

**2** **256K x 4 CMOS Dynamic RAM**  
**Page Mode**

The MCM514256B is a 0.8μ CMOS high-speed, dynamic random access memory. It is organized as 262,144 four-bit words and fabricated with CMOS silicon-gate process technology. Advanced circuit design and fine line processing provide high performance, improved reliability, and low cost.

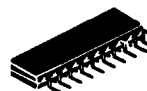
The MCM514256B requires only nine address lines; row and column address inputs are multiplexed. The device is packaged in a 300-mil SOJ plastic package, and a 100-mil zig-zag in-line package (ZIP).

- Three-State Data Output
- Fast Page Mode
- TTL-Compatible Inputs and Output
- RAS Only Refresh
- CAS Before RAS Refresh
- Hidden Refresh
- 512 Cycle Refresh:
  - MCM514256B = 8 ms
  - MCM51L4256B = 64 ms
- Unlatched Data Out at Cycle End Allows Two Dimensional Chip Selection
- Fast Access Time (t<sub>RAC</sub>):
  - MCM514256B-60 and MCM51L4256B-60 = 60 ns (Max)
  - MCM514256B-80 and MCM51L4256B-80 = 80 ns (Max)
- Low Active Power Dissipation:
  - MCM514256B-60 and MCM51L4256B-60 = 495 mW (Max)
  - MCM514256B-80 and MCM51L4256B-80 = 385 mW (Max)
- Low Standby Power Dissipation:
  - MCM514256B and MCM51L4256B = 11 mW (Max), TTL Levels
  - MCM514256B = 5.5 mW (Max), CMOS Levels
  - MCM51L4256B = 1.1 mW (Max), CMOS Levels

**MCM514256B**  
**MCM51L4256B**



**J PACKAGE**  
**300-MIL SOJ**  
**CASE 822**



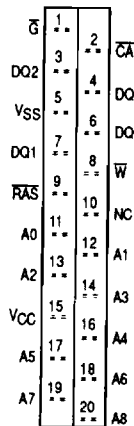
**Z PACKAGE**  
**PLASTIC**  
**ZIG-ZAG IN-LINE**  
**CASE 836**

**PIN NAMES**

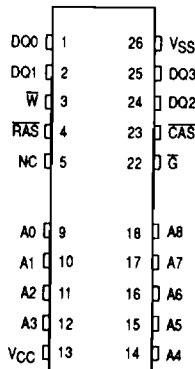
A0-A8	Address Input
DQ0-DQ3	Data Input/Output
$\bar{O}$	Output Enable
W	Read/Write Input
RAS	Row Address Strobe
CAS	Column Address Strobe
VCC	Power Supply (+ 5 V)
VSS	Ground
NC	No Connection

**PIN ASSIGNMENT**

**ZIG-ZAG IN-LINE**

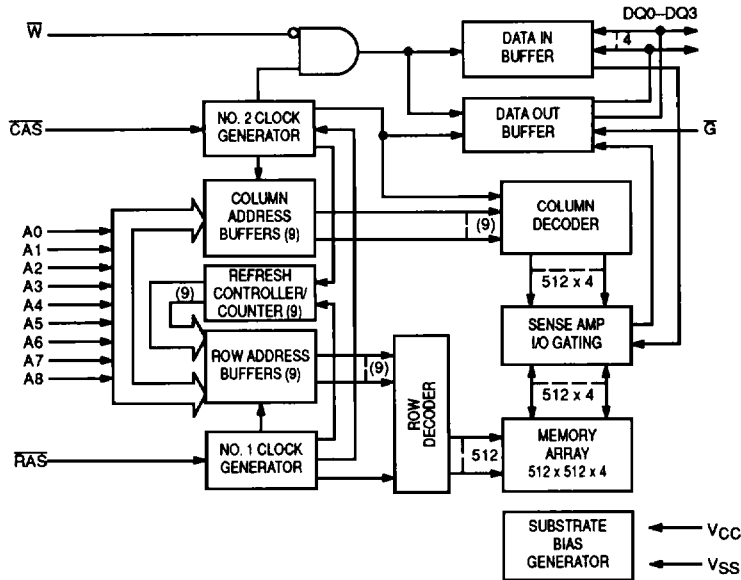


**SMALL OUTLINE**



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BLOCK DIAGRAM



ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATING (See Note)

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Power Supply Voltage	V <sub>CC</sub>	-1 to +7	V
Voltage Relative to V <sub>SS</sub> for Any Pin Except V <sub>CC</sub>	V <sub>in</sub> , V <sub>out</sub>	-1 to +7	V
Data Out Current	I <sub>out</sub>	50	mA
Power Dissipation	P <sub>D</sub>	600	mW
Operating Temperature Range	T <sub>A</sub>	0 to +70	°C
Storage Temperature Range	T <sub>stg</sub>	-55 to +150	°C

This device contains circuitry to protect the inputs against damage due to high static voltages or electric fields; however, it is advised that normal precautions be taken to avoid application of any voltage higher than maximum rated voltages to this high-impedance circuit.

NOTE: Permanent device damage may occur if ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS are exceeded. Functional operation should be restricted to RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS. Exposure to higher than recommended voltages for extended periods of time could affect device reliability.

DC OPERATING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

(V<sub>CC</sub> = 5.0 V ±10%, T<sub>A</sub> = 0 to 70°C, Unless Otherwise Noted)

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Notes
Supply Voltage (Operating Voltage Range)	V <sub>CC</sub>	4.5	5.0	5.5	V	1
	V <sub>SS</sub>	0	0	0		
Logic High Voltage, All Inputs	V <sub>IH</sub>	2.4	—	6.5	V	1
Logic Low Voltage, All Inputs	V <sub>IL</sub>	-1.0	—	0.8	V	1

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DC CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit	Notes
V <sub>CC</sub> Power Supply Current MCM514256B-60 and MCM51L4256B-60, t <sub>PC</sub> = 110 ns MCM514256B-80 and MCM51L4256B-80, t <sub>PC</sub> = 150 ns	I <sub>CC1</sub>	—	90 70	mA	3
V <sub>CC</sub> Power Supply Current (Standby) (R <sub>AS</sub> =C <sub>AS</sub> =V <sub>IH</sub> ) MCM514256B and MCM51L4256B	I <sub>CC2</sub>	—	2	mA	
V <sub>CC</sub> Power Supply Current During R <sub>AS</sub> Only Refresh Cycles (C <sub>AS</sub> =V <sub>IH</sub> ) MCM514256B-60 and MCM51L4256B-60, t <sub>PC</sub> = 110 ns MCM514256B-80 and MCM51L4256B-80, t <sub>PC</sub> = 150 ns	I <sub>CC3</sub>	—	90 70	mA	3
V <sub>CC</sub> Power Supply Current During Fast Page Mode Cycle (R <sub>AS</sub> = V <sub>IL</sub> ) MCM514256B-60 and MCM51L4256B-60, t <sub>PC</sub> = 40 ns MCM514256B-80 and MCM51L4256B-80, t <sub>PC</sub> = 45 ns	I <sub>CC4</sub>	—	60 50	mA	3, 4
V <sub>CC</sub> Power Supply Current (Standby) (R <sub>AS</sub> =C <sub>AS</sub> =V <sub>CC</sub> -0.2 V) MCM514256B- MCM51L4256B-	I <sub>CC5</sub>	—	1.0 200	mA μA	
V <sub>CC</sub> Power Supply Current During C <sub>AS</sub> Before R <sub>AS</sub> Refresh Cycle MCM514256B-60 and MCM51L4256B-60, t <sub>PC</sub> = 110 ns MCM514256B-80 and MCM51L4256B-80, t <sub>PC</sub> = 150 ns	I <sub>CC6</sub>	—	90 70	mA	3
V <sub>CC</sub> Power Supply Current, Battery Backup Mode (t <sub>PC</sub> = 125 μs, t <sub>RAS</sub> = 1 μs, C <sub>AS</sub> =C <sub>AS</sub> Before R <sub>AS</sub> Cycle or 0.2 V, A0-A8, W, D = V <sub>CC</sub> - 0.2 V or 0.2 V) MCM51L4256B-	I <sub>CC5</sub>	—	300	μA	3
Input Leakage Current (0 V ≤ V <sub>in</sub> ≤ 6.5 V)	I <sub>kg(I)</sub>	-10	10	μA	
Output Leakage Current (C <sub>AS</sub> = V <sub>IH</sub> , 0 V ≤ V <sub>out</sub> ≤ 5.5 V, Output Disable)	I <sub>kg(O)</sub>	-10	10	μA	
Output High Voltage (I <sub>OH</sub> = -5 mA)	V <sub>OH</sub>	2.4	—	V	
Output Low Voltage (I <sub>OL</sub> = 4.2 mA)	V <sub>OL</sub>	—	0.4	V	

