NCR420U / NCR421U

150 mA LED driver in SOT457

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Product data sheet

1. Product profile

1.1. General description

LED driver consisting of resistor-equipped NPN transistor with two diodes on one chip in an SOT457 (SC-74; TSOP6) plastic package.

Table 1. Product overview

Type number	Package Nexperia JEITA			
NCR420U	SOT457	SC-74; TSOP6		
NCR421U	SOT457	SC-74; TSOP6		

1.2. Features and benefits

- · Stabilized output current of 10 mA without external resistor
- · Stabilized output current adjustable up to 150 mA when an external resistor is used
- · High current accuracy at supply voltage variation
- · Low voltage overhead of 1.4 V
- · Reduces component count and board space
- High power dissipation of 750 mW
- Supply voltage up to 40 V
- Digital PWM input up to 10 kHz frequency for NCR421U
- AEC-Q101 qualified

1.3. Applications

- Constant current LED driver
- · Generic constant current source
- Automotive applications (for example: interior lighting, dash board, instrumentation, number plate light)
- · Increase stabilized output current by paralleling drivers



1.4. Quick reference data

Table 2. Quick reference data

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Unit		
V_{EN}	enable voltage	enable voltage							
	NCR420U			-	-	40	V		
	NCR421U			-	-	4.5	V		
V_{out}	output voltage			-	-	40	V		
l _{out}	stabilized output curre	stabilized output current							
	NCR420U	V _{out} = 1.4 V; V _{EN} = 24 V	[1]	9	10	11	mA		
	NCR421U	V _{out} = 1.4 V; V _{EN} = 3.3 V	[1]	9	10	11	mA		

^[1] Pulse test: $t_p \le 300 \ \mu s$; $\delta \le 0.02$

2. Pinning information

Table 3. Pinning

Pin	Symbol	Description	Simplified outline	Symbol
1	VEN	enable voltage	<u> </u>	REXT IOUT GND
2	IOUT	output current		
3	IOUT	output current	0 1 1 2 3	
4	GND	ground	SC-74; TSOP6	
5	IOUT	output current	(SOT457)	
6	REXT	external resistor		VEN IOUT IOUT aaa-029361

3. Ordering information

Table 4. Ordering information

Туре	Package						
number	Name	Description	Version				
NCR420U	SC-74; TSOP6	plastic surface-mounted package; 6 leads	SOT457				
NCR421U	SC-74; TSOP6	plastic surface-mounted package; 6 leads	SOT457				

4. Marking

Table 5. Marking codes

Type number	Marking code
NCR420U	L6
NCR421U	L7

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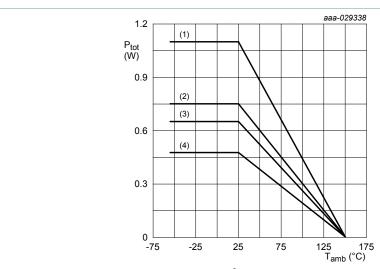
5. Limiting values

Table 6. Limiting values

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
l _{out}	stabilized output current if external resistor is used		-	200	mA
V _{EN}	enable voltage			'	<u> </u>
	NCR420U		-	40	V
	NCR421U		-	4.5	V
V _{out}	output voltage		-	40	V
V _R	reverse voltage		[1] -	0.5	V
P _{tot}	total power dissipation	T _{amb} ≤ 25 °C	[2] -	475	mW
			[3] -	650	mW
			[4] -	750	mW
			[5] -	1100	mW
Tj	junction temperature		-	150	°C
T _{amb}	ambient temperature		-55	150	°C
T _{stg}	storage temperature		-65	150	°C

- [1] Between all terminals.
- [2] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit Board (PCB), single-side copper (35 μm), tin-plated and standard footprint.
- [3] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit Board (PCB), single-side copper (35 μm), tin-plated; mounting pad for collector 1 cm².
- [4] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit Board (PCB), 4-layer copper, tin-plated and standard footprint.
- [5] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit Board (PCB), 4-layer copper, tin-plated; mounting pad for collector 1 cm².



