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## 1 General Description

## 1.1 Scope

This specification covers the operation and operating requirements of the vacuum fluorescent graphic display module GU128X32D-7050.

## 1.2 Construction

The module consists of a  $128 \times 32$  dot graphic BD-VFD, refresh RAM, character generator, DC/DC converter, display controller, and all necessary control logic. The module can simultaneously display graphic patterns and characters on the screen.

## 1.3 Outline

Power supply:	Single 5V <sub>DC</sub> power supply
Interface:	Parallel interface (CMOS-level) Serial interface (Asynchronous, can accept RS-232 level)
Function:	Character display – 5x7 dot, with display attributes 5x7 Character font (specification DS-898-0002-xx) Graphic display Control command Character download function Screen saver function

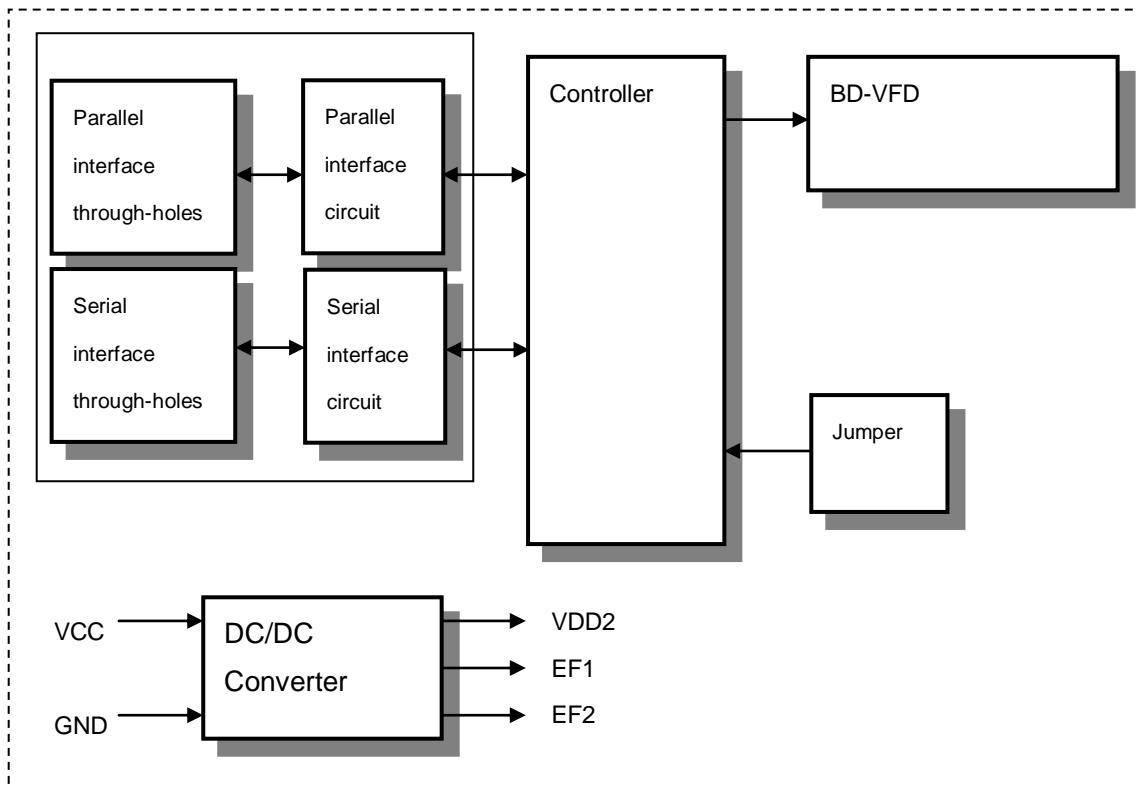
Applicable reliability spec.: TT-99-3102

Applicable production spec.: TT-98-3413

## 1.4 Weight

Approximately 49g

## 1.5 Block Diagram



## 2 Electrical specifications

### 2.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Power Supply Voltage	VCC	-0.3	-	+6.0	VDC
Logic Supply Voltage D0-D7, /WR,/RD, /RESET	VIN	-0.3	-	Vcc+0.3	VDC
Logic Supply Voltage SIN	VIN	-20.0	-	+20.0	VDC

### 2.2 Electrical ratings

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Power Supply Voltage	VCC	4.75	5.0	5.25	VDC

Driving voltage for the VFD is obtained from the on-board DC/DC converter.

### 2.3 Electrical Characteristics

Measuring Conditions: Ambient temperature = 25 °C, VCC = 5.0V DC

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit	Condition	Note
'L' Level Logic Input Current D0-D7,/WR,/RD	IIL1	-	-	-0.15	mA	VIN=0V	
	IIL2	-	-	-0.6	mA	VIN=0V	
'H' level Logic Input Current D0-D7,/WR,/RD,/RESET	IIH	-	-	1.0	µADC	VIN=5V	-
Logic Input Voltage D0-D7,/WR,/RD, /RESET	'H'	VIH	0.8VCC	-	VCC	-	-
	'L'	VIL	0	-	0.2VCC	VDC	-
Logic Output Voltage D7(Busy flag), PBUSY	'H'	VOH	3.8	-	VCC	VDC	IOH=-1.5mA
	'L'	VOL	0	-	0.6	VDC	IOL=1.6mA
Logic input resistance SIN	RIN	3	-	-	kΩ	-	-
Logic Input Voltage SIN	'H'	VIH	3.0	-	+15	VDC	-
	'L'	VIL	-15	-	0.5	VDC	-
Logic Output Voltage SBUSY	'H'	VIH	4.0	-	VCC	VDC	RL=3kΩ
	'L'	VIL	0	-	0.5	VDC	RL=3kΩ
Power Supply Current 1	ICC1	-	290	380	mADC	-	(1)
Power Supply Current 2	ICC2	-	240	320	mADC	-	(2)
Power Supply Current 3	ICC3	-	22	40	mADC	-	(3)
Power Consumption		-	1.4	1.90	W	-	(1)

**Note:**

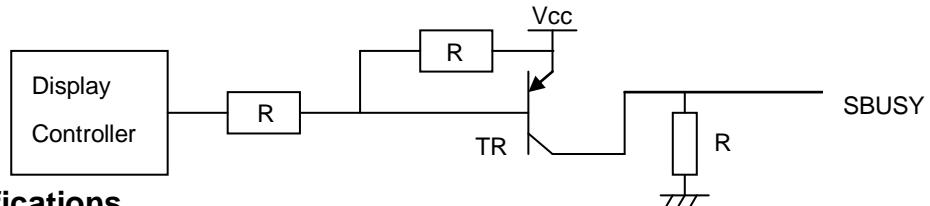
“SBUSY” is open collector terminal (pulled down by  $10k\Omega$ ).

(1)  $I_{cc1}$  is the current when all dots in the display are on.

(2)  $I_{cc2}$  is the current when all dots in the display are off.

(3)  $I_{cc3}$  is the current in Display Power OFF Mode (power-save mode).

At power-on, inrush current can be approximately twice the current in the above table. A quick-rise type power supply (<100ms) is recommended.



### 3 Optical Specifications

Number of dots:	4,096 (128 × 32)
Display area:	54.89mm × 13.93mm (X × Y)
Dot size:	0.28mm × 0.29mm (X × Y)
Dot pitch:	0.43mm × 0.44mm (X × Y)
Luminance:	350cd/m <sup>2</sup> Min. (800cd/m <sup>2</sup> Typ.)
Color of illumination:	Green (Blue Green)

### 4 Environmental Specifications

Operating temperature:	-40 to +85 °C
Storage temperature:	-40 to +85 °C
Operating humidity:	20 to 80 % R.H (non-condensing)
Storage humidity:	20 to 80 % R.H (non-condensing)
Vibration:	10-55-10Hz, all amplitude 1mm, 30 minutes, X-Y-Z (non-operating)
Shock:	392m/s <sup>2</sup> (40G) 9ms X-Y-Z, 3 times each direction (non-operating)

### 5 Interface

#### 5.1 Type of interface

The following interfaces are available on this module:

Parallel interface (CMOS-level)

Serial interface (Asynchronous, can accept RS-232 level)

