

## TOUCH CONTROL LAMP STEP DIMMER

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### FEATURES:

- PLL synchronization allows use as a Wall Switch
- Provides brightness control of an incandescent lamp with a touch plate or mechanical switch
- Can control speed of shaded pole and universal AC motors
- Controls the "duty cycle" from 23% to 88% (conduction angles for AC half-cycles between 45° and 158°, respectively)
- Operates at 50Hz/60Hz line frequency
- Extension input for remote activation
- +12V to +18V DC Power Supply (VSS - VDD)
- 8-Pin Plastic DIP, 8-Pin SOIC-See Figure 1

### DESCRIPTION:

LS7237 is a monolithic, MOS integrated circuit designed to control the brightness of an incandescent lamp. The output of the LS7237 triggers a triac connected in series with a lamp (See Figure 5). The lamp brightness is determined by controlling the output conduction angle (triac triggering angle) in relation to the AC line frequency (See Figure 2).

The output conduction angle can be varied by applying a low level pulse at the SENS input or a high level pulse at the EXT input. When implemented as shown in Figure 5, this is accomplished by touching the Touch Plate which causes the lamp brightness to change in specified steps as follows:

LEVEL	BRIGHTNESS (% Rated Wattage)
Off	0
Night Light	9
Mood Light	29
Medium	66
Maximum	99

The LS7237 can operate in one of three different modes selected by the MODE input. The Brightness Sequences produced by the different modes are as follows:

MODE	BRIGHTNESS SEQUENCE
0	Off-Max-Off
1	Off-Mood-Med-Max-Off
2	Off-Night-Mood-Med-Max-Off

After AC power-up, the output comes up in the OFF state. Following that, every time the Touch Plate is touched, the output steps to the next level of brightness. The next step following the maximum brightness is the OFF state, initiating a new sequence.

### PIN ASSIGNMENT - TOP VIEW

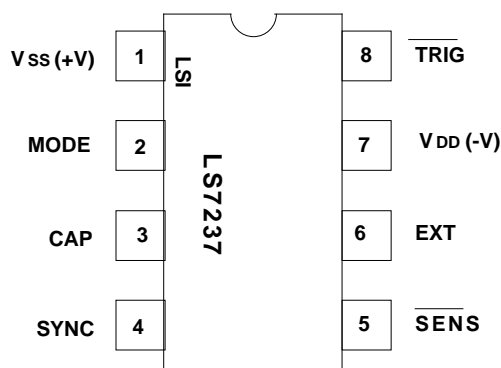


FIGURE 1

### INPUT/OUTPUT DESCRIPTION:

#### VSS (Pin 1)

Supply voltage positive terminal.

#### MODE (Pin 2)

The operating mode for the circuit is selected by connecting this input as follows:

MODE INPUT	SELECTED MODE
VSS	Mode 0
VDD	Mode 1
Float	Mode 2

#### CAP (Pin 3)

PLL filter input capacitor. A 0.047μF capacitor should be connected to this input.

#### SYNC (Pin 4)

The AC Line Frequency is applied to this input through an external RC circuit (See Figure 5). The Phase-Lock Loop in the IC synchronizes all internal timings to the AC signal at the SYNC input.

#### SENS (Pin 5)

A low-level pulse applied to this input causes the TRIG output to step to the next conduction angle in the sequence selected by the MODE input. The change in conduction angle takes place with the trailing edge of the SENS input pulse.

**EXT (Pin 6)**

The EXT input is functionally similar to the  $\overline{\text{SENS}}$  input with the exception that a high-level pulse is the active signal. It is recommended that the EXT input be used instead of the  $\overline{\text{SENS}}$  input when long extension wires are used between the IC and the sensing circuitry (See Figure 5 and Figure 6) because the EXT input is less susceptible to "Noise".

**VDD (Pin 7)**

Supply voltage negative terminal.

**TRIG (Pin 8)**

The TRIG output is a low-level pulse of fixed duration occurring once every half-cycle of the SYNC input. The conduction angle,  $\emptyset$  of the output in relation to the SYNC signal controls the lamp brightness. The 5 levels of brightness correspond to the 5 values of  $\emptyset$  as follows:

**CONDUCTION ANGLE,  $\emptyset$** 

No output  
45°  
70°  
105°  
158°

**BRIGHTNESS LEVEL**

Off  
Night Light  
Mood Light  
Medium  
Maximum

**NOTE:** In the schematic shown in Figure 5, the SYNC Input signal is delayed in phase with respect to the AC Line by about 7°. This delay reduces the conduction angle,  $\emptyset$  with respect to the AC Line by 7° from the values shown above.

