

## 4.5-V TO 16-V INPUT, HIGH CURRENT, SYNCHRONOUS STEP DOWN THREE DC-DC CONVERTER WITH INTEGRATED FET, USB SWITCH AND PUSH BUTTON CONTROL

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### FEATURES

- **Wide Input Supply Voltage Range:**  
4.5 V - 16 V
- **0.8-V, 1% Accuracy Reference**
- **Continuous Loading:**  
3 A (Buck1), 2 A (Buck2 and 3)
- **Maximum Current:**  
3.5 A (Buck 1), 2.5 A (Buck2 and 3)
- **Synchronous Operation, 300-kHz – 2.2-MHz**  
Switching Frequency Set By External Resistor
- **External Enable Pins With Built-In Current**  
Source for Easy Sequencing
- **External Soft Start Pins**
- **Adjustable Cycle-by-Cycle Current Limit Set**  
by External Resistor
- **Current-Mode Control With Simple**  
Compensation Circuit
- **Automatic Low Pulse Skipping (PSM) Power**  
Mode, Allowing for an Output Ripple Better  
than 2%
- **Support Pre-Biased Outputs**
- **Power Good Supervisor and Reset Generator**
- **1-A USB Power Switch With Overcurrent and**  
Thermal Protection
- **Push Button (10-kV ESD Rated Pin for PB\_IN)**  
Control for Intelligent System Power-  
On/Power-Off Operation
- **Small, Thermally Efficient 40-Pin 6-mm x 6-mm**  
RHA (QFN) package
- **-40°C to 125°C Junction Temperature Range**

### DESCRIPTION/ORDERING INFORMATION

TPS65257 is a power management IC with three step-down buck converters. Both high-side and low-side MOSFETs are integrated to provide fully synchronous conversion with higher efficiency. The converters are designed to simplify its application while giving the designer the option to optimize their usage according to the target application.

The converters can operate in 5-, 9-, 12- or 15-V systems. The output voltage can be set externally using a resistor divider to any value between 0.8 V and the input supply minus the resistive drops on the converter path. Each converter features enable pin that allows a delayed start-up for sequencing purposes, soft start pin that allows adjustable soft-start time by choosing the soft-start capacitor, and a current limit (RLIM) pin that enables designer to adjust current limit by selecting an external resistor and optimize the choice of inductor. All converters operate in 'hiccup mode': Once an over-current lasting more than 10 ms is sensed in any of the converters, they will shut down for 10 ms and then the start-up sequencing will be tried again. If the overload has been removed, the converter will ramp up and operate normally. If this is not the case the converter will see another over-current event and shuts down again repeating the cycle (hiccup) until the failure is cleared. If an overload condition lasts for less than 10 ms, only the relevant converter affected will shut-down and re-start and no global hiccup mode will occur.

The switching frequency of the converters is set by an external resistor connected to ROSC pin. The switching regulators are designed to operate from 300 kHz to 2.2 MHz. The converters operate with 180° phase between them to minimize the input filter requirements.

All converters have peak current mode control which simplifies external frequency compensation. The device has a built-in slope compensation ramp. The slope compensation can prevent sub harmonic oscillations in peak current mode control. A traditional type II compensation network can stabilize the system and achieve fast transient response. Moreover, an optional capacitor in parallel with the upper resistor of the feedback divider provides one more zero and makes the crossover frequency over 100 kHz.

All converters feature an automatic low power pulse PFM skipping mode which improves efficiency during light loads and standby operation, while guaranteeing a very low output ripple, allowing for a value of less than 2% at low output voltages.



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The device incorporates an overvoltage transient protection circuit to minimize voltage overshoot. The OVP feature minimizes the output overshoot by implementing a circuit to compare the FB pin voltage to OVP threshold which is 109% of the internal voltage reference. If the FB pin voltage is greater than the OVTP threshold, the high side MOSFET is disabled preventing current from flowing to the output and minimizing output overshoot. When the FB voltage drops lower than the OVP lower threshold which is 107%, the high side MOSFET is allowed to turn on the next clock cycle.

TPS65257 features a supervisor circuit which monitors each buck's output and the PGOOD pin is asserted once sequencing is done. The PGOOD pin is an open drain output. The PGOOD pin is pulled low when any buck converter is pulled below 85% of the nominal output voltage. The PGOOD is pulled up when all converter outputs are more than 90% of its nominal output voltage. The default reset time is 100 ms. The polarity of the PGOOD is active high.

The push button operation has been designed to allow for automatic system start when the input supply is applied or to provide an integrated ON/OFF system management without the need of additional external components. The behavior of the device will depend on the status of the INT pin (see start-up signals).

The USB switch provides up to 1-A of current as required by downstream USB devices. When the output load exceeds the current-limit threshold or a short is present, the PMU limits the output current to a safe level by switching into a constant-current mode and pulling the over current logic output low. When continuous heavy overloads and short circuits increase the power dissipation in the switch, causing the junction temperature to rise, a thermal warning protection circuit shuts off the USB switch and allows the buck converters to carry on operating.

The device implements an internal thermal shutdown to protect itself if the junction temperature exceeds 160°C. The thermal shutdown forces the device to stop operating when the junction temperature exceeds thermal trip threshold. Once the die temperature decreases below 140°C, the device reinitiates the power up sequence. The thermal shutdown hysteresis is 20°C.

#### ORDERING INFORMATION<sup>(1)</sup>

| T <sub>A</sub> | PACKAGE <sup>(2)</sup> |              | PART NUMBER  | TOP-SIDE MARKING |
|----------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| -40°C to 125°C | 40-Pin (QFN) - RHA     | Reel of 2500 | TPS65257RHAR | TPS65257         |
|                |                        | Reel of 250  | TPS65257RHAT |                  |

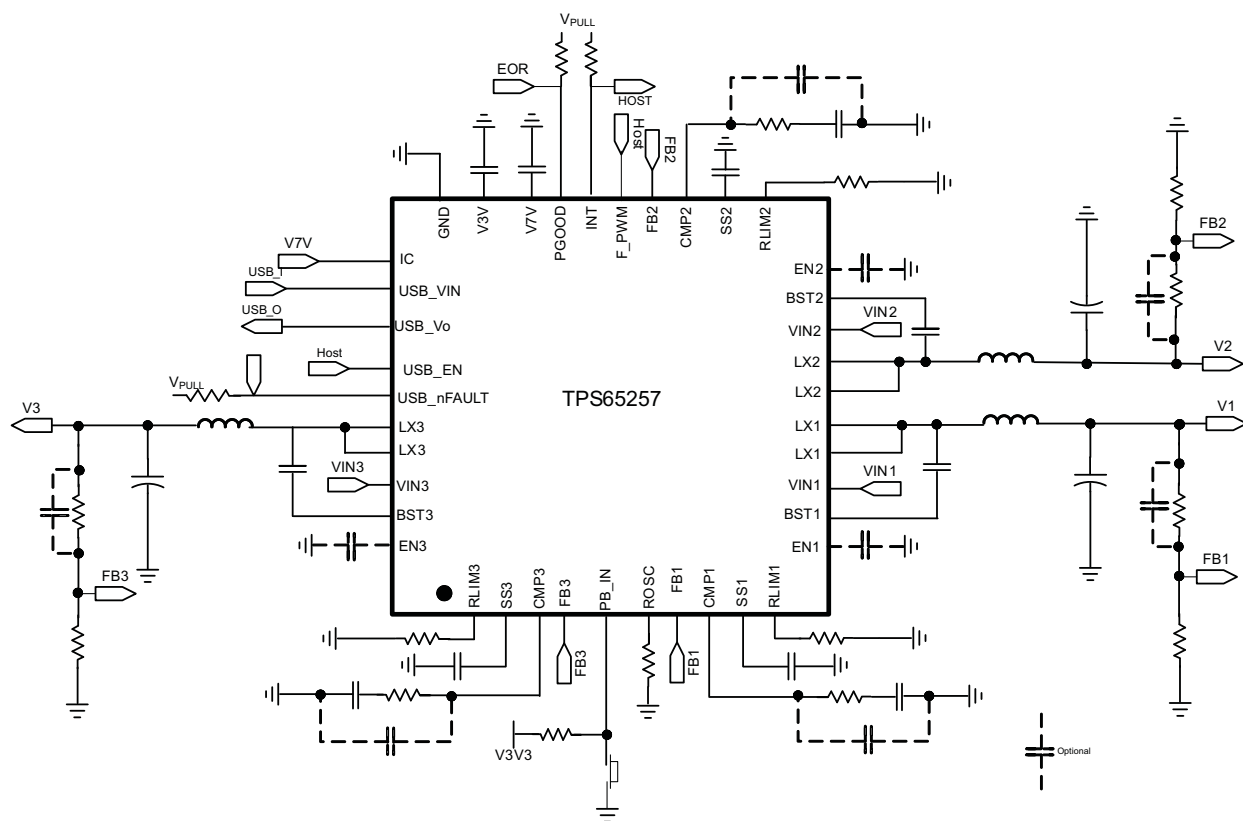
(1) For the most current packaging and ordering information, see the Package Option Addendum at the end of this document, or see the TI web site at [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com).

(2) Package drawings, thermal data, and symbolization are available at [www.ti.com/packaging](http://www.ti.com/packaging).

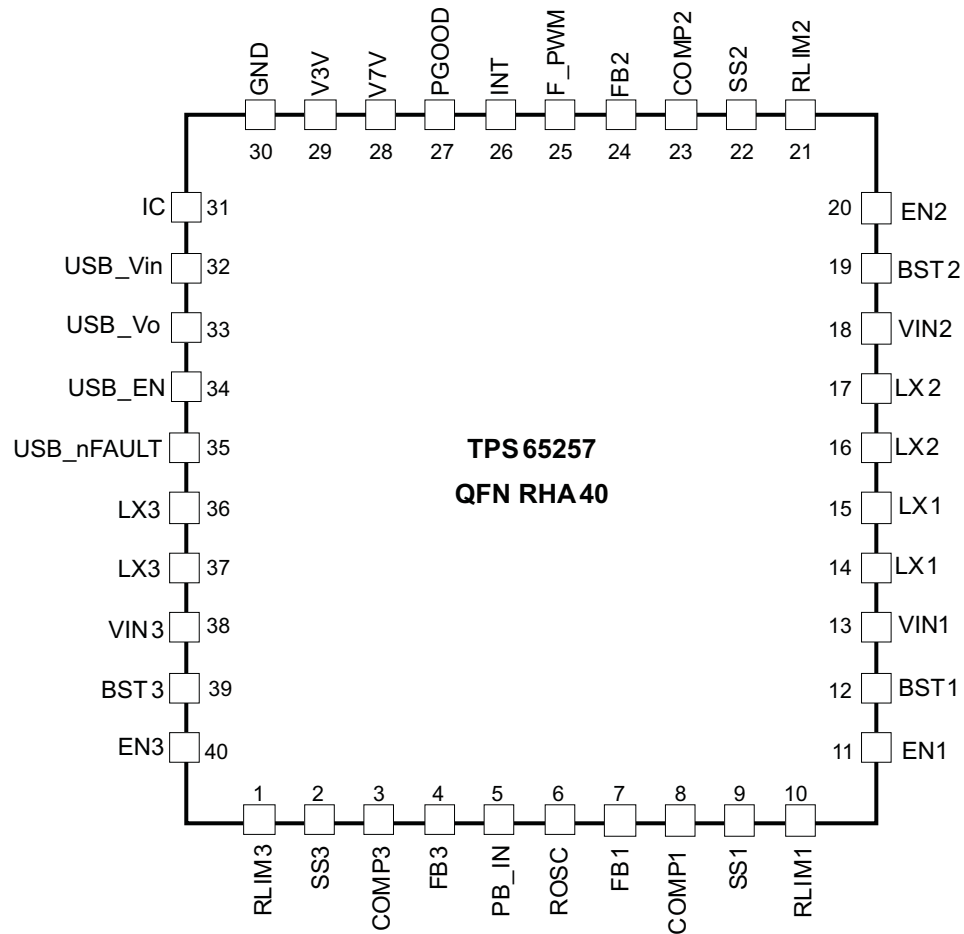


ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

The schematic diagram illustrates the power management section of the USB-to-serial converter board. It features a 12V input and a USB supply. The power management section includes three buck converters (BUCK1, BUCK2, BUCK3) in Low Power mode, a USB\_SWITCH, a PG&RST generator, and various passive components like capacitors and resistors. The diagram shows the internal connections and components of the power management IC, including the USB\_SWITCH, BUCK1, BUCK2, and BUCK3 blocks. It also shows the external components like capacitors (C<sub>DC1</sub>, C<sub>DC2</sub>, C<sub>DC3</sub>, C<sub>USB\_IN</sub>, C<sub>USB\_O</sub>, C<sub>BS1</sub>, C<sub>BS2</sub>, C<sub>BS3</sub>, C<sub>COMP1</sub>, C<sub>COMP2</sub>, C<sub>COMP3</sub>, C<sub>SS1</sub>, C<sub>SS2</sub>, C<sub>SS3</sub>, C<sub>V7</sub>, C<sub>V3V</sub>), resistors (R<sub>OSC</sub>, R<sub>ILIM1</sub>, R<sub>ILIM2</sub>, R<sub>ILIM3</sub>, R<sub>FB1U</sub>, R<sub>FB1L</sub>, R<sub>FB2U</sub>, R<sub>FB2L</sub>, R<sub>FB3U</sub>, R<sub>FB3L</sub>, R<sub>COMP1</sub>, R<sub>COMP2</sub>, R<sub>COMP3</sub>), and diodes (D<sub>1</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>3</sub>). The diagram also shows the internal connections of the power management IC, including the USB\_SWITCH, BUCK1, BUCK2, and BUCK3 blocks. It also shows the external components like capacitors (C<sub>DC1</sub>, C<sub>DC2</sub>, C<sub>DC3</sub>, C<sub>USB\_IN</sub>, C<sub>USB\_O</sub>, C<sub>BS1</sub>, C<sub>BS2</sub>, C<sub>BS3</sub>, C<sub>COMP1</sub>, C<sub>COMP2</sub>, C<sub>COMP3</sub>, C<sub>SS1</sub>, C<sub>SS2</sub>, C<sub>SS3</sub>, C<sub>V7</sub>, C<sub>V3V</sub>), resistors (R<sub>OSC</sub>, R<sub>ILIM1</sub>, R<sub>ILIM2</sub>, R<sub>ILIM3</sub>, R<sub>FB1U</sub>, R<sub>FB1L</sub>, R<sub>FB2U</sub>, R<sub>FB2L</sub>, R<sub>FB3U</sub>, R<sub>FB3L</sub>, R<sub>COMP1</sub>, R<sub>COMP2</sub>, R<sub>COMP3</sub>), and diodes (D<sub>1</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>3</sub>).

