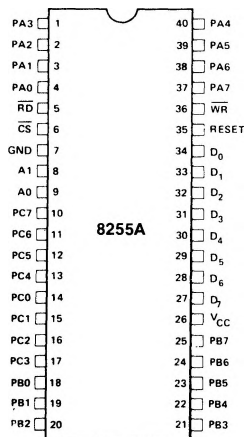# intel®

8255A, 8255A-5
PROGRAMMABLE PERIPHERAL INTERFACE

- **MCS-85™ Compatible 8255A-5**
- **24 Programmable I/O Pins**
- **Completely TTL Compatible**
- **Fully Compatible with Intel Microprocessor Families**
- **Improved Timing Characteristics**
- **Direct Bit Set/Reset Capability Easing Control Application Interface**
- **40 Pin Dual-In-Line Package**
- **Reduces System Package Count**
- **Improved DC Driving Capability**

The 8255A is a general purpose programmable I/O device designed for use with Intel® microprocessors. It has 24 I/O pins which may be individually programmed in two groups of twelve and used in three major modes of operation. In the first mode (Mode 0), each group of twelve I/O pins may be programmed in sets of 4 to be input or output. In Mode 1, the second mode, each group may be programmed to have 8 lines of input or output. Of the remaining four pins three are used for handshaking and interrupt control signals. The third mode of operation (Mode 2) is a Bi-directional Bus mode which uses 8 lines for a bi-directional bus, and five lines, borrowing one from the other group, for handshaking.
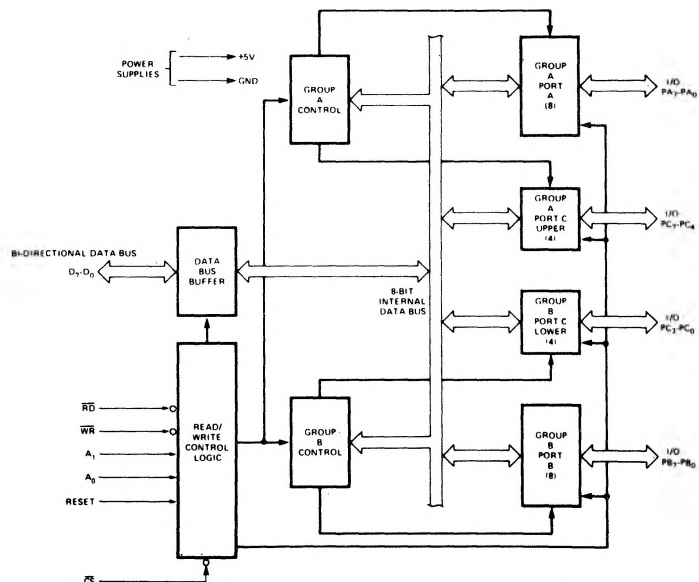
PIN CONFIGURATION

8255A BLOCK DIAGRAM

PIN NAMES

D_7-D_0	DATA BUS (BI-DIRECTIONAL)
RESET	RESET INPUT
CS	CHIP SELECT
RD	READ INPUT
WR	WRITE INPUT
A0, A1	PORT ADDRESS
PA7-PA0	PORT A (BIT)
PB7-PB0	PORT B (BIT)
PC7-PC0	PORT C (BIT)
V_{CC}	+5 VOLTS
GND	Ø VOLTS

8255 BASIC FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

General

The 8255 is a Programmable Peripheral Interface (PPI) device designed for use in Intel Microcomputer Systems. Its function is that of a general purpose I/O component to interface peripheral equipment to the microcomputer system bus. The functional configuration of the 8255 is programmed by the system software so that normally no external logic is necessary to interface peripheral devices or structures.

Data Bus Buffer

This 3-state, bi-directional, eight bit buffer is used to interface the 8255 to the system data bus. Data is transmitted or received by the buffer upon execution of INput or OUTput instructions by the CPU. Control Words and Status information are also transferred through the Data Bus buffer.

Read/Write and Control Logic

The function of this block is to manage all of the internal and external transfers of both Data and Control or Status words. It accepts inputs from the CPU Address and Control busses and in turn, issues commands to both of the Control Groups.

(CS)

Chip Select: A "low" on this input pin enables the communication between the 8255 and the CPU.

(RD)

Read: A "low" on this input pin enables the 8255 to send the Data or Status information to the CPU on the Data Bus. In essence, it allows the CPU to "read from" the 8255.

(WR)

Write: A "low" on this input pin enables the CPU to write Data or Control words into the 8255.

(A_0 and A_1)

Port Select 0 and Port Select 1: These input signals, in conjunction with the RD and WR inputs, control the selection of one of the three ports or the Control Word Register. They are normally connected to the least significant bits of the Address Bus (A_0 and A_1).

8255 BASIC OPERATION

A_1	A_0	RD	WR	CS	INPUT OPERATION (READ)
0	0	0	1	0	PORT A ⇒ DATA BUS
0	1	0	1	0	PORT B ⇒ DATA BUS
1	0	0	1	0	PORT C ⇒ DATA BUS
					OUTPUT OPERATION (WRITE)
0	0	1	0	0	DATA BUS ⇒ PORT A
0	1	1	0	0	DATA BUS ⇒ PORT B
1	0	1	0	0	DATA BUS ⇒ PORT C
1	1	1	0	0	DATA BUS ⇒ CONTROL
					DISABLE FUNCTION
X	X	X	X	1	DATA BUS ⇒ 3-STATE
1	1	0	1	0	ILLEGAL CONDITION
X	X	1	1	0	DATA BUS ⇒ 3-STATE
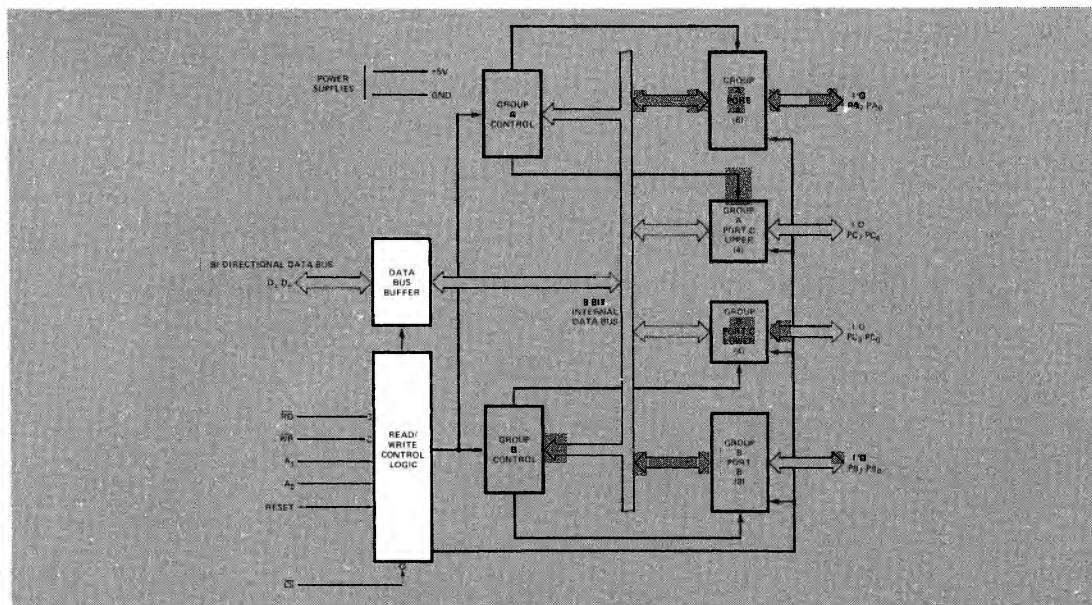
8255 Block Diagram

(RESET)

Reset: A "high" on this input clears all internal registers including the Control Register and all ports (A, B, C) are set to the input mode.

Group A and Group B Controls

The functional configuration of each port is programmed by the systems software. In essence, the CPU "outputs" a control word to the 8255. The control word contains information such as "mode", "bit set", "bit reset" etc. that initializes the functional configuration of the 8255.

Each of the Control blocks (Group A and Group B) accepts "commands" from the Read/Write Control Logic, receives "control words" from the internal data bus and issues the proper commands to its associated ports.

Control Group A — Port A and Port C upper (C7-C4)
Control Group B — Port B and Port C lower (C3-C0)

The Control Word Register can **Only** be written into. No Read operation of the Control Word Register is allowed.
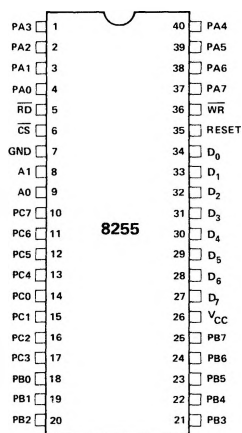
Ports A, B, and C

The 8255 contains three 8-bit ports (A, B, and C). All can be configured in a wide variety of functional characteristics by the system software but each has its own special features or "personality" to further enhance the power and flexibility of the 8255.

Port A: One 8-bit data output latch/buffer and one 8-bit data input latch.

Port B: One 8-bit data input/output latch/buffer and one 8-bit data input buffer.

Port C: One 8-bit data output latch/buffer and one 8-bit data input buffer (no latch for input). This port can be divided into two 4-bit ports under the mode control. Each 4-bit port contains a 4-bit latch and it can be used for the control signal outputs and status signal inputs in conjunction with Ports A and B.

