

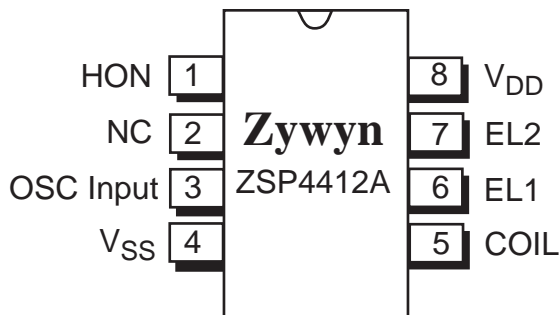
**Electroluminescent Lamp Driver**  
**Super Low Standby Current**

**Features**

- +2.2V to +3.6V battery operation
- 50nA maximum standby current (10nA typical)
- High voltage output typical 160V<sub>pp</sub>
- External oscillator required
- Enable control pin


**Applications**


- Watches
- Pagers
- Backlit LCD displays

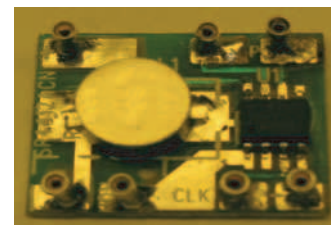
**Pin Configuration**

**8-Pin nSOIC/MSOP**
**General Description**

The ZSP4412A is a high voltage output DC-AC converter that can operate from a +2.2V to +3.6V power supply. The ZSP4412A is designed with our proprietary high voltage BiCMOS technology and is capable of supplying up to 250V<sub>pp</sub> signals, making it ideal for driving small electroluminescent lamps. The device features 10nA (typical) standby current, for use in low power portable products. An inductor is used to generate the high voltage, and an external oscillator is needed as a clock source. The ZSP4412A is offered in an 8-pin narrow SOIC package or an 8-pin MSOP package. For delivery in die form, please consult the factory.

**Ordering Information**

Part Number	Temperature Range	Package Type
ZSP4412ACN	0°C to +70°C	8-Pin nSOIC
ZSP4412ACU	0°C to +70°C	8-Pin MSOP
ZSP4412ALCU	0°C to +70°C	8-Pin MSOP Green 
ZSP4412ACX	0°C to +70°C	Die in Wafflepack
ZSP4412ACW	0°C to +70°C	Die in Wafer Form
ZSP4412ANEB	n/a	nSOIC Eval. Board
ZSP4412AU EB	n/a	MSOP Eval. Board

Please contact the factory for pricing, availability on Tape-and-Reel, and Green Package  options.



Please contact the factory for EL driver design support and availability of custom-made evaluation demo boards.

See our web site for Application Note **AN007** regarding requirements for custom-made evaluation demo boards.

## Absolute Maximum Ratings

These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these ratings or any other above those indicated in the operation sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods of time may affect reliability.

$V_{DD}$ .....	+5.0V
Input Voltages/Currents	
HON (pin 1) .....	-0.5V to ( $V_{DD} + 0.5V$ )
COIL (pin 5).....	60mA
Lamp Output .....	250V <sub>PP</sub>
Storage Temperature .....	-65°C to +150°C
Operating Temperature .....	-0°C to +70°C
Power Dissipation Per Package	
8-pin nSOIC (derate 6.14mW/°C above +70°C) ..	500mW
8-pin $\mu$ SOIC (derate 4.85mW/°C above +70°C) ..	390mW

## Storage Considerations

Storage in a low humidity environment is preferred. Large high density plastic packages are moisture sensitive and should be stored in Dry Vapor Barrier Bags. Prior to usage, the parts should remain bagged and stored below 40°C and 60%RH. If the parts are removed from the bag, they should be used within 168 hours or stored in an environment at or below 20%RH. If the above conditions cannot be followed, the parts should be baked for 12 hours at 125°C in order to remove moisture prior to soldering. Zywyn ships product in Dry Vapor Barrier Bags with a humidity indicator card and desiccant pack. The humidity indicator should be below 30%RH. The MSL of this product is 3.

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## Electrical Characteristics

$T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_{DD} = +3.0V$ ,  $C_{LAMP} = 2000\text{pF}$ , Coil = 30mH at 125 $\Omega$ ; External Oscillator = 32,768Hz unless otherwise noted.

