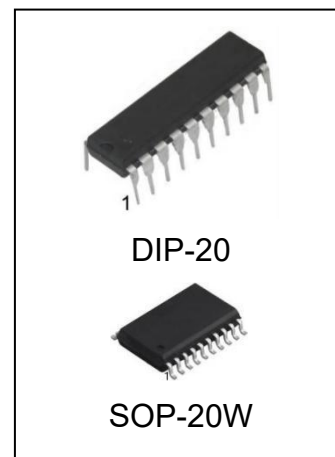


STEPPER MOTOR CONTROLLERS

Features

- Normal/Wave Drive
- Half/Full Step Modes
- Clockwise/Anticlockwise Direction
- Switchmode Load Current Regulation
- Programmable Load Current
- Few External Components
- Reset Input & Home Output
- Enable Input



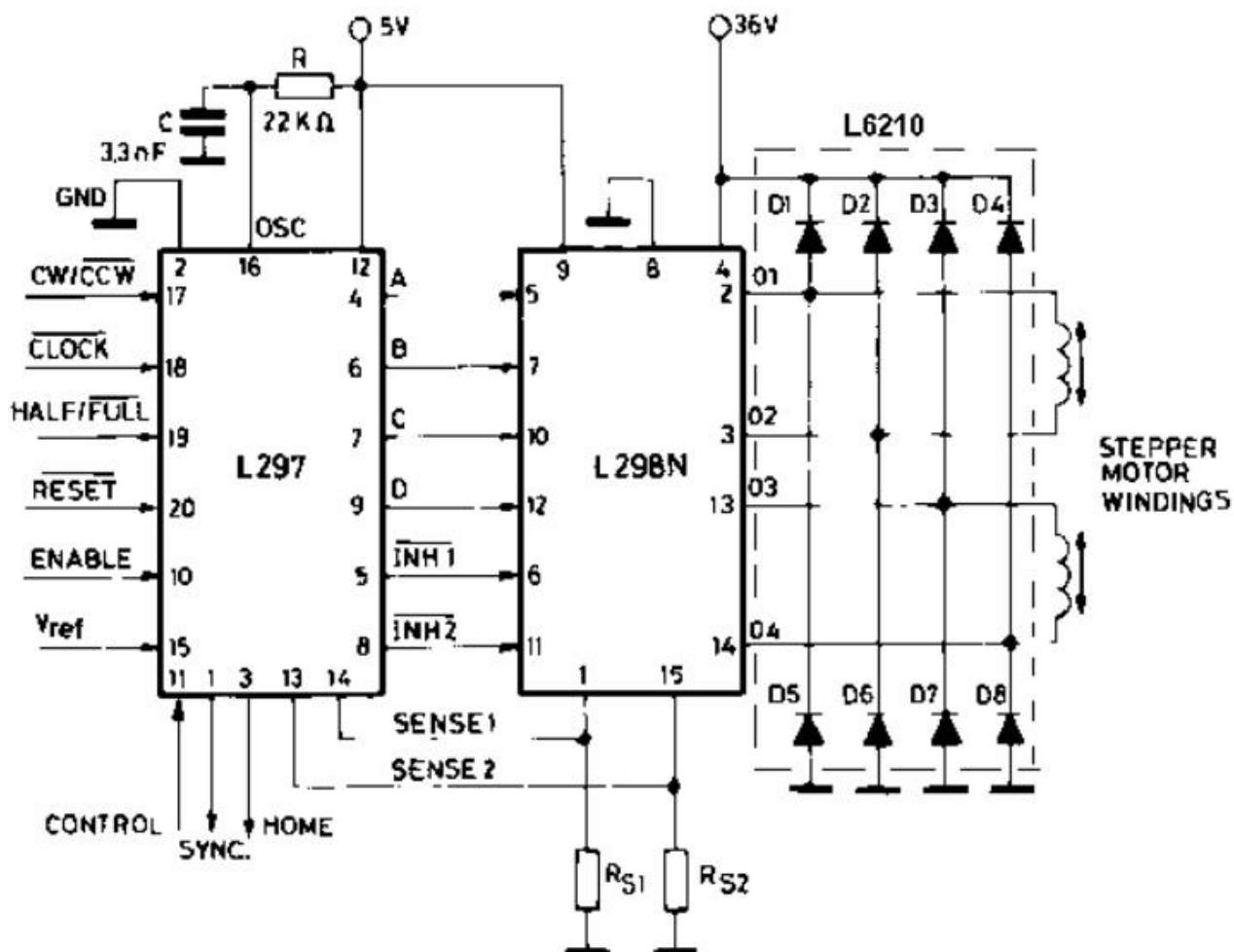
Ordering Information

DEVICE	Package Type	MARKING	Packing	Packing Qty
L297N	DIP-20	L297	TUBE	720pcs/Box
L297DM/TR	SOP-20W	L297D	REEL	2000pcs/Reel

