32Kx8 AutoStore nvSRAM with extended temperature

FEATURES

- **35 ns Read Access & R/W Cycle Time**
- **Unlimited Read/Write Endurance**
- **Automatic Non-volatile STORE on Power Loss**
- **Non-Volatile STORE Under Hardware or Software Control**
- **Automatic RECALL to SRAM on Power Up**
- **Unlimited RECALL Cycles**
- **100k STORE Cycles**
- **10-Year Non-volatile Data Retention**
- **Single 5V $\pm$10% Power Supply**
- **-55°C to 125°C Operating Range**
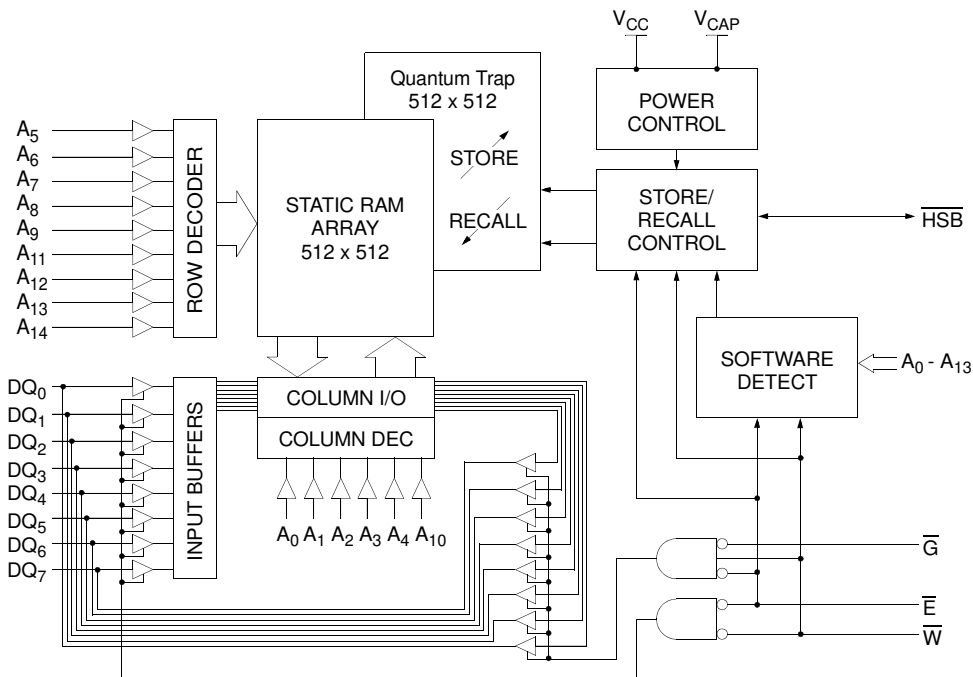- **32-Pin 300 mil SOIC (RoHS-Compliant)**

DESCRIPTION

The Simtek STK14C88-NF35U is a 256Kb fast static RAM with a non-volatile Quantum Trap storage element included with each memory cell.
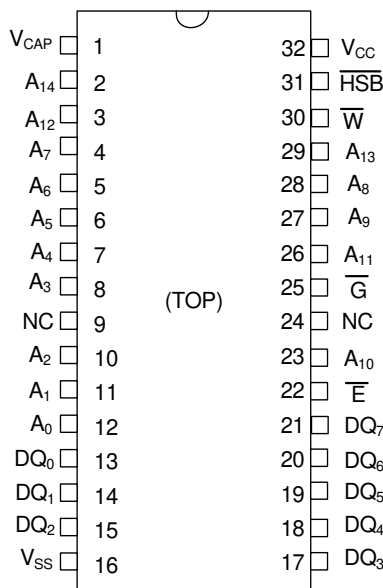
The SRAM provides the fast access & cycle times, ease of use and unlimited read & write endurance of a normal SRAM.

Data transfers automatically to the non-volatile storage cells when power loss is detected (the STORE operation). On power up, data is automatically restored to the SRAM (the RECALL operation). Both STORE and RECALL operations are also available under software control.

The Simtek nvSRAM is the first monolithic non-volatile memory to offer unlimited writes and reads. It is the highest performance, most reliable non-volatile memory available.

BLOCK DIAGRAM

PIN CONFIGURATIONS

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              V_CAP ☐  1        32 ☐ V_CC
               A_14 ☐  2        31 ☐ HSB̄
               A_12 ☐  3        30 ☐ W̄
                A_7 ☐  4        29 ☐ A_13
                A_6 ☐  5        28 ☐ A_8
                A_5 ☐  6        27 ☐ A_9
                A_4 ☐  7        26 ☐ A_11
                A_3 ☐  8  (TOP) 25 ☐ Ḡ
                 NC ☐  9        24 ☐ NC
                A_2 ☐ 10        23 ☐ A_10
                A_1 ☐ 11        22 ☐ Ē
                A_0 ☐ 12        21 ☐ DQ_7
               DQ_0 ☐ 13        20 ☐ DQ_6
               DQ_1 ☐ 14        19 ☐ DQ_5
               DQ_2 ☐ 15        18 ☐ DQ_4
               V_SS ☐ 16        17 ☐ DQ_3
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32-Pin 300 mil SOIC

PIN DESCRIPTIONS

Pin Name	I/O	Description
A_{14}-A_0	Input	Address: The 15 address inputs select one of 32,768 bytes in the nvSRAM array
DQ_7-DQ_0	I/O	Data: Bi-directional 8-bit data bus for accessing the nvSRAM
$\overline{E}$	Input	Chip Enable: The active low $\overline{E}$ input selects the device
$\overline{W}$	Input	Write Enable: The active low $\overline{W}$ enables data on the DQ pins to be written to the address location latched by the falling edge of $\overline{E}$
$\overline{G}$	Input	Output Enable: The active low $\overline{G}$ input enables the data output buffers during read cycles. De-asserting $\overline{G}$ high caused the DQ pins to tri-state.
V_{CC}	Power Supply	Power: 5.0V, ±10%
$\overline{HSB}$	I/O	Hardware Store Busy: When low this output indicates a Store is in progress. When pulled low external to the chip, it will initiate a nonvolatile STORE operation. A weak pull up resistor keeps this pin high if not connected. (Connection Optional).
V_{CAP}	Power Supply	AutoStore Capacitor: Supplies power to nvSRAM during power loss to store data from SRAM to nonvolatile storage elements.
V_{SS}	Power Supply	Ground

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS[a]

Voltage on Input Relative to Ground . . . . –0.5V to 7.0V
Voltage on Input Relative to V_{SS} . . . .–0.6V to (V_{CC} + 0.5V)
Voltage on DQ_{0-7} or $\overline{HSB}$ . . . .–0.5V to (V_{CC} + 0.5V)
Temperature under Bias. . . . .–55°C to 125°C
Storage Temperature . . . .–65°C to 150°C
Power Dissipation 1W
DC Output Current (1 output at a time, 1s duration) 15mA

Note a: Stresses greater than 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 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 reliability.