8255 BLOCK DIAGRAM
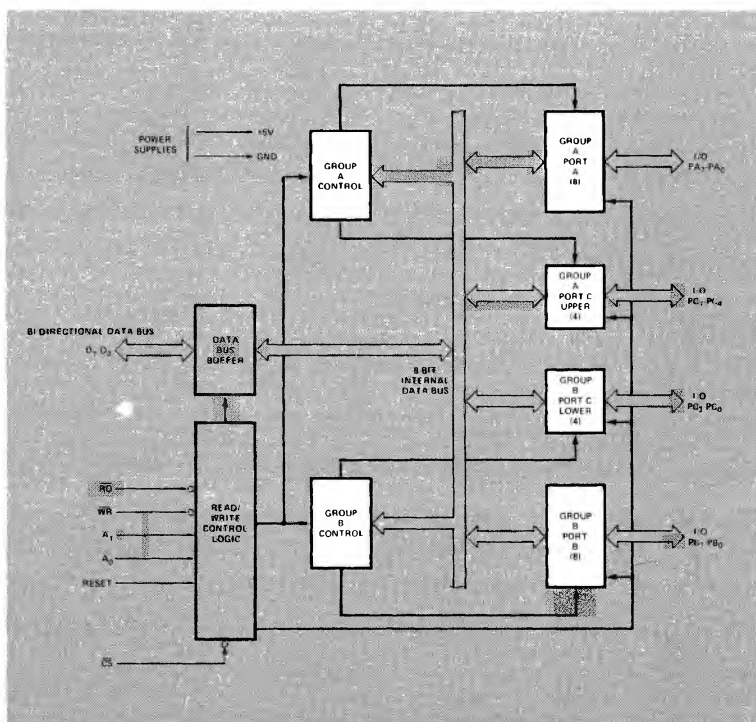
PIN CONFIGURATION

PIN NAMES

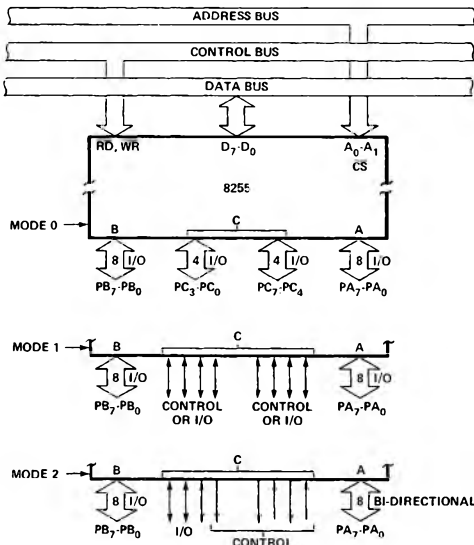|	
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RESET	RESET INPUT
$\overline{CS}$	CHIP SELECT
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PA7-PA0	PORT A (BIT)
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V_{CC}	+5 VOLTS
GND	0 VOLTS

8255 DETAILED OPERATIONAL DESCRIPTION

Mode Selection

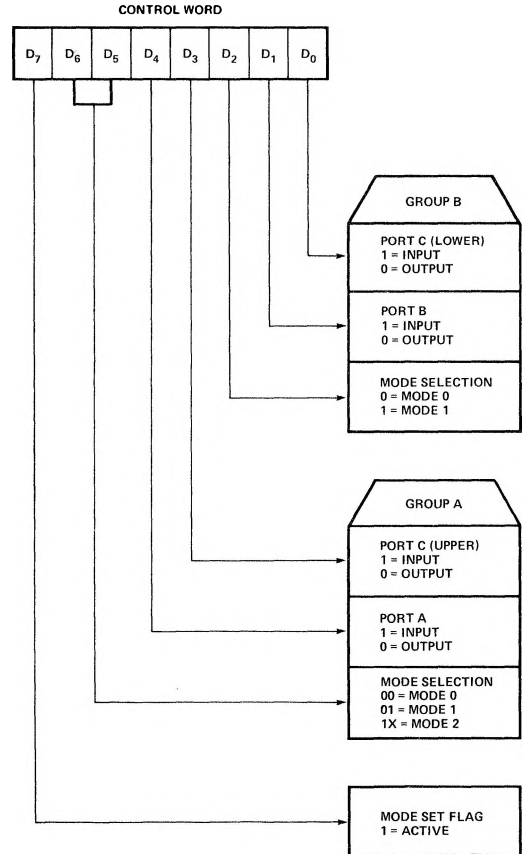There are three basic modes of operation that can be selected by the system software:

   Mode 0 — Basic Input/Output
   Mode 1 — Strobed Input/Output
   Mode 2 — Bi-Directional Bus

When the RESET input goes "high" all ports will be set to the Input mode (i.e., all 24 lines will be in the high impedance state). After the RESET is removed the 8255 can remain in the Input mode with no additional initialization required. During the execution of the system program any of the other modes may be selected using a single OUTput instruction. This allows a single 8255 to service a variety of peripheral devices with a simple software maintenance routine.

The modes for Port A and Port B can be separately defined, while Port C is divided into two portions as required by the Port A and Port B definitions. All of the output registers, including the status flip-flops, will be reset whenever the mode is changed. Modes may be combined so that their functional definition can be "tailored" to almost any I/O structure. For instance; Group B can be programmed in Mode 0 to monitor simple switch closings or display computational results, Group A could be programmed in Mode 1 to monitor a keyboard or tape reader on an interrupt-driven basis.

CONTROL WORD

GROUP B

PORT C (LOWER)
1 = INPUT
0 = OUTPUT

PORT B
1 = INPUT
0 = OUTPUT

MODE SELECTION
0 = MODE 0
1 = MODE 1

GROUP A

PORT C (UPPER)
1 = INPUT
0 = OUTPUT

PORT A
1 = INPUT
0 = OUTPUT

MODE SELECTION
00 = MODE 0
01 = MODE 1
1X = MODE 2
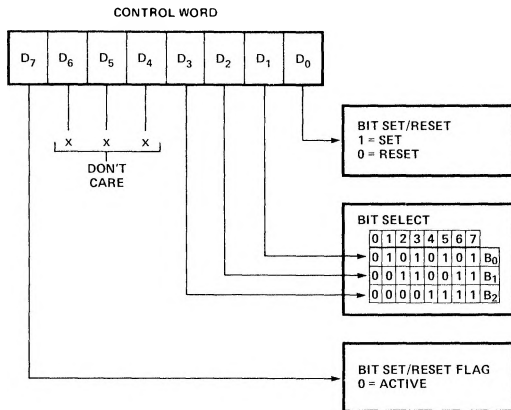
MODE SET FLAG
1 = ACTIVE

Mode Definition Format

The Mode definitions and possible Mode combinations may seem confusing at first but after a cursory review of the complete device operation a simple, logical I/O approach will surface. The design of the 8255 has taken into account things such as efficient PC board layout, control signal definition vs PC layout and complete functional flexibility to support almost any peripheral device with no external logic. Such design represents the maximum use of the available pins.

Single Bit Set/Reset Feature

Any of the eight bits of Port C can be Set or Reset using a single OUTput instruction. This feature reduces software requirements in Control-based applications.

Basic Mode Definitions and Bus Interface

CONTROL WORD

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0

x x x

DON'T CARE

BIT SET/RESET
1 = SET
0 = RESET

BIT SELECT

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	B_0
0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	B_1
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	B_2

BIT SET/RESET FLAG
0 = ACTIVE

Bit Set/Reset Format

When Port C is being used as status/control for Port A or B, these bits can be set or reset by using the Bit Set/Reset operation just as if they were data output ports.

Interrupt Control Functions

When the 8255 is programmed to operate in Mode 1 or Mode 2, control signals are provided that can be used as interrupt request inputs to the CPU. The interrupt request signals, generated from Port C, can be inhibited or enabled by setting or resetting the associated INTE flip-flop, using the Bit set/reset function of Port C.

This function allows the Programmer to disallow or allow a specific I/O device to interrupt the CPU without affecting any other device in the interrupt structure.

INTE flip-flop definition:

(BIT-SET) — INTE is SET — Interrupt enable
(BIT-RESET) — INTE is RESET — Interrupt disable

Note: All Mask flip-flops are automatically reset during mode selection and device Reset.

Operating Modes
Mode 0 (Basic Input/Output)

This functional configuration provides simple Input and Output operations for each of the three ports. No "handshaking" is required, data is simply written to or read from a specified port.

