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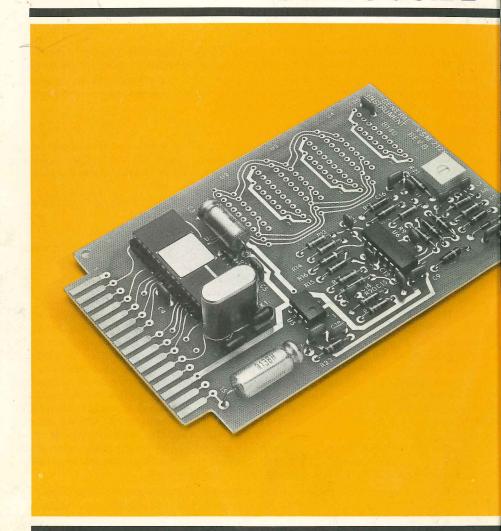
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DESCRIPTION

The VSM2128 utilizes the General Instrument SP0256 Speech Processor. This device is a single chip, N-Channel, MOS/LSI circuit that is able, through stored program, to synthesize speech.

The module is easily interfaced with any digital system; ten TTL compatible signals are used to select the allophones. Once selected, the VSM2128 requires no support from the user circuit. It enunciates the allophone and signals when complete.

INTERFACE

The VSM2128 is interfaced using a 15-pin card edge connector (Amphenol 225-21521-401 (117)) or equivalent. The allophone is selected with an 8 bit address (S0-S7) and is strobed into the module by a low to high pulse on the STROBE line. The module will drive the BUSY line low and the LOAD line high. During this time, new data will not be accepted.

When the BUSY line is high this indicates that the module is inactive (not talking). The LOAD line is low whenever the input buffer is empty.

The module is initialized by applying a low-to-high transition to the RESET line.

The Audio is filtered by an eight-pole Butterworth Filter to insure the highest quality and is amplified to drive an 8Ω load with 200mW of power.

ALLOPHONE SPEECH SYNTHESIS INTRODUCTION

The General Instrument allophone speech synthesis technique is easy to use, has a remarkably low bit rate, and allows the user to synthesize any English word by concatenating individual speech sounds. Each allophone requires a six bit address. Assuming that speech contains ten to twelve allophones per second, allophone synthesis would require addressing less than 100 bits per second. Previous techniques have involved synthesizing and storing entire words as units. The major disadvantage of this method is that, unless use of a very large memory is intended, vocabulary size is limited. For example, pulse code modulation (PCM), which is essentially digital recording, storage, and playback of speech waveforms, requires about 70 thousand data bits per second of speech. Another method, linear predictive coding (LPC), which predicts a speech sample from a weighted combination of previous samples, requires only one to two thousand bits per second of speech. Using this method, approximately 15-20 words can be stored in 16K bits of memory. While these methods require a large memory for a limited vocabulary, their main advantage is relatively high quality speech.

In contrast, allophone synthesis has the major advantage of providing an unlimited vocabulary, since the stored units are not words, but individual speech sounds (allophones). The user has merely to become familiar with the speech sounds of English (which are different from letters) and the allophone symbols used to represent them. Another use for allophone synthesis is in a text-to-speech system in which the user inputs a string of text (such as this). The advantage of such a system is that the user does not have to learn the allophone symbols of the two algorithms which are required: one which converts text to allophone symbols, and a second which converts those symbols to sounds. It is this second format that is being presented.

One disadvantage of allophone synthesis is that although completely intelligible, the speech quality is not as good as for PCM or LPC. The quality problem arises through concatenation of the allophones to form words. This will be discussed further in the sections to follow.

LANGUAGE

In order to successfully use a set of allophone sounds to synthesize words, there are a few preliminary points which should be made about speech and language. First, there is no one-to-one correspondence between written letters and speech sounds; second, speech sounds are not discrete units such as beads on a string; and last, speech sounds are acoustically different, dependent upon position within a word.

