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# Specifications and Applications Information

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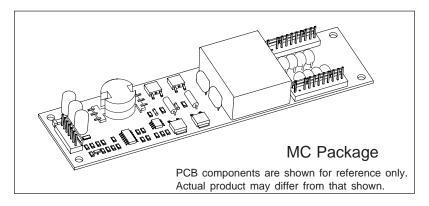
The ERG MC282513 (MC Series) DC to AC inverter features onboard connectors and can be easily dimmed using an external pulse-width modulated control signal or using the onboard PWM with an external analog voltage. This unit is only 17mm in height and the four mounting holes makes installation very straight forward.

Powered by a regulated 12 Volt DC source, the MC282513 is designed to power the Landmark 8 tube backlight.

#### **Product Features**

- Small Package Size, less than 17mm in height.
- ✓ High Dimming Ratio (Greater than 1000:1)
- ✓ High Efficiency
- ✓ Made in U.S.A.

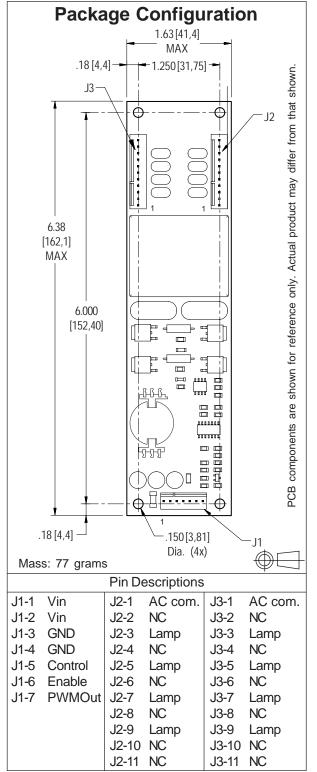
This unit complements our R Series of DC to AC Inverters



| Connectors       |                  |                 |  |  |  |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| J1               | J2               | J3              |  |  |  |
| Molex 22-23-2071 | Molex 22-23-2111 | Molex 22-23-211 |  |  |  |

#### MC282513

## Eight Tube DC to AC Inverter





#### Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)

| Rating                | Symbol              | Value         | Units |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------|
| Input Voltage         | V <sub>in</sub>     | -0.3 to +13.2 | Vdc   |
| Enable                | V <sub>Enable</sub> | -0.3 to +0.3  | Vdc   |
| Operating Temperature | T <sub>a</sub>      | -0 to +85     | °C    |
| Storage Temperature   | T <sub>s</sub>      | -40 to +85    | °C    |

#### **Recommended Operating Conditions**

| Rating                         | Symbol          | Value         | Units |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------|
| Input Voltage                  | V <sub>in</sub> | +10.8 to 13.2 | Vdc   |
| Operating Temperature (Note 2) | T <sub>a</sub>  | 0 to +50      | °C    |

#### **Electrical Characteristics**

Unless otherwise noted Vin = 12.00 Volts dc and Ta = 25°C

| Characteristic                    | Symbol               | Min  | Тур | Max  | Units               |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------|-----|------|---------------------|
| Input Current                     | I in                 | -    | 2.0 | 2.4  | A <sub>DC</sub>     |
| Input Ripple Current              | l<br>rip             | -    | 60  | -    | mA <sub>pk-pk</sub> |
| Operating Frequency               | F <sub>o</sub>       | 32   | 37  | 42   | KHz                 |
| Efficiency                        | h                    | -    | 85  | -    | %                   |
| Output Voltage (no load) (Note 3) | V <sub>start</sub>   | 1160 | -   | -    | V                   |
| Output Voltage (with lamp)        | $V_{\rm out}$        | -    | 385 | -    | V                   |
| Output Current (per tube)         | l out                | -    | 6.6 | -    | mArms               |
| Enable (pin J1-6)                 |                      |      |     |      |                     |
| Turn-off Threshold                | V thoff              | -    | -   | 2    | V                   |
| Turn-On Threshold                 | V thon               | 4    | -   | -    | V                   |
| Impedance to Vin                  | R <sub>Disable</sub> | 9.5  | 10  | 10.5 | V                   |

<sup>(</sup>Note 1) Reliable and predictable operation of the device is not guaranteed with applied stresses at or beyond those listed in "Absolute Maximum Ratings". Operation at these limits may reduce device reliability and is therefore not recommended. Please refer to "Recommended Operating Conditions" for reliable operation of the device.

