only start and clock pulse inputs
- Maximum operating clock frequency: 500 kHz
- Spectral response range: 200 to 1000 nm
- Single 5 V power supply operation
- 8-pin small package, S8377 and S8378 series are pin compatible.

Applications

- Image input devices
- Optical sensing devices

■ Absolute maximum ratings

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit
Supply voltage	Vdd	-0.3 to +10	V
Gain selection terminal voltage	Vg	-0.3 to +10	V
Clock pulse voltage	V (CLK)	-0.3 to +10	V
Start pulse voltage	V (ST)	-0.3 to +10	V
Operating temperature [1]	Topr	-20 to +60	°C
Storage temperature	Tstg	-20 to +80	°C

*1: No condensation

■ Shape specifications

Parameter	S8377-128Q	S8377-256Q	S8377-512Q	S8378-256Q	S8378-512Q	S8378-1024Q	Unit
Number of pixels	128	256	512	256	512	1024	-
Pixel pitch	50			25			μm
Pixel height	0.5						mm
Package length	15.8	22.2	35.0	15.8	22.2	35.0	mm
Number of pins	8			8			-
Window material	Quartz			Quartz			-

■ Recommended terminal voltage

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Supply voltage	Vdd	4.75	5	5.25	V
Gain selection terminal voltage — High gain	Vg	0	-	0.4	V
Gain selection terminal voltage — Low gain	Vg	Vdd-0.25	Vdd	Vdd+0.25	V
Clock pulse voltage — High	V (CLK)	Vdd-0.25	Vdd	Vdd+0.25	V
Clock pulse voltage — Low	V (CLK)	0	-	0.4	V
Start pulse voltage — High	V (ST)	Vdd-0.25	Vdd	Vdd+0.25	V
Start pulse voltage — Low	V (ST)	0	-	0.4	V

■ Electrical characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Clock pulse frequency *2	f (CLK)	0.1	-	500	kHz
Output impedance *3	Zo	-	1	-	kΩ
Power consumption	P	-	25	-	mW

*2: Ta=25 °C, Vdd=5 V, V (CLK)=V (ST)=5 V, Vg=5 V (Low gain)

*3: An increased current consumption at the video terminal rises the sensor chip temperature causing an increased dark current. Connect a buffer amplifier for impedance conversion to the video terminal so that the current flowing to the video terminal is minimized.
Use a JFET or CMOS input, high-impedance input op amp as the buffer amplifier.

■ Electrical and optical characteristics [Ta=25 °C, Vdd=5 V, V (CLK)=V (ST)=5 V]

Parameter	Symbol	S8377 series Min.	S8377 series Typ.	S8377 series Max.	S8378 series Min.	S8378 series Typ.	S8378 series Max.	Unit
Spectral response range	λ		200 to 1000			200 to 1000		nm
Peak sensitivity wavelength	λp	-	500	-	-	500	-	nm
Photo sensitivity — High gain	S	-	22	-	-	22	-	V/$lx \cdot$ s
Photo sensitivity — Low gain	S	-	4.4	-	-	4.4	-	V/$lx \cdot$ s
Dark current	ID	-	0.08	0.24	-	0.04	0.12	pA
Saturation charge	Qsat	-	12.5	-	-	6.3	-	pC
Feedback capacitance *4 of charge amplifier — High gain	Cf	-	1	-	-	0.5	-	PF
Feedback capacitance *4 of charge amplifier — Low gain	Cf	-	5	-	-	2.5	-	PF
Dark output voltage *5 — High gain	Vd	-	8.0	24	-	8.0	24	mV
Dark output voltage *5 — Low gain	Vd	-	1.6	4.8	-	1.6	4.8	mV
Saturation output voltage — High gain	Vsat	2.8	3.2	-	2.8	3.2	-	V
Saturation output voltage — Low gain	Vsat	2.1	2.5	-	2.1	2.5	-	V
Saturation exposure *6 — High gain	Esat	-	145	-	-	145	-	m$lx \cdot$ s
Saturation exposure *6 — Low gain	Esat	-	570	-	-	570	-	m$lx \cdot$ s
Readout noise — Low gain	Nr	-	0.1 (-128Q)	-	-	0.2 (-256Q)	-	mV rms
Readout noise — Low gain	Nr	-	0.15 (-256Q)	-	-	0.3 (-512Q)	-	mV rms
Readout noise — Low gain	Nr	-	0.2 (-512Q)	-	-	0.4 (-1024Q)	-	mV rms
Readout noise — High gain	Nr	-	0.4 (-128Q)	-	-	0.9 (-256Q)	-	mV rms
Readout noise — High gain	Nr	-	0.5 (-256Q)	-	-	1.3 (-512Q)	-	mV rms
Readout noise — High gain	Nr	-	0.8 (-512Q)	-	-	2.1 (-1024Q)	-	mV rms
Photo response non-uniformity *7	PRNU	-3	-	+3	-3	-	+3	%

