



74HC138; 74HCT138

3-to-8 line decoder/demultiplexer; inverting

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Product data sheet

1. General description

The 74HC138; 74HCT138 decodes three binary weighted address inputs (A0, A1 and A2) to eight mutually exclusive outputs (Y0 to Y7). The device features three enable inputs (E1, E2 and E3). Every output will be HIGH unless E1 and E2 are LOW and E3 is HIGH. This multiple enable function allows easy parallel expansion to a 1-of-32 (5 to 32 lines) decoder with just four '138 ICs and one inverter. The '138 can be used as an eight output demultiplexer by using one of the active LOW enable inputs as the data input and the remaining enable inputs as strobes. Inputs include clamp diodes. This enables the use of current limiting resistors to interface inputs to voltages in excess of V_{CC} .

2. Features and benefits

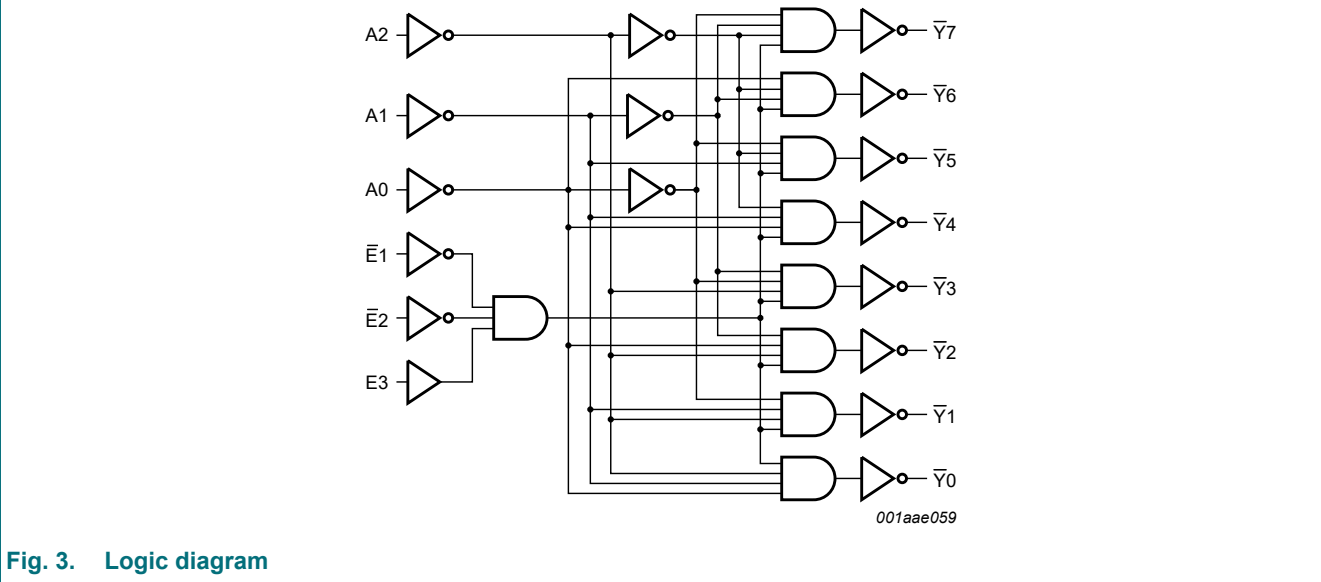
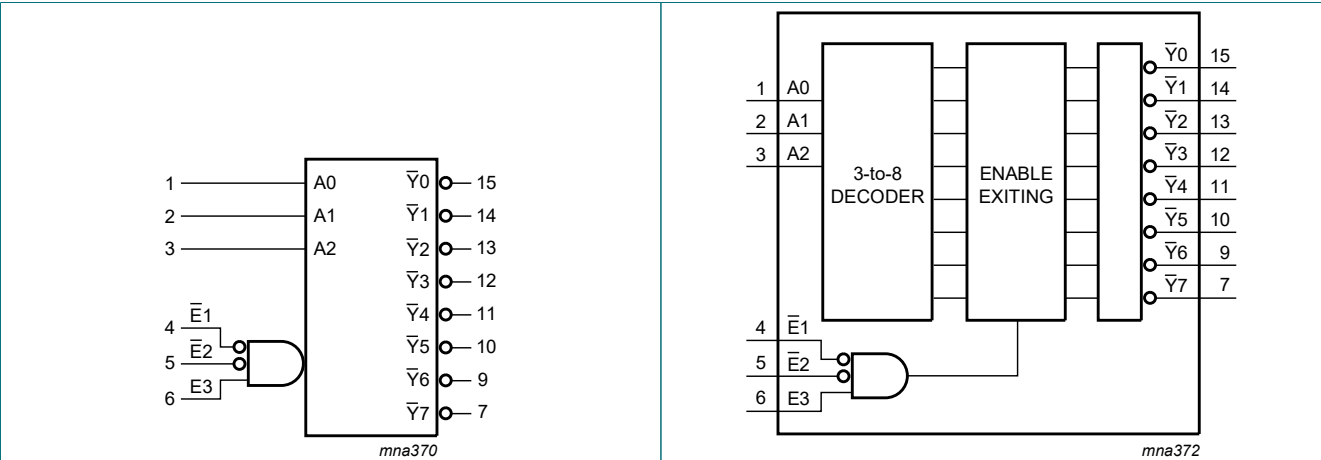
- Wide supply voltage range from 2.0 to 6.0 V
- CMOS low power dissipation
- High noise immunity
- Latch-up performance exceeds 100 mA per JESD 78 Class II Level B
- Demultiplexing capability
- Multiple input enable for easy expansion
- Ideal for memory chip select decoding
- Active LOW mutually exclusive outputs
- Input levels:
 - For 74HC138: CMOS level
 - For 74HCT138: TTL level
- Complies with JEDEC standards:
 - JESD8C (2.7 V to 3.6 V)
 - JESD7A (2.0 V to 6.0 V)
- ESD protection:
 - HBM: ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 class 2 exceeds 2000 V
 - CDM: ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-002 class C3 exceeds 1000 V
- Multiple package options
- Specified from -40 °C to +85 °C and from -40 °C to +125 °C

