

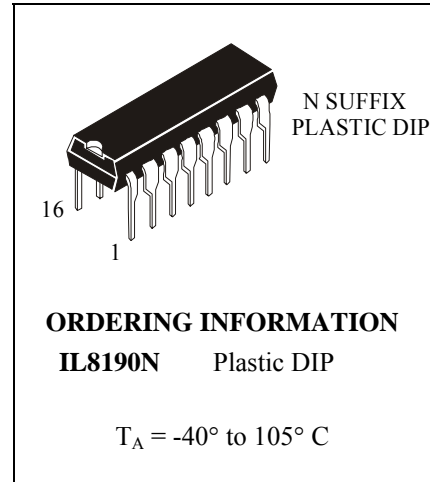
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# Precision Air-Core Tach/Speedo Driver with Return to Zero

**IL8190N**

## Functional Description

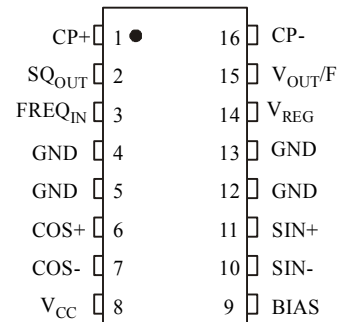
The IL8190N is specifically designed for use with air-core meter movements. The IC provides all the functions necessary for an analog tachometer or speedometer. The IL8190N takes a speed sensor input and generates sine and cosine related output signals to differentially drive an air-core meter.



## Features

- Direct Sensor Input
- High Output Torque
- Low Pointer Flutter
- High Input Impedance
- Overvoltage Protection
- Return to Zero

## PIN ASSIGNMENT



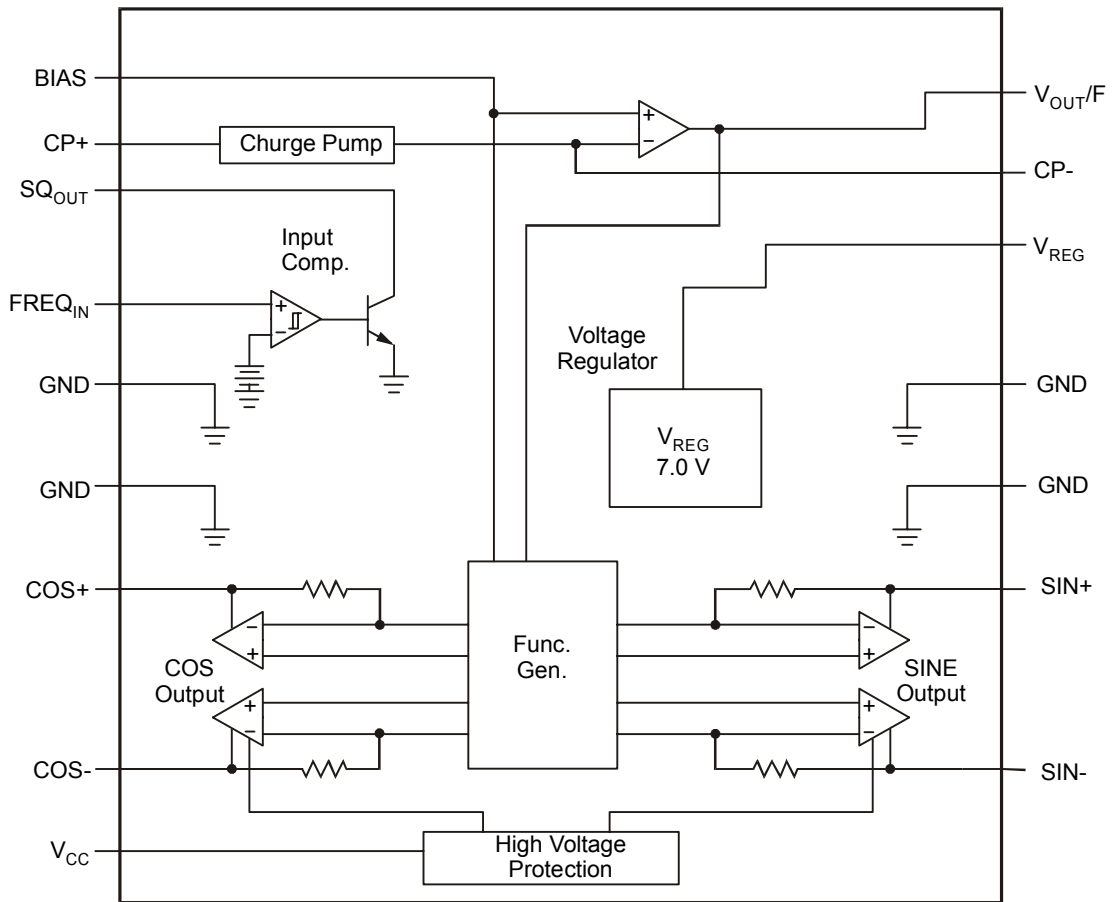
## Absolute Maximum Ratings\*

Symbol	Parameter		Value	Unit
V <sub>CC</sub>	Supply Voltage	100 ms Pulse Transient	60	V
		Continuous	24	
Topr	Operating Temperature		-40 to +105	°C
T <sub>J</sub>	Junction Temperature		-40 to +150	°C
T <sub>stg</sub>	Storage Temperature		-60 to +165	°C
T <sub>L</sub>	Lead Temperature Soldering: Wave Solder (through hole styles only) (Note)		260 peak	°C
	ESD (Human Body Model)		4.0	kV

Note: 10 seconds maximum.