Description

The L297 Stepper Motor Controller IC generates four phase drive signals for two phase bipolar and four phase unipolar step motors in microcomputer-controlled applications. The motor can be driven in half step, normal and wave drive modes and on-chip PWM chopper circuits permit switchmode control of the current in the windings. A feature of this device is that it requires only clock, direction and mode input signals. Since the phase are generated internally the burden on the microprocessor, and the programmer, is greatly reduced. Mounted in DIP20 and SO20 packages, the L297 can be used with monolithic bridge drives such as the L298N, or with discrete transistors and darlings.

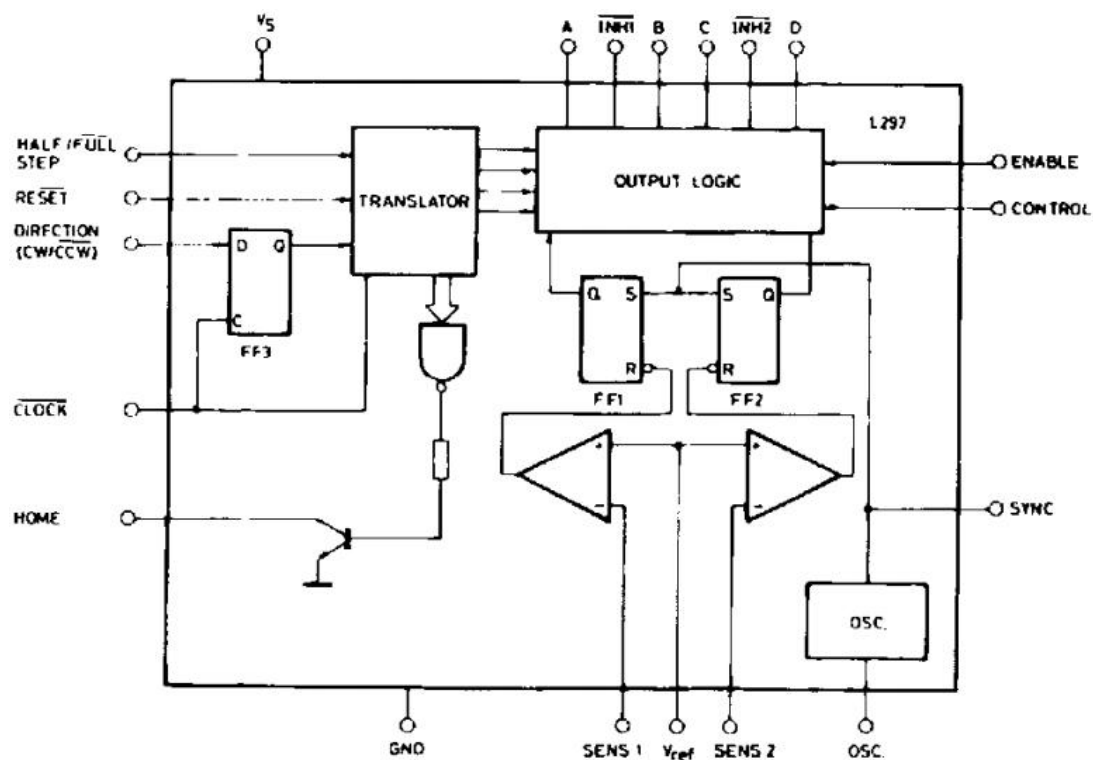
Two Phase Bipolar Stepper Motor Control Circuit