- (1) FR4 PCB, 4-layer copper, 1 cm²
- (2) FR4 PCB, 4-layer copper, standard footprint
- (3) FR4 PCB, single sided copper (35 μ m), 1 cm²
- (4) FR4 PCB, single-sided copper (35 μm), standard footprint

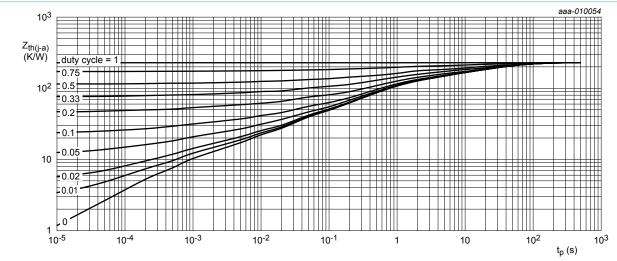
Fig. 1. Power derating curve

6. Thermal characteristics

Table 7. Thermal characteristics

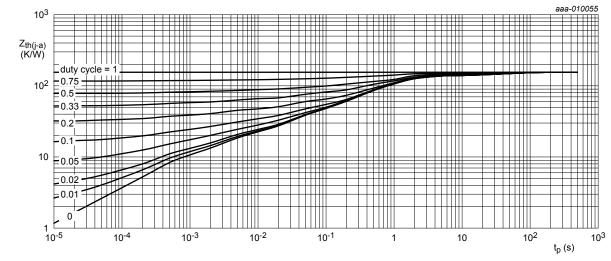
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Unit
R _{th(j-a)} thermal resistance from junction to ambient	thermal resistance from	in free air	[1]	-	-	265	K/W
		[2]	-	-	190	K/W	
			[3]	-	-	165	K/W
			[4]	-	-	115	K/W
R _{th(j-sp)}	thermal resistance from junction to solder point			-	-	50	K/W

- [1] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided copper (35 µm), tin-plated and standard footprint.
- [2] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided copper (35 μm), tin-plated; mounting pad for collector 1 cm².
- [3] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, 4-layer copper, tin-plated and standard footprint.
- [4] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, 4-layer copper, tin-plated; mounting pad for collector 1 cm².



FR4 PCB; single-sided copper; tin-plated and standard footprint

Fig. 2. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration; typical values



FR4 PCB; 4-layer copper; tin-plated and standard footprint

Fig. 3. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration; typical values