#### 5.2 Parallel interface

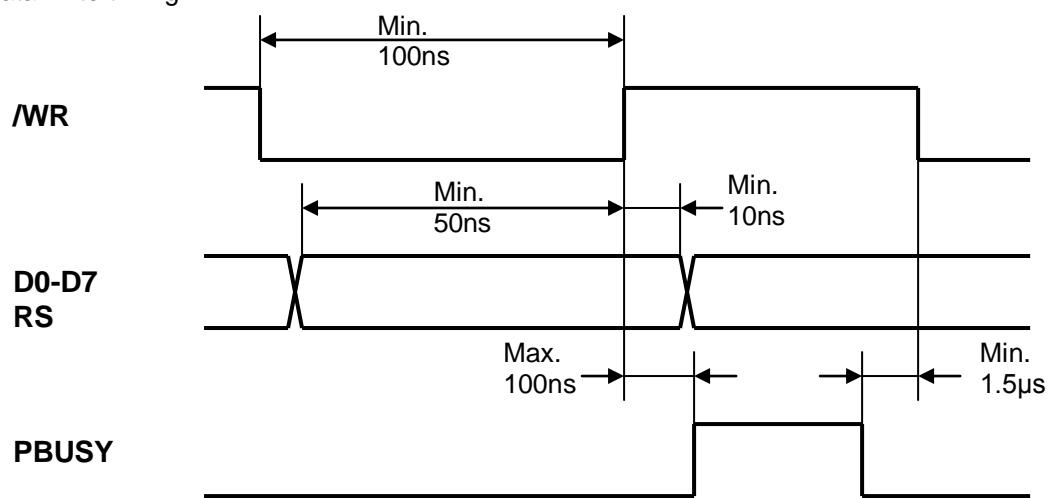
##### 5.2.1 Basic function

The module sets the PBUSY line upon receipt of data, and clears the line when ready to receive more data. PBUSY signal can be read directly, or by bit D7 Status read. RS terminal is not used in this module.

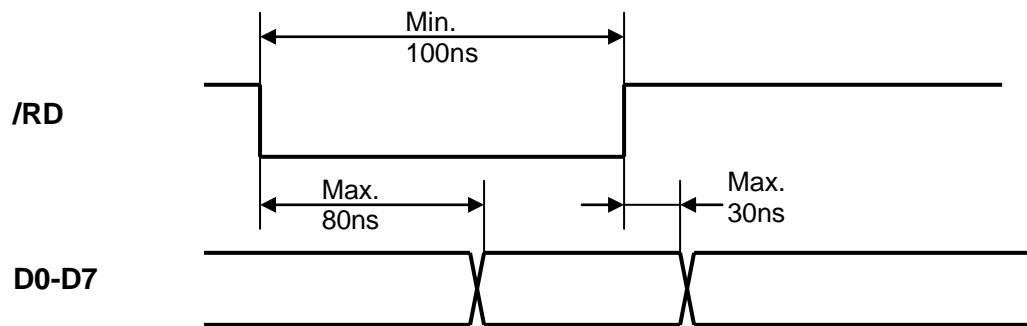
Operation	/WR	/RD	/RS	D0-D7
Data write	0 → 1	1	X	D0-D7: Data write
Status read	1	0	X	D0-D6: Undefined D7: PBUSY Flag 1:BUSY, 0:READY

### 5.2.2 Interface timing

Data write timing



Data read timing

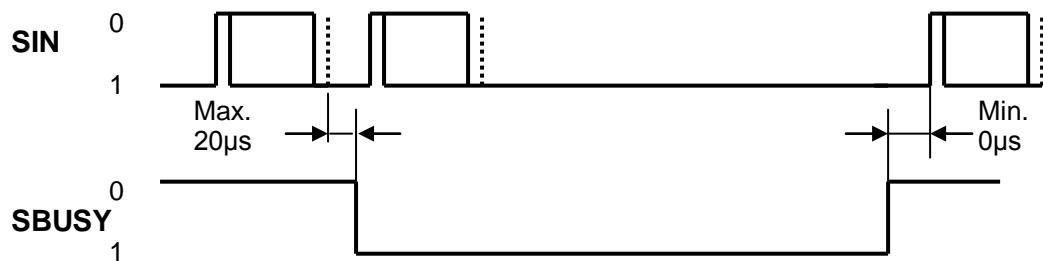


## 5.3 Serial interface

### 5.3.1 Basic function

The asynchronous serial interface can accept RS-232 level input. The module sets the SBUSY line upon receipt of data, and clears the line when ready to receive more data.

### 5.3.2 Asynchronous serial interface timing



Interface:

<b>Baud rate</b>	9,600 / 19,200 / 38,400 / 115,200bps (set by Jumper)
<b>Parity</b>	None
<b>Format</b>	Start (1 bit) + Data (8 bit) + Stop (1 bit)
<b>Handshake</b>	SBUSY

Receive buffer capacity: 12 bytes

SBUSY change timing:

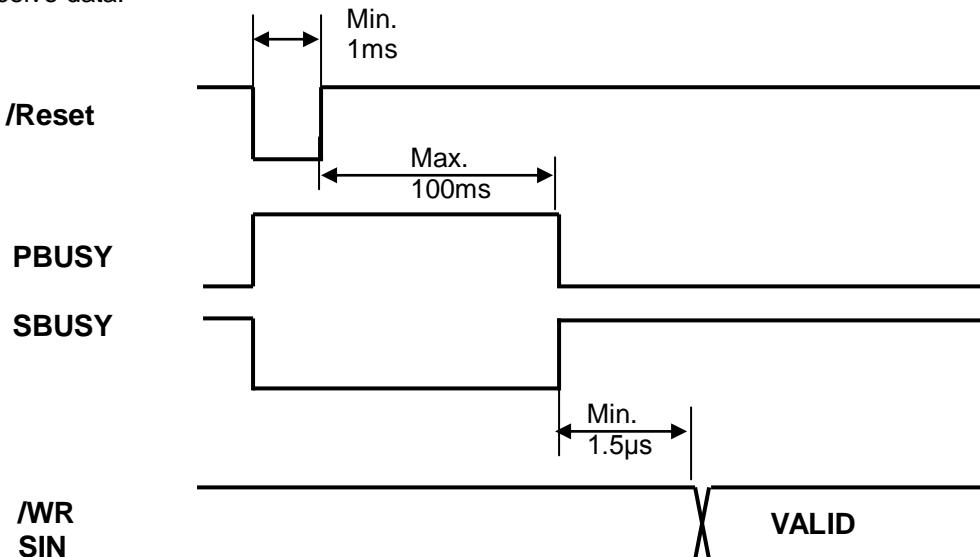
	1 (BUSY)	0 (READY)
Condition	Data in receive buffer	No data in receive buffer

To prevent data loss, data should not be sent when SBUSY=1.

## 5.4 Reset timing

Reset pulse (active low) should be longer than 1ms.

The module sets the SBUSY/PBUSY line upon receipt of Reset signal and clears the line when ready to receive data.



## 6 Display specification

## 6.1 Displayable image types

### 6.1.1 Graphic display

Number of dots: 128x32 dots

## 6.1.2 Character display

Character mode: 5x7 dot

Character font type: 5x7 dot characters: ANK, international font

Character display width: Fixed character format 1 & 2, Proportional character format 1 & 2

## Attribution: Font Magnification, Reverse

## 6.2 Display memory

Size: 256 x 32 dots - separated as: Display area (128 x 32dots)

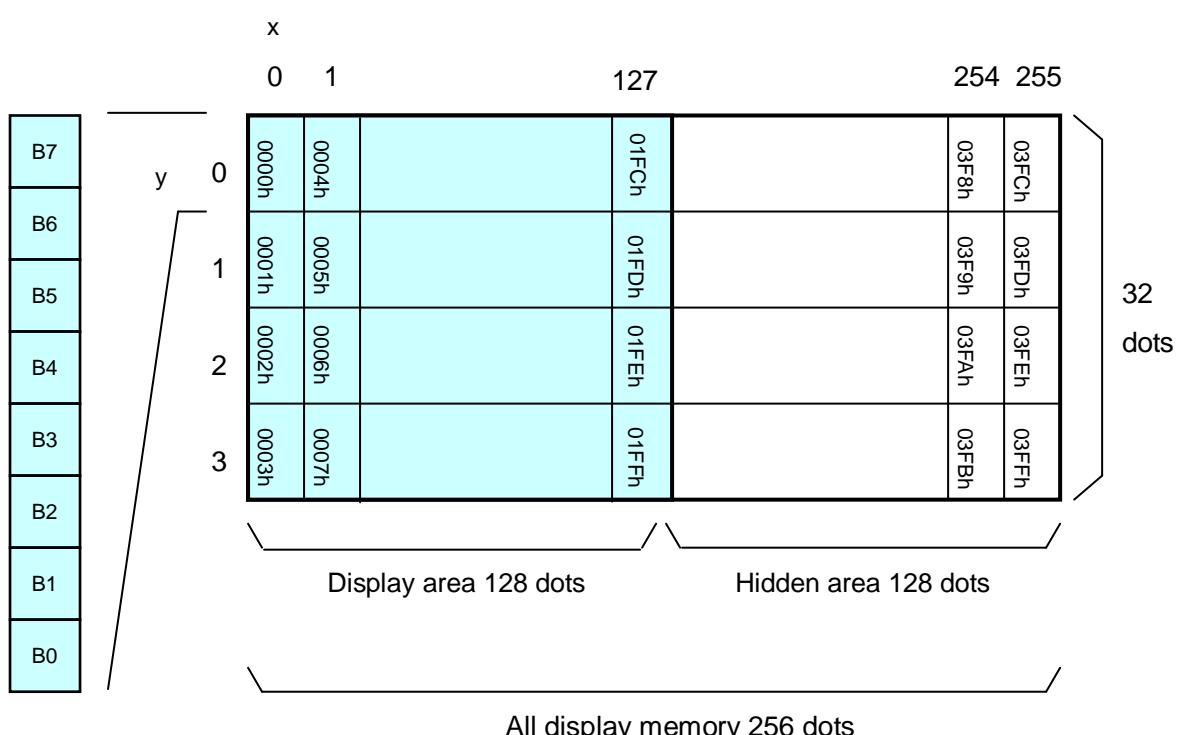
Hidden area (128 × 32dots)

Display Memory is comprised of Display area and Hidden area, as shown below.