**TYPICAL APPLICATION**

## PIN OUT



**TERMINAL FUNCTIONS**

| NAME    | NO.    | I/O | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                |
|---------|--------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RLIM3   | 1      | I   | Current limit setting for Buck3. Fit a resistor from this pin to ground to set the peak current limit on the output inductor.                              |
| SS3     | 2      | I   | Soft start pin for Buck3. Fit a small ceramic capacitor to this pin to set the converter soft start time.                                                  |
| COMP3   | 3      | O   | Compensation for Buck3. Fit a series RC circuit to this pin to complete the compensation circuit of this converter.                                        |
| FB3     | 4      | I   | Feedback pin for Buck3. Connect a divider set to 0.8 V from the output of the converter to ground.                                                         |
| PB_IN   | 5      | I   | Push button input (active low)                                                                                                                             |
| ROSC    | 6      | I   | Oscillator set. This resistor sets the frequency of internal autonomous clock.                                                                             |
| FB1     | 7      | I   | Feedback pin for Buck1. Connect a divider set to 0.8 V from the output of the converter to ground.                                                         |
| COMP1   | 8      | O   | Compensation pin for Buck1. Fit a series RC circuit to this pin to complete the compensation circuit of this converter.                                    |
| SS1     | 9      | I   | Soft-start pin for Buck1. Fit a small ceramic capacitor to this pin to set the converter soft-start time.                                                  |
| RLIM1   | 10     | I   | Current limit setting pin for Buck1. Fit a resistor from this pin to ground to set the peak current limit on the output inductor.                          |
| EN1     | 11     | I   | Enable pin for Buck1. A high signal on this pin enables the regulator Buck. For a delayed start-up add a small ceramic capacitor from this pin to ground.  |
| BST1    | 12     |     | Bootstrap capacitor for Buck1. Fit a 47-nF ceramic capacitor from this pin to the switching node.                                                          |
| VIN1    | 13     | I   | Input supply for Buck1. Fit a 10-μF ceramic capacitor close to this pin.                                                                                   |
| LX1     | 14, 15 | O   | Switching node for Buck1                                                                                                                                   |
| LX2     | 16, 17 | O   | Switching node for Buck2                                                                                                                                   |
| VIN2    | 18     | I   | Input supply for Buck2. Fit a 10-μF ceramic capacitor close to this pin.                                                                                   |
| BST2    | 19     |     | Bootstrap capacitor for Buck2. Fit a 47-nF ceramic capacitor from this pin to the switching node.                                                          |
| EN2     | 20     | I   | Enable pin for Buck2. A high signal on this pin enables the regulator. For a delayed start-up add a small ceramic capacitor from this pin to ground.       |
| RLIM2   | 21     | I   | Current limit setting pin for Buck2. Fit a resistor from this pin to ground to set the peak current limit on the output inductor.                          |
| SS2     | 22     | I   | Soft-start pin for Buck2. Fit a small ceramic capacitor to this pin to set the converter soft-start time.                                                  |
| COMP2   | 23     | O   | Compensation pin for Buck2. Fit a series RC circuit to this pin to complete the compensation circuit of this converter.                                    |
| FB2     | 24     | I   | Feedback input for Buck2. Connect a divider set to 0.8 V from the output of the converter to ground.                                                       |
| F_PWM   | 25     |     | Forces PWM operation in all converters when set high. If low converters will operate in automatic PFM/PWM mode.                                            |
| INT     | 26     | O   | Open drain interrupt output                                                                                                                                |
| PGOOD   | 27     | O   | Power good. Open drain output asserted low after all converters and sequenced and within regulation. Polarity is factory selectable (active high default). |
| V7V     | 28     | O   | Internal supply. Connect a 4.7-μF to 10-μF ceramic capacitor from this pin to ground.                                                                      |
| V3V     | 29     | O   | Internal supply. Connect a 3.3-μF to 10-μF ceramic capacitor from this pin to ground.                                                                      |
| GND     | 30     |     | Ground                                                                                                                                                     |
| IC      | 31     | I   | This pin should be connected to V7V pin                                                                                                                    |
| USB_VIN | 32     | I   | USB switch Input supply                                                                                                                                    |
| USB_Vo  | 33     |     | USB switch output                                                                                                                                          |
| USB_EN  | 34     | I   | Enable input, high turns on the switch                                                                                                                     |

**TERMINAL FUNCTIONS (continued)**

| NAME       | NO.    | I/O | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                          |
|------------|--------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| USB_nFAULT | 35     | I   | USB1 fault flag output, open drain, active low. Asserted when overcurrent or overtemperature condition is detected in the switch.                    |
| LX3        | 36, 37 | O   | Switching node for Buck3                                                                                                                             |
| VIN3       | 38     | I   | Input supply for Buck3. Fit a 10-μF ceramic capacitor close to this pin.                                                                             |
| BST3       | 39     | I   | Bootstrap capacitor for Buck3. Fit a 47-nF ceramic capacitor from this pin to the switching node.                                                    |
| EN3        | 40     | I   | Enable pin for Buck3. A high signal on this pin enables the converter. For a delayed start-up add a small ceramic capacitor from this pin to ground. |
| PowerPAD   |        |     | PowerPAD. Connect to system ground for electrical and thermal connection.                                                                            |

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS <sup>(1)</sup>**

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted, all voltages are with respect to GND)

|                  |                                                                                                                                   |             |    |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----|
|                  | Voltage range at VIN1, VIN2, VIN3, LX1, LX2, LX3                                                                                  | –0.3 to 18  | V  |
|                  | Voltage range at LX1, LX2, LX3 (maximum withstand voltage transient < 10 ns)                                                      | –3 to 18    | V  |
|                  | Voltage at BST1, BST2, BST3 referenced to LX pin                                                                                  | –0.3 to 7   | V  |
|                  | Voltage at V7V, COMP1, COMP2, COMP3, USB_Vin, USB_Vo                                                                              | –0.3 to 7   | V  |
|                  | Voltage at V3V, RLIM1, RLIM2, RLIM3, EN1, EN2, EN3, SS1, SS2, SS3, FB1, FB2, FB3, PGOOD, ROSC, PB_IN INT, USB_EN, USB_ILIM, F_PWM | –0.3 to 3.6 | V  |
|                  | Voltage at GND                                                                                                                    | –0.3 to 0.3 | V  |
| T <sub>J</sub>   | Operating junction temperature range                                                                                              | –40 to 125  | °C |
| T <sub>STG</sub> | Storage temperature range                                                                                                         | –55 to 150  | °C |

- (1) Stresses beyond those listed under "absolute maximum ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under "recommended operating conditions" is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

**RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS**

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

|                                     | MIN | NOM | MAX | UNIT |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| VIN Input operating voltage         | 4.5 |     | 16  | V    |
| T <sub>A</sub> Junction temperature | –40 |     | 85  | °C   |

**ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE (ESD) PROTECTION**

|                                             | MIN   | MAX | UNIT |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-----|------|
| Human body model (HBM), PB_IN pin to ground | 10000 |     | V    |
| Any other pin                               | 2000  |     |      |
| Charge device model (CDM)                   | 500   |     | V    |

**PACKAGE DISSIPATION RATINGS <sup>(1)</sup>**

| PACKAGE | θ <sub>JA</sub> (°C/W) | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>POWER RATING (W) | T <sub>A</sub> = 55°C<br>POWER RATING (W) | T <sub>A</sub> = 85°C<br>POWER RATING (W) |
|---------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| RHA     | 30                     | 3.33                                      | 2.3                                       | 1.3                                       |

- (1) Based on JEDEC 51.5 HIGH K environment measured on a 76.2 x 114 x 0.6-mm board with the following layer arrangement:

- (a) Top layer: 2 Oz Cu, 6.7% coverage
- (b) Layer 2: 1 Oz Cu, 90% coverage
- (c) Layer 3: 1 Oz Cu, 90% coverage
- (d) Bottom layer: 2 Oz Cu, 20% coverage

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**
 $T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $125^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$ ,  $f_{SW} = 500\text{ kHz}$  (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER                                                                           |                                                      | TEST CONDITIONS                                                                                                      | MIN            | TYP  | MAX            | UNIT |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------|----------------|------|
| INPUT SUPPLY UVLO AND INTERNAL SUPPLY VOLTAGE                                       |                                                      |                                                                                                                      |                |      |                |      |
| V <sub>IN</sub>                                                                     | Input voltage range                                  |                                                                                                                      | 4.5            |      | 16             | V    |
| ID <sub>SDN</sub>                                                                   | Shutdown                                             | EN pin = low for all converters                                                                                      |                | 170  |                | μA   |
| ID <sub>DQ</sub>                                                                    | Quiescent (push-button pull-up current not included) | Converters enabled, no load<br>Buck1 = 1.2 V<br>Buck2 = 1.8 V<br>Buck3 = 3.3 V<br>T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C, F_PWM = Low |                | 600  |                | μA   |
|                                                                                     | Quiescent, forced PWM                                | Converters enabled, no load<br>F_PWM = High                                                                          |                | 18   |                | mA   |
| UVLO                                                                                | V <sub>IN</sub> under voltage lockout                | Rising V <sub>IN</sub>                                                                                               |                | 4.22 |                | V    |
|                                                                                     |                                                      | Falling V <sub>IN</sub>                                                                                              |                | 4.1  |                |      |
| UVLO <sub>DEGLITCH</sub>                                                            |                                                      | Both edges                                                                                                           |                | 110  |                | μs   |
| V3p3                                                                                | Internal biasing supply                              |                                                                                                                      |                | 3.3  |                | V    |
| I <sub>3V</sub>                                                                     | Biasing supply output current                        | V <sub>IN</sub> = 12 V                                                                                               |                |      | 10             | mA   |
| V7V                                                                                 | Internal biasing supply                              |                                                                                                                      |                | 6.25 |                | V    |
| I <sub>7V</sub>                                                                     | Biasing supply output current                        | V <sub>IN</sub> = 12 V                                                                                               |                |      | 10             | mA   |
| V7V <sub>UVLO</sub>                                                                 | UVLO for internal V7V rail                           | Rising V7V                                                                                                           |                | 3.8  |                | V    |
|                                                                                     |                                                      | Falling V7V                                                                                                          |                | 3.6  |                |      |
| V7V <sub>UVLO_DEGLITCH</sub>                                                        |                                                      | Falling edge                                                                                                         |                | 110  |                | μs   |
| BUCK CONVERTERS (ENABLE CIRCUIT, CURRENT LIMIT, SOFT-START AND SWITCHING FREQUENCY) |                                                      |                                                                                                                      |                |      |                |      |
| V <sub>IH</sub>                                                                     | Enable threshold high                                | V3p3 = 3.2 V - 3.4 V,<br>V <sub>ENX</sub> rising                                                                     | 1.55           |      | 1.82           | V    |
|                                                                                     | Enable high level                                    | External GPIO, V <sub>ENX</sub> rising                                                                               | 0.66 x<br>V3p3 |      |                |      |
| V <sub>IL</sub>                                                                     | Enable threshold low                                 | V3p3 = 3.2 V - 3.4 V,<br>V <sub>ENX</sub> falling                                                                    | 0.98           |      | 1.24           | V    |
|                                                                                     | Enable low level                                     | External GPIO, VENX falling                                                                                          |                |      | 0.33 x<br>V3p3 |      |
| V <sub>IH_F_PWM</sub>                                                               | Enable threshold high                                | V3p3 = 3.2 V - 3.4 V,<br>V <sub>ENX</sub> rising                                                                     | 0.66 x<br>V3p3 |      |                | V    |
| V <sub>IL_F_PWM</sub>                                                               | Enable treshold low                                  | V3p3 = 3.2 V - 3.4 V,<br>V <sub>ENX</sub> falling                                                                    |                |      | 0.33 x<br>V3p3 | V    |
| ICH <sub>EN</sub>                                                                   | Pull up current enable pin                           |                                                                                                                      |                | 1    |                | μA   |
| t <sub>D</sub>                                                                      | Discharge time enable pins                           | Power-up                                                                                                             |                | 10   |                | ms   |
| I <sub>SS</sub>                                                                     | Soft-start pin current source                        |                                                                                                                      |                | 5    |                | μA   |
| F <sub>SW_BK</sub>                                                                  | Converter switching frequency range                  | Set externally with resistor                                                                                         | 0.3            |      | 2.2            | MHz  |
| R <sub>FSW</sub>                                                                    | Frequency setting resistor                           |                                                                                                                      | 50             |      | 600            | kΩ   |
| f <sub>SW_TOL</sub>                                                                 | Internal oscillator accuracy                         | f <sub>SW</sub> = 800 kHz                                                                                            | -10            |      | 10             | %    |
| FEEDBACK, REGULATION, OUTPUT STAGE                                                  |                                                      |                                                                                                                      |                |      |                |      |
| V <sub>FB</sub>                                                                     | Feedback voltage                                     | V <sub>IN</sub> = 12 V , T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C                                                                       | -1%            | 0.8  | 1%             | V    |
|                                                                                     |                                                      | V <sub>IN</sub> = 4.5 V to 16 V                                                                                      | -2%            | 0.8  | 2%             |      |
| t <sub>ON_MIN</sub>                                                                 | Minimum on time (current sense blanking)             |                                                                                                                      |                |      | 135            | ns   |
| MOSFET (BUCK 1)                                                                     |                                                      |                                                                                                                      |                |      |                |      |
| H.S. Switch                                                                         | On resistance of high side FET on CH1                | 25°C, BOOT = 6.5 V                                                                                                   |                | 95   |                | mΩ   |
| L.S. Switch                                                                         | On resistance of low side FET on CH1                 | 25°C, VIN = 12 V                                                                                                     |                | 50   |                | mΩ   |

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

 $T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $125^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$ ,  $f_{SW} = 500\text{ kHz}$  (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER                         |                                                                       | TEST CONDITIONS                                                                                            | MIN        | TYP | MAX        | UNIT          |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----|------------|---------------|
| <b>MOSFET (BUCK 2)</b>            |                                                                       |                                                                                                            |            |     |            |               |
| H.S. Switch                       | On resistance of high side FET on CH2                                 | 25°C, BOOT = 6.5 V                                                                                         |            | 120 |            | mΩ            |
| L.S. Switch                       | On resistance of low side FET on CH2                                  | 25°C, VIN = 12 V                                                                                           |            | 80  |            | mΩ            |
| <b>MOSFET (BUCK 3)</b>            |                                                                       |                                                                                                            |            |     |            |               |
| H.S. Switch                       | On resistance of high side FET on CH3                                 | 25°C, BOOT = 6.5 V                                                                                         |            | 120 |            | mΩ            |
| L.S. Switch                       | On resistance of low side FET on CH3                                  | 25°C, VIN = 12 V                                                                                           |            | 80  |            | mΩ            |
| <b>ERROR AMPLIFIER</b>            |                                                                       |                                                                                                            |            |     |            |               |
| $g_M$                             | Error amplifier transconductance                                      | $-2\text{ }\mu\text{A} < I_{COMP} < 2\text{ }\mu\text{A}$                                                  |            | 130 |            | $\mu\text{S}$ |
| $g_{m_{PS}}$                      | COMP to ILX gm                                                        | $I_{LX} = 0.5\text{ A}$                                                                                    |            | 10  |            | A/V           |
| <b>POWER GOOD RESET GENERATOR</b> |                                                                       |                                                                                                            |            |     |            |               |
| $V_{UV\_BUCKX}$                   | Threshold voltage for buck under voltage                              | Output falling                                                                                             |            | 85  |            | %             |
|                                   |                                                                       | Output rising (PG will be asserted)                                                                        |            | 90  |            |               |
| $t_{UV\_deglitch}$                | Deglitch time (both edges)                                            |                                                                                                            |            | 11  |            | ms            |
| $t_{ON\_HICCUP}$                  | Hiccup mode ON time                                                   | $V_{UV\_BUCKX}$ asserted                                                                                   |            | 12  |            | ms            |
| $t_{OFF\_HICCUP}$                 | Hiccup mode OFF time                                                  | All converters disabled. Once $t_{OFF\_HICCUP}$ elapses, all converters will go through sequencing again.  |            | 20  |            | ms            |
| $VOV_{BUCKX}$                     | Threshold voltage for buck over voltage                               | Output rising (high side FET will be forced off)                                                           |            | 109 |            | %             |
|                                   |                                                                       | Output falling (high side FET will be allowed to switch )                                                  |            | 107 |            |               |
| $t_{RP}$                          | minimum reset period                                                  | Measured after the later of Buck1 or Buck3 power-up successfully                                           |            | 100 |            | ms            |
| <b>PB_IN</b>                      |                                                                       |                                                                                                            |            |     |            |               |
| $V_{PB}$                          | PB_IN, P_OFF , threshold                                              | Low, V3p3 = 3.2-3.4V                                                                                       |            |     | 0.33x V3p3 | V             |
|                                   |                                                                       | High, V3p3 = 3.2-3.4V                                                                                      | 0.66x V3p3 |     |            |               |
| $T_{PB\_DEGLITCH}$                | P_OFF Internal de-bounce time turn_on and turn_off                    |                                                                                                            |            | 20  |            | ms            |
| <b>USB SWITCH</b>                 |                                                                       |                                                                                                            |            |     |            |               |
| $V_{IN\_USB}$                     | USB input voltage range                                               |                                                                                                            | 3          |     | 6          | V             |
| $V_{IH\_USB\_EN}$                 | USB_EN high level input voltage                                       | V3p3 = 3.2-3.4 V, $V_{USB\_EN}$ rising                                                                     | 0.66x V3p3 |     |            | V             |
| $V_{IL\_USB\_EN}$                 | USB_EN low level input voltage                                        | V3p3 = 3.2-3.4 V, $V_{USB\_EN}$ falling                                                                    |            |     | 0.33x V3p3 | V             |
| $R_{DS\_USB}$                     | Static drain-source on-state resistance                               | USB_VIN = 5 V and $I_{O\_USB} = 0.5\text{ A}$ , $T_J = 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$                          |            | 120 |            | mΩ            |
| $I_{CS\_USB}$                     | USB current limit                                                     | Increasing USB_Vo current $di/dt < 1\text{ A/s}$                                                           | -20%       | 1.2 | 20%        | A             |
| $K_{OVERCURRENT}$                 | Overcurrent detection factor<br>Ratio of $I_{LIM\_START}/I_{CS\_USB}$ | Increasing USB_Vo current $di/dt < 1\text{ A/s}$ , $V_{IN\_USB} = 6\text{ V}$ , $V_{IN\_USB} = 5\text{ V}$ |            | 1.5 |            |               |
| $V_{USBx\_nFAULT}$                | USBx_nFAULT output voltage low                                        | $I_{USB\_ILIM} = 3\text{ mA}$                                                                              |            |     | 0.4        | V             |
| $T_{CS\_USB}$                     | USB over current fault deglitch                                       | Fault assertion due to over current protection                                                             |            | 5   |            | ms            |