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
$V_{DD}$	Supply Voltage		2.2	3.0	3.6	V
$I_{COIL} + I_{DD}$	Supply Current	$V_{HON} = V_{DD} = +3.0V$		5	20	mA
$V_{COIL}$	Coil Voltage		$V_{DD}$		3.6	V
$V_{HON}$	HON Input Voltage LOW: EL off HIGH: EL on		-0.25 $V_{DD} - 0.25$	0 $V_{DD}$	0.25 $V_{DD} + 0.25$	V
$I_{HON}$	HON Current	$V_{HON} = V_{DD} = +3.0V$	1	10	100	$\mu\text{A}$
$I_{SD} = I_{COIL} + I_{DD}$	Shutdown Current	$V_{HON} = 0V$		10	50	nA

### INDUCTOR DRIVE

$f_{COIL} = f_{LAMP} \times 32$	Coil Frequency	Input Oscillator = 32768Hz		8192		Hz
	Coil Duty Cycle			75		%
$I_{PK-COIL}$	Peak Coil Current	Guaranteed by design			60	mA

### EL LAMP OUTPUT

$f_{LAMP}$	EL Lamp Frequency	Input Oscillator = 32768Hz		256		Hz
$V_{PP}$	Peak-to-Peak Output Voltage		120	160		$V_{PP}$

### Block Diagram

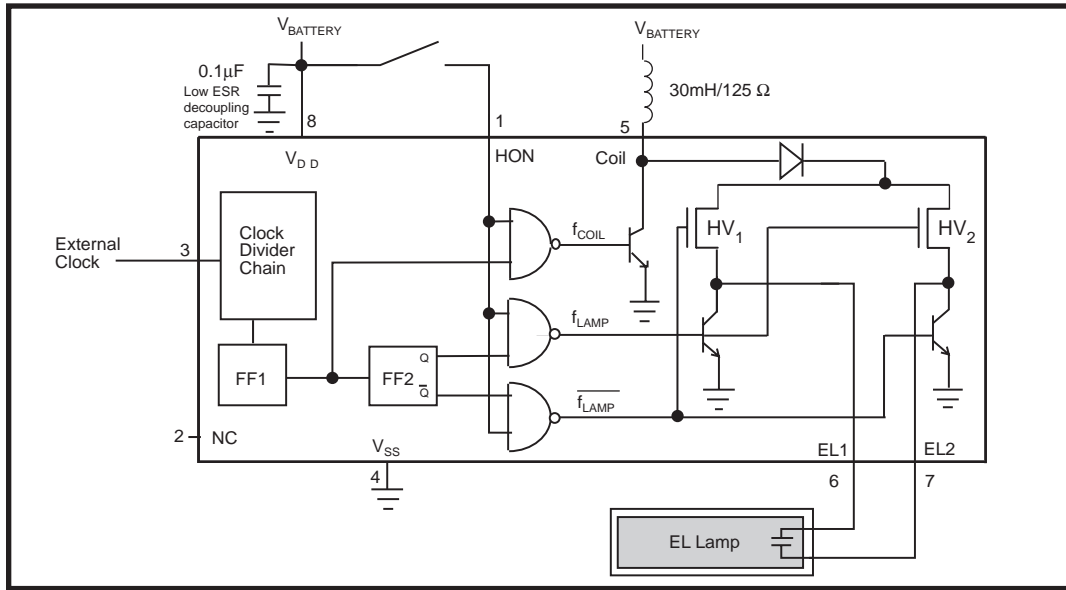
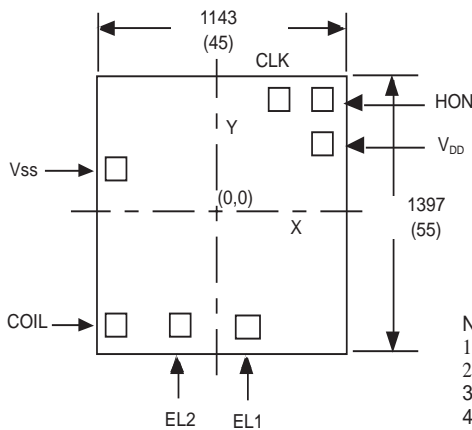


Figure 1. ZSP4412A Block Diagram

### Pin Description

Pin Number	Pin Name	Pin Function
1	HON	Enable for driver operation: high = active; low = inactive.
2	NC	No connect.
3	OSC INPUT	Oscillator clock input.
4	V <sub>SS</sub>	Power supply common: connect to ground.
5	COIL	Coil input: connect coil from V <sub>DD</sub> to this pin.
6	EL1	Lamp driver output 1: connect to EL lamp.
7	EL2	Lamp driver output 2: connect to EL lamp.
8	V <sub>DD</sub>	Positive supply.

