

D371A IC Designer’s Kit Guide

Introduction:

Rogers DUREL® D371A IC Designer’s Kit is intended to aid you in developing an EL lamp driver configuration using the DUREL D371A IC driver that meets your power draw budget while achieving your brightness requirements from the EL lamp. A list of components contained in the kit is in Table 1.

| Table 1: List of Components | |
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| Description | Qty |
| D371A IC unit samples | 5 |
| D371A IC Designer’s Kit Board | 1 |
| D371A IC Mini-Module Board | 1 |
| Kit Board Power Connector | 1 |
| EL Lamp sample with connector | 1 |
| Assorted SMT Inductors | >2 |
| SMT adapter boards | 2 |
| Leaded CHF Capacitors – various values | >2 |
| Bypass cap: 1.0uF | 1 |

The D371A IC Designer’s Kit Board:

The Designer’s Kit Board (see Figure 1), which comes with a D371A IC already soldered to the board, is a useful tool for optimizing a D371A IC driver circuit for any application. Refer to the D371A IC datasheet as a guideline with sample circuits as a starting point of your design. Simply insert an appropriate value of inductor (L) and timing capacitors (CLF and CHF) into the labeled sockets, as shown in Figure 1, and connect your choice of wave-shaping resistor (R_{ES}) to complete your driving circuit. Additional sockets are provided in the Designer’s Kit Board for a bypass capacitor between V+ and ground (GND) to absorb electrical noise in the DC input.

A jumper header on the Designer’s Kit Board is normally attached to connect E to V+ or GND. This jumper header can be removed to control the enable pin (E) with an externally supplied signal. A jumper header is also used to select the connection for DCH to Open or GND, depending on the discharge level desired (see datasheet for details on wave-shaping feature for D371A IC). Make sure that an appropriate load is connected to between the output (Vout) and GND before applying power to the chip through the Designer’s Kit Board power connections. A sample DUREL 3 PROTOLIGHT® EL lamp is provided in the Designer’s Kit. This lamp may be cut to your required lit area.

The user can easily replace all the external components with different values on the Designer’s Kit Board in order to achieve design goals. A selection of standard values of capacitors and inductors are included in the D371A IC Designer’s Kit for your use.

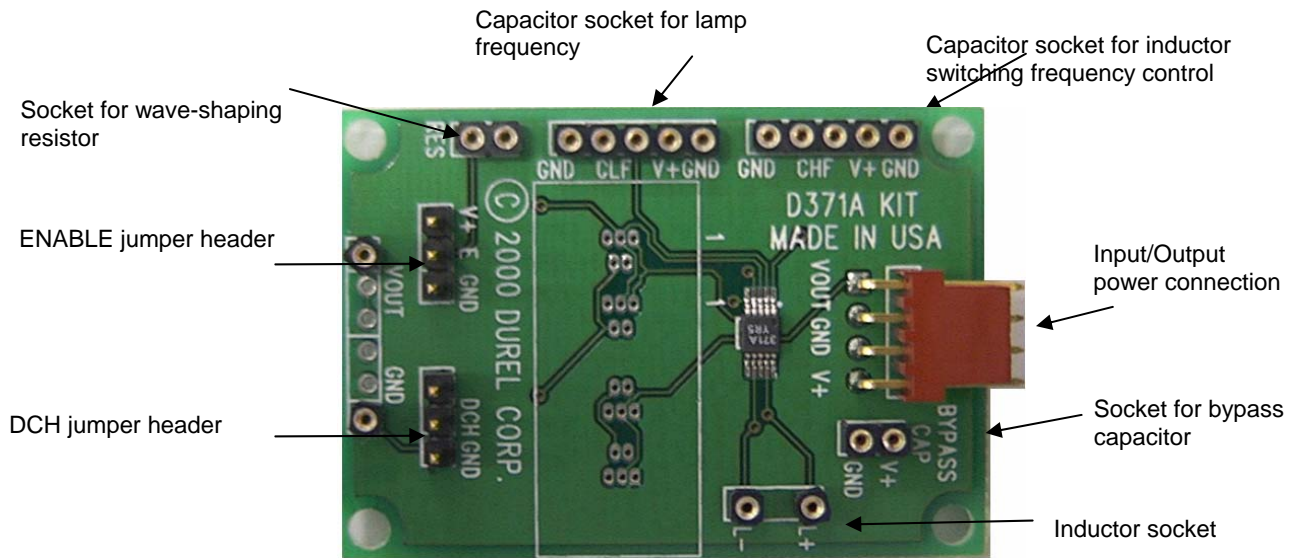


Figure 1: The D371A IC Designer's Kit Board

The D371A IC Mini-Module Board:

The D371A IC Mini-Module Board (see Figure 2) is an example of a finished circuit based on the D371A IC. It is meant as a representation of the board area requirement for the EL lamp driver circuit in the application. Most of the external components have been selected and pre-soldered onto the module board, except for the surface mount inductor. The mini-module board can be configured to fit into finished product for demos.

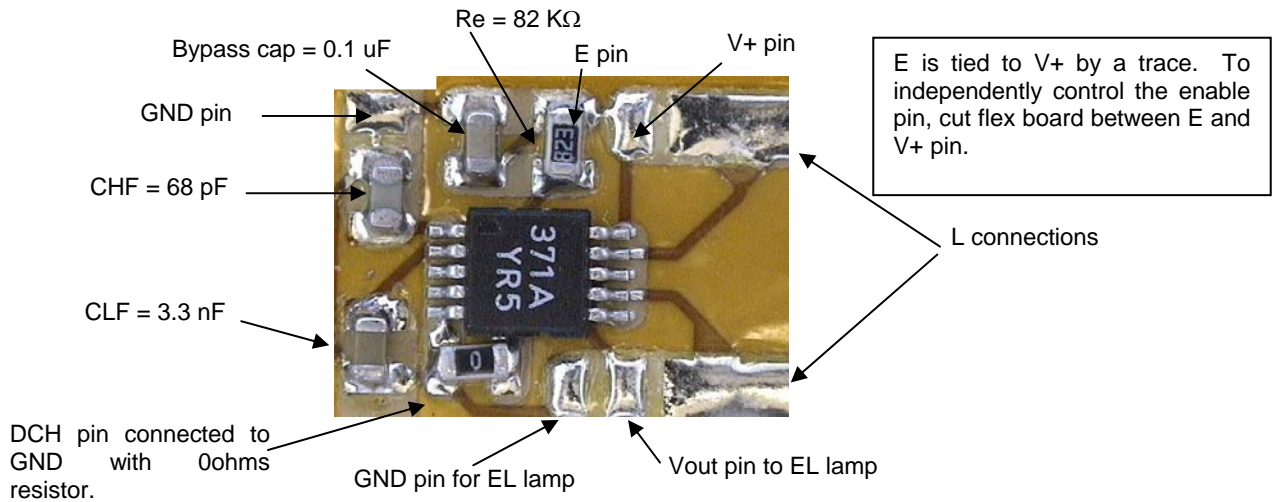


Figure 2: The D371A IC Mini-Module Board

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