# 74HC238; 74HCT238

# 3-to-8 line decoder/demultiplexer

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**Product data sheet** 

### 1. General description

The 74HC238; 74HCT238 decodes three binary weighted address inputs (A0, A1 and A2) to eight mutually exclusive outputs (Y0 to Y7). The device features three enable inputs ( $\overline{E}1$  and  $\overline{E}2$  and E3). Every output will be LOW unless  $\overline{E}1$  and  $\overline{E}2$  are LOW and E3 is HIGH. This multiple enable function allows easy parallel expansion to a 1-of-32 (5 to 32 lines) decoder with just four '238 ICs and one inverter. The '238 can be used as an eight output demultiplexer by using one of the active LOW enable inputs as the data input and the remaining enable inputs as strobes. Inputs include clamp diodes. This enables the use of current limiting resistors to interface inputs to voltages in excess of  $V_{CC}$ .

#### 2. Features and benefits

- · Demultiplexing capability
- Multiple input enable for easy expansion
- · Ideal for memory chip select decoding
- · Active HIGH mutually exclusive outputs
- Multiple package options
- Complies with JEDEC standard no. 7A
- Input levels:
  - For 74HC238: CMOS level
  - For 74HCT238: TTL level
- ESD protection:
  - HBM JESD22-A114F exceeds 2000 V
  - MM JESD22-A115-A exceeds 200 V
- Specified from -40 °C to +85 °C and from -40 °C to +125 °C

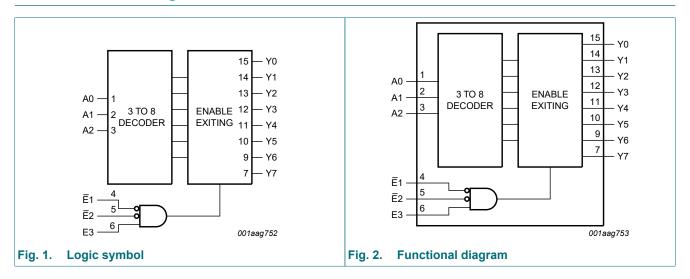
# 3. Ordering information

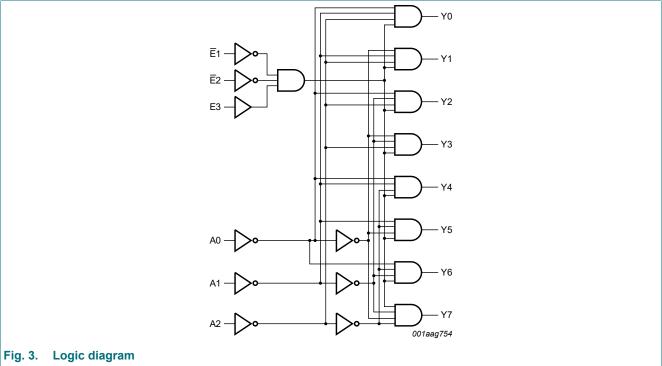
**Table 1. Ordering information** 

Type number	Package			
	Temperature range	Name	Description	Version
74HC238D	-40 °C to +125 °C	SO16	plastic small outline package; 16 leads;	SOT109-1
74HCT238D			body width 3.9 mm	
74HCT238DB	-40 °C to +125 °C	SSOP16	plastic shrink small outline package; 16 leads; body width 5.3 mm	SOT338-1
74HC238PW	-40 °C to +125 °C	TSSOP16	plastic thin shrink small outline package; 16 leads;	SOT403-1
74HCT238PW			body width 4.4 mm	
74HC238BQ	-40 °C to +125 °C	DHVQFN16	plastic dual in-line compatible thermal enhanced	SOT763-1
74HCT238BQ			very thin quad flat package; no leads; 16 terminals; body 2.5 × 3.5 × 0.85 mm	



