

Optocoupler Trigger



Article Overview

An optocoupler is triggered when current flows through its input LED, causing the internal photodetector to conduct and activate the output circuit.

How Optocoupler Triggering Works

An optocoupler, also known as an opto-isolator, transfers signals between circuits using light, providing electrical isolation between input and output sections . The trigger is applied to the LED on the input side. When a sufficient current flows through the LED, it emits infrared light, which illuminates the photodetector (typically a phototransistor) inside the optocoupler . This causes the phototransistor to conduct, allowing current to flow through its collector-emitter path, effectively closing the switch and activating the output circuit .

Input Requirements

The LED input typically requires a control voltage between 4V and 30V DC and a current ranging from 2mA to 30mA, depending on the optocoupler type . High-speed or Schmitt-trigger optocouplers may have specific thresholds and hysteresis to ensure reliable switching in digital systems .

Applications in Triggering Circuits

Optocouplers are commonly used to trigger relays or triacs in isolated circuits. For example, in a solid-state relay, the LED is triggered by a control signal, which then activates the phototransistor. The phototransistor output can drive a triac gate to s...

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How to Connect a Relay through an Opto-Coupler

The following concepts show how a relay driver can be configured with an optocoupler using transistors. As shown in the following

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Transistor Output Optocouplers Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

A: Optocouplers are well known as optoisolators providing an isolated galvanic barrier between the input and output utilizing infrared

Application Examples

INTRODUCTION Optocouplers are used to isolate signals for protection and safety between a safe and a potentially hazardous or

High Speed Optocoupler, 1 MBd, Schmitt Trigger

The VOH1016A is a single channel 1 MBd optocoupler utilizing a high efficient input LED coupled with an integrated optical

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In order to design a functionally robust and reliable application with optocouplers, it is essential to understand not only the device's

Opto-isolator

Schematic diagram of an opto-isolator showing source of light (LED) on the left, dielectric barrier in the center, and sensor

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Simply described, an optocoupler device is a sealed, self-contained unit that houses independently-powered optical (light) Tx and Rx

Circuit design SCR trigger with optocoupler

Hi, I'm designing the trigger circuit of the triac couplers without zero crossing I use the MOC3023 that is powered by the

opto isolator

I am trying to control home devices using a microcontroller and a TRIAC. For switching, I intend to use an optocoupler and triac

Schmitt Trigger Optocoupler

Schmitt trigger optocoupler is a high-performance photocoupler that combines a high-performance light-emitting diode with a high

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