

# 24 × 24 dots multicolored large-sized liquid crystal display unit

## RCM1381U-A

Thanks to the high contrast and wide viewing angle of the RCM1381U-A, which is provided by its unique design technology, this module brings forth new applications in brand new LCD fields. ROHM large-sized LCD units are perfect displays for information or sign boards. As a media for informational display, large-sized LCD units must possess high visibility, wide viewing angles, and other such superior qualities. ROHM large-sized LCDs boast an excellent track record and possess guaranteed functionality for assured satisfaction in a variety of situations.

Moreover, the RCM1381U-A is a multi-purpose 24 × 24 dot multicolor display that is capable of displaying eight different colors for a vivid and colorful display.

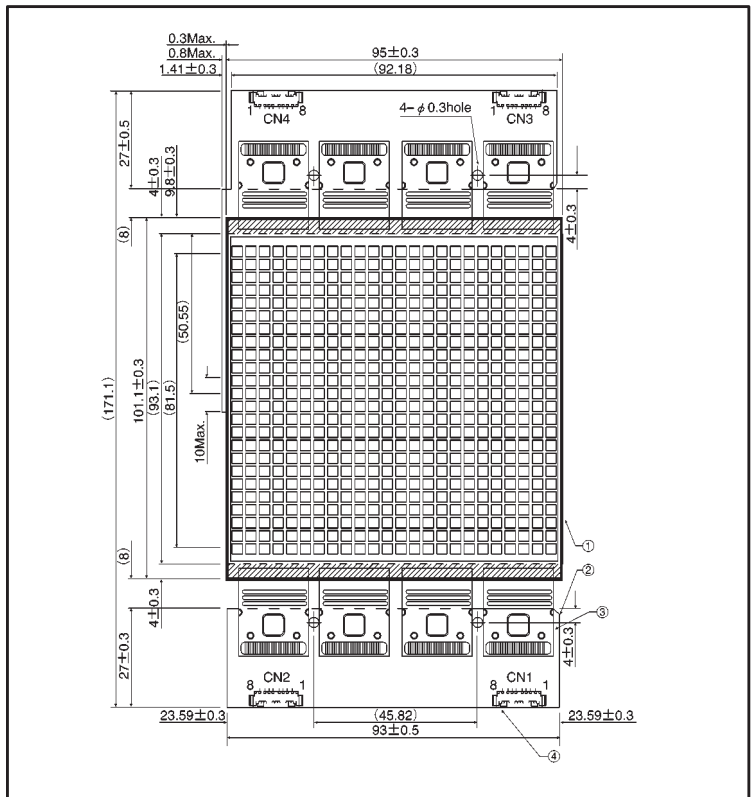
### ●Applications

Large displays such as airport displays, train station displays, message boards, etc.