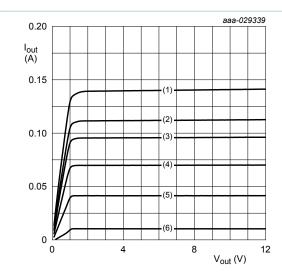
7. Characteristics

Table 8. Characteristics

 T_{amb} = 25 °C unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Unit	
V _{(BR)CEO}	collector-emitter breakdown voltage	I _C = 1 mA; I _B = 0 A		40	-	-	V	
h _{FE}	DC current gain	V_{CE} =1 V; I_{C} = 50 mA	[1]	200	350	-		
R _{int}	internal resistor	I _{Rint} = 10 mA		85	95	105	Ω	
V_{Rint}	voltage drop at internal resistor R _{int}	I _{out} = 10 mA	[1]	0.85	0.95	1.05	V	
I _{EN}	enable current				,		,	
	NCR420U	V _{EN} = 24 V	[1]	-	1.2	-	mA	
	NCR421U	V _{EN} =3.3 V	[1]	-	1.2	-	mA	
R _B	bias resistor				1			
	NCR420U			-	20	-	kΩ	
	NCR421U			-	1.5	-	kΩ	
l _{out}	stabilized output current							
	NCR420U	V _{EN} = 24 V; V _{out} = 1.4 V	[1]	9	10	11	mA	
	NCR421U	V _{EN} = 3.3 V; V _{out} = 1.4 V	[1]	9	10	11	mA	
l _{out}	stabilized output current							
	NCR420U at R_{ext} = 5.1 Ω	V _{EN} = 24 V; V _{out} > 2 V	[1]	-	150	-	mA	
	NCR421U at R_{ext} = 5.1 Ω	$V_{EN} = 3.3 \text{ V}; V_{out} > 2 \text{ V}$	[1]	-	150	-	mA	
V _{out, min}	lowest sufficient output voltage overhead: V _{out} = V _{CC} - V _{LED}	I _{out} > 10 mA		-	1.4	-	V	
$\Delta I_{out}/(I_{out} \times \Delta T_{amb})$	stabilized output current change over ambient temperature							
	NCR420U	V _{EN} = 24 V; V _{out} > 2 V	[1]	-	-0.27	-	%/K	
	NCR421U	$V_{EN} = 3.3 \text{ V}; V_{out} > 2 \text{ V}$	[1]	-	-0.27	-	%/K	
$\Delta I_{out}/(I_{out} \times \Delta V_{CC})$	stabilized output current c	hange over supply voltage	1		1			
	NCR420U	V _{EN} = 24 V; V _{out} > 2 V	[1]	-	1	-	%/V	
	NCR421U	$V_{EN} = 3.3 \text{ V}; V_{out} > 2 \text{ V}$	[1]	-	1	-	%/V	

^[1] Pulse test: $t_p \le 300 \ \mu s; \ \delta \le 0.02$.



$$V_{EN}$$
 = 40 V; T_{amb} = 25 °C

(1)
$$R_{ext} = 6 \Omega$$

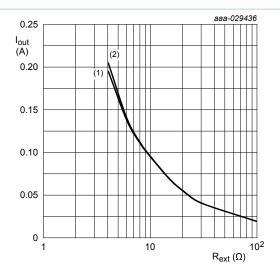
(2)
$$R_{ext} = 8 \Omega$$

(3)
$$R_{ext}$$
 = 10 Ω

(4)
$$R_{ext} = 15 \Omega$$

(5)
$$R_{ext}$$
 = 30 Ω (6) R_{ext} = open



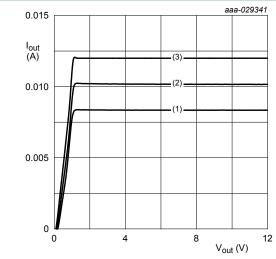


$$V_{EN}$$
 = 40 V; T_{amb} = 25 °C

(1)
$$V_{out} = 1.4 V$$

(2)
$$V_{out} = 5.4 \text{ V}$$

Fig. 5. NCR420U: Output current as a function of external resistor; typical values



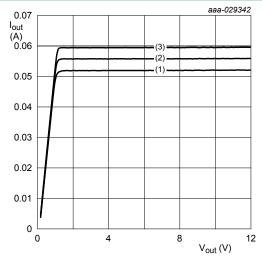
 V_{EN} = 40 V; R_{ext} = open

(1)
$$T_{amb}$$
 = 85 °C

(2)
$$T_{amb}$$
 = 25 °C

(3)
$$T_{amb} = -40 \, ^{\circ}C$$

Fig. 6. NCR420U: Output current as a function of output voltage; typical values



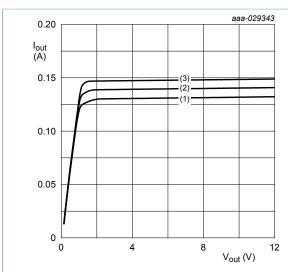
 V_{EN} = 40 V; R_{ext} = 20 Ω

(1)
$$T_{amb} = 85 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(2)
$$T_{amb} = 25 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(3)
$$T_{amb} = -40 \, ^{\circ}C$$

