# NMC27C256 262,144-Bit (32k x 8) UV Erasable CMOS PROM

### **General Description**

The NMC27C256 is a high-speed 256k UV erasable and electrically reprogrammable CMOS EPROM, ideally suited for applications where fast turnaround, pattern experimentation and low power consumption are important requirements.

The NMC27C256 is designed to operate with a single +5V power supply with  $\pm5\%$  or  $\pm10\%$  tolerance. The CMOS design allows the part to operate over extended and military temperature ranges.

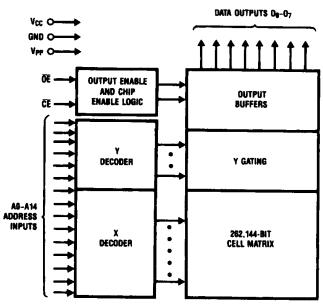
The NMC27C256 is packaged in a 28-pin dual in-line package with transparent lid. The transparent lid allows the user to expose the chip to ultraviolet light to erase the bit pattern. A new pattern can then be written electrically into the device by following the programming procedure.

This EPROM is fabricated with National's proprietary, time proven CMOS double-poly silicon gate technology which combines high performance and high density with low power consumption and excellent reliability.

#### **Features**

- Clocked sense amps for fast access time down to 170 ns
- Low CMOS power consumption
  - Active power: 55 mW max
  - Standby power: 0.55 mW max
- Performance compatible to NSC800™ CMOS microprocessor
- Single 5V power supply
- Extended temperature range (NMC27C256QE), -40°C to +85°C, and military temperature range (NMC27C256QM), -55°C to +125°C, available
- Pin compatible with NMOS 256k EPROMs
- Fast and reliable programming (0.5 ms for most bytes)
- Static operation—no clocks required
- TTL, CMOS compatible inputs/outputs
- TRI-STATE® output
- Optimum EPROM for total CMOS systems

### **Block Diagram**



Din	Na	maa
PIN	Na	mes

A0-A14	Addresses
CE	Chip Enable
ŌĒ	Output Enable
00-07	Outputs
PGM	Program
NC	No Connect

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# **Connection Diagram**

27C512 27512	27C128 27128	27C64 2764	27C32 2732	27C16 2716	D	NMC27C256Q Dual-In-Line Package		27C16 2716	27C32 2732	27C64 2764	27C128 27128	27C512 27512
A15	V <sub>PP</sub>	V <sub>PP</sub>			Vpp —	1 28	v <sub>cc</sub>			Vcc	Vcc	Vcc
A12	A12	A12			A12 —	2 27	A14			PGM	PGM	A14
Α7	A7	<b>A</b> 7	A7	A7	A7 —	3 26	— A13	Vcc	Vcc	NC	A13	A13
A6	A6	A6	A6	A6	A6 —	4 25	A8	A8	A8	A8	A8	A8
A5	A5	A5	A5	A5	A5 —	5 24	— A9	A9	A9	A9	A9	A9
<b>A</b> 4	A4	A4	A4	A4	A4 —	6 23	A11	V <sub>PP</sub>	A11	A11	A11	A11
А3	А3	А3	АЗ	АЗ	A3 —	7 22	— ŌĒ	ŌĒ	OE/V <sub>PP</sub>	ŌĒ	ŌĒ	OE/V <sub>PP</sub>
A2	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2 -	8 21	— A10	A10	A10	A10	A10	A10
<b>A</b> 1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1 —	9 20	CE/PGM	CE/PGM	CE	CE	CE	CE
A0	A0	A0	A0	A0	A0 —	10 19	<b>—</b> 0 <sub>7</sub>	07	07	07	07	07
00	00	00	00	00	0, —	11 18	— 0 <sub>6</sub>	06	06	06	06	06
01	01	01	01	01	01	12 17	<b>—</b> 0₅	05	05	05	05	05
02	02	02	02	02	02	13 16	— 0 <sub>4</sub>	O <sub>4</sub>	04	04	04	04
GND	GND	GND	GND	GND	GND —	14 15	<b>L</b> 0₃	O <sub>3</sub>	О3	03	O <sub>3</sub>	03

Note: Socket compatible EPROM pin configurations are shown in the blocks adjacent to the NMC27C256 pins.