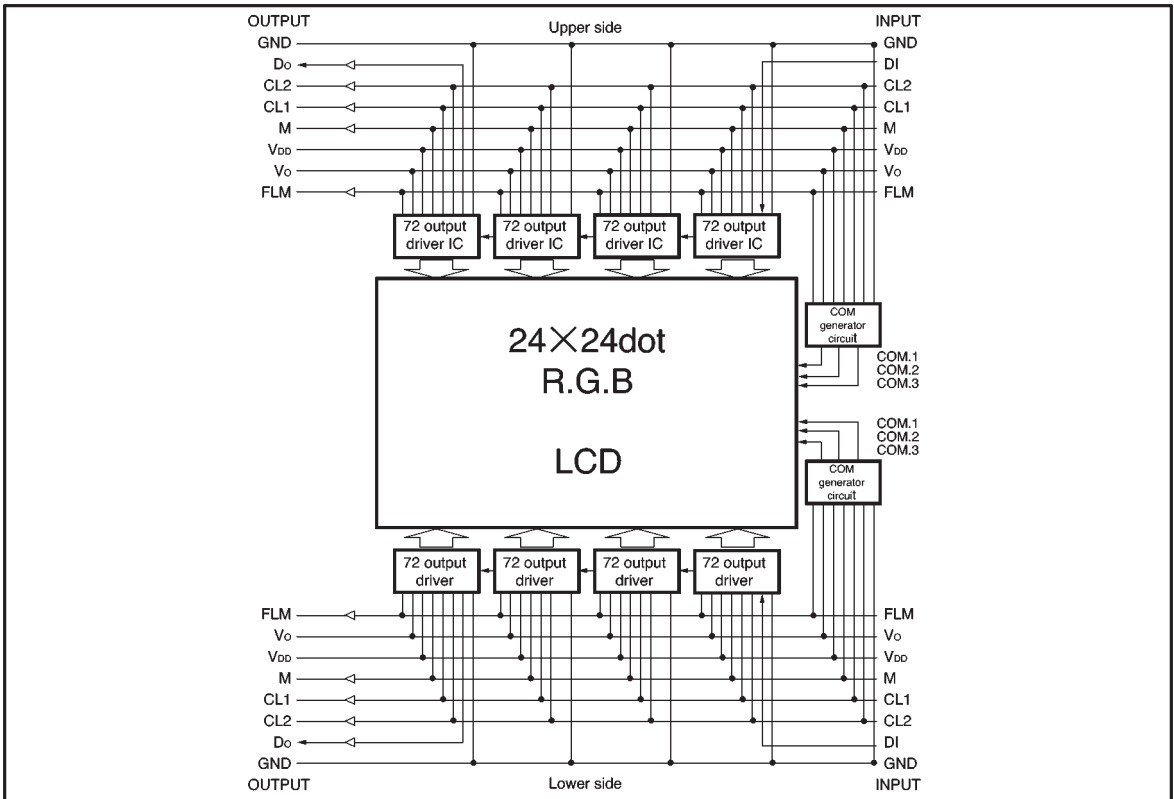
### ●Features

- 1) Wide viewing angle, high contrast, and fast response.
- 2) Compact and lightweight for easy assembly.
- 3) Low power consumption.

### ●External dimensions (Unit: mm)



## ● Block diagram



## ● Pin functions

(1) Upper board  
Input (CN3)

Pin No.	Signal	IN / OUT	Function
1	GND	—	Ground potential
2	D	IN	Display data signal (1 : On, 0 : Off)
3	CL2	IN	Shift register shift signal, reads data at rise / fall
4	CL1	IN	Data latch signal, displays at rise / fall edge
5	M	IN	AC conversion signal for liquid crystal drive output
6	V <sub>DD</sub>	—	5 volts
7	VO	—	Liquid crystal drive power supply
8	FLM	IN	Frame start signal

## Output (CN4)

Pin No.	Signal	IN / OUT	Function
1	GND	—	Ground potential
2	DO	OUT	Display data signal
3	CL2	OUT	Shift register shift signal
4	CL1	OUT	Data latch signal
5	M	OUT	AC conversion signal
6	V <sub>DD</sub>	—	5 volts
7	VO	—	Liquid crystal drive power supply
8	FLM	OUT	Frame start signal

## (2) Lower board

## Input (CN1)

Pin No.	Signal	IN / OUT	Function
1	FLM	IN	Frame start signal
2	VO	—	Liquid crystal drive power supply
3	V <sub>DD</sub>	—	5 volts
4	M	IN	AC conversion signal for liquid crystal drive output
5	CL1	IN	Data latch signal, displays at rise / fall edge
6	CL2	IN	Shift register shift signal, reads data at rise/fall
7	DI	IN	Display data signal (1 : On, 0 : Off)
8	GND	—	Ground potential

## Output (CN2)

Pin No.	Signal	IN / OUT	Function
1	FLM	OUT	Frame start signal
2	VO	—	Liquid crystal drive power supply
3	V <sub>DD</sub>	—	5 volts
4	M	OUT	AC conversion signal
5	CL1	OUT	Data latch signal
6	CL2	OUT	Shift register shift signal
7	DO	OUT	Display data signal
8	GND	—	Ground potential

## ●Absolute maximum ratings (Ta=25°C)

Parameter		Symbol	Limits	Unit
Power supply voltage	Logic circuit	V <sub>DD</sub>	-0.3~+7.0	V
	LCD drive	V <sub>DD</sub> -V <sub>EE</sub>	-0.3~+7.0	V
Input voltage		V <sub>IN</sub>	-0.3~V <sub>DD</sub> +0.3	V
Operating temperature		T <sub>opr</sub>	0~+50	°C
Storage temperature		T <sub>stg</sub>	-10~+60	°C

## ●Electrical characteristics

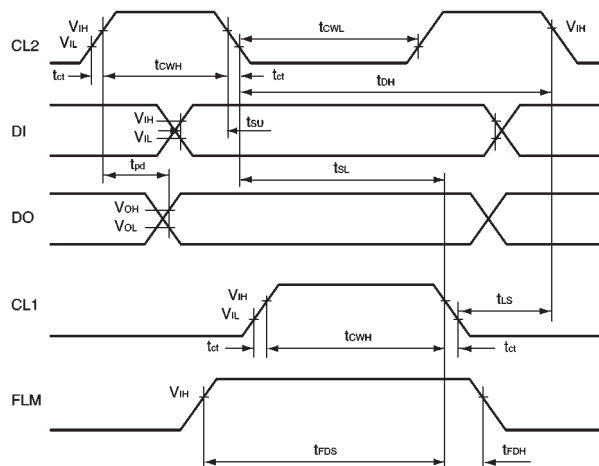
●DC characteristics ( $V_{DD}=5.0V\pm 10\%$ ,  $V_{DD}-V_{EE}=3.0$  to  $6.0V$ ,  $GND=0V$ ,  $T_a=25^\circ C$ )