DC CHARACTERISTICS
$(V_{CC} = 5.0V \pm 10\%)^e$

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	STK14C88-NF35U		UNITS	NOTES
		MIN	MAX		
$I_{CC1}{}^b$	Average V_{CC} Current		90	mA	t_{AVAV} = 35ns
$I_{CC2}{}^c$	Average V_{CC} Current during *STORE*		3	mA	All Inputs Don't Care, V_{CC} = max
$I_{CC3}{}^b$	Average V_{CC} Current at t_{AVAV} = 200ns 5V, 25°C, Typical		15	mA	$\overline{W} \geq (V_{CC} - 0.2V)$ All Others Cycling, CMOS Levels
$I_{CC4}{}^c$	Average V_{CAP} Current during AutoStore Cycle		2	mA	All Inputs Don't Care
$I_{SB1}{}^d$	Average V_{CC} Current (Standby, Cycling TTL Input Levels)		30	mA	t_{AVAV} = 35ns, $\overline{E} \geq V_{IH}$
$I_{SB2}{}^d$	V_{CC} Standby Current (Standby, Stable CMOS Input Levels)		3	mA	$\overline{E} \geq (V_{CC} - 0.2V)$ All Others $V_{IN} \leq 0.2V$ or $\geq (V_{CC} - 0.2V)$
I_{ILK}	Input Leakage Current		±1	μA	V_{CC} = max $V_{IN} = V_{SS}$ to V_{CC}
I_{OLK}	Off-State Output Leakage Current		±5	μA	V_{CC} = max $V_{IN} = V_{SS}$ to V_{CC}, $\overline{E}$ or $\overline{G} \geq V_{IH}$
V_{IH}	Input Logic "1" Voltage	2.2	V_{CC} + .5	V	All Inputs
V_{IL}	Input Logic "0" Voltage	V_{SS} – .5	0.8	V	All Inputs
V_{OH}	Output Logic "1" Voltage	2.4		V	$I_{OUT} = -4mA$ (except $\overline{HSB}$)
V_{OL}	Output Logic "0" Voltage		0.4	V	$I_{OUT} = 8mA$ (except $\overline{HSB}$)
V_{BL}	Logic "0" Voltage on $\overline{HSB}$ Output		0.4	V	$I_{OUT} = 3mA$
T_A	Operating Temperature	55	125	°C	

Note b: I_{CC1} and I_{CC3} are dependent on output loading and cycle rate. The specified values are obtained with outputs unloaded.
Note c: I_{CC2} and I_{CC4} are the average currents required for the duration of the respective *STORE* cycles (t_{STORE}).
Note d: $\overline{E} \geq V_{IH}$ will not produce standby current levels until any nonvolatile cycle in progress has timed out.
Note e: V_{CC} reference levels throughout this datasheet refer to system V_{CC} if that is where the power supply connection is made, or V_{CAP} if the IC V_{CC} is connected to ground.

AC TEST CONDITIONS

Input Pulse Levels . . . . .0V to 3V
Input Rise and Fall Times. . . . . ≤ 5ns
Input and Output Timing Reference Levels 1.5V
Output Load . . . . See Figure 1

CAPACITANCE[f] $(T_A = 25°C, f = 1.0MHz)$

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	MAX	UNITS	CONDITIONS
C_{IN}	Input Capacitance	5	pF	ΔV = 0 to 3V
C_{OUT}	Output Capacitance	7	pF	ΔV = 0 to 3V

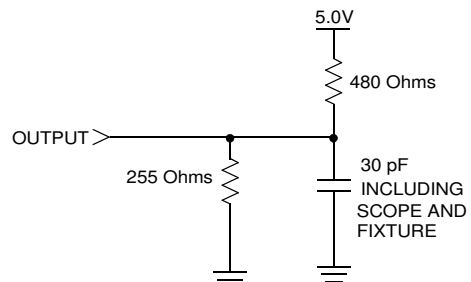Note f: These parameters are guaranteed but not tested.

Figure 1: AC Output Loading

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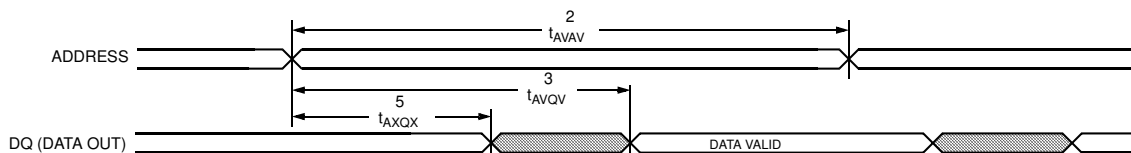## SRAM READ CYCLES #1 & #2

$(V_{CC} = 5.0V \pm 10\%)^e$

NO.	SYMBOLS		PARAMETER	STK14C88-NF35U		UNITS
	#1, #2	Alt.		MIN	MAX	
1	t_{ELQV}	t_{ACS}	Chip Enable Access Time		35	ns
2	t_{AVAV}^g, t_{ELEH}^g	t_{RC}	Read Cycle Time	35		ns
3	t_{AVQV}^h	t_{AA}	Address Access Time		35	ns
4	t_{GLQV}	t_{OE}	Output Enable to Data Valid		15	ns
5	t_{AXQX}^h	t_{OH}	Output Hold after Address Change	5		ns
6	t_{ELQX}	t_{LZ}	Address Change or Chip Enable to Output Active	5		ns
7	t_{EHQZ}^i	t_{HZ}	Address Change or Chip Disable to Output Inactive		13	ns
8	t_{GLQX}	t_{OLZ}	Output Enable to Output Active	0		ns
9	t_{GHQZ}^i	t_{OHZ}	Output Disable to Output Inactive		13	ns
10	t_{ELICCH}^f	t_{PA}	Chip Enable to Power Active	0		ns
11	t_{EHICCL}^f	t_{PS}	Chip Disable to Power Standby		35	ns

Note g: $\overline{W}$ and $\overline{HSB}$ must be high during SRAM READ cycles.
Note h: I/O state assumes $\overline{E}$ and $\overline{G} \leq V_{IL}$ and $\overline{W} \geq V_{IH}$; device is continuously selected.
Note i: Measured $\pm$ 200mV from steady state output voltage.