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#### Order Number NMC27C256Q See NS Package Number J28AQ

Commercial Temp Range (0°C to  $\pm$ 70°C) V<sub>CC</sub> = 5V  $\pm$ 5%

Parameter/Order Number	Access Time				
NMC27C256Q17	170				
NMC27C256Q20	200				
NMC27C256Q25	250				

Extended Temp Range ( $-40^{\circ}$ C to  $+85^{\circ}$ C)  $V_{CC} = 5V \pm 10\%$ 

Parameter/Order Number	Access Time					
NMC27C256QE200	200					
NMC27C256QE250	250					

### Commercial Temp Range (0°C to +70°C) $V_{CC} = 5V \pm 10\%$

Parameter/Order Number	Access Time
NMC27C256Q200	200
NMC27C256Q250	250
NMC27C256Q300	300

#### Military Temp Range ( $-55^{\circ}$ C to $+125^{\circ}$ C) V<sub>CC</sub> = 5V $\pm 10\%$

Parameter/Order Number	Access Time
NMC27C256QM250	250
NMC27C256QM350	350

NOTE: For plastic DIP and surface mount PLCC package requirements please refer to NMC27C256BN data sheet.

### **COMMERCIAL TEMPERATURE RANGE**

# Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)

Temperature Under Bias -10°C to +80°C

Storage Temperature -65°C to +150°C

All Input Voltages with

Respect to Ground (Note 10)

+6.5V to -0.6V

All Output Voltages with

Respect to Ground (Note 10) V<sub>CC</sub>+1.0V to GND-0.6V

Vpp Supply Voltage with Respect

to Ground During Programming + 14.0 V to - 0.6 V Power Dissipation

1.0W

Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.)

300°C

V<sub>CC</sub> Supply Voltage with

Respect to Ground

+7.0V to -0.6V

## **Operating Conditions** (Note 7)

Temperature Range  $0^{\circ}$ C to  $+70^{\circ}$ C

V<sub>CC</sub> Power Supply

NMC27C256Q17, 20, 25 NMC27C256Q200, 250, 300 5V ±5%

5V ± 10%

# **READ OPERATION**

### **DC Electrical Characteristics**

Symbol	mbol Parameter Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Units
I <sub>L!</sub>	Input Load Current	V <sub>IN</sub> = V <sub>CC</sub> or GND			10	μА
I <sub>LO</sub>	Output Leakage Current	$V_{OUT} = V_{CC}$ or GND, $\overline{CE} = V_{IH}$			10	μА
I <sub>CC1</sub> (Note 9)	V <sub>CC</sub> Current (Active) TTL Inputs	$\overline{CE} = V_{IL}$ , f = 5 MHz Inputs = $V_{IH}$ or $V_{IL}$ , I/O = 0 mA		6	20	mA
I <sub>CC2</sub> (Note 9)	V <sub>CC</sub> Current (Active) CMOS Inputs	CE = GND, f = 5 MHz Inputs = V <sub>CC</sub> or GND, I/O = 0 mA		3	10	mA
I <sub>CCSB1</sub>	V <sub>CC</sub> Current (Standby) TTL Inputs	CE = V <sub>IH</sub>		0.1	1	mA
ICCSB2	V <sub>CC</sub> Current (Standby) CMOS Inputs	CE = V <sub>CC</sub>		0.5	100	μΑ
Ірр	V <sub>PP</sub> Load Current	$V_{PP} = V_{CC}$			10	μА
$V_{IL}$	Input Low Voltage		-0.1		0.8	V
V <sub>IH</sub>	Input High Voltage		2.0	*	V <sub>CC</sub> + 1	V
V <sub>OL1</sub>	Output Low Voltage	I <sub>OL</sub> = 2.1 mA			0.45	V
V <sub>OH1</sub>	Output High Voltage	$I_{OH} = -400  \mu A$	2.4	1		V
V <sub>OL2</sub>	Output Low Voltage	$I_{OL} = 0 \mu A$	-	1	0.1	V
V <sub>OH2</sub>	Output High Voltage	I <sub>OH</sub> = 0 μA	V <sub>CC</sub> - 0.1			V