3. Ordering information

Table 1. Ordering information

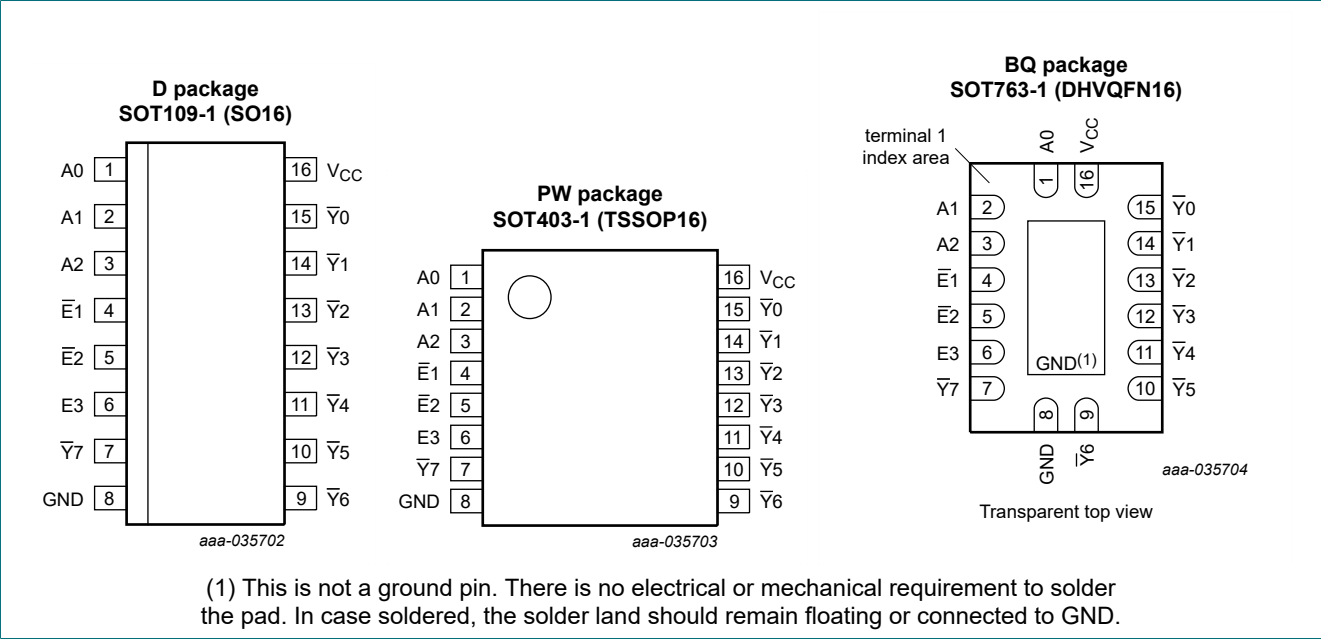
Type number	Package			
	Temperature range	Name	Description	Version
74HC138D 74HCT138D	-40 °C to +125 °C	SO16	plastic small outline package; 16 leads; body width 3.9 mm	SOT109-1
74HC138PW 74HCT138PW	-40 °C to +125 °C	TSSOP16	plastic thin shrink small outline package; 16 leads; body width 4.4 mm	SOT403-1
74HC138BQ 74HCT138BQ	-40 °C to +125 °C	DHVQFN16	plastic dual in-line compatible thermal enhanced very thin quad flat package; no leads; 16 terminals; body 2.5 × 3.5 × 0.85 mm	SOT763-1

4. Functional diagram



5. Pinning information

5.1. Pinning



5.2. Pin description

Table 2. Pin description

Symbol	Pin	Description
A0, A1, A2	1, 2, 3	address input
$\overline{E}1, \overline{E}2$	4, 5	enable input (active LOW)
E3	6	enable input (active HIGH)
$\overline{Y}0, \overline{Y}1, \overline{Y}2, \overline{Y}3, \overline{Y}4, \overline{Y}5, \overline{Y}6, \overline{Y}7$	15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 7	output
GND	8	ground (0 V)
V _{CC}	16	supply voltage

6. Functional description

Table 3. Function table

H = HIGH voltage level; L = LOW voltage level; X = don't care.