Fig. 7. NCR420U: Output current as a function of output voltage; typical values



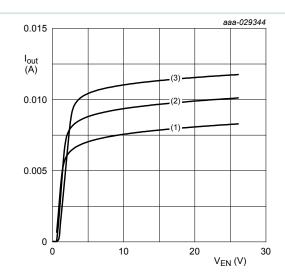
$$V_{EN}$$
 = 40 V; R_{ext} = 6 Ω

(1)
$$T_{amb}$$
 = 85 °C

(2)
$$T_{amb} = 25 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(3)
$$T_{amb} = -40 \, ^{\circ}C$$

Fig. 8. NCR420U: Output current as a function of output voltage; typical values



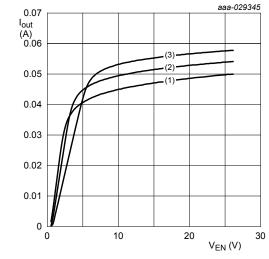
$$V_{out}$$
 = 2 V; R_{ext} = open

(1)
$$T_{amb} = 85 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(2)
$$T_{amb} = 25 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(3)
$$T_{amb} = -40 \, ^{\circ}C$$

Fig. 9. NCR420U: Output current as a function of enable voltage; typical values



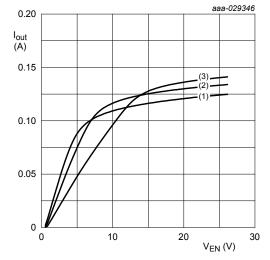
$$V_{out}$$
 = 2 V; R_{ext} = 20 Ω

(1)
$$T_{amb}$$
 = 85 °C

(2)
$$T_{amb}$$
 = 25 °C

(3)
$$T_{amb} = -40 \, ^{\circ}C$$

Fig. 10. NCR420U: Output current as a function of enable voltage; typical values



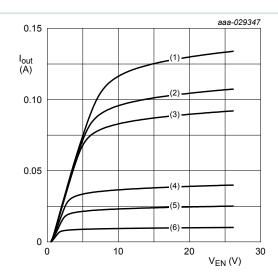
$$V_{out}$$
 = 2 V; R_{ext} = 6 Ω

(1)
$$T_{amb} = 85 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(2)
$$T_{amb}$$
 = 25 °C

