

TMS44C256  
262 144-WORD BY 4-BIT  
DYNAMIC RANDOM-ACCESS MEMORY  
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*This data sheet is applicable to all TMS44C256s symbolized with Revision "D" and subsequent revisions as described on page 5-21.*

- **262 144 × 4 Organization**
- **Single 5-V Supply (10% Tolerance)**
- **Performance Ranges:**

| ACCESS TIME                              | ACCESS TIME                              | ACCESS TIME                               | READ OR     |
|--|--|---|-------------|
| $t_a(R)$<br>(t <sub>RAC</sub> )<br>(MAX) | $t_a(C)$<br>(t <sub>CAC</sub> )<br>(MAX) | $t_a(CA)$<br>(t <sub>CAA</sub> )<br>(MAX) | WRITE CYCLE |
| 60 ns                                    | 15 ns                                    | 30 ns                                     | 110 ns      |

|              |        |       |       |        |
|--------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| TMS44C256-60 | 60 ns  | 15 ns | 30 ns | 110 ns |
| TMS44C256-70 | 70 ns  | 18 ns | 35 ns | 130 ns |
| TMS44C256-80 | 80 ns  | 20 ns | 40 ns | 150 ns |
| TMS44C256-10 | 100 ns | 25 ns | 45 ns | 180 ns |
| TMS44C256-12 | 120 ns | 30 ns | 55 ns | 220 ns |

- Enhanced Page Mode Operation with CAS-Before-RAS Refresh
- Long Refresh Period . . . 512-Cycle Refresh in 8 ms (Max)
- 3-State Unlatched Output
- Low Power Dissipation
- Texas Instruments EPIC™ CMOS Process
- All Inputs and Clocks Are TTL Compatible
- High-Reliability Plastic 20-Pin 300-Mil-Wide DIP, 20/26 J-Lead Surface Mount (SOJ) ('44C256-60 and '44C256-70 Available In SOJ Only), 20/26 J-Lead Thin Surface Mount (ThinSOJ), or 20-Pin Zig-Zag In-Line (ZIP) Packages
- Operation of TI's Megabit CMOS DRAMs Can Be Controlled by TI's SN74ALS6301 and SN74ALS6302 Dynamic RAM Controllers
- Operating Free-Air Temperature . . . 0°C to 70°C

### description

The TMS44C256 series are high-speed, 1 048 576-bit dynamic random access memories, organized as 262 144 words of four bits each. They employ state-of-the-art EPIC™ (Enhanced Process Implanted CMOS) technology for high performance, reliability, and low power at low cost.

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N Package  
(Top View)

|     |    |    |     |
|-----|----|----|-----|
| DQ1 | 1  | 20 | VSS |
| DQ2 | 2  | 19 | DQ4 |
| W   | 3  | 18 | DQ3 |
| RAS | 4  | 17 | CAS |
| TF  | 5  | 16 | G   |
| A0  | 6  | 15 | A8  |
| A1  | 7  | 14 | A7  |
| A2  | 8  | 13 | A6  |
| A3  | 9  | 12 | A5  |
| VCC | 10 | 11 | A4  |

SD Package  
(Top View)

|     |    |    |     |
|-----|----|----|-----|
| G   | 1  | 2  | CAS |
| DQ3 | 3  | 4  | DQ4 |
| VSS | 5  | 6  | DQ1 |
| DQ2 | 7  | 8  | W   |
| RAS | 9  | 10 | TF  |
| A0  | 11 | 12 | A1  |
| A2  | 13 | 14 | A3  |
| VCC | 15 | 16 | A4  |
| A5  | 17 | 18 | A6  |
| A7  | 19 | 20 | A8  |

DJ and DN Packages†  
(Top View)

|     |    |    |     |
|-----|----|----|-----|
| DQ1 | 1  | 26 | VSS |
| DQ2 | 2  | 25 | DQ4 |
| W   | 3  | 24 | DQ3 |
| RAS | 4  | 23 | CAS |
| TF  | 5  | 22 | OE  |
| A0  | 9  | 18 | A8  |
| A1  | 10 | 17 | A7  |
| A2  | 11 | 16 | A6  |
| A3  | 12 | 15 | A5  |
| VCC | 13 | 14 | A4  |

†The packages shown here are for pinout reference only. The DJ package is actually 75% of the length of the N package.

PIN NOMENCLATURE

|         |                       |
|---------|-----------------------|
| A0-A8   | Address Inputs        |
| CAS     | Column-Address Strobe |
| DQ1-DQ4 | Data In/Data Out      |
| G       | Data-Output Enable    |
| RAS     | Row-Address Strobe    |
| TF      | Test Function         |
| W       | Write Enable          |
| VCC     | 5-V Supply            |
| VSS     | Ground                |



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**description (continued)**

These devices feature maximum  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  access times of 60 ns, 70 ns, 80 ns, 100 ns, and 120 ns. Maximum power dissipation is as low as 305 mW operating and 11 mW standby on 120 ns devices.

The EPIC technology permits operation from a single 5-V supply, reducing system power supply and decoupling requirements, and easing board layout.  $I_{CC}$  peaks are 140 mA typical, and a -1-V input voltage undershoot can be tolerated, minimizing system noise considerations.

All inputs and outputs, including clocks, are compatible with Series 54/74 TTL. All addresses and data-in lines are latched on-chip to simplify system design. Data out is unlatched to allow greater system flexibility.

The TMS44C256 is offered in a 20-pin dual-in-line (N suffix) package, a 20-pin zig-zag in-line (SD suffix) package, a 20/26 J-lead plastic surface mount SOJ (DJ suffix), and a 20/26 J-lead thin plastic surface mount SOJ (DN suffix). The TMS44C256-60 and TMS44C256-70 are available in the 20/26 J-lead plastic surface mount SOJ (DJ suffix) only. These packages are guaranteed for operation from 0°C to 70°C.

**operation**

**enhanced page mode**

Page-mode operation allows faster memory access by keeping the same row address while selecting random column addresses. The time for row-address setup and hold and address multiplex is thus eliminated. The maximum number of columns that may be accessed is determined by the maximum  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  low time and the  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  page cycle time used. With minimum  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  page cycle time, all 512 columns specified by column addresses A0 through A8 can be accessed without intervening  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  cycles.

Unlike conventional page-mode DRAMs, the column-address buffers in this device are activated on the falling edge of  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ . The buffers act as transparent or flow-through latches while  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  is high. The falling edge of  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  latches the column addresses. This feature allows the TMS44C256 to operate at a higher data bandwidth than conventional page-mode parts, since data retrieval begins as soon as column address is valid rather than when  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  transitions low. This performance improvement is referred to as "enhanced page mode." Valid column address may be presented immediately after  $t_{h(RA)}$  (row address hold time) has been satisfied, usually well in advance of the falling edge of  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ . In this case, data is obtained after  $t_{a(C)}$  max (access time from  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  low), if  $t_{a(C)}$  max (access time from column address) has been satisfied. In the event that column addresses for the next page cycle are valid at the time  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  goes high, access time for the next cycle is determined by the later occurrence of  $t_{a(C)}$  or  $t_{a(CP)}$  (access time from rising edge of  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ ).

**address (A0 through A8)**

Eighteen address bits are required to decode 1 of 262 144 storage cell locations. Nine row-address bits are set up on pins A0 through A8 and latched onto the chip by the row-address strobe ( $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ ). Then nine column-address bits are set up on pins A0 through A8 and latched onto the chip by the column-address strobe ( $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ ). All addresses must be stable on or before the falling edges of  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  and  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$ .  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  is similar to a chip enable in that it activates the sense amplifiers as well as the row decoder.  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  is used as a chip select activating the output buffer, as well as latching the address bits into the column-address buffers.

**write enable ( $\overline{W}$ )**

The read or write mode is selected through the write-enable ( $\overline{W}$ ) input. A logic high on the  $\overline{W}$  input selects the read mode and a logic low selects the write mode. The write-enable terminal can be driven from the standard TTL circuits without a pull-up resistor. The data input is disabled when the read mode is selected. When  $\overline{W}$  goes low prior to  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  (early write), data out will remain in the high-impedance state for the entire cycle, permitting a write operation with  $\overline{G}$  grounded.



**data in (DQ1-DQ4)**

Data is written during a write or read-modify-write cycle. Depending on the mode of operation, the falling edge of  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  or  $\overline{W}$  strobes data into the on-chip data latch. In an early write cycle,  $\overline{W}$  is brought low prior to  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  and the data is strobed in by  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  with setup and hold times referenced to this signal. In a delayed-write or read-modify-write cycle,  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  will already be low, thus the data will be strobed in by  $\overline{W}$  with setup and hold times referenced to this signal. In a delayed-write or read-modify-write cycle,  $\overline{G}$  must be high to bring the output buffers to high-impedance prior to impressing data on the I/O lines.

**data out (DQ1-DQ4)**

The three-state output buffer provides direct TTL compatibility (no pull-up resistor required) with a fanout of two Series 74 TTL loads. Data out is the same polarity as data in. The output is in the high-impedance (floating) state until  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  and  $\overline{G}$  are brought low. In a read cycle the output becomes valid after the access time interval  $t_{a(C)}$  that begins with the negative transition of  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  as long as  $t_{a(R)}$  and  $t_{a(CA)}$  are satisfied. The output becomes valid after the access time has elapsed and remains valid while  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  and  $\overline{G}$  are low.  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  or  $\overline{G}$  going high returns it to a high-impedance state. This is accomplished by bringing  $\overline{G}$  high prior to applying data, thus satisfying  $t_{d(GHD)}$ .