Mode 0 Basic Functional Definitions:
- Two 8-bit ports and two 4-bit ports.
- Any port can be input or output.
- Outputs are latched.
- Inputs are not latched.
- 16 different Input/Output configurations are possible in this Mode.
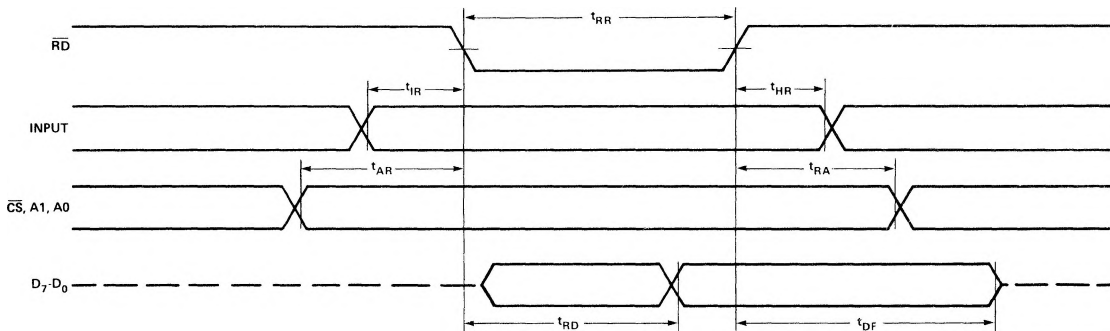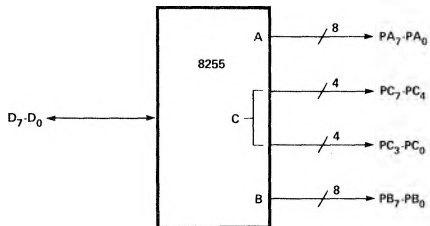
Mode 0 (Basic Input)
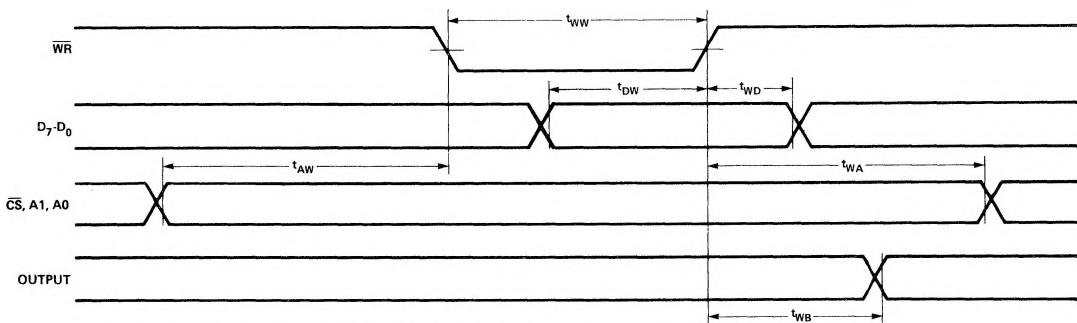
Mode 0 (Basic Output)

MODE 0 PORT DEFINITION CHART

A		B		GROUP A			GROUP B	
D_4	D_3	D_1	D_0	PORT A	PORT C (UPPER)	#	PORT B	PORT C (LOWER)
0	0	0	0	OUTPUT	OUTPUT	0	OUTPUT	OUTPUT
0	0	0	1	OUTPUT	OUTPUT	1	OUTPUT	INPUT
0	0	1	0	OUTPUT	OUTPUT	2	INPUT	OUTPUT
0	0	1	1	OUTPUT	OUTPUT	3	INPUT	INPUT
0	1	0	0	OUTPUT	INPUT	4	OUTPUT	OUTPUT
0	1	0	1	OUTPUT	INPUT	5	OUTPUT	INPUT
0	1	1	0	OUTPUT	INPUT	6	INPUT	OUTPUT
0	1	1	1	OUTPUT	INPUT	7	INPUT	INPUT
1	0	0	0	INPUT	OUTPUT	8	OUTPUT	OUTPUT
1	0	0	1	INPUT	OUTPUT	9	OUTPUT	INPUT
1	0	1	0	INPUT	OUTPUT	10	INPUT	OUTPUT
1	0	1	1	INPUT	OUTPUT	11	INPUT	INPUT
1	1	0	0	INPUT	INPUT	12	OUTPUT	OUTPUT
1	1	0	1	INPUT	INPUT	13	OUTPUT	INPUT
1	1	1	0	INPUT	INPUT	14	INPUT	OUTPUT
1	1	1	1	INPUT	INPUT	15	INPUT	INPUT

MODE 0 CONFIGURATIONS

CONTROL WORD #0

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

8255

$D_7\text{-}D_0$

A → /8 → $PA_7\text{-}PA_0$

C → /4 → $PC_7\text{-}PC_4$

C → /4 → $PC_3\text{-}PC_0$

B → /8 → $PB_7\text{-}PB_0$

CONTROL WORD #2

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

8255

$D_7\text{-}D_0$

A → /8 → $PA_7\text{-}PA_0$

C → /4 → $PC_7\text{-}PC_4$

C → /4 → $PC_3\text{-}PC_0$

B ← /8 ← $PB_7\text{-}PB_0$
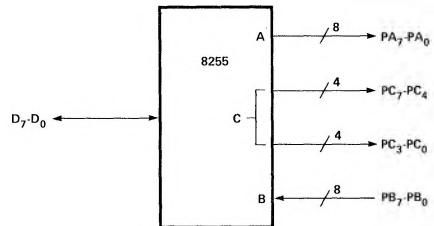
CONTROL WORD #1

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

8255

$D_7\text{-}D_0$

A → /8 → $PA_7\text{-}PA_0$

C → /4 → $PC_7\text{-}PC_4$

C ← /4 ← $PC_3\text{-}PC_0$

B → /8 → $PB_7\text{-}PB_0$
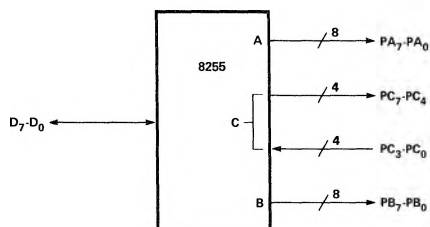
CONTROL WORD #3

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

8255

$D_7\text{-}D_0$

A → /8 → $PA_7\text{-}PA_0$

C → /4 → $PC_7\text{-}PC_4$

C ← /4 ← $PC_3\text{-}PC_0$

B ← /8 ← $PB_7\text{-}PB_0$
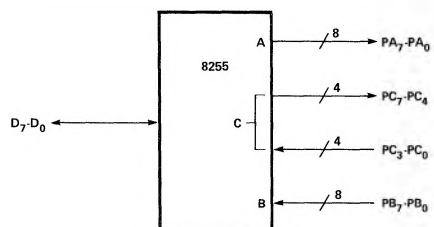
CONTROL WORD #4

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

8255
D_7-D_0
A → /8 → PA_7-PA_0
C ← /4 ← PC_7-PC_4
C → /4 → PC_3-PC_0
B → /8 → PB_7-PB_0

CONTROL WORD #5

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

8255
D_7-D_0
A → /8 → PA_7-PA_0
C ← /4 ← PC_7-PC_4
C ← /4 ← PC_3-PC_0
B → /8 → PB_7-PB_0

CONTROL WORD #6

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0

8255
D_7-D_0
A → /8 → PA_7-PA_0
C ← /4 ← PC_7-PC_4
C → /4 → PC_3-PC_0
B ← /8 ← PB_7-PB_0

CONTROL WORD #7

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1

8255
D_7-D_0
A → /8 → PA_7-PA_0
C ← /4 ← PC_7-PC_4
C ← /4 ← PC_3-PC_0
B ← /8 ← PB_7-PB_0
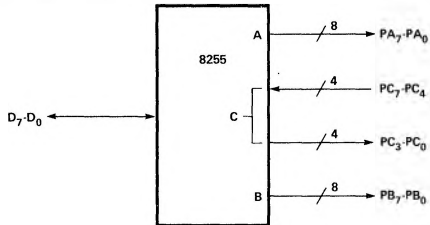
CONTROL WORD #8

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

8255
D_7-D_0
A ← /8 ← PA_7-PA_0
C → /4 → PC_7-PC_4
C → /4 → PC_3-PC_0
B → /8 → PB_7-PB_0
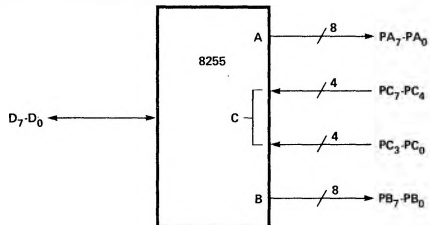
CONTROL WORD #9

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
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8255
D_7-D_0
A ← /8 ← PA_7-PA_0
C → /4 → PC_7-PC_4
C ← /4 ← PC_3-PC_0
B → /8 → PB_7-PB_0
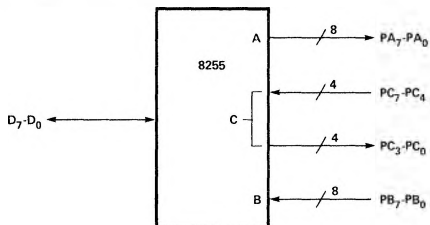
CONTROL WORD #10

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8255
D_7-D_0
A ← /8 ← PA_7-PA_0
C → /4 → PC_7-PC_4
C → /4 → PC_3-PC_0
B ← /8 ← PB_7-PB_0
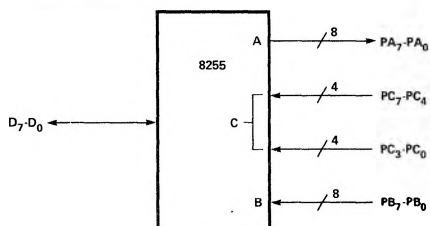
CONTROL WORD #11

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8255
D_7-D_0
A ← /8 ← PA_7-PA_0
C → /4 → PC_7-PC_4
C ← /4 ← PC_3-PC_0
B ← /8 ← PB_7-PB_0
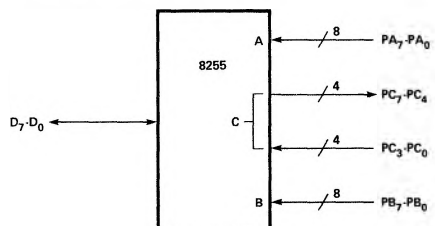
CONTROL WORD #12

