



Synchronous Buck Controller for Dynamic Load-Voltage Applications

POWER MANAGEMENT

Description

The SC470 is a single output, constant on-time synchronous-buck, pseudo-fixed frequency, PWM controller intended for use in notebook computers and other battery operated portable devices. Features include high efficiency and fast dynamic response with no minimum on-time. The excellent transient response means that SC470 based solutions will require less output capacitance than competing fixed frequency converters.

The SC470 is specifically targeted for graphics processor power supplies that require dynamic voltage transition, with a tight 0.85% DC accuracy and a 20% OVP threshold.

The frequency is constant until a step-in load or line voltage occurs, at which time the pulse density and frequency will increase or decrease to counter the change in output or input voltage. After the transient event, the controller frequency will return to steady state operation. At light loads, Power-Save Mode enables the SC470 to skip PWM pulses for better efficiency.

The output voltage can be adjusted from 0.5V to VCCA. The integrated gate drivers feature adaptive shoot-through protection and soft switching. Additional features include cycle-by-cycle current limit, digital soft-start, over-voltage and under-voltage protection, and a PGD output.

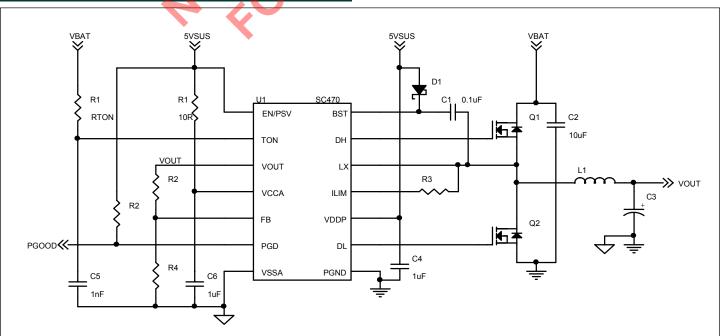
Features

- Constant on-time for fast dynamic response
- ◆ Programmable VOUT range = 0.5 VCCA
- ◆ VBAT range = 1.8V 25V
- DC current sense using low-side RDS(ON) sensing or RSENSE in source of low-side MOSFET for greater accuracy
- Resistor programmable on-time
- ◆ Cycle-by-cycle current limit
- ◆ Digital soft-start
- ◆ Combined EN and PSAVE functions
- Over-voltage/under-voltage fault protection and PGD output
- ◆ 20% OVP threshold for simpler dynamic voltage transition circuitry
- ◆ 5µA typical shutdown current
- ◆ Low quiescent power dissipation
- ◆ 14 lead TSSOP and 16 pin MLPQ (4mm x 4mm) packages
- Industrial temperature range
- ◆ 0.85% DC accuracy
- Integrated gate drivers with soft-switching

Applications

- Graphics Cards
- Embedded Graphics Processors
- ◆ High Performance Processors

Typical Application Circuit



Absolute Maximum Ratings(1)

Exceeding the specifications below may result in permanent damage to the device or device malfunction. Operation outside of the parameters specified in the Electrical Characteristics section is not implied. Exposure to Absolute Maximum rated conditions for extended periods of time may affect device reliability.

Pin Combination	Symbol	Maximum	Units
TON to VSSA		-0.3 to +25.0	V
DH, BST to PGND		-0.3 to +30.0	V
LX to PGND		-2.0 to +25.0	V
PGND to VSSA		-0.3 to +0.3	V
BST to LX		-0.3 to +6.0	V
DL, ILIM, VDDP to PGND		-0.3 to +6.0	V
EN/PSV, FB, PGD, VCCA, VOUT to VSSA		-0.3 to +6.0	V
VCCA to EN/PSV, FB, PGD, VOUT		-0.3 to +6.0	V
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Ambient - ITSTRT(2)	θ	100	°C/W
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Ambient - IMLTRT(2)	$\theta_{\sf JA}$	31	°C/W
Operating Junction Temperature Range	न,	-40 to +125	°C
Storage Temperature Range	T _{STG}	-65 to +150	°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering) 10s - Part No. ITSTRT	T_{LEAD}	300	°C
IR Reflow (Soldering) 10s to 30s - Part No. IMLTRT	T _{LEAD}	260	°C

Notes:

- 1) This device is ESD sensitive. Use of standard ESD handling precautions is required.
- 2) Calculated from package in still air, mounted to 3" to 4.5", 4 layer FR4 PCB with thermal vias under the exposed pad per JESD51 standards.

Electrical Characteristics

Test Conditions: $V_{BAT} = 15V$, EN/PSV = 5V, VCCA = VDDP = 5.0V, $V_{OUT} = 1.25V$, $R_{TON} = 1M\Omega$, 0.1% Resistor Dividers.

Parameter	Conditions	25°C		-40°C to 125°C		Units	
		Min	Тур	Max	Min	Max	
Input Supplies							
VCCA Input Voltage			5.0		4.5	5.5	V
VDDP Input Voltage			5.0		4.5	5.5	V
VIN Input Voltage	VIN = 1.8V - 25V, Offtime > 800ns	1.8		25			V
VDDP Operating Current	FB > regulation point, I _{LOAD} = 0A		70			150	μA
VCCA Operating Current	FB > regulation point, I _{LOAD} = 0A		700			1100	μA
TON Operating Current	$R_{TON} = 1M\Omega$		15				μA
Shutdown Current	EN/PSV = 0V		-5			-10	μA
	VCCA		5			10	μA
	VDDP + VIN		0			1	μΑ



Electrical Characteristics (Cont.)

Parameter	Conditions	25°C		-40°C to 125°C		Units	
		Min		Max	Min	Max	
Controller	Controller						
Error Comparator Threshold (FBK Turn-on Threshold (2)	VCCA = 4.5V to 5.5V, 0° C \leq T _A \leq 85 $^{\circ}$ C		0.500		-0.85%	+0.85%	
	VCCA = 4.5V to 5.5V, -40°C \leq T _A \leq 85°C				-1%	+1%	V
Output Voltage Range	Adjust Mode				0.5	VCCA	V
On-Time, V _{BAT} = 2.5V	$R_{TON} = 1M\Omega$		1761		1497	2025	ns
	$R_{TON} = 500 k\Omega$		936		796	1076	ns
Minimum Off Time		15	400	1		500	ns
VOUT Input Resistance			500	7			kΩ
FB Input Bias Current			,5		-1.0	+1.0	μΑ
Over-Current Sensing							
ILIM Sink Current	DL High		10		9.0	11.0	μΑ
Current Comparator Offset	PGND - ILIM				-10	10	mV
PSAVE	6-71V		•				
Zero-Crossing Threshold	PGND - LX, EN/PSV = 5V		5				mV
Fault Protection	0.4						
Current Limit (Positive)(3)	PGND-LX, $R_{ILIM} = 5k\Omega$		50		35	65	mV
	PGND-LX, $R_{LIM} = 10k\Omega$		100		80	120	mV
	PGND-LX, $R_{LM} = 20k\Omega$		200		170	230	mV
Current Limit (Negative)	PGND-LX		-125		-160	-90	mV
Output Under-Voltage Fault	With respect to internal reference.		-30		-40	-25	%
Output Over-Voltage Fault	ault With respect to internal reference.		+20		+16	+24	%
Over-Voltage Fault Delay	FB forced above OV Vth		5.0				μs
PGD Low Output Voltage	Sink 1mA					0.4	V
PGD Leakage Current	FB in regulation, PGD = 5V					1	μA
PGD UV Threshold	With respect to internal reference.	-10			-12	-8	%

Electrical Characteristics (Cont.)

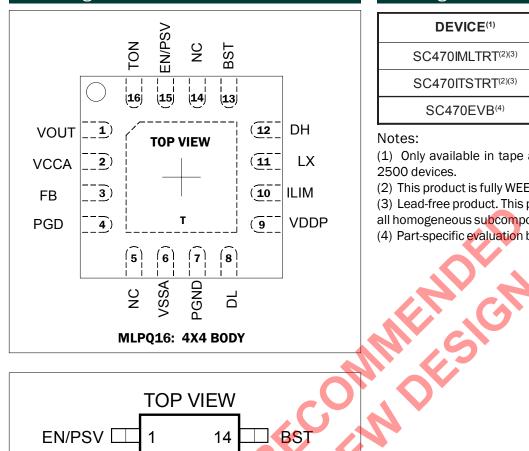
Parameter	Conditions		25°C			-40°C to 125°C		
		Min	Тур	Max	Min	Max		
Fault Protection (Cont.)								
PGD Fault Delay	FB forced outside PGD window.		5.0				μs	
VCCA Undervoltage Threshold	Falling (100mV Hysteresis)		4.0		3.7	4.3	\ \	
Over Temperature Lockout	10°C Hysteresis		165				С	
Inputs/Outputs								
Logic Input Low Voltage	EN/PSV low					1.2	V	
Logic Input High Voltage	EN High, PSV low (Pin Floating)		2.0				V	
Logic Input High Voltage	EN/PSV high				3.1		V	
Enable/Power Save Input	R Pullup to VCCA		1.5				ΜΩ	
Resistance	R Pulldown to VSSA		91				ΜΩ	
Soft Start		3						
Soft-Start Ramp Time	EN/PSV high to PGD high		440				clks ⁽⁴⁾	
Under-Voltage Blank Time	EN/PSV high to UV high		440				clks ⁽⁴⁾	
Gate Drivers	14.9V							
Dead Time	DH or DL rising		30				ns	
DL Pull-Down Resistance	DL low		0.8			1.6	Ω	
DL Sink Current	DL = 2.5V		3.1				Α	
DL Pull-Up Resistance	DL high		2			4	Ω	
DL Source Current	DL = 2.5V		1.3				Α	
DH Pull-Down Resistance	DH low, BST - LX = 5V		2			4	Ω	
DH Pull-Up Resistance	DH high, BST - LX = 5V		2			4	Ω	
DH Sink/Source Current	DH = 2.5V		1.3				Α	

Notes:

- (1) Calculated from package in still air, mounted to 3" x 4.5", 4 layer FR4 PCB with thermal vias under the exposed pad per JESD51 standards.
- (2) When the inductor is in continuous and discontinuous conduction mode, the output voltage will have a DC regulation level higher than the error-comparator threshold by 50% of the ripple voltage. This voltage will vary slightly with load and VBAT.
- (3) Using a current sense resistor, this measurement relates to PGND minus the voltage of the source on the low-side MOSFET. These values guaranteed by the ILIM Source Current and Current Comparator Offset tests.
- (4) clks = switching cycles.