\*The maximum package power dissipation must be observed.

**Block Diagram**



**Pin Discriptions**

Pin No.	Symbol	Function
1	CP+	Positive input to charge pump
2	SQ <sub>OUT</sub>	Buffered square wave output signal
3	FREQ <sub>IN</sub>	Speed or RPM input signal
4, 5, 12, 13	GND	Ground Connections
6	COS+	Positive cosine output signal
7	COS-	Negative cosine output signal
8	V <sub>CC</sub>	Ignition or battery supply voltage
9	BIAS	Test point or zero adjustment
10	SIN-	Negative sine output signal
11	SIN+	Positive sine output signal
14	V <sub>REG</sub>	Voltage regulator output
15	V <sub>OUT/F</sub>	Output voltage proportional to input signal frequency
16	CP-	Negative input to charge pump

**Electrical Characteristics** (-40°C ≤ T<sub>A</sub> ≤ 85°C, 8.5 V ≤ V<sub>CC</sub> ≤ 16 V, unless otherwise specified)

Symbol	Parameter	Test Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>Supply Voltage Section</b>						
I <sub>CC</sub>	Supply Current	V <sub>CC</sub> = 16 V, No Load		66	125	mA
V <sub>CC</sub>	Normal Operation Range		8.5	13.1	16	V
<b>Input Comparator Section</b>						
V <sub>TH</sub>	Positive Input Threshold		1.0	2.1	3.0	V
V <sub>H</sub>	Input Hysteresis		200	470	-	mV
I <sub>IB1</sub>	Input Bias Current (Note 1)	0 V ≤ V <sub>IN</sub> ≤ 8.0 V	-	-4	-80	μA
F <sub>IN</sub>	Input Frequency Range		0	-	20	kHz
V <sub>IN</sub>	Input Voltage Range	in series with 1.0 kΩ	-1.0	-	V <sub>CC</sub>	V
V <sub>SAT</sub>	Output V <sub>SAT</sub>	I <sub>O</sub> = 10 mA	-	0.10	0.40	V
I <sub>SING</sub>	Output Leakage	V <sub>O</sub> = 7.0 V	-	0.02	10	μA
V <sub>CC-TH</sub>	Low V <sub>CC</sub> Disable Threshold		7.0	8.0	8.5	V
V <sub>L</sub>	Logic 0 Input Voltage		1.0	1.6	-	V
<b>Voltage Regulator Section</b>						
V <sub>REF</sub>	Output Voltage		6.25	7.00	7.50	V
I <sub>O</sub>	Output Load Current		-	-	10	mA
ΔV <sub>REF-LOAD</sub>	Output Load Regulation	0 to 10 mA	-	4	50	mV
ΔV <sub>REF-LINE</sub>	Output Line Regulation	8.5 V ≤ V <sub>CC</sub> ≤ 16 V	-	30	150	mV
PRS	Power Supply Rejection	V <sub>CC</sub> = 13.1 V, 1.0 V <sub>P/P</sub> 1.0 kHz	34	46	-	dB
<b>Charge Pump Section</b>						
U <sub>INV</sub>	Inverting Input Voltage		1.5	2.1	2.5	V
I <sub>IB2</sub>	Input Bias Current		-	35	150	nA
V <sub>BIAS</sub>	V <sub>BIAS</sub> Input Voltage		1.5	2.1	2.5	V
U <sub>NINV</sub>	Non Invert. Input Voltage	I <sub>IN</sub> = 1.0 mA	-	0.6	1.1	V
L <sub>K</sub>	Linearity (Note 2)	@ 0; 87.5; 175; 262.5; + 350 Hz	-0.10	0.27	+0.70	%
K	V <sub>OUT</sub> /F Gain	@ 350 Hz, C <sub>CP</sub> = 0.0033 μF, R <sub>T</sub> = 243 kΩ	7.0	11	13	mV/Hz
G <sub>N+</sub>	Norton Gain, Positive	I <sub>IN</sub> = 15 μA	0.9	1.0	1.1	
G <sub>N-</sub>	Norton Gain, Negative	I <sub>IN</sub> = 15 μA	0.9	1.0	1.1	
<b>Function Generator Section: -40°C ≤ T<sub>A</sub> ≤ 85°C, V<sub>CC</sub> = 13.1 V unless otherwise noted</b>						
V <sub>CC-TH1</sub>	Return to Zero Threshold	T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C	5.2	6.0	7.0	V
V <sub>(COS+-COS-)</sub>	Differential Drive Voltage (V <sub>COS+</sub> - V <sub>COS-</sub> )	8.5 V ≤ V <sub>CC</sub> ≤ 16 V, Θ = 0°	5.5	6.5	7.5	V
V <sub>(SIN+-SIN-)</sub>	Differential Drive Voltage (V <sub>SIN+</sub> - V <sub>SIN-</sub> )	8.5 V ≤ V <sub>CC</sub> ≤ 16 V, Θ = 90°	5.5	6.5	7.5	V
V <sub>(COS+-COS-)</sub>	Differential Drive Voltage (V <sub>COS+</sub> - V <sub>COS-</sub> )	8.5 V ≤ V <sub>CC</sub> ≤ 16 V, Θ = 180°	-7.5	-6.5	-5.5	V
V <sub>(SIN+-SIN-)</sub>	Differential Drive Voltage (V <sub>SIN+</sub> - V <sub>SIN-</sub> )	8.5 V ≤ V <sub>CC</sub> ≤ 16 V, Θ = 270°	-7.5	-6.5	-5.5	V
I <sub>OUT</sub>	Differential Drive Current	8.5 V ≤ V <sub>CC</sub> ≤ 16 V	-	33	42	mA
Θ	Zero Hertz Output Angle		-1.5	0	1.5	deg
	Function Generator Error (Note 3) Reference Figures 1, 2, 3, 4	V <sub>CC</sub> = 13.1 V Θ = 0° to 305°	-2.0	0	+2.0	deg