SRAM READ CYCLE #1: Address Controlled[g, h]


SRAM READ CYCLE #2: $\overline{E}$ and $\overline{G}$ Controlled[g]
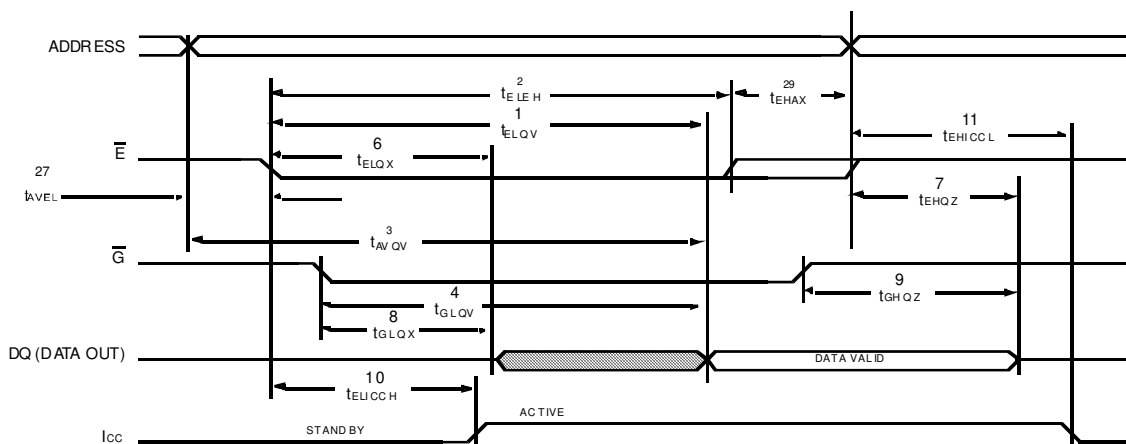
SRAM WRITE CYCLES #1 & #2

$(V_{CC} = 5.0V \pm 10\%)^e$

NO.	SYMBOLS			PARAMETER	STK14C88-NF35U		UNITS
	#1	#2	Alt.		MIN	MAX	
12	t_{AVAV}	t_{AVAV}	t_{WC}	Write Cycle Time	35		ns
13	t_{WLWH}	t_{WLEH}	t_{WP}	Write Pulse Width	25		ns
14	t_{ELWH}	t_{ELEH}	t_{CW}	Chip Enable to End of Write	25		ns
15	t_{DVWH}	t_{DVEH}	t_{DW}	Data Set-up to End of Write	12		ns
16	t_{WHDX}	t_{EHDX}	t_{DH}	Data Hold after End of Write	0		ns
17	t_{AVWH}	t_{AVEH}	t_{AW}	Address Set-up to End of Write	25		ns
18	t_{AVWL}	t_{AVEL}	t_{AS}	Address Set-up to Start of Write	0		ns
19	t_{WHAX}	t_{EHAX}	t_{WR}	Address Hold after End of Write	0		ns
20	t_{WLQZ}[i, j]		t_{WZ}	Write Enable to Output Disable		13	ns
21	t_{WHQX}		t_{OW}	Output Active after End of Write	5		ns

Note j: If $\overline{W}$ is low when $\overline{E}$ goes low, the outputs remain in the high-impedance state.
Note k: $\overline{E}$ or $\overline{W}$ must be $\geq V_{IH}$ during address transitions.
Note l: $\overline{HSB}$ must be high during SRAM WRITE cycles.

SRAM WRITE CYCLE #1: $\overline{W}$ Controlled[k, l]
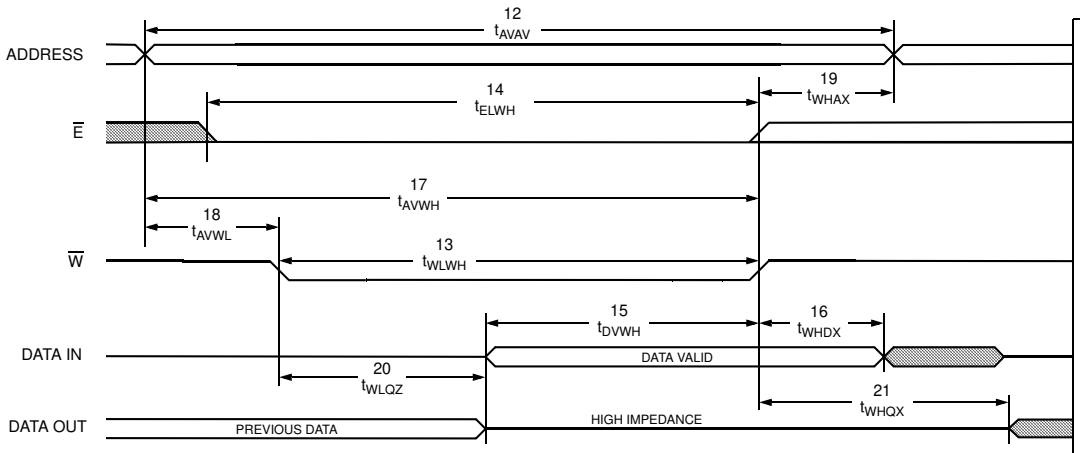
SRAM WRITE CYCLE #2: $\overline{E}$ Controlled[k, l]
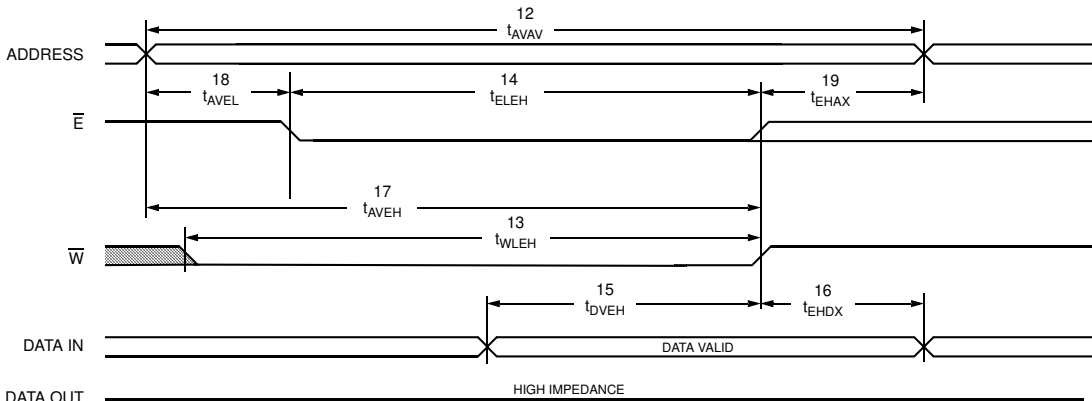
HARDWARE MODE SELECTION

$\overline{E}$	$\overline{W}$	$\overline{HSB}$	A_{13} - A_0 (hex)	MODE	I/O	POWER	NOTES
H	X	H	X	Not Selected	Output High Z	Standby	
L	H	H	X	Read SRAM	Output Data	Active	t
L	L	H	X	Write SRAM	Input Data	Active	
X	X	L	X	Nonvolatile *STORE*	Output High Z	I_{CC2}	m

Note m: $\overline{HSB}$ *STORE* operation occurs only if an SRAM WRITE has been done since the last nonvolatile cycle. After the *STORE* (if any) completes, the part will go into standby mode, inhibiting all operations until $\overline{HSB}$ rises.