Control			Input			Output							
E1	E2	E3	A2	A1	A0	Y7	Y6	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Y1	Y0
H	X	X	X	X	X	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
X	H	X											
X	X	L											
L	L	H	L	L	L	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	L
			L	L	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	L	H
			L	H	L	H	H	H	H	H	L	H	H
			L	H	H	H	H	H	H	L	H	H	H
			H	L	L	H	H	H	L	H	H	H	H
			H	L	H	H	H	L	H	H	H	H	H
			H	H	L	H	L	H	H	H	H	H	H
			H	H	H	L	H	H	H	H	H	H	H

7. Limiting values

Table 4. Limiting values

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134). Voltages are referenced to GND (ground = 0 V).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V _{CC}	supply voltage		-0.5	+7	V
I _{IK}	input clamping current	V _I < -0.5 V or V _I > V _{CC} + 0.5 V	-	±20	mA
I _{OK}	output clamping current	V _O < -0.5 V or V _O > V _{CC} + 0.5 V	-	±20	mA
I _O	output current	V _O = -0.5 V to (V _{CC} + 0.5 V)	-	±25	mA
I _{CC}	quiescent supply current		-	50	mA
I _{GND}	ground current		-50	-	mA
T _{stg}	storage temperature		-65	+150	°C
P _{tot}	total power dissipation	[1]	-	500	mW

[1] For SOT109-1 (SO16) package: P_{tot} derates linearly with 12.4 mW/K above 110 °C.
For SOT403-1 (TSSOP16) package: P_{tot} derates linearly with 8.5 mW/K above 91 °C.
For SOT763-1 (DHVQFN16) package: P_{tot} derates linearly with 11.2 mW/K above 106 °C.

8. Recommended operating conditions

Table 5. Recommended operating conditions

Voltages are referenced to GND (ground = 0 V)

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	74HC138			74HCT138			Unit
			Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	
V _{CC}	supply voltage		2.0	5.0	6.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	V
V _I	input voltage		0	-	V _{CC}	0	-	V _{CC}	V
V _O	output voltage		0	-	V _{CC}	0	-	V _{CC}	V
T _{amb}	ambient temperature		-40	+25	+125	-40	+25	+125	°C
Δt/ΔV	input transition rise and fall rate	V _{CC} = 2.0 V	-	-	625	-	-	-	ns/V
		V _{CC} = 4.5 V	-	1.67	139	-	1.67	139	ns/V
		V _{CC} = 6.0 V	-	-	83	-	-	-	ns/V

9. Static characteristics

Table 6. Static characteristics

At recommended operating conditions; voltages are referenced to GND (ground = 0 V).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	T _{amb} = 25 °C			T _{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C		T _{amb} = -40 °C to +125 °C		Unit
			Min	Typ	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
74HC138										
V _{IH}	HIGH-level input voltage	V _{CC} = 2.0 V	1.5	1.2	-	1.5	-	1.5	-	V
		V _{CC} = 4.5 V	3.15	2.4	-	3.15	-	3.15	-	V
		V _{CC} = 6.0 V	4.2	3.2	-	4.2	-	4.2	-	V
V _{IL}	LOW-level input voltage	V _{CC} = 2.0 V	-	0.8	0.5	-	0.5	-	0.5	V
		V _{CC} = 4.5 V	-	2.1	1.35	-	1.35	-	1.35	V
		V _{CC} = 6.0 V	-	2.8	1.8	-	1.8	-	1.8	V
V _{OH}	HIGH-level output voltage	V _I = V _{IH} or V _{IL}								
		I _O = -20 μA; V _{CC} = 2.0 V	1.9	2.0	-	1.9	-	1.9	-	V
		I _O = -20 μA; V _{CC} = 4.5 V	4.4	4.5	-	4.4	-	4.4	-	V
		I _O = -20 μA; V _{CC} = 6.0 V	5.9	6.0	-	5.9	-	5.9	-	V
		I _O = -4.0 mA; V _{CC} = 4.5 V	3.98	4.32	-	3.84	-	3.7	-	V
		I _O = -5.2 mA; V _{CC} = 6.0 V	5.48	5.81	-	5.34	-	5.2	-	V
V _{OL}	LOW-level output voltage	V _I = V _{IH} or V _{IL}								
		I _O = 20 μA; V _{CC} = 2.0 V	-	0	0.1	-	0.1	-	0.1	V
		I _O = 20 μA; V _{CC} = 4.5 V	-	0	0.1	-	0.1	-	0.1	V
		I _O = 20 μA; V _{CC} = 6.0 V	-	0	0.1	-	0.1	-	0.1	V
		I _O = 4.0 mA; V _{CC} = 4.5 V	-	0.15	0.26	-	0.33	-	0.4	V
		I _O = 5.2 mA; V _{CC} = 6.0 V	-	0.16	0.26	-	0.33	-	0.4	V
I _I	input leakage current	V _I = V _{CC} or GND; V _{CC} = 6.0 V	-	-	±0.1	-	±1.0	-	±1.0	μA
I _{CC}	supply current	V _I = V _{CC} or GND; I _O = 0 A; V _{CC} = 6.0 V	-	-	8.0	-	80	-	160	μA
C _I	input capacitance		-	3.5	-					pF