By using "User Window" function, the memory area can be separated, and each separate

window can be controlled independently (refer to 7.1.33 Window command group, page 24).

Hidden area can be displayed by using scroll or other action commands (refer to 7.1.23 Display action command group, page 19).



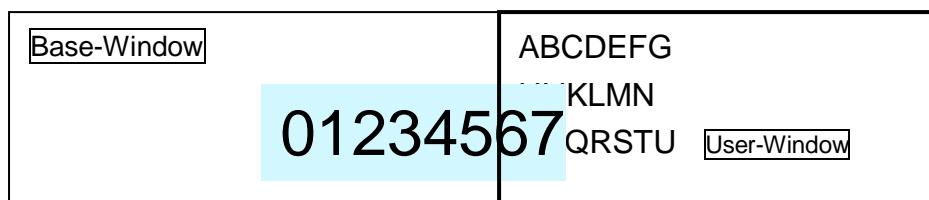
## 6.3 Window

Window function enables the display screen to be divided into “windows” each of which can be controlled and displayed independently.

Display Memory is shared by all windows; individual windows do not have their own display memory. There are 2 types of “window”: Base-Window and User-Window. Refer to “Window command group”, page 24.

### 6.3.1 Base-Window

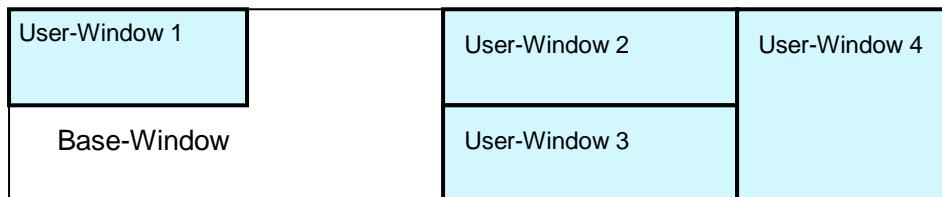
Base-Window covers the entire display screen. If no User-Windows are defined, all display operation is processed on this window. If one or more User-Windows are defined, display operation on any area not covered by a User-Window is done by selecting Base-Window. When Base-Window is selected, even if User-Window(s) are defined, all display operation is processed under Base-Window. Therefore the current display contents of User-Window(s) is overwritten.



### 6.3.2 User-Window

User-Window is defined by User-Window definition command. Display operation is processed on the window selected by Current Window select command.

A maximum of 4 User-Windows can be defined.



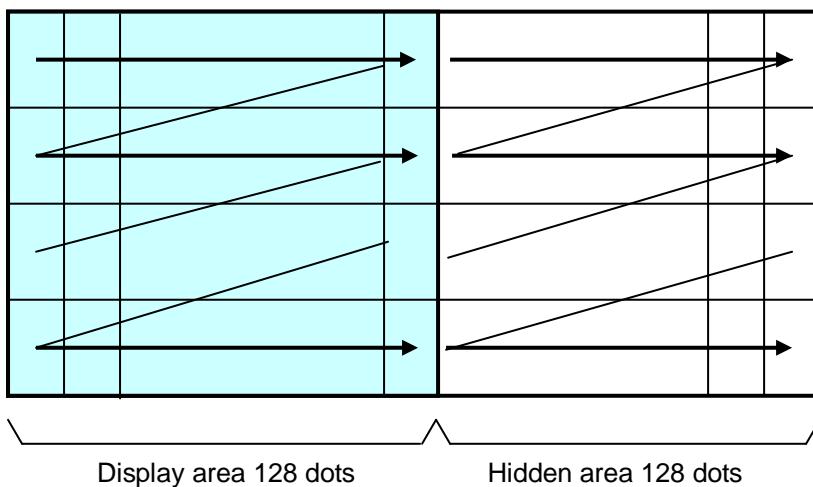
## 6.4 Write screen mode

**This setting is only applicable for Base-Window.**

There are two Write screen modes, Display screen mode and All screen mode. The mode is set by command (refer to Window command group, "Write screen mode select", page 26).

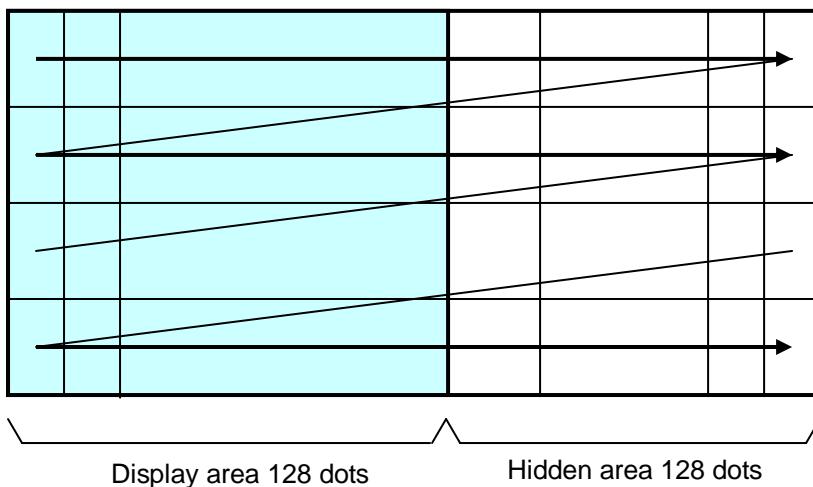
### 6.4.1 Display screen mode

When the cursor is located in the Display area, all operation will be done within Display area, and when cursor is located in the Hidden area, it will be done within Hidden area.



### 6.4.2 All screen mode

Regardless of the cursor position, operation will be done over the entire area.



## 6.5 Character display format

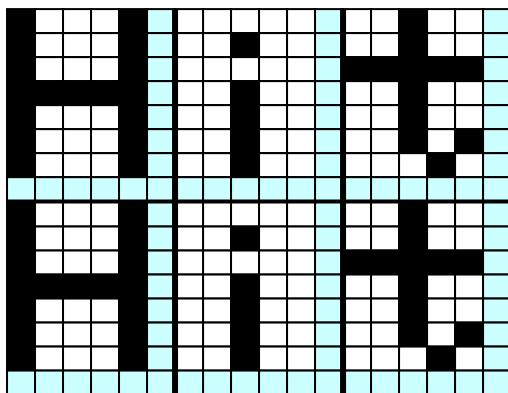
Character display format is as follows, as set by "Character display width" command.

Type of character	Display position	Format	Fixed character width 1	Fixed character width 2	Proportional character width 1	Proportional character width 2
Standard character and Download character 5x7 dot	Y: 0 – 3	Character format	5 × 7	5 × 7	n × 7	n × 7
		Upper space	0	0	0	0
		Lower space	1	1	1	1
		Left space	0	1	0	1
		Right space	1	1	1	1
Download character 7x8 dot	Y: 0 – 3	Character format	6 × 8 *	7 × 8	6 × 8 *	7 × 8
		Upper space	0	0	0	0
		Lower space	0	0	0	0
		Left space	0	0	0	0
		Right space	0	0	0	0

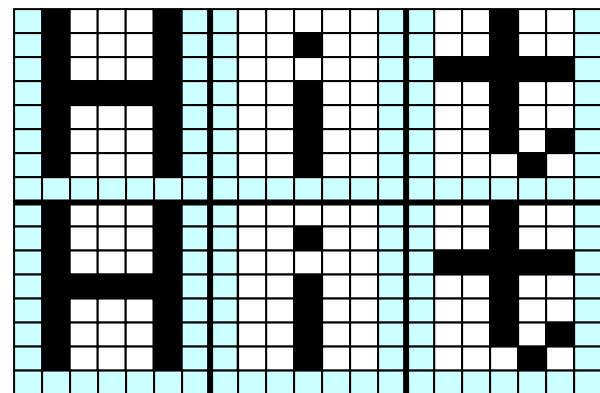
\* The left-most 6×8 dot part of the 7×8 dot character is displayed.

