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TECHNICAL LITERATURE
FOR
TFT - LCD module

MODEL No. **LQ121S1DG21**

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1. Application

This technical literature applies to color TFT-LCD module, LQ121S1DG21.

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2. Overview

This module is a color active matrix LCD module incorporating amorphous silicon TFT (Thin Film Transistor). It is composed of a color TFT-LCD panel, driver ICs, control circuit and power supply circuit and a backlight unit. Graphics and texts can be displayed on a $800 \times 3 \times 600$ dots panel with 262,144 colors by supplying 18 bit data signal (6bit/color), four timing signals, +3.3V/5V DC supply voltage for TFT-LCD panel driving and supply voltage for backlight.

The TFT-LCD panel used for this module is a low-reflection and higher-color-saturation type.

Therefore, this module is also suitable for the multimedia use. Viewing angle is 6 o'clock direction.

This module is the type of wide viewing angle and high brightness(300cd/m^2).

Backlight-driving DC/AC inverter is not built in this module.

3. Mechanical technical literature.

Parameter	Specifications	Unit
Display size	31 (12.1") Diagonal	cm
Active area	246.0(H)×184.5(V)	mm
Pixel format	800(H)×600(V)	pixel
	(1 pixel=R+G+B dots)	—
Pixel pitch	0.3075(H)×0.3075(V)	mm
Pixel configuration	R,G,B vertical stripe	—
Display mode	Normally white	—
Unit outline dimensions *1	276.0(W)×209.0(H)×14.0(D)	mm
Mass	(750)	g
Surface treatment	Anti-glare and hard-coating 3H Haze value = 28 %	—

*1.Note: excluding backlight cables.

Outline dimensions is shown in Fig.1

4. Input Terminals

4-1. TFT-LCD panel driving

CN1 Using connector : FI-WE31P-HF(JAE)

Corresponding connector: : FI-WE31M or FI-WE31S(JAE)

} Connector change is
under discussion

Pin No.	Symbol	Function	Remark
1	GND	—	—
2	Vcc	power supply	—
3	Vcc	power supply	—
4	ENAB	Signal to settle the horizontal display position	[Note2]
5	NC	—	—
6	B5	B L U E data signal(MSB)	—
7	B4	B L U E data signal	—
8	B3	B L U E data signal	—
9	B2	B L U E data signal	—
10	B1	B L U E data signal	—
11	B0	B L U E data signal(LSB)	—
12	GND	—	—
13	G5	G R E E N data signal(MSB)	—
14	G4	G R E E N data signal	—
15	G3	G R E E N data signal	—
16	G2	G R E E N data signal	—
17	G1	G R E E N data signal	—
18	G0	G R E E N data signal(LSB)	—
19	GND	—	—
20	R5	R E D data signal(MSB)	—
21	R4	R E D data signal	—
22	R3	R E D data signal	—
23	R2	R E D data signal	—
24	R1	R E D data signal	—
25	R0	R E D data signal(LSB)	—
26	GND	—	—
27	Vsync	Vertical synchronous signal	[Note1]
28	Hsync	Horizontal synchronous signal	[Note1]
29	GND	—	—
30	CK	Clock signal for sampling each data signal	—
31	GND	—	—

※The shielding case is connected with GND in the module.

[Note1] The polarity of both synchronous signals are negative.

[Note2] The horizontal display start timing is settled in accordance with a rising timing of ENAB signal. In case ENAB is fixed "Low", the horizontal start timing is determined as described in 7-2. Don't keep ENAB "High" during operation.

4-2. Backlight driving

Used connector : BHR-03VS-1(JST)

CN2, CN3

Corresponding connector : SM02(8.0)B-BHS(JST)

Pin no.	symbol	function
1	V _{HIGH}	Power supply for lamp (High voltage side)
2	NC	This is electrically opened.
3	V _{LOW}	Power supply for lamp (Low voltage side)

5. Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Ratings	Unit	Remark
Input voltage	V _I	T _a =25°C	-0.3 ~ V _{CC} +0.3	V	【Note1】
supply voltage	V _{CC}	T _a =25°C	0 ~ +6	V	-
Storage temperature	T _{stg}	-	-25 ~ +60	°C	【Note2】
Operating temperature (Ambient)	T _{opa}	-	0 ~ +50	°C	

【Note1】 CK, R0~R5, G0~G5, B0~B5, Hsync, Vsync, ENAB

【Note2】 Humidity : 95%RH Max. at T_a ≤ 40°C.Maximum wet-bulb temperature at 39°C or less at T_a > 40°C.