*4: Vg=5 V (Low gain), Vg=0 V (High gain)

*5: Storage time Ts=100 ms

*6: Measured with a tungsten lamp of 2856 K.

*7: Photo response non-uniformity is defined under the condition that the device is uniformly illuminated by light which is 50 % of the saturation exposure level as follows:
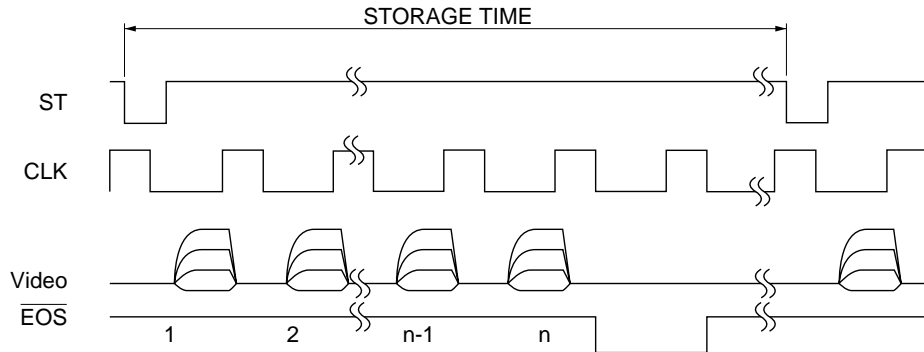PRNU= ΔX/X × 100 (%)
X: the average output of all pixels, ΔX: difference between X and maximum or minimum output and X

■ Spectral response (typical example)


(Typ. Ta=25 °C)

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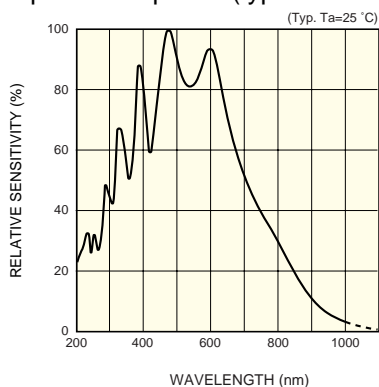
■ Timing chart

The storage time is determined by the start pulse intervals. However, since the charge storage of each pixel is carried out between the signal readout of that pixel and the next signal readout of the same pixel, the start time of charge storage differs depending on each pixel. In addition, the next start pulse cannot be input until signal readout from all pixels is completed.
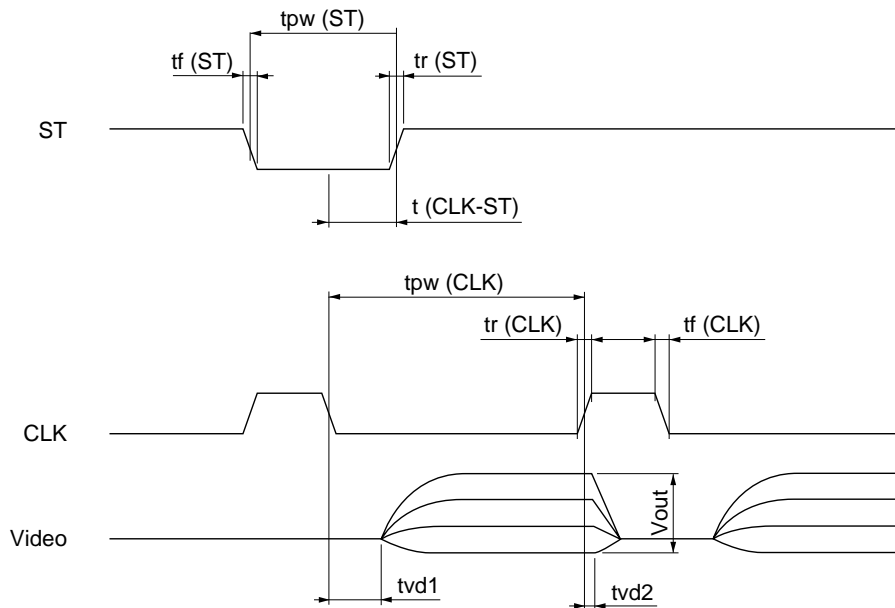
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Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Start pulse width	tpw (ST)	600 ns	-	10 ms	-
Start pulse rise and fall time	tr (ST), tf (ST)	0	20	30	ns
Clock pulse width	tpw (CLK)	1000 ns	-	5 ms	-
Clock pulse rise and fall time	tr (CLK), tf (CLK)	0	20	30	ns
Clock pulse-start pulse timing	t (CLK-ST)	400 ns	-	5 ms	-
Video delay time 1	tvd1	200	300	400	ns
Video delay time 2	tvd2	50	150	250	ns