**output enable ( $\overline{G}$ )**

$\overline{G}$  controls the impedance of the output buffers. When  $\overline{G}$  is high, the buffers will remain in the high-impedance state. Bringing  $\overline{G}$  low during a normal cycle will activate the output buffers putting them in the low-impedance state. It is necessary for both RAS and  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  to be brought low for the output buffers to go into the low-impedance state. Once in the low-impedance state, they will remain in the low-impedance state until either  $\overline{G}$  or  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  is brought high.

**refresh**

A refresh operation must be performed at least once every eight milliseconds to retain data. This can be achieved by strobing each of the 512 rows (A0-A8). A normal read or write cycle will refresh all bits in each row that is selected. A RAS-only operation can be used by holding  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  at the high (inactive) level, thus conserving power as the output buffer remains in the high-impedance state. Externally generated addresses must be used for a RAS-only refresh. Hidden refresh may be performed while maintaining valid data at the output pin. This is accomplished by holding  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  at  $V_{IL}$  after a read operation and cycling  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  after a specified precharge period, similar to a RAS-only refresh cycle.

**CAS-before-RAS refresh**

CAS-before-RAS refresh is utilized by bringing  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  low earlier than  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$  [see parameter  $t_{d(CLRL)R}$ ] and holding it low after RAS falls [see parameter  $t_{d(RLCH)R}$ ]. For successive CAS-before-RAS refresh cycles,  $\overline{\text{CAS}}$  can remain low while cycling  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ . The external address is ignored and the refresh address is generated internally. The external address is also ignored during the hidden refresh option.

**power-up**

To achieve proper device operation, an initial pause of 200  $\mu\text{s}$  followed by a minimum of eight initialization cycles is required after power-up to the full  $V_{CC}$  level.

**test function pin**

During normal device operation the TF pin must either be disconnected or biased at a voltage less than or equal to  $V_{CC}$ .



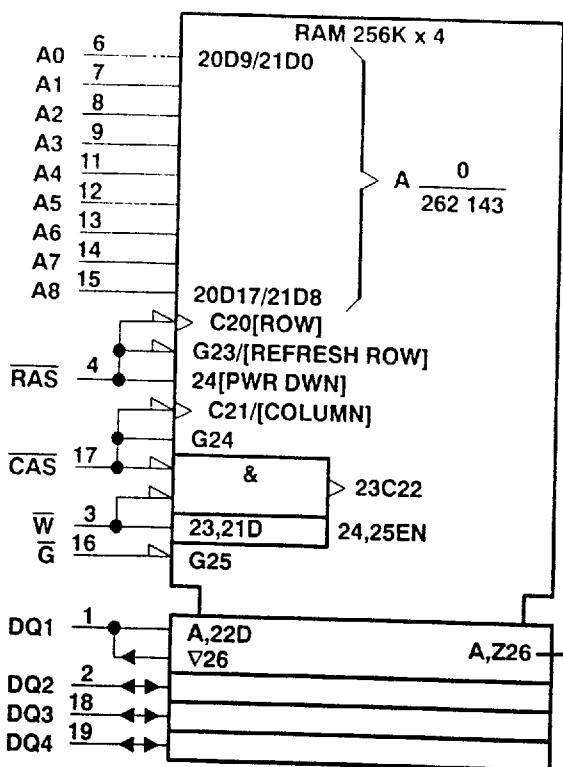
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logic symbol†



† This symbol is in accordance with ANSI/IEEE Std 91-1984 and IEC Publication 617-12.  
Pin numbers shown are for the N package.

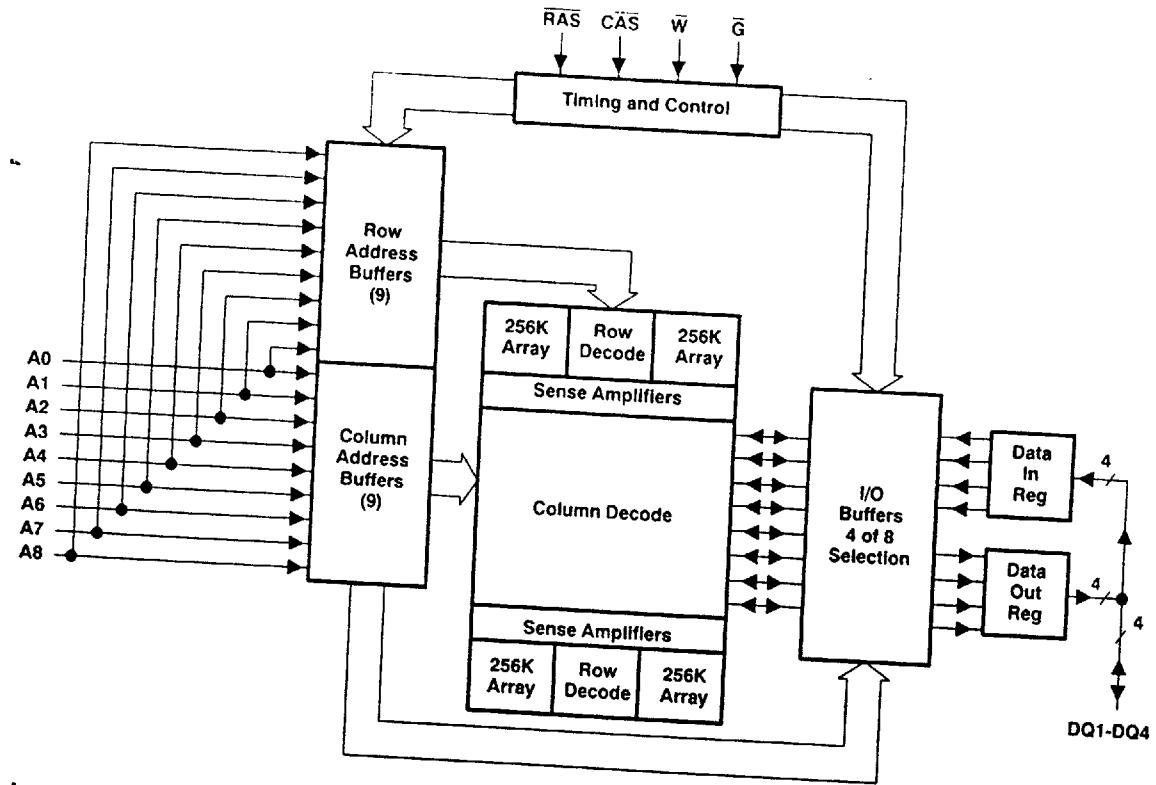
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functional block diagram



**absolute maximum ratings over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)**<sup>†</sup>

|                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Voltage range on any pin (see Note 1) | - 1 V to 7 V    |
| Voltage range on V <sub>CC</sub>      | - 1 V to 7 V    |
| Short circuit output current          | 50 mA           |
| Power dissipation                     | 1 W             |
| Operating free-air temperature range  | 0°C to 70°C     |
| Storage temperature range             | - 65°C to 150°C |

<sup>†</sup> Stresses beyond 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 these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the "Recommended Operating Conditions" section of this specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

NOTE 1: All voltage values in this data sheet are with respect to V<sub>SS</sub>.

**recommended operating conditions**

|                 |                                      | MIN | NOM | MAX | UNIT |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| V <sub>CC</sub> | Supply voltage                       | 4.5 | 5   | 5.5 | V    |
| V <sub>SS</sub> | Supply voltage                       |     | 0   |     | V    |
| V <sub>IH</sub> | High-level input voltage             | 2.4 |     | 6.5 | V    |
| V <sub>IL</sub> | Low-level input voltage (see Note 2) | - 1 |     | 0.8 | V    |
| T <sub>A</sub>  | Operating free-air temperature       | 0   | 70  |     | °C   |

NOTE 2: The algebraic convention, where the more negative (less positive) limit is designated as minimum, is used in this data sheet for logic voltage levels only.

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electrical characteristics over full ranges of recommended operating conditions (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER   | TEST CONDITIONS  | TMS44C256-60 |      | TMS44C256-70 |      | UNIT |
|---|--|--------------|------|--------------|------|------|
|   |  | MIN          | MAX  | MIN          | MAX  |      |
| V <sub>OH</sub> High level output voltage                   | I <sub>OH</sub> = 5 mA   | 2.4          |      | 2.4          |      | V    |
| V <sub>OL</sub> Low level output voltage                    | I <sub>OL</sub> = 4.2 mA   |              | 0.4  |              | 0.4  | V    |
| I <sub>I</sub> Input current (leakage)                      | V <sub>I</sub> = 0 to 5.8 V, V <sub>CC</sub> = 5 V, All other pins = 0 V to V <sub>CC</sub>                            |              | ± 10 |              | ± 10 | μA   |
| I <sub>O</sub> Output current (leakage)                     | V <sub>O</sub> = 0 V to V <sub>CC</sub> , V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.5 V, CAS high  |              | ± 10 |              | ± 10 | μA   |
| I <sub>CC1</sub> Read/write cycle current                   | I <sub>C(rdW)</sub> = minimum, V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.5 V   |              | 95   |              | 80   | mA   |
| I <sub>CC2</sub> Standby current                            | After 1 memory cycle, RAS and CAS high, V <sub>IH</sub> = 2.4 V  |              | 2    |              | 2    | mA   |
| I <sub>CC3</sub> Average refresh circuit (RAS-only, or CBR) | I <sub>C(rdW)</sub> = minimum, V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.5 V, RAS cycling, CAS high (RAS-only), RAS low, after CAS low (CBR) |              | 90   |              | 80   | mA   |
| I <sub>CC4</sub> Average page current                       | I <sub>C(P)</sub> = minimum, V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.5 V, RAS low, CAS cycling   |              | 70   |              | 60   | mA   |

