STK25CA8
128K x 8 *AutoStore*™ nvSRAM
QuantumTrap™ CMOS
## Nonvolatile Static RAM Module

SIMTEK

FEATURES

- **Nonvolatile Storage without Battery Problems**
- **Directly Replaces 128K x 8 Static RAM, Battery-Backed RAM or EEPROM**
- **35ns and 45ns Access Times**
- **STORE to EEPROM Initiated by *AutoStore*™ on Power Down**
- **RECALL to SRAM on Power Restore**
- **22mA I_{CC} at 200ns Cycle Time**
- **Unlimited READ, WRITE and RECALL Cycles**
- **1,000,000 STORE Cycles to EEPROM**
- **100-Year Data Retention Over Full Commercial Temperature Range**
- **Commercial and Industrial Temperatures**
- **32-Pin 600 mil Dual In-Line Module**

DESCRIPTION

The Simtek STK25CA8 is a fast static RAM with a nonvolatile, electrically erasable PROM element incorporated in each static memory cell. The SRAM can be read and written an unlimited number of times, while independent nonvolatile data resides in the EEPROM. Data transfers from the SRAM to the EEPROM (the STORE operation) can take place automatically on power down using charge stored in system capacitance. Transfers from the EEPROM to the SRAM (the RECALL operation) take place automatically on restoration of power.

BLOCK DIAGRAM

PIN CONFIGURATIONS

32 - 600 mil
Dual In-Line
Module
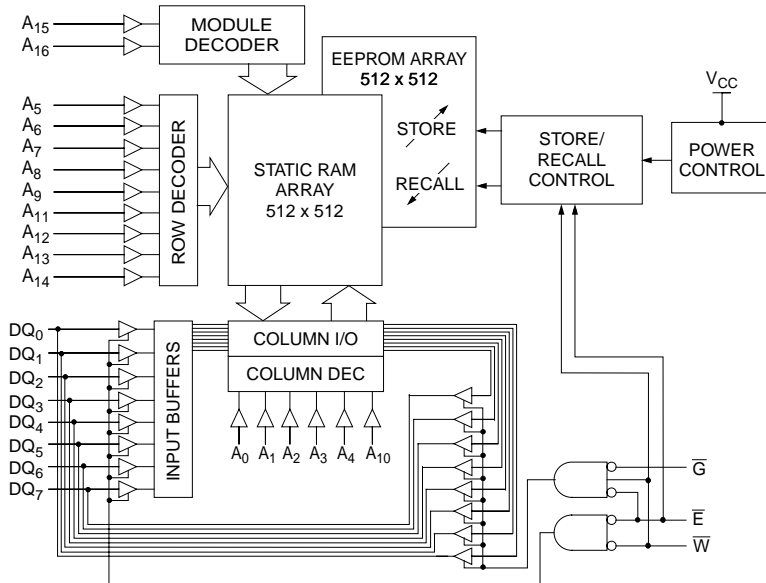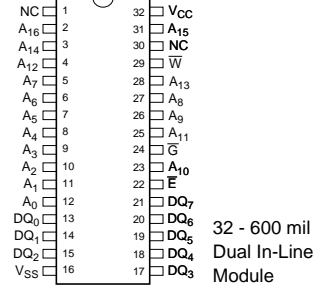
PIN NAMES

$A_0 - A_{16}$	Address Inputs
$\overline{W}$	Write Enable
$DQ_0 - DQ_7$	Data In/Out
$\overline{E}$	Chip Enable
$\overline{G}$	Output Enable
V_{CC}	Power (+ 5V)
V_{SS}	Ground

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS[a]

Voltage on Input Relative to V_{SS} . . . . –0.6V to (V_{CC} + 0.5V)
Voltage on DQ_{0-7} . . . . –0.5V to (V_{CC} + 0.5V)
Temperature under Bias . . . . –55°C to 125°C
Storage Temperature . . . . –65°C to 150°C
Power Dissipation 1W
DC Output Current (1 output at a time, 1s duration) 15mA

Note a: Stresses greater than those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only, and functional operation of the device at conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect reliability.