### Bonding Diagram



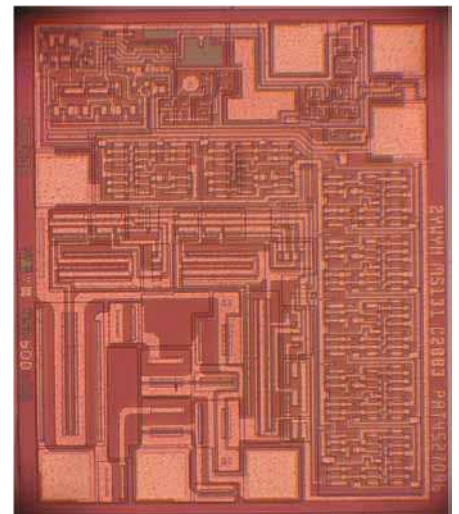
Measured from center of Pads.

PIN	X	Y
CLK	218.5	555.5
HON	418.5	555.5
V <sub>DD</sub>	418.5	339.5
EL2	-178.0	-555.5
EL1	95.5	-555.5
COIL	-416.0	-555.5
V <sub>SS</sub>	-416.0	219.0

NOTES:

- Dimensions are in microns unless otherwise noted (mils).
- Bonding pads are 125 x 125 microns typical.
- Outside dimensions are maximum including scribe area.
- Die thickness is 11 mils +/- 1.
- Pad center coordinates are relative to the die center.
- Die substrate down-bonds to V<sub>SS</sub> (GND).
- Die mask number is MS131.
- Die size 1143 x 1397 (45 x 55 mils).

### Die Photo



## Circuit Description

The ZSP4412A is made up of three basic circuit elements, a divider chain, a coil, and a switched H-bridge network. The countdown chain provides the circuit with a clock source used to control the charge and discharge phases for the coil and lamp. An external oscillator is required and is delivered to pin 3 of the SO-8 package or to the “OSC IN” pad of the bare die. If a clock frequency other than 32kHz is used, the output of the driver as well as the amount of current used, will be affected.

The suggested oscillator frequency is 32,768Hz. This clock frequency is internally divided to create two internal control signals,  $f_{\text{COIL}}$  and  $f_{\text{LAMP}}$ . The output is internally divided down by 7 flip-flops; therefore, a 32,768Hz signal will be divided into the following frequencies; 32, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1, 0.5 and 0.25kHz. The second flip flop output (8kHz) is used to drive the coil (see *Figure 4*) and the seventh flip flop output (256Hz) is used to drive the lamp. Although the oscillator frequency can be varied to optimize the lamp output, the ratio of  $f_{\text{COIL}}/f_{\text{LAMP}}$  will always equal 32.

The external clock should have a 50% duty cycle and range from  $V_{\text{DD}}$  to ground. The maximum external clock frequency is 128kHz. The coil is an external component connected from  $V_{\text{BATT}}$  to pin 5 of the ZSP4412A. Energy is stored in the coil according to the equation  $E_L = 1/2(LI_P)^2$  where  $I_P$ , to the first approximation, is the product  $I_P = (t_{\text{ON}})((V_{\text{BATT}} - V_{\text{CE}})/L)$ , where  $t_{\text{ON}}$  is the time it takes for the coil to reach its peak current,  $V_{\text{CE}}$  is the voltage drop across the internal NPN switch transistor, and  $L$  is the inductance of the coil. When the NPN transistor switch is off, the energy is forced through an internal diode which drives the switched H-bridge network. This energy recovery is directly related to the brightness of the EL lamp output. There are many variations among coils; magnetic material differences, winding differences and parasitic capacitances. The Zywyn ZSP4412A is final tested using a 30mH/125 $\Omega$  coil. For suggested coil sources see, “Coil Manufacturers.”