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit	Conditions
High level input voltage	$V_{IH}$	3.5	—	—	V	
Low level input voltage	$V_{IL}$	—	—	1.5	V	
High level output voltage	$V_{OH}$	4.6	—	—	V	$I_{OH}=-0.4mA$
Low level output voltage	$V_{OL}$	—	—	0.4	V	$I_{OH}=+0.4mA$
Recommended LCD drive voltage	$V_{LCD}$	—	4.2	5.0	V	$T_a=25^\circ C$
Current dissipation	$I_{DD}$	—	—	25.0	mA	$f_{CL}=1MHz$ , $f_M=70Hz$

●AC characteristics ( $V_{DD}=5.0V\pm 10\%$ ,  $V_{DD}-V_{EE}=3.0$  to  $6.0V$ ,  $GND=0V$ ,  $T_a=25^\circ C$ )

Parameter	Symbol	Applicable terminal	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Shift frequency	$f_{CL}$	CL2	—	—	4	MHz
High level lock width	$t_{CWH}$	CL1, CL2	470	—	—	ns
Low level lock width	$t_{CWL}$	CL2	470	—	—	ns
Data setup time	$t_{SU}$	DI	120	—	—	ns
Clock setup time 1	$t_{SL}$	CL2	220	—	—	ns
Clock setup time 2	$t_{LS}$	CL1	220	—	—	ns
Data hold time	$t_{DH}$	DI	120	—	—	ns
FLM setup time	$t_{FDS}$	FLM	120	—	—	ns
FLM hold time	$t_{FDH}$	FLM	120	—	—	ns
Clock rise/fall time	$t_{ct}$	CL1, CL2	—	—	50	ns
Output delay time	$t_{pd}$	DO	—	—	250	ns
AC conversion signal	$f_M$	M	—	70	—	Hz

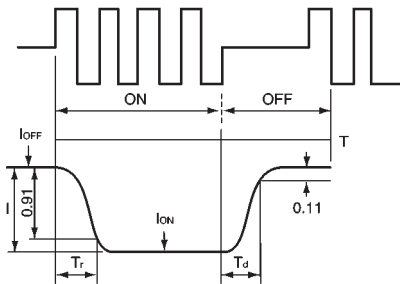
## ●Timing characteristics



●Optical characteristics (Ta=25°C)

No.	Parameter		Symbol	Temperature(°C)	Measurement points			Unit	Note
					Min.	Typ.	Max.		
1	Response speed		Tr	25	—	75	150	ms	(Note 1)
				0	—	500	1000		
			Td	25	—	60	120		
				0	—	360	750		
2	Viewing angle	Front-back	$\theta$	25	0	—	deg	$K \geq 3$ (Note 2)	
		Right-left	$\phi$	25	-40	—			270
3	Contrast ratio		K	25	15	30	—	$\phi = 180^\circ$ $\theta = 10^\circ$	

(Note 1) Definition of response speed



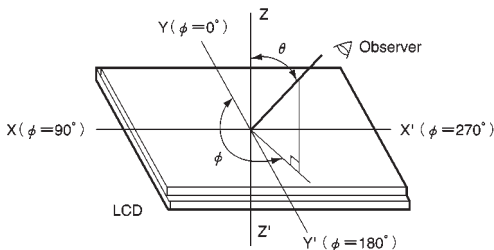
Tr : Time for segment to darken 90% after selective waveform switches to non-selective waveform.

$$\phi = 180^\circ, \theta = 10^\circ$$

Td : Time for segment to darken 90% after selective waveform switches to non-selective waveform.

$$\phi = 180^\circ, \theta = 10^\circ$$

(Note 2) Definition of viewing angle ( $\phi, \theta$ )



- $\phi$  : Angle subtended by the Y-Y'-axis and the observer's position projected onto the XY-plane.
- $\theta$  : Angle subtended by observer and the normal Z-Z'-axis (X-axis and Y-axis are positive)
- Maximum viewing angle: The direction with highest contrast expressed at the time axis (refer to above table).