# **AC Electrical Characteristics**

Symbol			NMC27C256								
	Parameter	Conditions	Q17		Q20, Q200		Q25, Q250		Q300		Units
			Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
tACC	Address to Output Delay	$\overline{CE} = \overline{OE} = V_{IL}$		170		200	-	250		300	ns
t <sub>CE</sub>	CE to Output Delay	OE = VIL		170		200		250		300	ns
tOE	OE to Output Delay	CE = V <sub>1L</sub>		75		75		100		120	ns
t <sub>DF</sub>	OE High to Output Float	CE = VIL	0	60	0	60	0	60	0	105	ns
t <sub>CF</sub>	CE High to Output Float	OE = V <sub>IL</sub>	0	60	0	60	0	60	0	105	ns
tон	Output Hold from Addresses, CE or OE, Whichever Occurred First	CE = OE = VIL	0		0		0		0		ns

### MILITARY AND EXTENDED TEMPERATURE RANGE

# **Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)**

If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the National Semiconductor Sales Office/Distributors for availability and specifications.

Temperature Under Bias

Operating Temp Range

-65°C to +150°C

+ 14.0 V to -0.6 V

1.0W

Storage Temperature

Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.) V<sub>CC</sub> Supply Voltage with

300°C

All Input Voltages with

Respect to Ground (Note 10)

Respect to Ground +6.5V to -0.6V

+7.0V to -0.6V

All Output Voltages with

Respect to Ground **During Programming** 

VPP Supply Voltage with

Respect to Ground (Note 10) V<sub>CC</sub>+1.0V to GND-0.6V

**Operating Conditions** (Note 7)

Power Dissipation

Temperature Range

NMC27C256QE200, 250

-40°C to +85°C

NMC27C256QM250, M350

-55°C to +125°C

V<sub>CC</sub> Power Supply

5V ± 10%

## **READ OPERATION**

#### **DC Electrical Characteristics**

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Units
ILI	Input Load Current	V <sub>IN</sub> = V <sub>CC</sub> or GND			10	μΑ
lLO	Output Leakage Current	$V_{OUT} = V_{CC}$ or GND, $\overline{CE} = V_{IH}$			10	μА
I <sub>CC1</sub> (Note 9)	V <sub>CC</sub> Current (Active) TTL Inputs	$\overline{CE} = V_{ L}, f = 5 \text{ MHz}$ Inputs = $V_{ H}$ or $V_{ L}, I/O = 0 \text{ mA}$		6	20	mA
I <sub>CC2</sub> (Note 9)	V <sub>CC</sub> Current (Active) CMOS Inputs	$\overline{\text{CE}} = \text{GND, f} = 5 \text{ MHz}$ Inputs = $V_{\text{CC}}$ or GND, I/O = 0 mA		3	10	mA
ICCSB1	V <sub>CC</sub> Current (Standby) TTL Inputs	CE = V <sub>IH</sub>		0.1	í	mA
ICCSB2	V <sub>CC</sub> Current (Standby) CMOS Inputs	CE = V <sub>CC</sub>		0.5	100	μΑ
lpp	V <sub>PP</sub> Load Current	$V_{PP} = V_{CC}$			10	μΑ
V <sub>IL</sub>	Input Low Voltage		-0.1		0.8	V
V <sub>IH</sub>	Input High Voltage		2.0		V <sub>CC</sub> + 1	٧
V <sub>OL1</sub>	Output Low Voltage	I <sub>OL</sub> = 2.1 mA			0.45	V
V <sub>OH1</sub>	Output High Voltage	I <sub>OH</sub> = -400 μA	2.4			V
V <sub>OL2</sub>	Output Low Voltage	l <sub>OH</sub> = 0 μA			0.1	V
V <sub>OH2</sub>	Output High Voltage	I <sub>OH</sub> = 0 μA	V <sub>CC</sub> - 0.1			V