DC CHARACTERISTICS

$(V_{CC} = 5.0V \pm 10\%)$

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	COMMERCIAL		INDUSTRIAL		UNITS	NOTES
		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX		
I_{CC1}[b]	Average V_{CC} Current		140 125		150 133	mA mA	t_{AVAV} = 35ns t_{AVAV} = 45ns
I_{CC2}[c]	Average V_{CC} Current During *STORE*		20		25	mA	All Inputs Don't Care, V_{CC} = max
I_{CC3}[b]	Average V_{CC} Current at t_{AVAV} = 200ns		22		25	mA	$\overline{W} \geq (V_{CC} - 0.2V)$ All Others Cycling, CMOS Levels
I_{CC4}[c]	Average V_{CC} Current During *AutoStore*™ Cycle		18		20	mA	All Inputs Don't Care
I_{SB}[d]	V_{CC} Standby Current (Standby, Stable CMOS Input Levels)		9		9	mA	$\overline{E} \geq (V_{CC} - 0.2V)$ All Others $V_{IN} \leq 0.2V$ or $\geq (V_{CC} - 0.2V)$
I_{ILK}	Input Leakage Current		±2		±2	µA	V_{CC} = max $V_{IN} = V_{SS}$ to V_{CC}
I_{OLK}	Off-State Output Leakage Current		±10		±10	µA	V_{CC} = max $V_{IN} = V_{SS}$ to V_{CC}, $\overline{E}$ or $\overline{G} \geq V_{IH}$
V_{IH}	Input Logic "1" Voltage	2.2	V_{CC} + .5	2.2	V_{CC} + .5	V	All Inputs
V_{IL}	Input Logic "0" Voltage	V_{SS} – .5	0.8	V_{SS} – .5	0.8	V	All Inputs
V_{OH}	Output Logic "1" Voltage	2.4		2.4		V	I_{OUT} = –4mA
V_{OL}	Output Logic "0" Voltage		0.4		0.4	V	I_{OUT} = 8mA
T_A	Operating Temperature	0	70	–40	85	°C	

Note b: I_{CC1} and I_{CC3} are dependent on output loading and cycle rate. The specified values are obtained with outputs unloaded.
Note c: I_{CC2} and I_{CC4} are the average currents required for the duration of the respective *STORE* cycles (t_{STORE}).
Note d: $\overline{E} \geq V_{IH}$ will not produce standby current levels until any nonvolatile cycle in progress has timed out.

AC TEST CONDITIONS

Input Pulse Levels . . . . 0V to 3V
Input Rise and Fall Times . . . . ≤ 5ns
Input and Output Timing Reference Levels 1.5V
Output Load . . . . See Figure 1

CAPACITANCE[e] $(T_A = 25°C, f = 1.0MHz)$

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	MAX	UNITS	CONDITIONS
C_{IN}	Input Capacitance	20	pF	ΔV = 0 to 3V
C_{OUT}	Output Capacitance	28	pF	ΔV = 0 to 3V

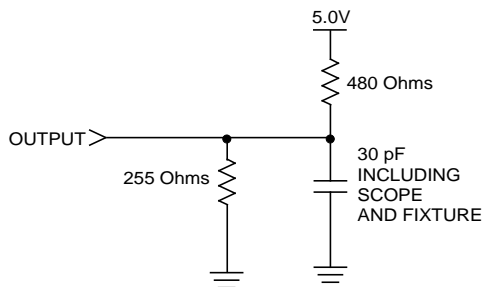Note e: These parameters are guaranteed but not tested.