| PARAMETER   | TEST CONDITIONS  | TMS44C256-80 |      | TMS44C256-10 |      | TMS44C256-12 |      | UNIT |
|---|--|--------------|------|--------------|------|--------------|------|------|
|   |  | MIN          | MAX  | MIN          | MAX  | MIN          | MAX  |      |
| V <sub>OH</sub> High-level output voltage                   | I <sub>OH</sub> = -5 mA  | 2.4          |      | 2.4          |      | 2.4          |      | V    |
| V <sub>OL</sub> Low-level output voltage                    | I <sub>OL</sub> = 4.2 mA   |              | 0.4  |              | 0.4  |              | 0.4  | V    |
| I <sub>I</sub> Input current (leakage)                      | V <sub>I</sub> = 0 to 5.8 V, V <sub>CC</sub> = 5 V, All other pins = 0 V to V <sub>CC</sub>                            |              | ± 10 |              | ± 10 |              | ± 10 | μA   |
| I <sub>O</sub> Output current (leakage)                     | V <sub>O</sub> = 0 to V <sub>CC</sub> , V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.5 V, CAS high  |              | ± 10 |              | ± 10 |              | ± 10 | μA   |
| I <sub>CC1</sub> Read/write cycle current                   | I <sub>C(rdW)</sub> = minimum, V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.5 V   |              | 75   |              | 65   |              | 55   | mA   |
| I <sub>CC2</sub> Standby current                            | After 1 memory cycle, RAS and CAS high, V <sub>IH</sub> = 2.4 V  |              | 2    |              | 2    |              | 2    | mA   |
| I <sub>CC3</sub> Average refresh circuit (RAS-only, or CBR) | I <sub>C(rdW)</sub> = minimum, V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.5 V, RAS cycling, CAS high (RAS-only), RAS low, after CAS low (CBR) |              | 70   |              | 60   |              | 50   | mA   |
| I <sub>CC4</sub> Average page current                       | I <sub>C(P)</sub> = minimum, V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.5 V, RAS low, CAS cycling   |              | 50   |              | 45   |              | 35   | mA   |

capacitance over recommended ranges of supply voltage and operating free-air temperature,  
f = 1 MHz (see Note 3)

| PARAMETER  | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|--|-----|-----|-----|------|
| C <sub>i(A)</sub> Input capacitance, address inputs      |     |     | 5   | pF   |
| C <sub>i(RC)</sub> Input capacitance, strobe inputs      |     |     | 5   | pF   |
| C <sub>i(W)</sub> Input capacitance, write-enable input  |     |     | 5   | pF   |
| C <sub>i(G)</sub> Input capacitance, output-enable input |     |     | 5   | pF   |
| C <sub>O</sub> Output capacitance                        |     |     | 7   | pF   |

NOTE 3: V<sub>CC</sub> equal to 5 V ± 0.5 V and the bias on pins under test is 0 V.



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switching characteristics over recommended ranges of supply voltage and operating free-air temperature (see Figure 1)

| PARAMETER  | ALT.<br>SYMBOL | TMS44C256-60 |     | TMS44C256-70 |     | UNIT |
|--|----------------|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|------|
|  |                | MIN          | MAX | MIN          | MAX |      |
| $t_a(C)$ Access time from $\overline{CAS}$ low                             | $t_{CAC}$      |              | 15  |              | 18  | ns   |
| $t_a(CA)$ Access time from column-address                                  | $t_{CAA}$      |              | 30  |              | 35  | ns   |
| $t_a(R)$ Access time from $\overline{RAS}$ low                             | $t_{RAC}$      |              | 60  |              | 70  | ns   |
| $t_a(G)$ Access time from $\overline{G}$ low                               | $t_{GAC}$      |              | 15  |              | 18  | ns   |
| $t_a(CP)$ Access time from column precharge                                | $t_{CAP}$      |              | 35  |              | 40  | ns   |
| $t_d(CLZ)$ $\overline{CAS}$ low to output in low Z                         | $t_{CLZ}$      | 0            |     | 0            |     | ns   |
| $t_{dis(CH)}$ Output disable time after $\overline{CAS}$ high (see Note 4) | $t_{OFF}$      | 0            | 15  | 0            | 18  | ns   |
| $t_{dis(G)}$ Output disable time after $\overline{G}$ high (see Note 4)    | $t_{GOFF}$     | 0            | 15  | 0            | 18  | ns   |

| PARAMETER  | ALT.<br>SYMBOL | TMS44C256-80 |     | TMS44C256-10 |     | TMS44C256-12 |     | UNIT |
|--|----------------|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|------|
|  |                | MIN          | MAX | MIN          | MAX | MIN          | MAX |      |
| $t_a(C)$ Access time from $\overline{CAS}$ low                             | $t_{CAC}$      |              | 20  |              | 25  |              | 30  | ns   |
| $t_a(CA)$ Access time from column-address                                  | $t_{CAA}$      |              | 40  |              | 45  |              | 55  | ns   |
| $t_a(R)$ Access time from $\overline{RAS}$ low                             | $t_{RAC}$      |              | 80  |              | 100 |              | 120 | ns   |
| $t_a(G)$ Access time from $\overline{G}$ low                               | $t_{GAC}$      |              | 20  |              | 25  |              | 30  | ns   |
| $t_a(CP)$ Access time from column precharge                                | $t_{CAP}$      |              | 40  |              | 50  |              | 60  | ns   |
| $t_d(CLZ)$ $\overline{CAS}$ low to output in low Z                         | $t_{CLZ}$      | 0            |     | 0            |     | 0            |     | ns   |
| $t_{dis(CH)}$ Output disable time after $\overline{CAS}$ high (see Note 4) | $t_{OFF}$      | 0            | 20  | 0            | 25  | 0            | 30  | ns   |
| $t_{dis(G)}$ Output disable time after $\overline{G}$ high (see Note 4)    | $t_{GOFF}$     | 0            | 20  | 0            | 25  | 0            | 30  | ns   |

NOTE 4:  $t_{dis(CH)}$  and  $t_{dis(G)}$  are specified when the output is no longer driven.



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timing requirements over recommended ranges of supply voltage and operating free-air temperature (continued)

| PARAMETER            | ALT.<br>SYMBOL                                       | TMS44C256-60      |     | TMS44C256-70 |     | UNIT    |    |
|----------------------|--|-------------------|-----|--------------|-----|---------|----|
|                      |  | MIN               | MAX | MIN          | MAX |         |    |
| t <sub>c(rd)</sub>   | Read cycle time (see Note 6)                         | t <sub>RC</sub>   | 110 | 130          |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>c(W)</sub>    | Write cycle time                                     | t <sub>WC</sub>   | 110 | 130          |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>c(dW)</sub>   | Read/write/read modify write cycle time              | t <sub>RWC</sub>  | 155 | 181          |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>c(P)</sub>    | Page mode read or write cycle time (see Note 7)      | t <sub>PC</sub>   | 40  | 45           |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>c(PM)</sub>   | Page mode read modify write cycle time               | t <sub>PCM</sub>  | 85  | 96           |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>w(CH)</sub>   | Pulse duration, CAS high                             | t <sub>CP</sub>   | 10  | 10           |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>w(CL)</sub>   | Pulse duration, CAS low (see Note 8)                 | t <sub>CAS</sub>  | 15  | 10 000       | 18  | 10 000  | ns |
| t <sub>w(RH)</sub>   | Pulse duration, RAS high (precharge)                 | t <sub>RP</sub>   | 40  | 50           |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>w(RL)</sub>   | Non page mode pulse duration, RAS low (see Note 9)   | t <sub>RAS</sub>  | 60  | 10 000       | 70  | 10 000  | ns |
| t <sub>w(RL)P</sub>  | Page-mode pulse duration, RAS low (see Note 9)       | t <sub>RASP</sub> | 60  | 100 000      | 70  | 100 000 | ns |
| t <sub>w(WL)</sub>   | Write pulse duration                                 | t <sub>WP</sub>   | 15  | 15           |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>su(CA)</sub>  | Column-address setup time before CAS low             | t <sub>ASC</sub>  | 0   | 0            |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>su(RA)</sub>  | Row-address setup time before RAS low                | t <sub>ASR</sub>  | 0   | 0            |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>su(D)</sub>   | Data setup time before W low (see Note 10)           | t <sub>DS</sub>   | 0   | 0            |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>su(rd)</sub>  | Read setup time before CAS low                       | t <sub>RCS</sub>  | 0   | 0            |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>su(WCL)</sub> | W-low setup time before CAS low (see Note 11)        | t <sub>WCS</sub>  | 0   | 0            |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>su(WCH)</sub> | W-low setup time before CAS high                     | t <sub>CWL</sub>  | 15  | 18           |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>su(WRH)</sub> | W-low setup time before RAS high                     | t <sub>RWL</sub>  | 15  | 18           |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>h(CA)</sub>   | Column-address hold time after RAS low               | t <sub>CAH</sub>  | 10  | 15           |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>h(RA)</sub>   | Row-address hold time after RAS low                  | t <sub>RAH</sub>  | 10  | 10           |     | ns      |    |
| t <sub>h(RLCA)</sub> | Column-address hold time after RAS low (see Note 12) | t <sub>AR</sub>   | 50  | 55           |     | ns      |    |

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 6. All cycle times assume  $t_t = 5$  ns.  
 7. To guarantee  $t_C(P)$  min,  $t_{SU}(CA)$  should be greater than or equal to  $t_W(CH)$ .  
 8. In a read-modify-write cycle,  $t_d(CLWL)$  and  $t_{SU}(WCH)$  must be observed. (Depending on the user's transition times, this may require additional  $\bar{CAS}$  low time [ $t_W(CL)$ ]).  
 9. In a read-modify-write cycle,  $t_d(RLWL)$  and  $t_{SU}(WRH)$  must be observed. (Depending on the user's transition times, this may require additional RAS low time [ $t_W(RL)$ ]).  
 10. Later of  $\bar{CAS}$  or  $\bar{W}$  in write operations.  
 11. Early write operation only.  
 12. The minimum value is measured when  $t_d(RLCL)$  is set to  $t_d(RLCL)$  min as a reference.