Pin Configuration



TOP VIEW EN/PSV [14 BS 2 TON [13 DH VOUT [3 12 LX VCCA [4 ILIM FB [5 **VDDP** 10 PGD [6 9 DL VSSA [8 **PGND** (14 Pin TSSOP)

Ordering Information

DEVICE ⁽¹⁾	PACKAGE
SC470IMLTRT(2)(3)	MLPQ-16
SC470ITSTRT(2)(3)	TSSOP-14
SC470EVB ⁽⁴⁾	Evaluation Board

Notes:

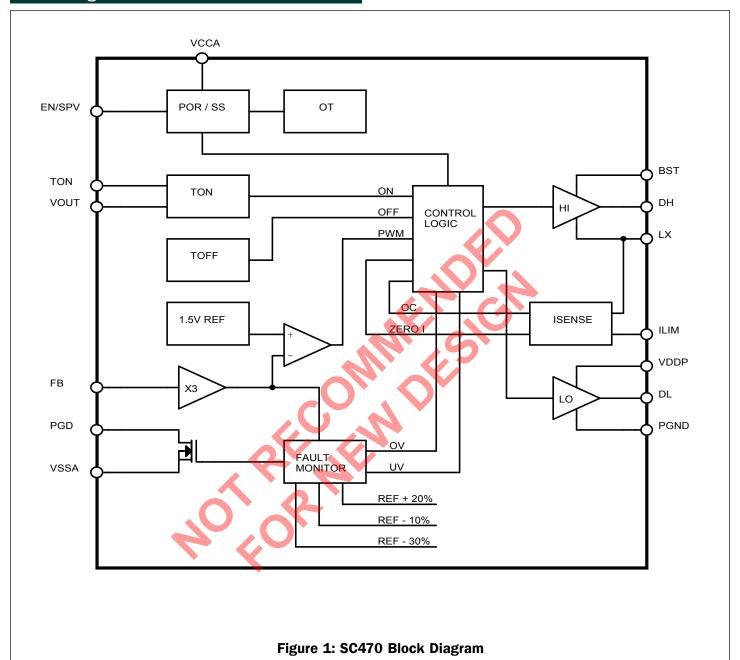
- (1) Only available in tape and reel packaging. A reel contains 2500 devices.
- (2) This product is fully WEEE and RoHS compliant.
- (3) Lead-free product. This product is J-STD-020B compliant and all homogeneous subcomponents are RoHS compliant.
- (4) Part-specific evaluation boards consult factory for availability.



Pin Descriptions

Pin Name	MLPQ-16#	TSSOP-14#	Pin Function	
VOUT	1	3	Output voltage sense input. Connect to VOUT at the load.	
VCCA	2	4	Supply voltage input for the analog supply. Use a 100hm / 1µF RC filter from 5VSUS to VSSA.	
FB	3	5	Feedback input. Connect to a resistor divider from VOUT to VSSA to set the output voltage between 0.5V and VCCA.	
PGD	4	6	Power Good open drain NMOS output. Goes high after a fixed clock cycle delay (440 cycles) following power-up.	
NC	5	-	No Connect.	
VSSA	6	7	Ground reference for analog circuitry. Connect to the bottom of the output capacitor.	
PGND	7	8	Power ground.	
DL	8	9	Gate drive output for the low side MOSFET switch.	
VDDP	9	10	+5V supply voltage input for the gate drivers. Decouple this pin with a 1μF ceramic capacitor to PGND.	
ILIM	10	11	Current limit input. Connect to drain of low-side MOSFET for RDS(on) sensing, or the source resistor for sensing through a threshold sensing resistor.	
LX	11	12	Phase node (junction of top and bottom MOSFETs and the output inductor) connection.	
DH	12	13	Gate drive output for the high side MOSFET switch.	
BST	13	14	Boost capacitor connection for the high side gate drive.	
NC	14	8-1	No Connect.	
EN/PSV	15	1	Enable/Power Save input . Pull down to VSSA to shut down the IC. Pull-up to enable the IC and activate PSAVE mode. Float to enable the IC and activate continous conduction mode(CCM). If floated, bypass to VSSA with a 10nF ceramic capacitor.	
TON	16	2	This pin is used to sense VBAT through a pullup resistor, RTON, and to set the top MOSFET on-time. Bypass this pin with a 1nF ceramic capacitor to VSSA.	
THERMAL PAD	Т	-	Pad for heatsinking purposes. Connect to ground plane using multiple vias. Not connected internally.	

Block Diagram



Application Information

+5V Bias Supplies

The SC470 requires an external +5V bias supply in addition to the battery. If stand-alone capability is required, the +5V supply can be generated with an external linear regulator such as the Semtech LP2951.

For optimal operation, the controller has its own ground reference, VSSA, which should be tied by a single trace to PGND at the negative terminal of the output capacitor (see Layout Guidelines). All external components referenced to VSSA in the Typical Applications Circuit on Page 1 should be connected to VSSA. The supply decoupling capacitor should be tied directly between the VCCA and VSSA pins. A 10Ω resistor should be used to decouple VCCA from the main VDDP supply. PGND can then be a separate plane which is not used for routing traces. All PGND connections are connected directly to the ground plane with special attention given to avoiding indirect connections which may create ground loops. As mentioned above, VSSA must be connected to the PGND plane at the negative terminal of the output capacitor only. The VDDP input provides power to the upper and lower gate drivers. A decoupling capacitor is required. No series resistor between VDDP and 5V is required. See Layout Guidelines for more details.

Pseudo-Fixed Frequency Constant On-Time PWM Controller

The PWM control architecture consists of a constant ontime, pseudo-fixed frequency PWM controller (see Figure 1, Block Diagram, page 7). The output ripple voltage developed across the output filter capacitor's ESR provides the PWM ramp signal eliminating the need for a current sense resistor. The high-side switch on-time is determined by a one-shot whose period is directly proportional to output voltage and inversely proportional to input voltage. A second one-shot sets the minimum off-time which is typically 400ns.

On-Time One-Shot (ton)

The on-time one-shot comparator has two inputs. One input looks at the output voltage, while the other input samples the input voltage and converts it to a current. This input voltage-proportional current is used to charge

an internal on-time capacitor. The on-time is the time required for the voltage on this capacitor to charge from zero volts to VOUT, thereby making the on-time of the high-side switch directly proportional to output voltage and inversely proportional to input voltage. This implementation results in a nearly constant switching frequency without the need for a clock generator.

For VOUT < 3.3V:

$$t_{ON} = 3.3 \times 10^{-12} \bullet (R_{TON} + 37 \times 10^{3}) \bullet \left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{BAT}}\right) + 50 \text{ns}$$

For $3.3V \leq VOUT \leq 5V$?

$$t_{ON} = 0.85 \bullet 3.3 \times 10^{-12} \bullet (R_{TON} + 37 \times 10^{3}) \bullet \left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{BAT}}\right) + 50 \text{ns}$$

R_{TON} is a resistor connected from the input supply (VBAT) to the TON pin. Due to the high impedance of this resistor, the TON pin should always be bypassed to VSSA using a 1nF ceramic capacitor.

Enable & Psave

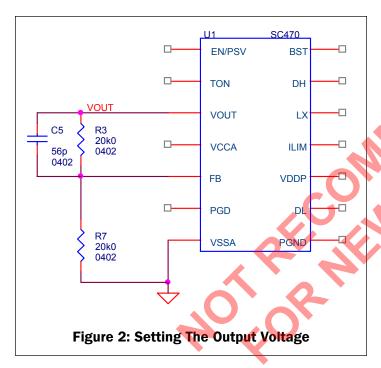
The EN/PSV pin enables the supply. When EN/PSV is tied to VCCA the controller is enabled and power save will also be enabled. When the EN/PSV pin is tri-stated, an internal pull-up will activate the controller and power save will be disabled. If PSAVE is enabled, the SC470 PSAVE comparator will look for the inductor current to cross zero on eight consecutive switching cycles by comparing the phase node (LX) to PGND. Once observed, the controller will enter power save and turn off the low side MOSFET when the current crosses zero. To improve light-load efficiency and add hysteresis, the on-time is increased by 50% in power save. The efficiency improvement at light-loads more than offsets the disadvantage of slightly higher output ripple. If the inductor current does not cross zero on any switching cycle, the controller will immediately exit power save. Since the controller counts zero crossings, the converter can sink current as long as the current does not cross zero on eight consecutive cycles. This allows the output voltage to recover quickly in response to negative load steps even when PSAVE is enabled.