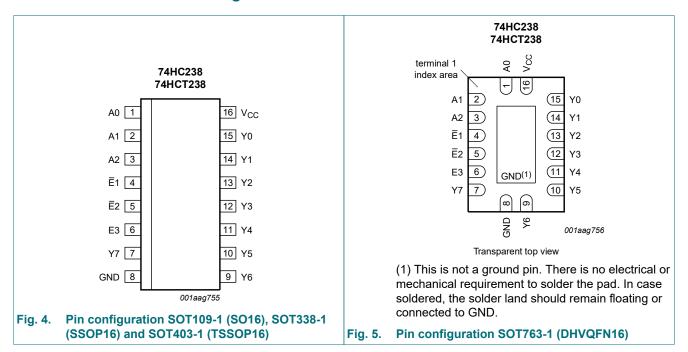
# 4. Functional diagram





# 5. Pinning information

#### 5.1. Pinning



### 5.2. Pin description

Table 2. Pin description

Symbol	Pin	Description
A0, A1, A2	1, 2, 3	address input
Ē1, Ē2	4, 5	enable input (active LOW)
E3	6	enable input (active HIGH)
Y0, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7	15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 7	output
GND	8	ground (0 V)
V <sub>CC</sub>	16	supply voltage

# 6. Functional description

#### **Table 3. Function table**

 $H = HIGH \ voltage \ level; \ L = LOW \ voltage \ level; \ X = don't \ care.$ 

Inputs						Outputs									
E1	E2	E3	A0	A1	A2	Y0	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7		
Н	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		
Χ	Н	Х	Х	Х	Х	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		
X	Х	L	Х	Х	Х	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		
L	L	Н	L	L	L	Н	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		
L	L	Н	Н	L	L	L	Н	L	L	L	L	L	L		
L	L	Н	L	Н	L	L	L	Н	L	L	L	L	L		
L	L	Н	Н	Н	L	L	L	L	Н	L	L	L	L		
L	L	Н	L	L	Н	L	L	L	L	Н	L	L	L		
L	L	Н	Н	L	Н	L	L	L	L	L	Н	L	L		
L	L	Н	L	Н	Н	L	L	L	L	L	L	Н	L		
L	L	Н	Н	Н	Н	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	Н		

# 7. Limiting values

#### **Table 4. Limiting values**

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134). Voltages are referenced to GND (ground = 0 V).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
$V_{CC}$	supply voltage		-0.5	+7	V
I <sub>IK</sub>	input clamping current	$V_{I} < -0.5 \text{ V or } V_{I} > V_{CC} + 0.5 \text{ V}$ [1]	-	±20	mA
I <sub>OK</sub>	output clamping current	$V_O < -0.5 \text{ V or } V_O > V_{CC} + 0.5 \text{ V}$ [1]	-	±20	mA
Io	output current	$-0.5 \text{ V} < \text{V}_{\text{O}} < \text{V}_{\text{CC}} + 0.5 \text{ V}$	-	±25	mA
I <sub>CC</sub>	supply current		-	50	mA
$I_{GND}$	ground current		-50	-	mA
T <sub>stg</sub>	storage temperature		-65	+150	°C
P <sub>tot</sub>	total power dissipation	[2]	-	500	mW

<sup>[1]</sup> The input and output voltage ratings may be exceeded if the input and output current ratings are observed.

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[2] For SOT109-1 (SO16) package: Ptot derates linearly with 12.4 mW/K above 110 °C.
For SOT338-1 (SSOP16) package: Ptot derates linearly with 8.5 mW/K above 91 °C.
For SOT403-1 (TSSOP16) package: Ptot derates linearly with 8.5 mW/K above 91 °C.
For SOT763-1 (DHVQFN16) package: Ptot derates linearly with 11.2 mW/K above 106 °C.

# 8. Recommended operating conditions

#### Table 5. Recommended operating conditions

Voltages are referenced to GND (ground = 0 V).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		74HC238	3	7	4HCT23	8	Unit
			Min	Тур	Max	Min	Тур	Max	
V <sub>CC</sub>	supply voltage		2.0	5.0	6.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	V
VI	input voltage		0	-	V <sub>CC</sub>	0	-	V <sub>CC</sub>	V
Vo	output voltage		0	-	V <sub>CC</sub>	0	-	Vcc	V
T <sub>amb</sub>	ambient temperature		-40	-	+125	-40	-	+125	°C
Δt/ΔV	input transition rise and fall rate	V <sub>CC</sub> = 2.0 V	-	-	625	-	-	-	ns/V
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V	-	1.67	139	-	1.67	139	ns/V
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 6.0 V	-	-	83	-	-	-	ns/V