(3)
$$T_{amb} = -40 \, ^{\circ}C$$

Fig. 11. NCR420U: Output current as a function of enable voltage; typical values



 V_{out} = 2 V; T_{amb} = 25 °C

(1) $R_{ext} = 6 \Omega$

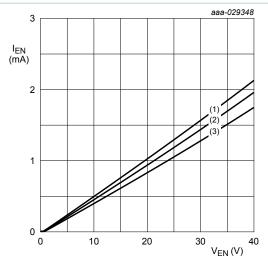
(2) $R_{ext} = 8 \Omega$

(3) R_{ext} = 10 Ω

(4) $R_{ext} = 30 \Omega$

(5) $R_{ext} = 60 \Omega$

(6) R_{ext} = open



I_{out} = 0 A; R_{ext} = open

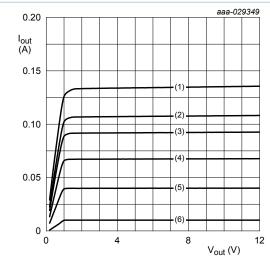
(1) $T_{amb} = 85 \, ^{\circ}C$

(2) $T_{amb} = 25 \, ^{\circ}C$

(3) $T_{amb} = -40 \, ^{\circ}C$

Fig. 13. NCR420U: Enable current as a function of enable voltage; typical values





 V_{EN} = 3.3 V; T_{amb} = 25 °C

(1) $R_{ext} = 6 \Omega$

(2) $R_{ext} = 8 \Omega$

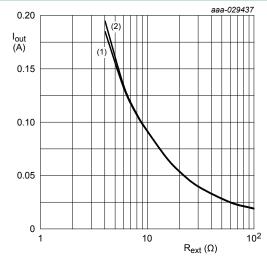
(3) R_{ext} = 10 Ω

(4) R_{ext} = 15 Ω

(5) $R_{ext} = 30 \Omega$

(6) R_{ext} = open

Fig. 14. NCR421U: Output current as a function of output voltage; typical values

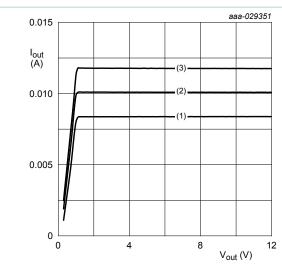


 V_{EN} = 3.3 V; T_{amb} = 25 °C

(1) $V_{out} = 1.4 V$

(2) $V_{out} = 5.4 \text{ V}$

Fig. 15. NCR421U: Output current as a function of external resistor; typical values



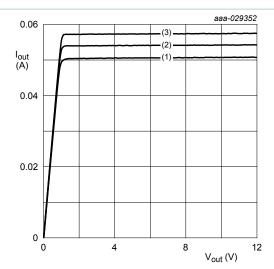
$$V_{EN}$$
 = 3.3 V; R_{ext} = open

(1)
$$R_{ext} = 85 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(2)
$$R_{ext} = 25 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(3)
$$R_{ext}$$
 = -40 °C

Fig. 16. NCR421U: Output current as a function of output voltage; typical values



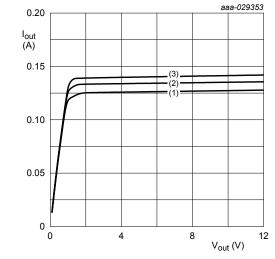
$$V_{EN} = 3.3 \text{ V}; R_{ext} = 20 \Omega$$

(1)
$$R_{ext} = 85 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(2)
$$R_{ext} = 25 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(3)
$$R_{ext}$$
 = -40 °C

Fig. 17. NCR421U: Output current as a function of output voltage; typical values



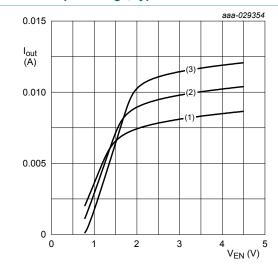
$$V_{EN}$$
 = 3.3 V; R_{ext} = 6 Ω

(1)
$$R_{ext}$$
 = 85 $^{\circ}C$

(2)
$$R_{ext} = 25 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(3)
$$R_{ext} = -40 \, ^{\circ}C$$

Fig. 18. NCR421U: Output current as a function of output voltage; typical values

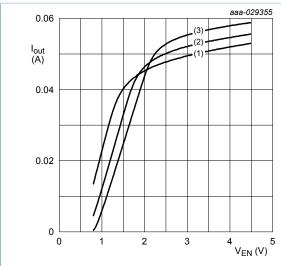


(1)
$$R_{ext} = 85 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(2)
$$R_{ext}$$
 = 25 °C

(3)
$$R_{ext}$$
 = -40 °C

Fig. 19. NCR421U: Output current as a function of enable voltage; typical values



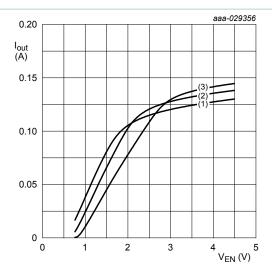
$$V_{out}$$
 = 2 V; R_{ext} = 20 Ω

(1)
$$R_{ext} = 85 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(2)
$$R_{ext} = 25 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(3)
$$R_{ext}$$
 = -40 °C

Fig. 20. NCR421U: Output current as a function of enable voltage; typical values



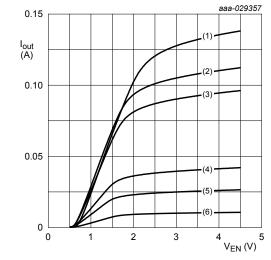
$$V_{out}$$
 = 2 V; R_{ext} = 6 Ω

(1)
$$R_{ext} = 85 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(2)
$$R_{ext} = 25 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(3)
$$R_{ext}$$
 = -40 °C