D₇	D₆	D₅	D₄	D₃	D₂	D₁	D₀
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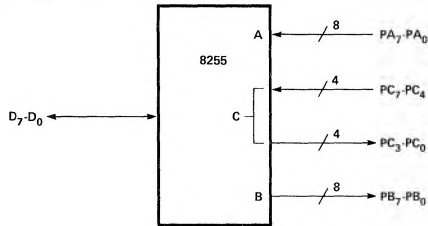
CONTROL WORD #14

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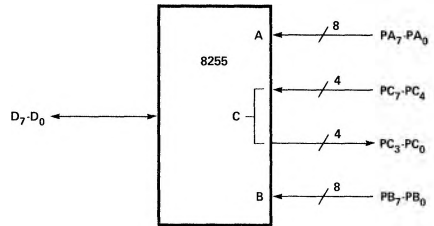
CONTROL WORD #13

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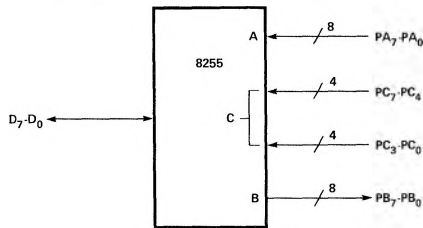
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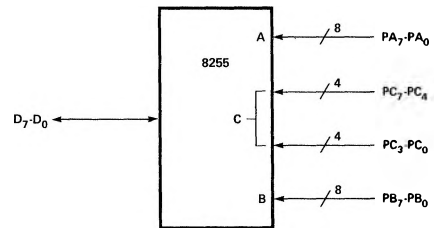
Operating Modes

Mode 1 (Strobed Input/Output)

This functional configuration provides a means for transferring I/O data to or from a specified port in conjunction with strobes or "handshaking" signals. In Mode 1, Port A and Port B use the lines on Port C to generate or accept these "handshaking" signals.

Mode 1 Basic Functional Definitions:

- Two Groups (Group A and Group B)
- Each group contains one 8-bit data port and one 4-bit control/data port.
- The 8-bit data port can be either input or output. Both inputs and outputs are latched.
- The 4-bit port is used for control and status of the 8-bit data port.

Input Control Signal Definition

STB (Strobe Input)

A "low" on this input loads data into the input latch.

IBF (Input Buffer Full F/F)

A "high" on this output indicates that the data has been loaded into the input latch; in essence, an acknowledgement. IBF is set by STB input being low and is reset by the rising edge of the RD input.

### INTR (Interrupt Request)

A "high" on this output can be used to interrupt the CPU when an input device is requesting service. INTR is set by the STB is a "one", IBF is a "one" and INTE is a "one". It is reset by the falling edge of RD. This procedure allows an input device to request service from the CPU by simply strobing its data into the port.
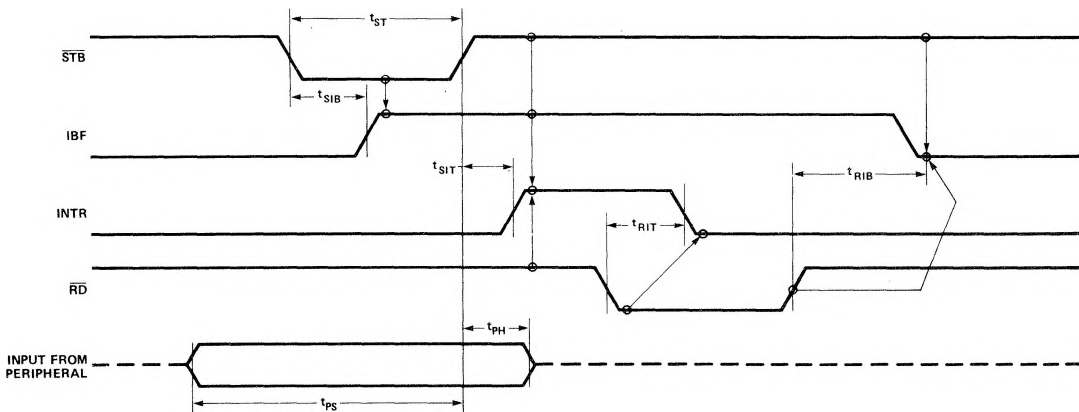
INTE A

Controlled by bit set/reset of PC_4.

INTE B

Controlled by bit set/reset of PC_2.
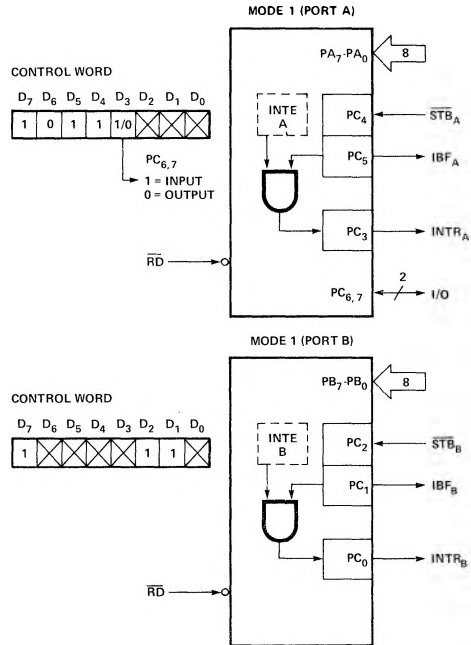
Mode 1 Input

Mode 1 (Strobed Input)

Output Control Signal Definition

$\overline{OBF}$ (Output Buffer Full F/F)

The $\overline{OBF}$ output will go "low" to indicate that the CPU has written data out to the specified port. The OBF F/F will be set by the rising edge of the WR input and reset by $\overline{ACK}$ input being low.

$\overline{ACK}$ (Acknowledge Input)

A "low" on this input informs the 8255 that the data from Port A or Port B has been accepted. In essence, a response from the peripheral device indicating that it has received the data output by the CPU.
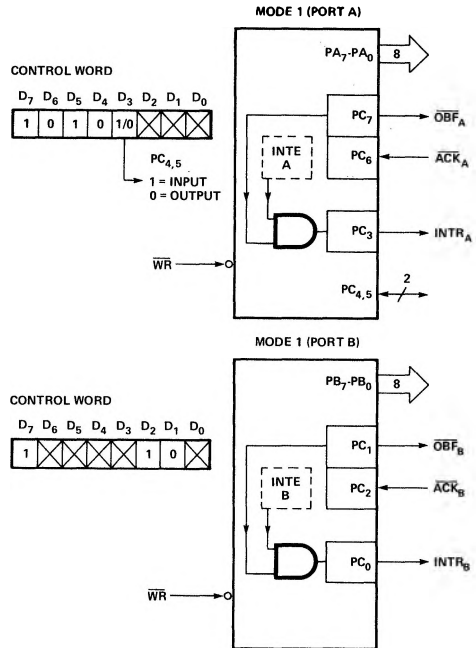
INTR (Interrupt Request)

A "high" on this output can be used to interrupt the CPU when an output device has accepted data transmitted by the CPU. INTR is set when $\overline{ACK}$ is a "one", $\overline{OBF}$ is a "one" and INTE is a "one". It is reset by the falling edge of $\overline{WR}$.

> **INTE A**
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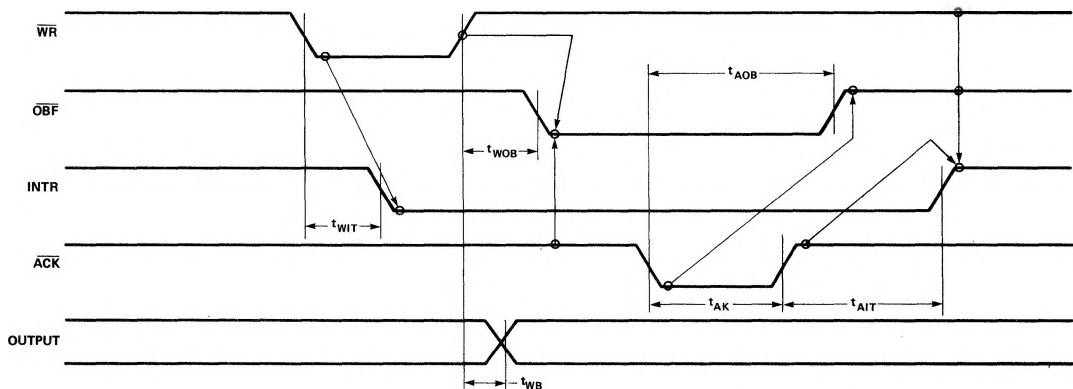> Controlled by bit set/reset of PC_6.
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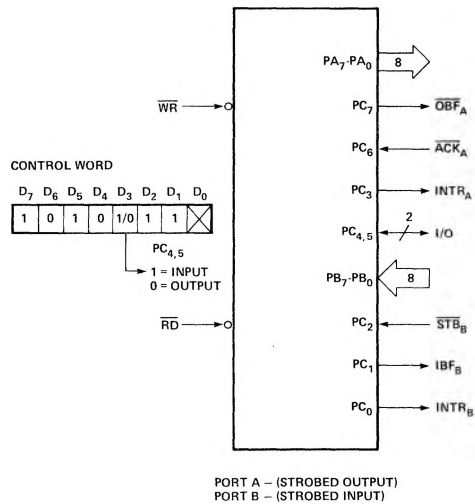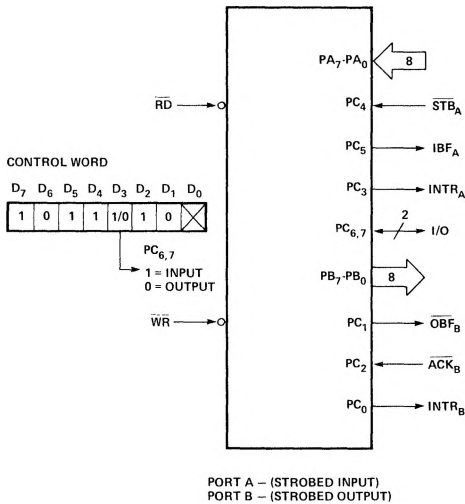> Controlled by bit set/reset of PC_2.