### 9. Static characteristics

#### **Table 6. Static characteristics**

At recommended operating conditions; voltages are referenced to GND (ground = 0 V).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		25 °C			°C to 5 °C	_	°C to 5 °C	Unit
			Min	Тур	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
74HC23	8									
V <sub>IH</sub>	HIGH-level	V <sub>CC</sub> = 2.0 V	1.5	1.2	-	1.5	-	1.5	-	V
	input voltage	V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V	3.15	2.4	-	3.15	-	3.15	-	V
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 6.0 V	4.2	3.2	-	4.2	-	4.2	-	V
V <sub>IL</sub>	LOW-level	V <sub>CC</sub> = 2.0 V	-	0.8	0.5	-	0.5	-	0.5	V
	input voltage	V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V	-	2.1	1.35	-	1.35	-	1.35	V
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 6.0 V	-	2.8	1.8	-	1.8	-	1.8	V
V <sub>OH</sub>	HIGH-level	$V_I = V_{IH}$ or $V_{IL}$								
	output voltage	I <sub>O</sub> = -20 μA; V <sub>CC</sub> = 2.0 V	1.9	2.0	-	1.9	-	1.9	-	V
		I <sub>O</sub> = -20 μA; V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V	4.4	4.5	-	4.4	-	4.4	-	V
		I <sub>O</sub> = -20 μA; V <sub>CC</sub> = 6.0 V	5.9	6.0	-	5.9	-	5.9	-	V
		I <sub>O</sub> = -4.0 mA; V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V	3.98	4.32	-	3.84	-	3.7	-	V
		I <sub>O</sub> = -5.2 mA; V <sub>CC</sub> = 6.0 V	5.48	5.81	-	5.34	-	5.2	-	V
V <sub>OL</sub>	LOW-level	$V_I = V_{IH}$ or $V_{IL}$								
	output voltage	I <sub>O</sub> = 20 μA; V <sub>CC</sub> = 2.0 V	-	0	0.1	-	0.1	-	0.1	V
		I <sub>O</sub> = 20 μA; V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V	-	0	0.1	-	0.1	-	0.1	V
		I <sub>O</sub> = 20 μA; V <sub>CC</sub> = 6.0 V	-	0	0.1	-	0.1	-	0.1	V
		I <sub>O</sub> = 4.0 mA; V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V	-	0.15	0.26	-	0.33	-	0.4	V
		I <sub>O</sub> = 5.2 mA; V <sub>CC</sub> = 6.0 V	-	0.16	0.26	-	0.33	-	0.4	V
l <sub>l</sub>	input leakage current	$V_I = V_{CC}$ or GND; $V_{CC} = 6.0 \text{ V}$	-	-	±0.1	-	±1.0	-	±1.0	μΑ
I <sub>CC</sub>	supply current	$V_I = V_{CC}$ or GND; $I_O = 0$ A; $V_{CC} = 6.0 \text{ V}$	-	-	8.0	-	80	-	160	μΑ
Cı	input capacitance		-	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	pF

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		25 °C			°C to 5 °C		°C to 5 °C	Unit
			Min	Тур	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
74HCT2	38		-					'		
V <sub>IH</sub>	HIGH-level input voltage	V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V to 5.5 V	2.0	1.6	-	2.0	-	2.0	-	V
V <sub>IL</sub>	LOW-level input voltage	V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V to 5.5 V	-	1.2	0.8	-	0.8	-	0.8	V
V <sub>OH</sub>	HIGH-level	$V_I = V_{IH}$ or $V_{IL}$ ; $V_{CC} = 4.5 V$								
output voltage		I <sub>O</sub> = -20 μA	4.4	4.5	-	4.4	-	4.4	-	V
		I <sub>O</sub> = -4.0 mA	3.98	4.32	-	3.84	-	3.7	-	V
V <sub>OL</sub> LOW-level	$V_I = V_{IH}$ or $V_{IL}$ ; $V_{CC} = 4.5 V$									
	output voltage	Ι <sub>Ο</sub> = 20 μΑ	-	0	0.1	-	0.1	-	0.1	V
		I <sub>O</sub> = 4.0 mA	-	0.16	0.26	-	0.33	-	0.4	V
I <sub>I</sub>	input leakage current	$V_I = V_{CC}$ or GND; $V_{CC} = 5.5 \text{ V}$	-	-	±0.1	-	±1.0	-	±1.0	μA
I <sub>CC</sub>	supply current	$V_I = V_{CC}$ or GND; $V_{CC} = 5.5 \text{ V}$ ; $I_O = 0 \text{ A}$	-	-	8.0	-	80	-	160	μA
ΔI <sub>CC</sub>	additional supply current	per input pin; $V_I = V_{CC} - 2.1 \text{ V}; I_O = 0 \text{ A};$ other inputs at $V_{CC}$ or GND; $V_{CC} = 4.5 \text{ V}$ to 5.5 V								
		An inputs	-	70	252	-	315	-	343	μΑ
		Ē1, Ē2 inputs	-	40	144	-	180	-	196	μΑ
		E3 input	-	145	522	-	653	-	711	μΑ
Cı	input capacitance		-	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	pF