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	T _{amb} = 25 °C			T _{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C		T _{amb} = -40 °C to +125 °C		Unit
			Min	Typ	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
74HCT138										
V _{IH}	HIGH-level input voltage	V _{CC} = 4.5 V to 5.5 V	2.0	1.6	-	2.0	-	2.0	-	V
V _{IL}	LOW-level input voltage	V _{CC} = 4.5 V to 5.5 V	-	1.2	0.8	-	0.8	-	0.8	V
V _{OH}	HIGH-level output voltage	V _I = V _{IH} or V _{IL} ; V _{CC} = 4.5 V								
		I _O = -20 µA	4.4	4.5	-	4.4	-	4.4	-	V
		I _O = -4 mA	3.98	4.32	-	3.84	-	3.7	-	V
V _{OL}	LOW-level output voltage	V _I = V _{IH} or V _{IL} ; V _{CC} = 4.5 V								
		I _O = 20 µA	-	0	0.1	-	0.1	-	0.1	V
		I _O = 4.0 mA	-	0.15	0.26	-	0.33	-	0.4	V
I _I	input leakage current	V _I = V _{CC} or GND; V _{CC} = 5.5 V	-	-	±0.1	-	±1.0	-	±1.0	µA
I _{CC}	supply current	V _I = V _{CC} or GND; I _O = 0 A; V _{CC} = 5.5 V	-	-	8.0	-	80	-	160	µA
ΔI _{CC}	additional supply current	V _I = V _{CC} - 2.1 V; other inputs at V _{CC} or GND; V _{CC} = 4.5 V to 5.5 V; I _O = 0 A								
		per input pin; A _n inputs	-	150	540	-	675	-	735	µA
		per input pin; $\overline{E}_n$ inputs	-	125	450	-	562.5	-	612.5	µA
		per input pin; E ₃ input	-	100	360	-	450	-	490	µA
C _I	input capacitance		-	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	pF

10. Dynamic characteristics

Table 7. Dynamic characteristics

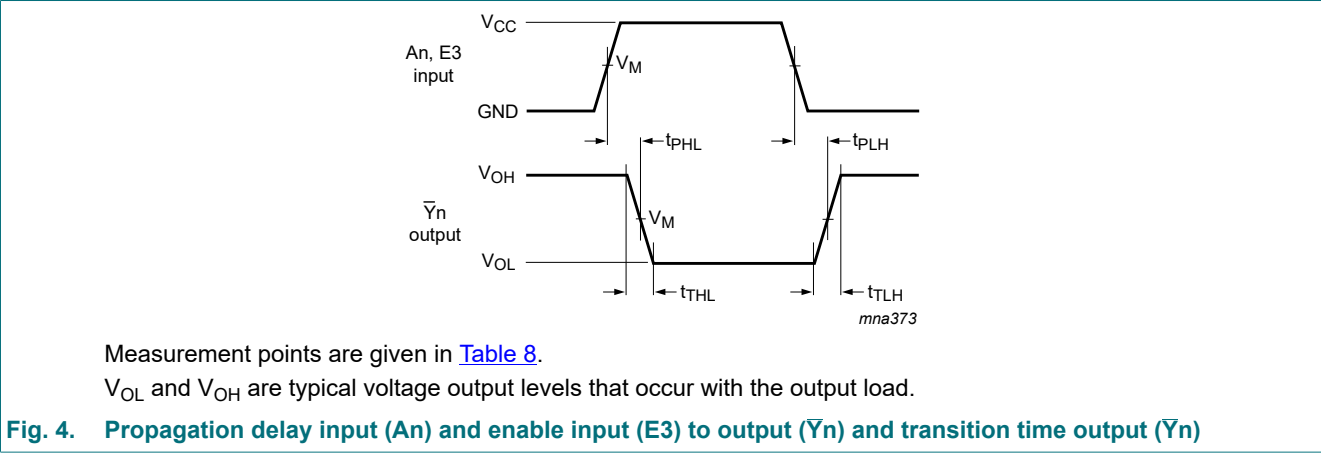
Voltages are referenced to GND (ground = 0 V); $C_L = 50\text{ pF}$ unless otherwise specified; for test circuit see Fig. 6.