The first point compares to what a child encounters when learning to read. Each sound in a language may be represented by more than one letter and, conversely, each letter may represent more than one sound. (See the examples in Table 1). Because of these spelling irregularities, it is necessary to think in terms of **sounds**, not letters, when dealing with speech allophones.

The second point concerns segmentation of the speech signal. An adult who has learned to read usually thinks of the acoustic stream of speech as a string of discrete sounds which he calls by their letter names. In fact, speech is a continuously varying signal which cannot easily be broken into distinct sound-size units. For example, if an attempt is made to extract the **b** sound from the word **bat** by taking successively larger chunks of the acoustic signal from the beginning of the word, either a non-speech noise or the syllable **ba** is heard. In other words, there is no point at which the **b** sound can be heard in isolation.

The final point, and the most important for users of an allophone set, is that the acoustic signal of a speech sound may differ depending upon word positions. For example, the initial **p** in **pop** will be acoustically different from the **p** in **spy**, and may be different from the final **p** in **pop**. The ear will perceive the same acoustic signal differently depending upon which sounds precede or follow it. The word **cot** can be made to sound like **cod** by lengthening the duration of the **o** and, conversely, the word **cod** can be made to sound like **cot** by shortening the duration of the **o**.

PHONEMES OF ENGLISH

The sounds of a language are called phonemes, and each language has a set which is slightly different from that of other languages. Table 2 contains a chart of all the consonant phonemes of English, Table 3 all the vowel phonemes of English.

Consonants are produced by creating a constriction or occlusion in the vocal tract which produces an aperiodic sound source. If the vocal cords are vibrating at the same time, as in the case of the voiced fricatives VV, DH, ZZ, and ZH, (See Table 4) there are two sound sources: one which is aperiodic and one which is periodic.

Vowels are produced with a relatively open vocal tract and a periodic sound source (unless they are whispered) provided by the vibrating vocal cords. Vowels are classified according to whether the front or back of the tongue is high or low (See Table 3), whether they are long or short, and whether the lips are rounded or unrounded. In English, all rounded vowels are produced in or near the back of the mouth (UW, UH, OW, AO, OR, AW).

Speech sounds which have features in common behave in similar ways. For example, the voiceless stop consonants PP, TT, and KK (See Table 2) should be preceded by 50-80 msec of silence, and the voiced stop consonants BB, DD, and GG by 10-30 msec of silence.

ALLOPHONES

Phoneme is the name given to a group of similar sounds in a language. Recall that a phoneme is acoustically different depending upon word position. Each of these positional variants is an allophone of the same phoneme. An allophone, therefore, is the manifestation of a phoneme in the speech signal. It is for this reason that the inventory of English speech sounds is called an allophone set.

HOW TO USE THE ALLOPHONE SET

(See Table 5 for instructions on how to create all the sample words mentioned in this section.)

The allophone set (See Table 4) contains two or three versions of some phonemes. It may be

necessary to use one allophone of a particular phoneme for word-or syllable-initial position and another for word-or syllable-final position. A detailed set of guidelines for using the allophones is given in Table 6. Note that these are suggestions, not rules.

For example, DD2 sounds good in initial position and DD1 sounds good in final position, as in "daughter" and "collide". One of the differences between the initial and final versions of a consonant may be that an initial version is longer. Therefore, to create an initial SS, two SSs can be used instead of the usual single SS at the end of a word or syllable, as in "sister". Note that this can be done with TH, and FF, and the inherently short vowels (to be discussed below), but with no other consonants. Experiment with some consonant clusters (strings of consonants such as str. cl) to discover which version works best in the cluster. For example KK1 sounds good before LL as in "clown", and KK2 sounds good before WW as in "square". One allophone of a particular phoneme may sound better before or after back vowels and another before or after front vowels. KK3 sounds good before UH and KK1 sounds good before IY, as in "cookie". Some sounds (PP, BB, TT, DD, KK, GG, CH, and JH) require a brief duration of silence before them. For most of these, the silence is included in the allophone, but more may be added as desired. Therefore, there are several pauses in the allophone set varying from 10-200 msec. To create the final sounds in the words "letter" and "little" use the allophones ER and EL. Think about how a word sounds, not how it is spelled. For example, the NG allophone obviously belongs at the end of the words "sing" and "long", but notice that the NG sound is represented by the letter N in "uncle". Some sounds may not be represented in words by any letters, such as the YY sound in "computer".