# 10. Dynamic characteristics

#### **Table 7. Dynamic characteristics**

GND = 0 V; test circuit see Fig. 8.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		25 °C			°C to 5 °C		°C to 5 °C	Unit
			Min	Тур	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
74HC23	8									
t <sub>pd</sub>	propagation	An to Yn; see Fig. 6 [1]								
	delay	V <sub>CC</sub> = 2.0 V	-	47	150	-	190	-	225	ns
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V	-	17	30	-	38	-	45	ns
		$V_{CC} = 5.0 \text{ V}; C_L = 15 \text{ pF}$	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	ns
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 6.0 V	-	14	26	-	33	-	38	ns
		E3 to Yn; see Fig. 6 [1]								
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 2.0 V	-	52	160	-	200	-	240	ns
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V	-	19	32	-	40	-	48	ns
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.0 V; C <sub>L</sub> = 15 pF	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	ns
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 6.0 V	-	15	27	-	34	-	41	ns
		En to Yn or see Fig. 7 [1]								
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 2.0 V	-	50	155	-	195	-	235	ns
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V	-	18	31	-	39	-	47	ns
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.0 V; C <sub>L</sub> = 15 pF	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	ns
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 6.0 V	-	14	26	-	33	-	40	ns
t <sub>t</sub>	transition time	see Fig. 6 and Fig. 7 [2]								
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 2.0 V	-	19	75	-	95	-	110	ns
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V	-	7	15	-	19	-	22	ns
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 6.0 V	-	6	13	-	16	-	19	ns
C <sub>PD</sub>	power dissipation capacitance	per package; V <sub>I</sub> = GND to V <sub>CC</sub> [3]	-	72	-	-	-	-	-	pF

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions			25 °C		_	°C to 5 °C	_	°C to 5 °C	Unit
				Min	Тур	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
74HCT2	38										
t <sub>pd</sub>	propagation	An to Yn; see Fig. 6	[1]								
	delay	V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V		-	19	35	-	44	-	53	ns
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.0 V; C <sub>L</sub> = 15 pF		-	18	-	-	-	-	-	ns
		E3 to Yn; see Fig. 6	[1]								
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V		-	20	37	-	46	-	56	ns
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.0 V; C <sub>L</sub> = 15 pF		-	20	-	-	-	-	-	ns
		En to Yn or see Fig. 7	[1]								
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V		-	20	35	-	44	-	53	ns
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.0 V; C <sub>L</sub> = 15 pF		-	21	-	-	-	-	-	ns
t <sub>t</sub>	transition time	V <sub>CC</sub> = 4.5 V; see <u>Fig. 6</u> and <u>Fig. 7</u>	[2]	-	7	15	-	19	-	22	ns
C <sub>PD</sub>	power dissipation capacitance	per package; V <sub>I</sub> = GND to V <sub>CC</sub> - 1.5 V	[3]	-	76	-	-	-	-	-	pF

- [1]  $t_{\text{pd}}$  is the same as  $t_{\text{PHL}}$  and  $t_{\text{PLH}}.$
- [2]  $t_t$  is the same as  $t_{THL}$  and  $t_{TLH}$ .
- [3]  $C_{PD}$  is used to determine the dynamic power dissipation ( $P_D$  in  $\mu$ W):

 $P_D = C_{PD} \times V_{CC}^2 \times f_i \times N + \sum_i (C_L \times V_{CC}^2 \times f_o)$  where:

 $f_i$  = input frequency in MHz;

f<sub>o</sub> = output frequency in MHz;