Application Information (Cont.)

Output Voltage Selection

The output voltage is set by the feedback resistors R3 & R7 of Figure 2 below. The internal reference is 1.5V, so the voltage at the feedback pin is multiplied by three to match the 1.5V reference. Therefore, the output can be set to a minimum of 0.5V. The equation for setting the output voltage is:

$$V_{OUT} = \left(1 + \frac{R3}{R7}\right) \bullet 0.5$$

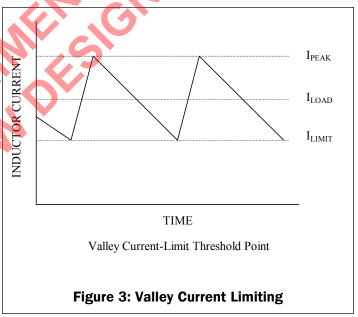


Current Limit Circuit

Current limiting of the SC470 can be accomplished in two ways. The on-state resistance of the low-side MOSFET can be used as the current sensing element or sense resistors in series with the low-side source can be used if greater accuracy is desired. $R_{\rm DS(ON)}$ sensing is more efficient and less expensive. In both cases, the $R_{\rm ILIM}$ resistor between the ILIM pin and LX pin set the over current threshold. This resistor $R_{\rm ILIM}$ is connected to a 10µA current source within the SC470 which is turned on when the low side MOSFET turns on. When the voltage drop across the sense resistor or low side MOSFET equals the voltage across the RILIM resistor, positive current limit will activate. The high-side MOSFET

will not be turned on until the voltage drop across the sense element (resistor or MOSFET) falls below the voltage across the $R_{\rm ILIM}$ resistor. In an extreme overcurrent situation, the top MOSFET will never turn back on and eventually the part will latch off due to output undervoltage (see Output Under-voltage Protection).

The current sensing circuit actually regulates the inductor valley current (see Figure 3). This means that if the current limit is set to 10A, the peak current through the inductor would be 10A plus the peak ripple current, and the average current through the inductor would be 10A plus 1/2 the peak-to-peak ripple current. The equations for setting the valley current and calculating the average current through the inductor are shown below:



The equation for the current limit threshold is as follows:

$$I_{\text{LIMIT}} = 10e^{-6} \bullet \frac{R_{\text{ILIM}}}{R_{\text{SENSE}}} A$$

Where (referring to Figure 8 on Page 17) $\rm R_{ILIM}$ is R4 and $\rm R_{SENSE}$ is the $\rm R_{DS(ON)}$ of Q2.

For resistor sensing, a sense resistor is placed between the source of Q2 and PGND. The current through the source sense resistor develops a voltage that opposes the voltage developed across $R_{\rm ILIM}.$ When the voltage developed across the $R_{\rm SENSE}$ resistor reaches the voltage

Application Information (Cont.)

drop across $R_{\rm ILIM}$, a positive over-current exists and the high side MOSFET will not be allowed to turn on. When using an external sense resistor $R_{\rm SENSE}$ is the resistance of the sense resistor.

The current limit circuitry also protects against negative over-current (i.e., when the current is flowing from the load to PGND through the inductor and bottom MOSFET). In this case, when the bottom MOSFET is turned on, the phase node, LX, will be higher than PGND initially. The SC470 monitors the voltage at LX, and if it is greater than a set threshold voltage of 140mV (nom.) the bottom MOSFET is turned off. The device then waits for approximately 2.5µs and then DL goes high for 300ns (typ.) once more to sense the current. This repeats until either the over-current condition goes away or the part latches off due to output over-voltage (see Output Over-voltage Protection).

Power Good Output

The power good output is an open-drain output and requires a pull-up resistor. When the output voltage is 20% above or 10% below its set voltage, PGD gets pulled low. It is held low until the output voltage returns to within +20%/-10% of the output set voltage. PGD is also held low during start-up and will not be allowed to transition high until soft-start is over (440 switching cycles) and the output reaches 90% of its set voltage. There is a 5µs delay built into the PGD circuitry to prevent false transitions.

Output Over-Voltage Protection

When the output exceeds 20% of the its set voltage the low-side MOSFET is latched on. It stays latched on and the controller is latched off until reset. There is a 5μ s delay built into the OV protection circuit to prevent false transitions.

Output Under-Voltage Protection

When the output is 30% below its set voltage the output is latched in a tri-stated condition. It stays latched and the controller is latched off until reset. There is a 5µs delay built into the UV protection circuit to prevent false transitions. Note: to reset from any fault, VCCA or EN/PSV must be toggled.

POR, UVLO and Softstart

An internal power-on reset (POR) occurs when VCCA exceeds 3V, resetting the fault latch and soft-start counter, and preparing the PWM for switching. VCCA under-voltage lockout (UVLO) circuitry inhibits switching and forces the DL gate driver high until VCCA rises above 4.2V. At this time the circuit will come out of UVLO and begin switching, and with the soft-start circuit enabled, will progressively limit the output current (by limiting the current out of the ILIM pin) over a predetermined time period of 440 switching cycles.

The ramp occurs in four steps:

- 1) 110 cycles at 25% ILIM with double minimum off-time (for purposes of the on-time one-shot there is an internal positive offset of 120mV to VOUT during this period to aid in start-up).
- 2) 110 cycles at 50% ILIM with normal minimum off-time. 3) 110 cycles at 75% ILIM with normal minimum off-time.
- 4) 110 cycles at 100% ILIM with normal minimum off-time.

At this point the output under-voltage and power good circuitry is enabled. There is 100mV of hysteresis built into the UVLO circuit and when VCCA falls to 4.1V (nom.) the output drivers are shut down and tristated.

MOSFET Gate Drivers

The DH and DL drivers are optimized for driving moderate-sized high-side, and larger low-side power MOSFETs. An adaptive dead-time circuit monitors the DL output and prevents the high-side MOSFET from turning on until DL is fully off (below ~1V). Conversely, it monitors the phase node, LX, to determine the state of the high side MOSFET, and prevents the low-side MOSFET from turning on until DH is fully off (LX below ~1V). Note: Be sure there is low resistance and low inductance between the DH and DL outputs to the gate of each MOSFET.

Dropout Performance

The output voltage adjust range for continuous-conduction operation is limited by the fixed 550ns

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(maximum) minimum off-time one-shot. For best dropout performance, use the slowest on-time setting of 200kHz. When working with low input voltages, the duty-factor limit must be calculated using worst-case values for on and off times. The IC duty-factor limitation is given by:

$$DUTY = \frac{{}^{t}ON(MIN)}{{}^{t}ON(MIN) + {}^{t}OFF(MAX)}$$

Be sure to include inductor resistance and MOSFET onstate voltage drops when performing worst-case dropout duty-factor calculations.

470 System DC Accuracy

Two IC parameters affect system DC accuracy, the error comparator threshold voltage variation and the switching frequency variation with line and load. The error comparator threshold does not drift significantly with supply and temperature. Thus, the error comparator contributes 0.85% or less to DC system inaccuracy. Board components and layout also influence DC accuracy. The use of 1% feedback resistors contribute 1%. If tighter DC accuracy is required use 0.1% feedback resistors.

The on-pulse in the SC470 is calculated to give a pseudo-fixed frequency. Nevertheless, some frequency variation with line and load can be expected. This variation changes the output ripple voltage. Because constant on-regulators regulate to the valley of the output ripple, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the output ripple appears as a DC regulation error. For example, if the feedback resistors are chosen to divide down the output by a factor of five, the valley of the output ripple will be VOUT. For example: if VOUT is 2.5V and the ripple is 50mV with VBAT = 6V, then the measured DC output will be 2.525V. If the ripple increases to 80mV with VBAT = 25V, then the measured DC output will be 2.540V.

The output inductor value may change with current. This will change the output ripple and thus the DC output voltage. It will not change the frequency.

Switching frequency variation with load can be minimized by choosing MOSFETs with lower $R_{\text{DS(ON)}}$. High $R_{\text{DS(ON)}}$ MOSFETs will cause the switching frequency to increase as the load current increases. This will reduce the ripple and thus the DC output voltage.

Design Procedure

Prior to designing an output and making component selections, it is necessary to determine the input voltage range and the output voltage specifications. For purposes of demonstrating the procedure the output for the schematic in Figure 8 on Page 17 will be designed.

The maximum input voltage $(V_{BAT(MAX)})$ is determined by the highest AC adaptor voltage. The minimum input voltage $(V_{BAT(MIN)})$ is determined by the lowest battery voltage after accounting for voltage drops due to connectors, fuses and battery selector switches. For the purposes of this design we will use a V_{BAT} range of 8V to 20V.