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)**
 $T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $125^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$ ,  $f_{SW} = 500\text{ kHz}$  (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER                       | TEST CONDITIONS                       | MIN                                                                                   | TYP | MAX | UNIT               |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------|
| $T_{USB\_TRIP}$                 | USB thermal trip point                |                                                                                       | 130 |     | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| $T_{USB\_HYST}$                 | USB thermal trip hysteresis           |                                                                                       | 20  |     | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| <b>THERMAL SHUTDOWN</b>         |                                       |                                                                                       |     |     |                    |
| $T_{TRIP}$                      | Thermal shut down trip point          |                                                                                       | 160 |     | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| $T_{HYST}$                      | Thermal shut down hysteresis          |                                                                                       | 20  |     | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| $T_{TRIP\_DEGLITCH}$            | Thermal shut down deglitch            |                                                                                       | 110 |     | $\mu\text{s}$      |
| <b>CURRENT LIMIT PROTECTION</b> |                                       |                                                                                       |     |     |                    |
| $RLIM_x$                        | Limit resistance range                | 75                                                                                    |     | 300 | $k\Omega$          |
| $ILIM_1$                        | Buck 1 adjustable current limit range | $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$ , $f_{SW} = 500\text{ kHz}$ ,<br>see <a href="#">Figure 44</a> |     | 1.2 | 5.05 A             |
| $ILIM_2$                        | Buck 2 adjustable current limit range | $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$ , $f_{SW} = 500\text{ kHz}$ ,<br>see <a href="#">Figure 45</a> |     | 1.2 | 4.7 A              |
| $ILIM_3$                        | Buck 3 adjustable current limit range | $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$ , $f_{SW} = 500\text{ kHz}$ ,<br>see <a href="#">Figure 46</a> |     | 1.3 | 4.7 A              |

## TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

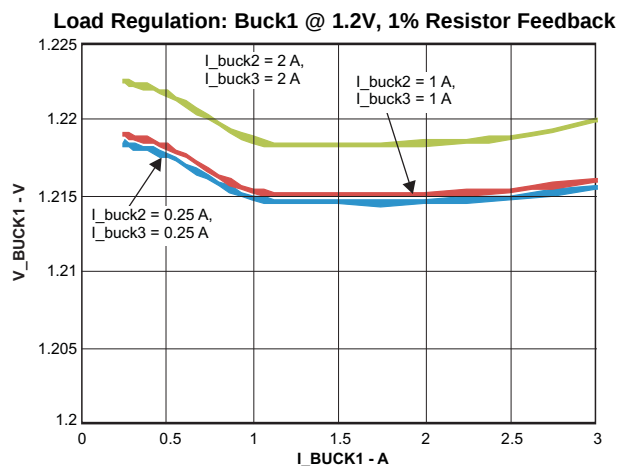


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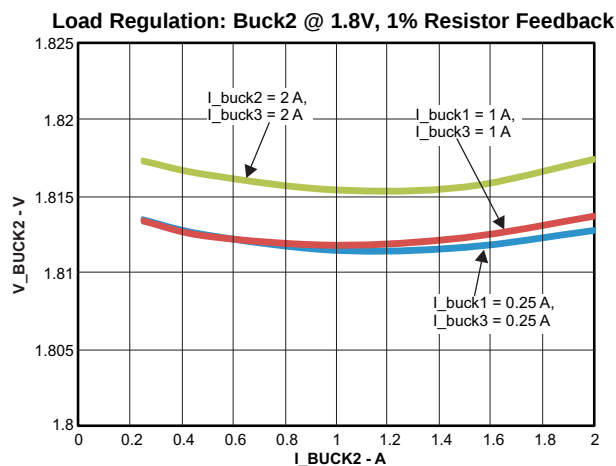


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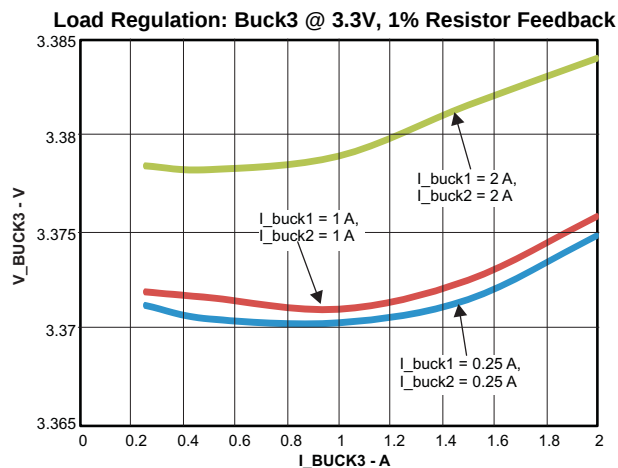


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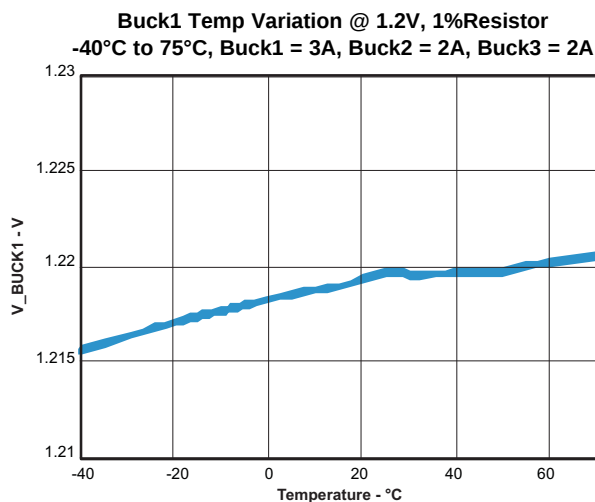


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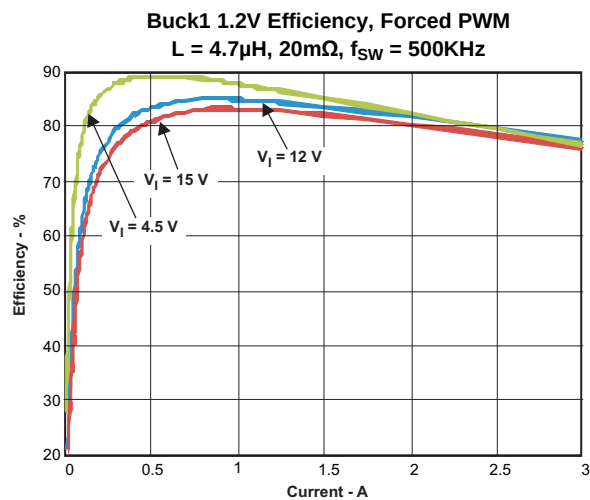


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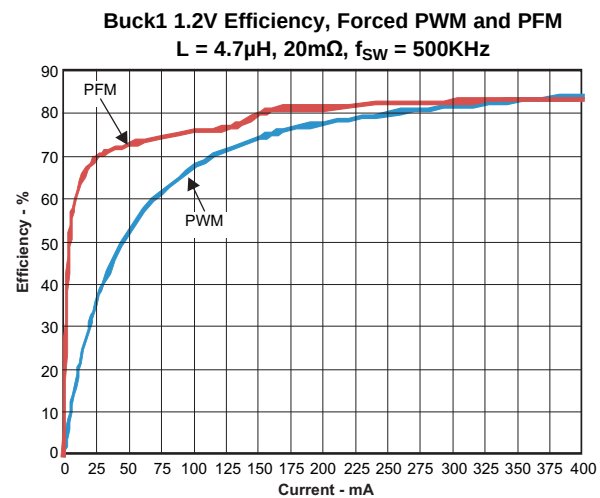


Figure 6.

## TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

**Buck2 1.8V Efficiency, Forced PWM**  
 $L = 4.7\mu\text{H}$ ,  $20\text{m}\Omega$ ,  $f_{\text{SW}} = 500\text{KHz}$

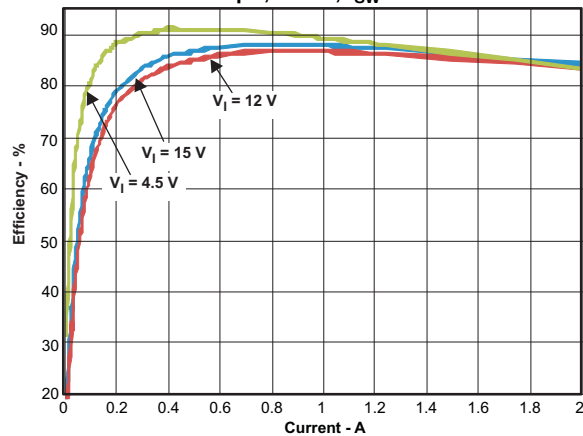


Figure 7.

**Buck2 1.8V Efficiency, Forced PWM and PFM**  
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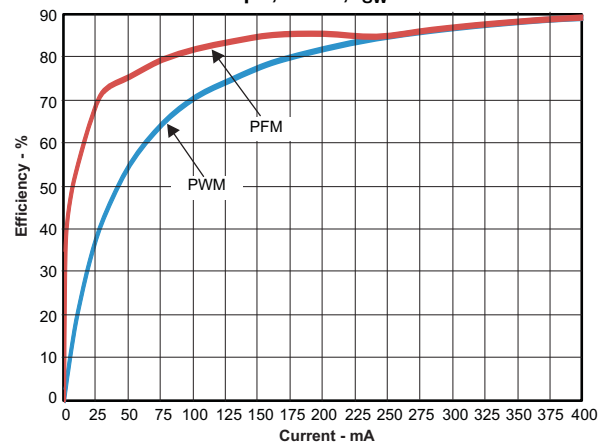


Figure 8.

**Buck3 3.3V Efficiency, Forced PWM**  
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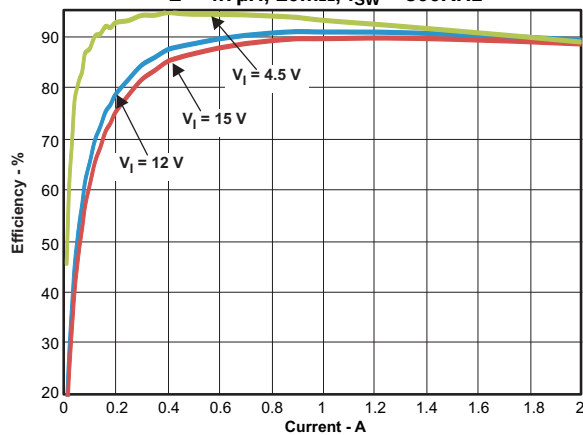


Figure 9.

**Buck3 3.3V Efficiency, Forced PWM and PFM**  
 $L = 4.7\mu\text{H}$ ,  $20\text{m}\Omega$ ,  $f_{\text{SW}} = 500\text{KHz}$

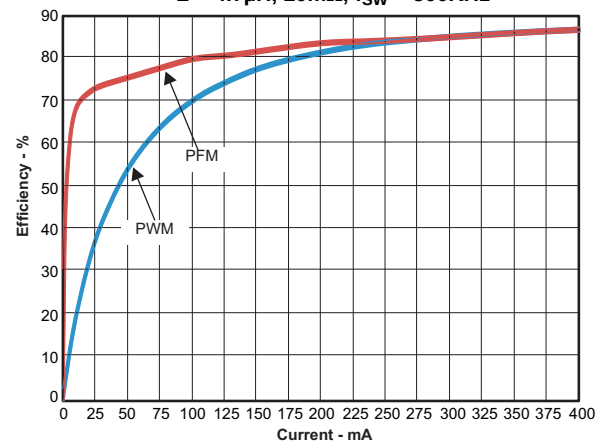


Figure 10.

**Push-Button Operation Power-Up**



Figure 11.

**Push-Button Operation Power-Down**

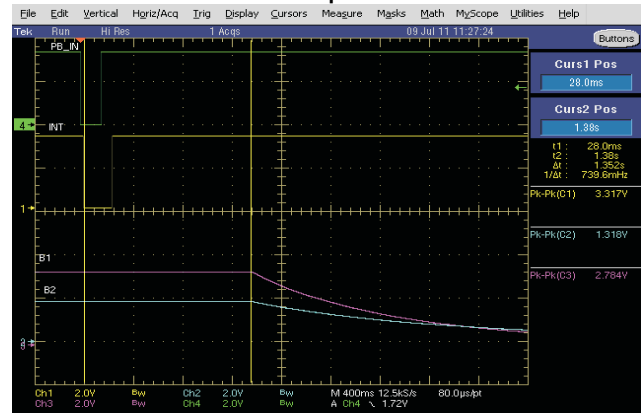


Figure 12.

## TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

Power-Up All Converters and PGOOD (Green), No Load

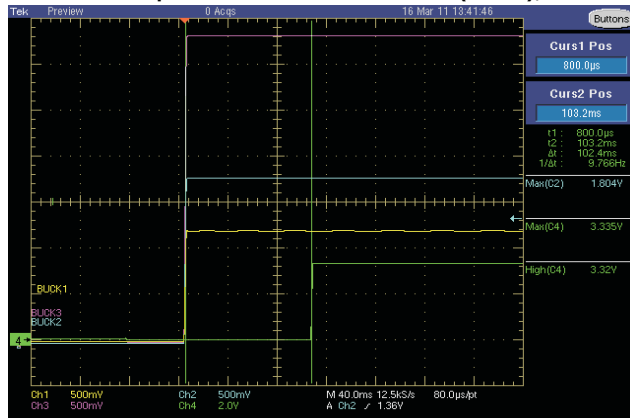


Figure 13.