No condensation.

6. Electrical Characteristics

6-1. TFT-LCD panel driving

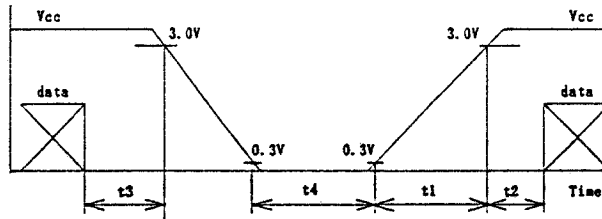
Ta=25°C

Parameter		Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit	Remark
Power Supply	Supply voltage	Vcc	+3.0	+3.3 +5.0	+5.5	V	【Note1】
	Current dissipation	Icc	—	(190)	(260)	mA	Vcc=3.3V 【Note2】
		Icc	—	(160)	(220)	mA	Vcc=5.0V 【Note2】
Permissible input ripple voltage		V _{RF}	—	—	100	mVp-p	
Input voltage (Low)		V _{IL}	—	—	0.9	V	【Note3】
Input voltage (High)		V _{IH}	2.5	—	—	V	
Input current (low)		I _{OL}	—	—	1.0	μA	V _I =0V 【Note4】
Input current (High)		I _{OH}	—	—	1.0	μA	V _I =Vcc 【Note5】
Input current (low)		I _{OL}	—	—	3.0	μA	V _I =0V 【Note6】
Input current (High)		I _{OH}	—	—	100	μA	V _I =Vcc 【Note6】

【Note1】

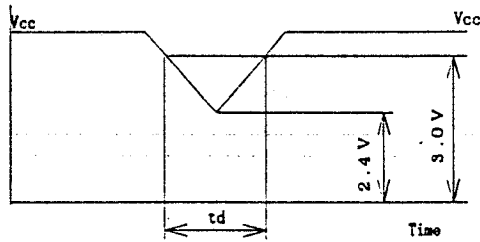
Vcc-turn-on conditions

- 0 < t₁ ≤ 10ms
- 0 < t₂ ≤ 20ms
- 0 < t₃ ≤ 1s
- t₄ > 1s



Vcc-dip conditions

- 1) 2.4V ≤ Vcc < 3.0V
td ≤ 10ms
- 2) Vcc < 2.4V



Vcc-dip conditions should also follow

the Vcc-turn-on conditions

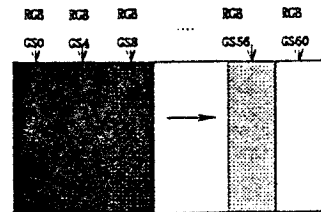
【Note2】 Typical current situation : 16-gray-bar pattern.

【Note3】 CK,R0~R5,G0~G5,B0~B5,Hsync,Vsync,ENAB

【Note4】 CK,R0~R5,G0~G5,B0~B5,Hsync,Vsync

【Note5】 CK,R0~R5,G0~G5,B0~B5,Hsync,Vsync

【Note6】 ENAB



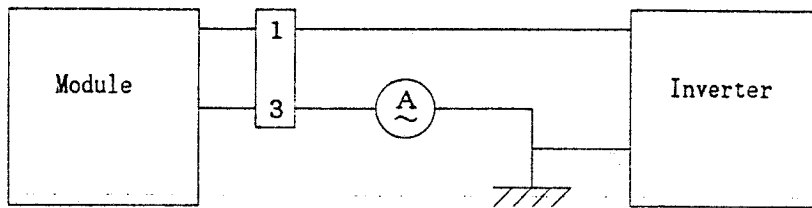
6-2. Backlight driving

The backlight system is an edge-lighting type with double CCFT (Cold Cathode Fluorescent Tube).

The characteristics of single lamp are shown in the following table.

Ta=25°C						
Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit	Remark
Lamp current	I_L	(2.0)	6.0	6.5	mA rms	【Note1】
Lamp power consumption	P_L	—	(2.9)	—	W	【Note2】
Lamp frequency	F_L	20	60	60	KHz	【Note3】
Kick-off voltage	V_s	—	—	(1200)	V rms	Ta=25°C
		—	—	(1400)	V rms	Ta=0°C 【Note4】
Lamp life time	L_L	—	50000	—	Hour	【Note5】

【Note1】 Lamp current is measured with current meter for high frequency as shown below.