HARDWARE *STORE* CYCLE $\hspace{2cm}$ (V_{CC} = 5.0V $\pm$ 10%)[e]

NO.	SYMBOLS		PARAMETER	STK14C88-NF35U		UNITS	NOTES
	Standard	Alternate		MIN	MAX		
22	t_{STORE}	t_{HLHZ}	*STORE* Cycle Duration		10	ms	
23	t_{DELAY}	t_{HLQZ}	Time Allowed to Complete SRAM Cycle	1		µs	
24	$t_{RECOVER}$	t_{HHQX}	Hardware *STORE* High to Inhibit Off		700	ns	n, o
25	t_{HLHX}		Hardware *STORE* Pulse Width	15		ns	
26	t_{HLBL}		Hardware *STORE* Low to *STORE* Busy		300	ns	

Note n: $\overline{E}$ and $\overline{G}$ low and $\overline{W}$ high for output behavior.
Note o: $t_{RECOVER}$ is only applicable after t_{STORE} is complete.

HARDWARE *STORE* CYCLE
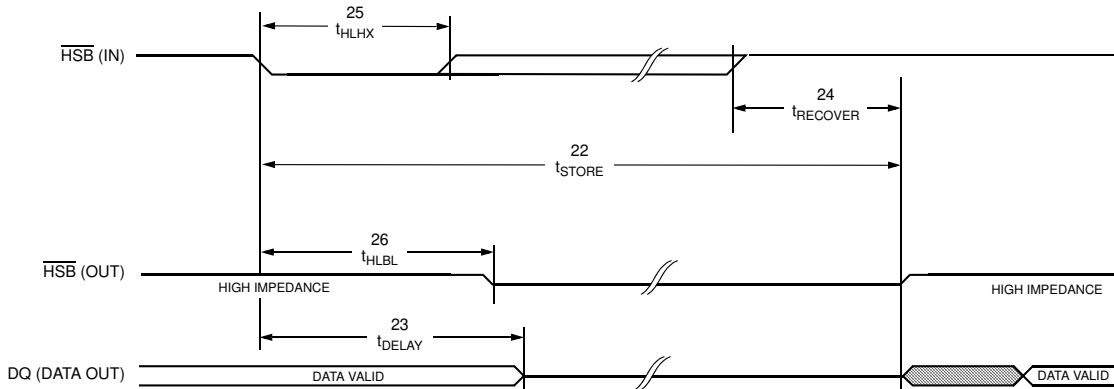
AutoStore™/**POWER-UP** *RECALL*   (V_{CC} = 5.0V ± 10%)[e]

NO.	SYMBOLS		PARAMETER	STK14C88-NF35U		UNITS	NOTES
	Standard	**Alternate**		**MIN**	**MAX**		
27	$t_{RESTORE}$		Power-up *RECALL* Duration		550	μs	p
28	t_{STORE}	t_{HLHZ}	*STORE* Cycle Duration		10	ms	n, q
29	t_{VSBL}		Low Voltage Trigger (V_{SWITCH}) to $\overline{HSB}$ Low		300	ns	l
30	t_{DELAY}	t_{BLQZ}	Time Allowed to Complete SRAM Cycle	1		μs	n
31	V_{SWITCH}		Low Voltage Trigger Level	4.0	4.5	V	
32	V_{RESET}		Low Voltage Reset Level		3.6	V	

Note p: $t_{RESTORE}$ starts from the time V_{CC} rises above V_{SWITCH}.
Note q: $\overline{HSB}$ is asserted low for 1μs when V_{CAP} drops through V_{SWITCH}. If an SRAM WRITE has not taken place since the last nonvolatile cycle, $\overline{HSB}$ will be released and no *STORE* will take place.

AutoStore™/**POWER-UP** *RECALL*
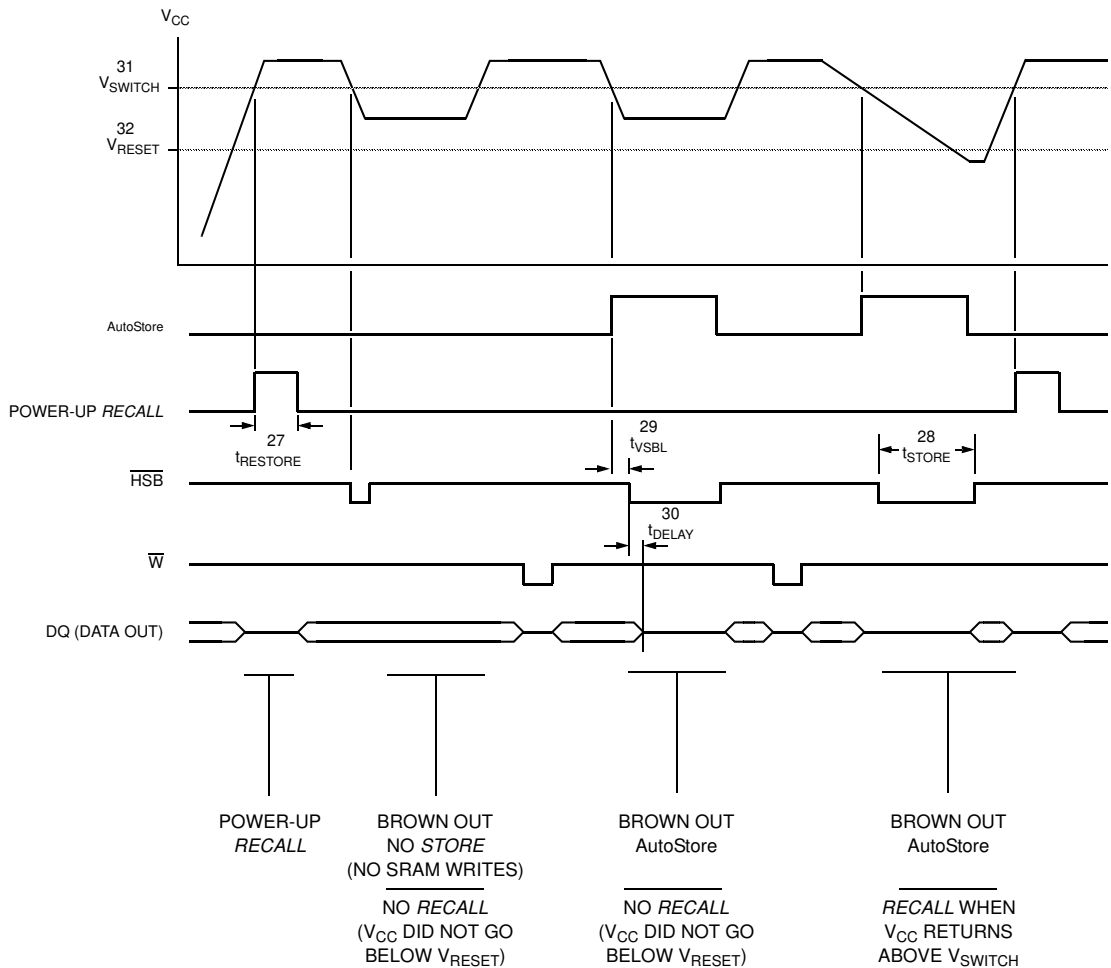
SOFTWARE *STORE*/*RECALL* MODE SELECTION