As mentioned earlier, there are some vowels which can be doubled to make longer versions for stressed syllables. These are the inherently short vowels IH, EH, AE, AX, AA, and UH. For example, in the word "extent" one EH is used in the first syllable, which is unstressed, and two EHs are used in the second syllable, which is stressed. Of the inherently long vowels there is one, UW, which has a long and short version. The short one, UW1, sounds good after YY in computer. The long version, UW2, sounds good in monosyllabic words like "two". Included in the vowel set is a group called R-colored vowels. These are vowel + R combinations. For example, the AR in "alarm" and the OR in "score". Of the R-colored vowels there is one, ER, which has a long and short version. The short version is good for polysyllabic words with final ER sounds like "letter", and the long version is good for monosyllabic words like "fir". One final suggestion when creating sentences is to add a pause of 30-50 msec between words and a pause of 100-200 msec between clauses.

Table 1 EXAMPLES OF SPELLING IRREGULARITIES

	Same sound represented by different letters	Different sounds represented by the same letter(s)
Vowels	meat feet Pete people penny	vein foreign deism deicer geisha
Consonants	sh ip ten si on pre ci ous na ti on	although ghastly cough

Table 2 CONSONANT PHONEMES OF ENGLISH**

		Labial ¹	Labio- Dental ²	Inter- Dental ³	Alveo- lar ⁴	Palatal ⁵	Velar ⁶	Glottal ⁷
Stops:	Voiceless Voiced	PP BB			TT DD		KK GG	
Fricatives:	Voiceless Voiced	WH	FF VV	TH DH	SS ZZ	SH ZH*		НН
Affricates:	Voiceless Voiced			×		CH JH		
Nasals:	Voiced	MM			NN		NG*	
Resonants:	Voiced	ww			RR, LL	YY		

^{*}These do not occur in word-initial position in English.

- 1. Upper and Lower Lips Touch or Approximate
- 2. Upper Teeth and Lower Lip Touch
- 3. Tongue Between Teeth
- 4. Tip of Tongue Touches or Approximates Alveolar Ridge (just behind upper teeth)
- 5. Body of Tongue Approximates Palate (roof of mouth)
- 6. Body of Tongue Touches Velum (posterior portion of roof of mouth)
- 7. Glottis (opening between vocal cords)

Table 3 VOWEL PHONEMES OF ENGLISH

	FRONT	CENTRAL	BACK
HIGH	YR IY IH*		UW# UH [*] #
MID	EY EH* XR	ER AX*	OW# OY#
LOW	AE*	AW# AY AR AA*	AO*# OR#

^{*} SHORT VOWELS

^{**} Examples of these phonemes in word context can be found in Table 5.