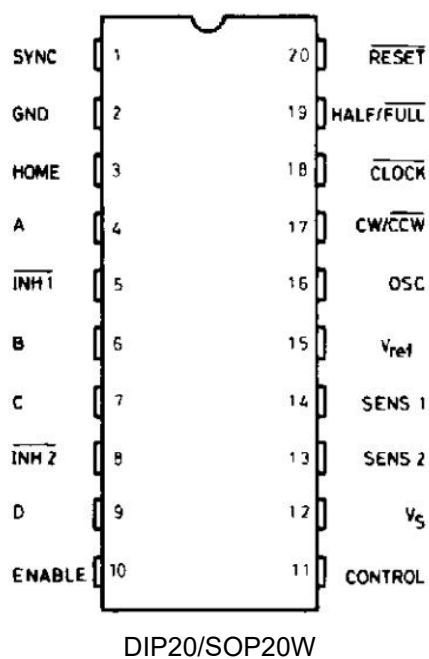
$$R_{S1}R_{S2}=0.5\Omega$$

D1 to D8=2A FAST DIODES

Block Diagram



Pin Connection (Top view)



Pin Functions

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1	SYNC	Output of the on-chip chopper oscillator. The SYNC connections of all L297s to be synchronized are connected together and the oscillator components are omitted on all but one. If an external clock source is used it is injected at this terminal.
2	GND	Ground connection.
3	HOME	Open collector output that indicates when the L297 is in its initial state (ABCD = 0101). The transistor is open when this signal is active.
4	A	Motor phase A drive signal for power stage.
5	INH1	Active low inhibit control for driver stage of A and B phases. When a bipolar bridge is used this signal can be used to ensure fast decay of load current when a winding is de-energized. Also used by chopper to regulate load current if CONTROL input is low.
6	B	Motor phase B drive signal for power stage.
7	C	Motor phase C drive signal for power stage.
8	INH2	Active low inhibit control for drive stages of C and D phases. Same functions as INH1.
9	D	Motor phase D drive signal for power stage.
10	ENABLE	Chip enable input. When low (inactive) INH1, INH2, A, B, C and D are brought low.
11	CONTROL	Control input that defines action of chopper. When low chopper acts on INH1 and INH2; when high chopper acts on phase lines ABCD.
12	V _s	5V supply input.
13	SENS ₂	Input for load current sense voltage from power stages of phases C and D.
14	SENS1	Input for load current sense voltage from power stages of phases A and B.
15	V _{ref}	Reference voltage for chopper circuit. A voltage applied to this pin determines the peak load current.
16	OSC	An RC network (R to V _{CC} , C to ground) connected to this terminal determines the chopper rate. This terminal is connected to ground on all but one device in synchronized multi - L297 configurations. $f = 1/0.69 RC$
17	CW/CCW	Clockwise/counterclockwise direction control input. Physical direction of motor rotation also depends on connection of windings. Synchronized internally therefore direction can be changed at any time.
18	CLOCK	Step clock. An active low pulse on this input advances the motor one increment. The step occurs on the rising edge of this signal.
19	HALF/FULL	Half/full step select input. When high selects half step operation, when low selects full step operation. One-phase-on full step mode is obtained by selecting FULL when the L297's translator is at an even-numbered state. Two-phase-on full step mode is set by selecting FULL when the translator is at an odd numbered position. (The home position is designate state 1).
20	RESET	Reset input. An active low pulse on this input restores the translator to the home position (state 1, ABCD = 0101).

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
V _s	Supply voltage	10	V
V _i	Input signals	7	V
P _{tot}	Total power dissipation (T _{amb} = 70°C)	1	W
T _{stg} , T _j	Storage and junction temperature	-40 to + 150	°C
TL	Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 seconds)	260	°C

Note: Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is intended to be functional, but specific performance is not ensured.

Thermal Data

Symbol	Parameter	DIP20	SO20W	Unit
R _{th-j-amb}	Thermal resistance junction-ambient	max 80	100	°C/W

Circuit Operation

The L297 is intended for use with a dual bridge driver, quad darlington array or discrete power devices in step motor driving applications. It receives step clock, direction and mode signals from the systems controller (usually a microcomputer chip) and generates control signals for the power stage.

The principal functions are a translator, which generates the motor phase sequences, and a dual PWM chopper circuit which regulates the current in the motor windings. The translator generates three different sequences, selected by the HALF/FULL input. These are normal (two phases energised), wave drive (one phase energised) and half-step (alternately one phase energised/two phases energised). Two inhibit signals are also generated by the L297 in half step and wave drive modes. These signals, which connect directly to the L298's enable inputs, are intended to speed current decay when a winding is de-energised. When the L297 is used to drive a unipolar motor the chopper acts on these lines.

An input called CONTROL determines whether the chopper will act on the phase lines ABCD or the inhibit lines INH1 and INH2. When the phase lines are chopped the non-active phase line of each pair (AB or CD) is activated (rather than interrupting the line then active). In L297 + L298 configurations this technique reduces dissipation in the load current sense resistors.