$\overline{E}$	$\overline{W}$	$A_{13} - A_0$ (hex)	MODE	I/O	POWER	NOTES
L	H	0E38	Read SRAM	Output Data	Active	n, r, s, t
		31C7	Read SRAM	Output Data		
		03E0	Read SRAM	Output Data		
		3C1F	Read SRAM	Output Data		
		303F	Read SRAM	Output Data		
		0FC0	Nonvolatile *STORE*	Output High Z	I_{CC2}	
L	H	0E38	Read SRAM	Output Data	Active	n, r, s, t
		31C7	Read SRAM	Output Data		
		03E0	Read SRAM	Output Data		
		3C1F	Read SRAM	Output Data		
		303F	Read SRAM	Output Data		
		0C63	Nonvolatile *RECALL*	Output High Z		

SOFTWARE-CONTROLLED *STORE*/*RECALL* CYCLE[v]   (V_{CC} = 5.0V $\pm$ 10%)[e]

NO.	SYMBOLS		PARAMETER	STK14C88-NF35U		UNITS	NOTES
	Standard	Alternate		MIN	MAX		
33	t_{AVAV}	t_{RC}	*STORE*/*RECALL* Initiation Cycle Time	35		ns	n
34	t_{AVEL}	t_{AS}	Address Set-up Time	0		ns	u,v
35	t_{ELEH}	t_{CW}	Clock Pulse Width	25		ns	u,v
36	t_{ELAX}		Address Hold Time	20		ns	u, v
37	t_{RECALL}		*RECALL* Duration		20	µs	

Note r: The six consecutive addresses must be in the order listed. $\overline{W}$ must be high during all six consecutive $\overline{E}$ or $\overline{G}$ controlled cycles to enable a non-volatile cycle.

Note s: While there are 15 addresses on the STK14C88-NF35U, only the lower 14 are used to control software modes.

Note t: I/O state assumes $\overline{G} \leq V_{IL}$. Activation of nonvolatile cycles does not depend on state of $\overline{G}$.

Note u: The software sequence is clocked on the falling edge of $\overline{E}$ controlled READs without involving $\overline{G}$ (double clocking will abort the sequence). See application note: MA0002 http://www.simtek.com/attachments/appNote02.pdf.

Note v: The six consecutive addresses must be read in the order listed in the Software *STORE/RECALL* Mode Selection Table: (0E38, 31C7, 03E0, 3C1F, 303F, 0FC0) for a *STORE* cycle or (0E38, 31C7, 03E0, 3C1F, 303F, 0C63) for a *RECALL* cycle. $\overline{W}$ must be high during all six consecutive cycles.

SOFTWARE *STORE*/*RECALL* CYCLE: $\overline{E}$ CONTROLLED[v]
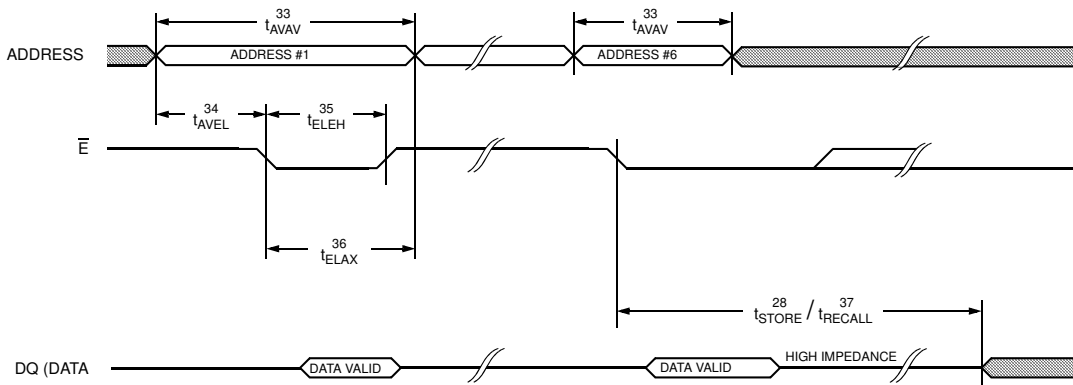
nvSRAM OPERATION

The STK14C88-NF35U has two separate modes of operation: SRAM mode and nonvolatile mode. In SRAM mode, the memory operates as a standard fast static RAM. In nonvolatile mode, data is transferred from SRAM to nonvolatile elements (the *STORE* operation) or from nonvolatile elements to SRAM (the *RECALL* operation). In this mode SRAM functions are disabled.

NOISE CONSIDERATIONS

The STK14C88-NF35U is a high-speed memory and so must have a high-frequency bypass capacitor of approximately $0.1\mu F$ connected between V_{CAP} and V_{SS}, using leads and traces that are as short as possible. As with all high-speed CMOS ICs, normal careful routing of power, ground and signals will help prevent noise problems.

SRAM READ

The STK14C88-NF35U performs a READ cycle whenever $\overline{E}$ and $\overline{G}$ are low and $\overline{W}$ and $\overline{HSB}$ are high. The address specified on pins A_{0-14} determines which of the 32,768 data bytes will be accessed. When the READ is initiated by an address transition, the outputs will be valid after a delay of t_{AVQV} (READ cycle #1). If the READ is initiated by $\overline{E}$ or $\overline{G}$, the outputs will be valid at t_{ELQV} or at t_{GLQV}, whichever is later (READ cycle #2). The data outputs will repeatedly respond to address changes within the t_{AVQV} access time without the need for transitions on any control input pins, and will remain valid until another address change or until $\overline{E}$ or $\overline{G}$ is brought high, or $\overline{W}$ or $\overline{HSB}$ is brought low.