Four parameters are needed for the output:

- 1) Nominal output voltage, V_{OUT} (we will use 1.2V).
- 2) Static (or DC) tolerance, TOL_{st} (we will use +/-4%).
- 3) Transient tolerance, TOL_{TR} and size of transient (we will use +/-8% for purposes of this demonstration).
- 4) Maximum output current, I_{OUT} (we will design for 6A).

Switching frequency determines the trade-off between size and efficiency. Increased frequency increases the switching losses in the MOSFETs, since losses are a function of VIN², knowing the maximum input voltage and budget for MOSFET switches usually dictates where the design ends up. A default R_{toN} value of $1\text{M}\Omega$ is suggested as a starting point, but this is not set in stone. The first thing to do is to calculate the on-time, t_{ON} , at $V_{\text{BAT(MIN)}}$ and $V_{\text{BAT(MAX)}}$, since this depends only upon V_{BAT} , V_{OUT} and R_{toN} .

For
$$V_{OUT}$$
 < 3.3V:

$$t_{\text{ON_VBAT(MIN)}} = \left[3.3 \bullet 10^{-12} \bullet \left(R_{\text{ton}} + 37 \bullet 10^{3} \right) \bullet \frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{V_{\text{BAT(MIN)}}} \right] + 50 \bullet 10^{-9} \text{s}$$

and,

$$t_{\text{ON_VBAT(MAX)}} = \left[3.3 \bullet 10^{-12} \bullet \left(R_{\text{ton}} + 37 \bullet 10^{3} \right) \bullet \frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{V_{\text{BAT(MAX)}}} \right] + 50 \bullet 10^{-9} \text{s}$$

From these values of $\boldsymbol{t}_{_{ON}}$ we can calculate the nominal switching frequency as follows:

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$$f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{\left(V_{\text{BAT(MIN)}} \bullet t_{\text{ON_VBAT(MIN)}}\right)} Hz$$

and,

$$f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MAX)}} = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{\left(V_{\text{BAT(MAX)}} \bullet t_{\text{ON_VBAT(MAX)}}\right)} Hz$$

t_{on} is generated by a one-shot comparator that samples $\boldsymbol{V}_{\text{\tiny BAT}}$ via $\boldsymbol{R}_{\text{\tiny tON}}$, converting this to a current. This current is used to charge an internal 3.3pF capacitor to V_{out} . The equations on page 11 reflect this along with any internal components or delays that influence t_{on} .

For our example we select $R_{ton} = 1M\Omega$:

$$t_{ON\ VBAT(MIN)} = 563$$
ns and $t_{ON\ VBAT(MAX)} = 255$ ns

$$f_{SW\ VBAT(MIN)} = 266kHz$$
 and $f_{SW\ VBAT(MAX)} = 235kHz$

Now that we know t_{on} we can calculate suitable values for the inductor. To do this we select an acceptable inductor ripple current. The calculations below assume 50% of I_{OUT} which will give us a starting place.

$$L_{VBAT(MIN)} = (V_{BAT(MIN)} - V_{OUT}) \bullet \frac{t_{ON_VBAT(MIN)}}{(0.5 \bullet I_{OUT})} H$$

$$L_{VBAT(MAX)} = (V_{BAT(MAX)} - V_{OUT}) \bullet \frac{t_{ON_VBAT(MAX)}}{(0.5 \bullet I_{OUT})} H$$

and.

$$L_{\text{VBAT}(\text{MAX})} = \left(V_{\text{BAT}(\text{MAX})} - V_{\text{OUT}}\right) \bullet \frac{t_{\text{ON_VBAT}(\text{MAX})}}{\left(0.5 \bullet I_{\text{OUT}}\right)} + \frac{t_{\text{OUT}}(\text{MAX})}{\left(0.5 \bullet I_{\text{OUT}}(\text{MAX})} + \frac{t_{\text{OUT}}(\text{MAX})}{\left(0.5 \bullet I_{\text{OUT}}(\text{MAX})} + \frac{t_{\text{OUT}}(\text{MAX})}{\left(0.5 \bullet$$

For our example:

$$L_{\text{VBAT(MIN)}}$$
 = 1.3 μ H and $L_{\text{VBAT(MAX)}}$ = 1.6 μ H

We will select an inductor value of 2.2µH to reduce the ripple current, which can be calculated as follows:

$$I_{\text{RIPPLE_VBAT(MIN)}} = \left(V_{\text{BAT(MIN)}} - V_{\text{OUT}}\right) \bullet \frac{t_{\text{ON_VBAT(MIN)}}}{L} A_{\text{P-P}}$$

and,

$$I_{\text{RIPPLE_VBAT(MAX)}} = \left(V_{\text{BAT(MAX)}} - V_{\text{OUT}}\right) \bullet \frac{t_{\text{ON_VBAT(MAX)}}}{I} A_{\text{P-P}}$$

For our example:

$$I_{RIPPLE\ VBAT(MIN)} = 1.74A_{P-P}$$
 and $I_{RIPPLE\ VBAT(MAX)} = 2.18A_{P-P}$

From this we can calculate the minimum inductor current rating for normal operation:

$$I_{\text{INDUCTOR(MIN)}} = I_{\text{OUT(MAX)}} + \frac{I_{\text{RIPPLE_VBAT(MAX)}}}{2} \, A_{\text{(MIN)}}$$

For our example:

$$I_{INDUCTOR(MIN)} = 7.1A_{(MIN)}$$

Next we will calculate the maximum output capacitor equivalent series resistance (ESR). This is determined by calculating the remaining static and transient tolerance allowances. Then the maximum ESR is the smaller of the calculated static ESR (R_{ESR ST(MAX)}) and transient ESR $(R_{ESR_TR(MAX)})$:

$$R_{ESR_ST(MAX)} = \frac{(ERR_{ST} - ERR_{DC}) \cdot 2}{I_{RIPPLE\ VBAT(MAX)}}Ohms$$

Where ERR_{st} is the static output tolerance and ERR_{pc} is the DC error. The DC error will be 0.85% plus the tolerance of the feedback resistors, thus 1.85% total for 1% feedback resistors.

For our example:

$$ERR_{ST} = 48 \text{mV}$$
 and $ERR_{DC} = 22 \text{mV}$, therefore,

$$R_{ESR ST(MAX)} = 24m\Omega$$

$$R_{ESR_TR(MAX)} = \frac{\left(ERR_{TR} - ERR_{DC}\right)}{\left(I_{OUT} + \frac{I_{RIPPLE_VBAT(MAX)}}{2}\right)}Ohms$$

Where ERR_{TR} is the transient output tolerance. Note that this calculation assumes that the worst case load transient is full load. For half of full load, divide the I_{out} term by 2.

For our example:

$$ERR_{TR} = 96mV$$
 and $ERR_{DC} = 22mV$, therefore,

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 $R_{FSR\ TR(MAX)} = 10.4 \text{m}\Omega$ for a full 6A load transient

Wewill select a value of $12.5m\Omega$ maximum for our design, which would be achieved by using two $25m\Omega$ output capacitors in parallel.

Note that for constant-on converters there is a minimum ESR requirement for stability which can be calculated as follows:

$$R_{\text{ESR(MIN)}} = \frac{3}{2 \bullet \pi \bullet C_{\text{OUT}} \bullet f_{\text{SW}}}$$

This criteria should be checked once the output capacitance has been determined.

Now that we know the output ESR we can calculate the output ripple voltage:

$$V_{\text{RIPPLE VBAT(MAX)}} = R_{\text{ESR}} \bullet I_{\text{RIPPLE VBAT(MAX)}} V_{\text{P-P}}$$

and,

$$V_{RIPPLE_VBAT(MIN)} = R_{ESR} \bullet I_{RIPPLE_VBAT(MIN)} V_{P-F}$$

For our example:

$$V_{RIPPLE_VBAT(MAX)} = 27 \text{mV}_{P-P} \text{ and } V_{RIPPLE_VBAT(MIN)} = 22 \text{mV}_{P-P}$$

Note that in order for the device to regulate in a controlled manner, the ripple content at the feedback pin, $V_{\scriptscriptstyle FB}$, should be approximately $15\text{mV}_{\scriptscriptstyle P.P}$ at minimum $V_{\scriptscriptstyle BAT}$, and worst-case no smaller than $10\text{mV}_{\scriptscriptstyle P.P}$. If $V_{\scriptscriptstyle RIPPLE_VBAT(MIN)}$ is less than $15\text{mV}_{\scriptscriptstyle P.P}$ the above component values should be revisited in order to improve this. Quite often a small capacitor, $C_{\scriptscriptstyle TOP}$, is required in parallel with the top feedback resistor, $R_{\scriptscriptstyle TOP}$, in order to ensure that $V_{\scriptscriptstyle FB}$ is large enough. $C_{\scriptscriptstyle TOP}$ should not be greater than 100pF. The value of $C_{\scriptscriptstyle TOP}$ can be calculated as follows, where $R_{\scriptscriptstyle BOT}$ is the bottom feedback resistor. Firstly calculating the value of $Z_{\scriptscriptstyle TOP}$ required:

$$Z_{\text{TOP}} = \frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{0.015} \bullet (V_{\text{RIPPLE_VBAT(MIN)}} - 0.015) \text{Ohms}$$