A common on-chip oscillator drives the dual chopper. It supplies pulses at the chopper rate which set the two flip-flops FF1 and FF2. When the current in a winding reaches the programmed peak value the voltage across the sense resistor (connected to one of the sense inputs SENS1 or SENS2) equals V_{ref} and the corresponding comparator resets its flip flop, interrupting the drive current until the next oscillator pulse arrives. The peak current for both windings is programmed by a voltage divider on the V_{ref} input.

Ground noise problems in multiple configurations can be avoided by synchronising the chopper oscillators. This is done by connecting all the SYNC pins together, mounting the oscillator RC network on one device only and grounding the OSC pin on all other devices.

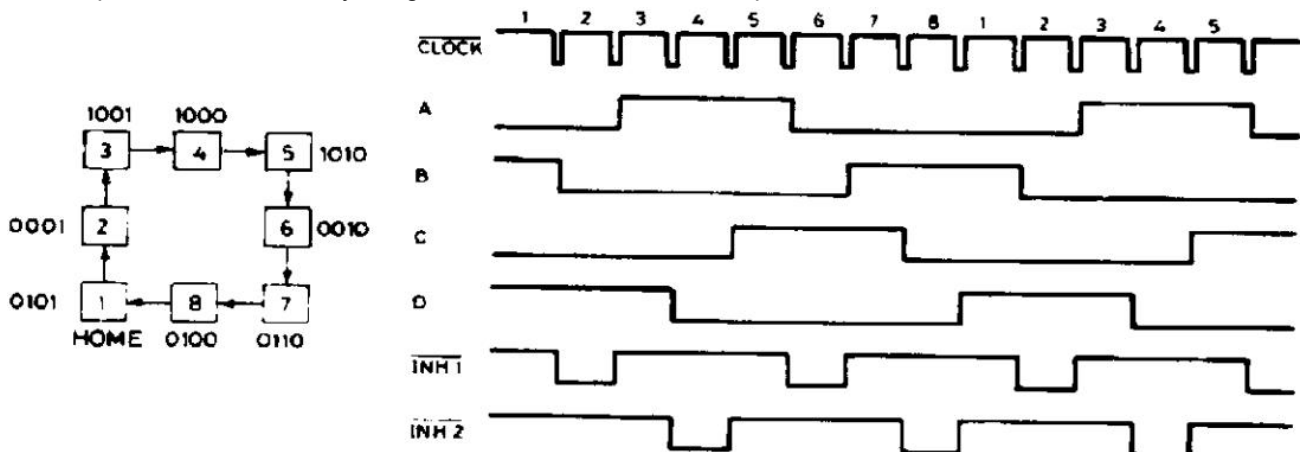
Motor Driving Phase Sequences

The L297's translator generates phase sequences for normal drive, wave drive and half step modes. The state sequences and output waveforms for these three modes are shown below. In all cases the translator advances on the low to high transition of $\overline{\text{CLOCK}}$.

Clockwise rotation is indicated; for anticlockwise rotation the sequences are simply reversed. $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ restores the translator to state 1, where ABCD = 0101.