**Electrical Characteristics (continued)**

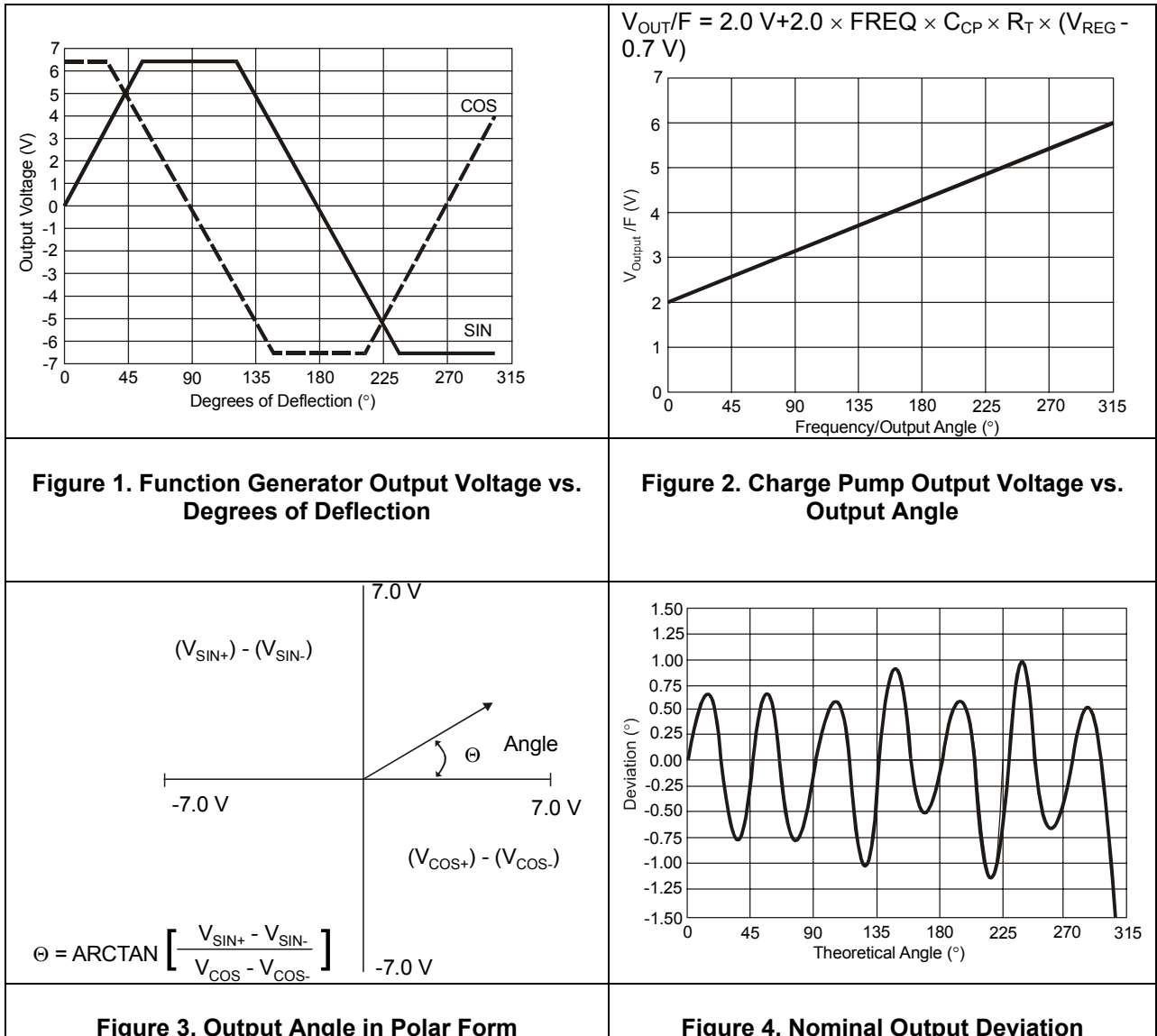
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Symbol	Parameter	Test Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>Function Generator Section: -40°C ≤ T<sub>A</sub> ≤ 85°C, V<sub>CC</sub> = 13.1 V unless otherwise noted (continued)</b>						
	Function Generator Error	13.1 V ≤ V <sub>CC</sub> ≤ 16 V	-2.5	0	+2.5	deg
	Function Generator Error	13.1 V ≤ V <sub>CC</sub> ≤ 11 V	-1.0	0	+1.0	deg
	Function Generator Error	13.1 V ≤ V <sub>CC</sub> ≤ 9.0 V	-3.0	0	+3.0	deg
	Function Generator Error	25°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ 80°C	-3.0	0	+3.0	deg
	Function Generator Error	25°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ 105°C	-5.5	0	+5.5	deg
	Function Generator Error	-40°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ 25°C	-3.0	0	+3.0	deg
θ/V	Function Generator Gain	T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C, θ vs V <sub>OUT</sub> /F	60	77	95	°/V

**Notes:**

1. Input is clamped by an internal 12 V Zener.
2. Applies to % of full scale (270°).
3. Deviation from nominal per Table 1 after calibration at 0° and 270°.