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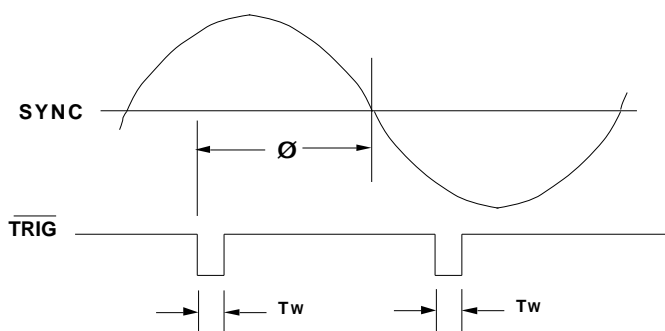


FIGURE 2.  $\overline{\text{TRIG}}$  OUTPUT CONDUCTION ANGLE,  $\emptyset$

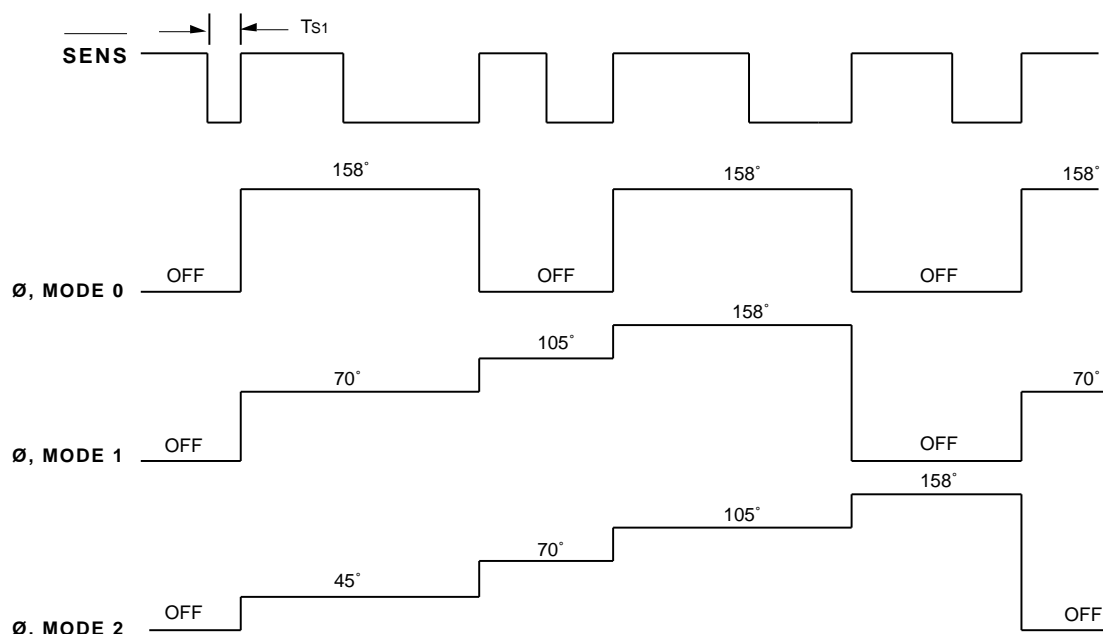


FIGURE 3.  $\overline{\text{TRIG}}$  OUTPUT CONDUCTION ANGLE,  $\emptyset$ , VS SENS INPUT

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS:**

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	VALUE	UNIT
DC Supply Voltage	VSS	+20	V
Any Input Voltage	VIN	VSS -20 to VSS +0.5	V
Operating Temperature	TA	0 to +80	°C
Storage Temperature	TSTG	-65 to +150	°C

**DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

(TA = 25°C, all voltages referenced to VDD)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	MIN	TYPE	MAX	UNIT	CONDITION
Supply Voltage	VSS	+12	–	+18	V	–
Supply Current	ISS	–	1.0	1.4	mA	VSS = +15V, output off