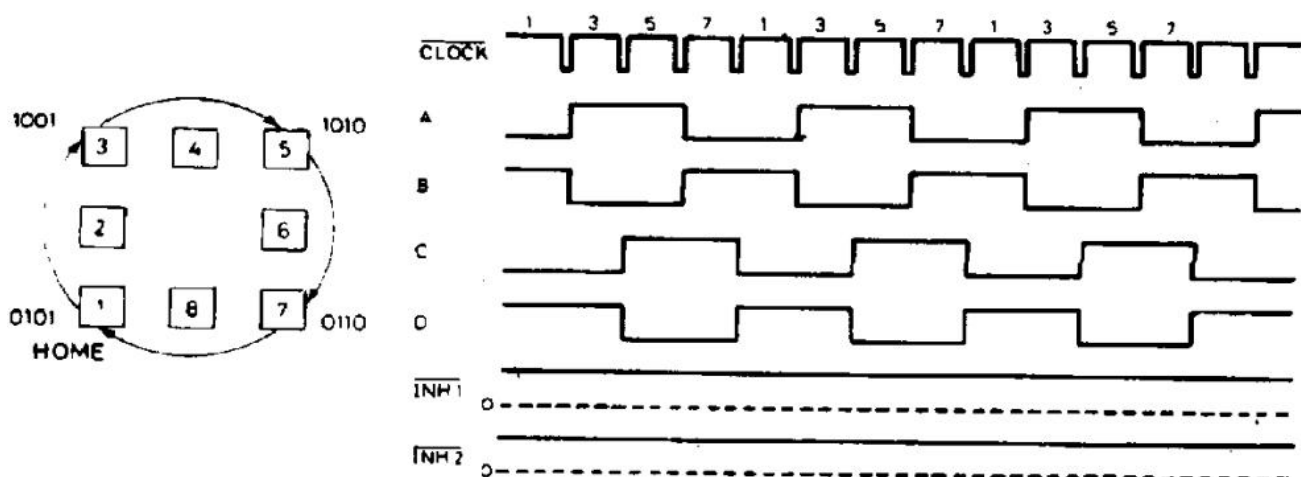
Half Step Mode

Half step mode is selected by a high level on the HALF/FULL input.



Normal Drive Mode

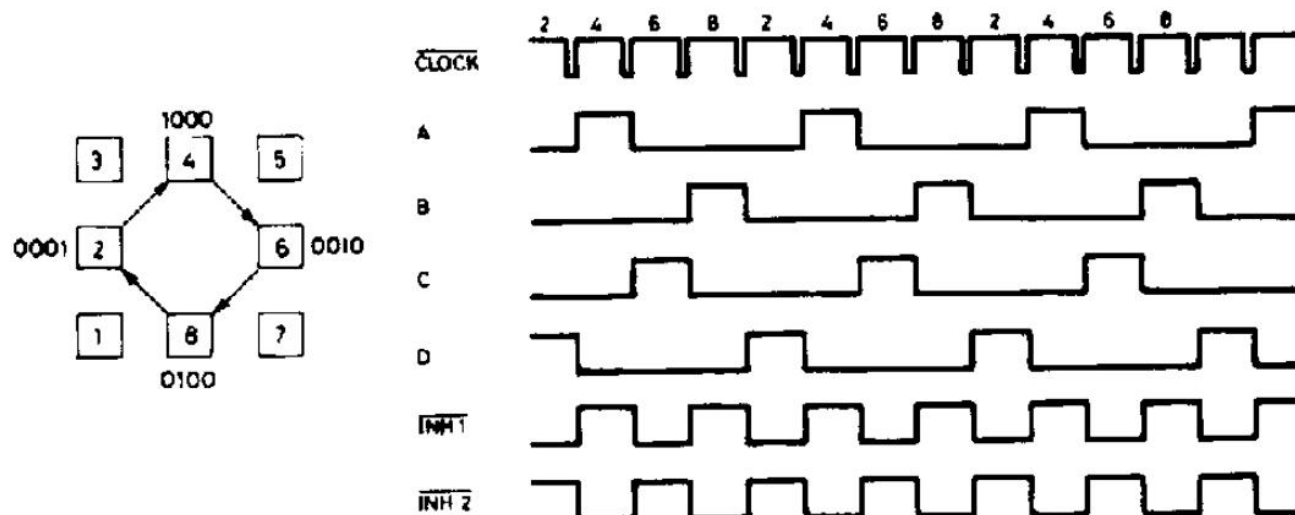
Normal drive mode (also called "two-phase-on" drive) is selected by a low level on the HALF/FULL input when the translator is at an odd numbered state (1, 3, 5 or 7). In this mode the INH1 and INH2 outputs remain high throughout.



Motor Driving Phase Sequences (continued)

WAVE DRIVE MODE

Wave drive mode (also called "one-phase-on" drive) is selected by a low level on the HALF/FULL input when the translator is at an even numbered state (2, 4, 6 or 8).