#### **AC Electrical Characteristics**

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions							
			E200		E250 M250		M350		Units
			Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	1
tACC	Address to Output Delay	CE = OE = V <sub>IL</sub>		200		250		350	ns
t <sub>CE</sub>	CE to Output Delay	OE = V <sub>IL</sub>		200		250		350	ns
t <sub>OE</sub>	OE to Output Delay	CE = V <sub>IL</sub>		75		100		120	ns
t <sub>DF</sub>	OE High to Output Float	CE = VIL	0	60	0	60	0	105	ns
tон	Output Hold from Addresses, CE or OE Whichever Occurred First	CE = OE = V <sub>IL</sub>	0		0		0	*	ns
t <sub>CF</sub>	CE High to Output Float	OE = VIL	0	60	0	60	0	105	ns

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# Capacitance $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ , f = 1 MHz (Note 2)

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Тур	Max	Units
C <sub>IN</sub>	Input Capacitance	$V_{IN} = 0V$	6	12	pF
C <sub>OUT</sub>	Output Capacitance	V <sub>OUT</sub> = 0V	9	12	pF

### **AC Test Conditions**

**Output Load** 

1 TTL Gate and C<sub>L</sub> = 100 pF (Note 8)

Timing Measurement Reference Level

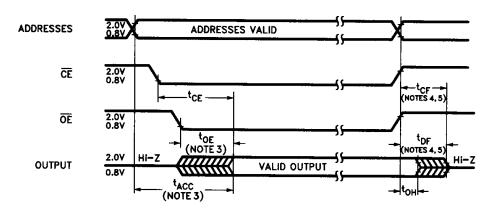
Inputs Outputs

0.8V and 2V 0.8V and 2V

Input Rise and Fall Times Input Pulse Levels

≤5 ns 0.45V to 2.4V

AC Waveforms (Notes 6, 7 & 9)



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Note 1: 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.

Note 2: This parameter is only sampled and is not 100% tested.

Note 3:  $\overline{OE}$  may be delayed up to  $t_{ACC}-t_{OE}$  after the falling edge of  $\overline{CE}$  without impacting  $t_{ACC}$ .

Note 4: The tDF and tCF compare level is determined as follows:

High to TRI-STATE, the measured  $V_{OH1}$  (DC) - 0.10V;

Low to TRI-STATE, the measured  $V_{OL1}$  (DC)  $\pm$  0.10V.

Note 5: TRI-STATE may be attained using OE or CE.

Note 6: The power switching characteristics of EPROMs require careful device decoupling. It is recommended that at least a 0.1 μF ceramic capacitor be used on every device between V<sub>CC</sub> and GND.

Note 7: The outputs must be restricted to  $V_{CC}\,+\,$  1.0V to avoid latch-up and device damage.

Note 8: 1 TTL Gate:  $I_{OL} =$  1.6 mA,  $I_{OH} =$   $-400~\mu\text{A}.$ 

C<sub>L</sub>: 100 pF includes fixture capacitance.

Note 9: V<sub>PP</sub> may be connected to V<sub>CC</sub> except during programming.

Note 10: Inputs and outputs can undershoot to -2.0V for 20 ns Max.

# **Programming Characteristics** (Notes 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Units
tas	Address Setup Time		2			μs
toes	OE Setup Time		2			μs
t <sub>VPS</sub>	V <sub>PP</sub> Setup Time		2			μs
tvcs	V <sub>CC</sub> Setup Time		2		:	μs
t <sub>DS</sub>	Data Setup Time		2			μs
t <sub>AH</sub>	Address Hold Time		0			μs
t <sub>DH</sub>	Data Hold Time		2			μs
t <sub>DF</sub>	Output Enable to Output Float Delay	CE = V <sub>IL</sub>	0		130	ns
t <sub>PW</sub>	Program Pulse Width		0.5	0.5	10	ms
toE	Data Valid from OE	CE = VIL			150	ns
Ірр	V <sub>PP</sub> Supply Current During Programming Pulse	CE = V <sub>IL</sub> PGM = V <sub>IL</sub>			30	mA
lcc	V <sub>CC</sub> Supply Current				10	mA
T <sub>A</sub>	Temperature Ambient		20	25	30	°C
V <sub>CC</sub>	Power Supply Voltage		5.75	6.0	6.25	٧
V <sub>PP</sub>	Programming Supply Voltage		12.2	13.0	13.3	٧
t <sub>FR</sub>	Input Rise, Fall Time		5			ns
V <sub>IL</sub>	Input Low Voltage			0.0	0.45	٧
V <sub>IH</sub>	Input High Voltage		2.4	4.0		٧
t <sub>IN</sub>	Input Timing Reference Voltage		0.8	1.5	2.0, .	٧
tout	Output Timing Reference Voltage		0.8	1.5	2.0	٧