■ Block diagram
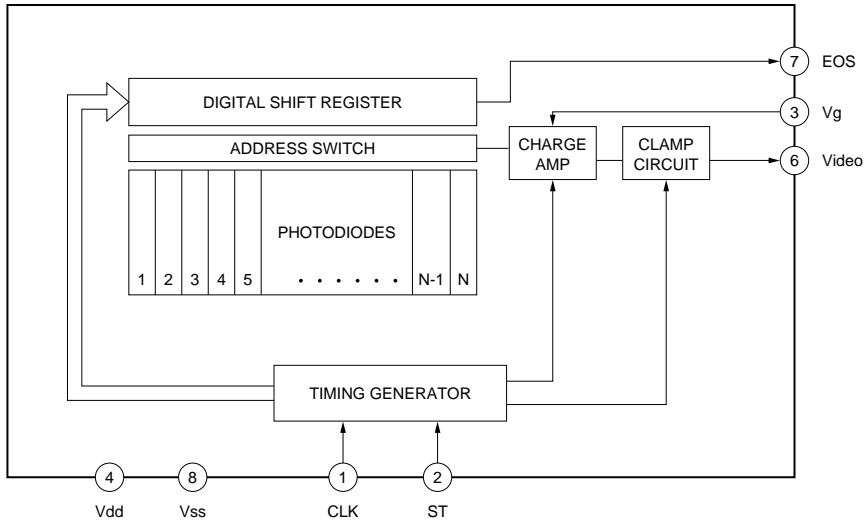
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■ Pin connections

Pin No.	Symbol	Name of pin	Function
1	CLK	Clock pulse	Pulse input to operate the shift register. The readout time (data rate) equals the clock pulse frequency.
2	ST	Start pulse	Starts the shift register operation. The start pulse intervals determine the signal storage time.
3	Vg	Gain selection voltage	Input of 5 V selects "Low gain" and 0 V selects "High gain"
4	Vdd	Supply voltage	5 V Typ.
5	NC		Open
6	Video	Video	Signal output. Positive-going output from 1 V
7	$\overline{\text{EOS}}$	End of scan	Negative-going signal output obtained at a timing following the last pixel scan.
8	Vss	Ground	
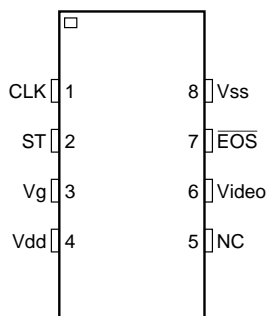
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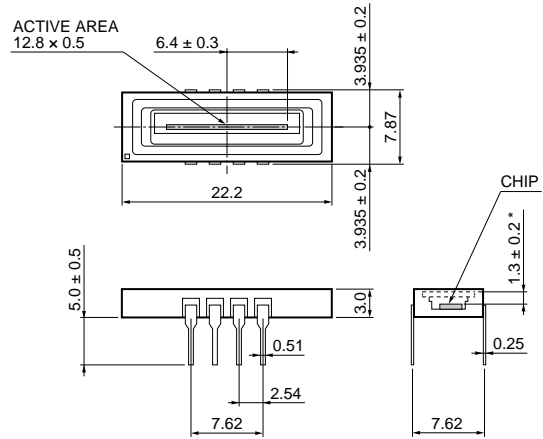## ■ Dimensional outlines (unit: mm)