Fig. 21. NCR421U: Output current as a function of enable voltage; typical values



$$V_{out}$$
 = 2 V; T_{amb} = 25 °C

(1)
$$R_{ext} = 6 \Omega$$

(2)
$$R_{ext} = 8 \Omega$$

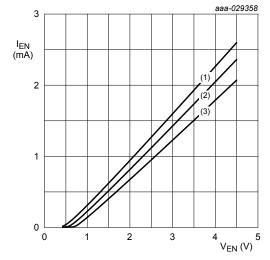
(3)
$$R_{ext}$$
 = 10 Ω

(4)
$$R_{ext} = 30 \Omega$$

(5)
$$R_{ext} = 60 \Omega$$

(6)
$$R_{ext}$$
 = open

Fig. 22. NCR421U: Output current as a function of enable voltage; typical values



$$I_{out}$$
 = 0 A; R_{ext} = open

(1)
$$T_{amb} = 85 \, ^{\circ}C$$

(2)
$$T_{amb}$$
 = 25 °C

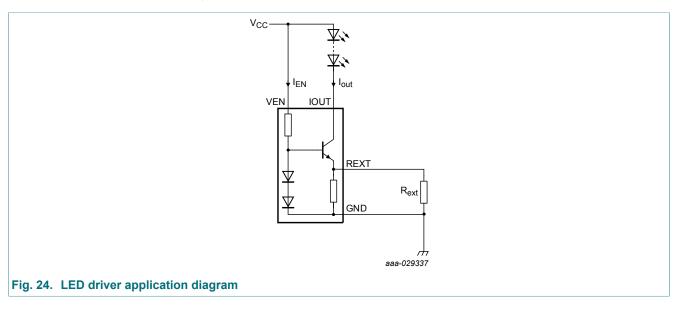
(3)
$$T_{amb} = -40 \, ^{\circ}C$$

Fig. 23. NCR421U: Enable current as a function of enable voltage; typical values

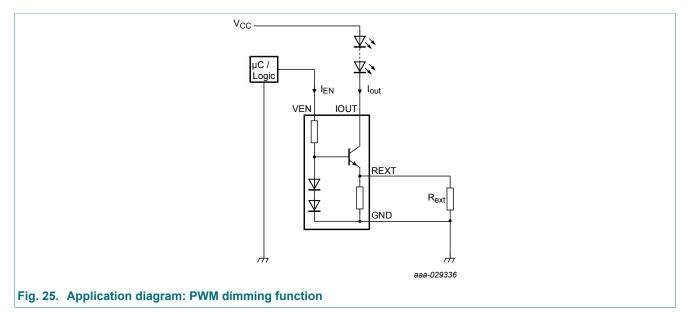
8. Application information

Figure 24 shows a typical application circuit for an LED driver. The constant current ensures a constant brightness in all LEDs. The output current can be adjusted between 10 mA and 150 mA by connecting resistor R_{ext} . Figures 5 and 15 give a first indication for choosing the external resitor R_{ext} . The minimum input voltage is given by voltage drop at the LED's V_{LED} and the maximum is governed by the maximum power dissipation

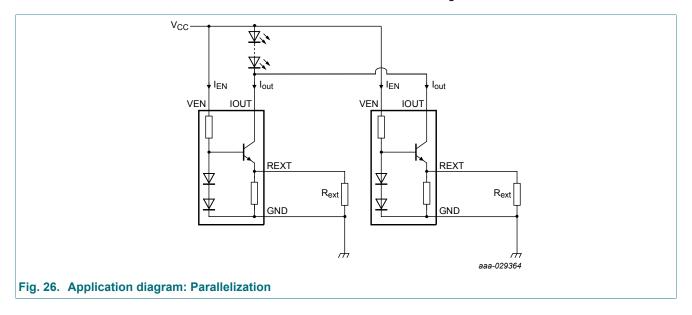
$$V_{LED} + V_{out, min} < V_{CC} < P_{tot} / I_{out} + V_{LED}$$



NCR421U can be used for PWM dimming or on/off function by driving the VEN pin. The enable voltage depends on the drive current, see Figure 21. Figure 25 shows a typical application where VEN is driven via a micro directly. To control more than one NCR421U devices by one microcontroller output, a shift register (for example 74AHC(T)594PW) can be used.