Mode 1 Output

Mode 1 (Strobed Output)

Combinations of Mode 1

Port A and Port B can be individually defined as input or output in Mode 1 to support a wide variety of strobed I/O applications.

PORT A – (STROBED INPUT)
PORT B – (STROBED OUTPUT)

PORT A – (STROBED OUTPUT)
PORT B – (STROBED INPUT)

Operating Modes

Mode 2 (Strobed Bi-Directional Bus I/O)

This functional configuration provides a means for communicating with a peripheral device or structure on a single 8-bit bus for both transmitting and receiving data (bi-directional bus I/O). "Handshaking" signals are provided to maintain proper bus flow discipline in a similar manner to Mode 1. Interrupt generation and enable/disable functions are also available.

Mode 2 Basic Functional Definitions:
- Used in Group A only.
- One 8-bit, bi-directional bus Port (Port A) and a 5-bit control Port (Port C).
- Both inputs and outputs are latched.
- The 5-bit control port (Port C) is used for control and status for the 8-bit, bi-directional bus port (Port A).

Bi-Directional Bus I/O Control Signal Definition

INTR (Interrupt Request)

A high on this output can be used to interrupt the CPU for both input or output operations.

Output Operations

$\overline{OBF}$ (Output Buffer Full)

The $\overline{OBF}$ output will go "low" to indicate that the CPU has written data out to Port A.

$\overline{ACK}$ (Acknowledge)

A "low" on this input enables the tri-state output buffer of Port A to send out the data. Otherwise, the output buffer will be in the high-impedance state.

INTE 1 (The INTE Flip-Flop associated with $\overline{OBF}$)

Controlled by bit set/reset of PC_6.

Input Operations

$\overline{STB}$ (Strobe Input)

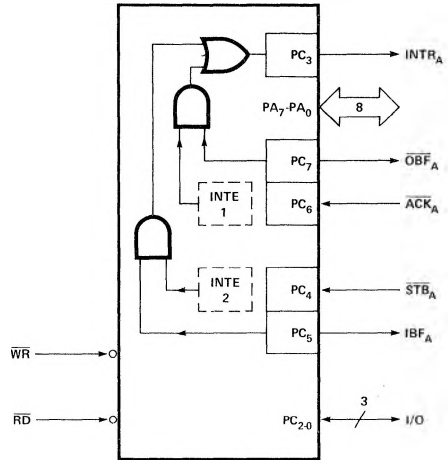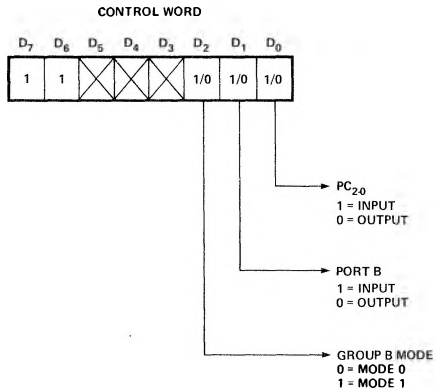A "low" on this input loads data into the input latch.

IBF (Input Buffer Full F/F)

A "high" on this output indicates that data has been loaded into the input latch.

INTE 2 (The INTE Flip-Flop associated with IBF)

Controlled by bit set/reset of PC_4.

CONTROL WORD

D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
1	1	✕	✕	✕	1/0	1/0	1/0

PC$_{2-0}$
1 = INPUT
0 = OUTPUT

PORT B
1 = INPUT
0 = OUTPUT

GROUP B MODE
0 = MODE 0
1 = MODE 1

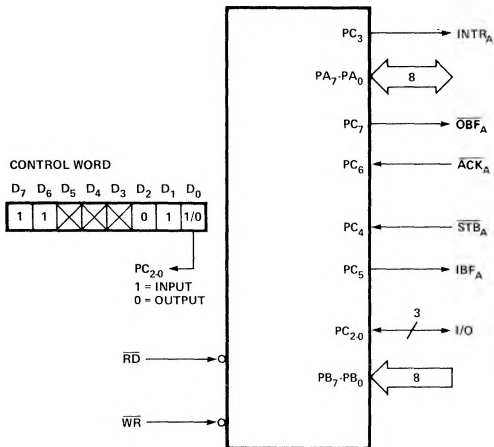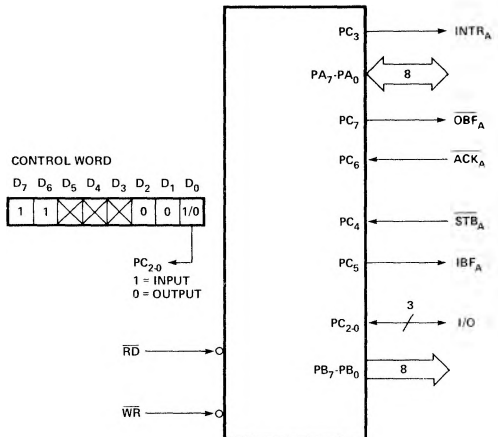**Mode 2 Control Word**

Mode 2
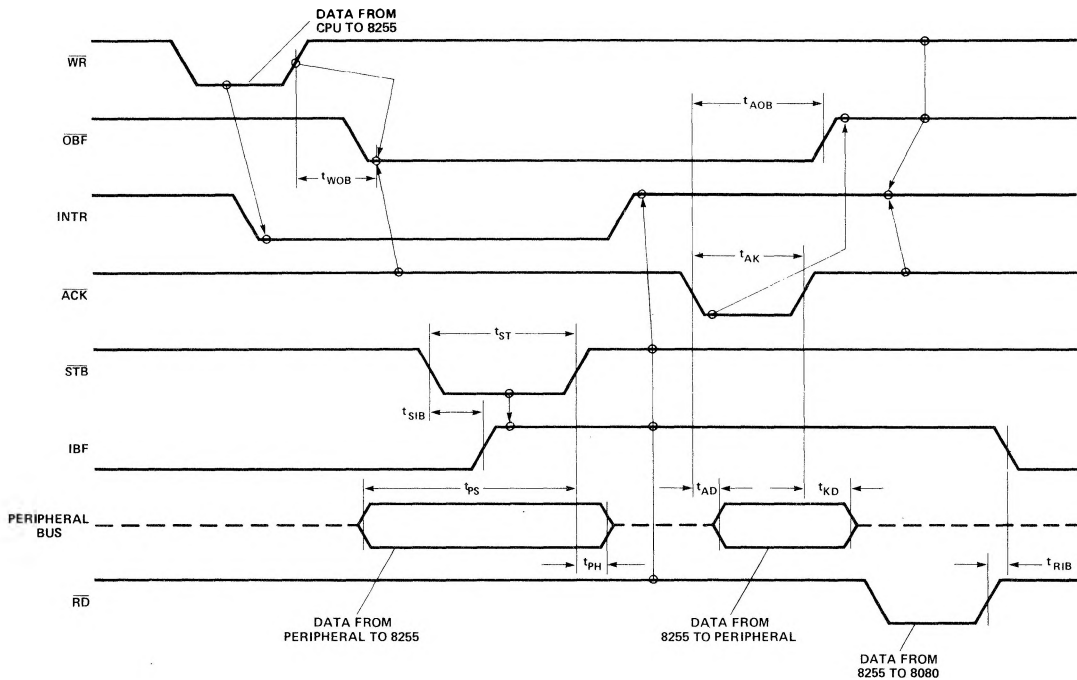
Mode 2 (Bi-directional)

NOTE: Any sequence where $\overline{WR}$ occurs before $\overline{ACK}$ and $\overline{STB}$ occurs before $\overline{RD}$ is permissible.
(INTR = IBF · $\overline{MASK}$ · $\overline{STB}$ · $\overline{RD}$ + OBF · $\overline{MASK}$ · $\overline{ACK}$ · $\overline{WR}$)

MODE 2 AND MODE 0 (INPUT)

CONTROL WORD

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
1	1	✕	✕	0	1	1/0

PC_{2-0}
1 = INPUT
0 = OUTPUT

$\overline{RD}$

$\overline{WR}$

PC_3 → $INTR_A$
PA_7-PA_0 ⟷ 8
PC_7 → $\overline{OBF_A}$
PC_6 ← $\overline{ACK_A}$
PC_4 ← $\overline{STB_A}$
PC_5 → IBF_A
PC_{2-0} 3 → I/O
PB_7-PB_0 ← 8

MODE 2 AND MODE 0 (OUTPUT)