Electrical Characteristics

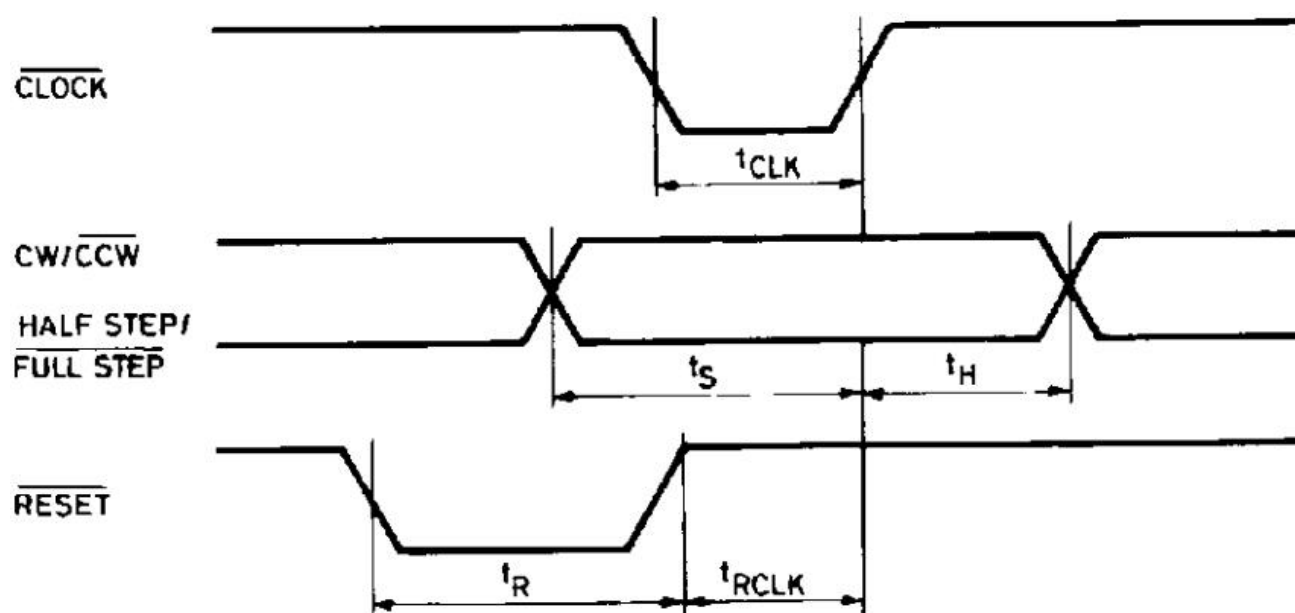
(Refer to the block diagram Tamb = 25°C, Vs = 5V unless otherwise specified)

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ	Max.	Unit
V _s	Supply voltage (pin 12)		4.75		7	V
I _s	Quiescent supply current (pin 12)	Outputs floating		50	80	mA
V _i	Input voltage (pin 11, 17, 18, 19, 20)	Low High	2		0.6 V _s	V V
I _i	Input current (pin 11, 17, 18, 19, 20)	V _i = L		100	A	
		V _i = H			10	μA
V _{en}	Enable input voltage (pin 10)	Low			1.3	V
		High	2		V _s	V
I _{en}	Enable input current (pin 10)	V _{en} = L			100	A
		V _{en} = H			10	A
V _o	Phase output voltage(pins 4, 6, 7, 9)	I _o = 10mA VOL I _o = 5mA VOH	3.9		0.4	V V
V _{inh}	Inhibit output voltage (pins 5, 8)	I _o = 10mA V _{inh} L			0.4	V
		I _o = 5mA V _{inh} H	3.9			V
V _{SYNC}	Sync Output Voltage	I _o = 5mA V _{SYNC} H	3.3			V
		I _o = 5mA V _{SYNC} V			0.8	

Electrical Characteristics (continued)

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ	Max.	Unit
I_{leak}	Leakage current (pin 3)	$V_{CE} = 7\text{ V}$			1	μA
V_{sat}	Saturation voltage (pin 3)	$I = 5\text{ mA}$			0.4	V
V_{off}	Comparators offset voltage(pins 13, 14, 15)	$V_{ref} = 1\text{ V}$			5	mV
I_o	Comparator bias current(pins 13, 14, 15)		-100		10	μA
V_{ref}	Input reference voltage (pin 15)		0		3	V
t_{CLK}	Clock time		0.5			s
t_s	Set up time		1			s
t_H	Hold time		4			s
t_R	Reset time		1			s
t_{RCLK}	Reset to clock delay		1			s

Figure 1.



Application Information

TWO PHASE BIPOLAR STEPPER MOTOR CONTROL CIRCUIT

This circuit drives bipolar stepper motors with winding currents up to 2A. The diodes are fast 2A types.

Figure 2.