CAPACITANCE (f = 1.0 MHz, T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, V<sub>CC</sub> = 5 V, Periodically Sampled Rather Than 100% Tested)

Parameter	Symbol	Max	Unit	Notes
Input Capacitance	A0-A8	5	pF	4
	C <sub>AS</sub> , R <sub>AS</sub> , C <sub>AS</sub> , W	7		
I/O Capacitance (C <sub>AS</sub> = V <sub>IH</sub> to Disable Output)	DQ0-DQ3	7	pF	4

NOTES:

1. All voltages referenced to V<sub>SS</sub>.
2. Current is a function of cycle rate and output loading; maximum current is measured at the fastest cycle rate with the output open.
3. Measured with one address transition per page mode cycle.
4. Capacitance measured with a Boonton Meter or effective capacitance calculated from the equation: C = IΔVΔV.

AC OPERATING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

(V<sub>CC</sub> = 5.0 V ± 10%, T<sub>A</sub> = 0 to 70°C, Unless Otherwise Noted)

READ, WRITE, AND READ-WRITE CYCLES (See Notes 1, 2, 3, and 4)

Parameter	Symbol		MCM514256B-60 MCM51L4256B-60		MCM514256B-80 MCM51L4256B-80		Units	Notes
	Std	Alt	Min	Max	Min	Max		
Random Read or Write Cycle Time	t <sub>RELREL</sub>	t <sub>RC</sub>	110	—	150	—	ns	5
Read-Write Cycle Time	t <sub>RELREL</sub>	t <sub>RMW</sub>	165	—	205	—	ns	5
Fast Page Mode Cycle Time	t <sub>CELCEL</sub>	t <sub>PC</sub>	40	—	45	—	ns	
Fast Page Mode Read-Write Cycle Time	t <sub>CELCEL</sub>	t <sub>PRMW</sub>	95	—	100	—	ns	
Access Time from $\overline{\text{RAS}}$	t <sub>RELQV</sub>	t <sub>RAC</sub>	—	60	—	80	ns	6, 7
Access Time from $\overline{\text{CAS}}$	t <sub>CELOV</sub>	t <sub>CAC</sub>	—	20	—	20	ns	6, 8
Access Time from Column Address	t <sub>AVQV</sub>	t <sub>AA</sub>	—	30	—	40	ns	6, 9
Access Time from $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Precharge	t <sub>CEHQV</sub>	t <sub>CPA</sub>	—	35	—	45	ns	6
$\overline{\text{CAS}}$ to Output in Low-Z	t <sub>CELOX</sub>	t <sub>CLZ</sub>	0	—	0	—	ns	6
Output Buffer and Turn-Off Delay	t <sub>CEHQZ</sub>	t <sub>OFF</sub>	0	20	0	20	ns	10
Transition Time (Rise and Fall)	t <sub>T</sub>	t <sub>T</sub>	3	50	3	50	ns	
$\overline{\text{RAS}}$ Precharge Time	t <sub>REHREL</sub>	t <sub>RP</sub>	40	—	60	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{RAS}}$ Pulse Width	t <sub>RELREH</sub>	t <sub>RAS</sub>	60	10,000	80	10,000	ns	
$\overline{\text{RAS}}$ Pulse Width (Fast Page Mode)	t <sub>RELREH</sub>	t <sub>RASP</sub>	60	100,000	80	100,000	ns	
$\overline{\text{RAS}}$ Hold Time	t <sub>CELREH</sub>	t <sub>RS</sub>	20	—	20	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{RAS}}$ Hold Time from $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Precharge (Page Mode Cycle Only)	t <sub>CELREH</sub>	t <sub>RHCP</sub>	35	—	40	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Hold Time	t <sub>RELCEH</sub>	t <sub>CSH</sub>	60	—	80	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Pulse Width	t <sub>CELCEH</sub>	t <sub>CAS</sub>	20	10,000	20	10,000	ns	
$\overline{\text{RAS}}$ to $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Delay Time	t <sub>RELCEL</sub>	t <sub>RCD</sub>	20	40	20	60	ns	11
$\overline{\text{RAS}}$ to Column Address Delay Time	t <sub>RELAV</sub>	t <sub>RAD</sub>	15	30	15	40	ns	12
$\overline{\text{CAS}}$ to $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ Precharge Time	t <sub>CEHREL</sub>	t <sub>CRP</sub>	5	—	5	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Precharge Time	t <sub>CEHCEL</sub>	t <sub>CP</sub>	10	—	10	—	ns	
Row Address Setup Time	t <sub>AVREL</sub>	t <sub>ASR</sub>	0	—	0	—	ns	
Row Address Hold Time	t <sub>RELAX</sub>	t <sub>RAH</sub>	10	—	10	—	ns	

(continued)

NOTES:

- V<sub>IH</sub> min and V<sub>IL</sub> max are reference levels for measuring timing of input signals. Transition times are measured between V<sub>IH</sub> and V<sub>IL</sub>.
- An initial pause of 200 μs is required after power-up followed by 8  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  cycles before proper device operation is guaranteed.
- The transition time specification applies for all input signals. In addition to meeting the transition rate specification, all input signals must transition between V<sub>IH</sub> and V<sub>IL</sub> (or between V<sub>IL</sub> and V<sub>IH</sub>) in a monotonic manner.
- AC measurements t<sub>T</sub> = 5.0 ns.
- The specifications for t<sub>RC</sub> (min) and t<sub>RMW</sub> (min) are used only to indicate cycle time at which proper operation over the full temperature range (0°C ≤ T<sub>A</sub> ≤ 70°C) is assured.
- Measured with a current load equivalent to 2 TTL (−200 μA, +4 mA) loads and 100 pF with the data output trip points set at V<sub>OH</sub> = 2.0 V and V<sub>OL</sub> = 0.8 V.
- Assumes that t<sub>RCD</sub> ≤ t<sub>RCD</sub> (max).
- Assumes that t<sub>RCD</sub> ≥ t<sub>RCD</sub> (max).
- Assumes that t<sub>RAD</sub> ≥ t<sub>RAD</sub> (max).
- t<sub>OFF</sub> (max) and/or t<sub>GZ</sub> (max) defines the time at which the output achieves the open circuit condition and is not referenced to output voltage levels.
- Operation within the t<sub>RCD</sub> (max) limit ensures that t<sub>RAC</sub> (max) can be met. t<sub>RCD</sub> (max) is specified as a reference point only; if t<sub>RCD</sub> is greater than the specified t<sub>RCD</sub> (max) limit, then access time is controlled exclusively by t<sub>CAC</sub>.
- Operation within the t<sub>RAD</sub> (max) limit ensures that t<sub>RAC</sub> (max) can be met. t<sub>RAD</sub> (max) is specified as a reference point only; if t<sub>RAD</sub> is greater than the specified t<sub>RAD</sub> (max) limit, then access time is controlled exclusively by t<sub>AA</sub>.