[#] ROUNDED VOWELS

Table 4 ALLOPHONES

PA1 PAUSE 30MS		< Silence >		< Volu	ed Fricative	263)
*/IH/ SiT 50MS	PA2 PA3 PA4	PAUSE PAUSE PAUSE	30MS 50MS 100MS	/DH1/ /DH2/ /ZZ/	thEY 200	140MS 180MS 150MS
#ZEH/ eND 50MS	(Short Vowels	>	< Volum	eless Fricat:	ives >
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Fey		C Long Vowels	>	< Voiced	l Stop Consor	nants >
\(\text{R} - \text{Colored Vowels} \) \\ /PP/ \ \ \ POW \ \ 150MS \\ /ER1 / \ Fir \ 210MS \ /KK1 / \ tO \ 100MS \\ /RR2 / \ Fir \ 210MS \ /KK2 / \ SkY \ 140MS \\ /RK2 / \ SkY \ 140MS \\ /RK / \ COMB \ 80MS \\ /RK / \ COMB \ 80MS \\ /RK / \ COMB \ 80MS \\ /RR / \ CLear \ 250MS \\ /XR / \ REPair \ 250MS \\ /XR / \ RI / \ TURAL \ 130MS \\ /RR / \ rURAL \ 130MS \\ /RR / \ REPAIR \ 80MS \\ /YYI / \ yES \ 90MS \\ /YYI / yES \ 90MS \\ /YYI / YES \ 90MS \\ /NN1 / \ THIR \ 170MS \\ /NN1 / \ THIR \ 170MS \\ /NN1 / \ NN1 / \ THIR \ 170MS \\ /NN2 / \ NO \ 140MS \\ /NN2 / \ NO \ NO \ 140MS \\ /NN2 / \ NO \ 140MS \\ NN2 / \ NO \ NO \ 140MS \\ NN2 / \ NO \ 140MS \\	/EY/ /AY/ /DY/ /UW1/ /UW2/ /OW/ /AW/	BeiGE SKv Bov To To Beau out	200MS 170MS 290MS 60MS 170MS 170MS 250MS	/882/ /DD1/ /DD2/ /GG1/	bUSINESS COULd dO aUEST aOT	60MS 50MS 80MS 80MS 80MS
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^{*}These Allophones can be doubled.

Table 5 EXAMPLES OF WORDS MADE FROM ALLOPHONES

DD2-AO-TT2-ER1	"daughter"
KK3-AX-LL-AY-DD1	"collide"
SS-SS-IH-SS-TT2-ER1	"sister"
KK1-LL-AW-NN1	"clown"
KK3-UH-KK1-IY	"cookie"
LL-EH-TT2-ER	"letter"
LL-IH-TT2-EL	"little"
AX-NG-KK3-EL	"uncle"
KK1-AX-MM-PP1-YY1-UW1-TT2-ER	"computer"
EH-KK1-SS-TT2-EH-EH-NN1-TT2	"extent"
TT2-UW2	"two"
AX-LL-AR-MM	"alarm"
SS-KK3-OR	"score"
FF-ER2	"fir"

Table 6 GUIDELINES FOR USING THE ALLOPHONES

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Silence	
PA1 (10ms)	before BB, DD, GG, and JH
PA2 (30ms)	before BB, DD, GG, and JH
PA3 (50ms)	before PP, TT, KK, and CH, and between words
PA4 (100ms)	between clauses and sentences
PA5 (200ms)	between clauses and sentences
Short Vowels	
*/IH/	sitting, stranded
*/EH/	extent, gentlemen
*/AE/	
	extract, acting cookie, full
*/UH/ */AO/	Employ (Handows 1:1. 4) (1) (1) (1)
100 000 0	talking, song
*/AX/	lapel, instruct
*/AA/	pottery, cotton
Long Vowels	I
/IY/	treat, people, penny
/EY/	great, statement, tray
/AY/	kite, sk y , mighty
/OY/	noise, toy, voice
/UW1/	after clusters with YY: computer
/UW2	in monosyllabic words: two, food
/OW/	zone, close, snow
/AW/	sound, mouse, down
R-Colored Vowels	i e
/ER1/	letter, furniture, interrupt
/ER2/	monosyllables: bird, fern, burn
/OR/	fortune, adorn, store
/AR/	farm, alarm, garment
/YR/	hear, earring, irresponsible
/XR/	hair, declare, stare
Resonants	
/WW/	we, warrant, linguist
/RR1/	initial position: read, write, x-ray
/RR2/	initial clusters: brown, crane, grease
/LL/	like, hello, steel
/EL/	little, angle, gentlemen
/YY1/	clusters: cute, beauty, computer
/YY2/	initial position: yes, yarn, yo-yo
Voiced Fricatives	
/VV/	vest, prove, even
/DH1/	word-initial position: this, then, they
/DH2/	word-final and between vowels: bathe, bathing
/ZZ/	zoo, phase
/ZH/	bei ge , pleasure
Voiceless Fricative	es es
*/FF/) There was be dealer to the first transfer transfer to the first transfer
*/TH/	These may be doubled for initial position
*/SS/	and used singly in final position
/SH/	shirt, leash, nation
/HH1/	before front vowels: YR, IY, IH, EY, EH, XR, AE
/HH2/	before back vowels: UW, UH, OW, OY, AO, OR, AR
/WH/	white, whim, twenty
L	