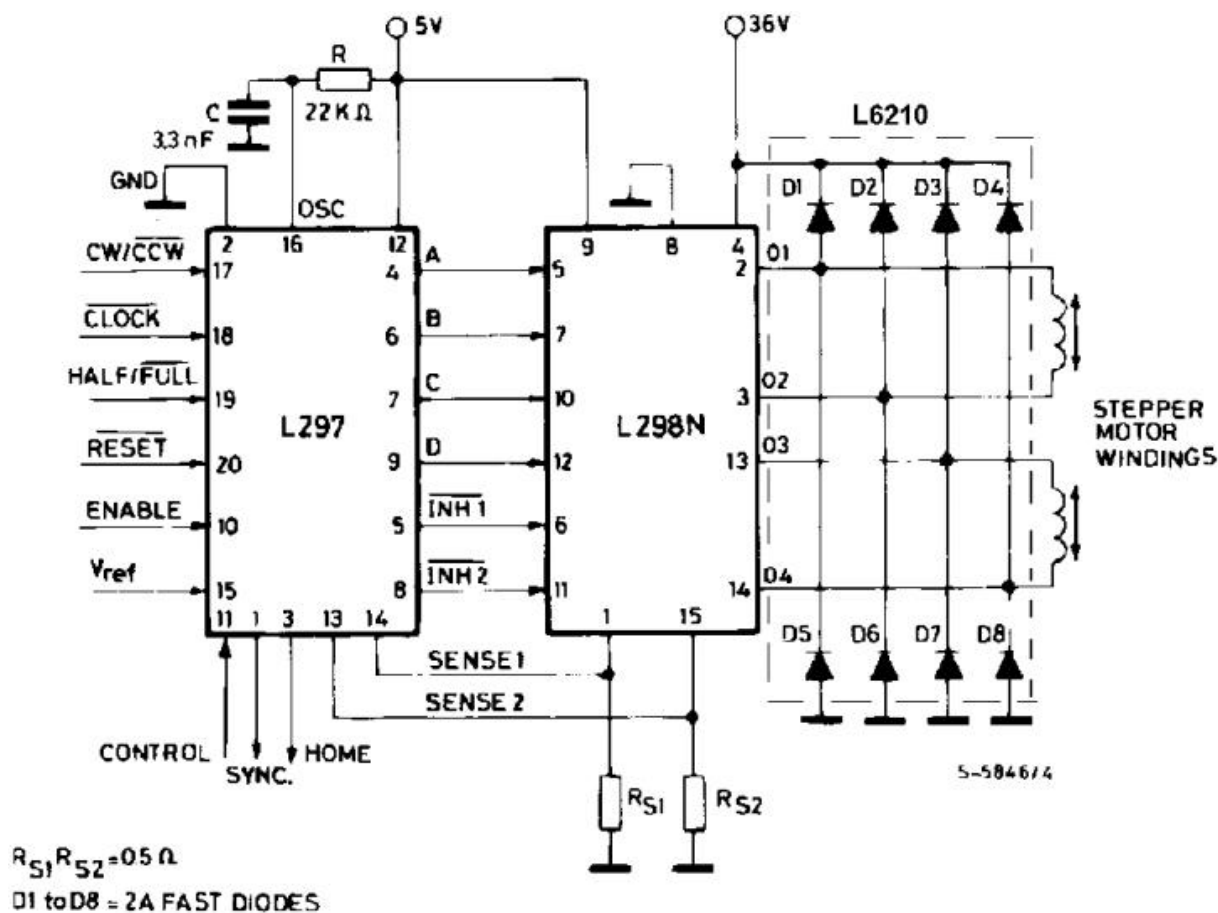
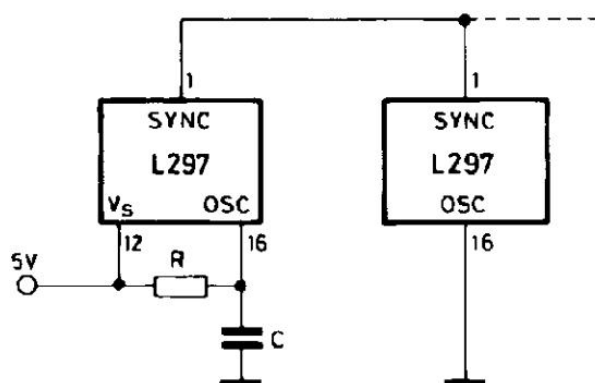
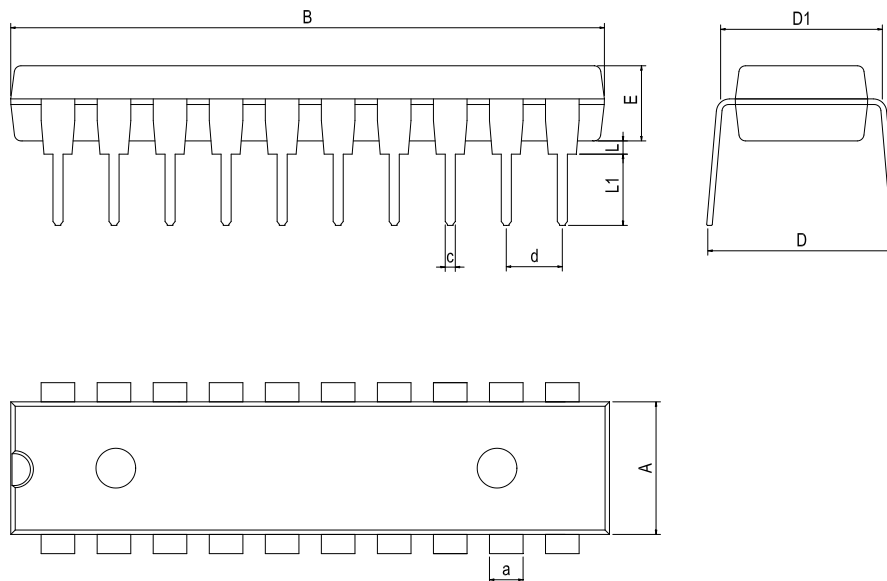