Note: When a proportional character width is specified, the blank character (20h) is treated as a 2-dot width character.

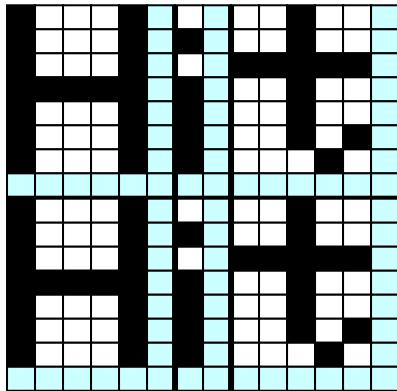
Fixed character width 1



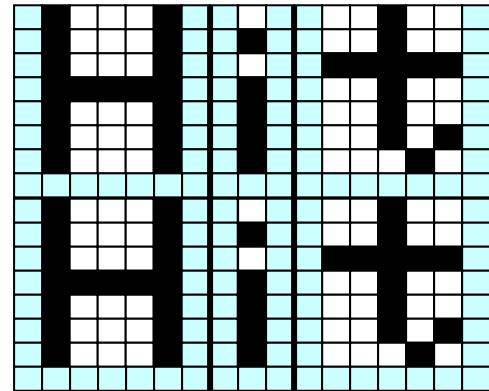
Fixed character width 2



Proportional character width 1



Proportional character width 2



## 7 Function

### 7.1 Commands

This section describes the operation of each command.

Note: The character size (X × Y dot) referred to in this section, depends on the "Character display width" and "Font magnified display" settings.

The number of X dots and Y dots for 1 character for each character display width are as follows:

Character type	Fixed character width 1	Fixed character width 2	Proportional character width 1	Proportional character width 2
Number of X dots	5 + 1	5 + 2	5 + 1	5 + 2
Number of Y dots	7 + 1	7 + 1	7 + 1	7 + 1

MD1 mode, MD2 mode, and MD3 mode, described below, refer to Over-write mode, Vertical scroll mode, and Horizontal scroll mode respectively. (To select the mode, refer to the commands "US MD1", "US MD2", and "US MD3".)

#### 7.1.1 Character display

Code: 20h – FFh

Name: Character display

Function: Display character at cursor position.

This command operates on the currently-selected window (refer to Window select).

MD1 (Over-write mode)

Cursor position		Display Operation
X direction	Y direction	
Space for character on right side.	-	Display >> HT
Right end	Space for character in next lower line. No space for character in next lower line.	HT >> Display >> HT HT >> Display >> HT

MD2 (Vertical scroll mode)

Cursor position		Display Operation
X direction	Y direction	
Space for character on right side.	-	Display >> HT
Right end	Space for character in next lower line. No space for character in next lower line.	HT >> Display >> HT HT >> Display >> HT

MD3 (Horizontal scroll mode)

Cursor position		Display Operation
X direction	Y direction	
The space for 1 character size is in right side.	-	Display >> HT
Right end	-	HT >> Display >> HT

### 7.1.2 BS *(Back Space)*

Code: **08h**

Function: Cursor moves to the left by one character.

This command has effect for the currently-selected window.

MD1 (Over-write mode) and MD2 (Vertical scroll mode)

Cursor position		Display Operation
X direction	Y direction	
Space for character on left side.	-	Cursor moves left by one character.
Left end	Space for one line above.	Cursor moves to right end of next upper line.
	No space for one line above.	Cursor does not move.

MD3 (Horizontal scroll mode)

Cursor position		Display Operation
X direction	Y direction	
Space for character on left side.	-	Cursor moves left by one character.
Left end	-	Cursor does not move.

### 7.1.3 HT *(Horizontal Tab) – 1 character to right*

Code: **09h**

Function: Cursor moves to the right by one character.

This command has effect for the currently-selected window.

MD1 (Over-write mode)

Cursor position		Display Operation
X direction	Y direction	
Space for character on right side.	-	Cursor moves right by one character.
Right end	Space for character in next lower line.	Cursor moves to left end of next lower line.
	No space for character in next lower line.	Cursor moves to left end of top line.

MD2 (Vertical scroll mode)

Cursor position		Display Operation
X direction	Y direction	
Space for character on right side.	-	Cursor moves right by one character.
Right end	Space for character in next lower line.	Cursor moves to left end of next lower line.
	No space for character in next lower line.	Display contents are scrolled up the required number of dots, and the bottom line is cleared. Cursor moves to left end of bottom line.

## MD3 (Horizontal scroll mode)

Cursor position		Display Operation
X direction	Y direction	
Space for character on right side.	-	Cursor moves right by one character.
Right end	-	Contents of current line scroll left until sufficient space for character is available at the right end. Cursor moves to the left edge of newly-created space.

7.1.4 LF *(Line Feed)*

Code: 0Ah

Function: Cursor moves to next lower line.

This command has effect for the currently-selected window.

## MD1 (Over-write mode)

Cursor position		Display Operation
X direction	Y direction	
-	Space for character in next lower line.	Cursor moves to the same position on next lower line.
-	No space for character in next lower line.	Cursor moves to the same position on top line.

## MD2 (Vertical scroll mode)

Cursor position		Display Operation
X direction	Y direction	
-	Space for character in next lower line.	Cursor moves to the same position on next lower line.
-	No space for character in next lower line.	Display contents are scrolled up the required number of dots, and the bottom line is cleared. Cursor does not move.

## MD3 (Horizontal scroll mode)

Cursor position		Display Operation
X direction	Y direction	
-	-	Cursor does not move.

**7.1.5 HOM (Home Position)****Code:** 0Bh

Function: Cursor moves to home position (top left).

This command has effect for the currently-selected window.

**7.1.6 CR (Carriage Return)****Code:** 0Dh

Function: Cursor moves to left end of current line.

This command has effect for the currently-selected window.

**7.1.7 US \$ xL xH yL yH (Cursor Set)****Code:** 1Fh 24h xL xH yL yH

xL: Cursor position x, lower byte (1 dot / unit)

xH: Cursor position x, upper byte (1 dot / unit)

yL: Cursor position y, lower byte (8 dots / unit)

yH: Cursor position y, upper byte (8 dots / unit)

Definable area:  $0000h \leq (xL + xH \times 256) \leq 00FFh$  $0000h \leq (yL + yH \times 256) \leq 0003h$ 

Function: Cursor moves to the specified (X, Y) position on Display Memory.

If the specified X, Y position (X and/or Y) is outside the definable area, or outside the currently-selected window, the command is ignored and the cursor remains in the same position.

This command has effect for the currently-selected window.

**7.1.8 CLR (Display Clear)****Code:** 0Ch

Function: Display screen is cleared and cursor moves to home position.

This command has effect for the currently-selected window.

**7.1.9 US C n (Cursor display)****Code:** 1Fh 43h n

n: Cursor display setting

Definable area:  $00h \leq n \leq 01h$  $n = 00h$ : Cursor display OFF $n = 01h$ : Cursor display ONDefault:  $n = 00h$  (Cursor OFF)

Function: Cursor display setting.

When cursor display is ON, cursor position appears as reverse blinking, 1x8 dots.

When cursor is in hidden area, it does not appear, even when cursor display is set ON.

This command has effect for the currently-selected window.

**7.1.10 ESC @ (Initialize Display)****Code:** 1Bh 40h

Settings return to default values.

Jumper settings are not re-loaded.

Contents of receive buffer remain in memory.

### 7.1.11 ESC % n *(Download character ON/OFF)*

Code: 1Bh 25h n

Function: Enable or disable display of download characters.

n = 01h: Enable (If download character is not defined, built-in character is displayed)

n = 00h: Disable

Characters already displayed are not affected.

### 7.1.12 ESC & a c1 c2 [x1 d1...d(axx1)]...[xk d1...d(axxk)] *(Download character definition)*

Code: 1Bh 26h a c1 c2 [x1 d1...d(axx1)]...[xk d1...d(axxk)]

a: Select character type

c1: Start character code

c2: End character code

x: Number of dots for X-direction

d: Definition data

Definable area: a = 01h

x = 05h: 5x7 dot

x = 07h: 7x8 dot

20h ≤ c1 ≤ c2 ≤ FFh

00h ≤ d ≤ FFh

x = 5: Upper 7 bits are valid.

x = 7: All 8 bits are valid.

k = c2 - c1 + 1

Function: Define download characters into RAM.