Secondly calculating the value of C_{TOP} required to achieve this:

$$C_{TOP} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{Z_{TOP}} - \frac{1}{R_{TOP}}\right)}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_{SW \ VBAT(MIN)}} F$$

For our example we will use $R_{TOP} = 20.0 k\Omega$ and $R_{BOT} = 14.3 k\Omega$, therefore:

$$Z_{TOP} = 6.67 k\Omega$$
 and $C_{TOP} = 60 pF$

We will select a value of $C_{TOP} = 56pF$. Calculating the value of V_{FR} based upon the selected C_{TOP} :

$$V_{\text{FB_VBAT(MIN)}} = V_{\text{RIPPLE_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{BOT}} + \frac{1}{R_{\text{TOp}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOp}}} + \frac{1}{R_{\text{TOp}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOp}}} + \frac{1}{R_{\text{TOp}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOp}}} + \frac{1}{R_{\text{TOp}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOp}}} + \frac{1}{R_{\text{TOp}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOp}}} + \frac{1}{R_{\text{TOp}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOP}}} + \frac{1}{R_{\text{TOP}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOP}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOP}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOP}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOP}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOP}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOP}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOP}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOP}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOP}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOP}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{SW_VBAT(MIN)}} \bullet C_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{BOT}}}{R_{\text{TOP}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet \left(\frac{R_{\text{TOP}}}{R_{\text{TOP}}} + 2 \bullet \pi \bullet f_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{P-I}} \bullet V_{\text{TOP}} \bullet V_{\text{TOP}} \bullet V_{\text{TOP}} \bullet V_{\text{TOP}} \right) V_{\text{TOP}} \bullet V_{\text{TOP}} \bullet$$

For our example:

$$V_{FB \text{ VBAT(MIN)}} = 14.8 \text{mV}_{P-P}$$
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Next we need to calculate the minimum output capacitance required to ensure that the output voltage does not exceed the transient maximum limit, $POSLIM_{TR}$, starting from the actual static maximum, $V_{OUT_ST_POS}$, when a load release occurs:

$$V_{\text{OUT_ST_POS}} = V_{\text{OUT}} + \text{ERR}_{\text{DC}} V$$

For our example:

$$V_{OUT ST POS} = 1.222V$$

$$POSLIM_{TR} = V_{OUT} \bullet TOL_{TR} V$$

Where TOL_{TR} is the transient tolerance. For our example:

$$POSLIM_{TR} = 1.296V$$

The minimum output capacitance is calculated as follows:

$$C_{\text{OUT(MIN)}} = L \bullet \frac{\left(I_{\text{OUT}} + \frac{I_{\text{RIPPLE_VBAT(MAX)}}}{2}\right)^{2}}{\left(POSLIM_{\text{TR}}^{2} - V_{\text{OUT_ST_POS}}^{2}\right)} F$$



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This calculation assumes the absolute worst-case condition of a full-load to no-load step transient occurring when the inductor current is at its highest. The capacitance required for smaller transient steps may be calculated by substituting the desired current for the I_{OUT} term.

For our example:

$$C_{OUT(MIN)} = 595 \mu F.$$

We will select 440 $\mu F_{\rm r}$ using two 220 $\mu F_{\rm r}$ 25 m Ω capacitors in parallel. For smaller load release overshoot, 660 μF may be used.

Next we calculate the RMS input ripple current, which is largest at the minimum battery voltage:

$$I_{\text{IN(RMS)}} = \sqrt{V_{\text{OUT}} \bullet \left(V_{\text{BAT(MIN)}} - V_{\text{OUT}}\right)} \bullet \frac{I_{\text{OUT}}}{V_{\text{BAT_MIN}}} A_{\text{RMS}}$$

For our example:

$$I_{IN(RMS)} = 2.14A_{RMS}$$

Input capacitors should be selected with sufficient ripple current rating for this RMS current, for example a 10 μ F, 1210 size, 25V ceramic capacitor can handle a little more than 2A_{RMS} (Refer to manufacturer's data sheets).

Finally, we calculate the current limit resistor value. As described in the current limit section, the current limit looks at the "valley current", which is the average output current minus half the ripple current. We use the maximum room temperature specification for MOSFET $R_{DS(ON)}$ at V_{GS} = 4.5V for purposes of this calculation:

$$I_{VALLEY} = I_{OUT} - \frac{I_{RIPPLE_VBAT(MIN)}}{2} A$$

The ripple at low battery voltage is used because we want to make sure that current limit does not occur under normal operating conditions.

$$R_{ILIM} = (I_{VALLEY} \bullet 1.2) \bullet \frac{R_{DS(ON)} \bullet 1.4}{10 \bullet 10^{-6}} \text{ Ohms}$$

For our example:

$$I_{VALLEY}$$
 = 5.13A, $R_{DS(ON)}$ = 9m Ω and R_{ILIM} = 7.76k Ω

We select the next lowest 1% resistor value: 7.68k Ω

Adding an Additional Output Voltage For Dynamic Voltage Switching

If we design this output to be capable of dynamically switching between 1.2V and 1.0V, then we would repeat these calculations to determine if any components need changing. The 1.0V output suggests a value for C_{TOP} of 82pF, but the value of 56pF required by the 1.2V design should work fine, and can always be increased if necessary. Also, the current limit resistor required is slightly higher: $R_{\text{NLM}} = 7.87 \text{k}\Omega$. The **higher** value should be used.

Lastly, the bottom feedback resistor, R_{BOT} will need to change to $20.0k\Omega$. The schematic in Figure 8 on Page 17 shows the complete design.

Dynamically Switching Output Voltages

It is important to note that in order for dynamic output voltage switching to work, the SC470 **must** be in Continuous Conduction Mode (EN/PSV = floating) when transitioning from $V_{\text{OUT(HIGH)}}$ to $V_{\text{OUT(LOW)}}$. Otherwise the SC470 has no means to discharge the output voltage and may OVP and latch off when this transition is initiated (depending upon the difference between the two voltages). If CCM is on, the SC470 will actively discharge the output down to the correct voltage.

Dynamically switching output voltages is very easy, requiring one switch to add or remove an additional resistor in parallel to the bottom feedback resistor. Ideally, the resistor will be switched using an open drain output from another IC, as shown in Figure 4.

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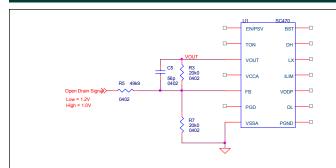


Figure 4: Dynamic Voltage Switching Using Direct Drive Method ($V_{OUT(HIGH)}/V_{OUT(LOW)} < 1.16$ only)

Another option is to switch using an external discrete MOSFET, as shown in Figure 5.

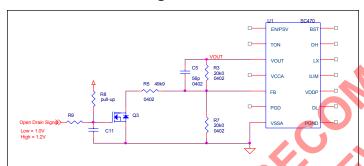


Figure 5: Dynamic Voltage Switching Using Indirect
Drive Method

The problem with the external MOSFET method is that the drain-gate capacitance, c_{DG} , can cause the output voltage to go even higher when the MOSFET is first turned off (which should make the output voltage drop). This is because the gate going low causes the drain to go low momentarily due to c_{DG} , which in turn causes V_{FB} to go low, making the output rise. The extra R9 and C11 in the gate drive for the MOSFET are there to slow down the slew rate of the gate voltage, thus avoiding this problem.

Determining what circuit to use depends upon the ratio between $V_{\text{OUT(LOW)}}$, and $V_{\text{OUT(LOW)}}$, since the goal is to avoid inadvertently tripping the over-voltage protection.

lf:

$$\frac{V_{\text{OUT(HIGH)}}}{V_{\text{OUT(LOW)}}} < 1.16$$

This means that the ratio is less than the worst-case OVP threshold (worst-case in this case is the lowest threshold), then the direct drive (simplest) method may be used. Of course the indirect drive method may also be used if desired.

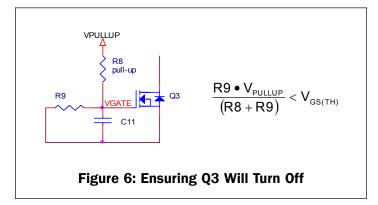
If:

$$\frac{V_{\text{OUT(HIGH)}}}{V_{\text{OUT(LOW)}}} > 1.16$$

This means that the ratio is greater than the worst-case OVP threshold, therefore we automatically need to slew the rate of change, and the indirect drive method **must** be used.

If using the indirect drive method, the goal is to slow down the gate drive for the transition from $V_{\text{OUT(HIGH)}}$ to $V_{\text{OUT(LOW)}}$, which is when the external MOSFET is turned off. The pull-up resistor, pull-down resistor and gate capacitor can be selected as follows:

- 1) V_{GATE} must be below the gate threshold voltage of the MOSFET in order to ensure that it can be turned off (see Figure 6):
- 2) The RC time constant of R9 and C11 should be at least 4 times greater than the typical Over-Voltage Fault Delay Time of 5μ s to avoid $V_{0\mu}$ rising prior to falling.
- 3) V_{PULLUP} must be high enough to turn the MOSFET on.



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Figure 7 below shows recommended components that work well.

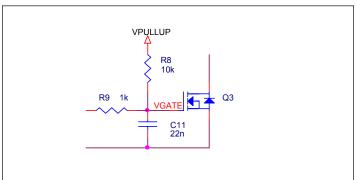


Figure 7: Recommended Component Values

Please see the example switching waveforms on Pages 25 and 26.