Ripple  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  Buck1 = 3A, Buck2 = 2A, Buck3 = 2A

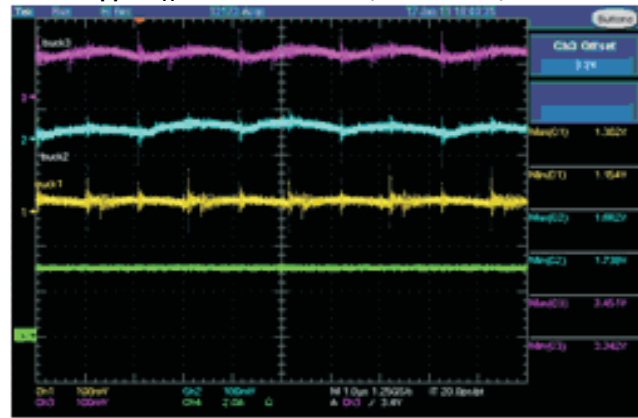


Figure 14.

Ripple  $T_A = 70^\circ\text{C}$ , Buck1 = 3A, Buck2 = 2A, Buck3 = 2A

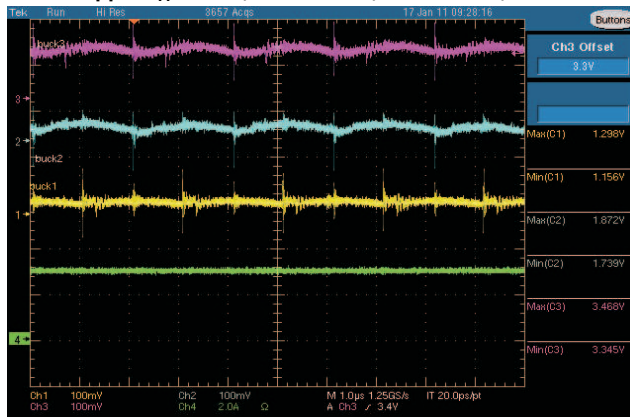


Figure 15.

Ripple  $T_A = 10^\circ\text{C}$ , Buck1 = 3A, Buck2 = 2A, Buck3 = 2A

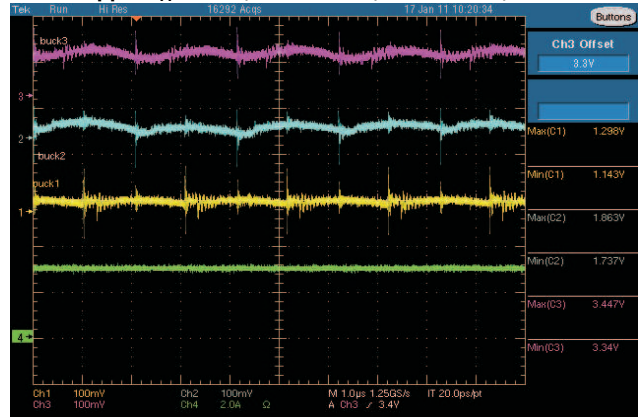


Figure 16.

Ripple  $T_A = 40^\circ\text{C}$ , Buck1 = 3A, Buck2 = 2A, Buck3 = 2A

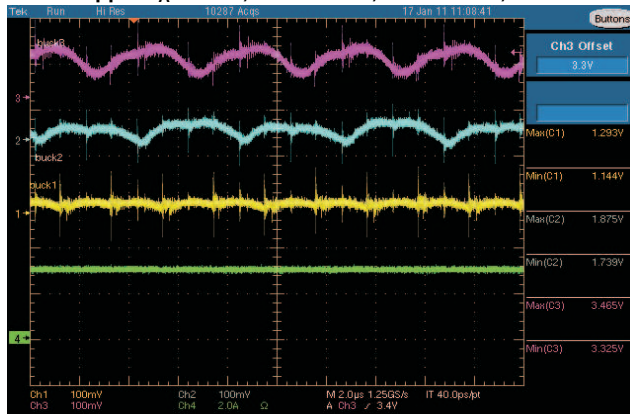


Figure 17.

Transient Response Buck1  
1.2V, 1-3A Step,  $C_o = 22\mu\text{F}$ ,  $L = 4.7\mu\text{H}$ ,  $f_{sw} = 500\text{KHz}$

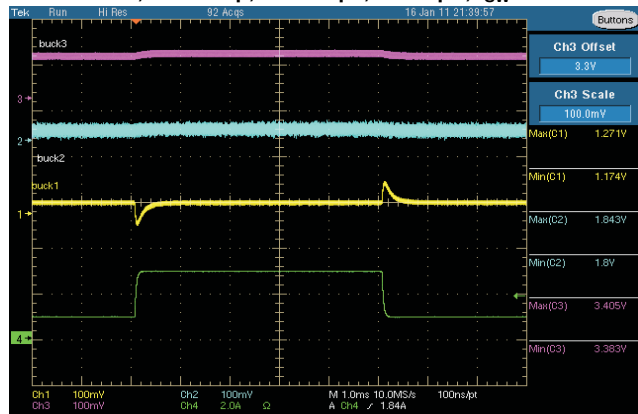


Figure 18.

## TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

### Transient Response Buck2

1.8V, 1-2A Step,  $C_o = 22\mu\text{F}$ ,  $L = 4.7\mu\text{H}$ ,  $f_{\text{SW}} = 500\text{kHz}$

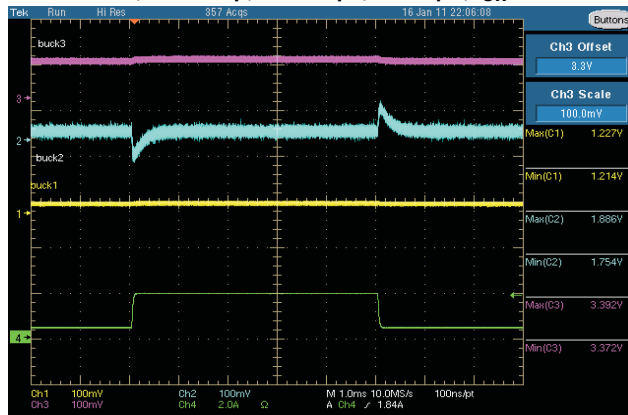


Figure 19.

### Buck3 3.3V Efficiency Measured With

$L = 4.7\mu\text{H}$ ,  $20\text{m}\Omega$ ,  $f_{\text{SW}} = 500\text{kHz}$

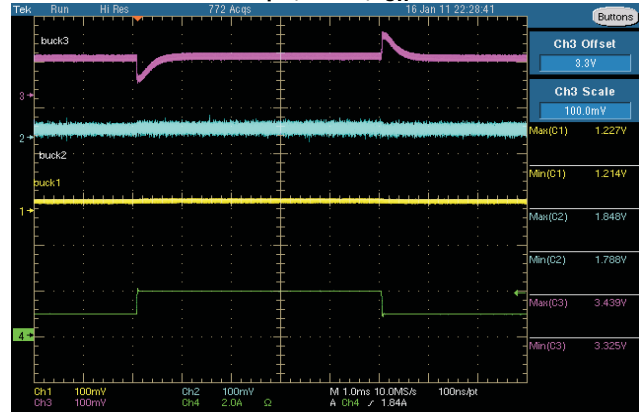


Figure 20.

### PFM Operation 1.2V, 1.8V, 3.3V

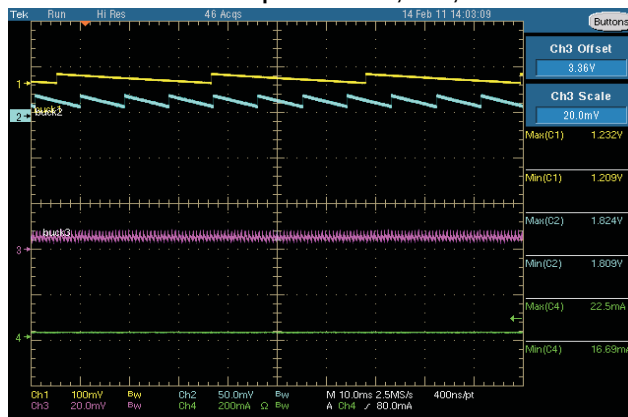


Figure 21.

### PFM/PWM Transition (Pin 25 Pulled High)

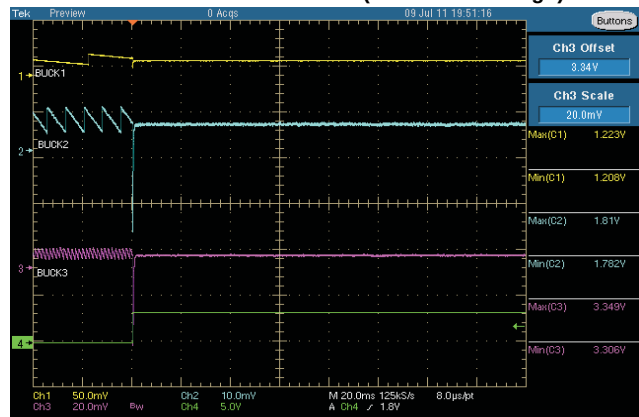


Figure 22.

### PWM/PFM Transition (Pin 25 Pulled Low)

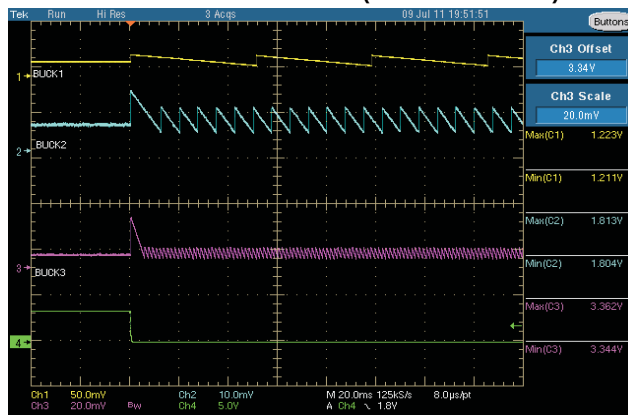


Figure 23.

### Buck1 Dynamic Transition from PFM to PWM 4.7μH, 68μF, 500 kHz

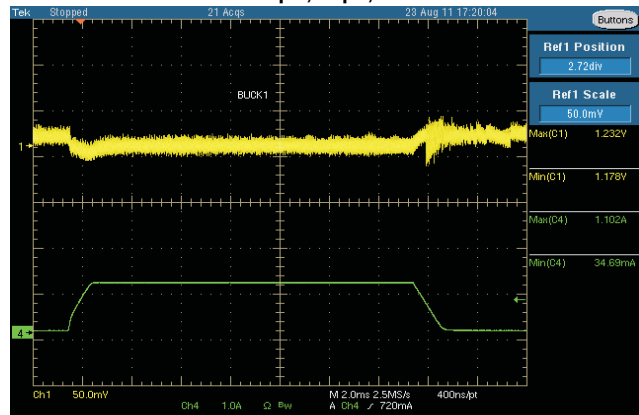


Figure 24.

## TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

**Buck2 Dynamic Transition from PFM to PWM**  
4.7 $\mu$ H, 44 $\mu$ F, 500 kHz

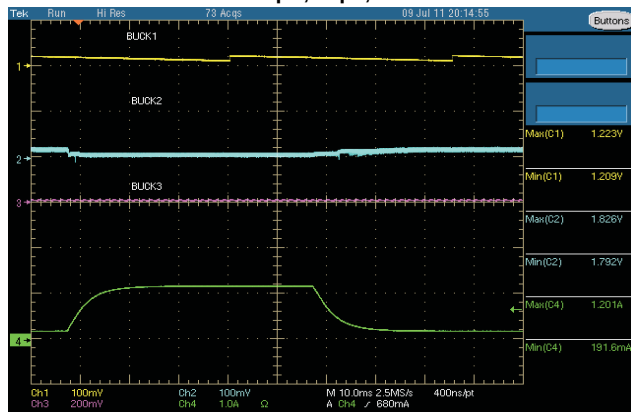


Figure 25.

**Buck3 Dynamic Transition from PFM to PWM**  
4.7 $\mu$ H, 22 $\mu$ F, 500 kHz

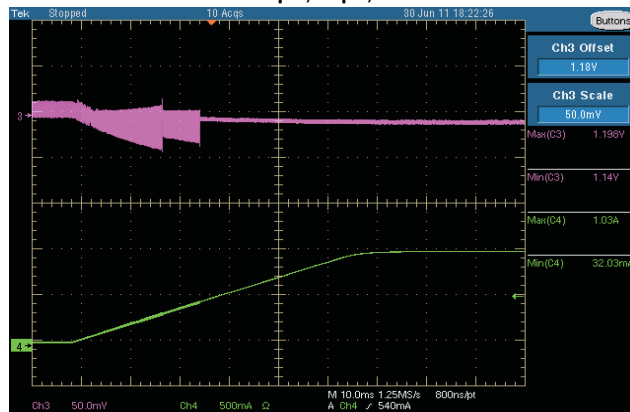


Figure 26.

**USB Switch Start-Up, No Load**

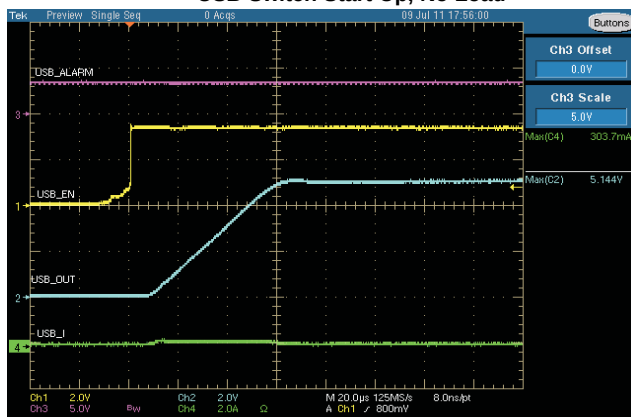


Figure 27.

**USB Switch Start-Up, No Load**

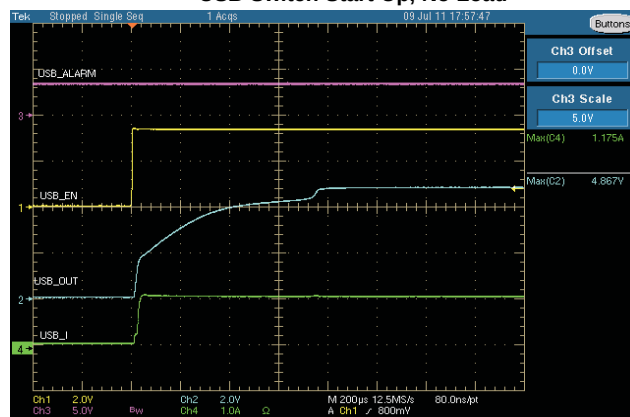


Figure 28.

**USB Current Limit Operation (3.3V)**



Figure 29.

**USB Current Limit Recovery (3.3V)**

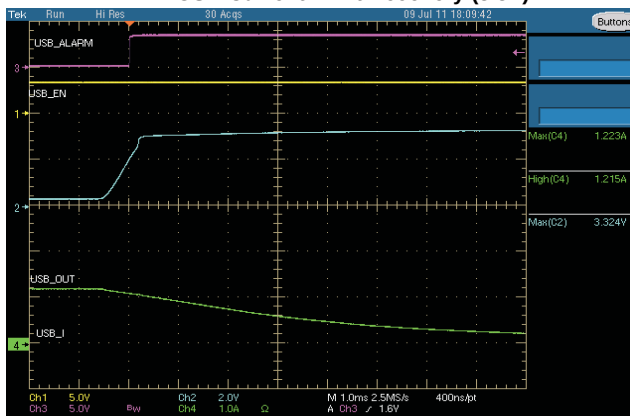


Figure 30.

## TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

### USB Current Limit Operation (5V)

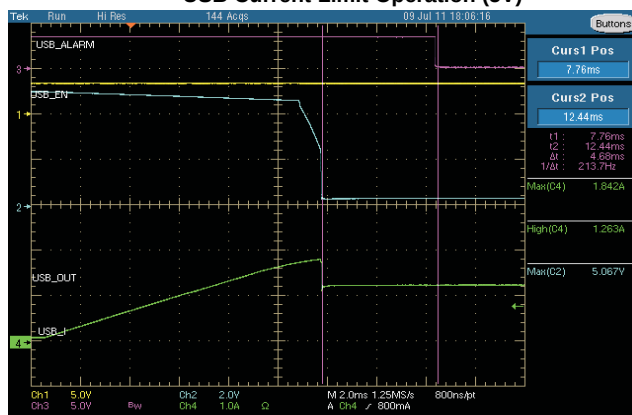


Figure 31.

### USB Current Limit Recovery (5V)

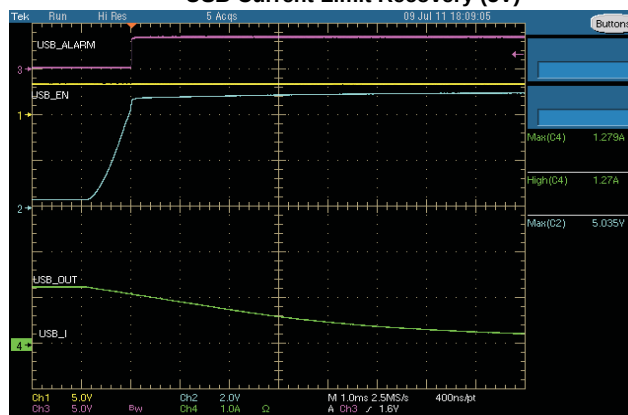


Figure 32.

### Bucks Operation (Top 3 Traces) and USB Alarm Operation

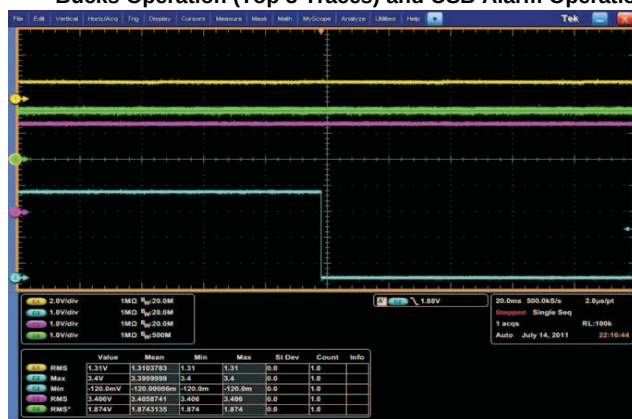


Figure 33.

### EVM Layout

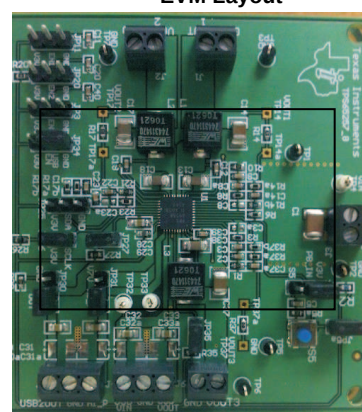


Figure 34.

$T_A = 25^\circ$ ,  $V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $f_{SW} = 500kHz$   
 $B1 = 3A$ ,  $B2 = 2A$ ,  $B3 = 2A$

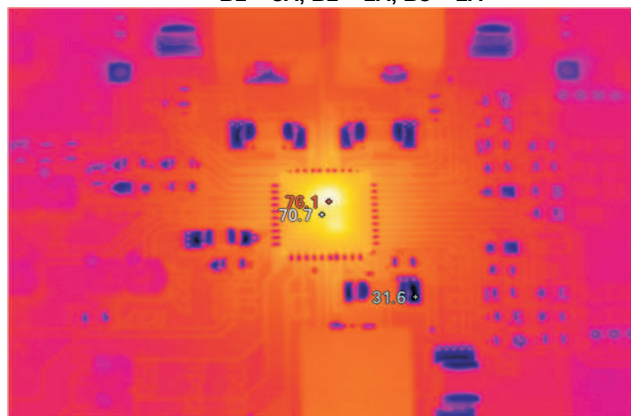


Figure 35.

$T_A = 25^\circ$ ,  $V_{IN} = 5V$ ,  $f_{SW} = 500kHz$   
 $B1 = 3A$ ,  $B2 = 2A$ ,  $B3 = 2A$

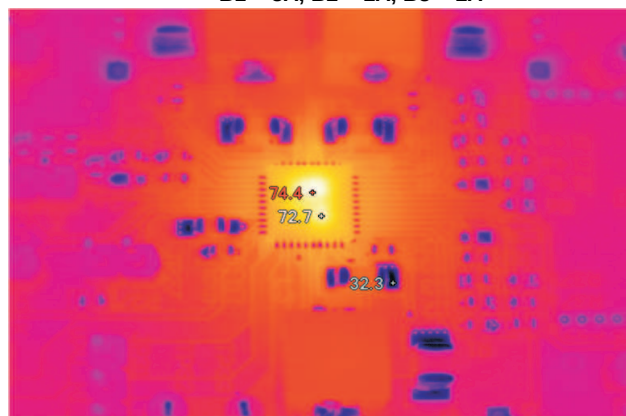


Figure 36.

## TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

$T_A = 25^\circ$ ,  $V_{IN} = 5V$ ,  $f_{SW} = 1000kHz$   
 $B1 = 3A$ ,  $B2 = 2A$ ,  $B3 = 2A$

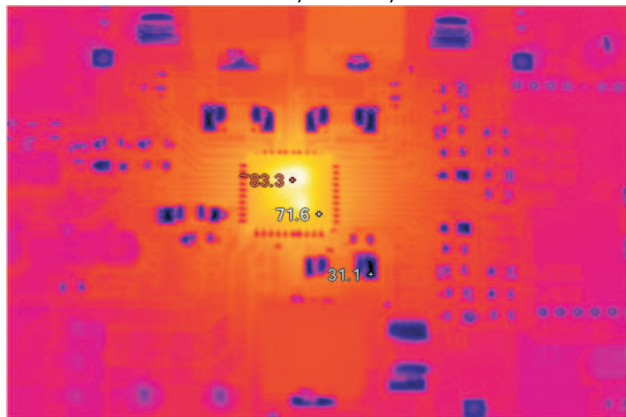


Figure 37.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

### Adjustable Switching Frequency

To select the internal switching frequency, connect a resistor from ROSC to ground. Figure 38 shows the required resistance for a given switching frequency.

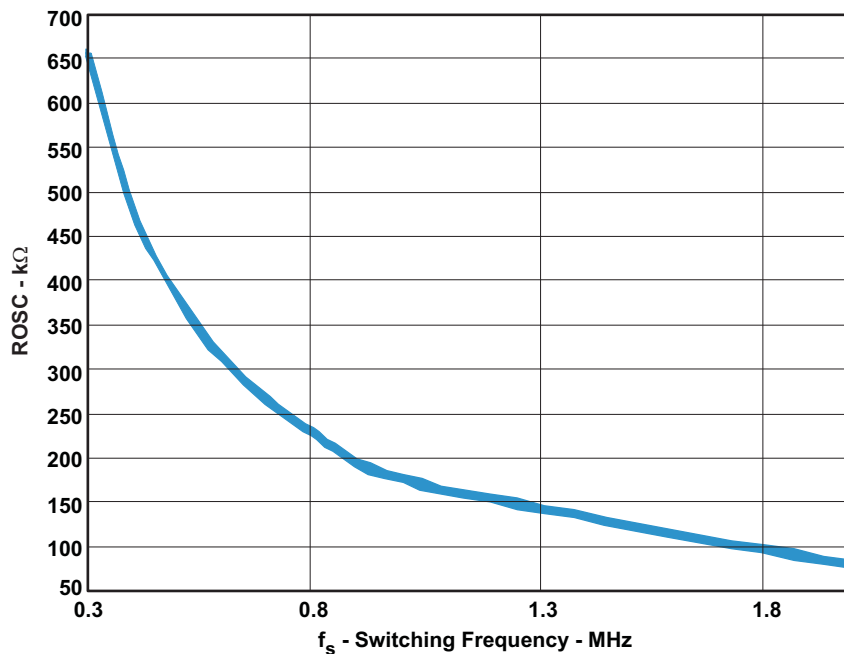


Figure 38. ROSC vs Switching Frequency

$$R_{OSC}(k\Omega) = 174 \cdot f_{SW}^{-1.122} \quad (1)$$

## Output Inductor Selection

To calculate the value of the output inductor, use [Equation 2](#).

$$L_o = \frac{V_{in} - V_{out}}{I_o \cdot K_{ind}} \cdot \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in} \cdot f_{sw}} \quad (2)$$

$K_{IND}$  is a coefficient that represents the amount of inductor ripple current relative to the maximum output current. In general,  $K_{IND}$  is normally from 0.1 to 0.3 for the majority of applications. A value of 0.1 will improve the efficiency at light load, while a value of 0.3 will provide the lowest possible cost solution. The ripple current is:

$$I_{ripple} = \frac{V_{in} - V_{out}}{L_o} \cdot \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in} \cdot f_{sw}} \quad (3)$$

## Output Capacitor

There are two primary considerations for selecting the value of the output capacitor. The output capacitors are selected to meet load transient and output ripple's requirements. If a minimum transient specification is required use the following equation:

$$C_o > \frac{\Delta I_{OUT}^2 \cdot L_o}{V_{out} \cdot \Delta V_{out}} \quad (4)$$

The following equation calculates the minimum output capacitance needed to meet the output voltage ripple specification.

$$C_o > \frac{1}{8 \cdot f_{sw}} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{V_{RIPPLE}}{I_{RIPPLE}}} \quad (5)$$

Where  $f_{SW}$  is the switching frequency,  $V_{RIPPLE}$  is the maximum allowable output voltage ripple, and  $I_{RIPPLE}$  is the inductor ripple current.

## Input Capacitor

A minimum 10- $\mu$ F X7R/X5R ceramic input capacitor is recommended to be added between VIN and GND of each converter. The input capacitor must handle the RMS ripple current shown in the following equation.

$$I_{cirms} = I_{out} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in\ min}} \cdot \frac{(V_{in\ min} - V_{out})}{V_{in\ min}}} \quad (6)$$

## Bootstrap Capacitor

The device has two integrated boot regulators and requires a small ceramic capacitor between the BST and LX pins to provide the gate drive voltage for the high side MOSFET. The value of the ceramic capacitor should be 0.047  $\mu$ F. A ceramic capacitor with an X7R or X5R grade dielectric is recommended because of the stable characteristics over temperature and voltage.

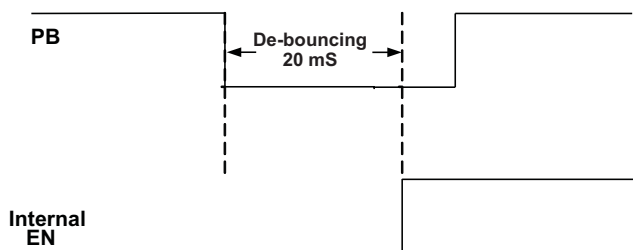
## Push Button

The push button control is an optional feature. The user can power on and off the PMU without push button by connecting the PB pin to GND. Alternatively, the user can power on and off the PMU by using a push button on/off controller. When the 3.3V LDO's output is more than 2.6V, the internal logic will detect the voltage at PB to determine whether the PB pin is used. When the voltage at PB is zero, the PMU will be activated after detecting PB staying low for at least 20ms. On the other hand, if the voltage at PB is high, the PMU will keep off until the first solid push button signal. After a valid push button signal is asserted, the PMU will follow each dc/dc converter's EN and power up from a valid push button signal.

During power off, once the PB has been pressed, INT is switched low. This warns the system to shut down all housekeeping tasks. During the off period, the PMU will keep off until a new PB signal is received. This "off" state can be overridden by recycling the input power.

## Turn On Through Push Button

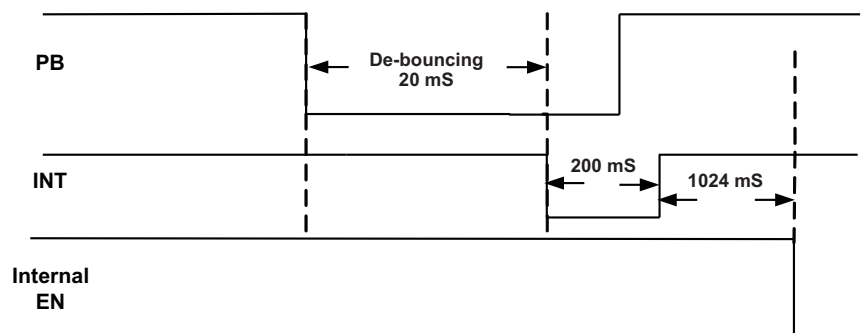
When the PB pin is not tied to GND, a high to low transition on PB initiates the power on sequence. PB must stay low for a period of 20ms. Once completing this 20ms, the internal EN is asserted and the PMU is turned on.



**Figure 39. Push Button Turn On**

## Turn Off Through Push Button

A high to low transition on PB initiates the power off sequence. PB must stay low for a period of 20ms. After completing 20ms, the PMU pulls down the INT to alert the system that the PMU will be shut down within 1024ms. After 1024ms, the PMU will be disabled through an internal EN, which can override the individual EN of each power converter. The PMU will keep off unless there is another from high to low transition on PB or the input power is recycled.



**Figure 40. Push Button Trun Off**

## Delayed Start-Up After pb\_in

If a delayed start-up is required on any of the buck converters fit a ceramic capacitor to the ENx pins. The delay added is ~1.67 ms per nF connected to the pin. Note that the EN pins have a weak 1 MΩ pull-up to the 3V3 rail.