5.0V
480 Ohms
OUTPUT
255 Ohms
30 pF
INCLUDING
SCOPE
AND FIXTURE

Figure 1: AC Output Loading

SRAM READ CYCLES #1 & #2

$(V_{CC} = 5.0V \pm 10\%)$

NO.	SYMBOLS #1, #2	SYMBOLS Alt.	PARAMETER	STK25CA8-35 MIN	STK25CA8-35 MAX	STK25CA8-45 MIN	STK25CA8-45 MAX	UNITS
1	t_{ELQV}	t_{ACS}	Chip Enable Access Time		35		45	ns
2	t_{AVAV}^f	t_{RC}	Read Cycle Time	35		45		ns
3	t_{AVQV}^g	t_{AA}	Address Access Time		35		45	ns
4	t_{GLQV}	t_{OE}	Output Enable to Data Valid		15		20	ns
5	t_{AXQX}^g	t_{OH}	Output Hold after Address Change	5		5		ns
6	t_{ELQX}	t_{LZ}	Chip Enable to Output Active	5		5		ns
7	t_{EHQZ}^h	t_{HZ}	Chip Disable to Output Inactive		13		15	ns
8	t_{GLQX}	t_{OLZ}	Output Enable to Output Active	0		0		ns
9	t_{GHQZ}^h	t_{OHZ}	Output Disable to Output Inactive		13		15	ns
10	t_{ELICCH}^e	t_{PA}	Chip Enable to Power Active	0		0		ns
11	$t_{EHICCL}^{d,\ e}$	t_{PS}	Chip Disable to Power Standby		35		45	ns

Note f: $\overline{W}$ must be high during SRAM READ cycles and low during SRAM WRITE cycles.
Note g: I/O state assumes $\overline{E}$, $\overline{G}$, $\leq V_{IL}$ and $\overline{W} \geq V_{IH}$; device is continuously selected.
Note h: Measured $\pm$ 200mV from steady state output voltage.

## SRAM READ CYCLE #1: Address Controlled[f, g]
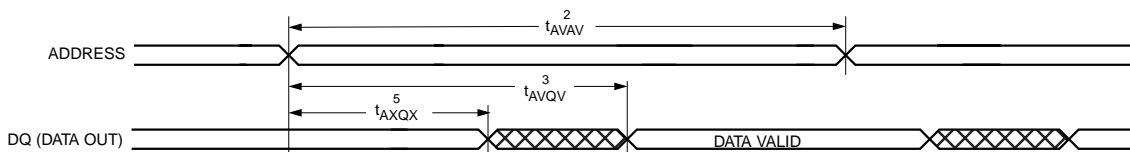
SRAM READ CYCLE #2: $\overline{E}$ Controlled[f]
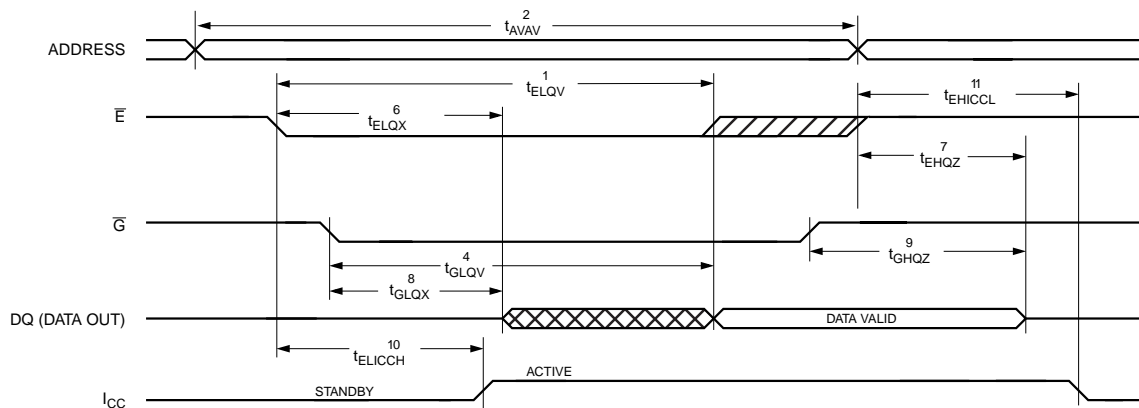
## SRAM WRITE CYCLES #1 & #2