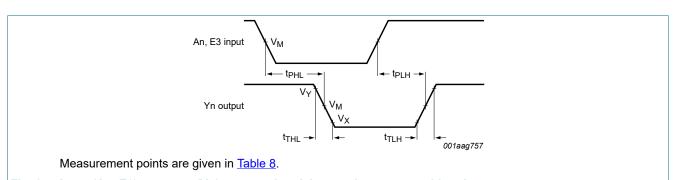
C<sub>L</sub> = output load capacitance in pF;

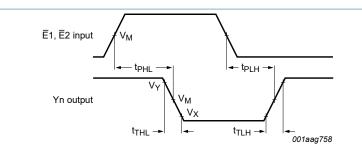
V<sub>CC</sub> = supply voltage in V;

N = number of inputs switching;

 $\sum (C_L \times V_{CC}^2 \times f_0) = \text{sum of outputs.}$ 

#### 10.1. Waveforms and test circuit



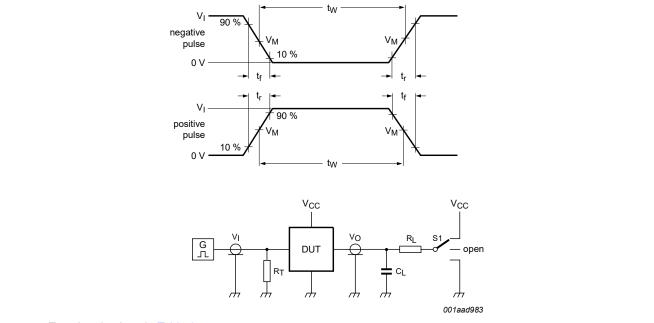


Measurement points are given in Table 8.

Fig. 7. Input ( $\overline{E}1$ ,  $\overline{E}2$ ) to output (Yn) propagation delays and output transition times

**Table 8. Measurement points** 

Туре	Input	Output						
	V <sub>M</sub>	V <sub>M</sub>	V <sub>X</sub>	V <sub>Y</sub>				
74HC238	0.5V <sub>CC</sub>	0.5V <sub>CC</sub>	0.1V <sub>CC</sub>	0.9V <sub>CC</sub>				
74HCT238	1.3 V	1.3 V	0.1V <sub>CC</sub>	0.9V <sub>CC</sub>				



Test data is given in Table 9.

Definitions for test circuit:

 $R_{T}$  = Termination resistance should be equal to output impedance  $Z_{\text{o}}$  of the pulse generator.

 $\ensuremath{\text{C}_{\text{L}}}$  = Load capacitance including jig and probe capacitance.

 $R_L$  = Load resistance.

S1 = Test selection switch

Fig. 8. Test circuit for measuring switching times

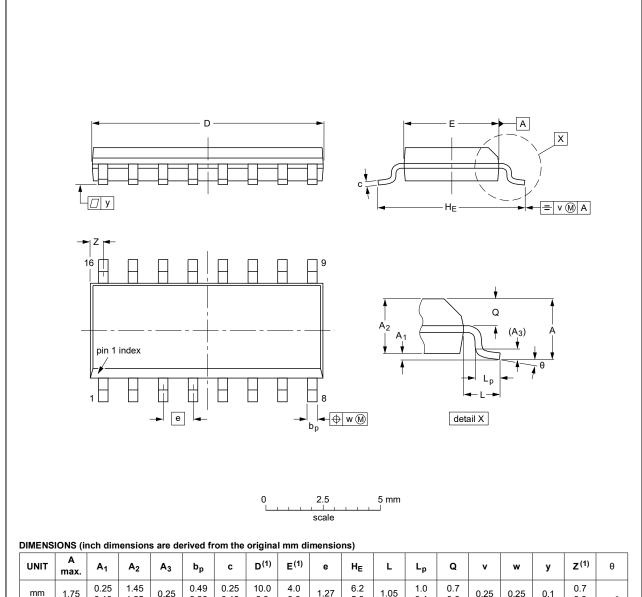
Table 9. Test data

Туре	Input		Load		S1 position
	V <sub>I</sub>	t <sub>r</sub> , t <sub>f</sub>	CL	$R_L$	t <sub>PHL</sub> , t <sub>PLH</sub>
74HC238	V <sub>CC</sub>	6 ns	15 pF, 50 pF	1 kΩ	open
74HCT238	3 V	6 ns	15 pF, 50 pF	1 kΩ	open