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| PARAMETER     | ALT.<br>SYMBOL                                       | TMS44C256-80 |     | TMS44C256-10 |     | TMS44C256-12 |     | UNIT    |
|---------------|--|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|---------|
|               |  | MIN          | MAX | MIN          | MAX | MIN          | MAX |         |
| $t_{c(rd)}$   | Read cycle time (see Note 6)                         | $t_{RC}$     | 150 | 180          |     | 220          |     | ns      |
| $t_{c(W)}$    | Write cycle time                                     | $t_{WC}$     | 150 | 180          |     | 220          |     | ns      |
| $t_{c(rdW)}$  | Read-modify-write cycle time                         | $t_{RWC}$    | 205 | 245          |     | 295          |     | ns      |
| $t_{c(P)}$    | Page mode read or write cycle time (see Note 7)      | $t_{PC}$     | 50  | 55           |     | 65           |     | ns      |
| $t_{c(PM)}$   | Page-mode read-modify-write cycle time               | $t_{PCM}$    | 100 | 120          |     | 135          |     | ns      |
| $t_w(CH)$     | Pulse duration, CAS high                             | $t_{CP}$     | 10  | 10           |     | 15           |     | ns      |
| $t_w(CL)$     | Pulse duration, CAS low (see Note 8)                 | $t_{CAS}$    | 20  | 10 000       | 25  | 10 000       | 30  | 10 000  |
| $t_w(RH)$     | Pulse duration, RAS high (precharge)                 | $t_{RP}$     | 60  | 70           |     | 90           |     | ns      |
| $t_w(RL)$     | Non-page-mode pulse duration, RAS low (see Note 9)   | $t_{RAS}$    | 80  | 10 000       | 100 | 10 000       | 120 | 10 000  |
| $t_w(RL)P$    | Page-mode pulse duration, RAS low (see Note 9)       | $t_{RASP}$   | 80  | 100 000      | 100 | 100 000      | 120 | 100 000 |
| $t_w(WL)$     | Write pulse duration                                 | $t_{WP}$     | 15  | 15           |     | 20           |     | ns      |
| $t_{su(CA)}$  | Column-address setup time before CAS low             | $t_{ASC}$    | 0   | 0            |     | 0            |     | ns      |
| $t_{su(RA)}$  | Row-address setup time before RAS low                | $t_{ASR}$    | 0   | 0            |     | 0            |     | ns      |
| $t_{su(D)}$   | Data setup time before W low (see Note 10)           | $t_{DS}$     | 0   | 0            |     | 0            |     | ns      |
| $t_{su(rd)}$  | Read setup time before CAS low                       | $t_{RCS}$    | 0   | 0            |     | 0            |     | ns      |
| $t_{su(WCL)}$ | W-low setup time before CAS low (see Note 11)        | $t_{WCS}$    | 0   | 0            |     | 0            |     | ns      |
| $t_{su(WCH)}$ | W-low setup time before CAS high                     | $t_{CWL}$    | 20  | 25           |     | 30           |     | ns      |
| $t_{su(WRH)}$ | W-low setup time before RAS high                     | $t_{RWL}$    | 20  | 25           |     | 30           |     | ns      |
| $t_h(CA)$     | Column-address hold time after RAS low               | $t_{CAH}$    | 15  | 20           |     | 20           |     | ns      |
| $t_h(RA)$     | Row-address hold time after RAS low                  | $t_{RAH}$    | 12  | 15           |     | 15           |     | ns      |
| $t_h(RLCA)$   | Column-address hold time after RAS low (see Note 12) | $t_{AR}$     | 60  | 70           |     | 80           |     | ns      |

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  - 6. All cycle times assume  $t_i = 5$  ns.
  - 7. To guarantee  $t_{c(P)}$  min,  $t_{su(CA)}$  should be greater than or equal to  $t_w(CH)$ .
  - 8. In a read-modify-write cycle,  $t_d(CLWL)$  and  $t_{su(WCH)}$  must be observed. (Depending on the user's transition times, this may require additional CAS low time [ $t_w(CL)$ ].)
  - 9. In a read-modify-write cycle,  $t_d(RLWL)$  and  $t_{su(WRH)}$  must be observed. (Depending on the user's transition times, this may require additional RAS low time [ $t_w(RL)$ ].)
  - 10. Later of CAS or W in write operations.
  - 11. Early write operation only.
  - 12. The minimum value is measured when  $t_d(RLCL)$  is set to  $t_d(RLCL)$  min as a reference.

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|---------------|----------------|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|------|
|               |                | MIN          | MAX | MIN          | MAX |      |
| $t_{h(D)}$    | $t_{DH}$       | 10           |     | 15           |     | ns   |
| $t_{h(RLD)}$  | $t_{DHR}$      | 50           |     | 55           |     | ns   |
| $t_{h(WLGL)}$ | $t_{GH}$       | 15           |     | 18           |     | ns   |
| $t_{h(CHrd)}$ | $t_{RCH}$      | 0            |     | 0            |     | ns   |
| $t_{h(RHrd)}$ | $t_{RRH}$      | 0            |     | 0            |     | ns   |
| $t_{h(CLW)}$  | $t_{WCH}$      | 15           |     | 15           |     | ns   |
| $t_{h(RLW)}$  | $t_{WCR}$      | 50           |     | 55           |     | ns   |
| $t_d(RLCH)$   | $t_{CSH}$      | 60           |     | 70           |     | ns   |
| $t_d(CHRL)$   | $t_{CRP}$      | 0            |     | 0            |     | ns   |
| $t_d(CLRH)$   | $t_{RSH}$      | 15           |     | 18           |     | ns   |
| $t_d(CLWL)$   | $t_{CWD}$      | 40           |     | 46           |     | ns   |
| $t_d(RLCL)$   | $t_{RCD}$      | 20           | 45  | 20           | 52  | ns   |
| $t_d(RLCA)$   | $t_{RAD}$      | 15           | 30  | 15           | 35  | ns   |
| $t_d(CARH)$   | $t_{RAL}$      | 30           |     | 35           |     | ns   |
| $t_d(CACH)$   | $t_{CAL}$      | 30           |     | 35           |     | ns   |
| $t_d(RLWL)$   | $t_{RWD}$      | 85           |     | 98           |     | ns   |
| $t_d(CAWL)$   | $t_{AWD}$      | 55           |     | 63           |     | ns   |
| $t_d(GHD)$    | $t_{GDD}$      | 15           |     | 18           |     | ns   |
| $t_d(GLRH)$   | $t_{GSR}$      | 10           |     | 10           |     | ns   |
| $t_d(RLCH)R$  | $t_{CHR}$      | 15           |     | 15           |     | ns   |
| $t_d(CLRL)R$  | $t_{CSR}$      | 10           |     | 10           |     | ns   |
| $t_d(RHCL)R$  | $t_{RPC}$      | 0            |     | 0            |     | ns   |
| $t_{rf}$      | $t_{REF}$      |              | 8   |              | 8   | ms   |
| $t_t$         | $t_T$          | 3            | 50  | 3            | 50  | ns   |

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  10. Later of  $\overline{CAS}$  or  $\overline{W}$  in write operations.
  11. Early write operation only.
  12. The minimum value is measured when  $t_d(RLCL)$  is set to  $t_d(RLCL)$  min as a reference.
  13. Either  $t_h(RHrd)$  or  $t_h(CHrd)$  must be satisfied for a read cycle.
  14. Read-modify-write operation only.
  15. Maximum value specified only to guarantee access time.
  16.  $\overline{CAS}$ -before- $\overline{RAS}$  refresh only.



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|---------------|---|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|------|
|               |   | MIN          | MAX | MIN          | MAX | MIN          | MAX |      |
| $t_{h(D)}$    | Data hold time after CAS low (see Note 10)                | $t_{DH}$     | 15  | 20           |     | 25           |     | ns   |
| $t_{h(RLD)}$  | Data hold time after RAS low (see Note 12)                | $t_{DHR}$    | 60  | 70           | 85  |              |     | ns   |
| $t_{h(WLGL)}$ | $\bar{G}$ hold time after $\bar{W}$ low                   | $t_{GH}$     | 20  | 25           | 30  |              |     | ns   |
| $t_{h(CHRd)}$ | Read hold time after CAS high (see Note 13)               | $t_{RCH}$    | 0   | 0            | 0   |              |     | ns   |
| $t_{h(RHrd)}$ | Read hold time after RAS high (see Note 13)               | $t_{RRH}$    | 0   | 0            | 0   |              |     | ns   |
| $t_{h(CLW)}$  | Write hold time after CAS low (see Note 11)               | $t_{WCH}$    | 15  | 20           | 25  |              |     | ns   |
| $t_{h(RLW)}$  | Write hold time after RAS low (see Note 12)               | $t_{WCR}$    | 60  | 70           | 85  |              |     | ns   |
| $t_d(RLCH)$   | Delay time, RAS low to CAS high                           | $t_{CSH}$    | 80  | 100          | 120 |              |     | ns   |
| $t_d(CHRL)$   | Delay time, CAS high to RAS low                           | $t_{CRP}$    | 0   | 0            | 0   |              |     | ns   |
| $t_d(CLRH)$   | Delay time, CAS low to RAS high                           | $t_{RSH}$    | 20  | 25           | 30  |              |     | ns   |
| $t_d(CLWL)$   | Delay time, CAS low to $\bar{W}$ low (see Note 14)        | $t_{CWD}$    | 50  | 60           | 70  |              |     | ns   |
| $t_d(RLCL)$   | Delay time, RAS low to CAS low (see Note 15)              | $t_{RCD}$    | 22  | 60           | 25  | 75           | 25  | 90   |
| $t_d(RLCA)$   | Delay time, RAS low to column-address (see Note 15)       | $t_{RAD}$    | 17  | 40           | 20  | 55           | 20  | 65   |
| $t_d(CARH)$   | Delay time, column-address to RAS high                    | $t_{RAL}$    | 40  | 45           | 55  |              |     | ns   |
| $t_d(CACH)$   | Delay time, column-address to CAS high                    | $t_{CAL}$    | 40  | 45           | 55  |              |     | ns   |
| $t_d(RLWL)$   | Delay time, RAS low to $\bar{W}$ low (see Note 14)        | $t_{RWD}$    | 110 | 135          | 160 |              |     | ns   |
| $t_d(CAWL)$   | Delay time, column-address to $\bar{W}$ low (see Note 14) | $t_{AWD}$    | 70  | 80           | 95  |              |     | ns   |
| $t_d(GHD)$    | Delay time, $\bar{G}$ high before data at DQ              | $t_{GDD}$    | 20  | 25           | 30  |              |     | ns   |
| $t_d(GLRH)$   | Delay time, $\bar{G}$ low to RAS high                     | $t_{GSR}$    | 10  | 10           | 10  |              |     | ns   |
| $t_d(RLCH)R$  | Delay time, RAS low to CAS high (see Note 16)             | $t_{CHR}$    | 20  | 25           | 25  |              |     | ns   |
| $t_d(CLRL)R$  | Delay time, CAS low RAS low (see Note 16)                 | $t_{CSR}$    | 10  | 10           | 10  |              |     | ns   |
| $t_d(RHCL)R$  | Delay time, RAS high CAS low (see Note 16)                | $t_{RPC}$    | 0   | 0            | 0   |              |     | ns   |
| $t_{rf}$      | Refresh time interval                                     | $t_{REF}$    |     | 8            | 8   |              | 8   | ms   |
| $t_t$         | Transition time   | $t_T$        | 3   | 50           | 3   | 50           | 3   | 50   |