**Input Voltages:**

MODE LO	VIZL	0	–	VSS-9	V	–
MODE HI	VIZH	VSS-1.5	–	VSS	V	–
SYNC LO	VIRL	0	–	VSS-9.5	V	–
SYNC HI	VIRH	VSS-5.5	–	VSS	V	–
SENS LO	VIOL	0	–	VSS-8	V	–
SENS HI	VIOH	VSS-2	–	VSS	V	–
EXT LO	VIVL	0	–	VSS-8	V	–
EXT HI	VIVH	VSS-2	–	VSS	V	–

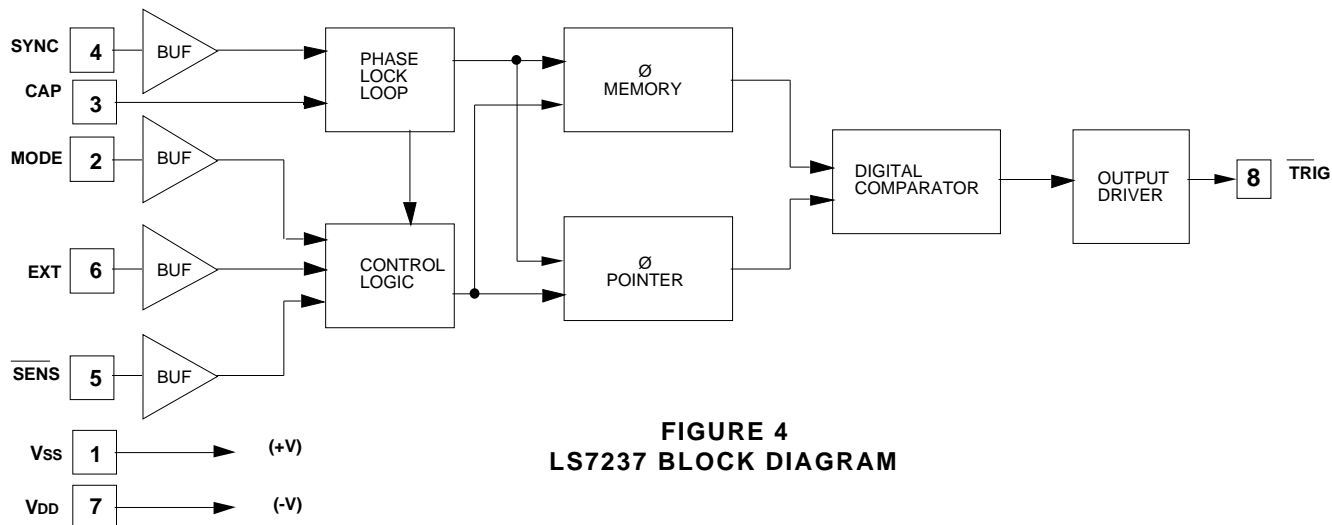
**Input Current:**

SYNC, SENS, EXT HI	IIH	–	–	110	µA	With Series 1.5M Resistor to 115VAC Line
SYNC, SENS, EXT LO	IL	–	–	100	nA	–
TRIG HI Voltage	VOH	–	VSS	–	V	–
TRIG LO Voltage	VOL	–	VSS-8	–	V	VSS = +15V
TRIG Sink Current	IOS	25	–	–	mA	VSS = +15V VOL = VSS-4V

**TIMING CHARACTERISTICS** (See Figures 2 and 3):

All timings are based on fs = 60Hz, unless otherwise specified. 50Hz timings are 1.2 times 60Hz timings.

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	MIN	TYPE	MAX	UNIT
SYNC Frequency	fs	40	–	70	Hz
SENS/EXT Duration	TS1	50	–	Infinite	ms
TRIG Pulse Width	TW	–	33	–	µs



**FIGURE 4**  
**LS7237 BLOCK DIAGRAM**

A typical implementation of a lamp dimmer circuit is shown in Fig. 5. Here the brightness of the lamp is set by touching the Touch Plate . The functions of different components are as follows:

- The 15V DC supply for the chip is provided by Z, D1, R1, C2, C5.
- R2 and C4 generate the filtered signal for the SYNC input for synchronizing the internal PLL with the line frequency.
- R3 and C7 act as filter circuit for the electronic extension. If extensions are not used, the EXT input (Pin 6) should be tied to VDD (Pin 7).
- R4, R5, R6 set up the sensitivity of the  $\overline{\text{SENS}}$  input. C6 provides noise filtering.
- C3 is the filter capacitor for the internal PLL.
- R8 provides current limiting and isolation between the chip output and the triac gate.
- C1 and L are RF filter circuits.