To savely drive currents that are above the limits of the NCR42xU, two or more devices can be parallel connected as illustrated in Figure 26. When choosing the same values for the external resistors, the drive current splits equally and the capability of handling excess power is doubled. Both, NCR420U and NCR421U can be used in this configuration.



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9. Package outline

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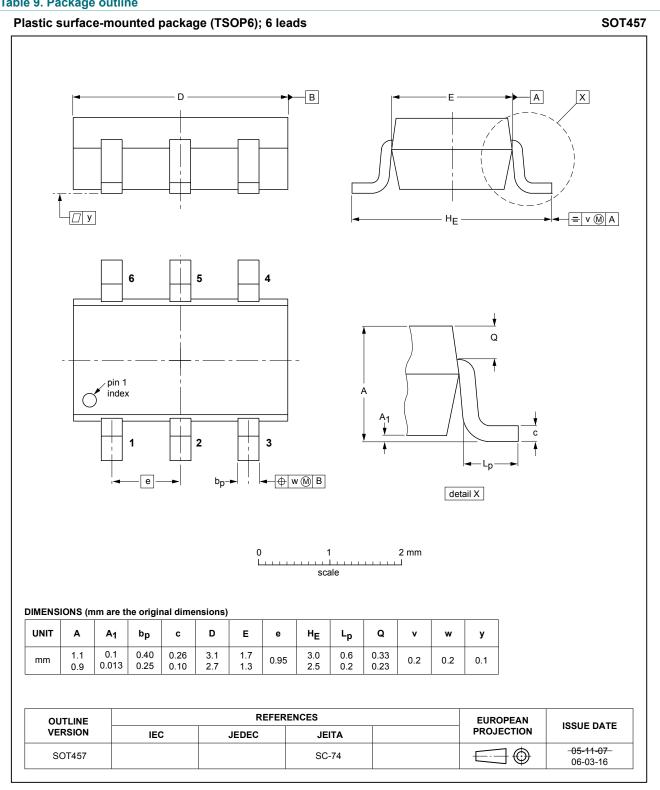
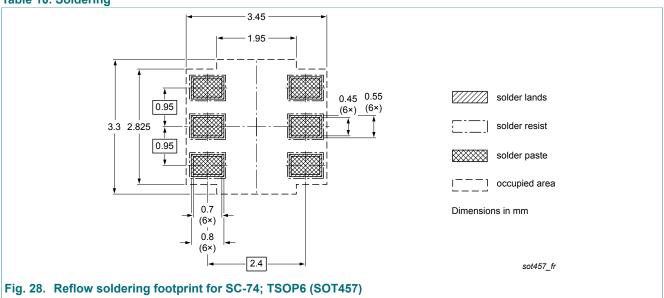
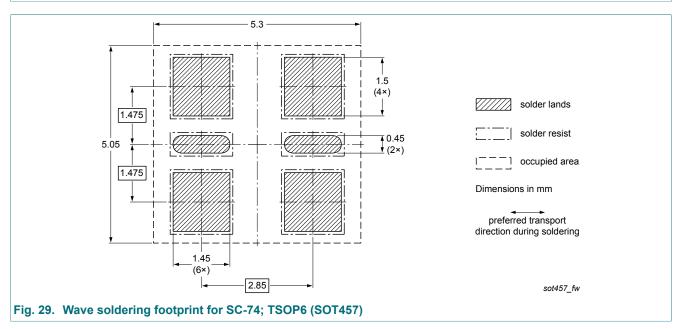


Fig. 27. Package outline SC-74; TSOP6 (SOT457)

10. Soldering

Table 10. Soldering





11. Revision history

Table 11. Revision history

Document ID	Release date	Data sheet status	Change notice	Supersedes
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