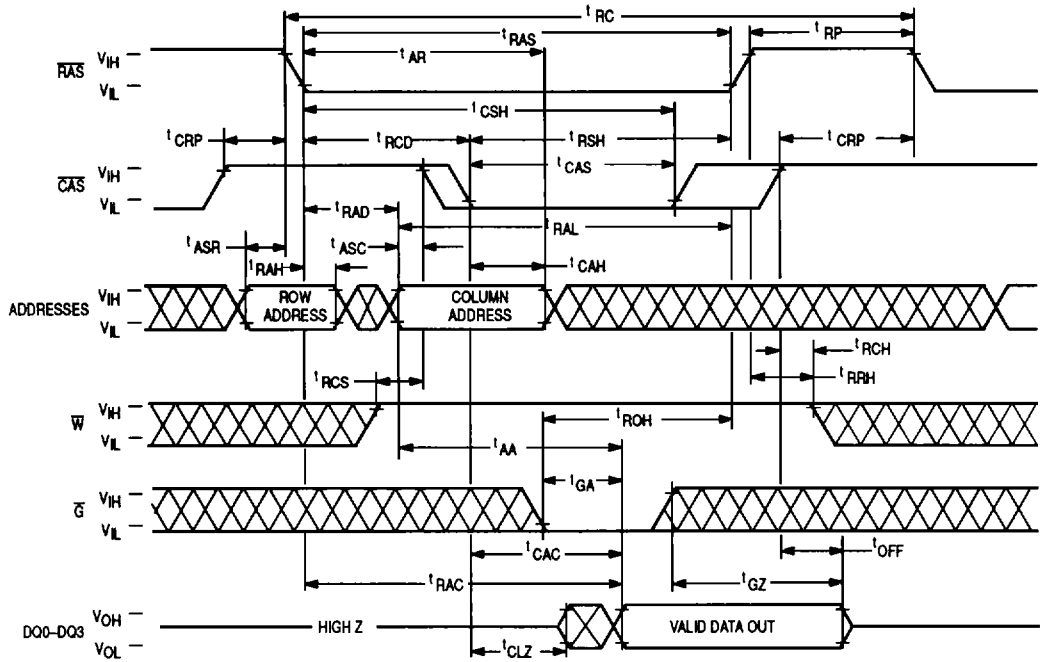
## READ, WRITE, AND READ-WRITE CYCLES (Continued)

Parameter	Symbol		MCM514256B-80 MCM51L4256B-80		MCM514256B-80 MCM51L4256B-80		Unit	Notes
	Std	Alt	Min	Max	Min	Max		
Column Address Setup Time	t <sub>AVCEL</sub>	t <sub>ASC</sub>	0	—	0	—	ns	
Column Address Hold Time	t <sub>CELAX</sub>	t <sub>CAH</sub>	15	—	15	—	ns	
Column Address Hold Time Referenced to $\overline{\text{RAS}}$	t <sub>RELAX</sub>	t <sub>AR</sub>	50	—	60	—	ns	
Column Address to $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ Lead Time	t <sub>AVREH</sub>	t <sub>RAL</sub>	30	—	40	—	ns	
Read Command Setup Time	t <sub>WHCEL</sub>	t <sub>RCS</sub>	0	—	0	—	ns	
Read Command Hold Time	t <sub>CEHWX</sub>	t <sub>RCH</sub>	0	—	0	—	ns	13
Read Command Hold Time Referenced to $\overline{\text{RAS}}$	t <sub>REHWX</sub>	t <sub>RRH</sub>	0	—	0	—	ns	13
Write Command Hold Time Referenced to $\overline{\text{CAS}}$	t <sub>CELWH</sub>	t <sub>WCH</sub>	10	—	15	—	ns	
Write Command Hold Time Referenced to $\overline{\text{RAS}}$	t <sub>RELWH</sub>	t <sub>WCR</sub>	45	—	60	—	ns	
Write Command Pulse Width	t <sub>WLWH</sub>	t <sub>WP</sub>	10	—	15	—	ns	
Write Command to $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ Lead Time	t <sub>WLREH</sub>	t <sub>RWL</sub>	20	—	20	—	ns	
Write Command to $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Lead Time	t <sub>WLCEH</sub>	t <sub>CWL</sub>	20	—	20	—	ns	
Data in Setup Time	t <sub>DVCEL</sub>	t <sub>DS</sub>	0	—	0	—	ns	14
Data in Hold Time	t <sub>CELDX</sub>	t <sub>DH</sub>	15	—	15	—	ns	14
Data in Hold Time Referenced to $\overline{\text{RAS}}$	t <sub>RELDX</sub>	t <sub>DHR</sub>	50	—	60	—	ns	
Refresh Period	MCM514256B MCM51L4256B	t <sub>RVRV</sub> t <sub>RFSH</sub>	— —	8 64	— —	8 64	ms	
Write Command Setup Time	t <sub>WLCEL</sub>	t <sub>WCS</sub>	0	—	0	—	ns	15
$\overline{\text{CAS}}$ to Write Delay	t <sub>CELWL</sub>	t <sub>CWD</sub>	50	—	50	—	ns	15
$\overline{\text{RAS}}$ to Write Delay	t <sub>RELWL</sub>	t <sub>RWD</sub>	90	—	110	—	ns	15
Column Address to Write Delay Time	t <sub>AVWL</sub>	t <sub>AWD</sub>	60	—	70	—	ns	15
$\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Precharge to Write Delay	t <sub>CEHWL</sub>	t <sub>CPWD</sub>	65	—	70	—	ns	15
$\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Setup Time for $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Before $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ Refresh	t <sub>RELCEL</sub>	t <sub>CSR</sub>	5	—	5	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Hold Time for $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Before $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ Refresh	t <sub>RELCEH</sub>	t <sub>CHR</sub>	15	—	15	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{RAS}}$ Precharge to $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Active Time	t <sub>REHCEL</sub>	t <sub>RPC</sub>	0	—	0	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Precharge Time for $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Before $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ Counter Test	t <sub>CEHCEL</sub>	t <sub>CPT</sub>	30	—	40	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{RAS}}$ Hold Time Referenced to $\overline{\text{G}}$	t <sub>GLREH</sub>	t <sub>ROH</sub>	10	—	10	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{G}}$ Access Time	t <sub>GLOV</sub>	t <sub>GA</sub>	—	20	—	20	ns	
$\overline{\text{G}}$ to Data Delay	t <sub>GLHDX</sub>	t <sub>GD</sub>	20	—	20	—	ns	
Output Buffer Turn-Off Delay Time from $\overline{\text{G}}$	t <sub>GHQZ</sub>	t <sub>GZ</sub>	0	20	0	20	ns	10
$\overline{\text{G}}$ Command Hold Time	t <sub>WLGL</sub>	t <sub>GH</sub>	20	—	20	—	ns	
Output Disable Setup Time	t <sub>GHCEL</sub>	t <sub>GS</sub>	0	—	0	—	ns	