The  $f_{\text{COIL}}$  signal controls a switch that connects the end of the coil at pin 5 to ground or to open circuit. The  $f_{\text{COIL}}$  signal is a 75% duty cycle square wave, switching at 1/4 the oscillator frequency, (for a 32kHz oscillator  $f_{\text{COIL}}$  is 8kHz). During the time when the  $f_{\text{COIL}}$  signal is high, the coil is connected from  $V_{\text{BATT}}$  to ground and a charged magnetic field is created in the coil. During the low part of  $f_{\text{COIL}}$ , the ground connection is switched open, the field collapses, and the energy in the inductor is forced to flow toward the high voltage H-bridge switches.  $f_{\text{COIL}}$  will send 16 of these charge pulses to the lamp, each pulse increases the voltage drop across the lamp in discrete

steps. As the voltage potential approaches its maximum, the steps become shorter (see *Figure 3*).

The H-bridge consists of two proprietary low on-resistance high voltage switches. These two switches control the polarity of how the lamp is charged. The high voltage switches are controlled by the  $f_{\text{LAMP}}$  signal which is the oscillator frequency divided by 128. For a 32kHz oscillator,  $f_{\text{LAMP}} = 250\text{Hz}$ .

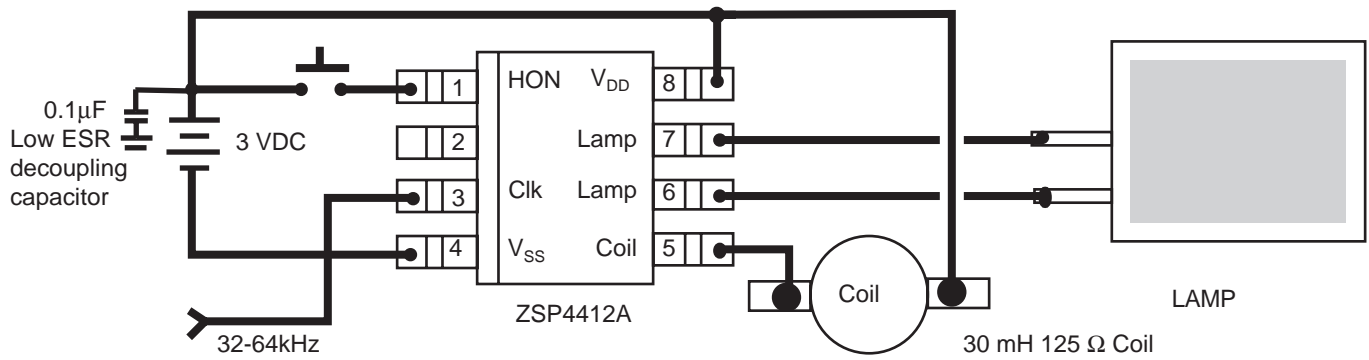
The direction of current flow is determined by which high voltage switch is enabled. One full cycle of the H-bridge will create 16 voltage steps from ground to 80V (typical) on pins 6 and 7 which are 180 degrees out of phase with each other (see *Figure 5*). A differential view of the outputs is shown in *Figure 6*.

## Electroluminescent Technology

### What is electroluminescence?

An EL lamp is basically a strip of plastic that is coated with a phosphorous material which emits light (fluoresces) when a high voltage (>40V) which was first applied across it, is removed or reversed. Long periods of DC voltages applied to the material tend to breakdown the material and reduce its lifetime. With these considerations in mind, the ideal signal to drive an EL lamp is a high voltage sine wave. Traditional approaches to achieving this type of waveform included discrete circuits incorporating a transformer, transistors, and several resistors and capacitors. This approach is large and bulky, and cannot be implemented in most hand held equipment. Zywyn now offers low power single chip driver circuits specifically designed to drive small to medium sized electroluminescent panels. All that is required is an external inductor and an external clock signal. Electroluminescent backlighting is ideal when used with LCD displays, keypads, or other backlit readouts. Its main use is to illuminate displays in dim to dark conditions for momentary periods of time. EL lamps typically consume less current than LEDs or incandescent bulbs making them ideal for battery powered products. Also, EL lamps are able to evenly light an area without creating “hot spots” in the display. The amount of light emitted is a function of the voltage applied to the lamp, the frequency at which it is applied, the lamp material used and its size, and lastly, the inductor used. There are many variables which can be optimized for specific applications.