A maximum of 16 download characters can be defined.

x = 5: Defined as 5x7 dot. Surrounding space is same as standard character display.

x = 7: Defined as 7x8 dot. Displayed as 6x8 or 7x8 dot character (refer to 6.5 "Character display format").

After the maximum number of download characters are defined, in order to define other character codes, space must first be obtained using the Download character delete command.

Downloaded characters are valid until redefined, an initialize (ESC @) sequence is executed, or the power is turned off.

To display download characters the commands Download character definition and Download character ON/OFF (set to ON) are required.

If a currently-displayed download character is re-defined, there is no affect on the currently-displayed character. It is effective only for newly input characters.

(5x7 dot)

B7						
B6						
B5						
B4						
B3						
B2						
B1						
B0						
	d1	d2	d3	d4	d5	

(7x8 dot)

B7						
B6						
B5						
B4						
B3						
B2						
B1						
B0						
	d1	d2	d3	d4	d5	d6
						d7

### 7.1.13 ESC ? a c *(Download character delete)*

Code: 1Bh 3Fh a c

a: Select character type

c: Delete Character code

Definable area: a = 01h

20h ≤ c ≤ FFh

Function: Delete defined download character.

Built-in character is displayed after download character is deleted.

Characters already displayed are not affected.

Command is ignored if download character is not defined for the given character code.

### 7.1.14 ESC R n *(International font set)*

Code: 1Bh 52h n

Definable area: 00h ≤ n ≤ 0Dh

Default: n = 00h

Function: Select international font set.

Characters already displayed are not affected.

n	Font set
0	America
1	France
2	Germany
3	England
4	Denmark 1
5	Sweden
6	Italy
7	Spain1
8	Japan
9	Norway
10	Denmark2
11	Spain2
12	Latin America
13	Korea

### 7.1.15 ESC t n *(Character table type)*

Code: 1Bh 74h n

Definable area: n = 00h, 01h, 02h, 03h, 04h, 05h, 10h, 11h,  
12h, 13h

Default: n = 00h

Function: Select Character table type.

Characters already displayed are not affected.

n	Font code type
0	PC437(USA – Euro std)
1	Katakana – Japanese
2	PC850 (Multilingual)
3	PC860 (Portuguese)
4	PC863 (Canadian-French)
5	PC865 (Nordic)
16	WPC1252
17	PC866 (Cyrillic #2)
18	PC852 (Latin 2)
19	PC858

### 7.1.16 US MD1 *(Over-write mode)*

Code: 1Fh 01h

Function: Display mode set to Over-write mode.

This command has effect for the currently-selected window.

**7.1.17 US MD2 (Vertical scroll mode)****Code:** 1Fh 02h

Function: Display mode set to Vertical scroll mode.

This command has effect for the currently-selected window.

**7.1.18 US MD3 (Horizontal scroll mode)****Code:** 1Fh 03h

Function: Display mode set to Horizontal scroll mode.

This command has effect for the currently-selected window.

**7.1.19 US s n (Horizontal scroll speed)****Code:** 1Fh 73h n

Definable area: 00 ≤ n ≤ 1Fh

Default: n = 00h

Function: Set speed for Horizontal scroll mode.

Scroll speed is set by 'n'.

Subsequent commands are not processed until scroll is completed.

Scroll base time period 'T' depends on screen mode and character size, etc.

n	Speed
00h	Instantaneous
01h	T ms / 2 dots
02h – 1Fh	(n-1)×T ms / dot

**7.1.20 US r n (Reverse display)****Code:** 1Fh 72h n

n: Reverse display ON/OFF

Definable area: 00h ≤ n ≤ 01h

n = 00h: Reverse OFF

n = 01h: Reverse ON

Default: n = 00h

Function: Reverse display ON/OFF for character and image display.

Changing this setting only affects subsequent data. Content already displayed is not affected.

### 7.1.21 US w n (*Write mixture display mode*)

Code: 1Fh 77h n

n: Display write mode

Definable area: 00h ≤ n ≤ 03h

n = 00h: Normal display write (not mixture display)

n = 01h: OR display write

n = 02h: AND display write

n = 03h: EX-OR display write

Default: n = 00h

Function: Specifies write mixture mode.

Newly-written characters and images are combined with current display contents in Display Memory.

### 7.1.22 US X n (*Brightness level setting*)

Code: 1Fh 58h n

n: Brightness level setting

Definable area: 00h ≤ n ≤ 08h

Default: n = 08h

Function: Set display brightness level.

n: Level

1: 12.5% 2: 25%

3: 37.5% 4: 50%

5: 62.5% 6: 75%

7: 87.5% 8: 100%

### 7.1.23 US ( a n [parameter] ) (*Display action command group*)

Function: Execute processing of display action command.

n	Function No.	Function
01h	Function 01h	Wait
10h	Function 10h	Scroll display action
11h	Function 11h	Blink display action
40h	Function 40h	Screen saver

n: Function code.

Subsequent commands are not processed until display action processing is completed.

### 7.1.24 <Function 01h> US ( a 01h t ) (*Wait*)

Code: 1Fh 28h 61h 01h t

t: Wait time

Definable area: 00h ≤ t ≤ FFh

Function: Waits for the specified time (command and data processing is stopped).

Wait time = t × approximately 0.5s

### 7.1.25 <Function 10h> US ( a 10h wL wH cL cH s (Scroll display action)

Code: 1Fh 28h 61h 10h wL wH cL cH s

wL: Display screen shift byte count, lower byte

wH: Display screen shift byte count, upper byte

cL: Number of cycles, lower byte

cH: Number of cycles, upper byte

### Sc: Scroll speed

Definable area:  $0000h \leq (wl + wH \times 100h) \leq 03EEh$

$$0001h \leq (cl + ch \times 100h) \leq EEEFh$$

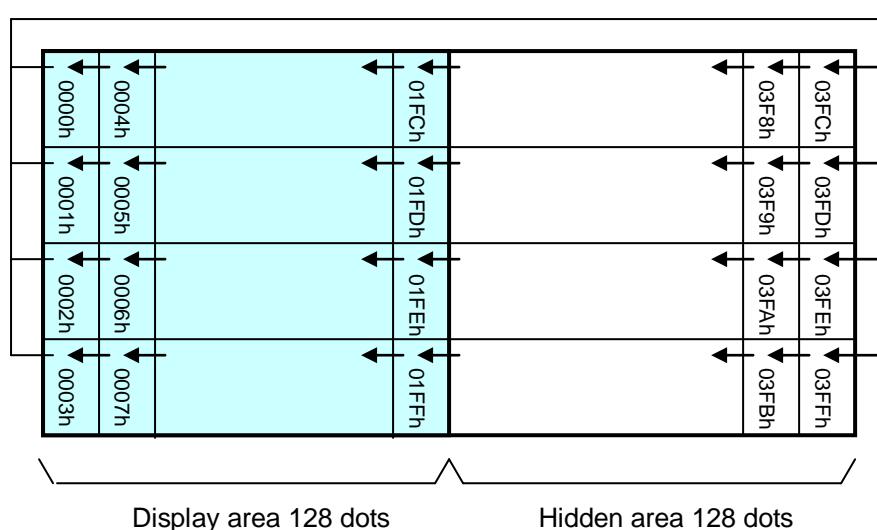
00h  $\leq$  s  $\leq$  FFh

Function: Shift the display screen

Horizontal scrolling is possible by specifying as the shift byte count a multiple of (Display screen 'y' dot /8). Display switching is possible by specifying shift byte count as (Display screen 'x' dot × Display screen 'y' dot /8). Scroll speed is specified by 's'.

Scroll speed:  $s \times 14\text{ms}$  (approximately) / shift

For example: 1 dot scroll to the left:  $wl = 04h$ ,  $wH = 00h$



### 7.1.26 <Function 11h> US ( a 11h p t1 t2 c ) (Blink)

Code: 1Fh 28h 61h 11h p t1 t2 c

p: Blink pattern

t1: Normal display time

t2: Blank or reverse display time

c: Number of cycles

Definable area: 00h ≤ p ≤ 02h

p = 00h: Normal display.

p = 01h: Blink display (alternately Normal and Blank display).

p = 02h: Blink display (alternately Normal and Reverse display).

01h ≤ t1 ≤ FFh

01h ≤ t2 ≤ FFh

00h ≤ c ≤ FFh

Function: Blink display action Blink pattern specified by 'p'.

Time is specified by 't1' and 't2'

A: t1 × 14ms (approximately) Normal display

B: t2 × 14ms (approximately) Blank or Reverse display

Repeated 'c' times.