SRAM WRITE

A WRITE cycle is performed whenever $\overline{E}$ and $\overline{W}$ are low and $\overline{HSB}$ is high. The address inputs must be stable prior to entering the WRITE cycle and must remain stable until either $\overline{E}$ or $\overline{W}$ goes high at the end of the cycle. The data on the common I/O pins DQ_{0-7} will be written into the memory if it is valid t_{DVWH} before the end of a $\overline{W}$ controlled WRITE or t_{DVEH} before the end of an $\overline{E}$ controlled WRITE.

It is recommended that $\overline{G}$ be kept high during the entire WRITE cycle to avoid data bus contention on common I/O lines. If $\overline{G}$ is left low, internal circuitry will turn off the output buffers t_{WLQZ} after $\overline{W}$ goes low.

POWER-UP *RECALL*

During power up, or after any low-power condition ($V_{CAP} < V_{RESET}$), an internal *RECALL* request will be latched. When V_{CAP} once again exceeds the sense voltage of V_{SWITCH}, a *RECALL* cycle will automatically be initiated and will take $t_{RESTORE}$ to complete.

If the STK14C88-NF35U is in a WRITE state at the end of power-up *RECALL*, the SRAM data will be corrupted. To help avoid this situation, a 10K Ohm resistor should be connected either between $\overline{W}$ and system V_{CC} or between $\overline{E}$ and system V_{CC}.

SOFTWARE NONVOLATILE *STORE*

The STK14C88-NF35U software *STORE* cycle is initiated by executing sequential $\overline{E}$ controlled READ cycles from six specific address locations. During the *STORE* cycle an erase of the previous nonvolatile data is first performed, followed by a program of the nonvolatile elements. The program operation copies the SRAM data into nonvolatile memory. Once a *STORE* cycle is initiated, further input and output are disabled until the cycle is completed.

Because a sequence of READs from specific addresses is used for *STORE* initiation, it is important that no other READ or WRITE accesses intervene in the sequence, or the sequence will be aborted and no *STORE* or *RECALL* will take place.

To initiate the software *STORE* cycle, the following READ sequence must be performed:

1.	Read address	0E38 (hex)	Valid READ
2.	Read address	31C7 (hex)	Valid READ
3.	Read address	03E0 (hex)	Valid READ
4.	Read address	3C1F (hex)	Valid READ
5.	Read address	303F (hex)	Valid READ
6.	Read address	0FC0 (hex)	Initiate *STORE* cycle

The software sequence must be clocked with $\overline{E}$ controlled READs.

Once the sixth address in the sequence has been entered, the *STORE* cycle will commence and the chip will be disabled. It is important that READ cycles and not WRITE cycles be used in the sequence, although it is not necessary that $\overline{G}$ be low for the sequence to be valid. After the t_{STORE} cycle time has been fulfilled, the SRAM will again be activated for READ and WRITE operation.

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SOFTWARE NONVOLATILE *RECALL*

A software *RECALL* cycle is initiated with a sequence of READ operations in a manner similar to the software *STORE* initiation. To initiate the *RECALL* cycle, the following sequence of $\overline{E}$ controlled READ operations must be performed:

1.	Read address	0E38 (hex)	Valid READ
2.	Read address	31C7 (hex)	Valid READ
3.	Read address	03E0 (hex)	Valid READ
4.	Read address	3C1F (hex)	Valid READ
5.	Read address	303F (hex)	Valid READ
6.	Read address	0C63 (hex)	Initiate *RECALL* cycle

Internally, *RECALL* is a two-step procedure. First, the SRAM data is cleared, and second, the nonvolatile information is transferred into the SRAM cells. After the t_{RECALL} cycle time the SRAM will once again be ready for READ and WRITE operations. The *RECALL* operation in no way alters the data in the nonvolatile elements. The nonvolatile data can be recalled an unlimited number of times.

AutoStore MODE

The STK14C88-NF35U can be powered in one of three modes.

During normal AutoStore operation, the STK14C88-NF35U will draw current from V_{CC} to charge a capacitor connected to the V_{CAP} pin. This stored charge will be used by the chip to perform a single *STORE* operation. After power up, when the voltage on the V_{CAP} pin drops below V_{SWITCH}, the part will automatically disconnect the V_{CAP} pin from V_{CC} and initiate a *STORE* operation.

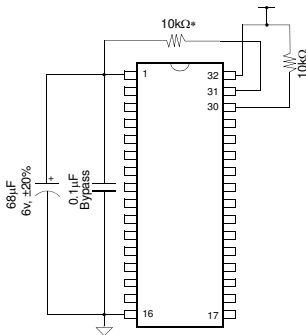Figure 2 shows the proper connection of capacitors for automatic store operation. A charge storage capacitor having a capacity of between 68μF and 220μF (± 20%) rated at 6V should be provided.

In system power mode, both V_{CC} and V_{CAP} are connected to the + 5V power supply without the 68μF capacitor. In this mode the AutoStore function of the STK14C88-NF35U will operate on the stored system charge as power goes down. The user must, however, guarantee that V_{CC} does not drop below 3.6V during the 10ms *STORE* cycle.

In order to prevent unneeded *STORE* operations, automatic *STORE*s as well as those initiated by externally driving $\overline{HSB}$ low will be ignored unless at least one WRITE operation has taken place since the most recent *STORE* or *RECALL* cycle. Software-initiated *STORE* cycles are performed regardless of whether a WRITE operation has taken place.

If the power supply drops faster than 20 μs/volt before V_{CC} reaches V_{SWITCH}, then a 2.2 ohm resistor should be inserted between the V_{CC} pin on the IC and the system supply to avoid momentary excess of current between Vcc and Vcap.

AutoStore INHIBIT MODE

If an automatic *STORE* on power loss is not required, then V_{CC} can be tied to ground and system power applied to V_{CAP} (Figure 3). This is the *AutoStore* Inhibit mode, in which the *AutoStore* function is disabled. If the STK14C88-NF35U is operated in this configuration, references to V_{CC} should be changed to V_{CAP} throughout this data sheet. In this mode, *STORE* operations may be triggered through software control. It is not permissible to change between these three options "on the fly."
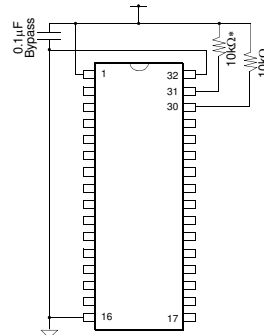

Figure 2: AutoStore Mode

$\overline{HSB}$
*If $\overline{HSB}$ is not used, it should be left unconnected.