Thermal Considerations

The junction temperature of the device may be calculated as follows:

$$T_J = T_A + P_D \bullet \theta_{JA} \quad ^{\circ}C$$

Where:

 T_{Λ} = ambient temperature (°C)

 P_{D} = power dissipation in (W)

 θ_{JA} = thermal impedance junction to ambient from absolute maximum ratings (°C/W)

The power dissipation may be calculated as follows:

$$P_{D} = VCCA \bullet I_{VCCA} + VDDP \bullet I_{VDDP}$$
$$+ V_{a} \bullet Q_{a} \bullet f + VBST \bullet 1mA \bullet D \quad W$$

Where:

VCCA = chip supply voltage (V)

 I_{VCCA} = operating current (A)

VDDP = gate drive supply voltage (V)

 I_{VDDP} = gate drive operating current (A)

 V_g = gate drive voltage, typically 5V (V)

 Q_{s}° = FET gate charge, from the FET datasheet (C)

f = switching frequency (kHz)

VBST = boost pin voltage during t_{ON} (V)

D = duty cycle

Inserting the following values for $VBAT_{(MIN)}$ condition (since this is the worst-case condition for power dissipation in the controller) as an example (VOUT = 1.2V):

$$\begin{array}{l} T_{_A} = 85\,^{\circ}\text{C} \\ \theta_{_{JA}} = 100\,^{\circ}\text{C/W (For TSSOP-14)} \\ \theta_{_{JA}} = 46\,^{\circ}\text{C/W (For MLPQ-16)} \\ \text{VCCA} = \text{VDDP} = 5\text{V} \\ I_{_{VCCA}} = 1100\mu\text{A (data sheet maximum)} \\ I_{_{VDDP}} = 150\mu\text{A (data sheet maximum)} \\ \text{V}_{g} = 5\text{V} \\ Q_{_{g}} = 60\text{nC} \\ \text{f} = 266\text{kHz} \\ \text{VBAT}_{_{(MIN)}} = 8\text{V} \\ \text{VBST}_{_{(MIN)}} = \text{VBAT}_{_{(MIN)}} + \text{VDDP} = 13\text{V} \\ D_{_{(MIN)}} = 1.2/8 = 0.15 \\ \end{array}$$

gives us:

$$P_0 = 5 \cdot 1100 \cdot 10^{-6} + 5 \cdot 150 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

+ $5 \cdot 60 \cdot 10^{-9} \cdot 266 \cdot 10^3 + 13 \cdot 1 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 0.15$
= 0.088 W

So for TSSOP-14,

$$T_1 = 85 + 0.088 \cdot 100 = 93.8$$
 °C

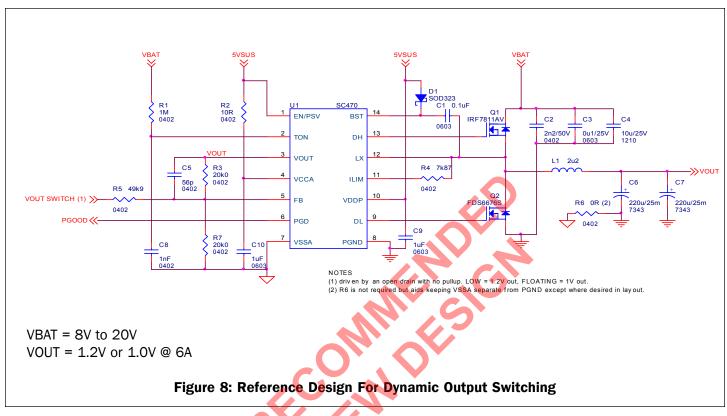
And for MLPQ-16,

$$T_1 = 85 + 0.088 \cdot 46 = 89.0 \, ^{\circ}C$$

As can be seen, the heating effects due to internal power dissipation are practically negligible, thus requiring no special consideration thermally during layout.

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Layout Guidelines - TSSOP-14 as an example:



One (or more) ground planes is/are recommended to minimize the effect of switching noise and copper losses, and maximize heat dissipation. The IC ground reference, VSSA, should be kept separate from power ground. All components that are referenced to VSSA should connected to it locally at the chip. VSSA should connect to power ground at the output capacitor(s) only.

The VOUT feedback trace must be kept far away from noise sources such as switching nodes, inductors and gate drives. Route the feedback trace with VSSA as a differential pair from the output capacitor back to the chip. Run them in a "quiet layer" if possible. VSSA may be separated from PGND using a zero Ohm resistor (that will be placed at the bottom of the output capacitors) to aid in net separation.

Chip decoupling capacitors (VDDP, VCCA) should be located next to the pins (VDDP and PGND, VCCA and VSSA) and connected directly to them on the same side.

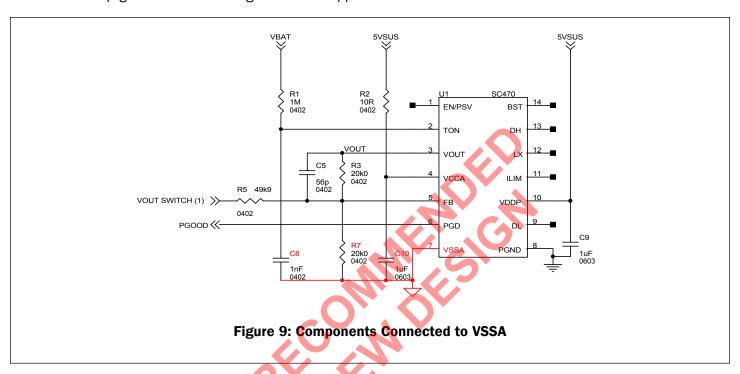
Power sections should connect directly to the ground plane(s) using multiple vias as required for current handling (including the chip power ground connections). Power components should be placed to minimize loops and reduce losses. Make all the connections on one side of the PCB using wide copper filled areas if possible. Do not use "minimum" land patterns for power components. Minimize trace lengths between the gate drivers and the gates of the MOSFETs to reduce parasitic impedances (and MOSFET switching losses), the low-side MOSFET is most critical. Maintain a length to width ratio of <20:1 for gate drive signals. Use multiple vias as required by current handling requirement (and to reduce parasitics) if routed on more than one layer

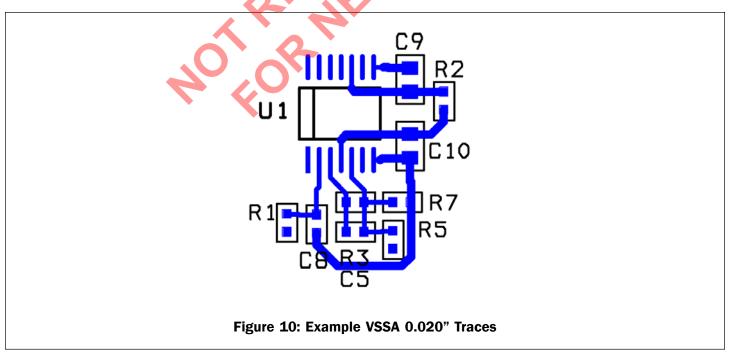
Current sense connections must always be made using Kelvin connections to ensure an accurate signal, with the current limit resistor located at the device.

We will examine the reference design used in the Design Procedure section while explaining the layout guidelines in more detail.

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The layout can be considered in two parts, the control section referenced to VSSA and the power section. Looking at the control section first, locate all components referenced to VSSA on the schematic and place these components at the chip. Connect VSSA using either a wide (>0.020") trace or a copper pour if room allows. Very little current flows in the chip ground therefore large areas of copper are not needed.

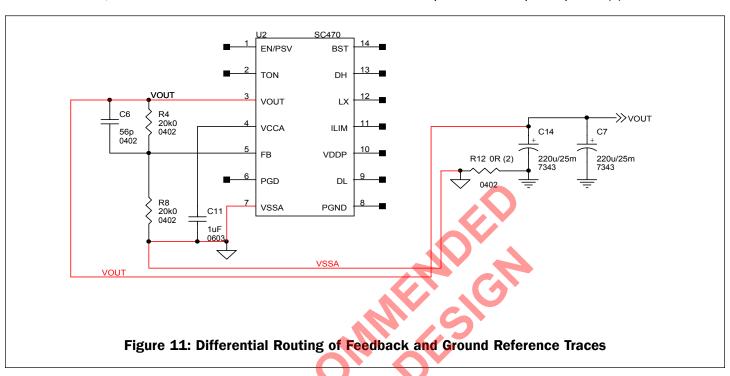




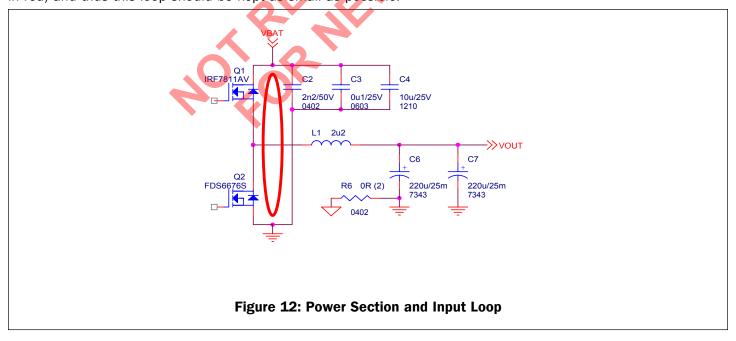
In Figure 10 above, all components referenced to VSSA have been placed and have been connected using 0.020" traces. Decoupling capacitors C9 and C10 are as close as possible to their pins. C9 should connect to the ground plane using two vias

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As shown below, VOUT and VSSA should be routed as a differential pair to the output capacitor(s).