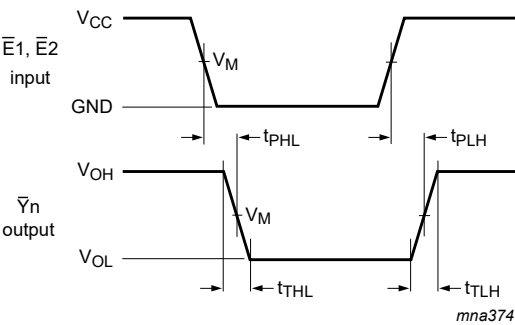
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			Min	Typ	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
74HC138										
t _{pd}	propagation delay	An to $\bar{Y}_n$; see Fig. 4 [1]								
		V _{CC} = 2.0 V	-	41	150	-	190	-	225	ns
		V _{CC} = 4.5 V	-	15	30	-	38	-	45	ns
		V _{CC} = 5 V; C _L = 15 pF	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	ns
		V _{CC} = 6.0 V	-	12	26	-	33	-	38	ns
		E3 to $\bar{Y}_n$; see Fig. 4 [1]								
		V _{CC} = 2.0 V	-	47	150	-	190	-	225	ns
		V _{CC} = 4.5 V	-	17	20	-	38	-	45	ns
		V _{CC} = 5 V; C _L = 15 pF	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	ns
		V _{CC} = 6.0 V	-	14	26	-	33	-	38	ns
		$\bar{E}_n$ to $\bar{Y}_n$; see Fig. 5 [1]								
		V _{CC} = 2.0 V	-	47	150	-	190	-	225	ns
		V _{CC} = 4.5 V	-	17	20	-	38	-	45	ns
		V _{CC} = 5 V; C _L = 15 pF	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	ns
		V _{CC} = 6.0 V	-	14	26	-	33	-	38	ns
t _t	transition time	$\bar{Y}_n$; see Fig. 4 and Fig. 5 [2]								
		V _{CC} = 2.0 V	-	19	75	-	95	-	110	ns
		V _{CC} = 4.5 V	-	7	15	-	19	-	22	ns
		V _{CC} = 6.0 V	-	6	13	-	16	-	19	ns
C _{PD}	power dissipation capacitance	C _L = 50 pF; f = 1 MHz; V _I = GND to V _{CC} [3]	-	67	-	-	-	-	-	pF

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	T _{amb} = 25 °C			T _{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C		T _{amb} = -40 °C to +125 °C		Unit
			Min	Typ	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
74HCT138										
t _{pd}	propagation delay	An to $\bar{Y}_n$; see Fig. 4 [1]								
		V _{CC} = 4.5 V	-	20	35	-	44	-	53	ns
		V _{CC} = 5 V; C _L = 15 pF	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	ns
		E3 to $\bar{Y}_n$; see Fig. 4 [1]								
		V _{CC} = 4.5 V	-	18	40	-	50	-	60	ns
		V _{CC} = 5 V; C _L = 15 pF	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	ns
		$\bar{E}_n$ to $\bar{Y}_n$; see Fig. 5 [1]								
		V _{CC} = 4.5 V	-	19	40	-	50	-	60	ns
	V _{CC} = 5 V; C _L = 15 pF	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	ns	
t _t	transition time	$\bar{Y}_n$; see Fig. 4 and Fig. 5 [2]								
		V _{CC} = 4.5 V	-	7	15	-	19	-	22	ns
C _{PD}	power dissipation capacitance	C _L = 50 pF; f = 1 MHz; V _I = GND to V _{CC} - 1.5 V [3]	-	67	-	-	-	-	-	pF

- [1] t_{pd} is the same as t_{PLH} and t_{PHL}.
- [2] t_t is the same as t_{THL} and t_{TLH}.
- [3] C_{PD} is used to determine the dynamic power dissipation (P_D in μW).
 $P_D = C_{PD} \times V_{CC}^2 \times f_i \times N + \Sigma(C_L \times V_{CC}^2 \times f_o)$ where:
f_i = input frequency in MHz;
f_o = output frequency in MHz;
C_L = output load capacitance in pF;
V_{CC} = supply voltage in V;
N = number of inputs switching;
 $\Sigma(C_L \times V_{CC}^2 \times f_o)$ = sum of outputs.

10.1. Waveforms and test circuit



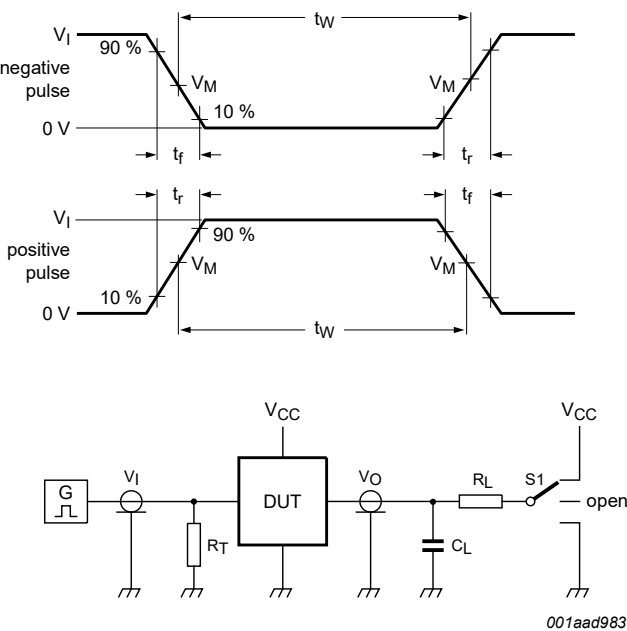


Measurement points are given in [Table 8](#).
VOL and VOH are typical voltage output levels that occur with the output load.