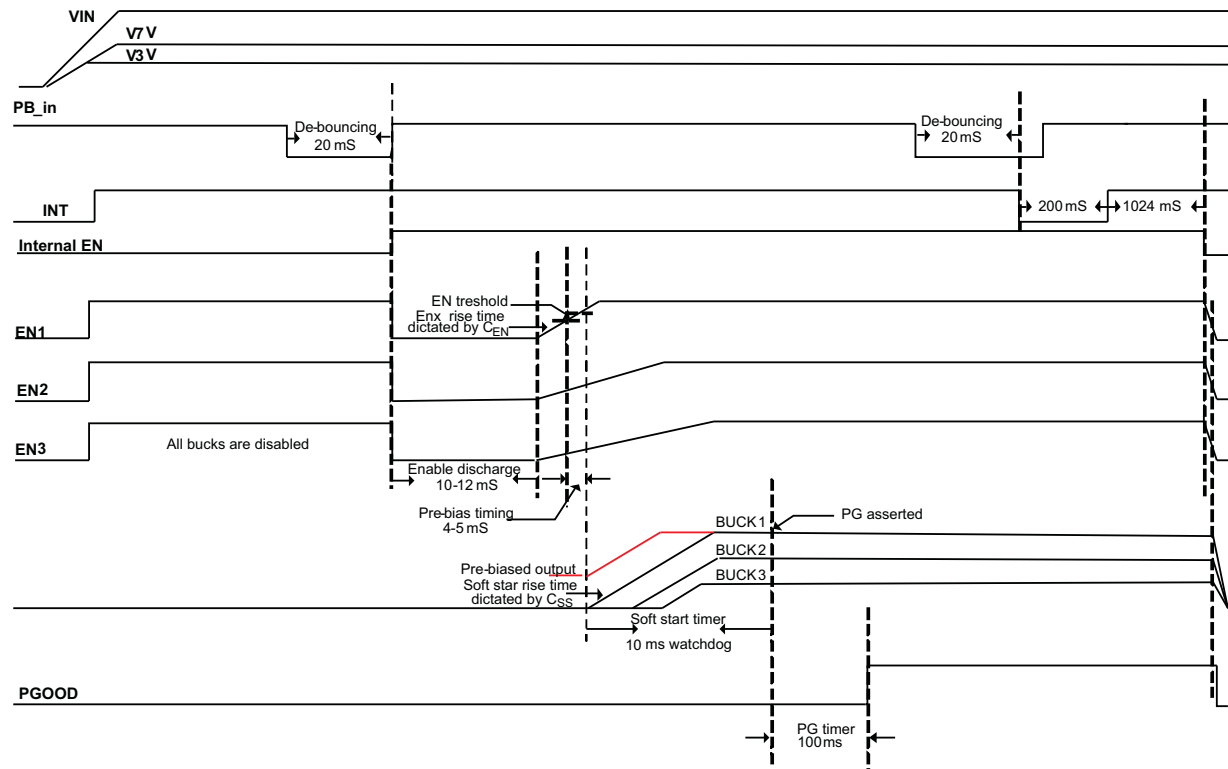


Figure 41. Delayed Start-Up

## Out-of-Phase Operation

In order to reduce input ripple current, buck 1 and buck 2 operate 180 degree out-of-phase. This enables the system having less input ripple, then to lower component cost, save board space and reduce EMI.

## Soft-Start Time

The device has an internal pull-up current source of 5  $\mu\text{A}$  that charges an external soft-start capacitor to implement a slow start time. Equation 7 shows how to select a soft-start capacitor based on an expected slow start time. The voltage reference ( $V_{REF}$ ) is 0.8 V and the soft-start charge current ( $I_{SS}$ ) is 5  $\mu\text{A}$ . The soft-start circuit requires 1 nF per around 167  $\mu\text{s}$  to be connected at the SS pin. A 0.8-ms soft-start time is implemented for all converters fitting 4.7 nF to the relevant SS pin.

$$T_{ss}(ms) = V_{REF}(V) \cdot \left( \frac{C_{ss}(nF)}{I_{ss}(\mu A)} \right) \quad (7)$$

The Power Good circuit for the bucks has a 10-ms watchdog. Therefore the soft-start time should be lower than this value. It is recommended not to exceed 5 ms.

## Adjusting the Output Voltage

The output voltage is set with a resistor divider from the output node to the FB pin. It is recommended to use 1% tolerance or better divider resistors. In order to improve efficiency at light load, start with a value close to 40 kΩ for the R1 resistor and use Equation 8 to calculate R2.

$$R2 = R1 \cdot \left( \frac{0.8V}{V_o - 0.8V} \right) \quad (8)$$

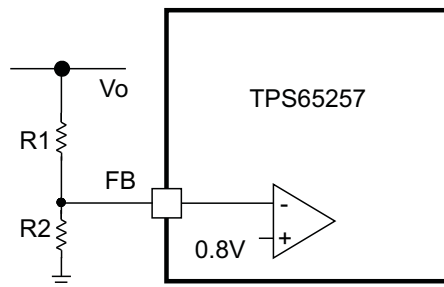


Figure 42. Voltage Divider Circuit

## Loop Compensation

TPS65257 is a current mode control DC/DC converter. The error amplifier is a transconductance amplifier with a  $g_M$  of 130  $\mu\text{A/V}$ . A typical compensation circuit could be type II ( $R_C$  and  $C_C$ ) to have a phase margin between 60° and 90°, or type III ( $R_C$  and  $C_C$  and  $C_{ff}$  to improve the converter transient response.  $C_{Roll}$  adds a high frequency pole to attenuate high-frequency noise when needed. It may also prevent noise coupling from other rails if there is possibility of cross coupling in between rails when layout is very compact.

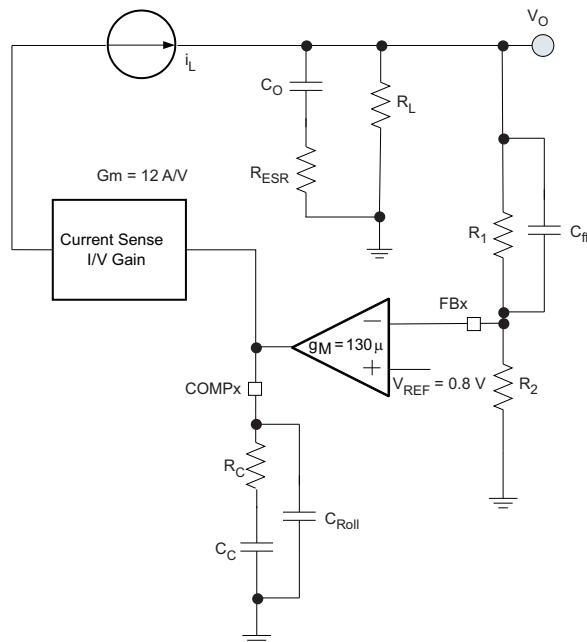


Figure 43. Loop Compensation Scheme

To calculate the external compensation components follow the following steps:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | TYPE II CIRCUIT                                                                       | TYPE III CIRCUIT                                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Select switching frequency that is appropriate for application depending on L, C sizes, output ripple, EMI concerns and etc. Switching frequencies around 500 kHz yield best trade off between performance and cost. When using smaller L and C, switching frequency can be increased. To optimize efficiency, switching frequency can be lowered. |                                                                                       | Type III circuit recommended for switching frequencies higher than 500 kHz. |
| Select cross over frequency ( $f_c$ ) to be at least 1/5 to 1/10 of switching frequency ( $f_s$ ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Suggested<br>$f_c = f_s/10$                                                           | Suggested<br>$f_c = f_s/10$                                                 |
| Set and calculate $R_c$ .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | $R_c = \frac{2\pi \cdot f_c \cdot V_o \cdot C_o}{g_M \cdot V_{ref} \cdot g_{m_{ps}}}$ | $R_c = \frac{2\pi \cdot f_c \cdot C_o}{g_M \cdot g_{m_{ps}}}$               |
| Calculate $C_c$ by placing a compensation zero at or before the converter dominant pole<br>$f_p = \frac{1}{C_o \cdot R_L \cdot 2\pi}$                                                                                                                                                                                                              | $C_c = \frac{R_L \cdot C_o}{R_c}$                                                     | $C_c = \frac{R_L \cdot C_o}{R_c}$                                           |
| Add $C_{Roll}$ if needed to remove large signal coupling to high impedance CMP node. Make sure that<br>$f_{p_{Roll}} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R_c \cdot C_{Roll}}$<br>is at least twice the cross over frequency.                                                                                                                              | $C_{Roll} = \frac{R_{esr} \cdot C_o}{R_c}$                                            | $C_{Roll} = \frac{R_{esr} \cdot C_o}{R_c}$                                  |
| Calculate $C_{ff}$ compensation zero at low frequency to boost the phase margin at the crossover frequency. Make sure that the zero frequency ( $f_{z_{ff}}$ ) is smaller than equivalent soft-start frequency ( $1/T_{ss}$ ).                                                                                                                     | NA                                                                                    | $C_{ff} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_{z_{ff}} \cdot R_1}$                 |

## Slope Compensation

The device has a built-in slope compensation ramp. The slope compensation can prevent sub harmonic oscillations in peak current mode control.

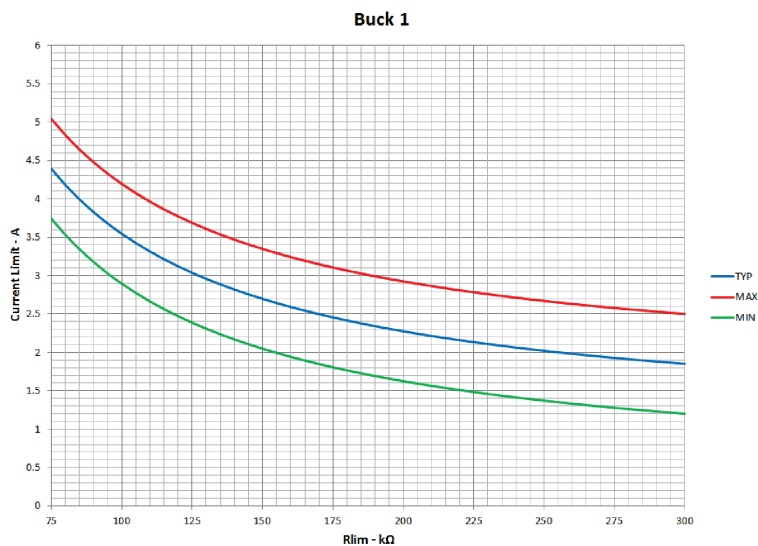
## Power Good

The PGOOD pin is an open drain output. The PGOOD pin is pulled low when any buck converter is pulled below 85% of the nominal output voltage. The PGOOD is pulled up when both buck converters' outputs are more than 90% of its nominal output voltage.

The default reset time is 100 ms. The polarity of the PGOOD is active high.

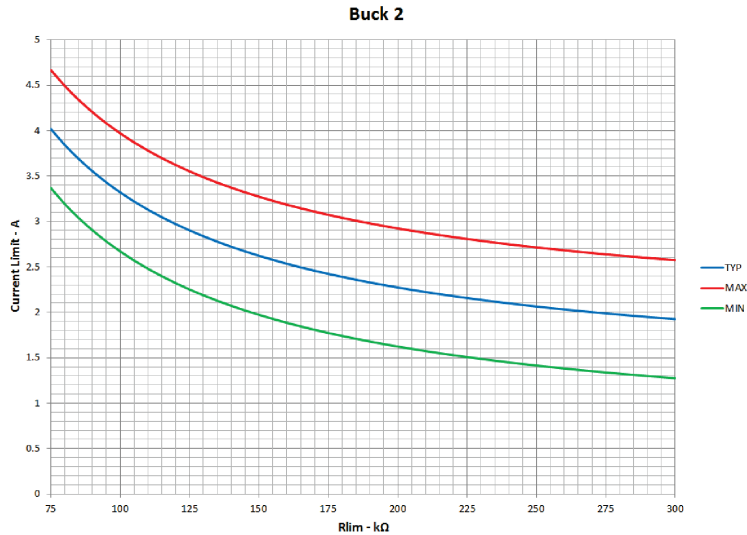
## Current Limit Protection

Figure 44 shows the (peak) inductor current limit for Buck 1. The typical limit can be approximated with the following graph.



**Figure 44. Buck 1**

Figure 45 shows the (peak) inductor current limit for Buck 2. The typical limit can be approximated with the following graph.



**Figure 45. Buck 2**

Figure 46 shows the (peak) inductor current limit for Buck 3. The typical limit can be approximated with the following graph.

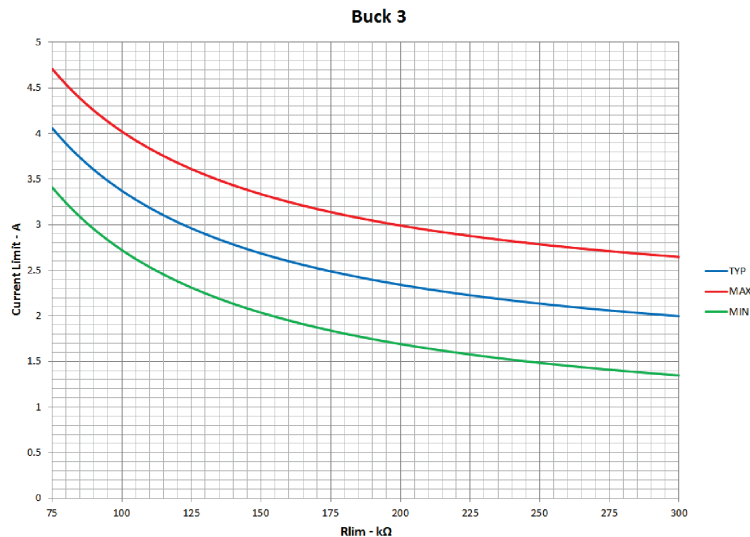


Figure 46. Buck 3

The current limit should be set by using either the TYP or MIN line. If using the TYP line, ensure that limit trips at the MIN line are acceptable for your application. When setting high-side current limit to large current values, ensure that the additional load immediately prior to an overcurrent condition will not cause the switching node voltage to exceed 20 V. Additionally, ensure during worst case operation, with all bucks loaded immediately prior to current limit, the maximum virtual junction temperature of the device does not exceed 125°C.

All converters operate in hiccup mode: Once an over-current lasting more than 10 ms is sensed in any of the converters, they will shut down for 10 ms and then the start-up sequencing will be tried again. If the overload has been removed, the converter will ramp up and operate normally. If this is not the case the converter will see another over-current event and shuts-down again repeating the cycle (hiccup) until the failure is cleared.

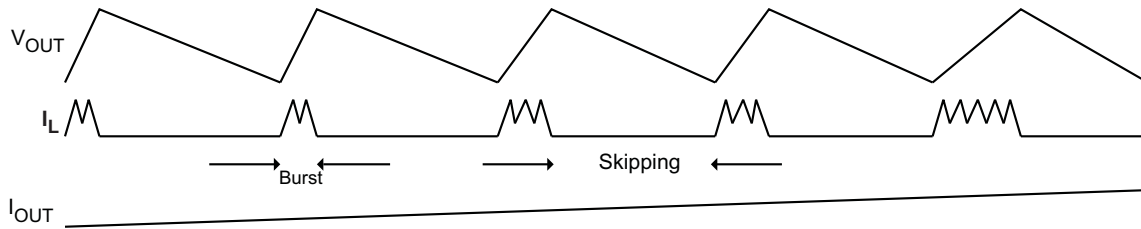
If an overload condition lasts for less than 10 ms, only the relevant converter affected will shut-down and re-start and no global hiccup mode will occur.

### Overvoltage Transient Protection

The device incorporates an overvoltage transient protection (OVP) circuit to minimize voltage overshoot. The OVP feature minimizes the output overshoot by implementing a circuit to compare the FB pin voltage to OVTP threshold which is 109% of the internal voltage reference. If the FB pin voltage is greater than the OVTP threshold, the high side MOSFET is disabled preventing current from flowing to the output and minimizing output overshoot. When the FB voltage drops lower than the OVTP threshold which is 107%, the high side MOSFET is allowed to turn on the next clock cycle.

### Low Power/Pulse Skipping Operation

When a buck synchronous converter operates at light load or standby conditions, the switching losses are the dominant source of power losses. Under these load conditions, TPS65257 uses a pulse skipping modulation technique to reduce the switching losses by keeping the power transistors in the off-state for several switching cycles, while maintaining a regulated output voltage. Figure 47 shows the output voltage and load plus the inductor current.



**Figure 47. Low Power/Pulse Skipping**

During the burst mode, the converter continuously charges up the output capacitor until the output voltage reaches a certain limit threshold. The operation of the converter in this interval is equivalent to the peak inductor current mode control. In each switch period, the main switch is turned on until the inductor current reaches the peak current limit threshold. As the load increases the number of pulses increases to make sure that the output voltage stays within regulation limits. When the load is very light the low power controller has a zero crossing detector to allow the low side mosfet to operate even in light load conditions. The transistor is not disabled at light loads. A zero crossing detection circuit will disable it when inductor current reverses. During the whole process the body diode does not conduct but is used as blocking diode only.