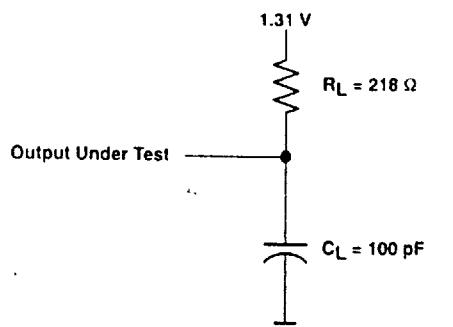
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 11. Early write operation only.  
 12. The minimum value is measured when  $t_d(RLCL)$  is set to  $t_d(RLCL)$  min as a reference.  
 13. Either  $t_h(RHrd)$  or  $t_h(CHRd)$  must be satisfied for a read cycle.  
 14. Read-modify-write operation only.  
 15. Maximum value specified only to guarantee access time.  
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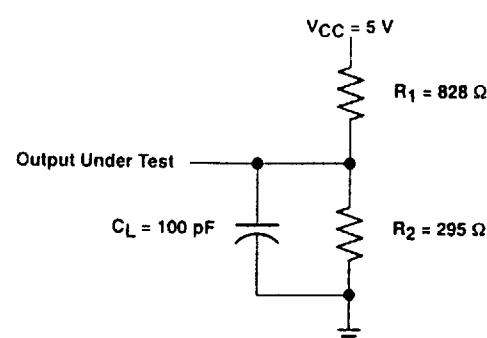
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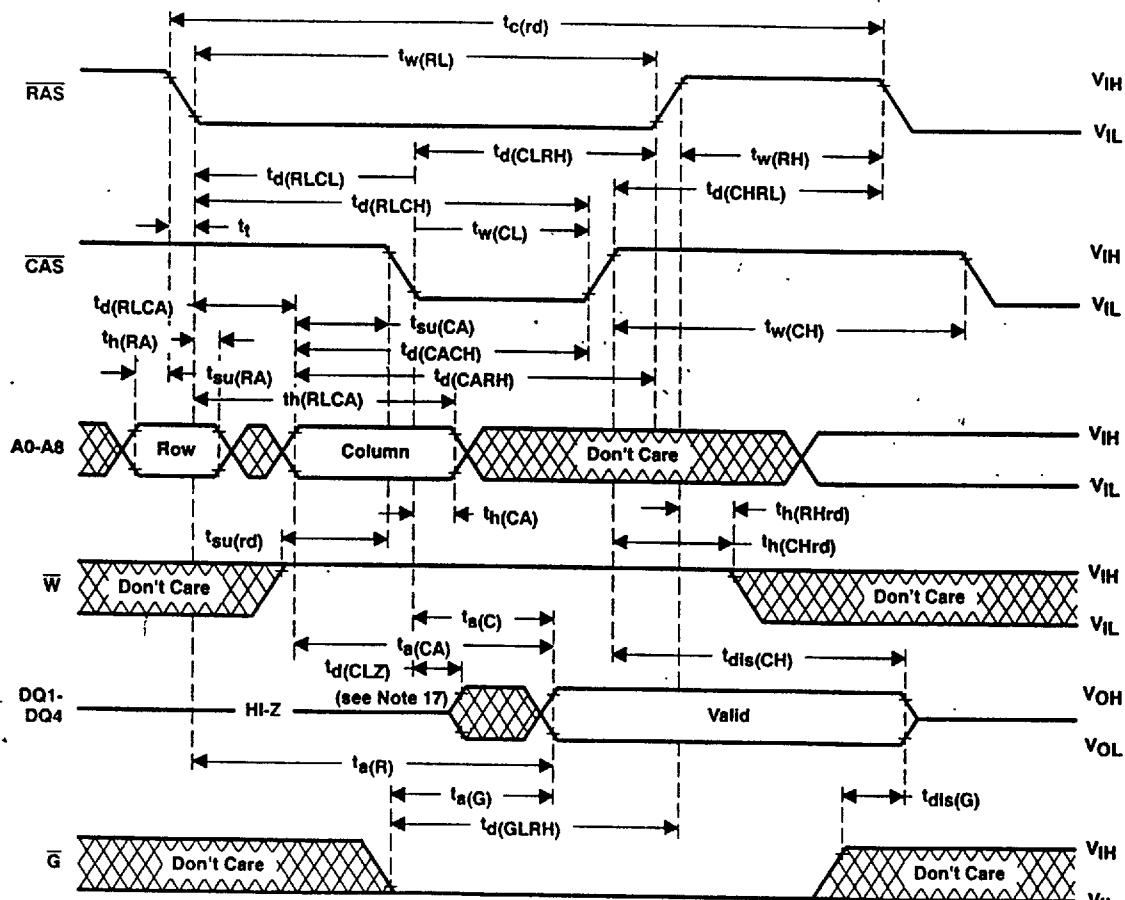
(a) Load Circuit



(b) Alternate Load Circuit

Figure 1. Load Circuits for Timing Parameters

**read cycle timing**

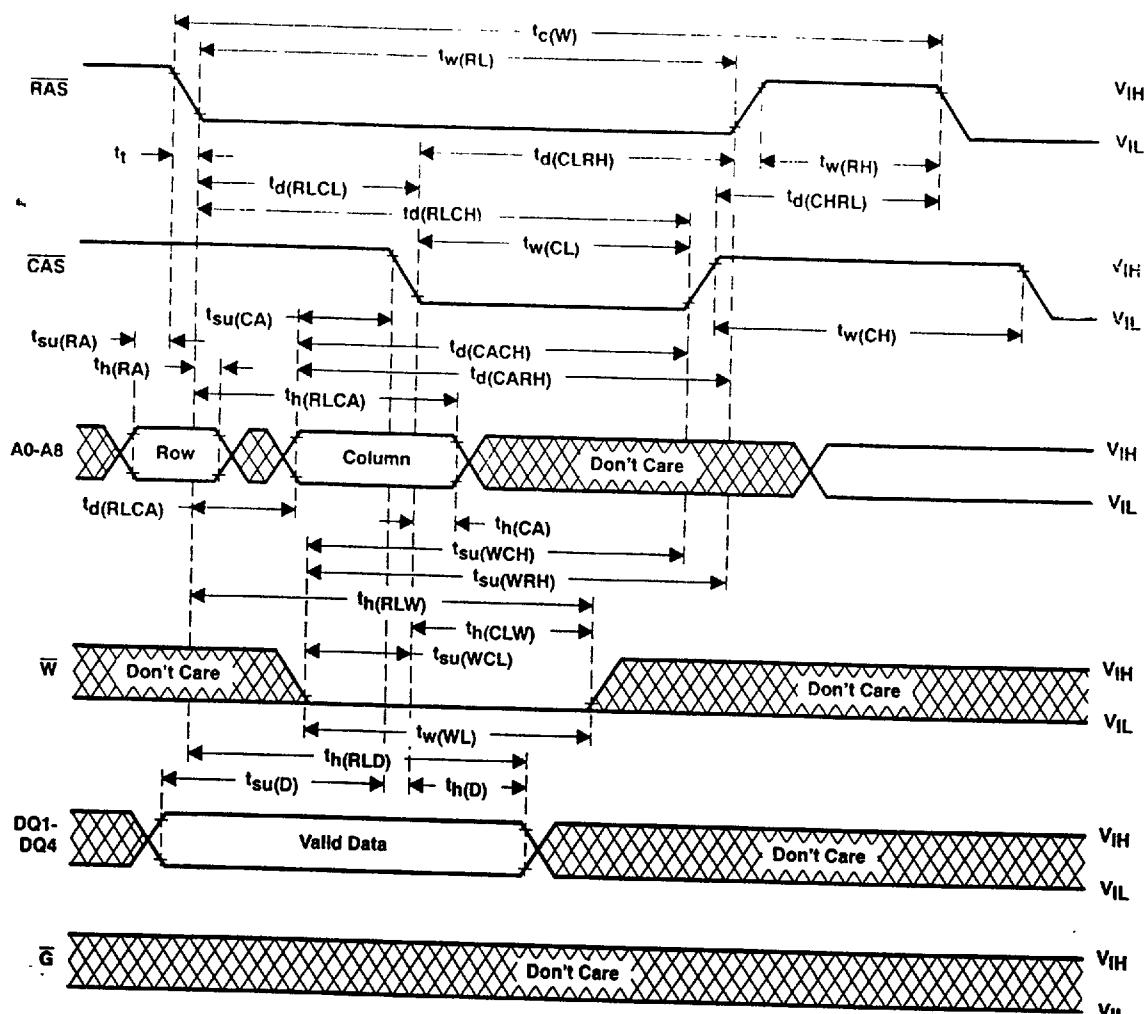


NOTE 17. Output may go from high-impedance to an invalid data state prior to the specified access time.