Fig. 5. Propagation delay enable input ($\bar{E}n$) to output ($\bar{Y}n$) and transition time output ($\bar{Y}n$)

Table 8. Measurement points

Type	Input	Output
	V_M	V_M
74HC138	$0.5 \times V_{CC}$	$0.5 \times V_{CC}$
74HCT138	1.3 V	1.3 V



Test data is given in [Table 9](#).
Definitions test circuit:
 R_T = Termination resistance should be equal to output impedance Z_o of the pulse generator.
 C_L = Load capacitance including jig and probe capacitance.
 R_L = Load resistance.
 $S1$ = Test selection switch.

Fig. 6. Test circuit for measuring switching times

Table 9. Test data

Type	Input		Load		S1 position		
	V_I	t_r, t_f	C_L	R_L	t_{PHL}, t_{PLH}	t_{PZH}, t_{PHZ}	t_{PZL}, t_{PLZ}
74HC138	V_{CC}	6 ns	15 pF, 50 pF	1 k Ω	open	GND	V_{CC}
74HCT138	3 V	6 ns	15 pF, 50 pF	1 k Ω	open	GND	V_{CC}

11. Package outline

SO16: plastic small outline package; 16 leads; body width 3.9 mm

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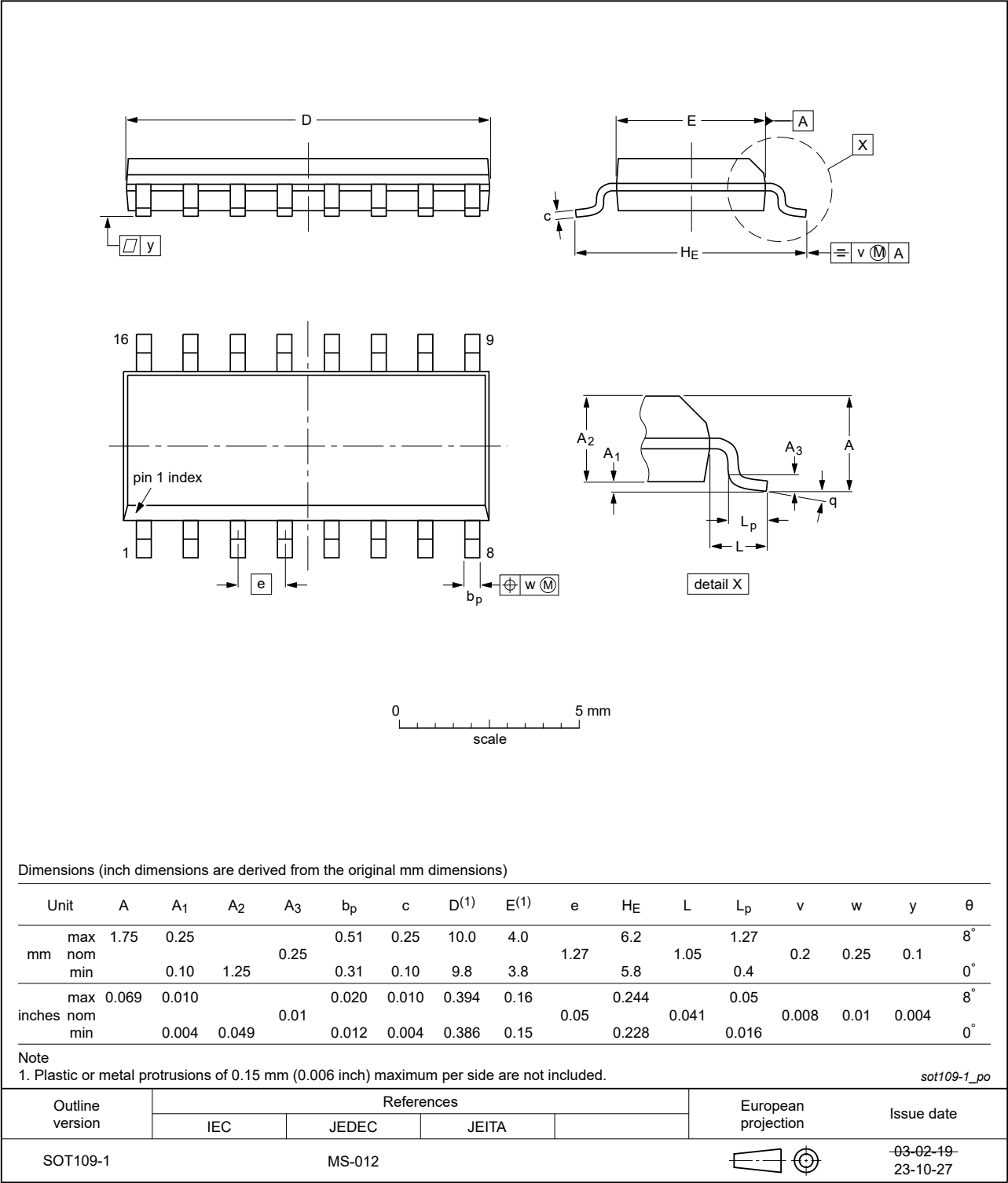


Fig. 7. Package outline SOT109-1 (SO16)