**Typical Performance Characteristics**



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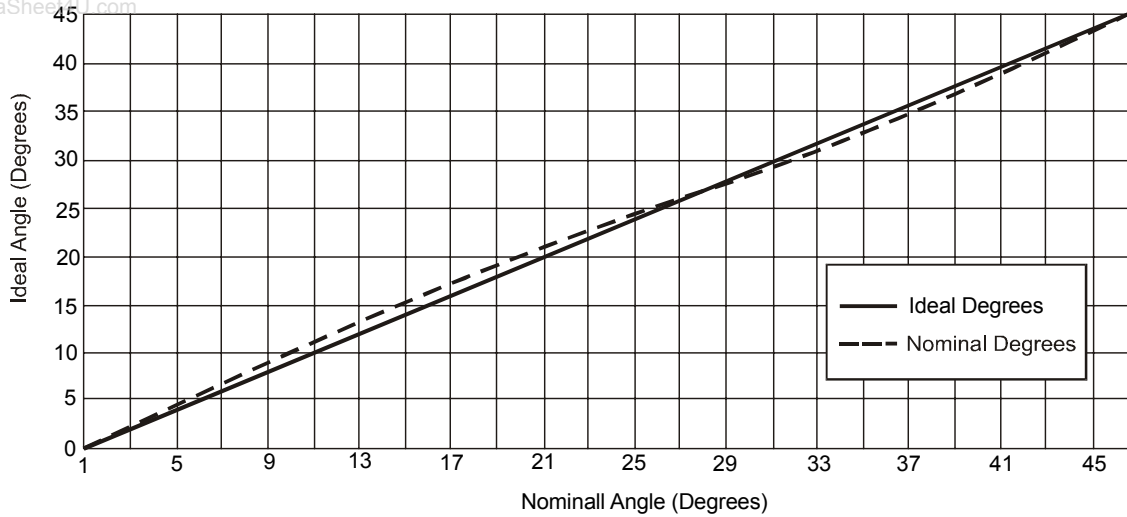


Figure 5. Nominal Angle vs. Ideal Angle (After Calibrating at 180°)

Table 1. Function Generator Output Nominal Angle vs. Ideal Angle (After Calibrating at 270°)

Ideal Degrees	Nominal Degrees	Ideal Degrees	Nominal Degrees	Ideal Degrees	Nominal Degrees	Ideal Degrees	Nominal Degrees	Ideal Degrees	Nominal Degrees	Ideal Degrees	Nominal Degrees
0	0	17	17.98	34	33.04	75	74.00	160	159.14	245	244.63
1	1.09	18	18.96	35	34.00	80	79.16	165	164.00	250	249.14
2	2.19	19	19.92	36	35.00	85	84.53	170	169.16	255	254.00
3	3.29	20	20.86	37	36.04	90	90.00	175	174.33	260	259.16
4	4.38	21	21.79	38	37.11	95	95.47	180	180.00	265	264.53
5	5.47	22	22.71	39	38.21	100	100.84	185	185.47	270	270.00
6	6.56	23	23.61	40	39.32	105	106.00	190	190.84	275	275.47
7	7.64	24	24.50	41	40.45	110	110.86	195	196.00	280	280.84
8	8.72	25	25.37	42	41.59	115	115.37	200	200.86	285	286.00
9	9.78	26	26.23	43	42.73	120	119.56	205	205.37	290	290.86
10	10.84	27	27.07	44	43.88	125	124.00	210	209.56	295	295.37
11	11.90	28	27.79	45	45.00	130	129.32	215	214.00	300	299.21
12	12.94	29	28.73	50	50.68	135	135.00	220	219.32	305	303.02
13	13.97	30	29.56	55	56.00	140	140.68	225	225.00		
14	14.99	31	30.39	60	60.44	145	146.00	230	230.58		
15	16.00	32	31.24	65	64.63	150	150.44	235	236.00		
16	17.00	33	32.12	70	69.14	155	154.63	240	240.44		

Note: Temperature, voltage and nonlinearity not included.

**Circuit Description and Application Notes**

The IL8190N is specifically designed for use with air-core meter movements. It includes an input comparator for sensing an input signal from an ignition pulse or speed sensor, a charge pump for frequency to voltage conversion, a bandgap voltage regulator for stable operation, and a function generator with sine and cosine amplifiers to differentially drive the meter coils.