**Typical Application**



**Figure 2. Typical Application Circuit**

*Contact factory for additional technical and application support*

Waveforms

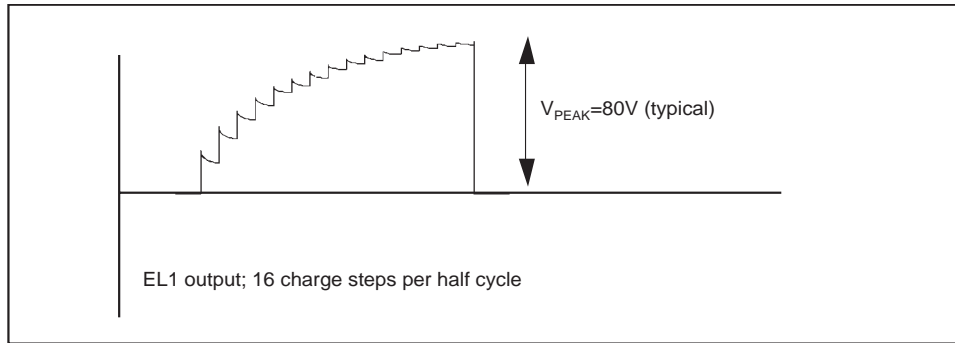


Figure 3. EL Output Voltage in Discrete Steps at EL1 Output

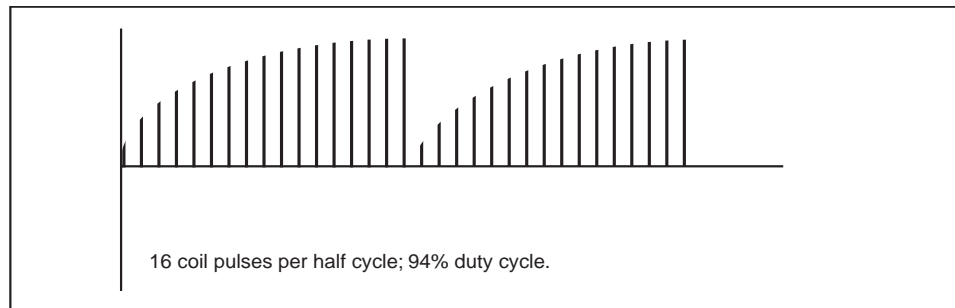


Figure 4. Voltage Pulses Released from the Coil to the EL Driver Circuitry

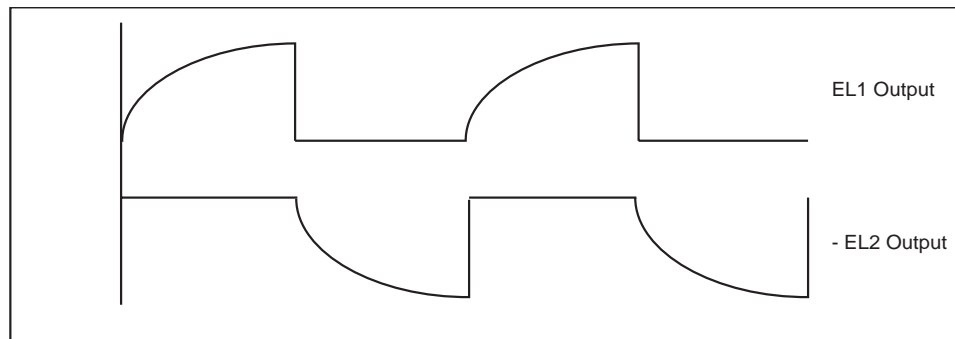


Figure 5. EL Voltage Waveforms from the EL1 and EL2 Outputs

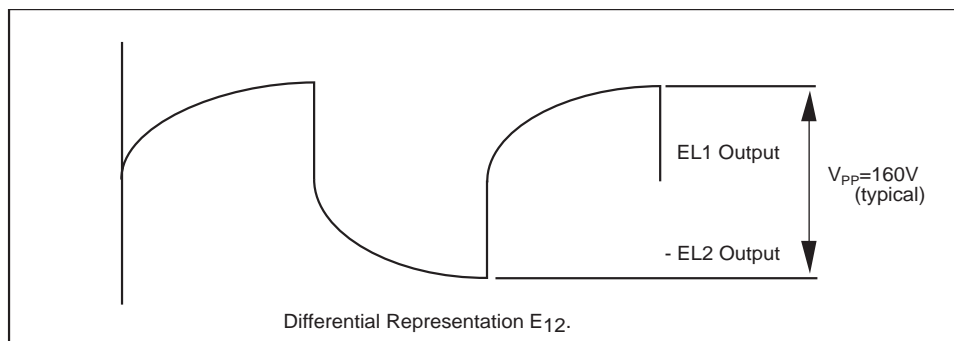


Figure 6. EL Differential Output Waveform of the EL1 and EL2 Outputs

## Coil Manufacturers

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