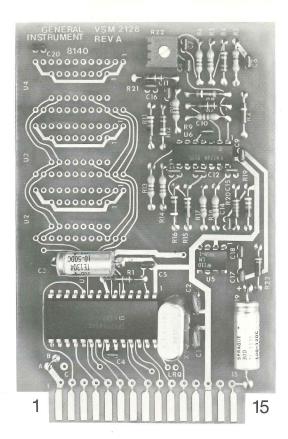
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Voiced Stops	
/BB1/	final position: rib; between vowels: fibber; in clusters; bleed, brown
/BB2/	initial position before a vowel: beast
/DD1/	final position: played, end
/DD2/	initial position: down; clusters: drain
/GG1/	before high front vowels: YR, IY, IH, EY, EH, XR
/GG2/	before high back vowels: UW, UH, OW, OY, AX; and clusters: green, glue
/GG3/	before low vowels: AE, AW, AY, AR, AA, AO, OR, ER; in medial clusters:
	anger; and final position: peg
Voiceless Stops	
/PP/	pleasure, ample, trip
/TT1/	final clusters before SS: tests, its
/TT2/	all other positions: test, street
/KK1/	before front vowels: YR, IY, IH, EY, EH, XR, AY, AE, ER, AX;
	initial clusters: c ute, cl own, scr eam
/KK2/	final position: speak; final clusters: task
/KK3/	before back vowels: UW, UH, OW, OY, OR, AR, AO;
	initial clusters: cr ane, qu ick, cl own, scr eam
Affricates	
/CH/	church, feature
/JH/	judge, injure
Nasal	
/MM/	milk, alarm, ample
/NN1/	before front and central vowels: YR, IY, IH, EY, EH, XR, AE, ER,
	AX, AW, AY, UW; final clusters: earn
/NN2/	before back vowels: UH, OW, OY, OR, AR, AA
/NG/	stri ng , a ng er

^{*}These allophones can be doubled.

TABLE 7 ALLOPHONE ADDRESS

Octal	Allambana	Sample	Duration		Octal Address	Allambana	Sample Word	Duration
Address	Allophone	word	Duration		Address	Allophone	word	Duration
000	PA1	PAUSE	10ms		040	/AW/	Out	250ms
001	PA2	PAUSE	30ms	×	041	/DD2/	Do	80ms
002	PA3	PAUSE	50ms		042	/GG3	Wig	120ms
003	PA4	PAUSE	100ms		043	/VV/	Vest	130ms
004	PA5	PAUSE	200ms		044	/GG1/	Guest	80ms
005	/OY/ ·	Boy	290ms		045	/SH/	Ship	120ms
006	/AY/	Sky	170ms		046	/ZH/	Azure	130ms
007	/EH/	End	50ms		047	/RR2/	Brain	80ms
7 010	/KK3/	Comb	80ms		050	/FF/	Food	110ms
011	/PP/	Pow	150ms		051	/KK2/	Sky	140ms
012	/JH/	Dodge	100ms		052	/KK1/	Can't	120ms
013	/NN1/	Thin	170ms		053	/ZZ/	Zoo	150ms
014	/IH/	Sit	50ms		054	/NG	Anchor	200ms
7 015	/TT2/	To .	100ms		055	/LL/	Lake	80ms
016	/RR1/	Rural	130ms		056	/WW/	Wool	140ms
0.17	/AX/	Succeed	50ms		057	/XR/	Repair	250ms
020	/MM/	Milk	180ms		060	/WH/	Whig	150ms
021	/TT1/	Part	80ms		061	/YY1/	Yes	90ms
022	/DH1/	They	140ms		062	/CH/	Church	150ms
023	/IY/	See	170ms		063	/ER1/	Fir	110ms
024	/EY/	Beige	200ms		064	/ER2/	Fir	210ms
025	/DD1/	Could	50ms		065	/OW/	Beau	170ms
026	/UW1/	To	60ms		066	/DH2/	They	180ms
027	/AO/	Aught	70ms		067	/SS/	Vest	60ms
030	/AA/	Hot	60ms		070	/NN2/	No	140ms
031	/YY2/	Yes	130ms		071	/HH2/	Hoe	130ms
032	/AE/	Hat	80ms		072	/OR/	Store	240ms
033	/HH1/	He	90ms		073	/AR/	Alarm	200ms
034	/BB1/	Business	40ms		074	/YR/	Clear	250ms
035	/TH/	Thin	130ms		075	/GG2/	Got	80ms
036	/UH/	Book	70ms		076	/EL/	Saddle	140ms
037	/UW2/	Food	170ms		077	/BB2/	Business	60ms