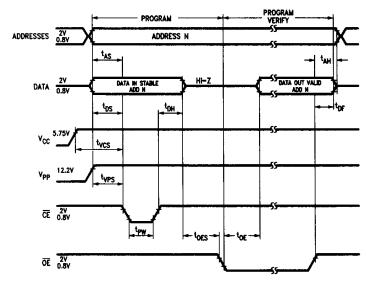
Note 1: National's standard product warranty applies only to devices programmed to specifications described herein.

Note 2: V<sub>CC</sub> must be applied simultaneously or before V<sub>PP</sub> and removed simultaneously or after V<sub>PP</sub>. The EPROM must not be inserted into or removed from a board with voltage applied to V<sub>PP</sub> or V<sub>CC</sub>.

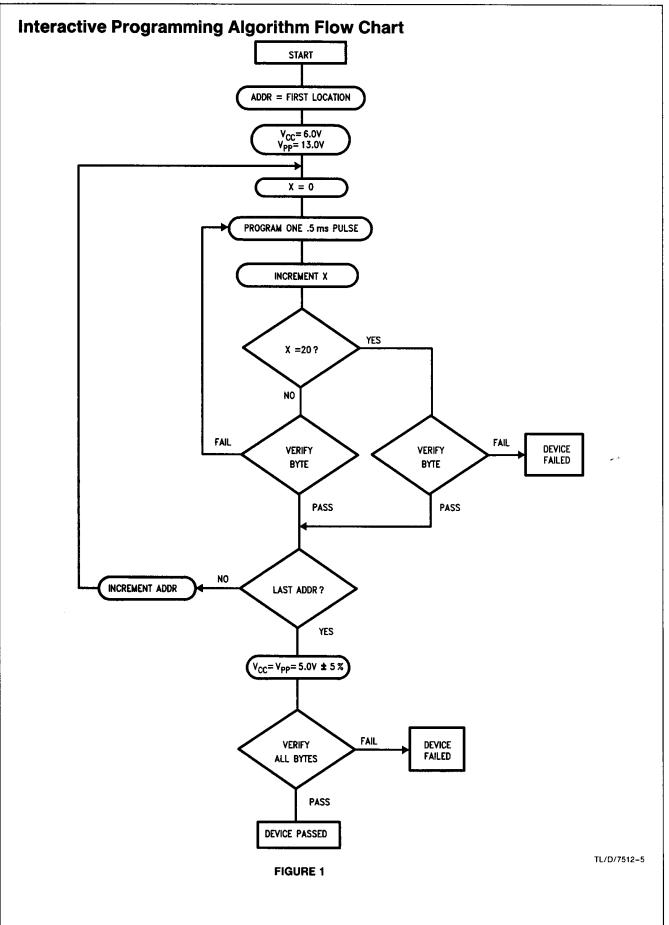
Note 3: The maximum absolute allowable voltage which may be applied to the V<sub>PP</sub> pin during programming is 14V. Care must be taken when switching the V<sub>PP</sub> supply to prevent any overshoot from exceeding this 14V maximum specification. At least a 0.1  $\mu$ F capacitor is required across V<sub>PP</sub>, V<sub>CC</sub> to GND to suppress spurious voltage transients which may damage the device.

Note 4: Programming and program verify are tested with the Interactive Program Algorithm, at typical power supply voltages and timings.