During the skipping interval, the upper and lower transistors are turned off and the converter stays in idle mode. The output capacitors are discharged by the load current until the moment when the output voltage drops to a low threshold.

The choice of output filter will influence the performance of the low power circuit. The maximum ripple during low power mode can be calculated as:

$$V_{OUT\_RIPPLE} = \frac{K_{RIP} T_S}{C_{OUT}} \quad (9)$$

Where  $K_{RIP}$  is 1.4 for Buck1 and 0.7 for Buck2 and Buck3.  $T_S$  can be calculated as:

$$T_S = \frac{0.35}{\left[ \left( \frac{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}}{L} \right) \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \right]} \quad (10)$$

## USB Switch

The USB switch is enabled (active high) with the USB\_EN pin. The switch has a typical resistance of 100mΩ and has a fold-back current limit that is typically 25% lower than the overcurrent detection point. If a continuous short-circuit condition is applied to the USB switch output, the USB switch will shut-down once its temperature reaches 130°C, allowing for the buck converters to operate unaffected. Once the USB switch cools down it will restart automatically.

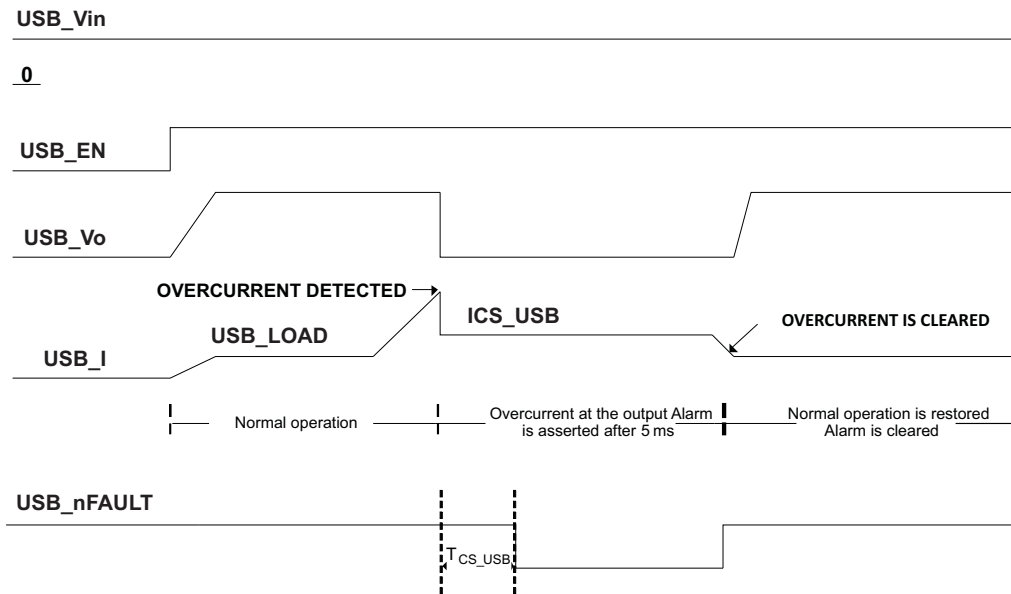
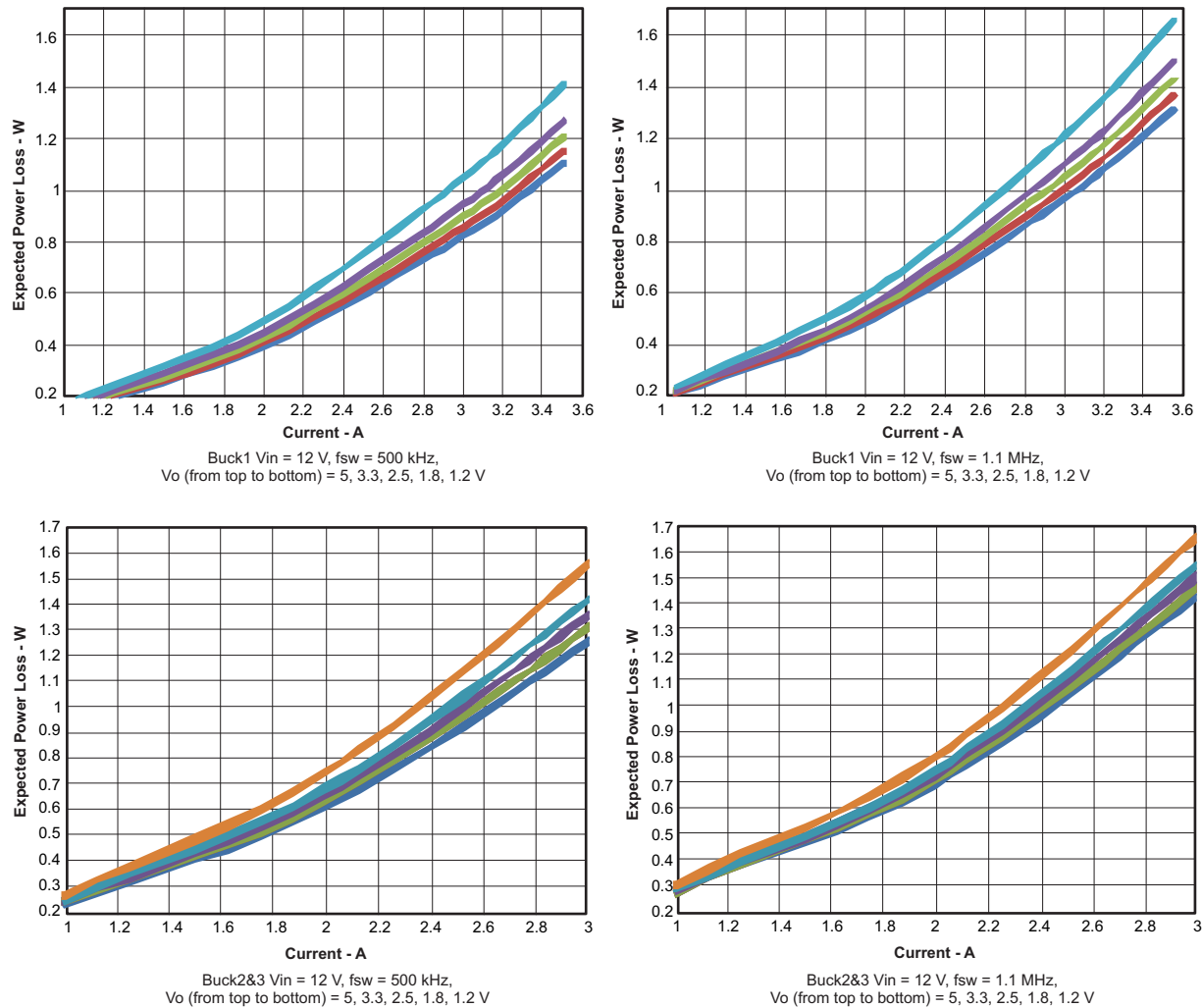


Figure 48. USB Switch

## Power Dissipation

The total power dissipation inside TPS65257 should not exceed the maximum allowable junction temperature of 125°C. The maximum allowable power dissipation is a function of the thermal resistance of the package ( $R_{JA}$ ) and ambient temperature. To calculate the temperature inside the device under continuous loading use the following procedure:

1. Define the set voltage for each converter.
2. Define the continuous loading on each converter. Make sure do not exceed the converter maximum loading..
3. Determine from the graphs below the expected losses in watts per converter inside the device. The losses depend on the input supply, the selected switching frequency, the output voltage and the converter chosen.



**Figure 49. Power Dissipation Curves**

4. To calculate the maximum temperature inside the IC use the following formula:

$$T_{HOT\_SPOT} = T_A + P_{DIS} \times \Theta_{JA} \quad (11)$$

Where:

$T_A$  is the ambient temperature

$P_{DIS}$  is the sum of losses in all converters

$\Theta_{JA}$  is the junction to ambient thermal impedance of the device and it is heavily dependant on board layout

## Thermal Shutdown

The device implements an internal thermal shutdown to protect itself if the junction temperature exceeds 160°C. The thermal shutdown forces the device to stop switching when the junction temperature exceeds thermal trip threshold. Once the die temperature decreases below 140°C, the device reinitiates the power up sequence. The thermal shutdown hysteresis is 20°C.

## 3.3-V and 6.5 LDO Regulators

The following ceramic capacitor (X7R/X5R) should be connected as close as possible to the described pins:

- 4.7 µF to 10 µF for V7V pin 28
- 3.3 µF to 10 µF for V3V pin 29

## Layout Recommendation

Layout is a critical portion of PMIC designs.

- Place tracing for output voltage and LX on the top layer and an inner power plane for VIN.
- Fit also on the top layer connections for the remaining pins of the PMIC and a large top side area filled with ground.
- The top layer ground area should be connected to the internal ground layer(s) using vias at the input bypass capacitor, the output filter capacitor and directly under the TPS65257 device to provide a thermal path from the PowerPad land to ground.
- For operation at full rated load, the top side ground area together with the internal ground plane, must provide adequate heat dissipating area.
- There are several signals paths that conduct fast changing currents or voltages that can interact with stray inductance or parasitic capacitance to generate noise or degrade the power supplies performance. To help eliminate these problems, the VIN pin should be bypassed to ground with a low ESR ceramic bypass capacitor with X5R or X7R dielectric. Care should be taken to minimize the loop area formed by the bypass capacitor connections, the VIN pins, and the ground connections. Since the LX connection is the switching node, the output inductor should be located close to the LX pins, and the area of the PCB conductor minimized to prevent excessive capacitive coupling.
- The output filter capacitor ground should use the same power ground trace as the VIN input bypass capacitor. Try to minimize this conductor length while maintaining adequate width.
- The compensation should be as close as possible to the CMPx pins. The CMPx and ROSC pins are sensitive to noise so the components associated to these pins should be located as close as possible to the IC and routed with minimal lengths of trace.

## PACKAGING INFORMATION

| Orderable part number        | Status<br>(1) | Material type<br>(2) | Package   Pins  | Package qty   Carrier | RoHS<br>(3) | Lead finish/<br>Ball material<br>(4) | MSL rating/<br>Peak reflow<br>(5) | Op temp (°C) | Part marking<br>(6) |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <a href="#">TPS65257RHAR</a> | Active        | Production           | VQFN (RHA)   40 | 2500   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-3-260C-168 HR               | -40 to 85    | TPS<br>65257        |
| TPS65257RHAR.A               | Active        | Production           | VQFN (RHA)   40 | 2500   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-3-260C-168 HR               | -40 to 85    | TPS<br>65257        |
| TPS65257RHAR.B               | Active        | Production           | VQFN (RHA)   40 | 2500   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-3-260C-168 HR               | -40 to 85    | TPS<br>65257        |
| <a href="#">TPS65257RHAT</a> | Active        | Production           | VQFN (RHA)   40 | 250   SMALL T&R       | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-3-260C-168 HR               | -            | TPS<br>65257        |
| TPS65257RHAT.A               | Active        | Production           | VQFN (RHA)   40 | 250   SMALL T&R       | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-3-260C-168 HR               | -40 to 85    | TPS<br>65257        |
| TPS65257RHAT.B               | Active        | Production           | VQFN (RHA)   40 | 250   SMALL T&R       | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-3-260C-168 HR               | -40 to 85    | TPS<br>65257        |

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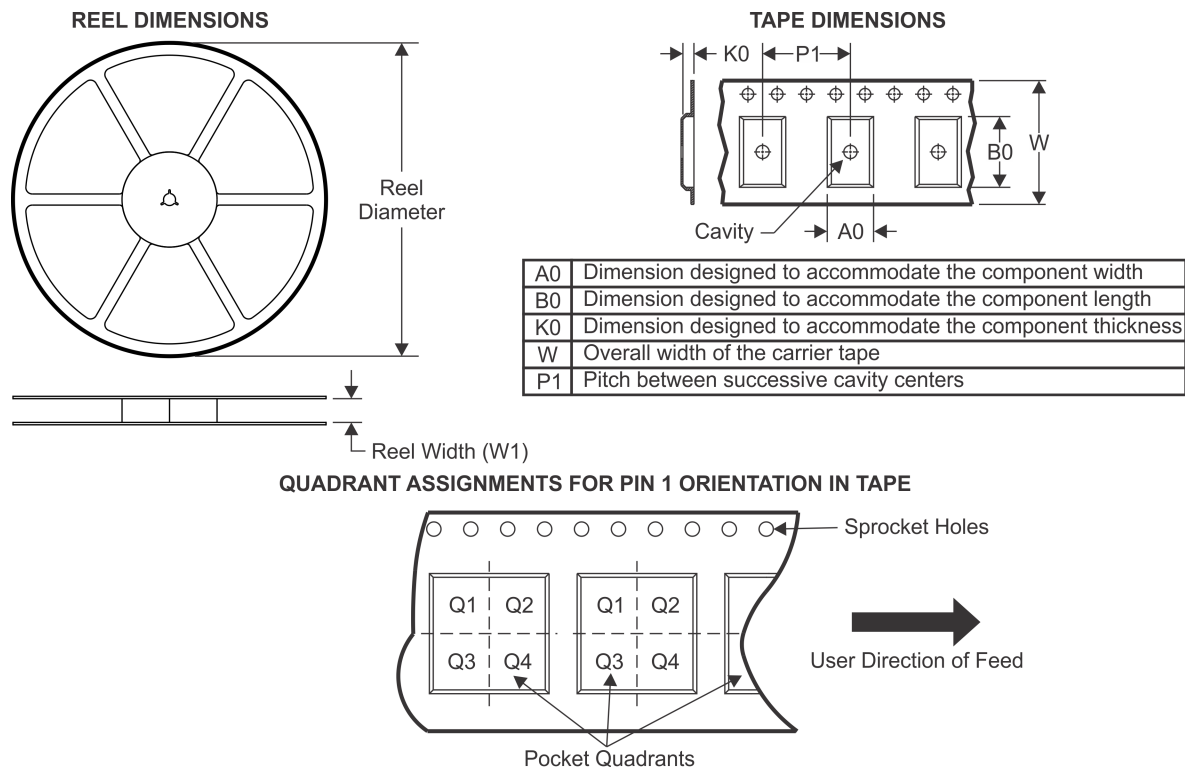
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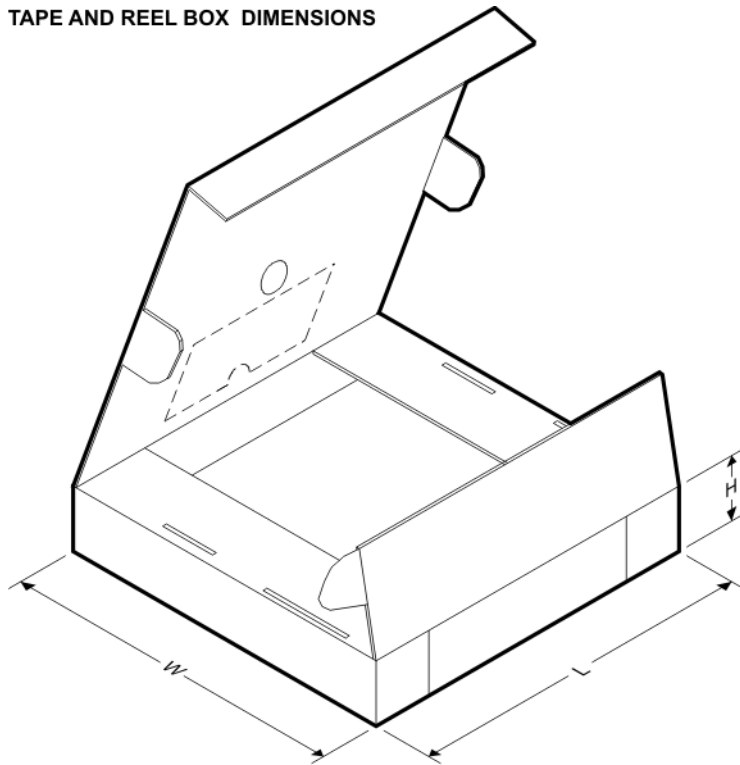
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| Device       | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ  | Reel Diameter (mm) | Reel Width W1 (mm) | A0 (mm) | B0 (mm) | K0 (mm) | P1 (mm) | W (mm) | Pin1 Quadrant |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|
| TPS65257RHAR | VQFN         | RHA             | 40   | 2500 | 330.0              | 16.4               | 6.3     | 6.3     | 1.1     | 12.0    | 16.0   | Q2            |
| TPS65257RHAT | VQFN         | RHA             | 40   | 250  | 180.0              | 16.4               | 6.3     | 6.3     | 1.1     | 12.0    | 16.0   | Q2            |

## TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS



\*All dimensions are nominal

| Device       | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ  | Length (mm) | Width (mm) | Height (mm) |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| TPS65257RHAR | VQFN         | RHA             | 40   | 2500 | 367.0       | 367.0      | 38.0        |
| TPS65257RHAT | VQFN         | RHA             | 40   | 250  | 210.0       | 185.0      | 35.0        |

## GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW

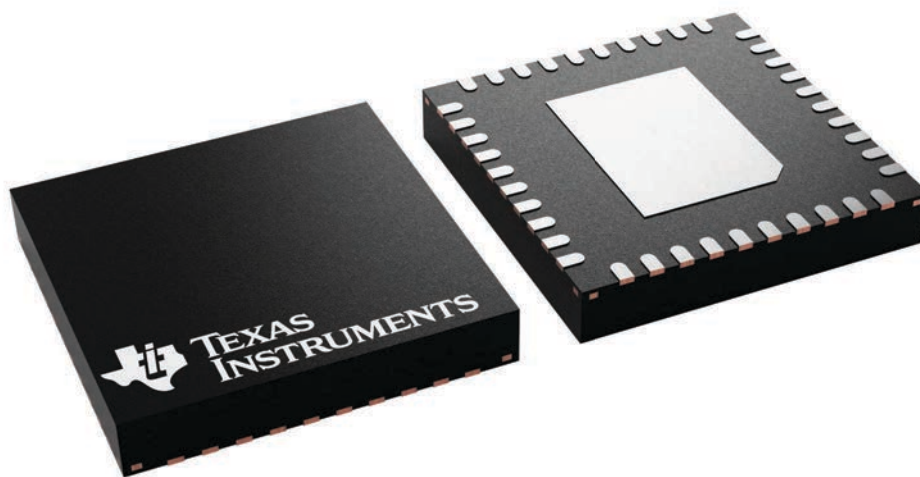
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**VQFN - 1 mm max height**

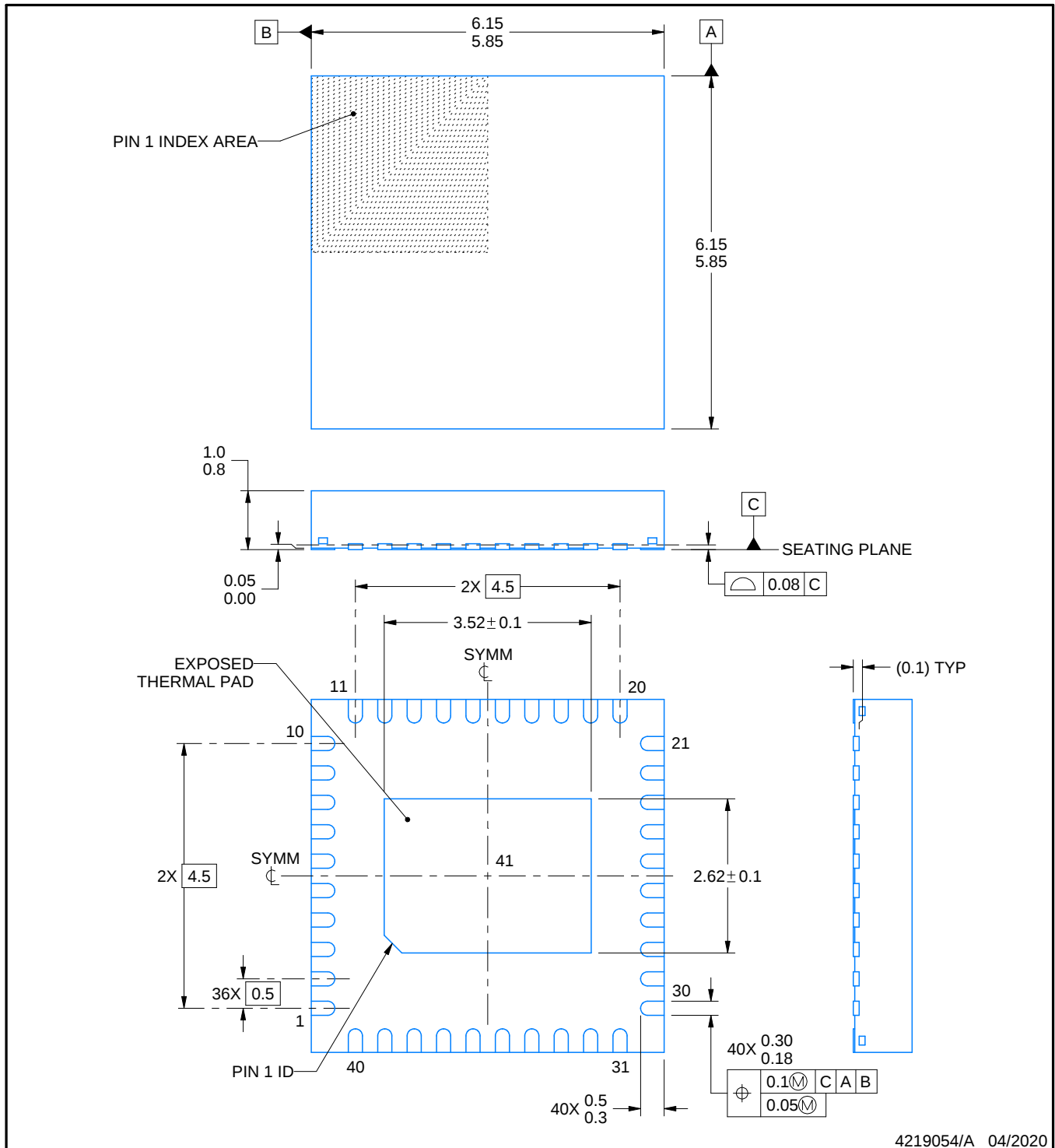
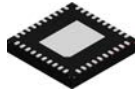
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Refer to the product data sheet for package details.



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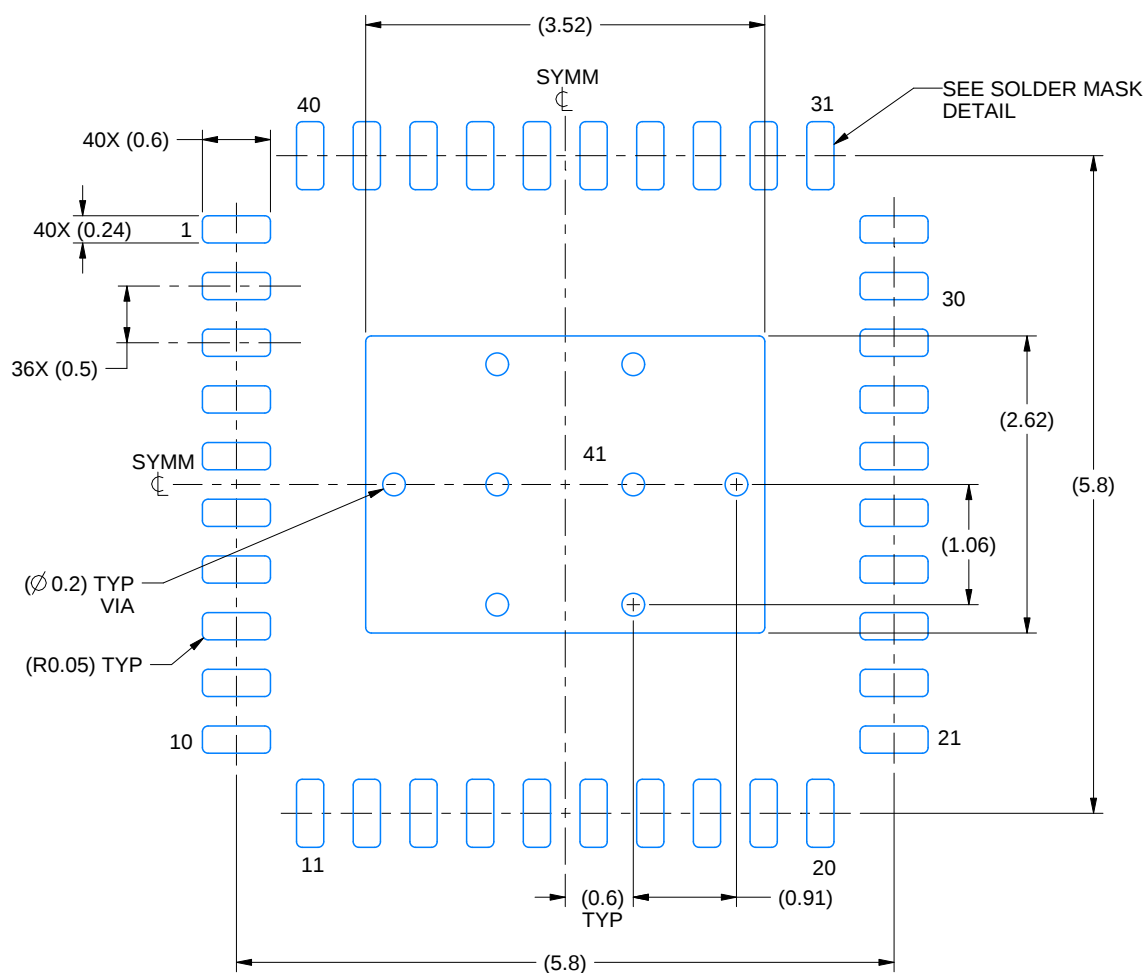
## NOTES:

1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
3. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the printed circuit board for thermal and mechanical performance.

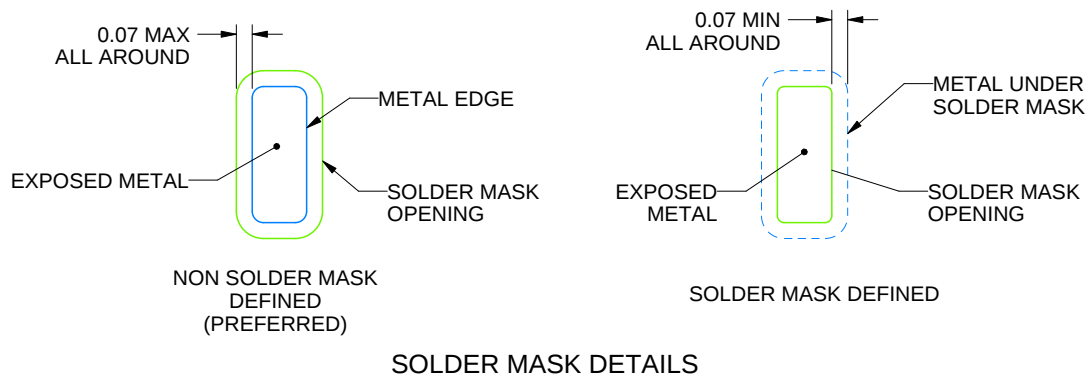
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### VQFN - 1 mm max height

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LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE  
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN  
SCALE: 15X



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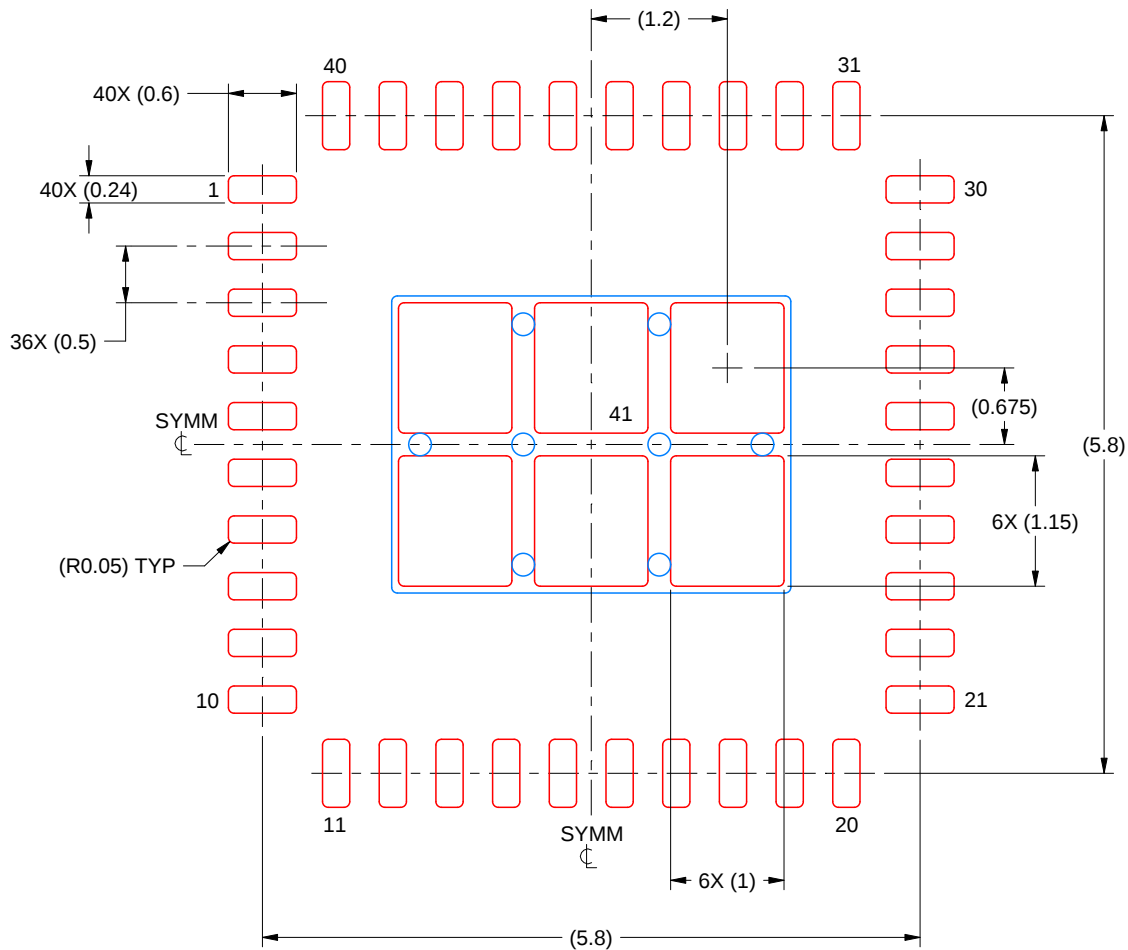
4. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number SLUA271 ([www.ti.com/lit/slua271](http://www.ti.com/lit/slua271)).
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# EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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VQFN - 1 mm max height

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SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE  
 BASED ON 0.125 MM THICK STENCIL  
 SCALE: 15X

EXPOSED PAD 41  
 75% PRINTED SOLDER COVERAGE BY AREA UNDER PACKAGE

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6. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.

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