CONTROL WORD

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
1	1	✕	✕	0	0	1/0

PC_{2-0}
1 = INPUT
0 = OUTPUT

$\overline{RD}$

$\overline{WR}$

PC_3 → $INTR_A$
PA_7-PA_0 ⟷ 8
PC_7 → $\overline{OBF_A}$
PC_6 ← $\overline{ACK_A}$
PC_4 ← $\overline{STB_A}$
PC_5 → IBF_A
PC_{2-0} 3 → I/O
PB_7-PB_0 → 8

MODE 2 AND MODE 1 (OUTPUT)

CONTROL WORD

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
1	1	✕	✕	✕	1	0	✕

$\overline{RD}$

$\overline{WR}$

PC_3 → $INTR_A$
PA_7-PA_0 ⟷ 8
PC_7 → $\overline{OBF_A}$
PC_6 ← $\overline{ACK_A}$
PC_4 ← $\overline{STB_A}$
PC_5 → IBF_A
PB_7-PB_0 → 8
PC_1 → $\overline{OBF_B}$
PC_2 ← $\overline{ACK_B}$
PC_0 → $INTR_B$

MODE 2 AND MODE 1 (INPUT)

CONTROL WORD

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
1	1	✕	✕	✕	1	1	✕

$\overline{RD}$

$\overline{WR}$

PC_3 → $INTR_A$
PA_7-PA_0 ⟷ 8
PC_7 → $\overline{OBF_A}$
PC_6 ← $\overline{ACK_A}$
PC_4 ← $\overline{STB_A}$
PC_5 → IBF_A
PB_7-PB_0 ← 8
PC_2 ← $\overline{STB_B}$
PC_1 → IBF_B
PC_0 → $INTR_B$

Mode 2 Combinations

MODE DEFINITION SUMMARY TABLE

	MODE 0		MODE 1		MODE 2
	IN	**OUT**	**IN**	**OUT**	**GROUP A ONLY**
PA_0	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	← →
PA_1	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	← →
PA_2	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	← →
PA_3	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	← →
PA_4	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	← →
PA_5	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	← →
PA_6	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	← →
PA_7	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	← →
PB_0	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	—
PB_1	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	—
PB_2	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	—
PB_3	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	—
PB_4	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	—
PB_5	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	—
PB_6	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	—
PB_7	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	—
PC_0	IN	OUT	$INTR_B$	$INTR_B$	I/O
PC_1	IN	OUT	IBF_B	$\overline{OBF}_B$	I/O
PC_2	IN	OUT	$\overline{STB}_B$	$\overline{ACK}_B$	I/O
PC_3	IN	OUT	$INTR_A$	$INTR_A$	$INTR_A$
PC_4	IN	OUT	$\overline{STB}_A$	I/O	$\overline{STB}_A$
PC_5	IN	OUT	IBF_A	I/O	IBF_A
PC_6	IN	OUT	I/O	$\overline{ACK}_A$	$\overline{ACK}_A$
PC_7	IN	OUT	I/O	$\overline{OBF}_A$	$\overline{OBF}_A$

(The Mode 2 column for PB_0–PB_7 is labeled: **MODE 0 OR MODE 1 ONLY**)

Special Mode Combination Considerations

There are several combinations of modes when not all of the bits in Port C are used for control or status. The remaining bits can be used as follows:

If Programmed as Inputs —
All input lines can be accessed during a normal Port C read.

If Programmed as Outputs —
Bits in C upper (PC_7-PC_4) must be individually accessed using the bit set/reset function.

Bits in C lower (PC_3-PC_0) can be accessed using the bit set/reset function or accessed as a threesome by writing into Port C.
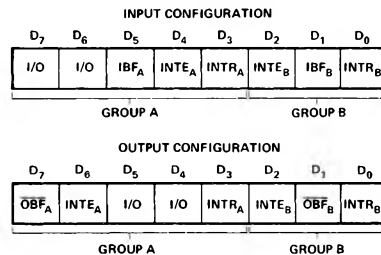
Source Current Capability on Port B and Port C

Any set of <u>eight</u> output buffers, selected randomly from Ports B and C can source 1mA at 1.5 volts. This feature allows the 8255 to directly drive Darlington type drivers and high-voltage displays that require such source current.
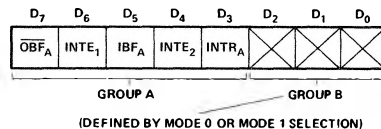
Reading Port C Status

In Mode 0, Port C transfers data to or from the peripheral device. When the 8255 is programmed to function in Modes 1 or 2, Port C generates or accepts "hand-shaking" signals with the peripheral device. Reading the contents of Port C allows the programmer to test or verify the "status" of each peripheral device and change the program flow accordingly.

There is no special instruction to read the status information from Port C. A normal read operation of Port C is executed to perform this function.

INPUT CONFIGURATION

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
I/O	I/O	IBF_A	$INTE_A$	$INTR_A$	$INTE_B$	IBF_B	$INTR_B$

| GROUP A | | | | GROUP B | | | |

OUTPUT CONFIGURATION

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
$\overline{OBF}_A$	$INTE_A$	I/O	I/O	$INTR_A$	$INTE_B$	$\overline{OBF}_B$	$INTR_B$

| GROUP A | | | | GROUP B | | | |

Mode 1 Status Word Format

D_7	D_6	D_5	D_4	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0
$\overline{OBF}_A$	$INTE_1$	IBF_A	$INTE_2$	$INTR_A$	✕	✕	✕

| GROUP A | | | | | GROUP B | | |

(DEFINED BY MODE 0 OR MODE 1 SELECTION)

Mode 2 Status Word Format

APPLICATIONS OF THE 8255

The 8255 is a very powerful tool for interfacing peripheral equipment to the microcomputer system. It represents the optimum use of available pins and is flexible enough to interface almost any I/O device without the need for additional external logic.