S8377-128Q, S8378-256Q

ACTIVE AREA
6.4 × 0.5
3.2 ± 0.3
3.935 ± 0.2
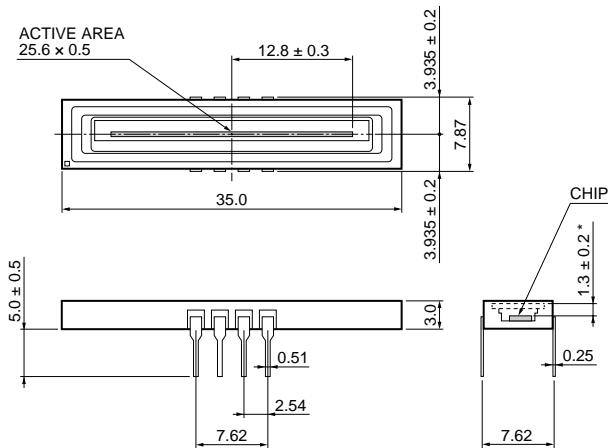7.87
3.935 ± 0.2
15.8

CHIP
1.3 ± 0.2 *
5.0 ± 0.5
3.0
0.51
0.25
2.54
7.62
7.62
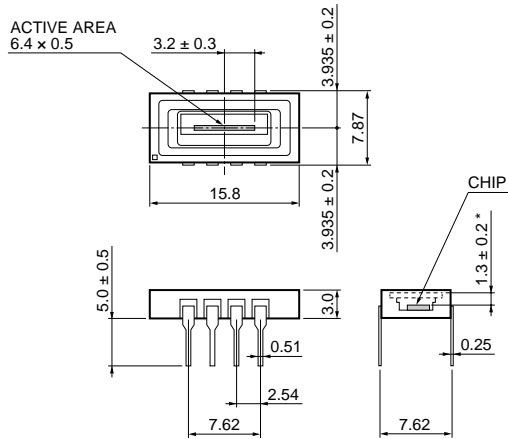
* Optical distance from the outer surface
of the quartz window to the chip surface

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S8377-256Q, S8378-512Q

ACTIVE AREA
12.8 × 0.5
6.4 ± 0.3
3.935 ± 0.2
7.87
3.935 ± 0.2
22.2

CHIP
1.3 ± 0.2 *
5.0 ± 0.5
3.0
0.51
0.25
2.54
7.62
7.62

* Optical distance from the outer surface
of the quartz window to the chip surface

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S8377-512Q, S8378-1024Q

ACTIVE AREA
25.6 × 0.5
12.8 ± 0.3
3.935 ± 0.2
7.87
3.935 ± 0.2
35.0

CHIP
1.3 ± 0.2 *
5.0 ± 0.5
3.0
0.51
0.25
2.54
7.62
7.62

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of the quartz window to the chip surface

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■ Handling precautions

(1) Electrostatic countermeasures

Although the CMOS linear image sensor is protected against static electricity, proper electrostatic countermeasures must be provided to prevent device destruction by static electricity. For example, such measures include wearing non-static gloves and clothes, and grounding the work area and tools.

(2) Incident window

If the incident window is contaminated or scratched, the output uniformity will deteriorate considerably, so care should be taken in handling the window. Avoid touching it with bare hands.

The window surface should be cleaned before using the device. If dry cloth or dry cotton swab is used to rub the window surface, static electricity may be generated, and therefore this practice should be avoided. Use soft cloth, cotton swab or soft paper moistened with ethyl alcohol to wipe off dirt and foreign matter on the window surface.

(3) UV exposure

The CMOS linear image sensor is designed to suppress performance deterioration due to UV exposure. Even so, avoid unnecessary UV exposure to the device.

Also, be careful not to allow UV light to strike the cemented portion between the ceramic base and the glass.

(4) Operating and storage environments

Always observe the rated temperature range when handling the device. Operating or storing the device at an excessively high temperature and humidity may cause variations in performance characteristics and must be avoided.