Figure 3: AutoStore Inhibit Mode

HSB OPERATION

The STK14C88-NF35U provides the $\overline{HSB}$ pin for controlling and acknowledging the *STORE* operations. The $\overline{HSB}$ pin can be used to request a hardware *STORE* cycle. When the $\overline{HSB}$ pin is driven low, the STK14C88-NF35U will conditionally initiate a *STORE* operation after t_{DELAY}; an actual *STORE* cycle will only begin if a WRITE to the SRAM took place since the last *STORE* or *RECALL* cycle. The $\overline{HSB}$ pin has a very resistive pullup and is internally driven low to indicate a busy condition while the *STORE* (initiated by any means) is in progress. Pull up this pin with an external 10K ohm resistor to V_{CAP} if $\overline{HSB}$ is used as a driver.

SRAM READ and WRITE operations that are in progress when $\overline{HSB}$ is driven low by any means are given time to complete before the *STORE* operation is initiated. After $\overline{HSB}$ goes low, the STK14C88-NF35U will continue SRAM operations for t_{DELAY}. During t_{DELAY}, multiple SRAM READ operations may take place. If a WRITE is in progress when $\overline{HSB}$ is pulled low it will be allowed a time, t_{DELAY}, to complete. However, any SRAM WRITE cycles requested after $\overline{HSB}$ goes low will be inhibited until $\overline{HSB}$ returns high.

The V_{CAP} pins from the other STK14C88-NF35U parts can be tied together and share a single capacitor. The capacitor size must be scaled by the number of devices connected to it. It is essential that all parts have written to the SRAM for this *STORE* to execute properly.

During any *STORE* operation, regardless of how it was initiated, the STK14C88-NF35U will continue to drive the $\overline{HSB}$ pin low, releasing it only when the *STORE* is complete. Upon completion of the *STORE* operation the STK14C88-NF35U will remain disabled until the $\overline{HSB}$ pin returns high.

If $\overline{HSB}$ is not used, it should be left unconnected.

BEST PRACTICES

nvSRAM products have been used effectively for over 15 years. While ease-of-use is one of the product's main system values, experience gained working with hundreds of applications has resulted in the following suggestions as best practices:

• The non-volatile cells in an nvSRAM are programmed on the test floor during final test and quality assurance. Incoming inspection routines at customer or contract manufacturer's sites will sometimes reprogram these values. Final NV patterns are typically repeating patterns of AA, 55, 00, FF, A5, or 5A. End product's firmware should not assume an NV array is in a set programmed state. Routines that check memory content values to determine first time system configuration, cold or warm boot status, etc. should always program a unique NV pattern (e.g., complex 4-byte pattern of 46 E6 49 53 hex or more random bytes) as part of the final system manufacturing test to ensure these system routines work consistently.

• Power up boot firmware routines should rewrite the nvSRAM into the desired state (autostore enabled, etc.). While the nvSRAM is shipped in a preset state, best practice is to again rewrite the nvSRAM into the desired state as a safeguard against events that might flip the bit inadvertently (program bugs, incoming inspection routines, etc.).

• The V_{cap} value specified in this datasheet includes a minimum and a maximum value size. Best practice is to meet this requirement and not exceed the max V_{cap} value because the nvSRAM internal algorithm calculates V_{cap} charge time based on this max Vcap value. Customers that want to use a larger V_{cap} value to make sure there is extra store charge and store time should discuss their V_{cap} size selection with Simtek to understand any impact on the V_{cap} voltage level at the end of a t_{RECALL} period.

PREVENTING STORES

The *STORE* function can be disabled on the fly by holding $\overline{\text{HSB}}$ high with a driver capable of sourcing 30mA at a V_{OH} of at least 2.2V, as it will have to over-power the internal pull-down device that drives $\overline{\text{HSB}}$ low for 20μs at the onset of a *STORE*. When the STK14C88-NF35U is connected for AutoStore oper-ation (system V_{CC} connected to chip V_{CC} and a 68μF capacitor on V_{CAP}) and V_{CC} crosses V_{SWITCH} on the way down, the STK14C88-NF35U will attempt to pull $\overline{\text{HSB}}$ low; if $\overline{\text{HSB}}$ doesn't actually get below V_{IL}, the part will stop trying to pull $\overline{\text{HSB}}$ low and abort the *STORE* attempt.

HARDWARE PROTECT

The STK14C88-NF35U offers hardware protection against inadvertent *STORE* operation and SRAM WRITEs during low-voltage conditions. When $V_{CAP} <$ V_{SWITCH}, all externally initiated *STORE* operations and SRAM WRITEs will be inhibited.

AutoStore can be completely disabled by tying V_{CC} to ground and applying + 5V to V_{CAP}. This is the AutoStore Inhibit mode; in this mode *STORE*s are only initiated by explicit request using either the software sequence or the $\overline{\text{HSB}}$ pin.