$(V_{CC} = 5.0V \pm 10\%)$

NO.	SYMBOLS			PARAMETER	STK25CA8-35		STK25CA8-45		UNITS
	#1	#2	Alt.		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
12	t_{AVAV}	t_{AVAV}	t_{WC}	Write Cycle Time	35		45		ns
13	t_{WLWH}	t_{WLEH}	t_{WP}	Write Pulse Width	25		30		ns
14	t_{ELWH}	t_{ELEH}	t_{CW}	Chip Enable to End of Write	25		30		ns
15	t_{DVWH}	t_{DVEH}	t_{DW}	Data Set-up to End of Write	12		15		ns
16	t_{WHDX}	t_{EHDX}	t_{DH}	Data Hold after End of Write	0		0		ns
17	t_{AVWH}	t_{AVEH}	t_{AW}	Address Set-up to End of Write	25		30		ns
18	t_{AVWL}	t_{AVEL}	t_{AS}	Address Set-up to Start of Write	0		0		ns
19	t_{WHAX}	t_{EHAX}	t_{WR}	Address Hold after End of Write	0		0		ns
20	t_{WLQZ}[h, i]		t_{WZ}	Write Enable to Output Disable		13		15	ns
21	t_{WHQX}		t_{OW}	Output Active after End of Write	5		5		ns

Note i: If $\overline{W}$ is low when $\overline{E}$ goes low, the outputs remain in the high-impedance state.
Note j: $\overline{E}$ or $\overline{W}$ must be $\geq V_{IH}$ during address transitions.

SRAM WRITE CYCLE #1: $\overline{W}$ Controlled[j]
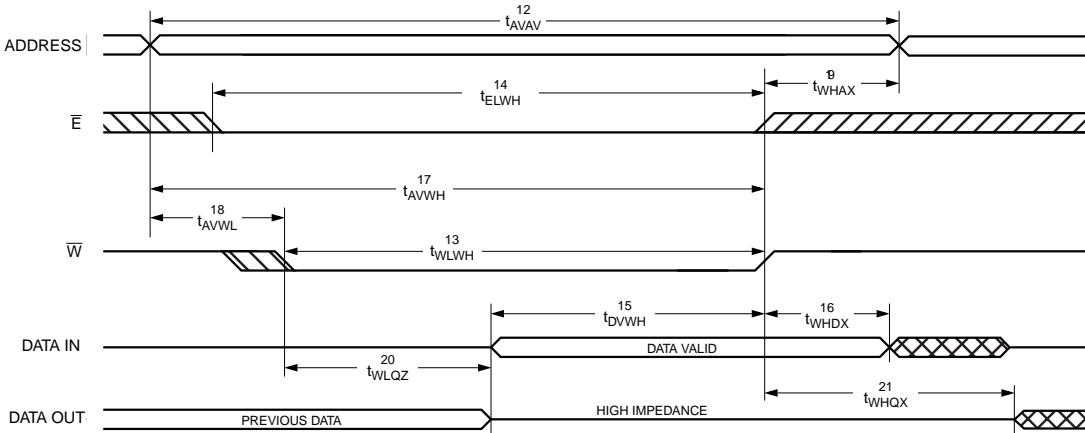
SRAM WRITE CYCLE #2: $\overline{E}$ Controlled[j]
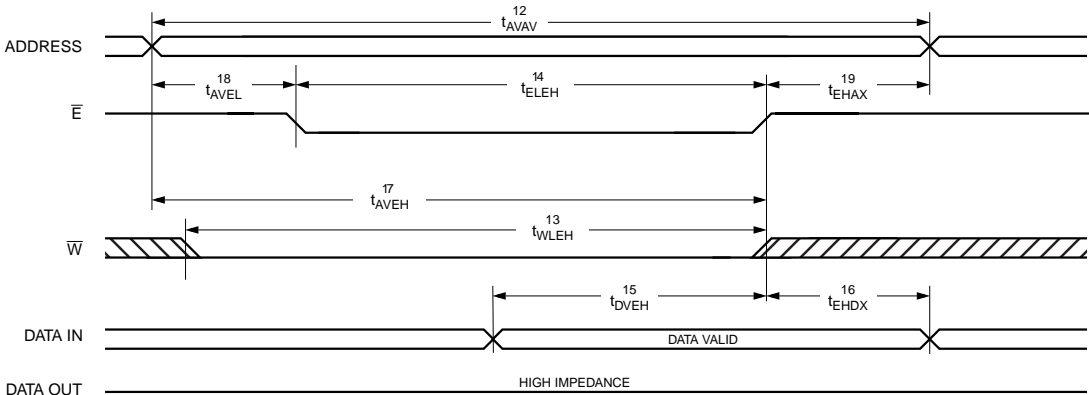
AutoStore™/POWER-UP *RECALL* $(V_{CC} = 5.0V \quad 10\%)$