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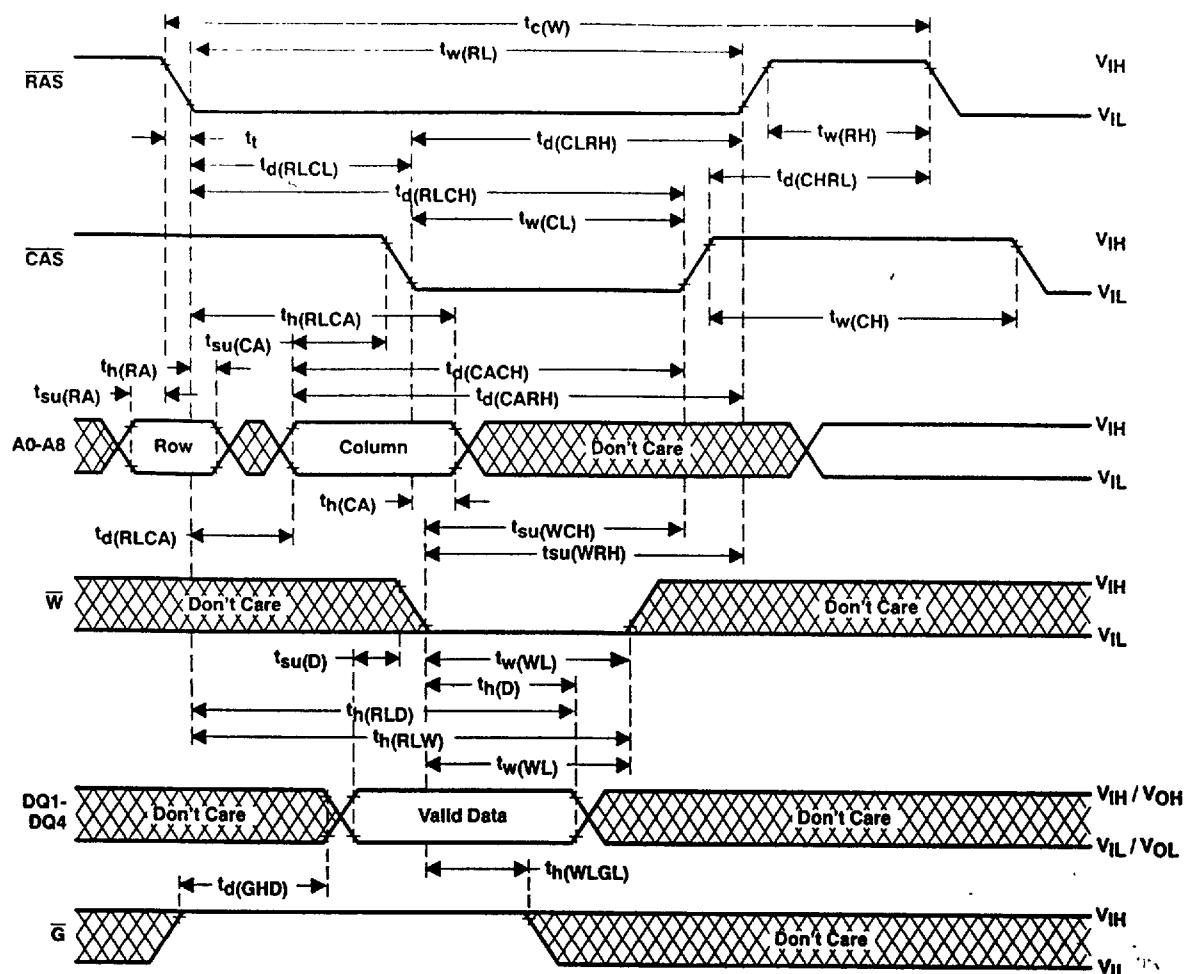
**early write cycle timing**



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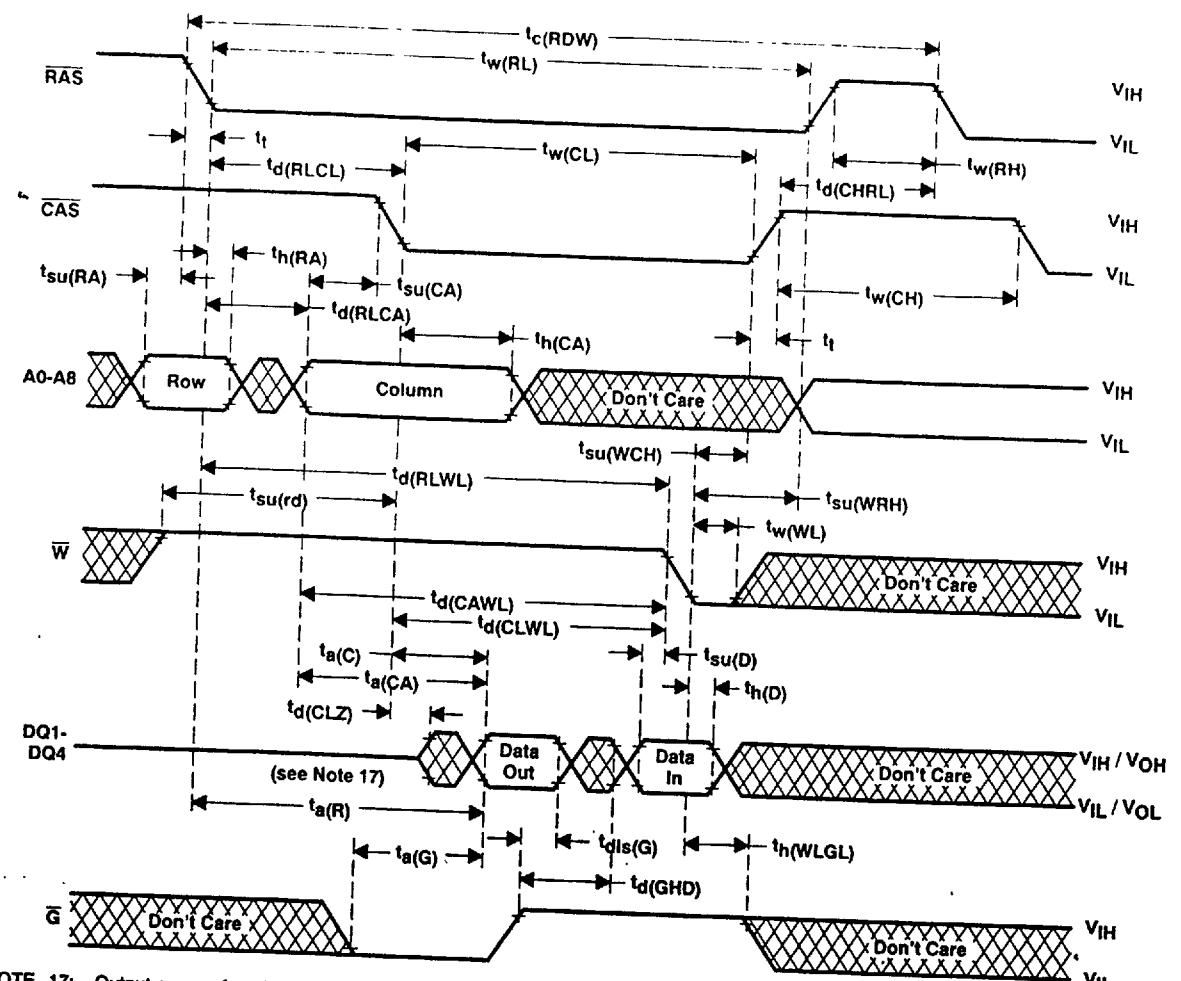
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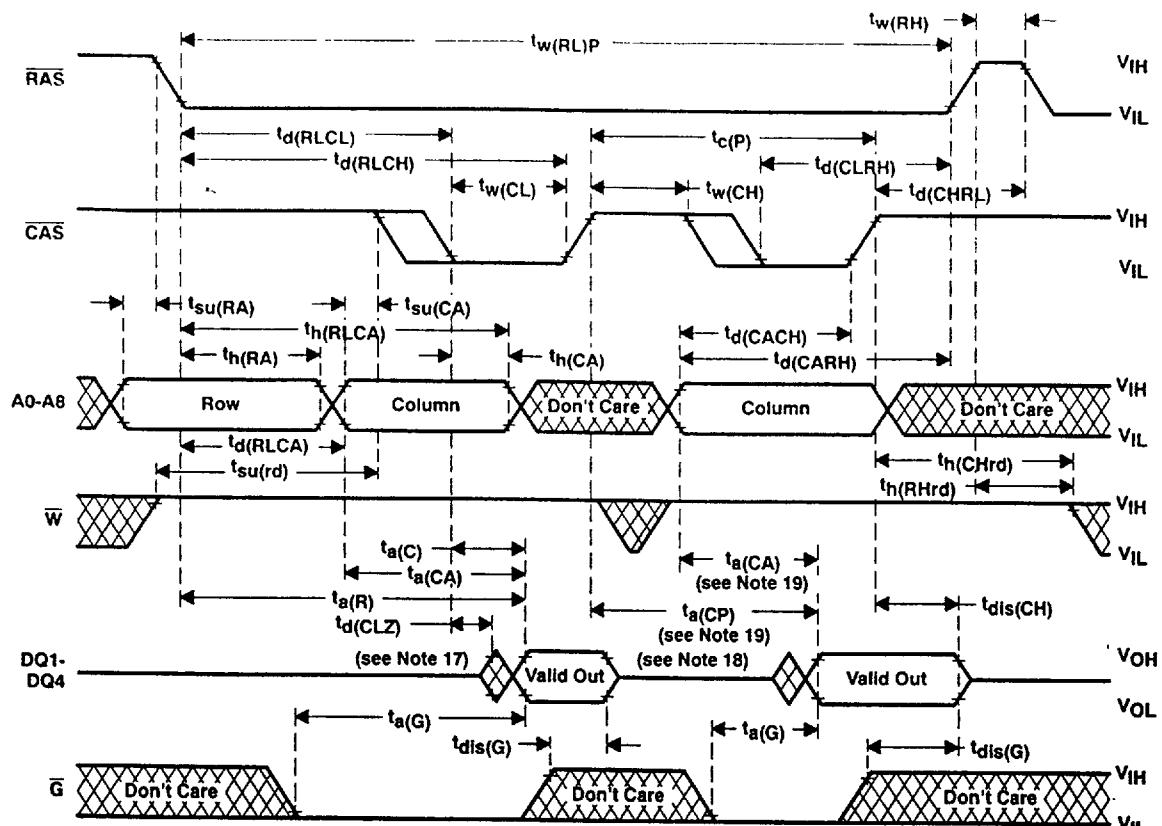
## read-write/read-modify-write cycle timing