# 11. Package outline

#### SO16: plastic small outline package; 16 leads; body width 3.9 mm

SOT109-1



UN	IT ma		A <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>	<b>A</b> <sub>3</sub>	bp	С	D <sup>(1)</sup>	E <sup>(1)</sup>	е	HE	L	Lp	Q	v	w	у	Z <sup>(1)</sup>	θ
mr	n 1.1	75	0.25 0.10	1.45 1.25	0.25	0.49 0.36	0.25 0.19	10.0 9.8	4.0 3.8	1.27	6.2 5.8	1.05	1.0 0.4	0.7 0.6	0.25	0.25	0.1	0.7 0.3	8°
inch	es 0.0	069	0.010 0.004	0.057 0.049	0.01		0.0100 0.0075	0.39 0.38	0.16 0.15	0.05	0.244 0.228	0.041	0.039 0.016	0.028 0.020	0.01	0.01	0.004	0.028 0.012	0°

#### Note

1. Plastic or metal protrusions of 0.15 mm (0.006 inch) maximum per side are not included.

OUTLINE		REFER	ENCES	EUROPEAN	ISSUE DATE
VERSION	IEC	JEDEC	JEITA	PROJECTION	ISSUE DATE
SOT109-1	076E07	MS-012			<del>99-12-27</del> 03-02-19

Fig. 9. Package outline SOT109-1 (SO16)

#### SSOP16: plastic shrink small outline package; 16 leads; body width 5.3 mm

SOT338-1

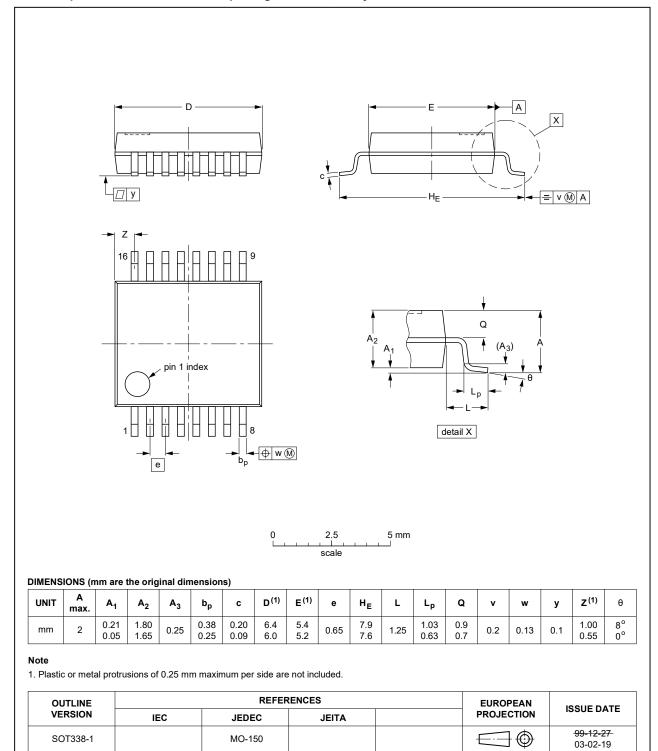
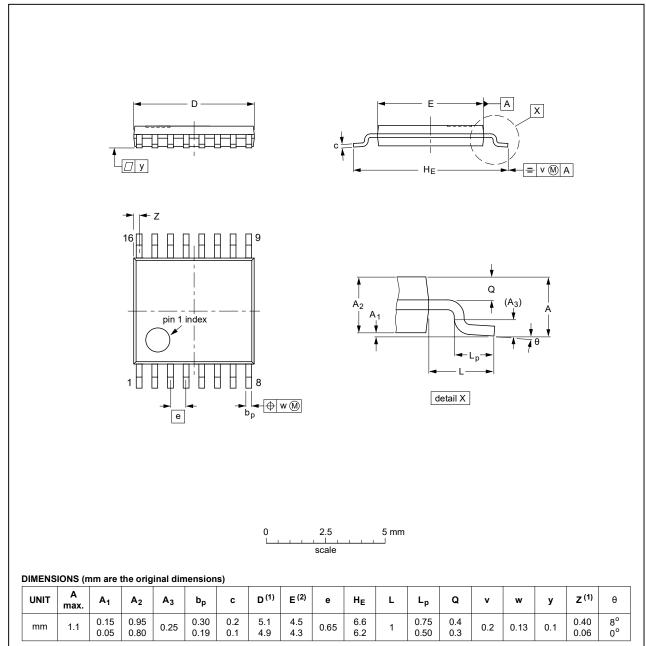


Fig. 10. Package outline SOT338-1 (SSOP16)

TSSOP16: plastic thin shrink small outline package; 16 leads; body width 4.4 mm

SOT403-1



#### Notes

- 1. Plastic or metal protrusions of 0.15 mm maximum per side are not included.
- 2. Plastic interlead protrusions of 0.25 mm maximum per side are not included.