* 3pin is V_{LOW}

【Note2】 At the condition of $Y_L=300\text{cd/m}^2$

【Note3】 Lamp frequency may produce interference with horizontal synchronous frequency, and this may cause beat on the display. Therefore lamp frequency shall be detached as much as possible from the horizontal synchronous frequency and from the harmonics of horizontal synchronous to avoid interference.

【Note4】 The open output voltage of the inverter shall be maintained for more than 1s; otherwise the lamp may not be turned on.

【Note5】 a) Since lamp is consumables, the life time written above is referential value and it is not guaranteed in this specification sheet by SHARP.

Lamp life time is defined that it applied either ① or ② under this condition
(Continuous turning on at Ta=25°C, $I_L=6\text{mA rms}$)

① Brightness becomes 50% of the original value under standard condition.

② Kick-off voltage at Ta=0°C exceeds maximum value, (1400V) rms.

b) In case of operating under lower temp environment, the lamp exhaustion is accelerated and the brightness becomes lower.

(Continuous operating for around 1 month under lower temp condition may reduce the brightness to half of the original brightness.)

In case of such usage under lower temp environment, periodical lamp exchange is recommended.

【Note6】 The performance of the backlight, for example life time or brightness, is much influenced by the characteristics of the DC-AC inverter for the lamp. When you design or order the inverter, please make sure that a poor lighting caused by the mismatch of the backlight and the inverter (miss-lighting, flicker, etc.) never occur. when you confirm it, the module should be operated in the same condition as it is installed in your instrument.

【Note7】 It is required to have the inverter designed so that to allow the impedance deviation of the two CCFT lamps and the capacity deviation of barast capacitor.

7. Timing Characteristics of input signals

Timing diagrams of input signal are shown in Fig.2.

7-1. Timing characteristics

Parameter		Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit	Remark
Clock	Frequency	1/Tc	—	40.0	42.0	MHz	—
	High time	Tch	6	—	—	ns	—
	Low time	Tcl	6	—	—	ns	—
	Duty ratio	Th/T	40	50	60	%	—
Data	Setup time	Tds	3	—	—	ns	—
	Hold time	Tdh	5	—	—	ns	—
Horizontal sync. signal	Cycle	TH	20.8	26.4	—	μs	—
			832	1056	—	clock	—
	Pulse width	THp	2	128	200	clock	—
Vertical sync. signal	Cycle	TV	628	666	798	line	—
	Pulse width	TVp	2	4	6	line	—
Horizontal display period		THd	800	800	800	clock	—
Hsync-Clock phase difference		THc	0	—	Tc-10	ns	—
Hsync-Vsync phase difference		TVh	0	—	TH-THp	ns	—
Vertical data start position		TVs	23	23	23	line	—

Note) In case of lower frequency, the deterioration of display quality, flicker etc., may be occurred.

7-2. Horizontal display position

The horizontal display position is determined by ENAB signal and the input data corresponding to the rising edge of ENAB signal is displayed at the left end of the active area.

Parameter		symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit	Remark
Enable signal	Setup time	Tes	5	—	Tc-10	ns	—
	Pulse width	Tep	2	800	TH-10	clock	—
Hsync-Enable signal phase difference		THE	58	88	170	clock	—

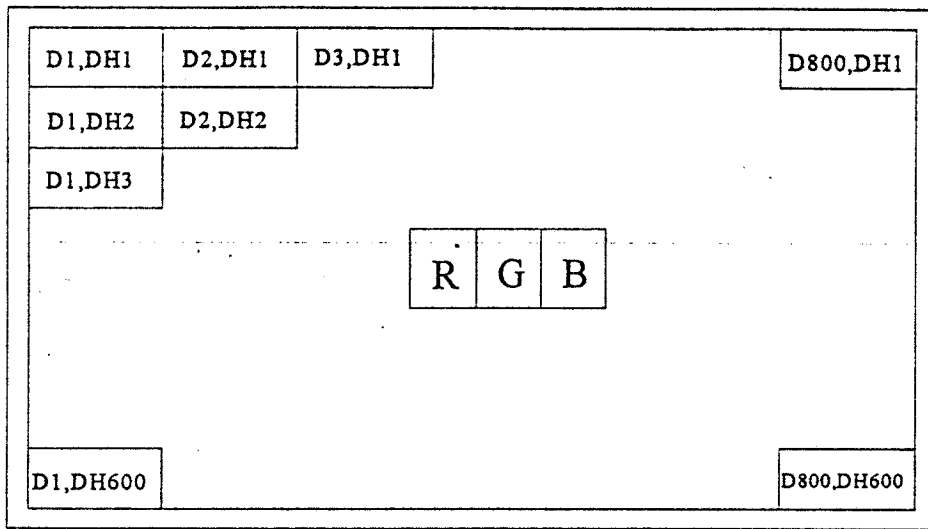
Note) When ENAB is fixed "Low", the display starts from the data of C88(clock) as shown in Fig.2.