# **Programming Waveforms** (Note 3)



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### **Functional Description**

#### **DEVICE OPERATION**

The six modes of operation of the NMC27C256 are listed in Table I. It should be noted that all inputs for the six modes are at TTL levels. The power supplies required are  $V_{CC}$  and  $V_{PP}.$  The  $V_{PP}$  power supply must be at 13.0V during the three programming modes, and must be at 5V in the other three modes. The  $V_{CC}$  power supply must be at 6V during the three programming modes, and at 5V in the other three modes.

#### **Read Mode**

The NMC27C256 has two control functions, both of which must be logically active in order to obtain data at the outputs. Chip Enable ( $\overline{\text{CE}}$ ) is the power control and should be used for device selection. Output Enable ( $\overline{\text{OE}}$ ) is the output control and should be used to gate data to the output pins, independent of device selection. Assuming that addresses are stable, address access time (tacc) is equal to the delay from  $\overline{\text{CE}}$  to output (tce). Data is available at the outputs toe after the falling edge of  $\overline{\text{OE}}$ , assuming that  $\overline{\text{CE}}$  has been low and addresses have been stable for at least tacc - toe.

The sense amps are clocked for fast access time.  $V_{CC}$  should therefore be maintained at operating voltage during read and verify. If  $V_{CC}$  temporarily drops below the spec. voltage (but not to ground) an address transition must be performed after the drop to ensure proper output data.

#### Standby Mode

The NMC27C256 has a standby mode which reduces the active power dissipation by 99%, from 55 mW to 0.55 mW. The NMC27C256 is placed in the standby mode by applying a CMOS high signal to the  $\overline{\text{CE}}$  input. When in standby mode, the outputs are in a high impedance state, independent of the  $\overline{\text{OE}}$  input.

#### **Output OR-Tying**

Because NMC27C256s are usually used in larger memory arrays, National has provided a 2-line control function that accommodates this use of multiple memory connections. The 2-line control function allows for:

- a) the lowest possible memory power dissipation, and
- b) complete assurance that output bus contention will not occur.

To most efficiently use these two control lines, it is recommended that  $\overline{CE}$  (pin 20) be decoded and used as the primary device selecting function, while  $\overline{OE}$  (pin 22) be made a common connection to all devices in the array and connected to the READ line from the system control bus. This assures that all deselected memory devices are in their low power standby modes and that the output pins are active only when data is desired from a particular memory device.

#### **Programming**

CAUTION: Exceeding 14V on pin 1 (V<sub>PP</sub>) will damage the NMC27C256.

Initially, and after each erasure, all bits of the NMC27C256 are in the "1" state. Data is introduced by selectively programming "0s" into the desired bit locations. Although only "0s" will be programmed, both "1s" and "0s" can be presented in the data word. The only way to change a "0" to a "1" is by ultraviolet light erasure.

The NMC27C256 is in the programming mode when the V<sub>PP</sub> power supply is at 13.0V and  $\overline{\text{OE}}$  is at V<sub>IH</sub>. It is required that at least a 0.1  $\mu$ F capacitor be placed across V<sub>PP</sub>, V<sub>CC</sub> to ground to suppress spurious voltage transients which may damage the device. The data to be programmed is applied 8 bits in parallel to the data output pins. The levels required for the address and data inputs are TTL.

When the address and data are stable, an active low TTL program pulse is applied to the  $\overline{\text{CE}/\text{PGM}}$  input. A program pulse must be applied at each address location to be programmed. Any location may be programmed at any time—either individually, sequentially, or at random. The NMC27C256 is designed to be programmed with interactive programming, where each address is programmed with a series of 0.5 ms pulses until it verifies (up to a maximum of 20 pulses or 10 ms). The NMC27C256 must not be programmed with a DC signal applied to the  $\overline{\text{CE}/\text{PGM}}$  input.

Programming multiple NMC27C256s in parallel with the same data can be easily accomplished due to the simplicity of the programming requirements. Like inputs of the paralleled NMC27C256s may be connected together when they are programmed with the same data. A low level TTL pulse applied to the  $\overline{\text{CE}/\text{PGM}}$  input programs the paralleled NMC27C256s.