This command does not affect Display Memory.

c=00h: Blink continues during subsequent command and data processing, until c=01h–FFh is set, or Initialize command.

c=01h – FFh: Blink display is repeated 1–255 times while command and data processing is stopped.

After display blinking is completed, Normal display returns and command and data processing resumes. Command / data processing does not resume until operation is completed.

### 7.1.27 <Function 40h> US ( a 40h p ) (Screen saver)

Code: 1Fh 28h 61h 40h p

p: Screen saver mode

Definable area: 00h ≤ p ≤ 04h

p = 0: Display power OFF (All dot OFF, Power save mode)

p = 1: Display power ON (All dot ON)

p = 2: All dot OFF

p = 3: All dot ON

p = 4: Repeat blink display with normal and Reverse display

(Normal: 2s, Reverse: 2s)

Function: Control Power ON or OFF, and Start Screen saver mode.

p = 0 – 1: Control Power ON or OFF. This setting is applied until this command is re-specified.

p = 2 – 4: Start Screen saver mode. This setting is cancelled when next data is input.

### 7.1.28 US ( f n [parameter] (Bit image display group)

Function: Display bit image data.

n	Function No.	Function
11h	Function 11h	Real-time bit image display

n: Function code.

### 7.1.29 <Function 11h> US ( f 11n xL xH yL yH g d(1)...d(k) (Real-time bit image display)

Code: **1Fh 28h 66h 11h xL xH yL yH g d(1)...d(k)**

xL: Bit image X size, lower byte (by 1 dot)

xH: Bit image X size, upper byte (by 1 dot)

yL: Bit image Y size, lower byte (by 8 dots)

yH: Bit image Y size, upper byte (by 8 dots)

g: Image information = 1 (fixed)

d(1)–d(k): Bit Image data (see below)

Definable area:  $0001h \leq (xL + xH \times 100h) \leq 0100h$

$0001h \leq (yL + yH \times 100h) \leq 0004h$

g = 01h

$k = x \times y \times g$

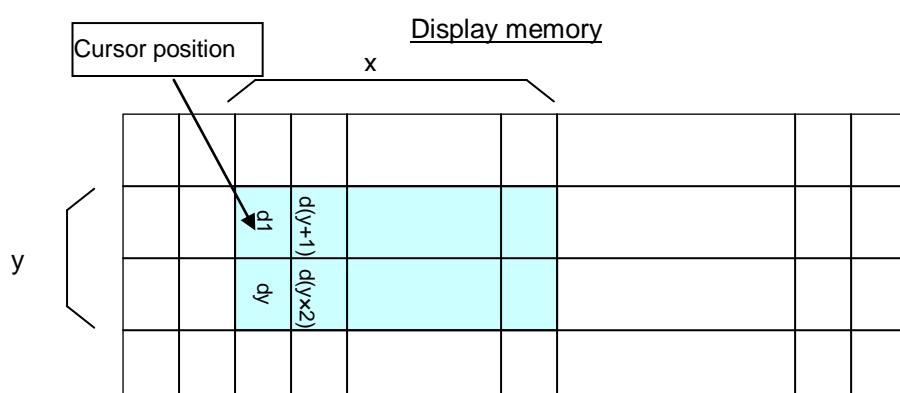
$00h \leq d \leq FFh$

Function: Display the bit image data at the cursor position in real-time.

Cursor position does not change.

If bit image exceeds the bounds of the current window, only the portion within the currently-selected window is displayed.

If Display position or display size etc, are outside the definable area, the command is cancelled at the point where the error is detected, and the remaining data is treated as standard data.



### 7.1.30 US ( g n [parameter] (Font command group)

Function: Font Width and Font Magnification settings.

n	Function No.	Function
03h	Function 03h	Font Width
40h	Function 40h	Font Magnification

n: Function code.

### 7.1.31 <Function 03h> US ( g 03h w (Font Width)

Code: 1Fh 28h 67h 03h w

w: Font width setting

Definable area: 00h ≤ w ≤ 03h

w = 00h: Fixed character width 1 (1 dot space on right side)

w = 01h: Fixed character width 2 (1 dot space on right side and left side)

w = 02h: Proportional character width 1 (1 dot space on right side)

w = 03h: Proportional character width 2 (1 dot space on right side and left side)

Default: w = 01h

Function: Sets the character width.

Fixed character width 1 & 2: Character is written with fixed character width (6 or 7 dot).

Proportional character width: Character is written with proportioned character width.

### 7.1.32 <Function 40h> US ( g 40h x y (Font Magnification)

Code: 1Fh 28h 67h 40h x y

x: X magnification factor

y: Y magnification factor

Definable area: 01h ≤ x ≤ 04h

01h ≤ y ≤ 02h

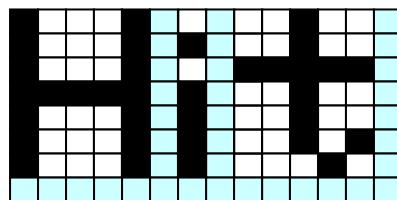
Default: x = 01h

y = 01h

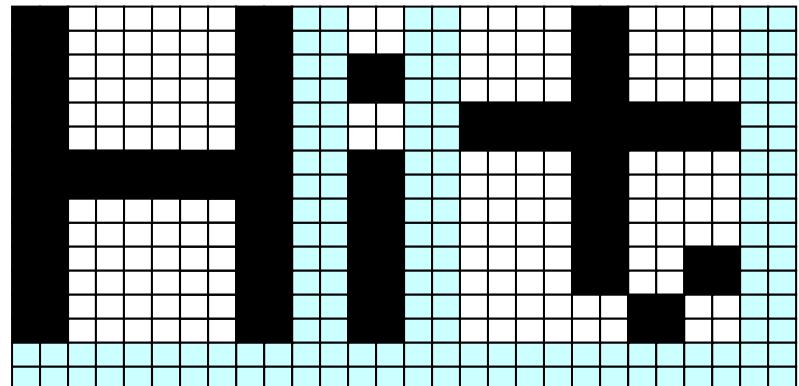
Function: Set character magnification 'x' times to the right and 'y' times downward.

Character magnification includes the space specified by Font Width command.

(x=1, y=1)



(x=2, y=2)



### 7.1.33 US ( w n [parameter] ) *(Window command group)*

Function: Window / screen commands

n	Function No.	Function
01h	Function 01h	Current window select
02h	Function 02h	User-Window definition and cancel
10h	Function 10h	Write screen mode select

n: Function code.

### 7.1.34 <Function 01h> US ( w 01h a ) *(Window select)*

Code: 1Fh 28h 77h 01h a

a: Window number

a = 00h: Base-Window  
a = 01h – 04h: User-Window

Definable area: 00h ≤ a ≤ 04h

Function: Select current window.

Command is ignored if Window number is for a User-Window that is not defined.

### 7.1.35 <Function 02h> US ( w 02h a b[xPL xPH yPL yPH xSL xSH ySL ySH]

*(User Window define / cancel)*

Code: **1Fh 28h 77h 02h a b [xPL xPH yPL yPH xSL xSH ySL ySH]**

a: Definable window No. No. 1 – 4  
 b: Define or Cancel b = 00h: Cancel, b = 01h: Define

xPL: Left position of window x, lower byte (by 1 dot)

xPH: Left position of window x, upper byte (by 1 dot)

yPL: Top position of window y, lower byte (by 8 dot)

yPH: Top position of window y, upper byte (by 8 dot)

xSL: X size of window, lower byte (by 1 dot)

xSH: X size of window, upper byte (by 1 dot)

ySL: Y size of window, lower byte (by 8 dot)

ySH: Y size of window, upper byte (by 8 dot)

Definable area:  $01h \leq a \leq 04h$

$00h \leq b \leq 01h$

$0000h \leq (xPL + xPH \times 100h) \leq 00FFh$

$0000h \leq (yPL + yPH \times 100h) \leq 0003h$

$0001h \leq (xSL + xSH \times 100h) \leq (0100h - (xPL + xPH \times 100h))$

$0001h \leq (ySL + ySH \times 100h) \leq (0004h - (yPL + yPH \times 100h))$

Function: Define or cancel User-Window

Display contents are not changed by this command.

User-Window define (b = 01h):

Specify User-Window number, window position, and window size. Window position and Window size are specified in units of one block (1x8 dot).

Up to 4 User-Windows can be defined.

