

Programmable strobe

When using magnitude comparators to evaluate the dynamic operation of digital counters, the output data for A>B, A<B, and A=B is compared with a known conversion time for each bit by enabling exclusive OR gates with three separate strobe pulses. This circuit uses a monostable which, with the aid of three open collector inverting gates, will generate strobe pulses of 7.8 μ s, 10 μ s, 12 μ s, and a 15 μ s pulse to clear counters, etc.

The pulse widths can be increased or decreased by altering the value of C for the longest pulse and the three resistors in parallel for the three strobe pulses. D. J. Greenland, Cambridge.