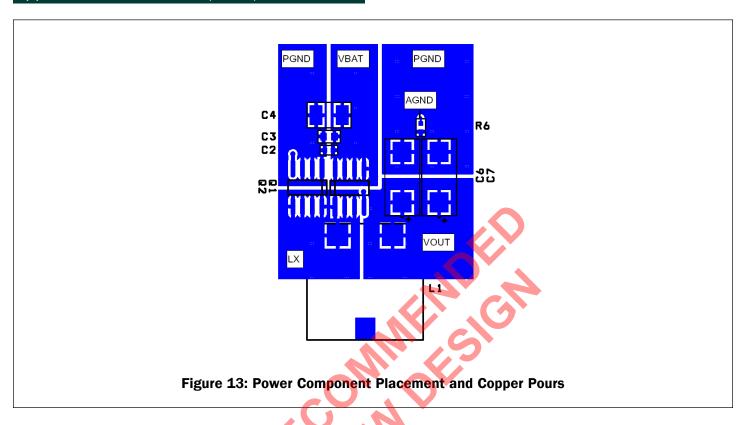


Next, the schematic in Figure 12 below shows the power section. The highest di/dts occur in the input loop (highlighted in red) and thus this loop should be kept as small as possible.



The input capacitors should be placed with the highest frequency capacitors closest to the loop to reduce EMI. Use large copper pours to minimize losses and parasitics. See Figure 13 on Page 20 for an example.

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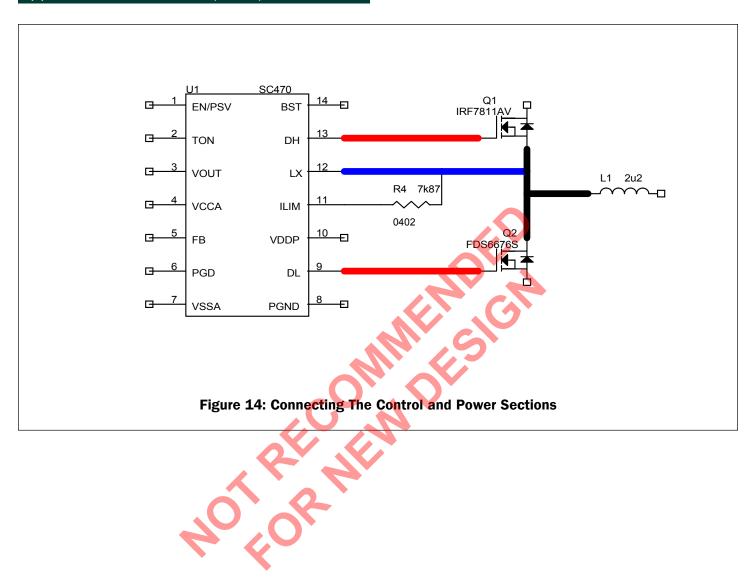
Key points for the power section:

- 1) There should be a very small input loop, well decoupled.
- 2) The phase node should be a large copper pour, but compact since this is the noisiest node.
- 3) Input power ground and output power ground should not connect directly, but through the ground planes instead.
- 4) Notice in Figure 10 on page 18, the placement of 0Ω resistor at the bottom of the output capacitor to connect to VSSA.
- 5) The current limit resistor should be placed as close as possible to the ILIM and LX pins.

Connecting the control and power sections should be accomplished as follows (see Figure 14 on Page 21):

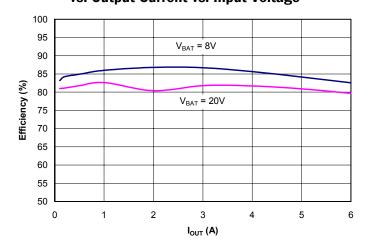
- 1) Route VSSA and VOUT as differential pairs routed in a "quiet" layer away from noise sources.
- 2) Route DL, DH and LX (low-side FET gate drive, high side FET gate drive and phase node) to chip using wide traces with multiple vias if using more than one layer. These connections to be as short as possible for loop minimization, with a length to width ratio less than 20:1 to minimize impedance. DL is the most critical gate drive, with power ground as its return path. LX is the noisiest node in the circuit, switching between V_{BAT} and ground at high frequencies, thus should be kept as short as practical. DH has LX as its return path.
- 3) BST is also a noisy node and should be kept as short as possible.
- 4) Connect PGND pin on the chip directly to the VDDP decoupling capacitor and then drop vias directly to the ground plane.

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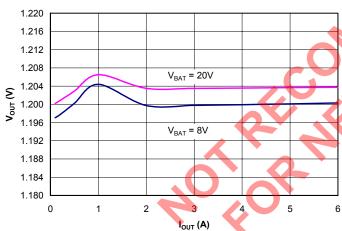
Typical Characteristics

1.2V Efficiency (Power Save Mode) vs. Output Current vs. Input Voltage

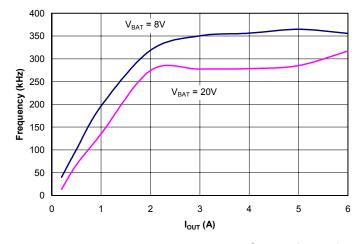


1.2V Output Voltage (Power Save Mode)

vs. Output Current vs. Input Voltage

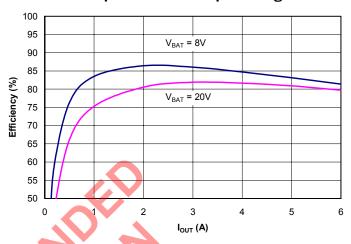


1.2V Switching Frequency (Power Save Mode) vs. Output Current vs. Input Voltage



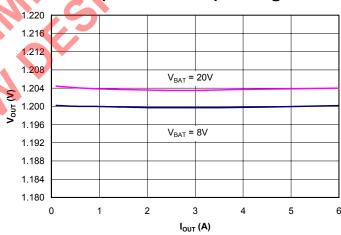
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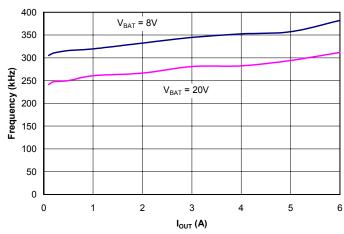


1.2V Output Voltage (Continuous Conduction Mode)

vs. Output Current vs. Input Voltage



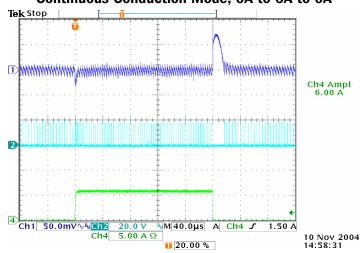
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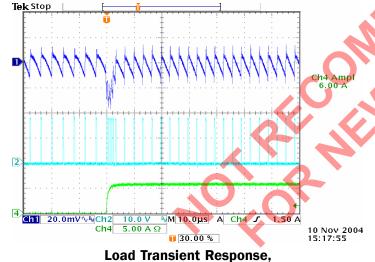
Please refer to Figure 8 on Page 17 for test schematic

Typical Characteristics (Cont.)

Load Transient Response, Continuous Conduction Mode, OA to 6A to 0A



Load Transient Response, Continuous Conduction Mode, 0A to 6A Zoomed



Trace 1: 1.2V, 50mV/div., AC coupled

Trace 2: LX, 20V/div
Trace 3: not connected
Trace 4: load current, 5A/div

Timebase: 40µs/div.

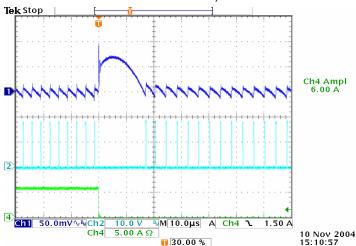
Trace 1: 1.2V, 20mV/div., AC coupled

Trace 2: LX, 10V/div
Trace 3: not connected
Trace 4: load current 5A/div

Trace 4: load current, 5A/div

Timebase: 10µs/div.

Continuous Conduction Mode, 6A to 0A Zoomed



Trace 1: 1.2V, 50mV/div., AC coupled

Trace 2: LX, 10V/div
Trace 3: not connected

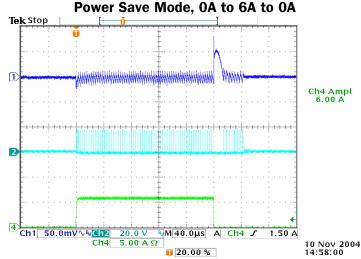
Trace 4: load current, 5A/div

Timebase: 10µs/div.

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Typical Characteristics (Cont.)

