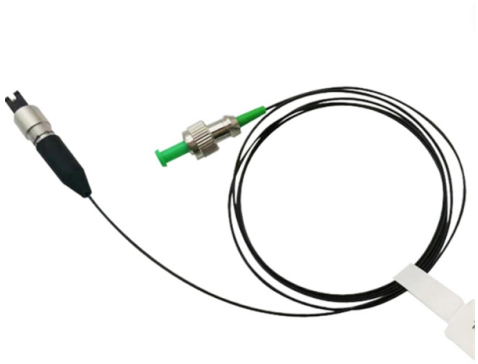
Optocoupler pins



Overview

An optocoupler, also known as photocoupler or opto-isolator, is a device which can transfer an electrical signal across two galvanically-isolated circuits by way of optical coupling.

Key Takeaways

A standard 4-pin optocoupler like the PC817 has pins 1 and 2 for the input LED and pins 3 and 4 for the output phototransistor. Pin Configuration of PC817Pin 1 (Anode of LED): Connects to the positive side of the input signal. When current flows through this pin, the internal infrared LED emits light, which activates the phototransistor on the output side.

Pin 2 (Cathode of LED): Connects to the ground or negative side of the input circuit. It completes the LED circuit and allows current to flow through the LED. Pin 3 (Emitter of Phototransistor): Acts as the ground or reference for the output side.

Current flows from the collector to this pin when the phototransistor is activated by the LED light. Pin 4 (Collector of Phototransistor): Provides the output signal.

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D emits light, the phototransistor conducts, allowing current to flow from the collector to the emitter, effectively transferring the input signal optically while maintaining electrical isolation.

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How the Pins Work Together

The optocoupler isolates the input and output circuits electrically. When a voltage is applied across pins 1 and 2, the LED emits infrared light. This light is detected by the phototransistor connected to pins 3 and 4, which then switches on or off depending on the LED signal.

This allows a microcontroller or low-voltage circuit to control a high-voltage or noisy circuit safely.

Applications

Signal Isolation: Protects sensitive microcontroller inputs from high-voltage spikes. Switching: Controls relays or other devices without direct electrical connection. Noise Reduction: Prevents electrical noise from propagating between circuits.

When using the PC817, a current-limiting resistor is typically added in series with the LED (pins 1 and 2) to prevent damage, and the output (pins 3 and 4) can be connected to a pull-up resistor if used with digital logic circuits.

Article Content

PC817 Optocoupler : Pin Configuration, Circuit Diagram

The pin configuration of PC817 Optocoupler is shown below, This IC includes 4 pins 2 input pins, and 2 output pins where each pin and its

PC817 Optocoupler Datasheet, Pinout, Circuits, Arduino

• Pin-1: The Anode (+) pin inputs the logic signal to the internal IR. • Pin-2: The Cathode (-) pin is connected to the common ground with the circuit

PC817 Optocoupler Pinout, Datasheet, Equivalent, Features & Other ...

Using PC817 optocoupler is very easy, there are four pins shown in the above pinout details. The pin 1 is anode or positive pin of the IR LED should be connected from the output signal

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What is Optocoupler and How it works?

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If you''ve ever taken apart any phone charger or a switching power supply, you''ll find some tiny black IC packages with an unusual number of pins, mostly four or six, both in SMD and through

Using Opto Couplers

The main purpose of an optocoupler interface is to completely isolate the input circuit from the output circuit, which normally means there will be two completely

Guidelines for reading an optocoupler datasheet

Optocoupler devices are renowned for their high reliability in the areas of isolation and safety. The safety and insulation ratings table serves as a quick reference for all key parameters the device is qualified for.

4N25 optocoupler pinout, working, examples and

It comprises of six pins and one pin is unutilized that is a pin three. The table below illustrates the functionality of each pin shown in the above pin diagram.

Optocoupler Circuits, Working, Characteristics, Interfacing

In order to get a digital or analogue conversion at the output of the optocoupler, a resistor can be added in series with the optotransistor collector pin or the emitter pin respectively, a shown

Optocoupler Tutorial for Beginners

An optocoupler uses light to transfer signals from one circuit over to another. This guide shows you how they work and how to use them.

Everything You Need to Know About Optocouplers in Electronics

Have you ever heard the word isolation, especially in electronics? As you might guess, isolation is a key factor when it comes to optocouplers. Isolation is sometimes mandatory and

Connecting optocoupler to GPIO

I am bringing 12V to PIN 1 on optocoupler. PIN 2 and pin 3 are connected to the ground and PIN4 is connected to pull up (5V) and to the arduino GPIO. My question is how big of a resistor

Interfacing Optocoupler with Arduino

Today in this tutorial we will going to see interfacing optocoupler with arduino (4N35 or MCT2E). Optocoupler is also called as opto-isolator

Opto coupler wiring basic

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I need to use an opto coupler to reduce 24V to 5V to directly pulse the AVR. This is the first time I''ll be using an opto coupler. As per what I know the OptoCoupler is a 6 pin package.

Optocoupler Pins

Below is the image of the optocoupler. The datasheet says that Pin 3 should have an E [Page 2, bottom left chart]. If you look at the drawing on the datasheet, it shows the position of Pin 3

What is Optocoupler and How it works?

What is Optocoupler and How It Works As we have already learnt about transistors, an ideal transistor will not allow any current to pass through it if the base pin is not triggered.

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Simply described, an optocoupler device is a sealed, self-contained unit that houses independently-powered optical (light) Tx and Rx units, that can be coupled together optically.

PC817 IC Optocoupler Pinout, Circuit, Datasheet, and

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