NOTE 17: Output may go from high-impedance to an invalid data state prior to the specified access time.

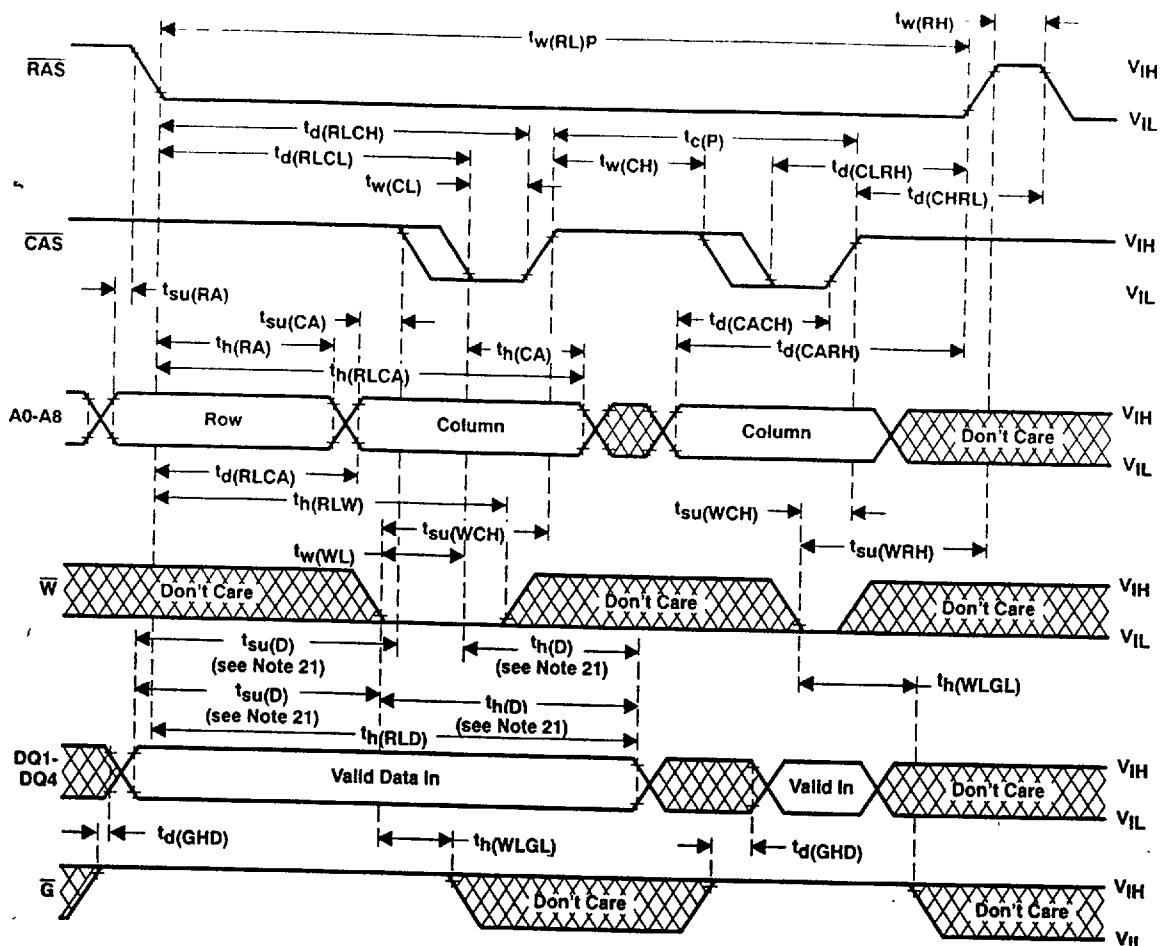
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enhanced page-mode read cycle timing



- NOTES: 17. Output may go from high-impedance to an invalid data state prior to the specified access time.  
18. A write cycle or read-modify-write cycle can be mixed with the read cycles as long as the write and read-modify-write timing specifications are not violated.  
19. Access time is  $t_a(CP)$  or  $t_a(CA)$  dependent.

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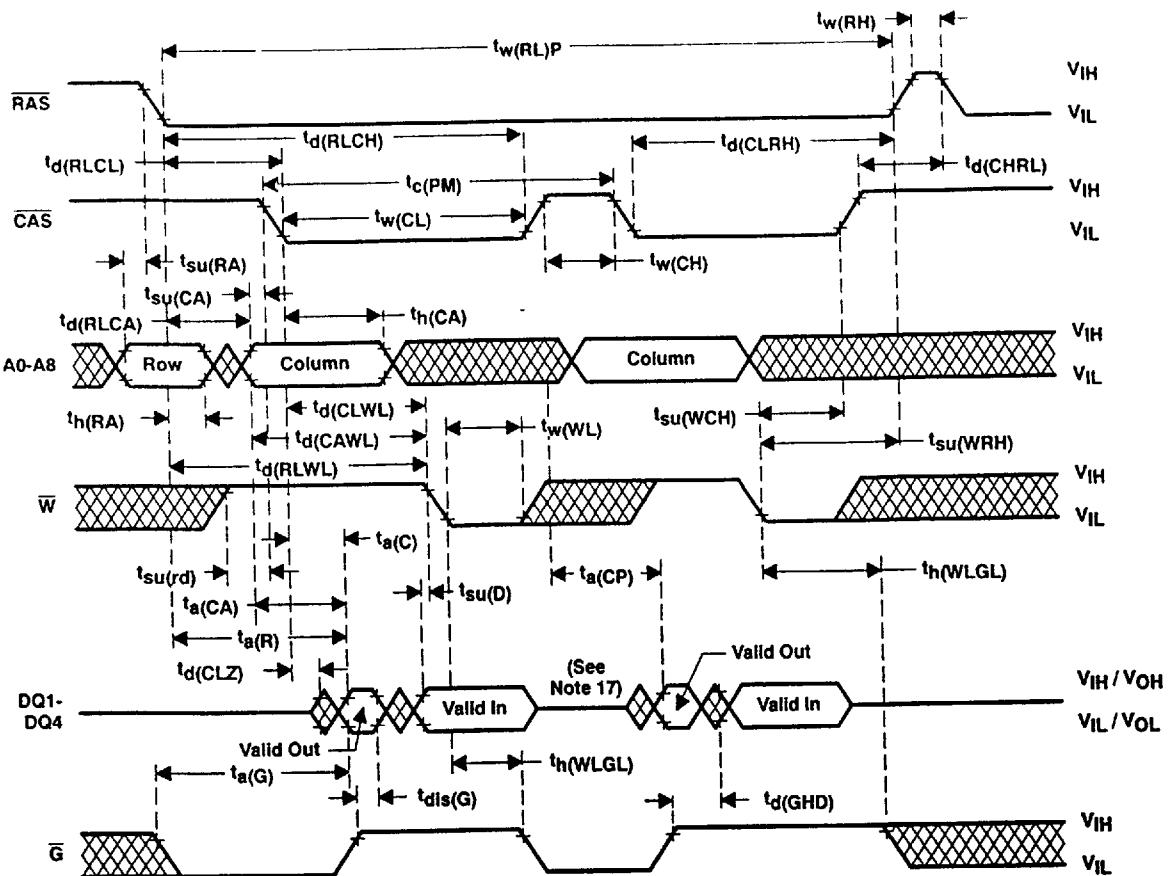
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21. Referenced to CAS or W, whichever occurs last.