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Pins Mode	CE/PGM (20)	OE (22)	V <sub>PP</sub> (1)	V <sub>CC</sub> (28)	Outputs (11-13, 15-19)
Read	V <sub>IL</sub>	V <sub>IL</sub>	5V	5V	D <sub>OUT</sub>
Standby	V <sub>IH</sub>	Don't Care	5V	5V	Hi-Z
Program	V <sub>IL</sub>	V <sub>IH</sub>	13.0V	6V	D <sub>iN</sub>
Program Verify	V <sub>IH</sub>	V <sub>IL</sub>	13.0V	6V	D <sub>OUT</sub>
Program Inhibit	V <sub>IH</sub>	V <sub>IH</sub>	13.0V	6V	Hi-Z
Output Disable	Don't Care	V <sub>IH</sub>	5V	5V	Hi-Z

### Functional Description (Continued)

#### **Program Inhibit**

Programming multiple NMC27C256s in parallel with different data is also easily accomplished. Except for  $\overline{\text{CE}}$  all like inputs (including  $\overline{\text{OE}}$ ) of the parallel NMC27C256s may be common. A TTL low level program pulse applied to an NMC27C256's  $\overline{\text{CE}}/\overline{\text{PGM}}$  input with V<sub>PP</sub> at 13.0V will program that NMC27C256. A TTL high level  $\overline{\text{CE}}$  input inhibits the other NMC27C256s from being programmed.

#### **Program Verify**

A verify should be performed on the programmed bits to determine whether they were correctly programmed. The verify may be performed with  $V_{PP}$  at 13.0V.  $V_{PP}$  must be at  $V_{CC}$ , except during programming and program verify.

#### **ERASURE CHARACTERISTICS**

The erasure characteristics of the NMC27C256 are such that erasure begins to occur when exposed to light with wavelengths shorter than approximately 4000 Angstroms (Å). It should be noted that sunlight and certain types of fluorescent lamps have wavelengths in the 3000Å-4000Å range.

After programming, opaque labels should be placed over the NMC27C256's window to prevent unintentional erasure. Covering the window will also prevent temporary functional failure due to the generation of photo currents.

The recommended erasure procedure for the NMC27C256 is exposure to short wave ultraviolet light which has a wavelength of 2537 Angstroms (Å). The integrated dose (i.e., UV intensity × exposure time) for erasure should be a minimum of 15W-sec/cm<sup>2</sup>.

The NMC27C256 should be placed within 1 inch of the lamp tubes during erasure. Some lamps have a filter on their tubes which should be removed before erasure. Table II

shows the minimum NMC27C256 erasure time for various light intensities.

An erasure system should be calibrated periodically. The distance from lamp to unit should be maintained at one inch. The erasure time increases as the square of the distance. (If distance is doubled the erasure time increases by a factor of 4.) Lamps lose intensity as they age. When a lamp is changed, the distance has changed or the lamp has aged, the system should be checked to make certain full erasure is occurring. Incomplete erasure will cause symptoms that can be misleading. Programmers, components, and even system designs have been erroneously suspected when incomplete erasure was the problem.

#### SYSTEM CONSIDERATION

The power switching characteristics of EPROMs require careful decoupling of the devices. The supply current, I<sub>CC</sub>, has three segments that are of interest to the system designer—the standby current level, the active current level, and the transient current peaks that are produced by voltage transitions on input pins. The magnitude of these transient current peaks is dependent on the output capacitance loading of the device. The associated V<sub>CC</sub> transient voltage peaks can be suppressed by properly selected decoupling capacitors. It is recommended that at least a 0.1 µF ceramic capacitor be used on every device between V<sub>CC</sub> and GND. This should be a high frequency capacitor of low inherent inductance. In addition, at least a 4.7  $\mu F$  bulk electrolytic capacitor should be used between  $V_{\mbox{\footnotesize{CC}}}$  and GND for each eight devices. The bulk capacitor should be located near where the power supply is connected to the array. The purpose of the bulk capacitor is to overcome the voltage drop caused by the inductive effects of the PC board traces.

TABLE II. Minimum NMC27C256 Erasure Time

Light Intensity (Micro-Watts/cm²)	Erasure Time (Minutes)
15,000	20
10,000	25
5,000	50