PIN FUNCTIONS

	Pin	Signal	Functions
P	1	V _p S7	4.6 to 7.0V DC regulated
6	2	S7	Address Bit 7 (MSB)
C	3	RESET	Initializes Module (Active Low)
0	4	S ₀	Address Bit 0 (LSB)
	5	S ₁	Address Bit 1
. 6	6	S ₂	Address Bit 2
ful	7	S_3	Address Bit 3
J	8	S_4	Address Bit 4
K	9	S ₅	Address Bit 5
1	10	S ₆	Address Bit 6
	11	BUSY (SBY)	Indicates Module is Speaking (Active Low)
N	12	STROBE (ALD)	Loads the 8 address bits
P	13	GND	Power Supply Ground
R	14	LOAD (LRQ)	Load next address
5	15	SPK	Audio Output

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Maximum Ratings*

Temperature Under Bias	 100° C
Storage Temperature	 -55° to +100° C
Voltage on any pin with respect to GND	 -0.3V to $+12.0V$

^{*}Exceeding these ratings could cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of this device at these conditions is not implied. Operating ranges are specified in Standard Conditions. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

Data labeled "typical" is presented for design guidance only and is not guaranteed.

Standard Conditions (unless otherwise stated):

Operating Temperature $T_A = 0^{\circ} C$ to $+70^{\circ} C$

DC CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Sym	Min	Тур	Max	Units	Conditions
Supply Voltage	V _P	4.6	_	7.0	V	0
Supply Current	I _P		100		mA	Audio Off
S0-S7, Strobe Low Voltage	V _{IL2}	0.0	_	0.6	V	
S0-S7, Strobe High Voltage	V _{IH1}	2.4		VP	V	
Reset Low Voltage	V _{IL2}	0.0	_	0.6	V	
Reset High Voltage	V _{IH2}	3.6	_	VP	V	
Busy, Load Output Low Voltage	V _{OL}	0.0	_	0.6	V	0.72mA
Busy, Load Output High Voltage	V _{OH}	3.5	-	VP	V	−50µA
Audio Output	A _P	_	_	200	mW	8Ω Load

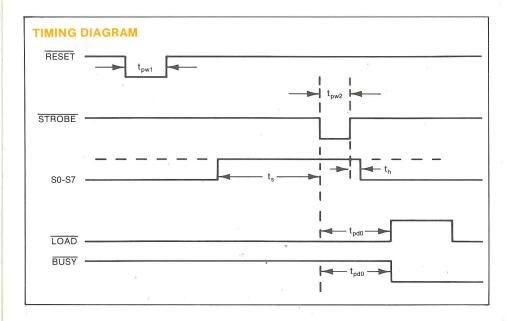
Positive current indicates current into module. Negative current indicates current out of module.