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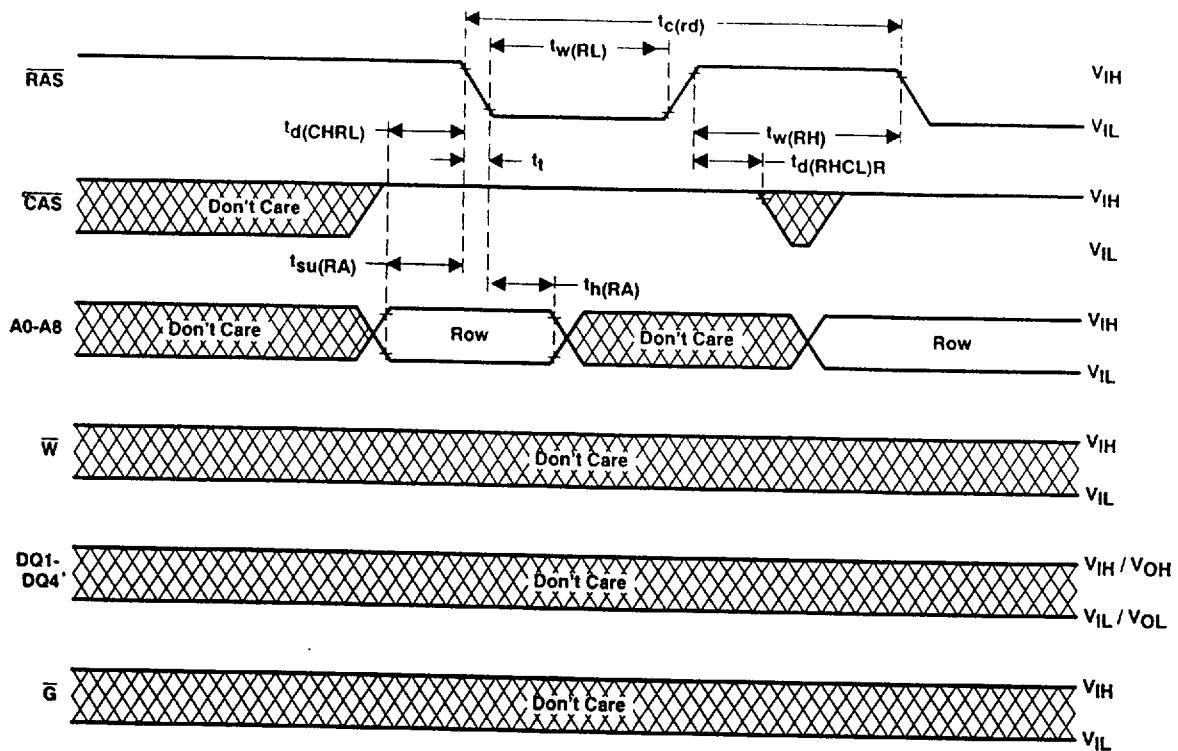
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 22. A read or write cycle can be intermixed with read-modify-write cycles as long as the read and write timing specifications are not violated.

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RAS-only refresh timing

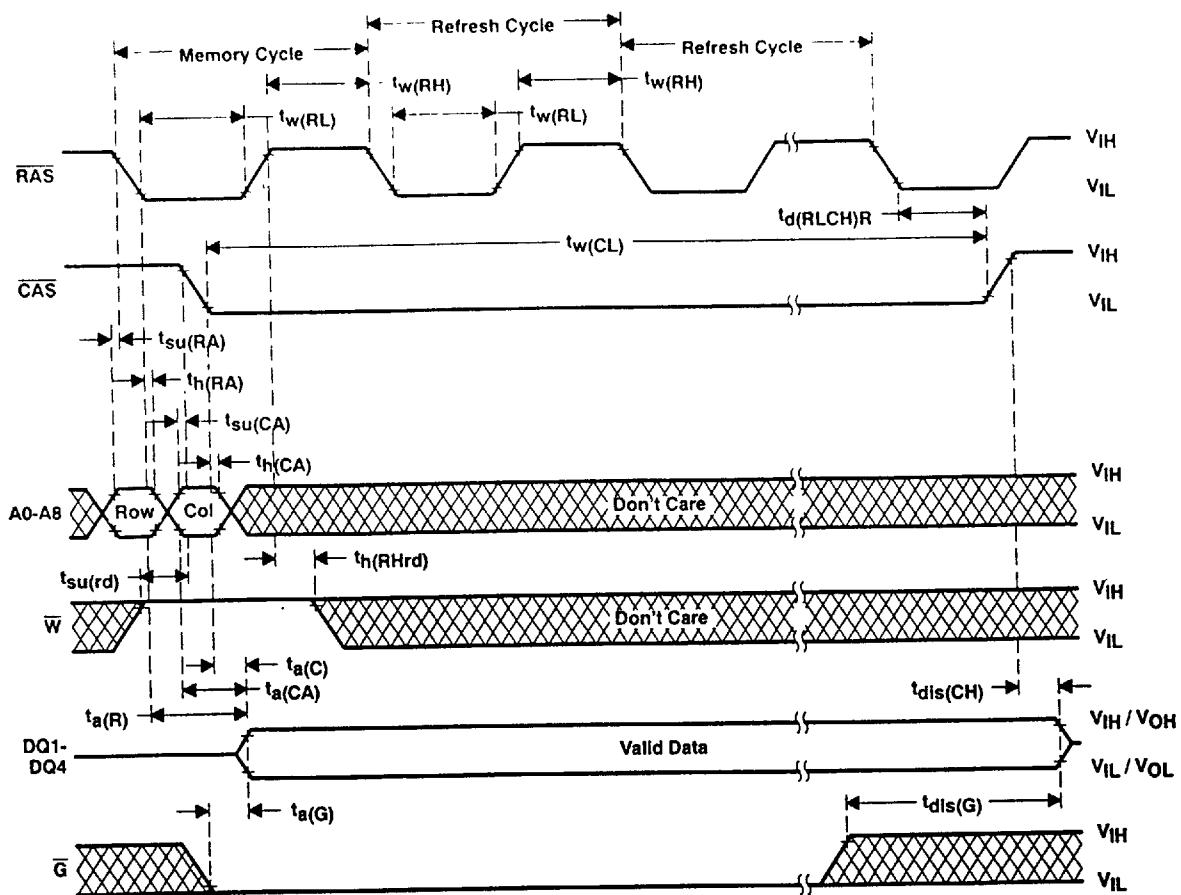


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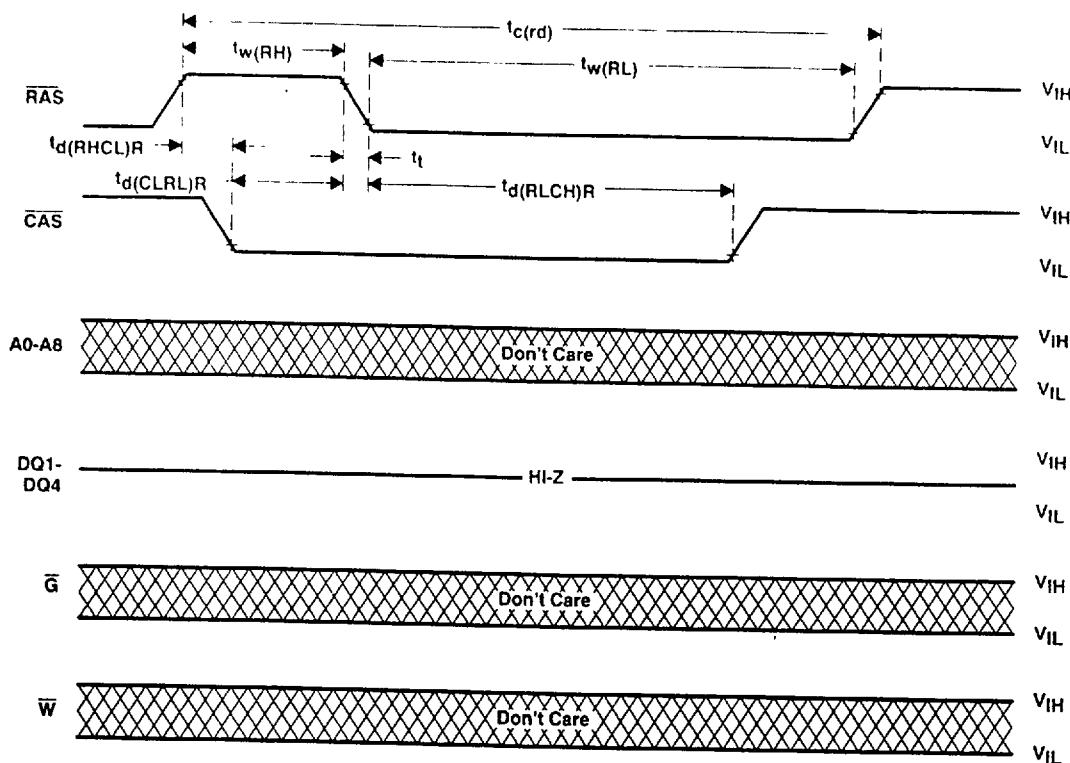


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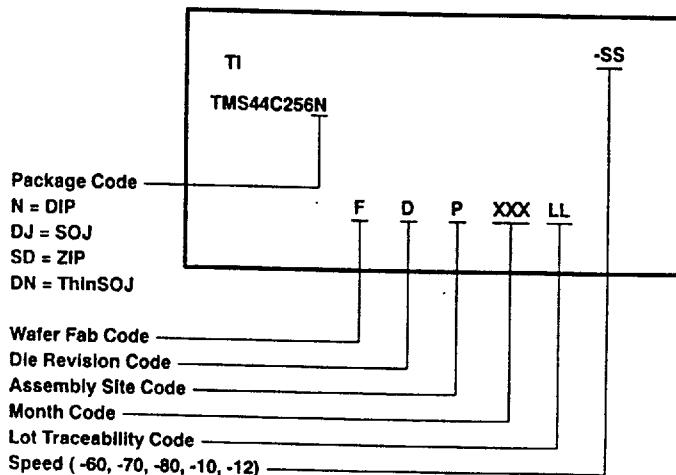
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**automatic (CAS-before-RAS) refresh cycle timing**



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