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Overview

We know from our tutorials about Transformers that they can not only provide a step-down (or step-up) voltage, but they also provide electrical isolation between the higher voltage on the primary side and the lo.

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An optocoupler (or opto-isolator) is a component that transfer signals between circuits using light. In this guide, you''ll learn how they work and how you can use one in your own projects.

In this application, the optocoupler is used to detect the operation of the switch or another type of digital input signal.

In short, 4N25 optocoupler is used in applications where to want to isolate electrical circuits from each other. For further information, check examples that are given in the next section.

The advantage of the optocoupler is that it requires no external power supply for its operation. Every input is equipped with a green LED to signal the activity of the ...

Where the input applied voltage is reversible or alternating and it is desired to detect the phase or polarity of the input, the bipolar input circuit of Figure 8 can be employed. The individual ...

This configuration refers to optocouplers with an open slot between the source and sensor that has the ability to influence incoming signals. The slotted ...

Optocoupler exhibit one very useful characteristic and that is its light coupling efficiency termed as current transfer ratio, or the CTR. This ratio is enhanced with an ideally matching IR LED ...

In order to design a functionally robust and reliable application with optocouplers, it is essential to understand not only the device''s main parameters and parasitic elements, but also their tolerances ...

In this episode #0018 of Electronic Components Testing, we reveal how to test an optocoupler (optoisolator) using a digital multimeter step by step. This simple yet powerful technique will help...

Before investigating commercially manufactured optocouplers, let''s explore what is happening inside an optocoupler IC, by assembling our own home made optocoupler isolation circuit, ...

When you are designing an isolated feedback network, you must consider the tolerance of the optocoupler and all other components that determine the large signal gain.

	In this example a PC817 optocoupler is shown isolating a circuit using HCT logic via a 7414 Schmitt inverter gate.
	Testing this involves verifying its functionality by checking for a voltage drop across the LED when a current is applied, and confirming that light is emitted. You can easily test the LED with ...

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