7-3. Vertical display position

The vertical display position, TVs is fixed "23" (line).

7-4. Input Data Signals and Display Position on the screen

Display position of input data



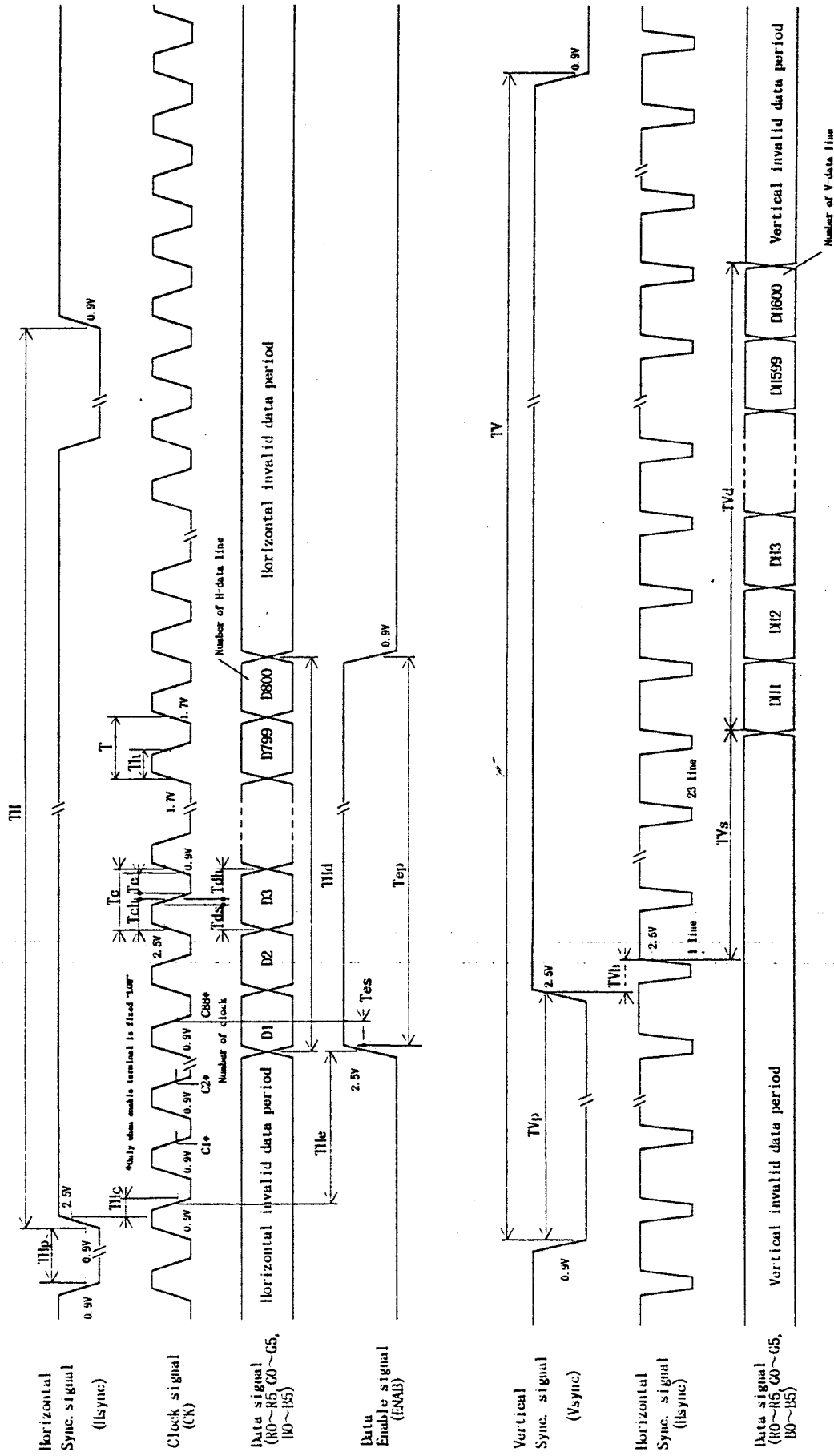


Fig. 2 Input signal waveforms

8. Input Signals, Basic Display Colors and Gray Scale of Each Color

	Colors & Gray scale	Data signal																		
		GrayScale	R0	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	G0	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5
Basic color	Black	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Blue	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Green	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cyan	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Red	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Magenta	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Yellow	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	White	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gray Scale of Red	Black	GS0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	↑	GS1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Darker	GS2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	↑	↓				↓					↓						↓			
	↓	↓				↓					↓						↓			
	Brighter	GS61	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	↓	GS62	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Red	GS63	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gray Scale of Green	Black	GS0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	↑	GS1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Darker	GS2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	↑	↓				↓					↓						↓			
	↓	↓				↓					↓						↓			