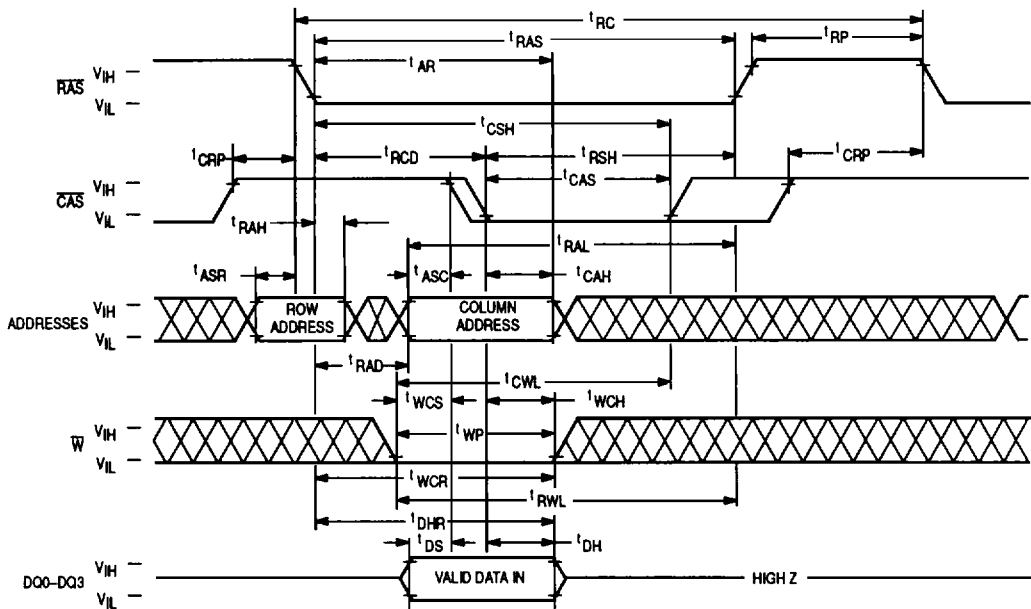
## NOTES:

13. Either t<sub>RRH</sub> or t<sub>RCH</sub> must be satisfied for a read cycle.
14. These parameters are referenced to  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  leading edge in early write cycles and to  $\overline{\text{W}}$  leading edge in delayed write or read-write cycles.
15. t<sub>WCS</sub>, t<sub>RWD</sub>, t<sub>CWD</sub>, t<sub>CPWD</sub>, and t<sub>AWD</sub> are not restrictive operating parameters. They are included in the data sheet as electrical characteristics only; if t<sub>WCS</sub> ≥ t<sub>WCS</sub> (min), the cycle is an early write cycle and the data out pin will remain open circuit (high impedance) throughout the entire cycle; if t<sub>CWD</sub> ≥ t<sub>CWD</sub> (min), t<sub>RWD</sub> ≥ t<sub>RWD</sub> (min), t<sub>CPWD</sub> ≥ t<sub>CPWD</sub> (min), and t<sub>AWD</sub> ≥ t<sub>AWD</sub> (min), the cycle is a read-write cycle and the data out will contain data read from the selected cell. If neither of these sets of conditions is satisfied, the condition of the data out (at access time) is indeterminate.