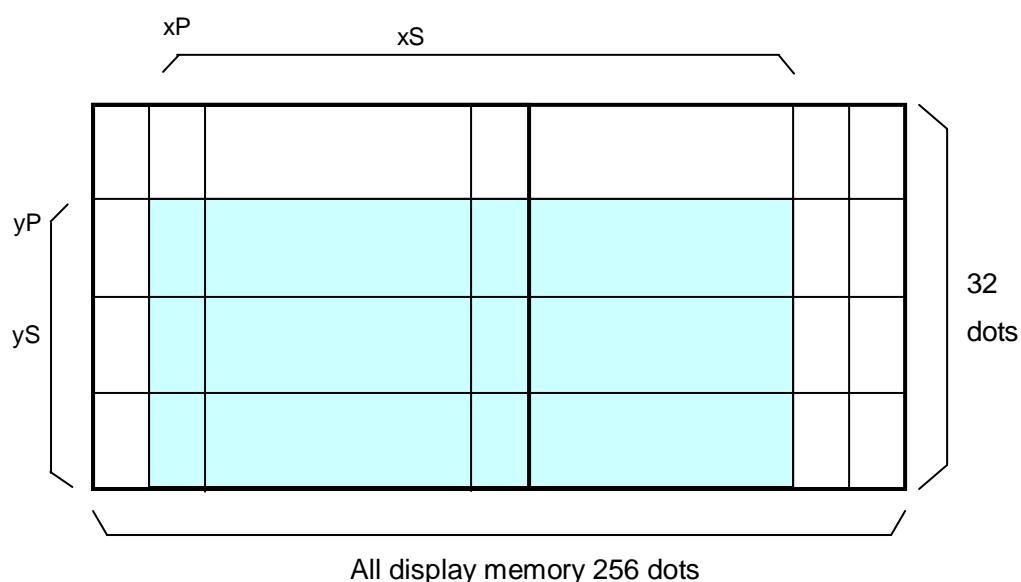
The cursor position for the window is initialized to top left (X=0, Y=0).

User-Window cancel (b = 00h):

For User-Window cancel, window range parameters [xPL – ySH] are not used.

If the currently-selected window is cancelled, the Base-Window becomes the currently-selected window.

If any of 'a', 'b', 'xP', 'yP', 'xS', or 'yS' are outside the definable area, the command is cancelled at that point and the following data is treated as standard data.



### 7.1.36 <Function 10h> US ( w 10h a      (*Write screen mode select*)

Code: 1Fh 28h 77h 10h a

a: Write screen mode

a = 00h: Display screen mode

a = 01h: All screen mode

Definable area: 00h ≤ a ≤ 01h

Default: a = 00h

Function: Select the write screen mode. **This setting is only applicable for Base-Window.**

Display screen mode: Display action is valid within area of either Display area or Hidden area, depending on cursor position.

All screen mode: Display action is valid over the entire display memory.

For details, refer to 6.4 Write screen mode.

### 7.1.37 WINx    (*Window select shortcut*)

Function: Select current window (1-byte command).

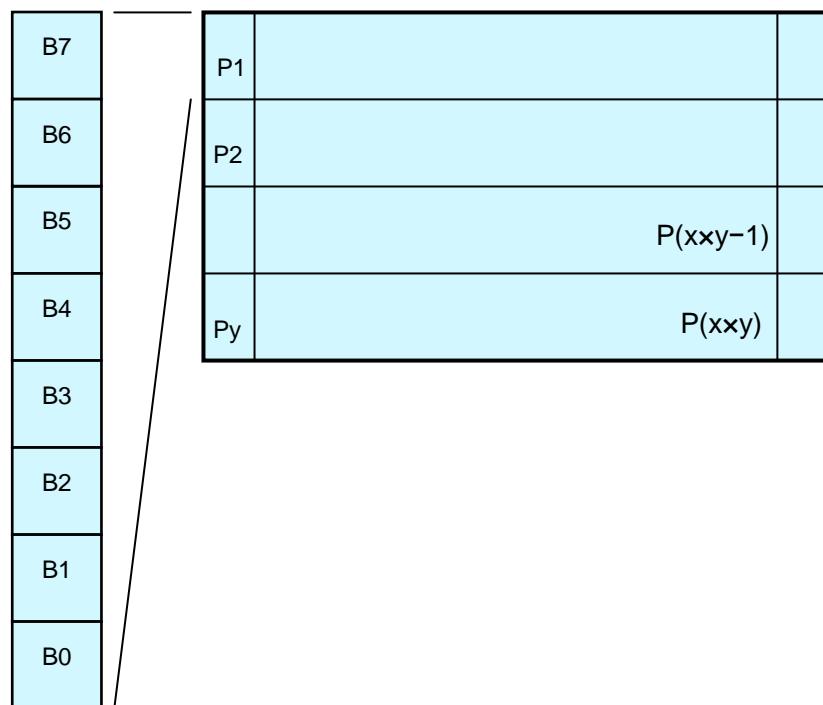
Refer to 7.1.34 for more detail.

WINx	Function
WIN0 (10h)	Select Base-Window
WIN1 (11h)	Select User-Window 1
WIN2 (12h)	Select User-Window 2
WIN3 (13h)	Select User-Window 3
WIN4 (14h)	Select User-Window 4

## 7.2 Bit image data format

The Bit image consists of the data for image size ( $x \times y$ ) as follows;

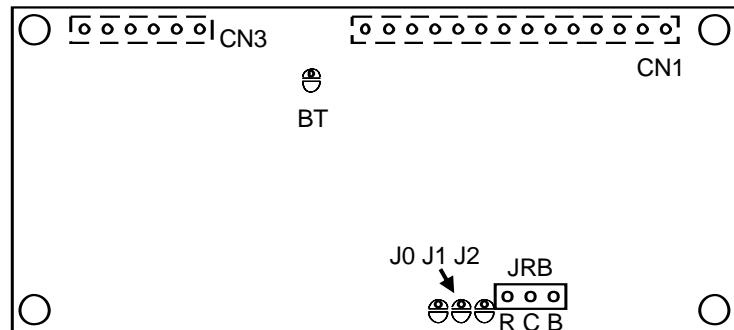
Data	Pattern position
d (1)	P1
d (2)	P2
d ( $x \times y$ )	P( $x \times y$ )



## 8 Setup

### 8.1 Jumper

No.	Function	Default
J0	Baud Rate select	OPEN
J1		OPEN
J2	Reserved (do not change)	OPEN
JRB	Parallel interface through-holes Pin #3 signal setting	OPEN



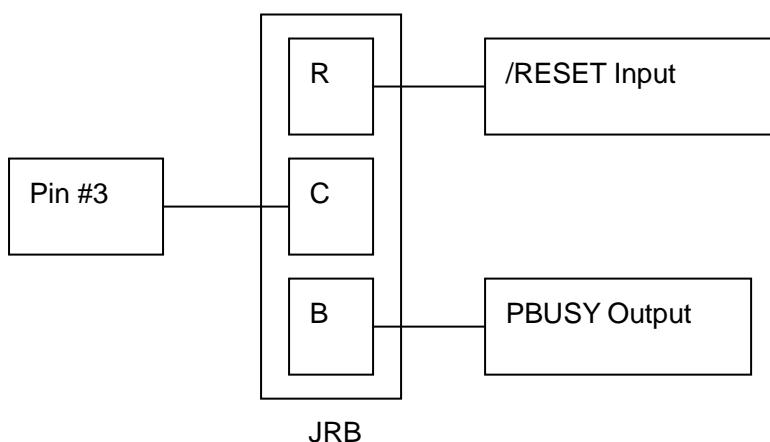
Note: J2 and BT are for factory use only.

#### 8.1.1 Baud rate setting (for serial interface)

J0	J1	Baud rate
OPEN	OPEN	38,400bps
SHORT	OPEN	19,200bps
OPEN	SHORT	9,600bps
SHORT	SHORT	115,200bps

#### 8.1.2 Parallel interface through-holes Pin #3 signal setting

JRB	Signal of Pin #3
OPEN	NC
C-R SHORT	/RESET (Input)
C-B SHORT	PBUSY (Output)
R-C-B SHORT	Do not use.



## 9 Connector

### 9.1 Parallel interface 14 through-holes (CN1)

Pin No.	Signal name	Function	Direction	Pin No.	Signal name	Function	Direction
1	GND	Ground	Input	8	D1	Data input	Input/output
2	VCC	Power supply	Input	9	D2	Data input	Input/output
3	NC *1	No connection	-	10	D3	Data input	Input/output
4	RS *2	Switch signal	Input	11	D4	Data input	Input/output
5	/WR	Data write	Input	12	D5	Data input	Input/output
6	/RD	Data read	Input	13	D6	Data input	Input/output
7	D0	Data input	Input/output	14	D7(PBUSY)	Data input	Input/output

\* 1: Pin #3 can be changed to /RESET or PBUSY terminal, selected by jumper.

