



Figure 12. Circuit for Astable Operation

Figure 13. Typical Astable Waveforms

Figure 12 shows typical waveforms generated during a table operation. The output high-level duration  $t_{\rm H}$  and low-level duration  $t_{\rm t}$  can be calculated as follows:

$$t_{H} = 0.693(R_{A} + R_{B})C$$
 (1)

$$t_{L} = 0.693 \left( R_{B} \right) C \tag{2}$$

Other useful relationships are shown below:

period = 
$$t_H + t_L = 0.693 (R_A + 2R_B)C$$
 (3)

frequency 
$$\approx \frac{1.44}{(R_A + 2R_B)C}$$
 (4)

Output driver duty cycle = 
$$\frac{t_L}{t_H + t_L} = \frac{R_B}{R_A + 2R_B}$$
 (5)

Output waveform duty cycle = 
$$\frac{t_H}{t_H + t_L} = 1 - \frac{R_B}{R_A + 2R_B}$$
 (6)

Low-to-high ratio = 
$$\frac{t_L}{t_H} = \frac{R_B}{R_A + R_B}$$
 (7)