Figure 3 : Synchronising L297s



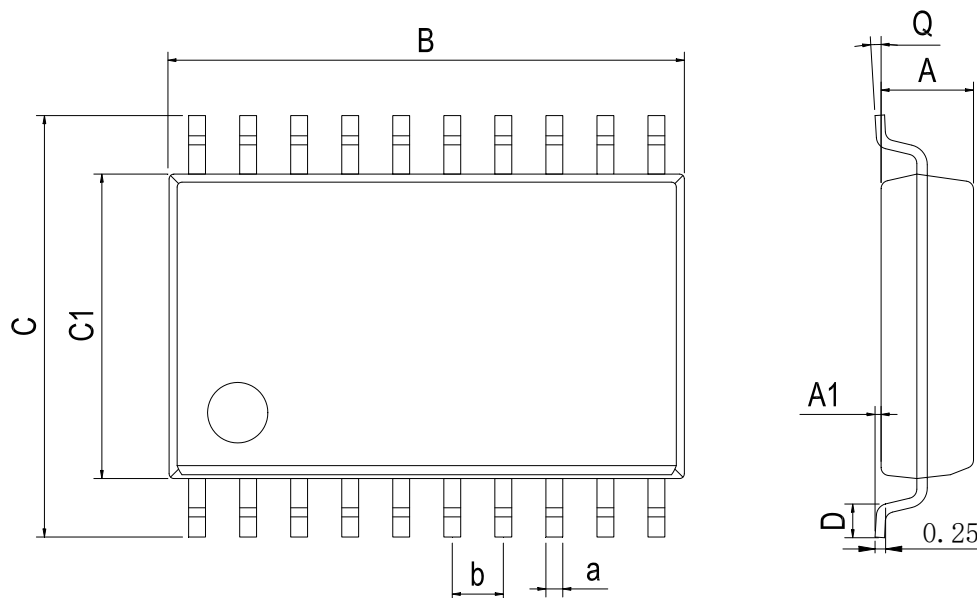
Physical Dimensions

DIP-20



Dimensions In Millimeters(DIP-20)										
Symbol:	A	B	D	D1	E	L	L1	a	c	d
Min:	6.10	24.95	8.10	7.42	3.10	0.50	3.00	1.50	0.40	2.54 BSC
Max:	6.68	26.55	10.9	7.82	3.55	0.70	3.60	1.55	0.50	

SOP-20W



Dimensions In Millimeters(SOP-20W)									
Symbol:	A	A1	B	C	C1	D	Q	a	b
Min:	2.10	0.05	12.50	10.21	7.40	0.45	0°	0.35	1.27 BSC
Max:	2.50	0.25	13.00	10.61	7.60	1.25	8°	0.45	

Revision History

REVISION NUMBER	DATE	REVISION	PAGE
V1.0	2014-8	New	1-12
V1.1	2018-9	Update encapsulation type、Updated DIP-20 dimension	1、 10
V1.2	2024-11	Update packages model SOP-20W、 Update Lead Temperature	1、 5
V1.3	2025-12	Update important statements	12

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