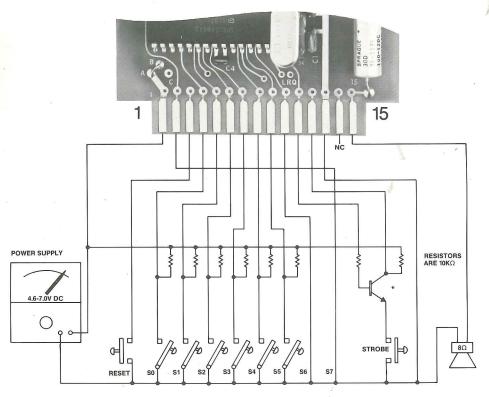
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AC CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Sym	Min	Тур	Max	Units	Conditions
RESET	t _{pw1}	100	_	_	μs	**
STROBE	t _{pw2}	200		-	ns	
S0-S7 Set Up	t _s	450	_	_	ns	
S0-S7 Hold	t _h /	0		_	ns	44
Busy 1	t _{pd0}	-	_	300	ns	
Busy 2	t _{pd0}		_	300	ns	





^{*}Transistor is used to debounce the STROBE pushbutton switch. If a boundless switch is used, STROBE input pin 12 may be tied directly to switch.

The circuit above demonstrates the simplicity of the interface and illustrates the phonetic sound generation. It would not be practical to attempt word generation with this circuit.

PROCESSOR CONTROLLED INTERFACE

The VSM2128 is easily interfaced to a parallel port on any computer or microprocessor system. The TRS-80™ Model 1 personal computer is used as an example of this operation.

VSM2128 TO TRS80 INTERFACE

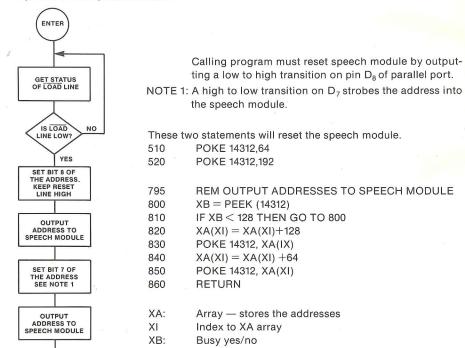
VSM2128 CONN.		TRS-80™ LINE PRINTER CONN.		ONN. ADDITIONAL	ADDITIONAL CONNECTIONS	
1	V_p			150	+5	5V ±5%
2	S7			-		GND
3	RESET		17	DATA 8		_
4	S0		3	DATA 1		_
5	S1		5	DATA 2		_
6	S2		7	DATA 3		
7	S3		9	DATA 4		P
8	S4		11	DATA 5		—
9	S5		13	DATA 6		_
10	S6					GND
11	BUSY		-			_
12	STROBE		15	DATA 7.		
13	GND		2	GND		GND
14	LOAD		21	BUSY		_
15	SPR				- 8Ω S	PEAKER

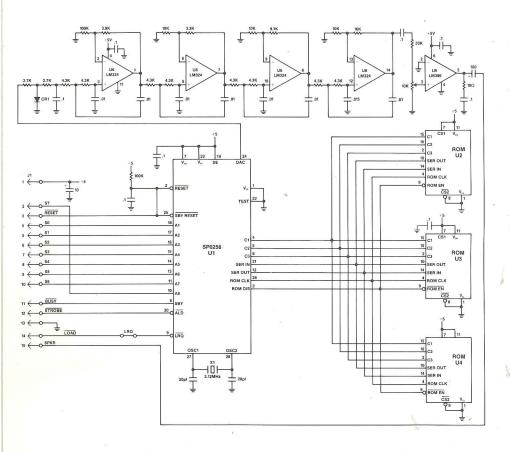
FLOW CHART

RETURN

This routine interfaces the TRS- 80^{TM} Model 1 to the VSM2128 speech module through the parallel printer port.

The routine waits for the LOAD line to go low (input buffer empty) and then outputs the address of a phrase to the speech module.





NOTES:

- 1. J1 mates to Amphenol connector 225-21521-401 (117)
- 2. All capacitor values are μ f except where noted.
- 3. Board supports General Instrument speech ROMs SPR16, SPR32, and SPR128 in any combination.