	Brighter	GS61	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	↓	GS62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Green	GS63	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gray Scale of Blue	Black	GS0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	↑	GS1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Darker	GS2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	↑	↓				↓					↓						↓			
	↓	↓				↓					↓						↓			
	Brighter	GS61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1
	↓	GS62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
	Blue	GS63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1

0 : Low level voltage, 1 : High level voltage

Each basic color can be displayed in 64 gray scales from 6 bit data signals. According to the combination of total 18 bit data signals, the 262,144-color display can be achieved on the screen.

9. Optical Characteristics

Ta=25°C, Vcc=+3.3V

Parameter		Symbol	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit	Remark
Viewing Angle Range	Horizontal	$\theta 21, \theta 22$	$(CR \geq 5)$	60	—	—	Deg.	【Note1,4】
	Vertical	$\theta 11$		45	—	—	Deg.	
		$\theta 12$		50	—	—	Deg.	
Viewing Angle Range	Horizontal	$\theta 21, \theta 22$	$(CR \geq 10)$	50	60	—	Deg.	【Note1,4】
	Vertical	$\theta 11$		35	45	—	Deg.	
		$\theta 12$		45	55	—	Deg.	
Contrast ratio		CRn	$\theta = 0^\circ$	150	—	—	—	【Note2,4】
		CRo	Best viewing angle	—	300	—	—	
Response Time	Rise	τr	$\theta = 0^\circ$	—	15	—	ms	【Note3,4】
	Decay	τd		—	30	—	ms	
Chromaticity of White		X		—	0.313	—	—	【Note4】
		Y		—	0.329	—	—	
Luminance of white		YL		240	300	—	cd/m ²	
White Uniformity		δw		—	—	1.45	—	【Note5】
Direction of panel viewing angle		—	—	6			oclock	【Note6】

※The measurement shall be executed 30 minutes after lighting at rating. (typical condition: $I_L=6\text{mA rms}$)
The optical characteristics shall be measured in a dark room or equivalent state with the method shown in Fig.3 below.