From the partial schematic of Figure 6, the input signal is applied to the  $FREQ_{IN}$  lead, this is the input to a high impedance comparator with a typical positive input threshold of 2.0 V and typical hysteresis of 0.5 V. The output of the comparator,  $SQ_{OUT}$ , is applied to the charge pump input  $CP+$  through an external capacitor  $C_{CP}$ . When the input signal changes state,  $C_{CP}$  is charged or discharged through  $R3$  and  $R4$ . The charge accumulated on  $C_{CP}$  is mirrored to  $C4$  by the Norton Amplifier circuit comprising of  $Q1$ ,  $Q2$  and  $Q3$ . The charge pump output voltage,  $V_{OUT/F}$ , ranges from 2.0 V to 6.3 V depending on the input signal frequency and the gain of the charge pump according to the formula:

$$V_{OUT/F} = 2.0 V + 2.0 \times FREQ \times C_{CP} \times R_T \times (V_{REG} - 0.7 V)$$

$R_T$  is a potentiometer used to adjust the gain of the V/F output stage and give the correct meter deflection. The V/F output voltage is applied to the function generator which generates the sine and

cosine output voltages. The output voltage of the sine and cosine amplifiers are derived from the on-chip amplifier and function generator circuitry. The various trip points for the circuit (i.e., 0°, 90°, 180°, 270°) are determined by an internal resistor divider and the bandgap voltage reference. The coils are differentially driven, allowing bidirectional current flow in the outputs, thus providing up to 305° range of meter deflection. Driving the coils differentially offers faster response time, higher current capability, higher output voltage swings, and reduced external component count. The key advantage is a higher torque output for the pointer.

The output angle,  $\Theta$ , is equal to the V/F gain multiplied by the function generator gain:

$$\Theta = A_{V/F} \times A_{FG}$$

where:

$$A_{FG} = 77^\circ/V(\text{typ})$$

The relationship between input frequency and output angle is:

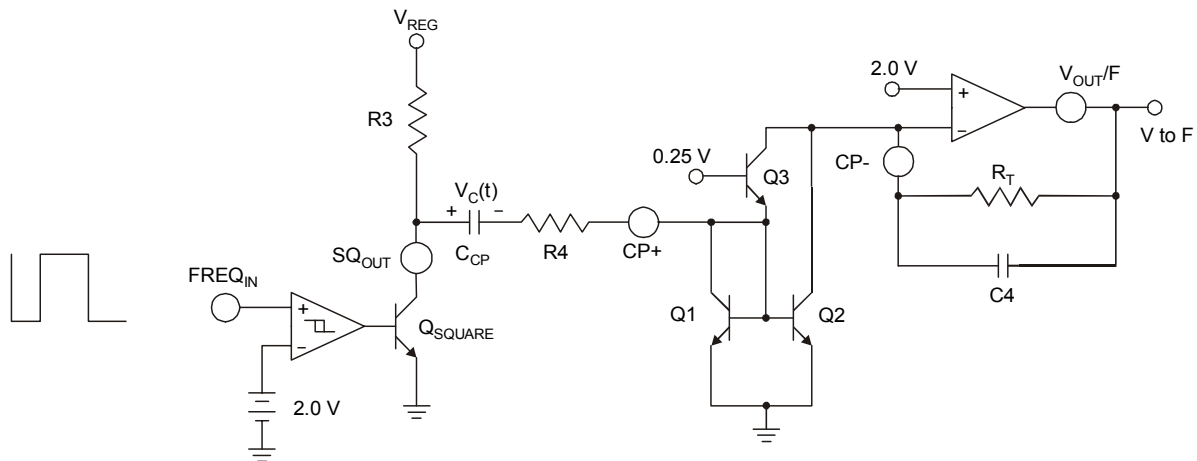
$$\Theta = A_{FG} \times 2.0 \times FREQ \times C_{CP} \times R_T \times (V_{REG} - 0.7 V)$$

or,

$$\Theta = 970 \times FREQ \times C_{CP} \times R_T$$

The ripple voltage at the V/F converter's output is determined by the ratio of  $C_{CP}$  and  $C4$  in the formula:

$$\Delta V = \frac{C_{CP}(V_{REG} - 0.7 V)}{C4}$$



**Figure 6. Partial Schematic of Input and Charge Pump**

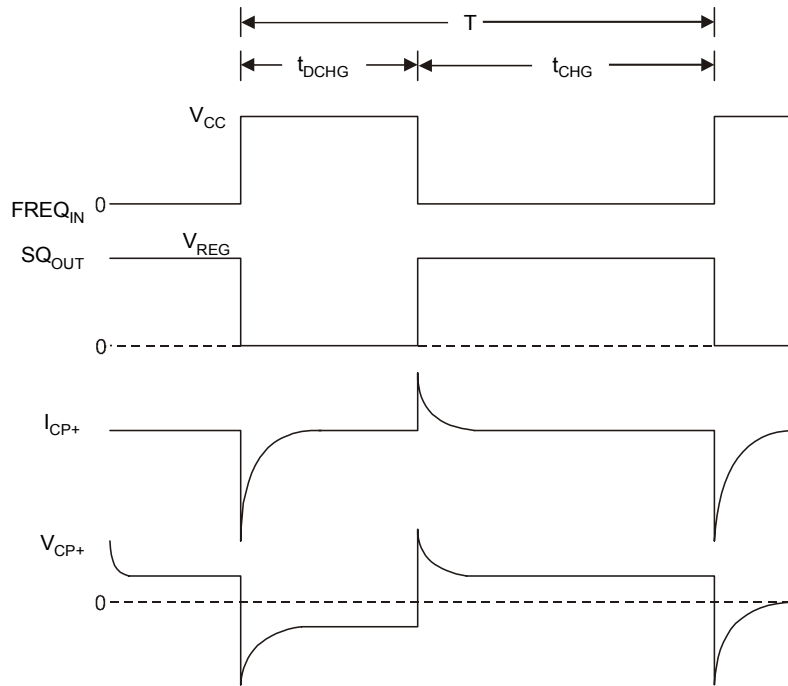


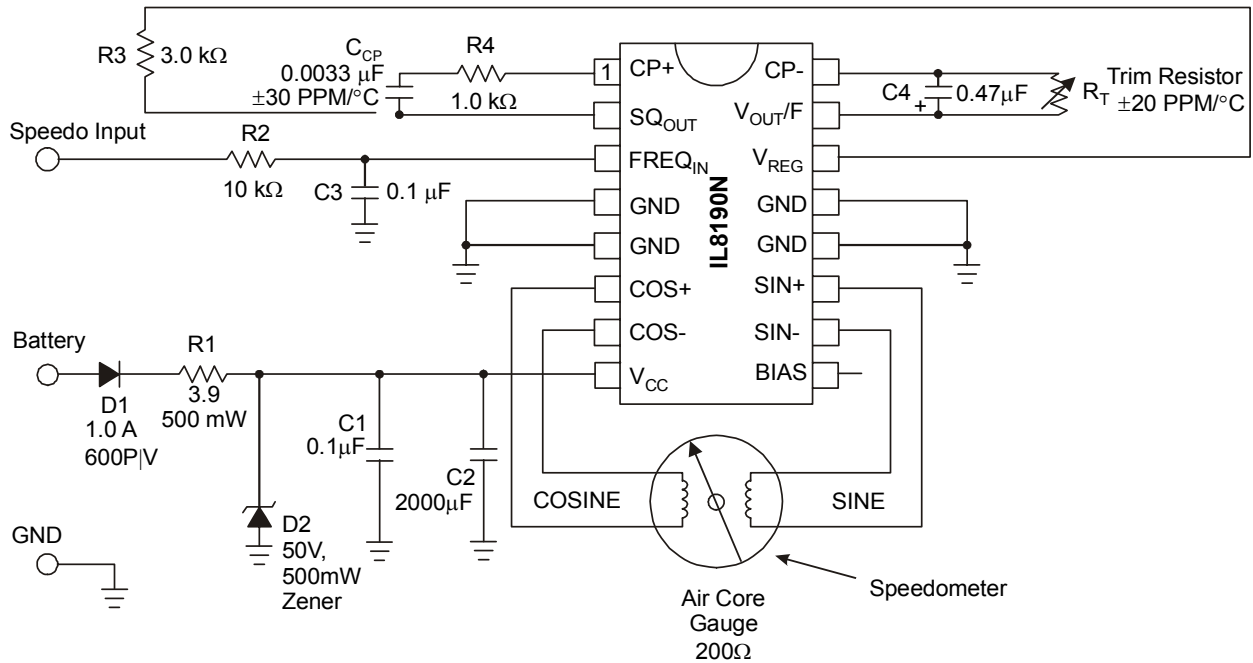
Figure 7. Timing Diagram of FREQ<sub>IN</sub> and I<sub>CP</sub>

Ripple voltage on the V/F output causes pointer or needle flutter especially at low input frequencies.

The response time of the V/F is determined by the time constant formed by R<sub>T</sub> and C<sub>4</sub>. Increasing the value of C<sub>4</sub> will reduce the ripple on the V/F output but will also increase the response time. An increase in response time causes a very slow meter movement and may be unacceptable for many applications.

The IL8190N has an undervoltage detect circuit that disables the input comparator when V<sub>CC</sub> falls below 8.0 V (typical). With no input signal the V/F output voltage decreases and the needle moves towards zero. A second undervoltage detect circuit at 6.0 V (typical)

causes the function generator to generate a differential SIN drive voltage of zero volts and the differential COS drive voltage to go as high as possible. This combination of voltages (Figure 1) across the meter coil moves the needle to the 0° position. Connecting a large capacitor (> 2000 μF) to the V<sub>CC</sub> lead (C<sub>2</sub> in Figure 8) increases the time between these undervoltage points since the capacitor discharges slowly and ensures that the needle moves towards 0° as opposed to 360°. The exact value of the capacitor depends on the response time of the system, the maximum meter deflection and the current consumption of the circuit. It should be selected by breadboarding the design in the lab.



Notes:

1. C2 (> 2000 µF) is needed if return to zero function is required.
2. The product of C4 and R<sub>T</sub> have a direct effect on gain and therefore directly affect temperature compensation.
3. C<sub>cp</sub> Range: 20 pF to 0.2 µF.
4. R4 Range; 100 kΩ to 500 kΩ.
5. The IC must be protected from transients above 60 V and reverse battery conditions.
6. Additional filtering on the FREQ<sub>IN</sub> lead may be required.
7. Gauge coil connections to the IC must be kept as short as possible (≤ 3.0 inch) for best pointer stability.

Figure 8. Speedometer or Tachometer Application



### Design Example

Maximum meter Deflection = 270°  
 Maximum Input Frequency = 350 Hz

#### 1. Select $R_T$ and $C_{CP}$

$$\Theta = 970 \times \text{FREQ} \times C_{CP} \times R_T = 270^\circ$$

Let  $C_{CP} = 0.0033 \mu\text{F}$ , find  $R_T$

$$R_T = \frac{270^\circ}{970 \times 350\text{Hz} \times 0.0033 \mu\text{F}}$$

$$R_T = 243 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$R_T$  should be a 250 k $\Omega$  potentiometer to trim out any inaccuracies due to IC tolerances or meter movement pointer placement.