NO.	SYMBOLS	PARAMETER	STK25CA8		UNITS	NOTES
	Standard		MIN	MAX		
22	$t_{RESTORE}$	Power-up *RECALL* Duration		550	µs	k
23	t_{STORE}	*STORE* Cycle Duration		10	ms	g
24	t_{DELAY}	Time Allowed to Complete SRAM Cycle	1		µs	g
25	V_{SWITCH}	Low Voltage Trigger Level	4.0	4.5	V	
26	V_{RESET}	Low Voltage Reset Level		3.9	V	

Note k: $t_{RESTORE}$ starts from the time V_{CC} rises above V_{SWITCH}.

AutoStore™/POWER-UP *RECALL*
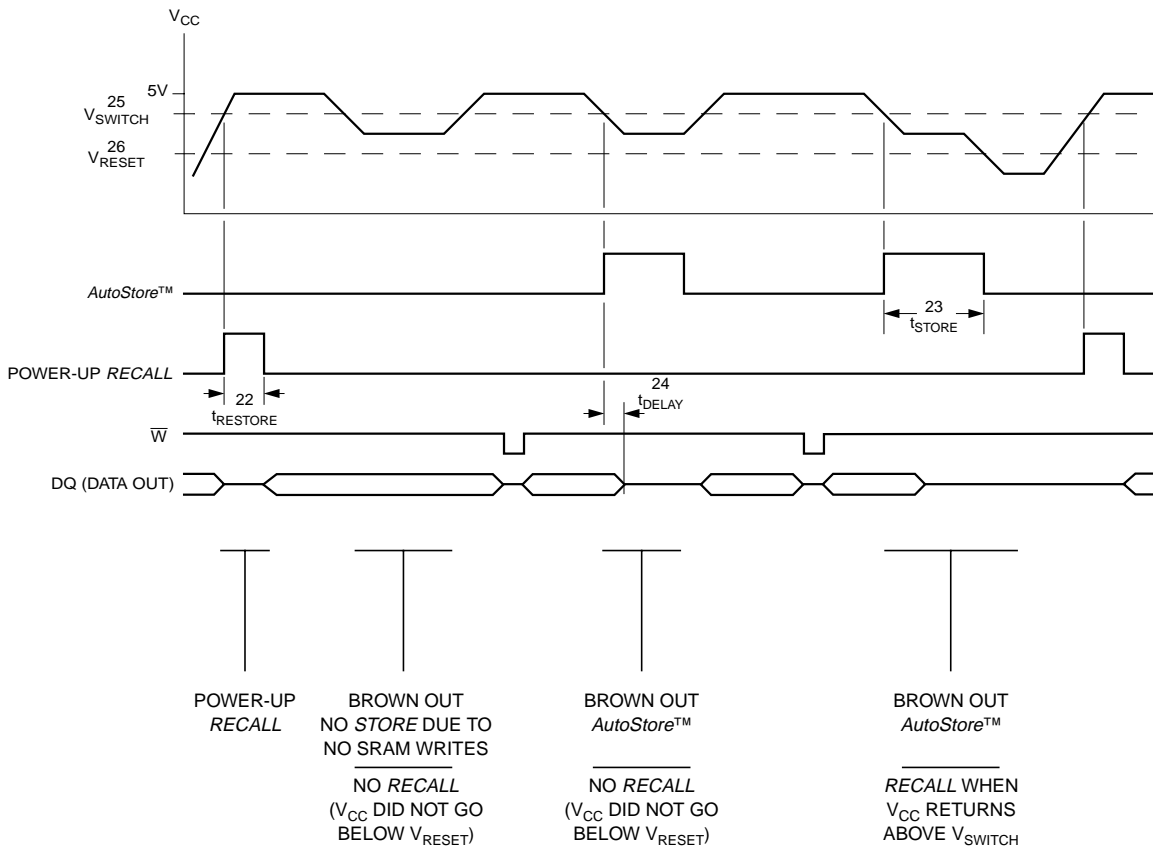
DEVICE OPERATION

The STK25CA8 is a versatile memory module that provides two modes of operation. The STK25CA8 can operate as a standard 128K x 8 SRAM. It has a 128K x 8 EEPROM shadow to which the SRAM information can be copied, or from which the SRAM can be updated in nonvolatile mode.