OUTLINE		REFERENCES			EUROPEAN	ISSUE DATE
VERSION	IEC	JEDEC	JEITA		PROJECTION	ISSUE DATE
SOT403-1		MO-153				<del>99-12-27</del> 03-02-18

Fig. 11. Package outline SOT403-1 (TSSOP16)

DHVQFN16: plastic dual in-line compatible thermal enhanced very thin quad flat package; no leads; 16 terminals; body 2.5 x 3.5 x 0.85 mm SOT763-1

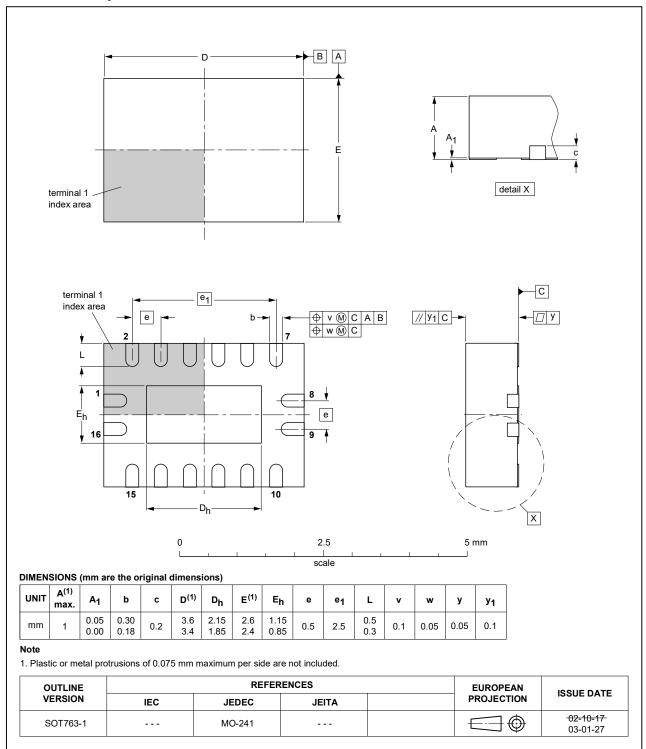


Fig. 12. Package outline SOT763-1 (DHVQFN16)

### 12. Abbreviations

#### **Table 10. Abbreviations**

Acronym	Description
CMOS	Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor
DUT	Device Under Test
ESD	ElectroStatic Discharge
НВМ	Human Body Model
MM	Machine Model
TTL	Transistor-Transistor Logic

# 13. Revision history

#### **Table 11. Revision history**

Document ID	Release date	Data sheet status	Change notice	Supersedes
74HC_HCT238 v.6	20200403	Product data sheet	-	74HC_HCT238 v.5
Modifications:		er 74HC238DB (SOT338-1 rating values for P <sub>tot</sub> total p		updated.
74HC_HCT238 v.5	20180613	Product data sheet	-	74HC_HCT238 v.4
Modifications:	guidelines o	have been adapted to the i	J	
74HC_HCT238 v.4	20160127	Product data sheet	-	74HC_HCT238 v.3
Modifications:	Type number	ers 74HC238N and 74HCT	238N (SOT38-4)	removed.
74HC_HCT238 v.3	20070716	Product data sheet	-	74HC_HCT238_CNV v.2
Modifications:	guidelines o Legal texts	of this data sheet has beer of NXP Semiconductors. have been adapted to the number 74HC238BQ and	new company nar	ne where appropriate.
74HC_HCT238_CNV v.2	19970828	Product specification	-	-

### 14. Legal information

#### **Data sheet status**

Document status [1][2]	Product status [3]	Definition
Objective [short] data sheet	Development	This document contains data from the objective specification for product development.
Preliminary [short] data sheet	Qualification	This document contains data from the preliminary specification.
Product [short] data sheet	Production	This document contains the product specification.

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