In the case of momentary power failure, the circuit state remains unchanged for a period up to 1 sec. For longer power interruptions, the output is shut off.

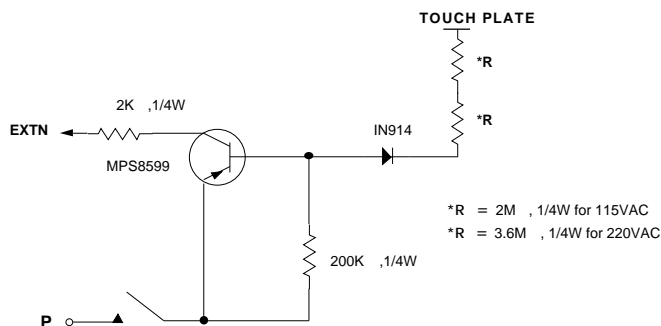


FIGURE 6. ELECTRONIC EXTENSION

All switching and dimming functions can also be implemented by utilizing the EXT input. This can be done by either a mechanical switch or the electronic switch in conjunction with a Touch Plate as shown in Figure 6. When the plate is touched, a logic high level is generated at the EXT input of the IC for both half-cycles of the line frequency. (See Figure 5)

**FIGURE 5. A Typical Lamp Dimmer**

115VAC OR 220VAC

P

N

LOAD

MT1

MT2

G

T

L

C1

A

B

D1

D2

C2

R1

R2

R3

R4

R5

R6

R7

R8

C3

C4

C5

C6

C7

EXTN

TOUCH PLATE

LS7237

TRIG VDD EXT SENS

VSS MODE CAP SYNC

SEE NOTE 1

SEE NOTE 2

SEE NOTE 3

SEE NOTE 4

ELECTRONIC EXTENSION (FIG. 6)

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- 1) All circuits connected by broken lines are optional.
- 2) C7 is used only with electronic extension and R7 is used only with mechanical switch
- 3) Use Connection A when Neutral is not available. Use Connection B when Neutral is available.
- 4) Connection between Pin 6 and Pin 7 should be broken when EXT is used.

**115V**

- (1)** C1 = 0.15 $\mu$ F,200V  
 C2 = 0.33 $\mu$ F,200V  
 C3 = 0.047 $\mu$ F,25V  
 C4 = 470pF,25V  
 C5 = 47 $\mu$ F,25V  
 C6 = 680pF,25V  
 C7 = 0.1 $\mu$ F,25V  
**(2)** R1 = 270  $\Omega$   
 R2 = 1.5M  $\Omega$ ,1/4W  
 R3 = 1.5M  $\Omega$ ,1/4W  
 R4 = 1M  $\Omega$  to 5M  $\Omega$ ,1/4W  
 (Select for sensitivity)  
 R5, R6 = 2.7M  $\Omega$ ,1/4W  
 R7 = 150K  $\Omega$ ,1/4W  
 R8 = 100  $\Omega$ ,1/4W  
 D1 = 1N4148  
 Z = 15V,1W (Zener)  
 T = Q4006L4 Triac (Typical)  
 L = 100 $\mu$ H (RFI Filter)

**220V**

- 220V**
- C1 = 0.15μF,400V  
(3)C2 = 0.22μF,400V  
C3 = 0.047μF,25V  
C4 = 470pF,25V  
C5 = 47μF,25V  
C6 = 680pF,25V  
C7 = 0.1μF,25V  
(4)R1 = 1K , 2W  
R2 = 1.5M ,1/4W  
R3 = 1.5M ,1/4W  
R4 = 1M to 5M ,1/4W  
(Select for sensitivity)  
R5, R6 = 4.7M ,1/4W  
R7 = 150K ,1/4W  
R8 = 100 ,1/4W  
D1 = 1N4148  
Z = 15V,1W (Zener)  
T = Q5004L4 Triac (Typical)  
L = 200μH (RFI Filter)

- (1) For Connection A. Use 0.22μF for Connection B.
- (2) For Connection A, Modes 1 and 2. Use 1/4W for Mode 0 and Connection B, all Modes.

- (4)** For Connection A, Modes 1 and 2. Use 1/4W for Mode 0 and Connection B, all Modes.