Each peripheral device in a microcomputer system usually has a "service routine" associated with it. The routine manages the software interface between the device and the CPU. The functional definition of the 8255 is programmed by the I/O service routine and becomes an extension of the systems software. By examining the I/O devices interface characteristics for both data transfer and timing, and matching this information to the examples and tables in the Detailed Operational Description, a control word can easily be developed to initialize the 8255 to exactly "fit" the application. Here are a few examples of typical applications of the 8255.
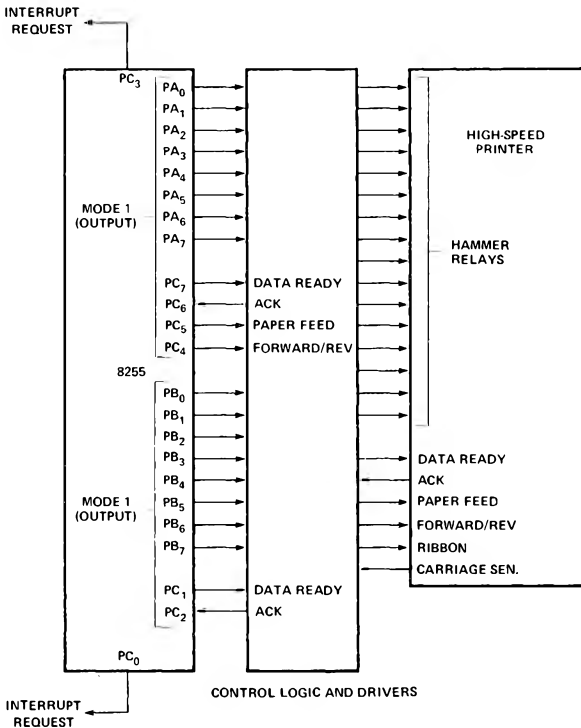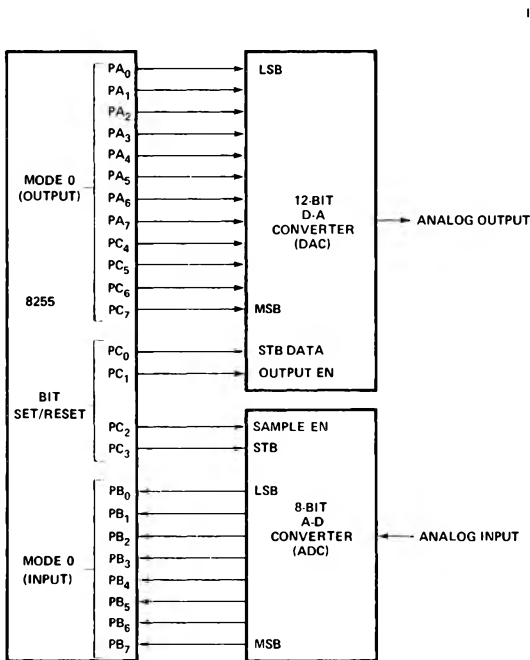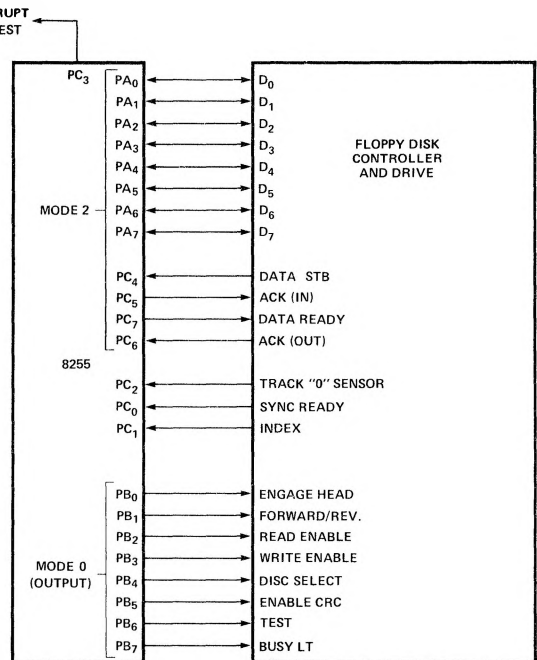
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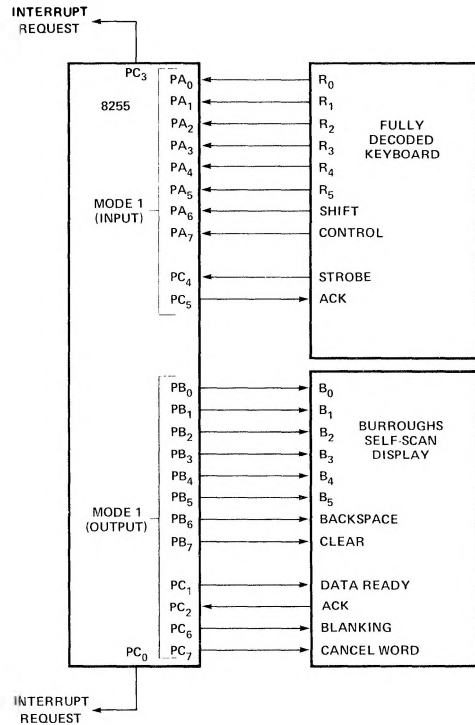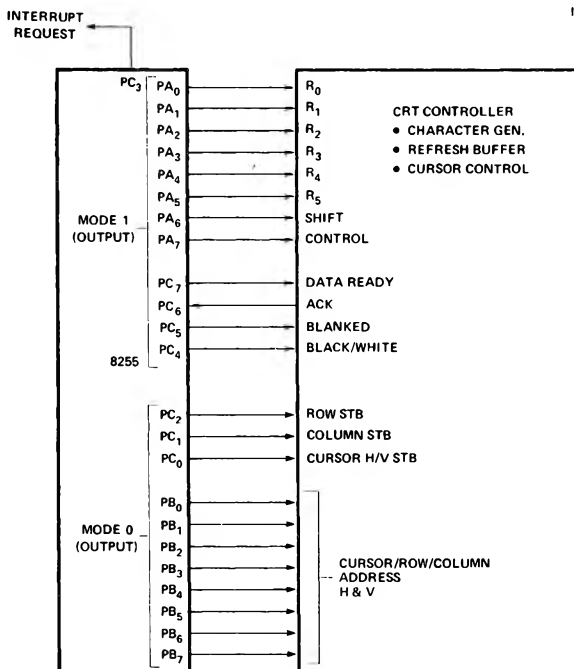
Keyboard and Display Interface
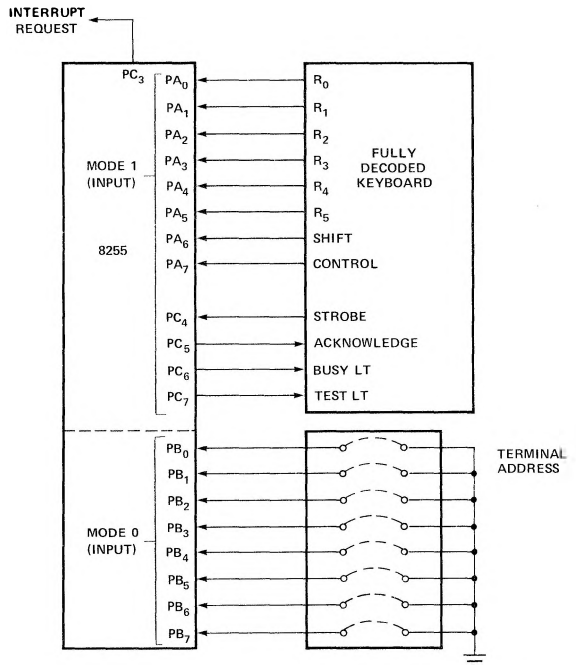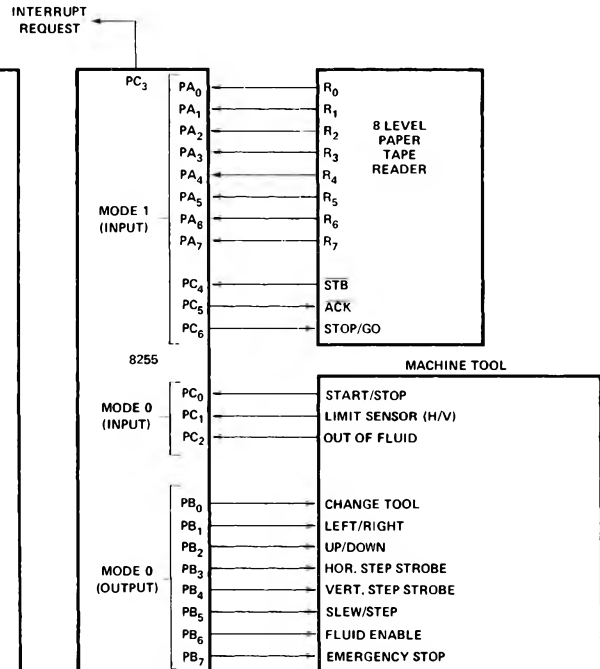
Keyboard and Terminal Address Interface

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Digital to Analog, Analog to Digital

Basic Floppy Disc Interface

Basic CRT Controller Interface

Machine Tool Controller Interface

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS*

Ambient Temperature Under Bias. . . . . 0°C to 70°C
Storage Temperature . . . . −65°C to +150°C
Voltage on Any Pin
   With Respect to Ground . . . . −0.5V to +7V
Power Dissipation . . . . 1 Watt

*COMMENT: Stresses above those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.
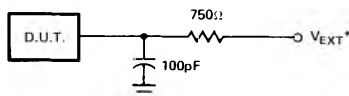
D.C. CHARACTERISTICS $T_A = 0°C$ to $70°C$, $V_{CC} = +5V$ ±5%; GND = 0V

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	MIN.	MAX.	UNIT	TEST CONDITIONS
V_{IL}	Input Low Voltage	-0.5	0.8	V	
V_{IH}	Input High Voltage	2.0	V_{CC}	V	
V_{OL} (DB)	Output Low Voltage (Data Bus)		0.45	V	$I_{OL} = 2.5mA$
V_{OL}(PER)	Output Low Voltage (Peripheral Port)		0.45	V	$I_{OL} = 1.7mA$
V_{OH}(DB)	Output High Voltage (Data Bus)	2.4		V	$I_{OH} = -400\mu A$
V_{OH}(PER)	Output High Voltage (Peripheral Port)	2.4		V	$I_{OH} = -200\mu A$
I_{DAR}[1]	Darlington Drive Current	-1.0	-4.0	mA	$R_{EXT} = 750\Omega$; $V_{EXT} = 1.5V$
I_{CC}	Power Supply Current		120	mA	
I_{IL}	Input Load Current		±10	μA	$V_{IN} = V_{CC}$ to 0V
I_{OFL}	Output Float Leakage		±10	μA	$V_{OUT} = V_{CC}$ to 0V

Note 1: Available on any 8 pins from Port B and C.

CAPACITANCE $T_A = 25°C$; V_{CC} = GND = 0V

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNIT	TEST CONDITIONS
C_{IN}	Input Capacitance			10	pF	fc = 1MHz
$C_{I/O}$	I/O Capacitance			20	pF	Unmeasured pins returned to GND

TEST LOAD CIRCUIT (FOR DB)

* V_{EXT} IS SET AT VARIOUS VOLTAGES DURING TESTING TO GUARANTEE THE SPECIFICATION.

A.C. CHARACTERISTICS $T_A = 0°C$ to $70°C$; $V_{CC} = +5V ±5\%$; GND = 0V

NOTE:
The 8255A-5 specifications are not final. Some parametric limits are subject to change.