#### 2. Select $R_3$ and $R_4$

Resistor  $R_3$  sets the output current from the voltage regulator. The maximum output current from the voltage regulator is 10 mA.  $R_3$  must ensure that the current does not exceed this limit.

Choose  $R_3 = 3.3 \text{ k}\Omega$

The charge current for  $C_{CP}$  is

$$\frac{V_{REG} - 0.7 \text{ V}}{3.3 \text{ k}\Omega} = 1.90 \text{ mA}$$

$C_{CP}$  must charge and discharge fully during each cycle of the input signal. Time for one cycle at maximum frequency is 2.85 ms. To ensure that  $C_{CP}$  is charged, assume that the  $(R_3 + R_4) C_{CP}$  time constant is less than 10% of the minimum input period.

$$T = 10\% \times \frac{1}{350 \text{ Hz}} = 285 \mu\text{s}$$

Choose  $R_4 = 1.0 \text{ k}\Omega$ .

Discharge time:

$$t_{DCHG} = R_3 \times C_{CP} = 3.3 \text{ k}\Omega \times 0.0033 \mu\text{F} = 10.9 \mu\text{s}$$

Charge time:

$$t_{CHG} = (R_3 + R_4)C_{CP} = 4.3 \text{ k}\Omega \times 0.0033 \mu\text{F} = 14.2 \mu\text{s}$$

#### 3. Determine $C_4$

$C_4$  is selected to satisfy both the maximum allowable ripple voltage and response time of the meter movement.

$$C_4 = \frac{C_{CP}(V_{REG} - 0.7\text{V})}{\Delta V_{MAX}}$$

With  $C_4 = 0.47 \mu\text{F}$ , the V/F ripple voltage is 44 mV.

The last component to be selected is the return to zero capacitor  $C_2$ . This is selected by increasing the input signal frequency to its maximum so the pointer is at its maximum deflection, then removing the power from the circuit.  $C_2$  should be large enough to ensure that

the pointer always returns to the 0° position rather than 360° under all operating conditions.

Figure 11 shows how the IL8190N and the CS8441 are used to produce a Speedometer and Odometer circuit.

In some cases a designer may wish to use the IL8190N only as a driver for an air-core meter having performed the V/F conversion elsewhere in the circuit.

Figure 9 shows how to drive the IL8190N with a DC voltage ranging from 2.0 V to 6.0 V. This is accomplished by forcing a voltage on the  $V_{OUT}/F$  lead. The alternative scheme shown in Figure 10 uses an external op amp as a buffer and operates over an input voltage range of 0 V to 4.0 V.

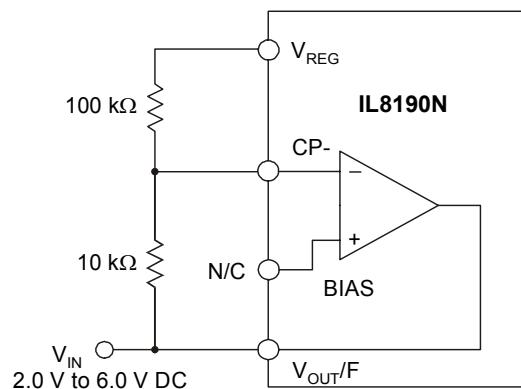


Figure 9. Driving the IL8190N from an External DC Voltage

Figures 9 and 10 are not temperature compensated.