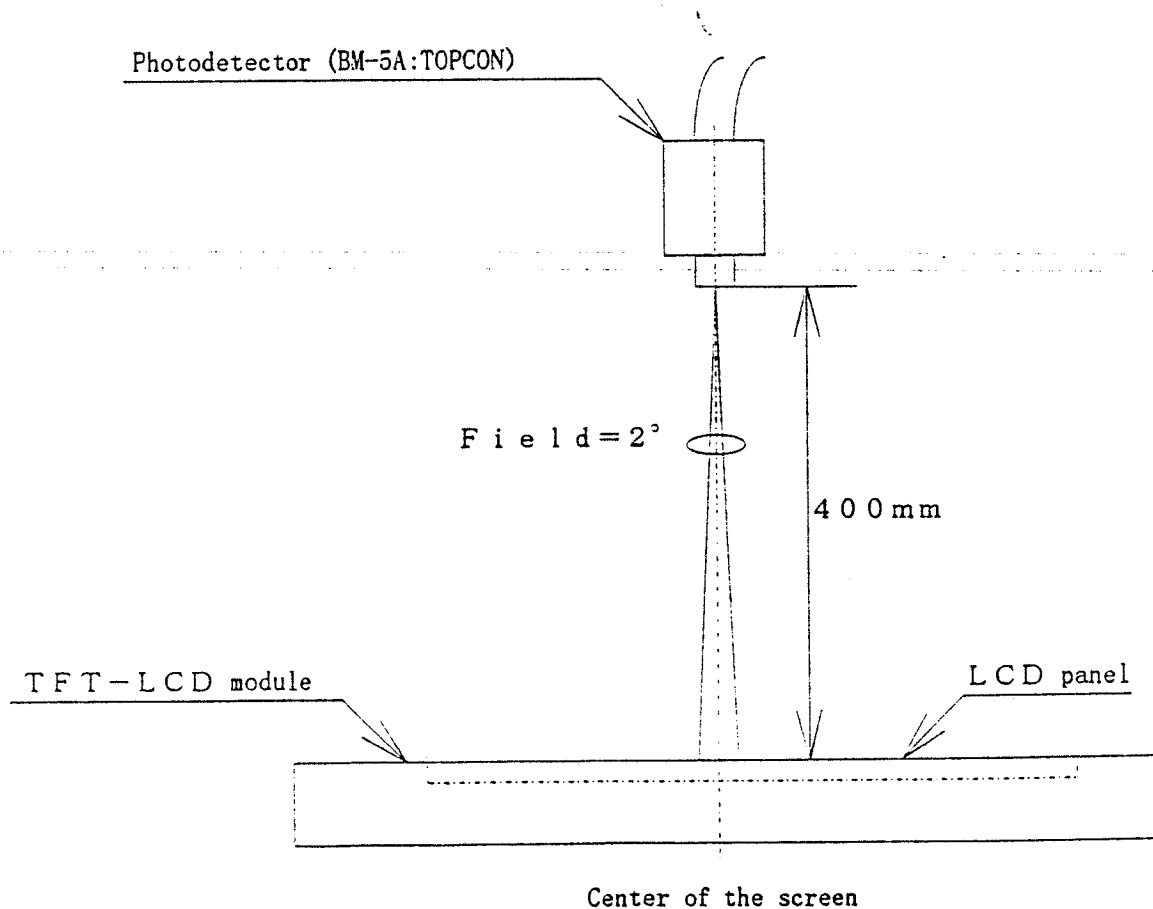
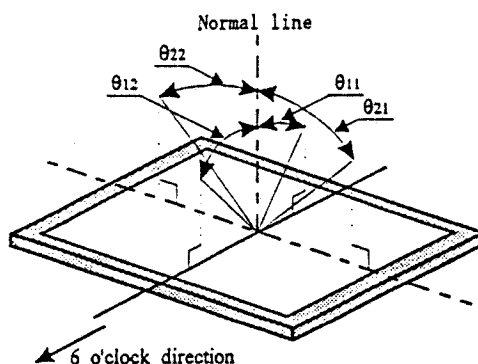


Fig.3 Optical characteristics measurement method

【Note1】 Definitions of viewing angle range:



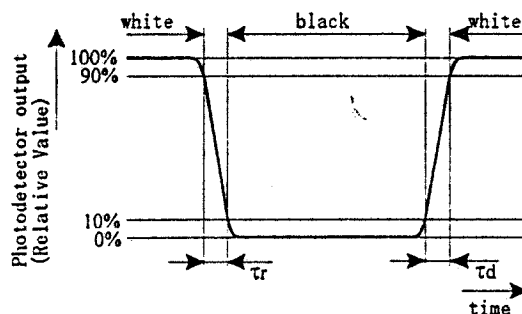
【Note2】 Definition of contrast ratio:

The contrast ratio is defined as the following.

$$\text{Contrast Ratio (CR)} = \frac{\text{Luminance (brightness) with all pixels white}}{\text{Luminance (brightness) with all pixels black}}$$

【Note3】 Definition of response time:

The response time is defined as the following figure and shall be measured by switching the input signal for "black" and "white".

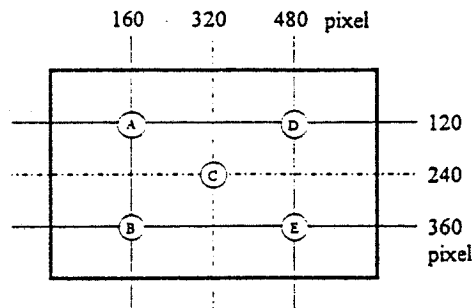


【Note4】 This shall be measured at center of the screen.

【Note5】 Definition of white uniformity:

White uniformity is defined as the following with five measurements (A~E).