(Note 2) Reliable operation above 50°C is possible if airflow is provided.

Input voltage specification modified for clarity on 5/2004.



#### **Onboard PWM**

Unless otherwise noted Vin = 12.00 Volts DC, Ta = 25 °C and unit has been running for 20 minutes.

| Characteristic             | Symbol             | Min | Тур | Max | Units |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Frequency                  | fpwm               | -   | 160 | -   | Hz    |
| PWM Output High            | $V_{pwmoh}$        | 8.0 | -   | -   | V     |
| PWM Output Low             | $V_{pwmol}$        | -   | -   | 0.8 | V     |
| Control Input Bias Current | I <sub>cbias</sub> | -   | -   | 10  | uA    |

#### **Pin Descriptions**

Vin Input voltage to the inverter. Both pins should be connected for optimum reliability and efficiency.

**GND** Inverter ground. Both pins should be connected for optimum reliability and efficiency.

Control Analog voltage input to the onboard pulse width modulator. Increasing this voltage increases the off

time of the onboard PWM resulting in decreased brightness.

**Disable** Inverter disable. Pull this pin low to disable inverter operation. If this pin is left floating or driven

high, the inverter is enabled. If the onboard PWM is utilized, connect this pin to PWMOUT.

**PWMOUT** Output of the onboard PWM generator.

#### **Application information**

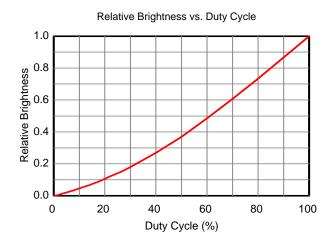
The MC series of inverters is designed to power up to twelve cold cathode fluorescent tubes with combined power from ten watts to forty watts. An external disable control and an onboard pulse width modulator provide flexibility in allowing either analog or PWM methods for dimming. The MC inverter can reliably dim to less than 0.5% duty cycle, which results in an electrical dimming ratio of greater than 200:1. Depending upon the attached backlight assembly, optical dimming ratios of greater than 1000:1 can be accomplished. Graph 1 shows the relationship of relative brightness to duty cycle for a typical backlight assembly.

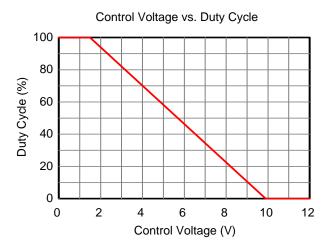
External shutdown or external PWM operation of the inverter is accomplished using the Disable pin. Pulling this pin low (below Vthoff) disables the inverter. Enabling the inverter is accomplished by floating this pin or pulling this pin high (above Vthon). It should be noted that this pin is resistively coupled to the input voltage of the inverter (Vin), and therefore may have to be buffered to interface TTL logic.

If analog voltage dimming is required, the onboard PWM is enabled by connecting the PWMOut pin to the Disable pin. The analog voltage is applied to the Control pin. Figure 1 shows how to connect the inverter for onboard PWM operation. Graph 2 shows the relationship of PWM duty cycle to input control voltage.

If more than one inverter is used in a backlight assembly, the PWM signal for each inverter should be synchronized to prevent flickering. If an external PWM is used, simply connect the Disable pin of each inverter to the PWM source. If the onboard PWM is used, connect the analog voltage to the Control pin of one inverter. Connect the PWMOut signal of the inverter with the applied analog voltage to the Disable pin of all of the inverters, including the one with the applied analog voltage. This will utilize the PWM on only one inverter and will slave all of the other inverters.







Graph 1 Graph 2

#### **Typical Application** +12V Vin Lamp Lamp 1 Vin Lamp Lamp 2 **GND** Lamp **GND** Lamp Lamp N AC Common Lamp Lamp 1 Lamp 2 Lamp Control Lamp Disable Lamp Lamp N AC Common **PWMOut**

Figure 1



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