TSSOP16: plastic thin shrink small outline package; 16 leads; body width 4.4 mm

SOT403-1

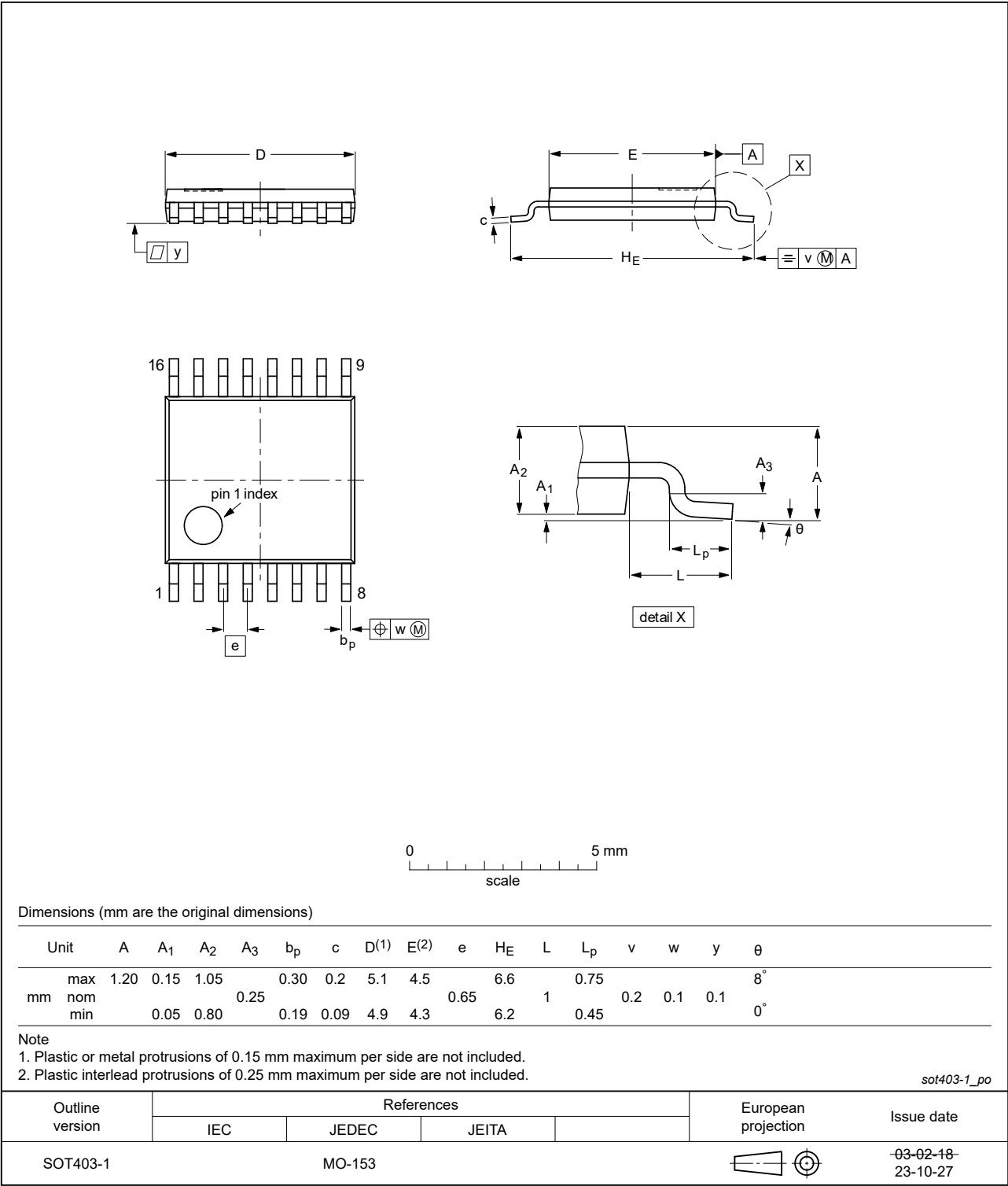


Fig. 8. Package outline SOT403-1 (TSSOP16)

DHVQFN16: plastic dual in-line compatible thermal enhanced very thin quad flat package; no leads;
16 terminals; body 2.5 x 3.5 x 0.85 mm