READ CYCLE

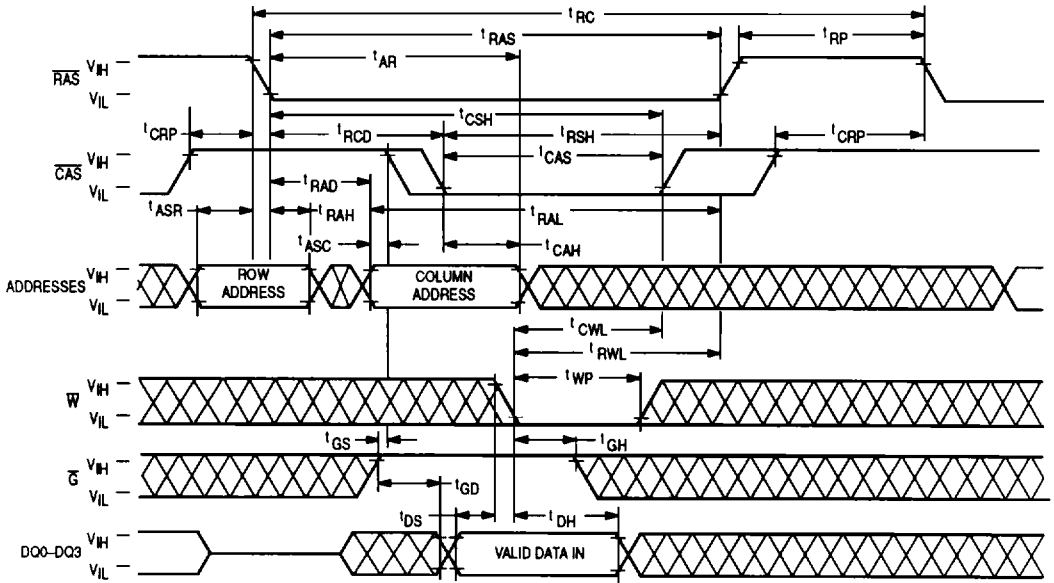


EARLY WRITE CYCLE

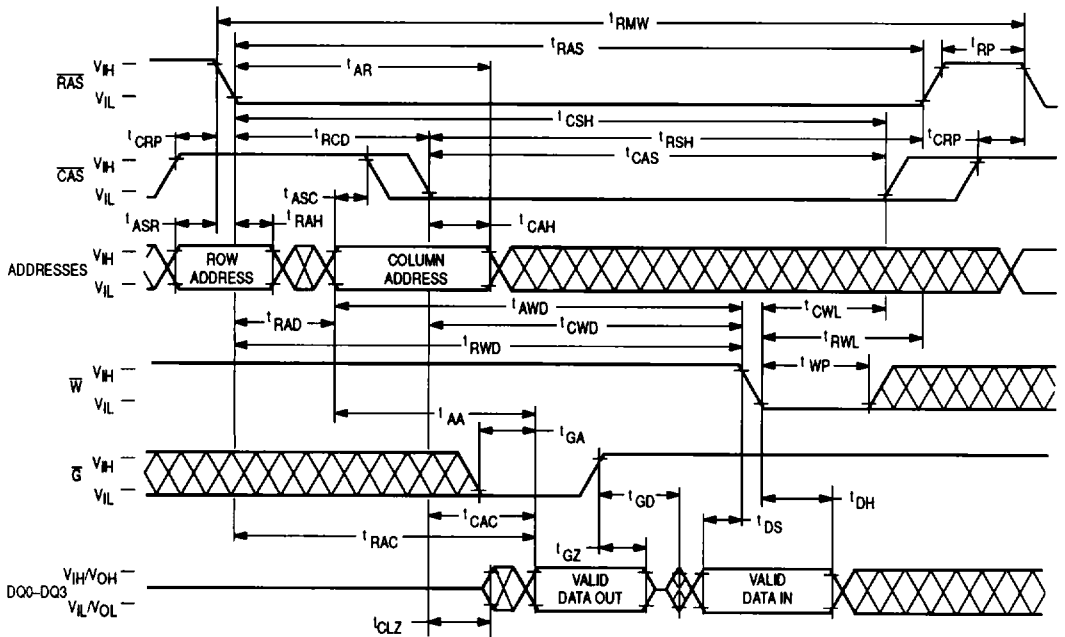


MOTOROLA MEMORY DATA

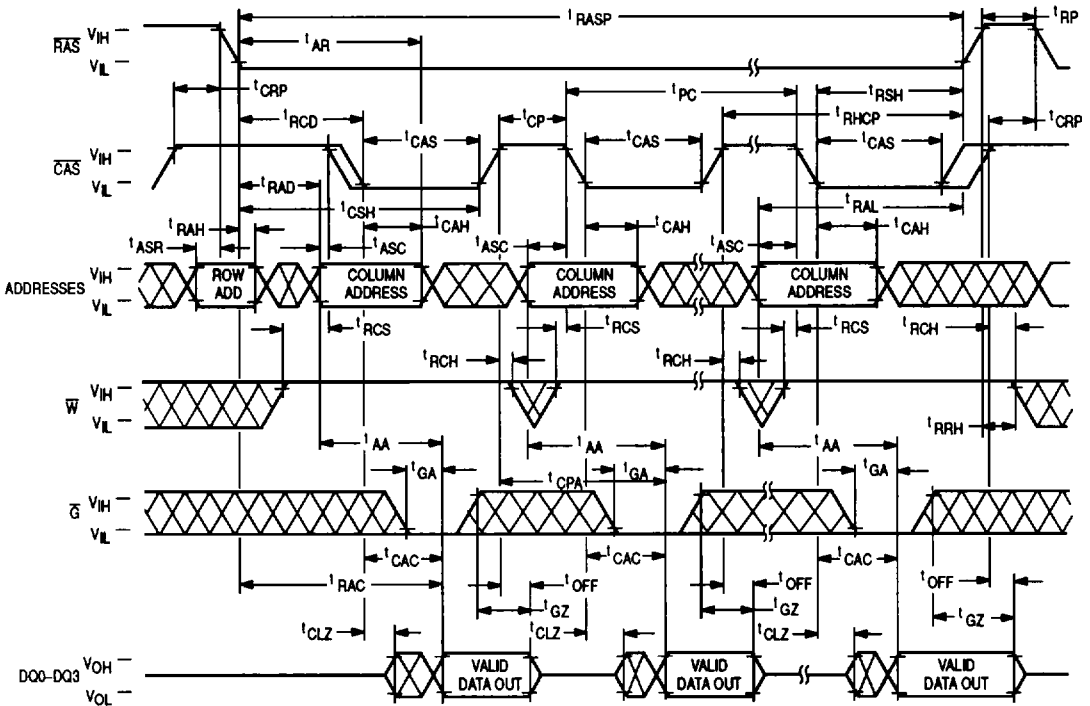
$\bar{G}$  CONTROLLED LATE WRITE CYCLE



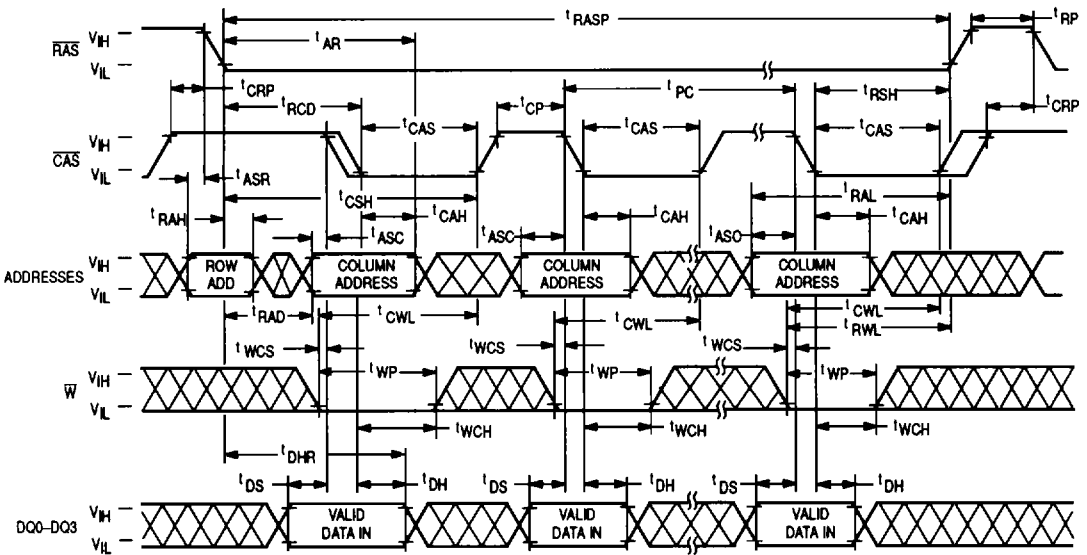
READ-WRITE CYCLE



FAST PAGE MODE READ CYCLE



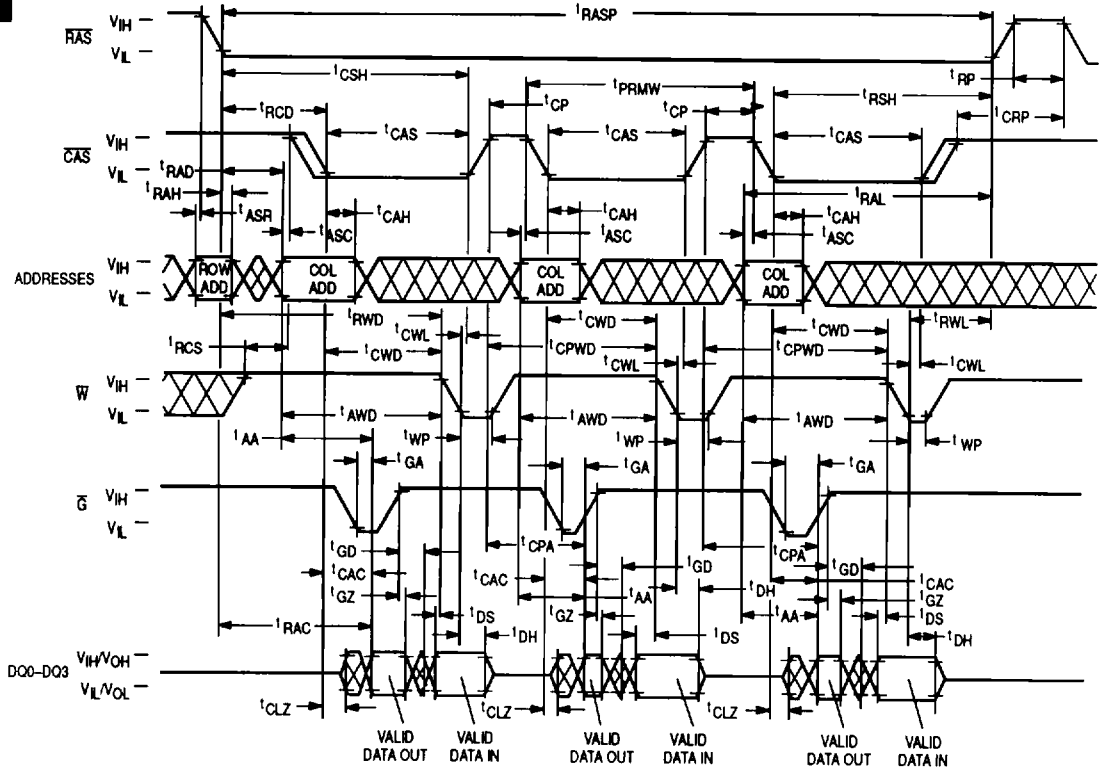