(A~E).



$$\delta_w = \frac{\text{Maximum Luminance of five points (brightness)}}{\text{Minimum Luminance of five points (brightness)}}$$

【Note6】 In the direction of 6 o'clock, Gray scale reverse occurs.

10. Display Quality

The display quality of the color TFT-LCD module shall be in compliance with the Incoming Inspection Standard.

11. Handling Precautions

- a) Be sure to turn off the power supply when inserting or disconnecting the cable.
- b) Be sure to design the cabinet so that the module can be installed without any extra stress such as warp or twist.

To avoid excessive stress on the circuit board, press the surface of the metal case of LCD module, while inserting the connector.

- c) Since the front polarizer is easily damaged, pay attention to avoid rubbing with something hard or sharp.
- d) Wipe off water drop immediately. Long contact with water may cause discoloration or spots.
- e) When the panel surface is soiled, wipe it with absorbent cotton or other soft cloth.
- f) Since the panel is made of glass and refined wires and components, it may break, crack or internal wire breaking if dropped or bumped on hard surface.
Handle with care.
- g) Since CMOS LSI is used in this module, take care of static electricity and injure the human earth when handling.
- h) Observe all other precautionary requirements in handling components.
- i) This module has its circuitry PCBs on the rear side and should be carefully handled in order not to be stressed.
- j) Laminated film is attached to the module surface to prevent it from being scratched. Peel the film off slowly, just before the use, with strict attention to electrostatic charges. Ionized air shall be blown over during the action. Blow off 'dust' on the polarizer by using an ionized nitrogen gun, etc.
- k) The polarizer surface on the panel is treated with Anti-Glare for low reflection. In case of attaching protective board over the LCD. Be careful about the optical interference fringe etc.
Which degrades display quality.
- l) Connect GND to 4 place of mounting holes to stabilize against EMI and external noise.
- m) There are high voltage portions on the backlight and very dangerous. Careless touch may lead to electrical shock. When exchange lamps or service. Turn off the power without fail.

12. Packing form

- a) Piling number of cartons : MAX.:TBD
- b) Package quantity in one carton : 10 pcs
- c) Carton size : TBD mm(W)× TBD mm(H)× TBD mm(D)
- d) Total mass of 1 carton filled with full modules : TBD (kg)

13. Reliability test items

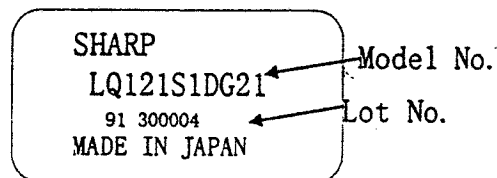
No.	Test item	Conditions
1	High temperature storage test	T _a =60°C 240h
2	Low temperature storage test	T _a =-25°C 240h
3	High temperature & high humidity operation test	T _a =40°C ; 95%RH 240h (No condensation)
4	High temperature operation test	T _a =50°C 240h
5	Low temperature operation test	T _a =0°C 240h
6	Vibration test (non- operating)	Frequency : 10~57Hz/Vibration width (one side):0.075mm : 58~500Hz/Gravity:9.8m/s ² Sweep time : 11 minutes Test period : 3 hours (1 hour for each direction of X,Y,Z)
7	Shock test (non- operating)	Max. gravity : 490m/s ² Pulse width : 11ms, half sine wave Direction : ±X, ±Y, ±Z once for each direction.

【Result Evaluation Criteria】

Under the display quality test conditions with normal operation state, these shall be no change which may affect practical display function.

14. Others

1) Lot No. Label:



- 2) Adjusting volume have been set optimally before shipment, so do not change any adjusted value.
If adjusted value is changed, the specification may not be satisfied.
- 3) Disassembling the module can cause permanent damage and should be strictly avoided.
- 4) Please be careful since image retention may occur when a fixed pattern is displayed for a long time.