(Note 3) Definition of contrast ratio

< Definition >

$$\text{Contrast ratio} = \left( \frac{\text{Luminance during application of non-selective waveform}}{\text{Luminance during application of selective waveform}} \right)^n$$

Except,  $n = 1$  with positive display and  $n = -1$  with negative display.

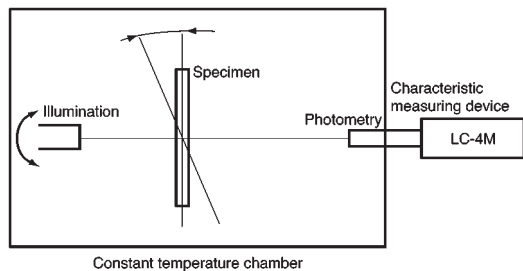
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Drive conditions : As per specifications

Viewing angle :  $\phi = 180^\circ$

$$\theta = 10^\circ$$

(Note 4) Principles of optical measuring equipment



● Data format

Upper

Upper	D1 RGB	D13 RGB	D25 RGB	D37 RGB	-----	D241 RGB	D253 RGB	D265 RGB	D277 RGB
	D2 RGB	D14 RGB	D26 RGB	D38 RGB	-----	D242 RGB	D252 RGB	D266 RGB	D278 RGB
	D3 RGB	D15 RGB	D27 RGB	D39 RGB	-----	D243 RGB	D251 RGB	D265 RGB	D279 RGB
	D4 RGB	D16 RGB	D28 RGB	D40 RGB	-----	D244 RGB	D250 RGB	D264 RGB	D280 RGB
	D5 RGB				-----				D281 RGB
	D6 RGB				-----				D282 RGB
	D7 RGB				-----				D283 RGB
	D8 RGB				-----				D284 RGB
	D9 RGB	D21 RGB	D33 RGB	D45 RGB	-----	D249 RGB	D261 RGB	D273 RGB	D285 RGB
	D10 RGB	D22 RGB	D34 RGB	D46 RGB	-----	D250 RGB	D262 RGB	D274 RGB	D286 RGB
	D11 RGB	D23 RGB	D35 RGB	D47 RGB	-----	D251 RGB	D263 RGB	D275 RGB	D287 RGB
	D12 RGB	D24 RGB	D36 RGB	D48 RGB	-----	D252 RGB	D264 RGB	D276 RGB	D288 RGB
Lower	D1 RGB	D13 RGB	D25 RGB	D37 RGB	-----	D241 RGB	D253 RGB	D265 RGB	D277 RGB
	D2 RGB	D14 RGB	D26 RGB	D38 RGB	-----	D242 RGB	D252 RGB	D266 RGB	D278 RGB
	D3 RGB	D15 RGB	D27 RGB	D39 RGB	-----	D243 RGB	D251 RGB	D265 RGB	D279 RGB
	D4 RGB	D16 RGB	D28 RGB	D40 RGB	-----	D244 RGB	D250 RGB	D264 RGB	D280 RGB
	D5 RGB				-----				D281 RGB
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	D7 RGB				-----				D283 RGB
	D8 RGB				-----				D284 RGB
	D9 RGB	D21 RGB	D33 RGB	D45 RGB	-----	D249 RGB	D261 RGB	D273 RGB	D285 RGB
	D10 RGB	D22 RGB	D34 RGB	D46 RGB	-----	D250 RGB	D262 RGB	D274 RGB	D286 RGB
	D11 RGB	D23 RGB	D35 RGB	D47 RGB	-----	D251 RGB	D263 RGB	D275 RGB	D287 RGB
	D12 RGB	D24 RGB	D36 RGB	D48 RGB	-----	D252 RGB	D264 RGB	D276 RGB	D288 RGB

FIRST DATA ←

Upper

D1	D2	D3	D4	-----	D285	D286	D287	D288
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COM.1(Red)

D1	D2	D3	D4	-----	D285	D286	D287	D288
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COM.2(Green)

D1	D2	D3	D4	-----	D285	D286	D287	D288
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COM.3(Blue)

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FIRST DATA ←

Lower

D1	D2	D3	D4	-----	D285	D286	D287	D288
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COM.1(Red)