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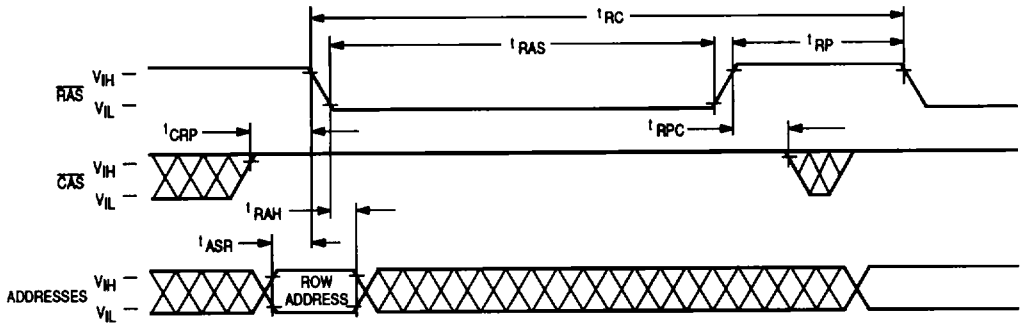
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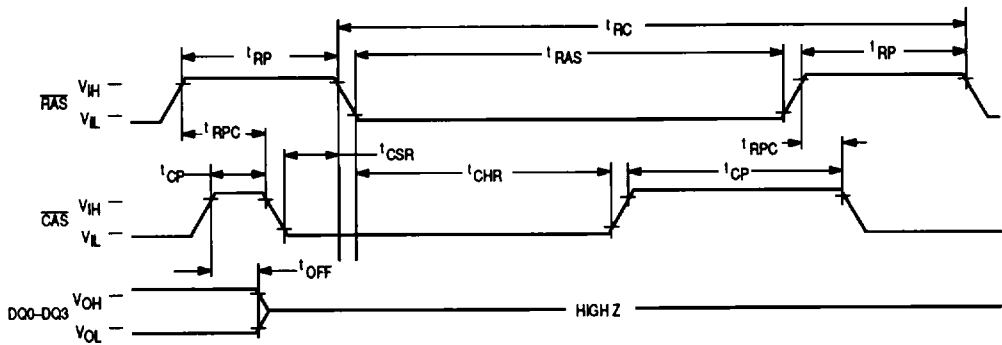
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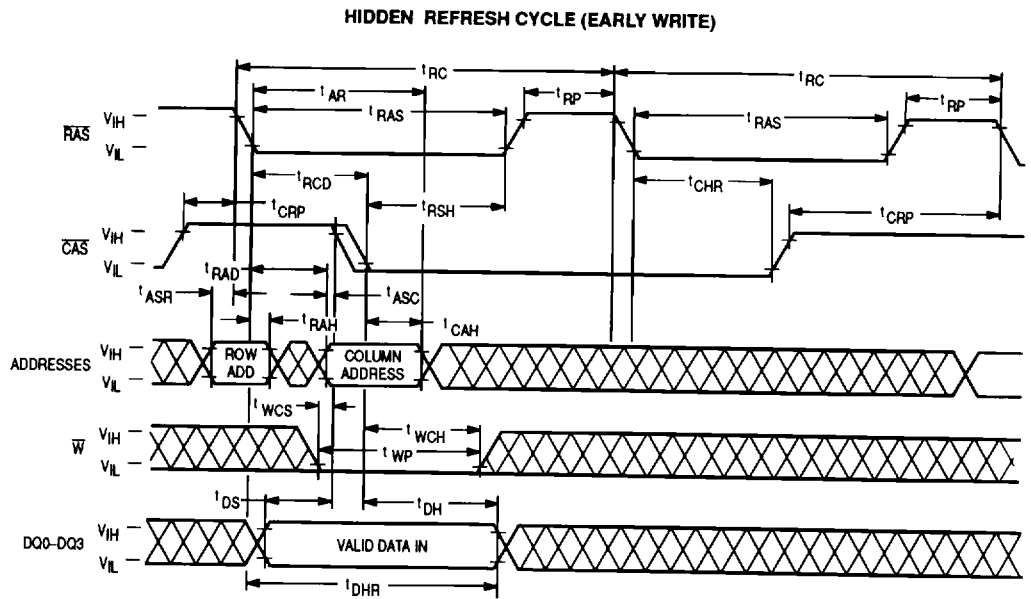
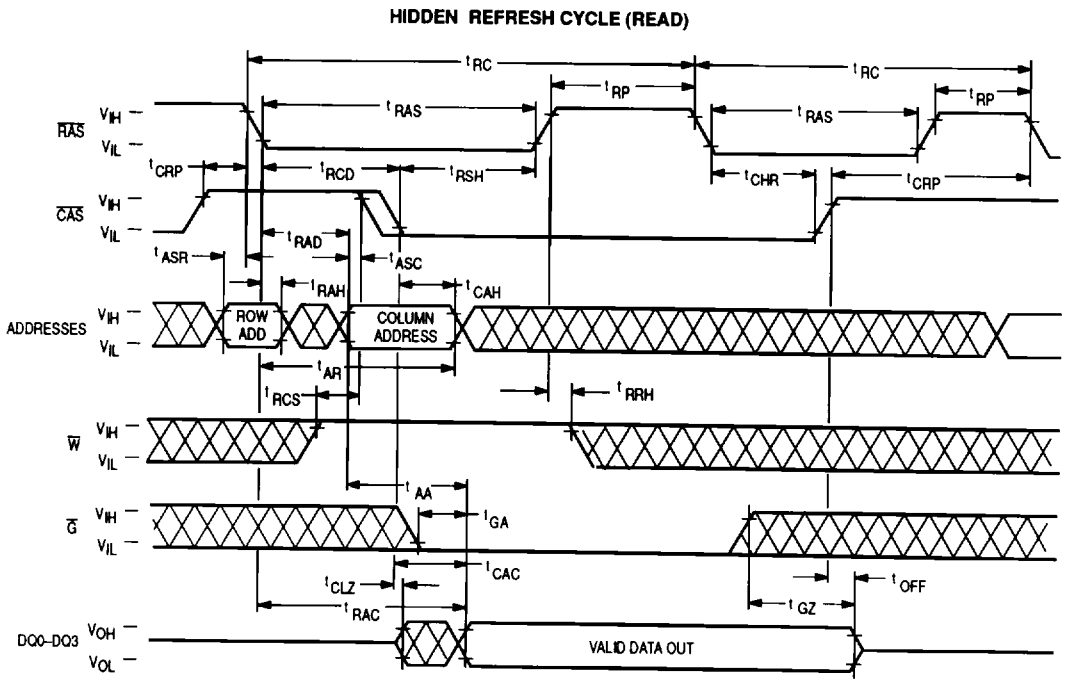