LOW AVERAGE ACTIVE POWER

The STK14C88-NF35U draws significantly less cur-rent when it is cycled at times longer than 50ns. Fig-ure 4 shows the relationship between I_{CC} and READ cycle time. Worst-case current consumption is shown for both CMOS and TTL input levels (commer-cial temperature range, V_{CC} = 5.5V, 100% duty cycle on chip enable). Figure 5 shows the same relation-ship for WRITE cycles. If the chip enable duty cycle is less than 100%, only standby current is drawn when the chip is disabled. The overall average cur-rent drawn by the STK14C88-NF35U depends on the following items: 1) CMOS vs. TTL input levels; 2) the duty cycle of chip enable; 3) the overall cycle rate for accesses; 4) the ratio of READs to WRITEs; 5) the operating temperature; 6) the V_{CC} level; and 7) I/O loading.
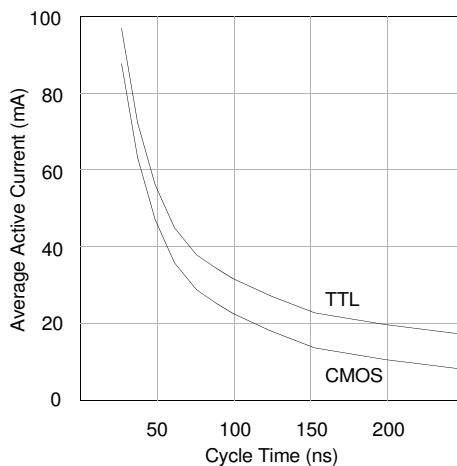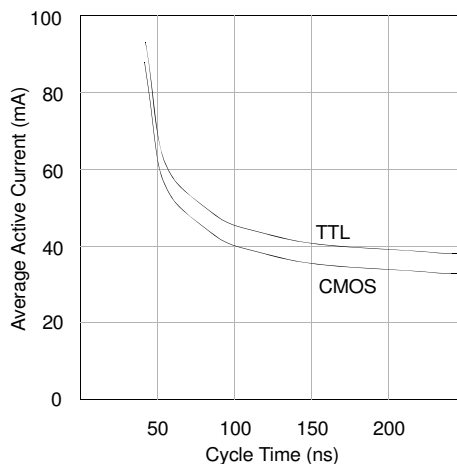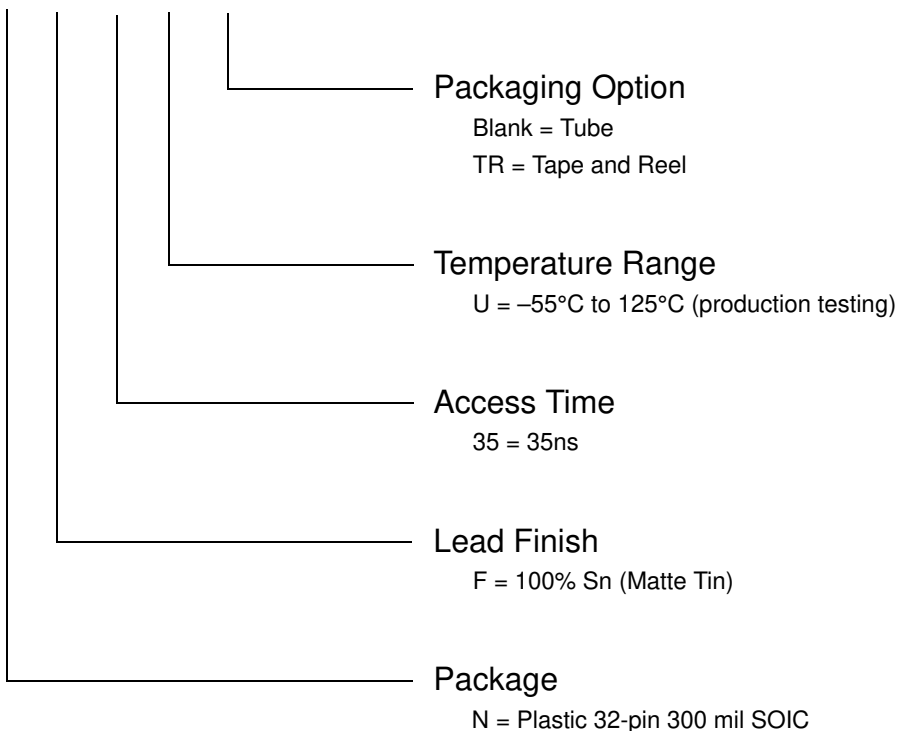

Figure 4: I_{CC} (max) Reads

Figure 5: I_{CC} (max) Writes

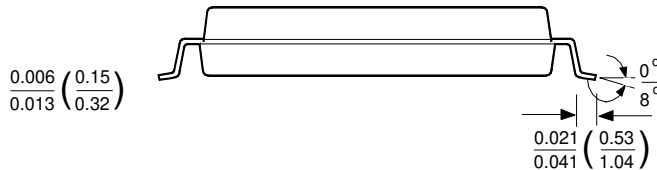## Commercial and Industrial Ordering Information

STK14C88 - N   F   35   U   TR

Packaging Option
Blank = Tube
TR = Tape and Reel

Temperature Range
U = –55°C to 125°C (production testing)

Access Time
35 = 35ns

Lead Finish
F = 100% Sn (Matte Tin)

Package
N = Plastic 32-pin 300 mil SOIC

Ordering Information

Part Number	Description	Access Times	Temperature
STK14C88-NF35UTR	5V 32Kx8 AutoStore nvSRAM SOP32-300	35 ns access time	-55ºC to 125 ºC

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Package Diagrams

32 Lead 300 mil SOIC Gull Wing

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Pin 1
Index

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BSC

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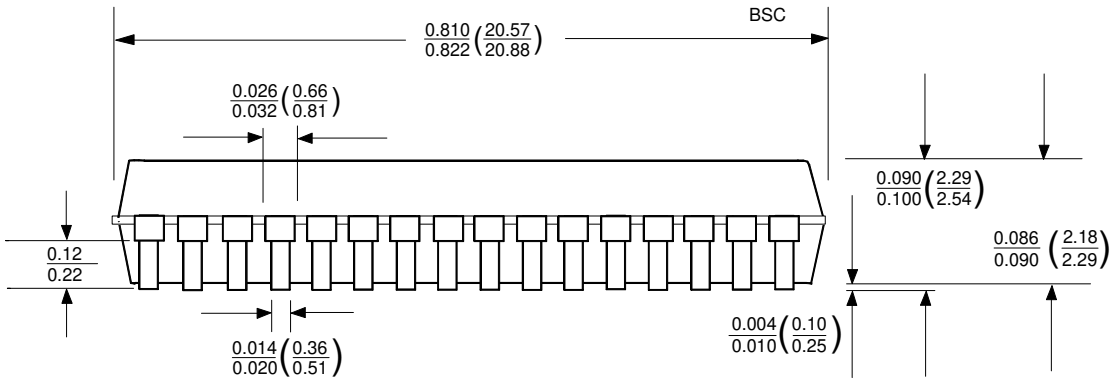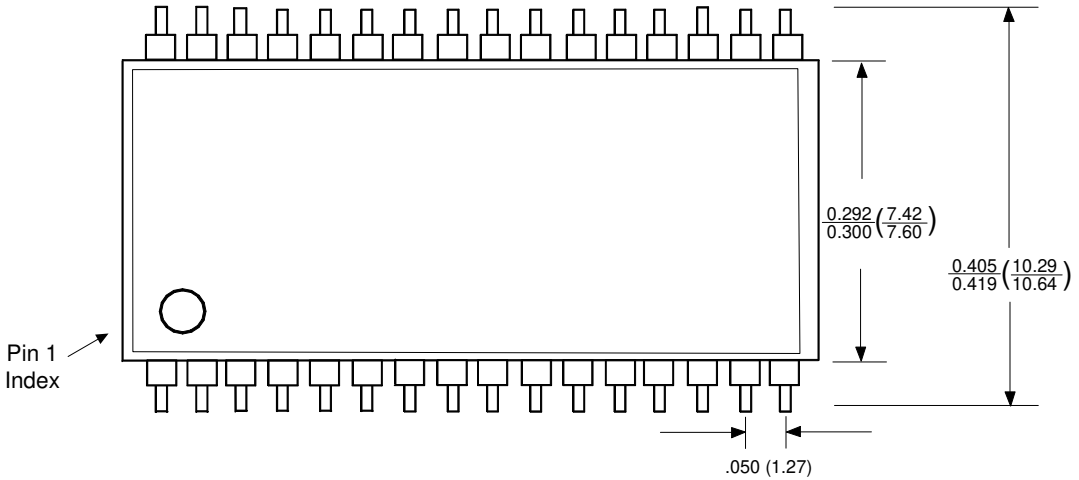
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