BUS PARAMETERS:

READ:

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	8255A		8255A-5		UNIT
		MIN.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	
t_{AR}	Address Stable Before READ	0		0		ns
t_{RA}	Address Stable After READ	0		0		ns
t_{RR}	READ Pulse Width	300		300		ns
t_{RD}	Data Valid From READ[1]		250		200	ns
t_{DF}	Data Float After READ	10	150	10	100	ns
t_{RV}	Time Between READs and/or WRITEs	850		850		ns

WRITE:

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	8255A		8255A-5		UNIT
		MIN.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	
t_{AW}	Address Stable Before WRITE	0		0		ns
t_{WA}	Address Stable After WRITE	20		20		ns
t_{WW}	WRITE Pulse Width	400		300		ns
t_{DW}	Data Valid to WRITE (T.E.)	100		100		ns
t_{WD}	Data Valid After WRITE	30		30		ns

OTHER TIMINGS:

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	8255A		8255A-5		UNIT
		MIN.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	
t_{WB}	WR = 1 to Output[1]		350		350	ns
t_{IR}	Peripheral Data Before RD	0		0		ns
t_{HR}	Peripheral Data After RD	0		0		ns
t_{AK}	ACK Pulse Width	300		300		ns
t_{ST}	STB Pulse Width	500		500		ns
t_{PS}	Per. Data Before T.E. of STB	0		0		ns
t_{PH}	Per. Data After T.E. of STB	180		180		ns
t_{AD}	ACK = 0 to Output[1]		300		300	ns
t_{KD}	ACK = 1 to Output Float	20	250	20	250	ns
t_{WOB}	WR = 1 to OBF = 0[1]		650		650	ns
t_{AOB}	ACK = 0 to OBF = 1[1]		350		350	ns
t_{SIB}	STB = 0 to IBF = 1[1]		300		300	ns
t_{RIB}	RD = 1 to IBF = 0[1]		300		300	ns
t_{RIT}	RD = 0 to INTR = 0[1]		400		400	ns
t_{SIT}	STB = 1 to INTR = 1[1]		300		300	ns
t_{AIT}	ACK = 1 to INTR = 1[1]		350		350	ns
t_{WIT}	WR = 0 to INTR = 0[1]		850		850	ns

Notes: 1. Test Conditions: 8255A: C_L = 100pF; 8255A-5: C_L = 150pF.
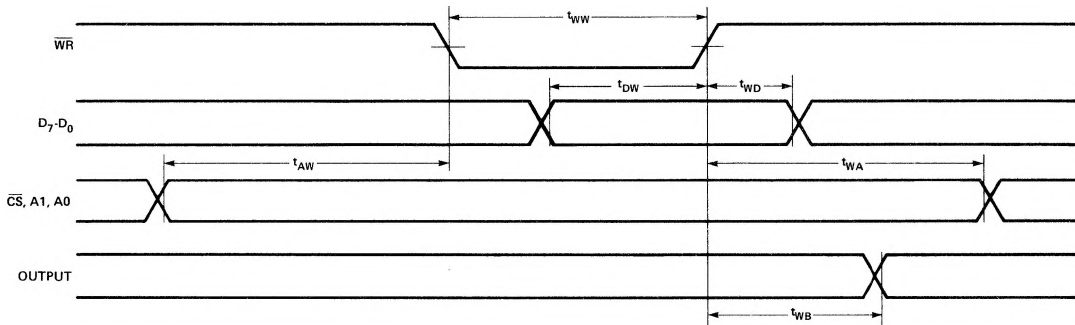   2. Period of Reset pulse must be at least 50μs during or after power on.
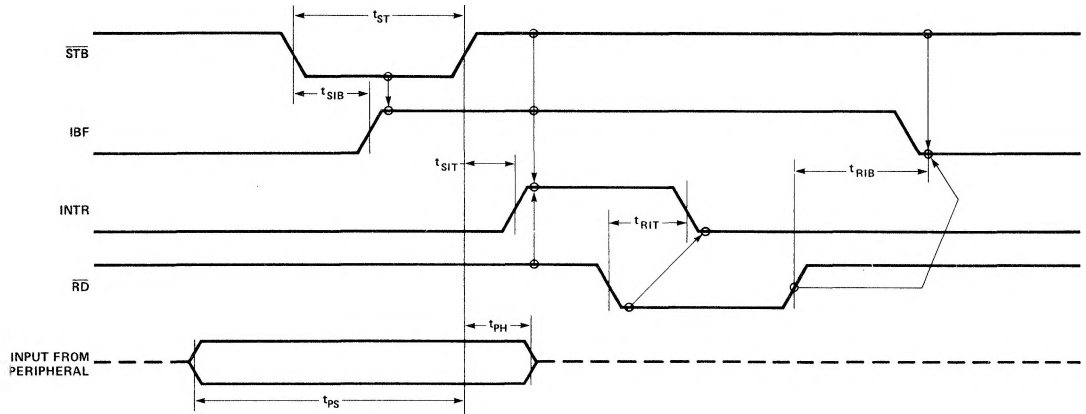   Subsequent Reset pulse can be 500 ns min.
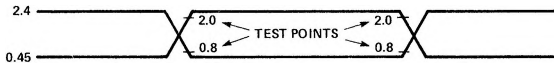
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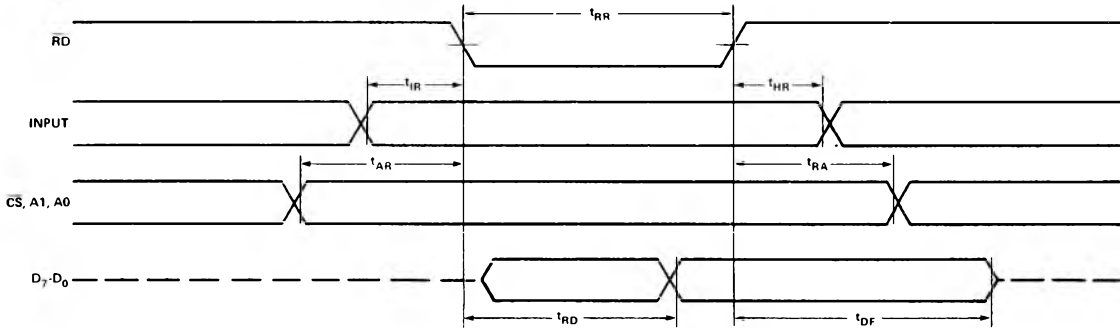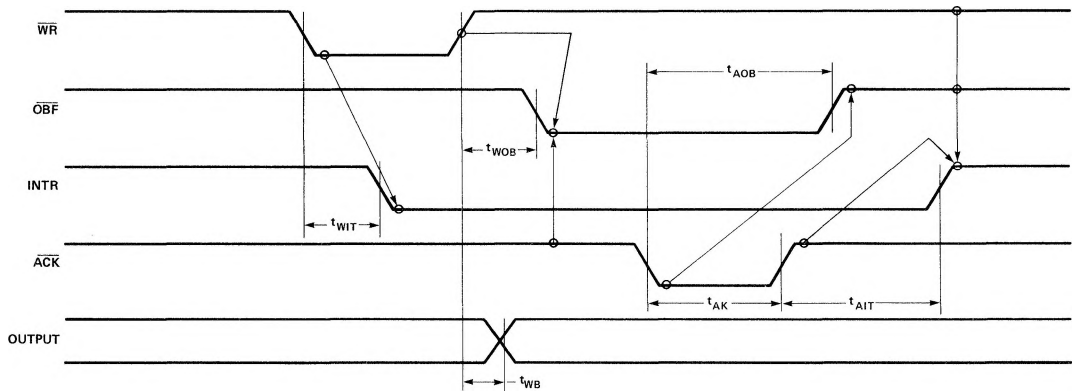

Mode 0 (Basic Input)
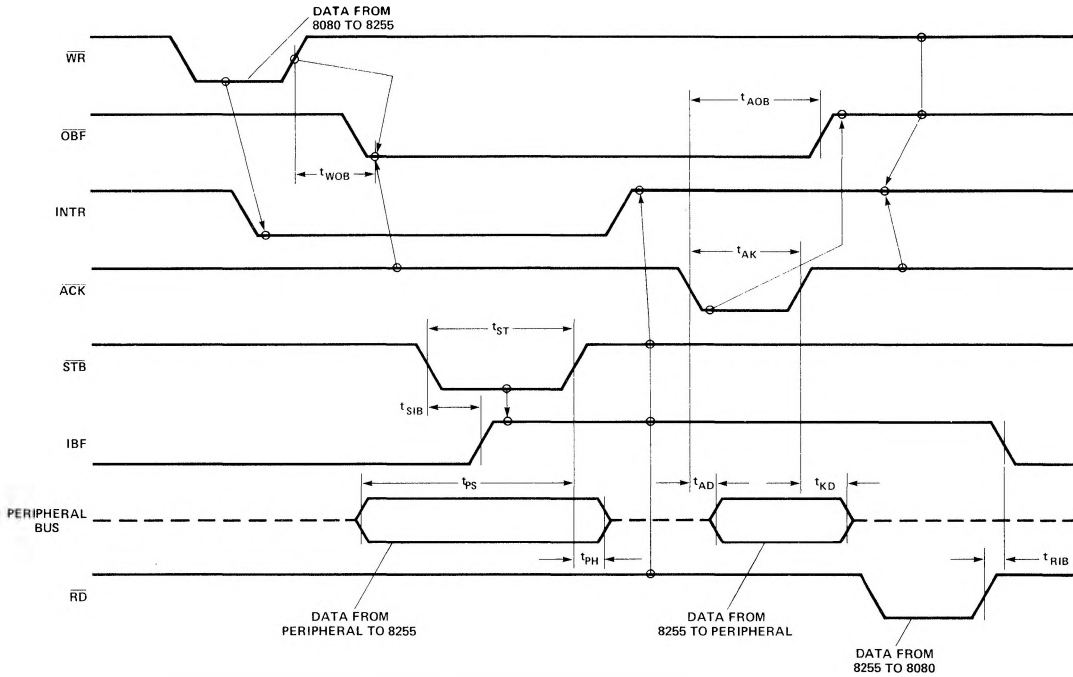

Mode 0 (Basic Output)

Mode 1 (Strobed Input)

Mode 1 (Strobed Output)

Mode 2 (Bi-directional)

NOTE: Any sequence where $\overline{WR}$ occurs before $\overline{ACK}$ and $\overline{STB}$ occurs before $\overline{RD}$ is permissible.
(INTR = IBF · $\overline{MASK}$ · $\overline{STB}$ · $\overline{RD}$ + $\overline{OBF}$ · $\overline{MASK}$ · $\overline{ACK}$ · $\overline{WR}$)