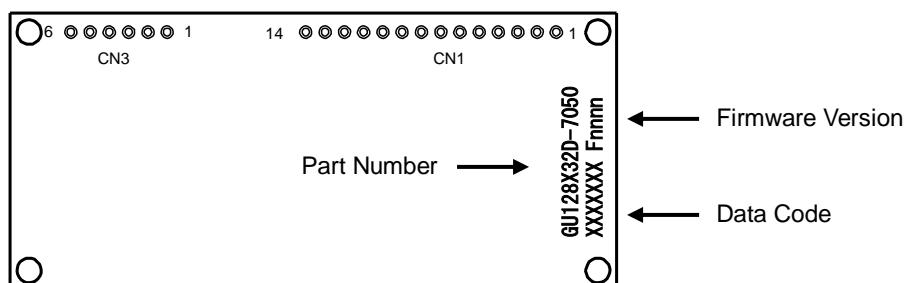
\* 2: Factory use only.

### 9.2 Serial interface 6 through-holes (CN2)

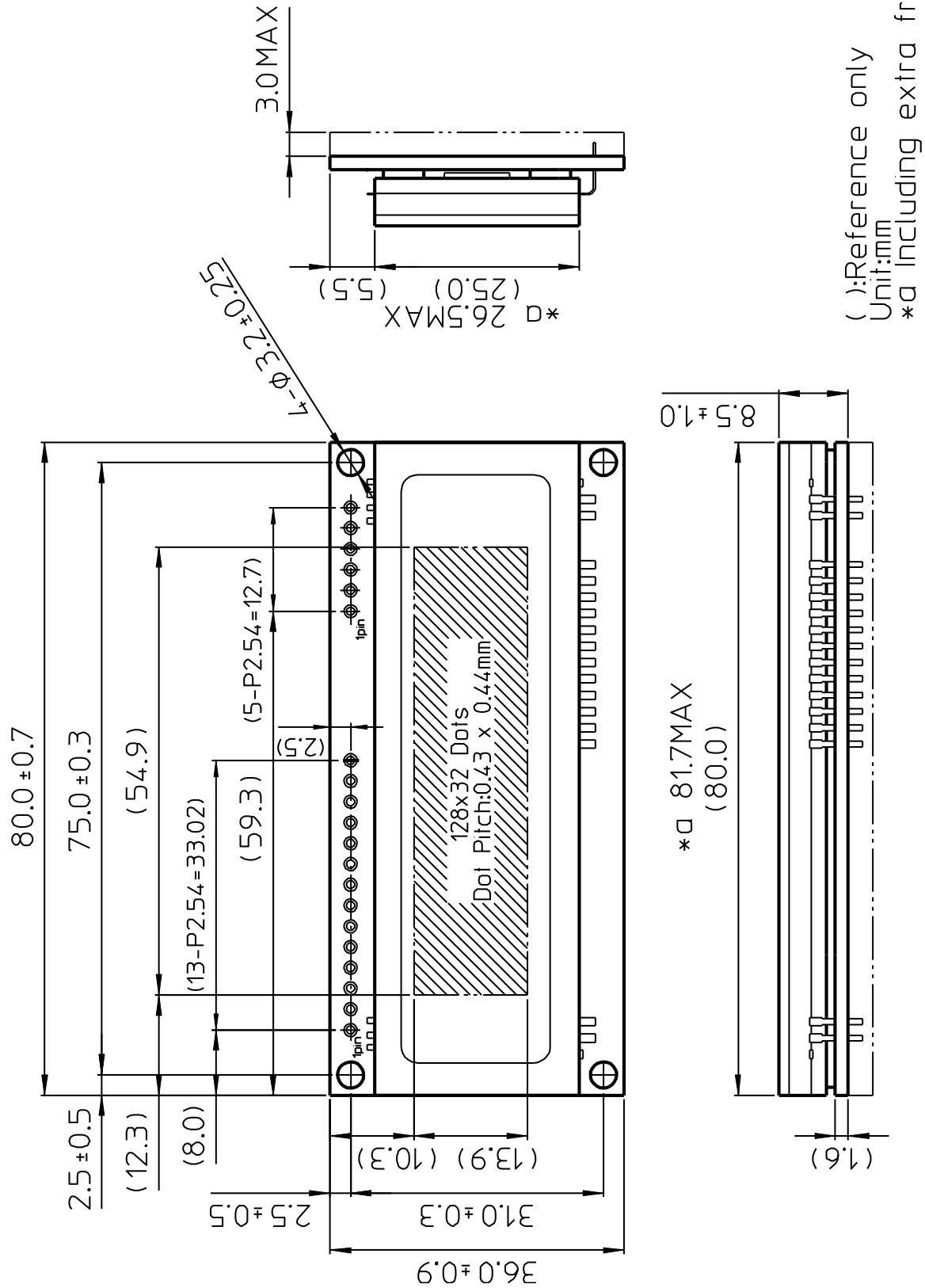
Pin No.	Signal name	Function	Direction
1	VCC	Power supply	Input
2	SIN	Data receive	Input
3	GND	Ground	Input
4	SBUSY	Display busy	Output
5	NC	No connection	-
6	/RESET	Reset	Input

## 10 Firmware Version Notation

The firmware version is written in the following position.



## 11 Outline Drawing



## Notice for the Cautious Handling of VFD Modules

### Handling and Usage Precautions:

Please carefully follow the appropriate product application notes and operation standards for proper usage, safe handling, and maximum performance.

#### [VFD tubes are made of glass]

- The edges of the VFD glass envelope are not smooth, so it is necessary to handle carefully to avoid injuries to hands.
- Use caution to avoid breaking the VFD glass envelope, to prevent injury from sharp glass particles.
- The tip of the exhaust pipe is fragile so avoid shock from impact.
- It is recommended to allow sufficient open space surrounding the exhaust pipe to avoid possible damage.
- Please design the PCB for the VFD module within 0.3 mm warping tolerance to avoid any forces that may damage the display due to PCB distortion causing a breakdown of the electrical circuit leading to VFD failure.

#### [High voltage]

- Avoid touching conductive electrical parts, because the VFD module uses high voltage exceeding 30 – 100 volts.
- Even when electric power is turned off, it may take more than one minute for the electrical current to discharge.

#### [Cable connection]

- Do not unplug the power and/or data cables of VFD modules during operation, because unrecoverable damage may result.
- Sending input signals to the VFD module when not powered can cause I/O port damage.
- It is recommended to use a 30cm or shorter signal cable to prevent functional failures.

#### [Electrostatic charge]

- VFD modules need electrostatic-free packaging and protection from electrostatic charges during handling and usage.

#### [Structure]

- During operation, VFD and VFD modules generate heat. Please consider sufficient heat radiation dissipation using heat sink solutions.
- Preferably, use UL-grade materials or components in conjunction with VFD modules.
- Warp and twist movement causes stress and may break VFDs and VFD modules. Please adhere to allowances within 0.3mm at the point of attachment.

#### [Power]

- Apply regulated power to the VFD module within specified voltages to protect from failures.
- VFD modules may draw in-rush current exceeding twice the typical current at power-on, so a power supply with sufficient capacity and quick starting of the power regulator is recommended.
- VFD module needs a specified voltage at the point of connection. Please use an adequate power cable to avoid a decrease in voltage. As a safety measure, a fuse or other over-current protection is recommended.

#### [Operating consideration]

- Illuminating phosphor will decrease in brightness during extended operation. If a fixed pattern illuminates for an extended period (several hours), the phosphor efficiency will decrease compared to the non-operating phosphor, causing non-uniform brightness. Please consider programming the display patterns to use all phosphor segments evenly. Scrolling may be a consideration for a period of time to refresh the phosphor condition and improve even illumination of the pixels.
- A signal cable 30cm or less is recommended to avoid possible disturbances to the signal.

#### [Storage and operating environment]

- Please use VFD modules under the recommended specified environmental conditions. Salty, sulfuric and dusty environments may damage the VFD module even during storage.

#### [Disposal]

- VFD uses lead-containing materials (RoHS directive exempts these lead compounds in the glass for electronic devices). When discarding VFDs or VFD modules, please adhere to applicable laws and regulations.

#### [Other cautions]

- Although the VFD module is designed to be protected from electrical noise, please plan your circuitry to exclude as much noise as possible.
- Do not reconstruct or repair the VFD module without our authorization. We cannot assure the quality or reliability of unauthorized reconstructed VFD modules.

#### Notice:

- We do not authorize the use of any patents that may be inherent in these specifications.
- Neither whole nor partial copying of these specifications is permitted without our approval. If necessary, please ask for assistance from our sales consultant.
- This product is not designed for military, aerospace, medical or other life-critical applications. If you choose to use this product for these applications, please ask us for prior consultation or we cannot accept responsibility for problems that may occur.

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