**RAS ONLY REFRESH CYCLE**  
( $\bar{W}$  and  $\bar{G}$  are Don't Care)

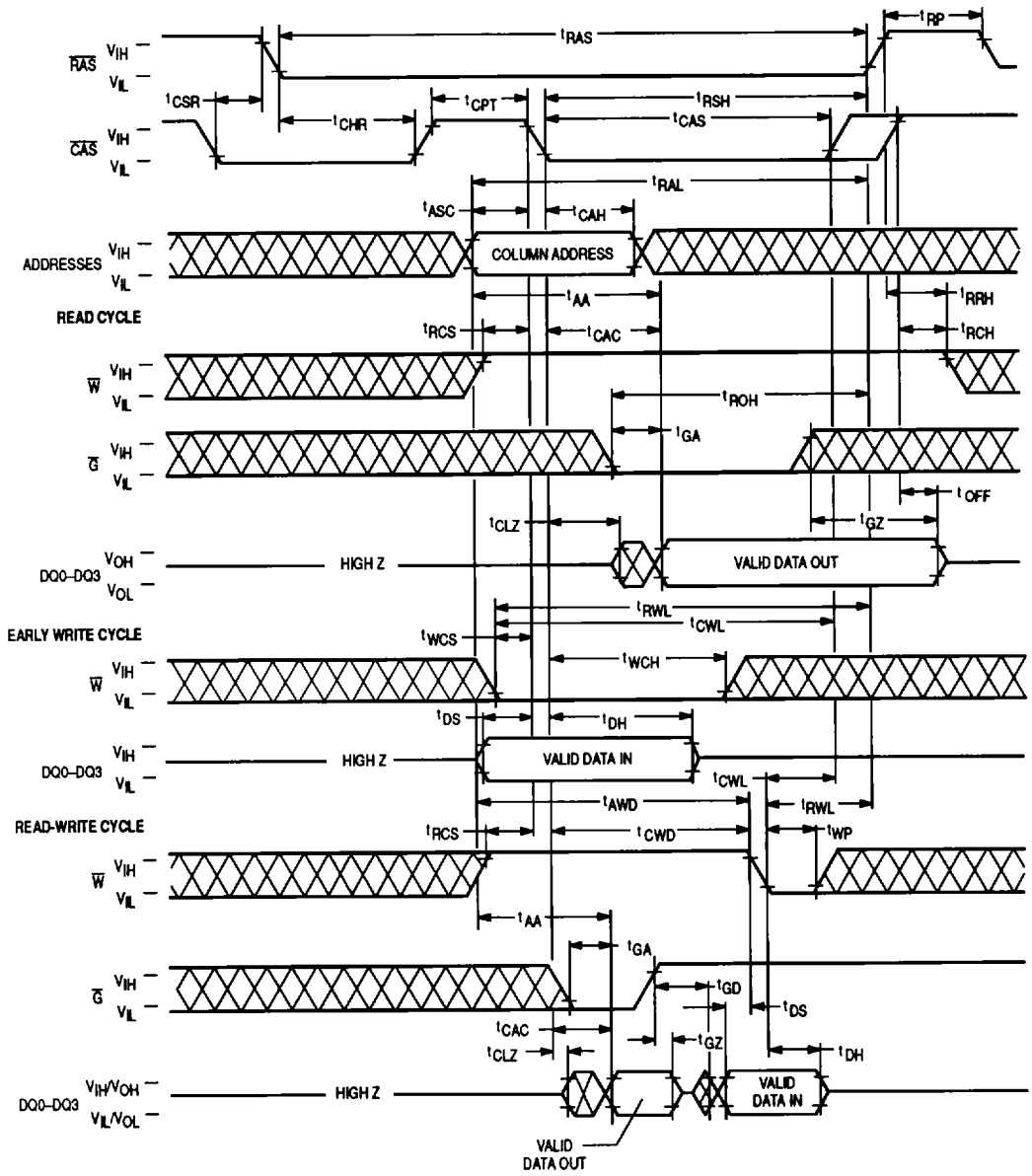


**CAS BEFORE RAS REFRESH CYCLE**  
( $\bar{W}$ ,  $\bar{G}$ , and A0-A8 are Don't Care)





CAS BEFORE RAS REFRESH CYCLE TEST CYCLE



## DEVICE INITIALIZATION

On power-up an initial pause of 200 microseconds is required for the internal substrate generator to establish the correct bias voltage. This must be followed by a minimum of eight active cycles of the row address strobe (clock) to initialize all dynamic nodes within the RAM. During an extended inactive state (greater than 8 milliseconds with the device powered up), a wakeup sequence of eight active cycles is necessary to ensure proper operation.

## ADDRESSING THE RAM

The nine address pins on the device are time multiplexed at the beginning of a memory cycle by two clocks, row address strobe ( $\overline{RAS}$ ) and column address strobe ( $\overline{CAS}$ ), into two separate 9-bit address fields. A total of eighteen address bits, nine rows and nine columns, will decode one of the 262,144 bit locations in the device.  $\overline{RAS}$  active transition is followed by  $\overline{CAS}$  active transition (active =  $V_{IL}$ ,  $t_{RCD}$  minimum) for all read or write cycles. The delay between  $\overline{RAS}$  and  $\overline{CAS}$  active transitions, referred to as the **multiplex window**, gives a system designer flexibility in setting up the external addresses into the RAM.

The external  $\overline{CAS}$  signal is ignored until an internal  $\overline{RAS}$  signal is available. This gate feature on the external  $\overline{CAS}$  clock enables the internal  $\overline{CAS}$  line as soon as the row address hold time ( $t_{RAH}$ ) specification is met (and defines  $t_{RCD}$  minimum). The multiplex window can be used to absorb skew delays in switching the address bus from row to column addresses and in generating the  $\overline{CAS}$  clock.

There are two other variations in addressing the 256Kx4 RAM:  $\overline{RAS}$  only refresh cycle and  $\overline{CAS}$  before  $\overline{RAS}$  refresh cycle. Both are discussed in separate sections that follow.

## READ CYCLE

The DRAM may be read with four different cycles: normal random read cycle, page mode read cycle, read-write cycle, and page mode read-write cycle. The normal read cycle is outlined here, while the other cycles are discussed in separate sections.

The normal read cycle begins as described in **ADDRESSING THE RAM**, with  $\overline{RAS}$  and  $\overline{CAS}$  active transitions latching the desired bit location. The write ( $\overline{W}$ ) input level must be high ( $V_{IH}$ ),  $t_{RCS}$  (minimum) before the  $\overline{CAS}$  active transition, to enable read mode.

Both the  $\overline{RAS}$  and  $\overline{CAS}$  clocks trigger a sequence of events which are controlled by several delayed internal clocks. The internal clocks are linked in such a manner that the read access time of the device is independent of the address multiplex window. Both  $\overline{CAS}$  and output enable ( $\overline{OE}$ ) control read access time:  $\overline{CAS}$  must be active before or at  $t_{RCD}$  maximum and  $\overline{OE}$  must be active  $t_{RAC}-t_{GA}$  (both minimum) after  $\overline{RAS}$  active transition to guarantee valid data out ( $Q$ ) at  $t_{RAC}$  (access time from  $\overline{RAS}$  active transition). If the  $t_{RCD}$  maximum is exceeded and/or  $\overline{OE}$  active transition does not occur in time, read access time is determined by either the  $\overline{CAS}$  or  $\overline{OE}$  clock active transition ( $t_{CAC}$  or  $t_{GA}$ ).

The  $\overline{RAS}$  and  $\overline{CAS}$  clocks must remain active for a minimum time of  $t_{RAS}$  and  $t_{CAS}$  respectively, to complete the read cycle.  $\overline{W}$  must remain high throughout the cycle, and for time  $t_{RRH}$  or  $t_{RCH}$  after  $\overline{RAS}$  or  $\overline{CAS}$  inactive transition, respectively, to maintain the data at that bit location. Once  $\overline{RAS}$  transitions to inactive, it must remain inactive for a minimum time of  $t_{RP}$  to precharge the internal device circuitry for the next active

cycle.  $Q$  is valid, but not latched, as long as the  $\overline{CAS}$  and  $\overline{OE}$  clocks are active. When either the  $\overline{CAS}$  or  $\overline{OE}$  clock transitions to inactive, the output will switch to High Z,  $t_{OFF}$  or  $t_{GZ}$  after the inactive transition.

## WRITE CYCLE

The DRAM may be written with any of four cycles: early write, late write, page mode early write, and page mode read-write. Early and late write modes are discussed here, while page mode write operations are covered in another section.

A write cycle begins as described in **ADDRESSING THE RAM**. Write mode is enabled by the transition of  $\overline{W}$  to active ( $V_{IL}$ ). Early and late write modes are distinguished by the active transition of  $\overline{W}$ , with respect to  $\overline{CAS}$ . Minimum active time  $t_{RAS}$  and  $t_{CAS}$ , and precharge time  $t_{RP}$  apply to write mode, as in the read mode.

An early write cycle is characterized by  $\overline{W}$  active transition at minimum time  $t_{WCS}$  before  $\overline{CAS}$  active transition. Data In ( $D$ ) is referenced to  $\overline{CAS}$  in an early write cycle.  $\overline{RAS}$  and  $\overline{CAS}$  clocks must stay active for  $t_{RWL}$  and  $t_{CWL}$ , respectively, after the start of the early write operation to complete the cycle.