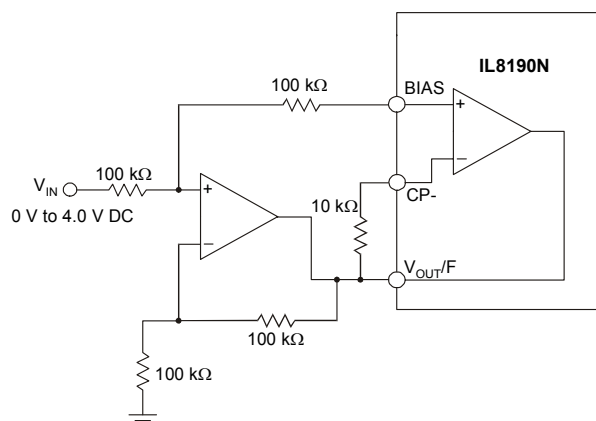
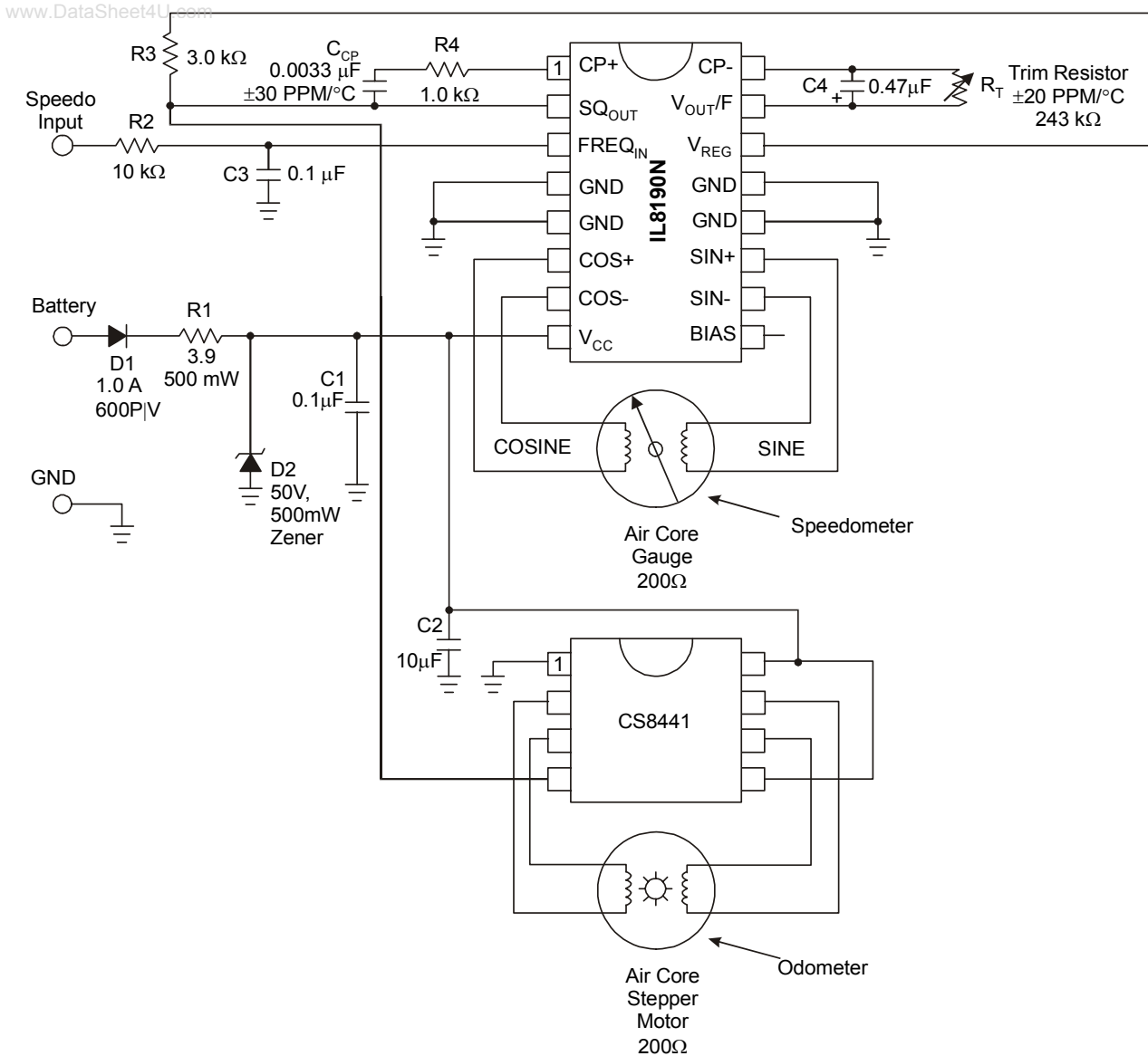


Figure 10. Driving the IL8190N from an External DC Voltage Using an Op Amp Buffer



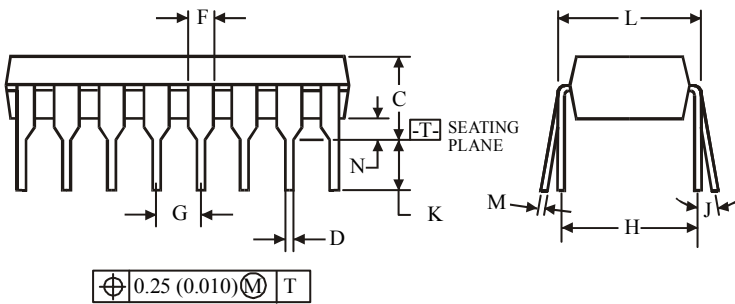
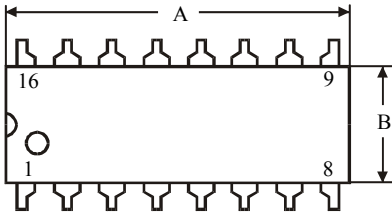
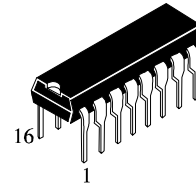
Notes:

1. C2 = 10 μF with CS8441 application.
2. The product of C4 and R<sub>T</sub> have a direct effect on gain and therefore directly affect temperature compensation.
3. Ccp Range: 20 pF to 0.2 μF.
4. R4 Range; 100 kΩ to 500 kΩ.
5. The IC must be protected from transients above 60 V and reverse battery conditions.
6. Additional filtering on the FREQ<sub>IN</sub> lead may be required.
7. Gauge coil connections to the IC must be kept as short as possible (≤ 3.0 inch) for best pointer stability.

Figure 11. Speedometer With Odometer or Tachometer Application

PACKAGE DIMENSIONS

N SUFFIX PLASTIC  
(MS - 001BB)



Symbol	Dimensions, mm	
	MIN	MAX
A	18.67	19.69
B	6.10	7.11
C		5.33
D	0.36	0.56
F	1.14	1.78
G	2.54	
H	7.62	
J	0°	10°
K	2.92	3.81
L	7.62	8.26
M	0.20	0.36
N	0.38	

NOTES:

- Dimensions "A", "B" do not include mold flash or protrusions.  
Maximum mold flash or protrusions 0.25 mm (0.010) per side.