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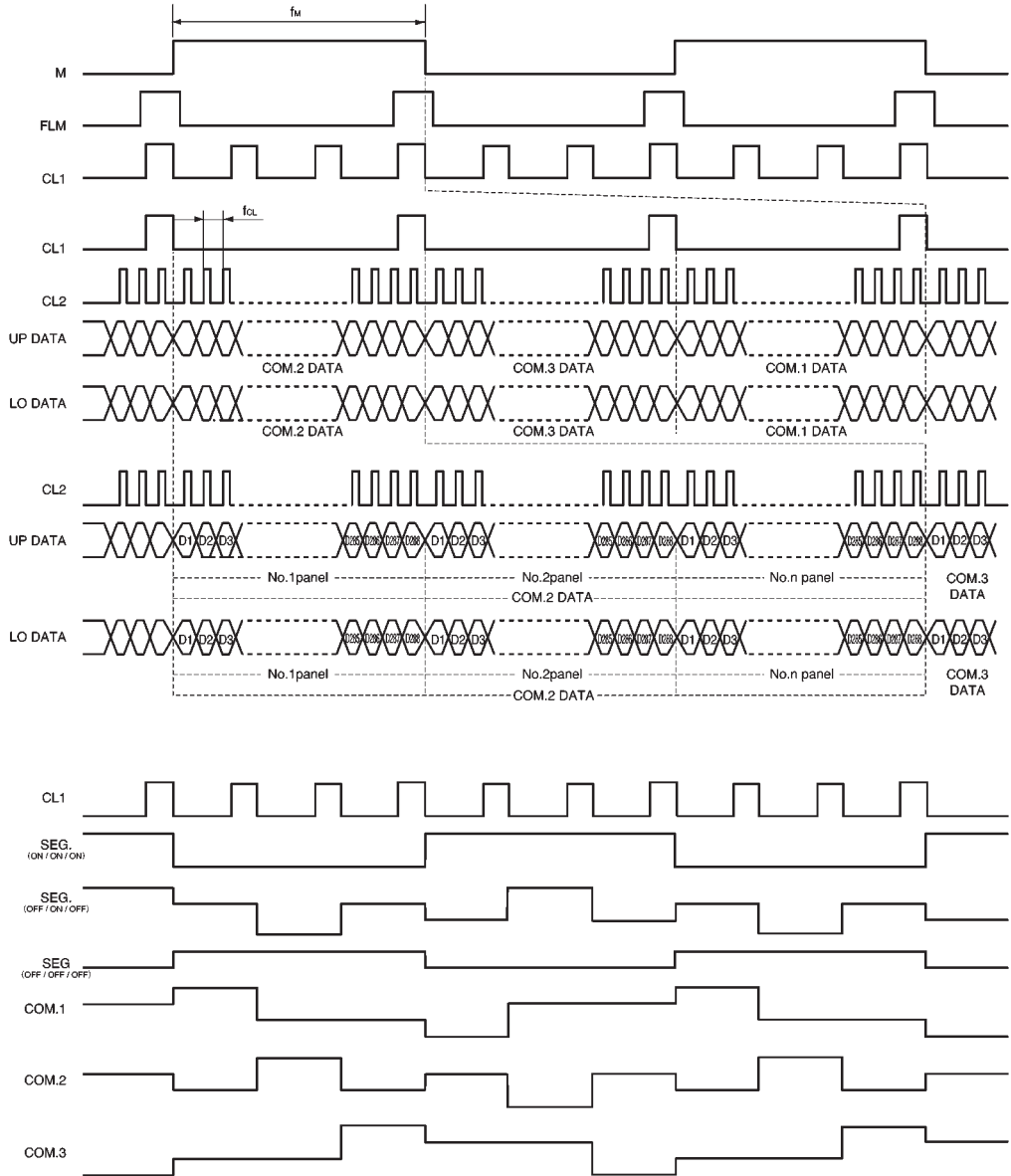
COM.2(Green)

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COM.3(Blue)

→ LAST DATA

●Timing chart



**●**Precautions during use

## (1) Handling precautions

- Protect the module from strong shocks as they can cause damage or defective operation.
- The polarizing plate on the surface of the module is soft and can easily be scratched. Wipe away dirt and dust using an alcohol-based cleanser.
- If the liquid crystal panel is damaged and liquid crystal contacts your clothing or body, wash immediately with soap and water.
- Do not touch the IC lead electrodes or the electrode terminal components.
- If the module is to be used for long periods subjected to direct sunlight, employ a filter to block the ultraviolet rays.

## (2) Precautions during operation

- Do not connect or disconnect the module while the power supply is turned on.
- Input the input signal after the module power supply is turned on. When turning it off, turn off the input signal first. Otherwise the IC may be damaged by the latch-up phenomenon.

## (3) Precautions during installation

- Be careful to avoid damage from static electricity. A CMOS-IC is used in the module circuitry that can be easily damaged by static electricity.
- A protective film is pasted over the front and back of the module to protect the panel surfaces. When peeling this film off, be sure to peel as slow as possible in order to minimize the generation of static electricity. Use of an ion blower or other deionizing device is recommended.