$Q$  remains High Z throughout an early write cycle because  $\overline{W}$  active transition precedes or coincides with  $\overline{CAS}$  active transition, keeping data out buffers disabled, effectively disabling  $\overline{OE}$ .

A late write cycle (referred to as  $\overline{OE}$  controlled write) occurs when  $\overline{W}$  active transition is made after  $\overline{CAS}$  active transition.  $\overline{W}$  active transition could be delayed for almost 10 microseconds after  $\overline{CAS}$  active transition, ( $t_{RCD} + t_{CWD} + t_{RWL} + t$ )  $\leq t_{RAS}$ , if timing minimums ( $t_{RCD}$ ,  $t_{RWL}$ , and  $t$ ) are maintained.  $D$  is referenced to  $\overline{W}$  active transition in a late write cycle. Output buffers are enabled by  $\overline{CAS}$  active transition but  $Q$  may be indeterminate—see note 15 of AC operating conditions table. Parameters  $t_{RWL}$  and  $t_{CWL}$  also apply to late write cycles.

## READ-WRITE CYCLE

A read-write cycle performs a read and then a write at the same address, during the same cycle. This cycle is basically a late write cycle, as discussed in the **WRITE CYCLE** section, except  $\overline{W}$  must remain high for  $t_{CWD}$  minimum after the  $\overline{CAS}$  active transition, to guarantee valid  $Q$  before writing the bit.

## PAGE MODE CYCLES

Page mode allows fast successive data operations at all 512 column locations on a selected row of the 256Kx4 dynamic RAM. Read access time in page mode ( $t_{CAC}$ ) is typically half the regular  $\overline{RAS}$  clock access time,  $t_{RAC}$ . Page mode operation consists of keeping  $\overline{RAS}$  active while toggling  $\overline{CAS}$  between  $V_{IH}$  and  $V_{IL}$ . The row is latched by  $\overline{RAS}$  active transition, while each  $\overline{CAS}$  active transition allows selection of a new column location on the row.

A page mode cycle is initiated by a normal read, write, or read-write cycle, as described in prior sections. Once the timing requirements for the first cycle are met,  $\overline{CAS}$  transitions to inactive for minimum  $t_{CP}$ , while  $\overline{RAS}$  remains low ( $V_{IL}$ ). The second  $\overline{CAS}$  active transition while  $\overline{RAS}$  is low initiates the first page mode cycle ( $t_{PC}$  or  $t_{PRWC}$ ). Either a read, write, or read-write operation can be performed in a page mode cycle, subject to the same conditions as in normal operation (previously described). These operations can be intermixed in consecutive page mode cycles and performed in any order. The maximum number of consecutive page mode cycles is limited by  $t_{RASP}$ . Page mode operation is ended when  $\overline{RAS}$

transitions to inactive, coincident with or following  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  inactive transition.

### REFRESH CYCLES

The dynamic RAM design is based on capacitor charge storage for each bit in the array. This charge degrades with time and temperature, thus each bit must be periodically refreshed (recharged) to maintain the correct bit state. Bits in the MCM514256B require refresh every 8 milliseconds while refresh time for the MCM51L4256B is 64 milliseconds.

Refresh is accomplished by cycling through the 512 row addresses in sequence within the specified refresh time. All the bits on a row are refreshed simultaneously when the row is addressed. Distributed refresh implies a row refresh every 15.6 microseconds for the MCM514256B and 124.8 microseconds for the MCM51L4256B. Burst refresh, a refresh of all 512 rows consecutively, must be performed every 8 milliseconds on the MCM514256B and 64 milliseconds on the MCM51L4256B.

A normal read, write, or read-write operation to the RAM will refresh all the bits (2048) associated with the particular row decoded. Three other methods of refresh,  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ -only refresh,  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  before  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  refresh, and Hidden refresh are available on this device for greater system flexibility.

### $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ -Only Refresh

$\overline{\text{RAS}}$ -only refresh consists of  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  transition to active, latching the row address to be refreshed, while  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  remains high ( $V_{IH}$ ) throughout the cycle. An external counter is employed to ensure all rows are refreshed within the specified limit.

### $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ Before $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ Refresh

$\overline{\text{CAS}}$  before  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  refresh is enabled by bringing  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  active before  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ . This clock order activates an internal refresh counter that generates the row address to be refreshed. External address lines are ignored during the automatic refresh cycle. The output buffer remains at the same state it was in during the previous cycle (hidden refresh).

### Hidden Refresh

Hidden refresh allows refresh cycles to occur while maintaining valid data at the output pin. Holding  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  active at the end of a read or write cycle, while  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  cycles inactive for  $t_{pp}$  and back to active, starts the hidden refresh. This is essentially the execution of a  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  before  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  refresh from a cycle in progress (see Figure 1).

### $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ BEFORE $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ REFRESH COUNTER TEST

The internal refresh counter of this device can be tested with a  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  before  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  refresh counter test. This test is performed with a read-write operation. During the test, the internal refresh counter generates the row address, while the external address supplies the column address. The entire array is refreshed after 512 cycles, as indicated by the check data written in each row. See  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  before  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  refresh counter test cycle timing diagram.

The test can be performed after a minimum of eight  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  before  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  initialization cycles. Test procedure:

1. Write "0"s into all memory cells with normal write mode.
2. Select a column address, read "0" out and write "1" into the cell by performing the  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  before  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  refresh counter test, read-write cycle. Repeat this operation 512 times.
3. Read the "1"s which were written in step 2 in normal read mode.
4. Using the same starting column address as in step 2, read "1" out and write "0" into the cell by performing the  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  before  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  refresh counter test, read-write cycle. Repeat this operation 512 times.
5. Read "0"s which were written in step 4 in normal read mode.
6. Repeat steps 1 to 5 using complement data.

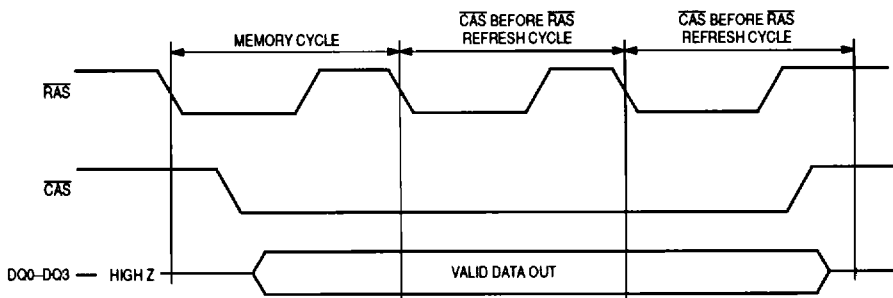
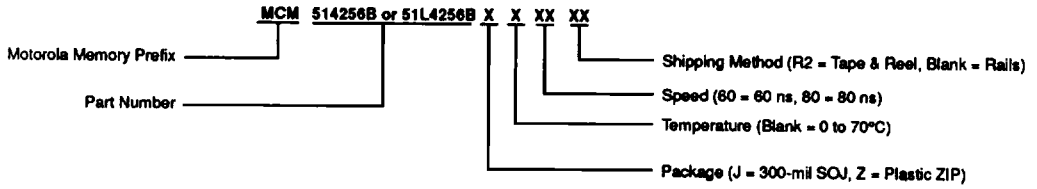


Figure 1. Hidden Refresh Cycle

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### Commercial Temperature Range 0 to 70°C

Full Part Numbers—	MCM514256BJ60	MCM514256BJ60R2	MCM514256BZ60
	MCM514256BJ80	MCM514256BJ80R2	MCM514256BZ80
	MCM51L4256BJ60	MCM51L4256BJ60R2	MCM51L4256BZ60
	MCM51L4256BJ80	MCM51L4256BJ80R2	MCM51L4256BZ80