NOISE CONSIDERATIONS

Note that the STK25CA8 is a high-speed memory and so must have a high frequency bypass capacitor of approximately 0.1μF connected between V_{CC} and V_{SS}, using leads and traces that are as short as possible. As with all high-speed CMOS ICs, normal careful routing of power, ground and signals will help prevent noise problems.

SRAM READ

The STK25CA8 performs a READ cycle whenever $\overline{E}$ and $\overline{G}$ are low and $\overline{W}$ is high. The address specified on pins A_{0-16} determines which of the 131,072 data bytes will be accessed. When the READ is initiated by an address transition, the outputs will be valid after a delay of t_{AVQV} (READ cycle #1). If the READ is initiated by $\overline{E}$ or $\overline{G}$, the outputs will be valid at t_{ELQV} or at t_{GLQV}, whichever is later (READ cycle #2). The data outputs will repeatedly respond to address changes within the t_{AVQV} access time without the need for transitions on any control input pins, and will remain valid until another address change or until $\overline{E}$ or $\overline{G}$ is brought high.

SRAM WRITE

A WRITE cycle is performed whenever $\overline{E}$ and $\overline{W}$ are low. The address inputs must be stable prior to entering the WRITE cycle and must remain stable until either $\overline{E}$ or $\overline{W}$ goes high at the end of the cycle. The data on the common I/O pins DQ_{0-7} will be written into the memory if it is valid t_{DVWH} before the end of a $\overline{W}$ controlled WRITE or t_{DVEH} before the end of an $\overline{E}$ controlled WRITE.

It is recommended that $\overline{G}$ be kept high during the entire WRITE cycle to avoid data bus contention on the common I/O lines. If $\overline{G}$ is left low, internal circuitry will turn off the output buffers t_{WLQZ} after $\overline{W}$ goes low.

AutoStore™ OPERATION

The STK25CA8 uses the intrinsic system capacitance to perform an automatic store on power down. As long as the system power supply takes at least t_{STORE} to decay from V_{SWITCH} down to 3.6V the STK25CA8 will safely and automatically store the SRAM data in EEPROM on power down.

In order to prevent unneeded STORE operations, automatic STOREs will be ignored unless at least one WRITE operation has taken place since the most recent STORE or RECALL cycle.

POWER-UP RECALL

During power up, or after any low-power condition ($V_{CC} < V_{RESET}$), an internal RECALL request will be latched. When V_{CC} once again exceeds the sense voltage of V_{SWITCH}, a RECALL cycle will automatically be initiated and will take $t_{RESTORE}$ to complete.

If the STK25CA8 is in a WRITE state at the end of power-up RECALL, the SRAM data will be corrupted. To help avoid this situation, a 10K Ohm resistor should be connected either between $\overline{W}$ and system V_{CC} or between $\overline{E}$ and system V_{CC}.

HARDWARE PROTECT

The STK25CA8 offers hardware protection against inadvertent STORE operation and SRAM WRITEs during low-voltage conditions. When $V_{CAP} < V_{SWITCH}$, all externally initiated STORE operations and SRAM WRITEs are inhibited.

LOW AVERAGE ACTIVE POWER

The STK25CA8 draws significantly less current when it is cycled at times longer than 50ns. If the chip enable duty cycle is less than 100%, only standby current is drawn when the chip is disabled. The overall average current drawn by the STK25CA8 depends on the following items: 1) CMOS vs. TTL input levels; 2) the duty cycle of chip enable; 3) the overall cycle rate for accesses; 4) the ratio of READs to WRITEs; 5) the operating temperature; 6) the V_{CC} level; and 7) I/O loading.

ORDERING INFORMATION

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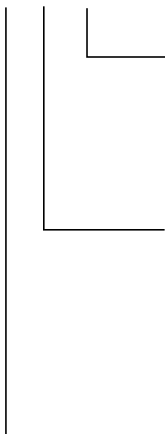
Temperature Range
Blank = Commercial (0 to 70˚C)
I = Industrial (–40 to 85˚C)

Access Time
35 = 35ns
45 = 45ns

Package
D = 32-pin 600 mil Dual In-Line Module