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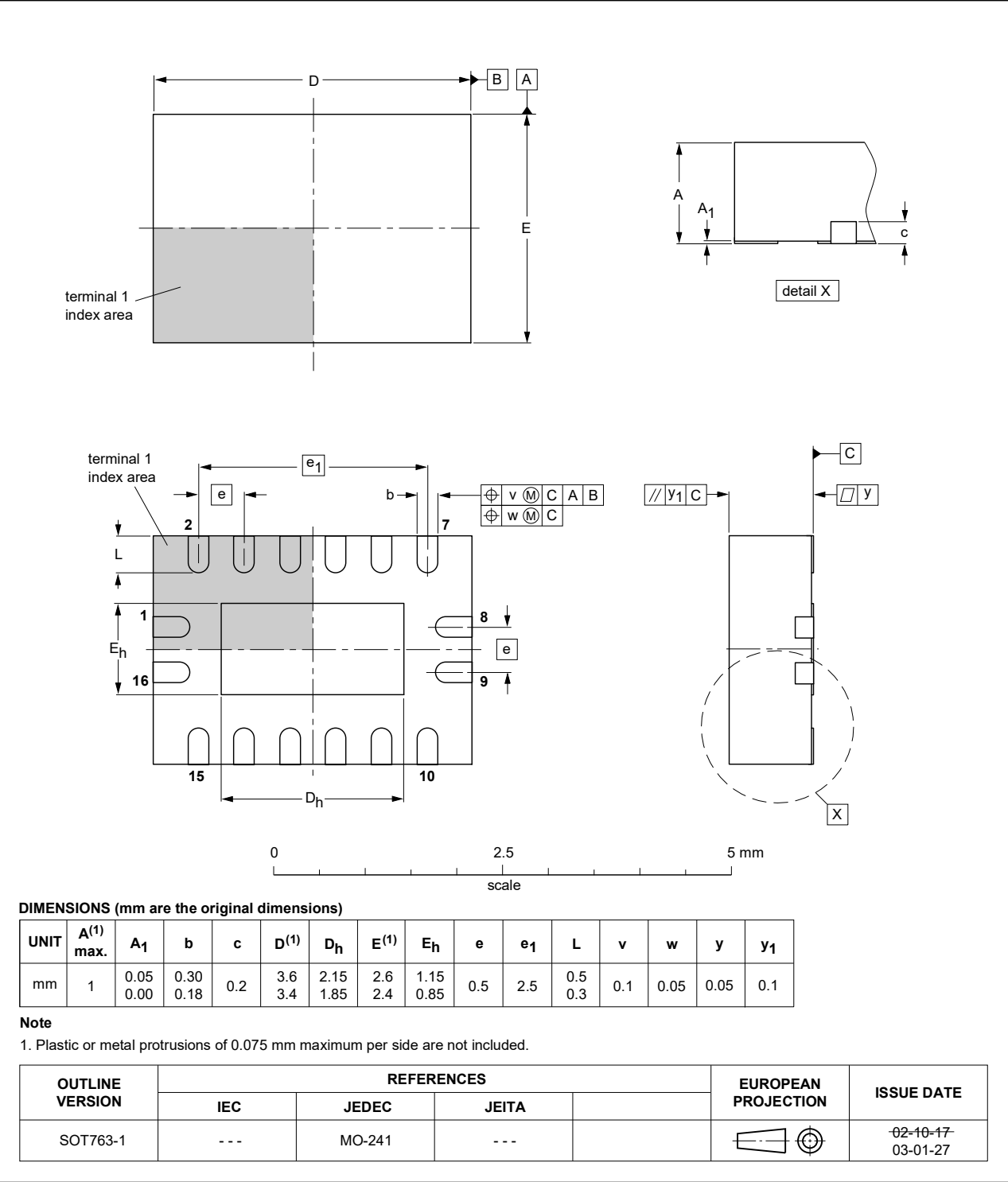


Fig. 9. Package outline SOT763-1 (DHVQFN16)

12. Abbreviations

Table 10. Abbreviations

Acronym	Description
CDM	Charged Device Model
CMOS	Complementary Metal-Oxide Semiconductor
DUT	Device Under Test
ESD	ElectroStatic Discharge
HBM	Human Body Model
TTL	Transistor-Transistor Logic

13. Revision history

Table 11. Revision history

Document ID	Release date	Data sheet status	Change notice	Supersedes
74HC_HCT138 v.10	20240226	Product data sheet	-	74HC_HCT138 v.9
Modifications:	Section 2: ESD specification updated according to the latest JEDEC standard. Fig. 7, Fig. 8: Aligned SO and TSSOP package outline drawings to JEDEC MS-012 and MO-153			
74HC_HCT138 v.9	20210813	Product data sheet	-	74HC_HCT138 v.8
Modifications:	Section 2 updated. - Type numbers 74HC138DB and 74HCT138DB (SOT338-1/SSOP16) removed.			
74HC_HCT138 v.8	20200407	Product data sheet	-	74HC_HCT138 v.7
Modifications:	Section 5.1 corrected (Errata). Table 4: Derating values for P_{tot} total power dissipation updated.			
74HC_HCT138 v.7	20180326	Product data sheet	-	74HC_HCT138 v.6
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74HC_HCT138 v.6	20151228	Product data sheet	-	74HC_HCT138 v.5
Modifications:	Type numbers 74HC138N and 74HCT138N (SOT38-4) removed.			
74HC_HCT138 v.5	20150126	Product data sheet	-	74HC_HCT138 v.4
Modifications:	Section 9: OFF-state output current removed because device has no 3-state outputs. Section 10: Power dissipation capacitance condition for 74HCT138 is corrected.			
74HC_HCT138 v.4	20120627	Product data sheet	-	74HC_HCT138 v.3
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74HC_HCT138 v.3	20051223	Product data sheet	-	74HC_HCT138_CNV v.2
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74HC_HCT138_CNV v.2	19970827	Product specification	-	-

14. Legal information

Data sheet status

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