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NOTES

1) UNSPECIFIED TOLERANCE TO 3

LAMP EXCHANGE AREA
(BACK OF MODULE)

14 MAX
5.5
2.5

Φ7 (FLAT ZONE)
(FRONT AND BACK)

136.5

Φ3.4 ± 0.15
MOUNTING HOLE

TENTATIVE

(209)
185.8 ± 0.3

12.1
6.4

33.6



97

34.325 ± 1.5

7.1 ± 1.5

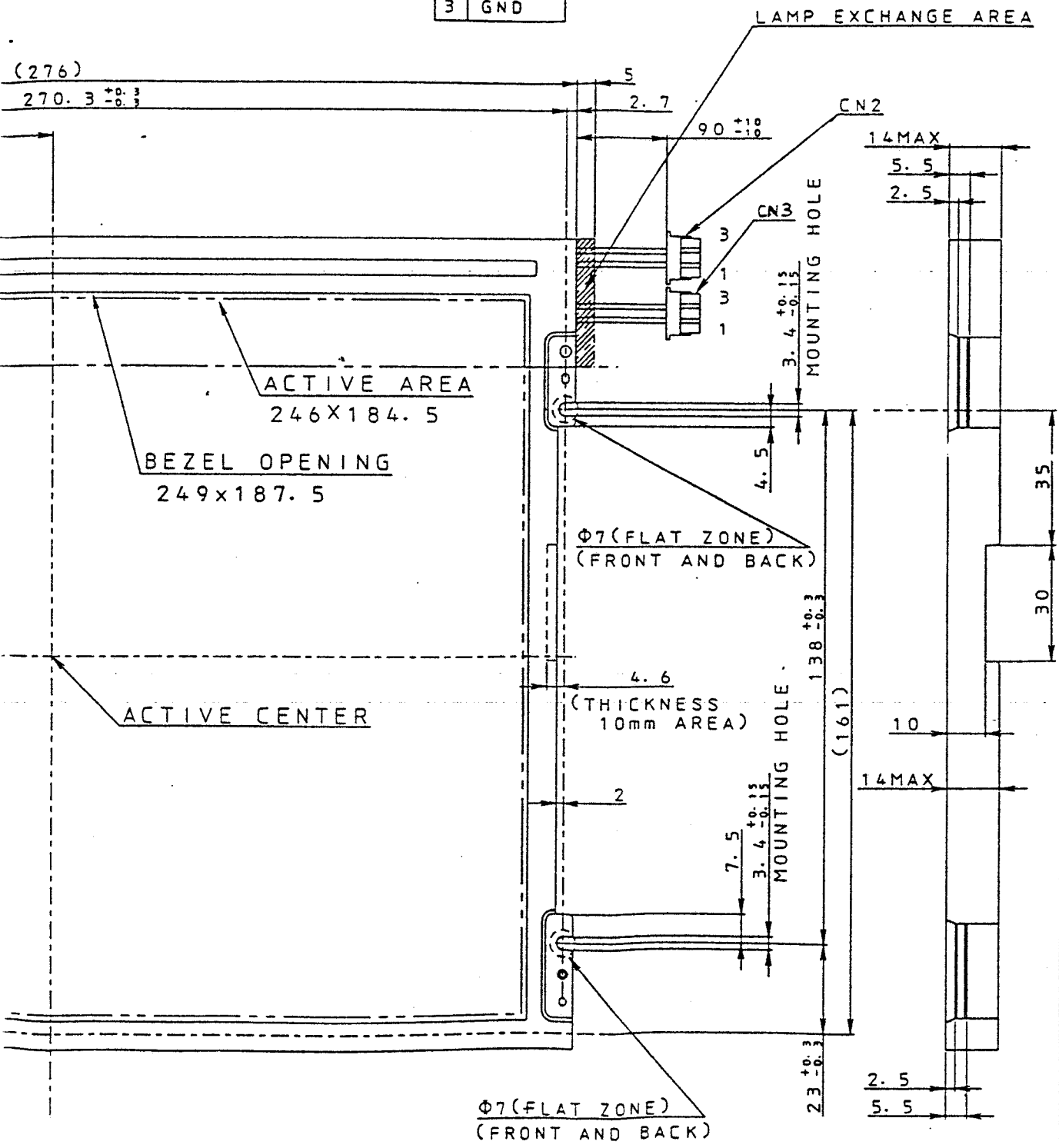
I/F CONNECTOR
FI-WE31P-HF (JAE)

Φ3.4 ± 0.15
MOUNTING HOLE

Φ7 (FLAT ZONE)
(FRONT AND BACK)

CCFT CONNECTOR
 CN2, CN3: BHR-03VS-1 (JST)
 PIN LAYOUT

1	High
2	NC
3	GND



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NOTES
1) UNSPECIFIED TOLERANCE TO BE ± 0.5

CCFT CONNECTOR
CN2, CN3: BHR-03VS-1 (JST)
PIN LAYOUT

1	High
2	NC
3	GND