Load Transient Response,

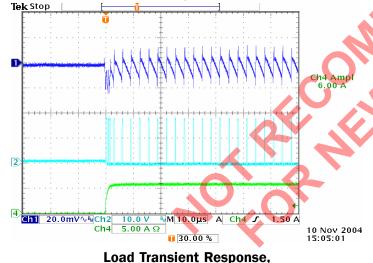


Trace 1: 1.2V, 50mV/div., AC coupled

Trace 2: LX, 20V/div
Trace 3: not connected
Trace 4: load current, 5A/div

Timebase: 40µs/div.

Load Transient Response, Power Save Mode, OA to 6A Zoomed

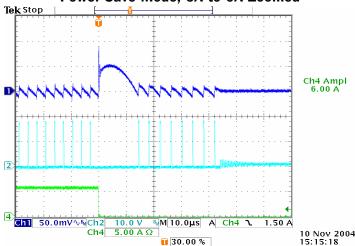


Trace 1: 1.2V, 20mV/div., AC coupled

Trace 2: LX, 10V/div
Trace 3: not connected
Trace 4: load current, 5A/div

Timebase: 10µs/div.

Power Save Mode, 6A to 0A Zoomed



Trace 1: 1.2V, 50mV/div., AC coupled

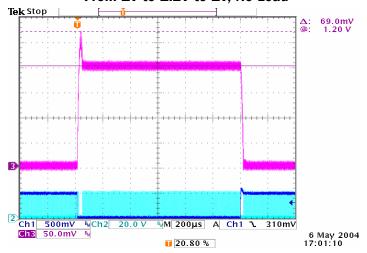
Trace 2: LX, 10V/div
Trace 3: not connected
Trace 4: load current, 5A/div

Timebase: 10µs/div.

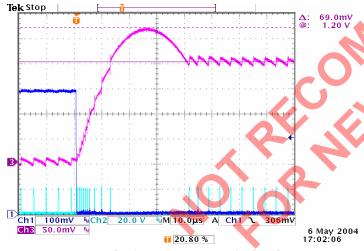
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Typical Characteristics (Cont.)

Dynamic Output Voltage Switching From 1V to 1.2V to 1V. No Load



Dynamic Output Voltage Switching From 1V to 1.2V Zoomed, No Load



Trace 1: toggle signal (for reference only)

Trace 2: LX, 20V/div

Trace 3: VOUT, 50mV/div, offset 1V

Trace 4: not connected Timebase: 200µs/div.

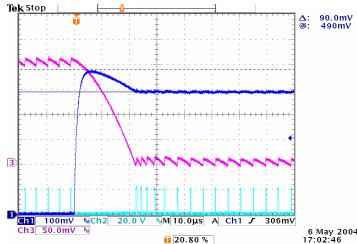
Trace 1: toggle signal (for reference only)

Trace 2: LX, 20V/div

Trace 3: VOUT, 50mV/div, offset 1V

Trace 4: not connected Timebase: 10µs/div.

Dynamic Output Voltage Switching From 1.2V to 1V Zoomed, No Load



Trace 1: toggle signal (for reference only)

Trace 2: LX, 20V/div

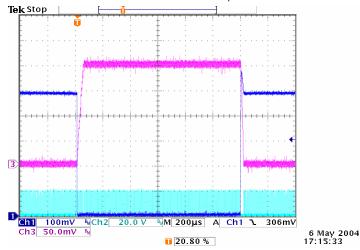
Trace 3: VOUT, 50mV/div, offset 1V

Trace 4: not connected Timebase: 10µs/div.

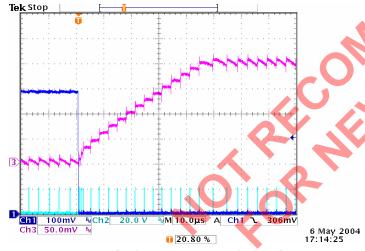
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Typical Characteristics (Cont.)

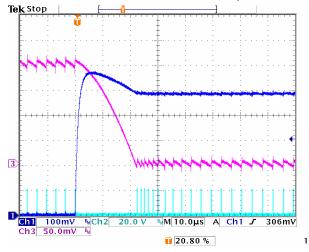
Dynamic Output Voltage Switching From 1V to 1.2V to 1V, 6A Load



Dynamic Output Voltage Switching From 1V to 1.2V Zoomed, 6A Load



Dynamic Output Voltage Switching From 1.2V to 1V Zoomed, 6A Load



Trace 1: toggle signal (for reference only)

Trace 2: LX, 20V/div

Trace 3: VOUT, 50mV/div, offset 1V

Trace 4: not connected Timebase: 200µs/div.

Trace 1: toggle signal (for reference only)

Trace 2: LX, 20V/div

Trace 3: VOUT, 50mV/div, offset 1V

Trace 4: not connected Timebase: 10µs/div.

Trace 1: toggle signal (for reference only)

Trace 2: LX, 20V/div

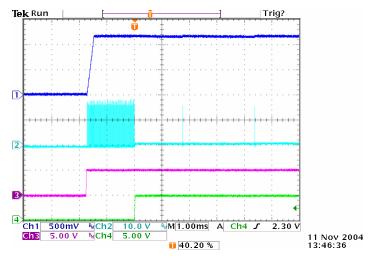
Trace 3: VOUT, 50mV/div, offset 1V

Trace 4: not connected Timebase: 10µs/div.

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Typical Characteristics (Cont.)

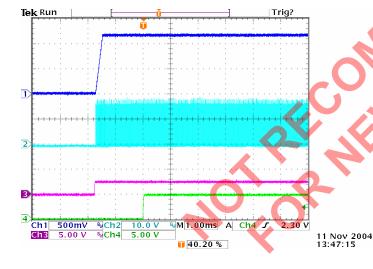
Startup (PSV), EN/PSV Going High



Trace 1: 1.2V, 0.5V/div.
Trace 2: LX, 10V/div
Trace 3: EN/PSV, 5V/div
Trace 4: PGD, 5V/div.

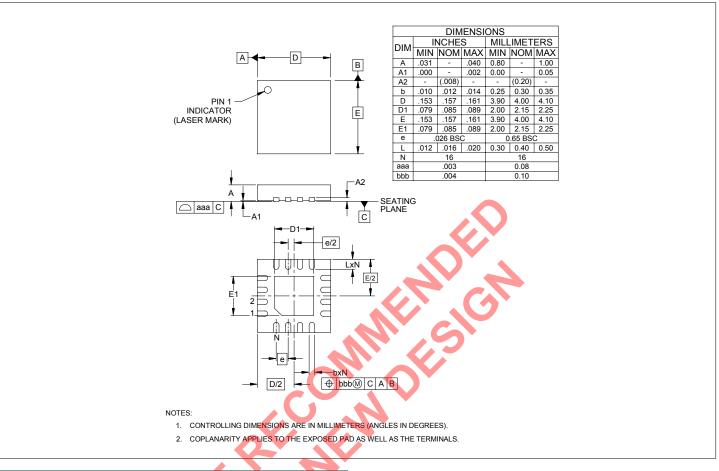
Timebase: 1ms/div.

Startup (CCM), EN/PSV 0V to Floating

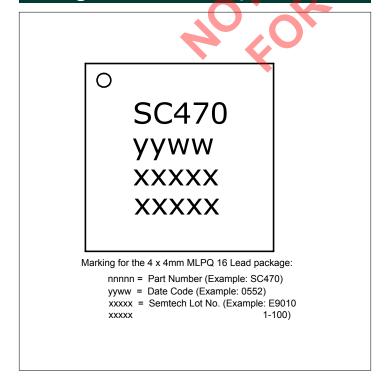


Trace 1: 1.2V, 0.5V/div.
Trace 2: LX, 10V/div
Trace 3: EN/PSV, 5V/div
Trace 4: PGD, 5V/div.
Timebase: 1ms/div.

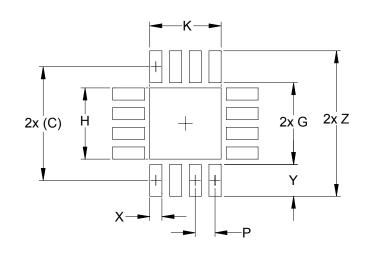
Outline Drawing - MLPQ-16



Marking Information - MLPQ-16



Land Pattern - MLPQ-16

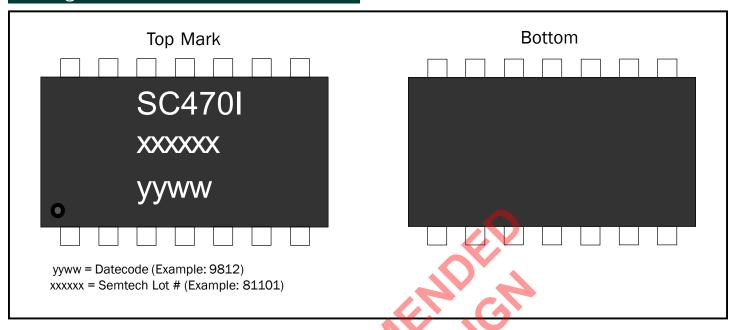


	DIMENSIONS				
DIM	INCHES	MILLIMETERS			
С	(.152)	(3.85)			
G	.114	2.90			
Н	.091	2.30			
K	.091	2.30			
Р	.026	0.65			
X	.016	0.40			
Υ	.037	0.95			
Ζ	.189	4.80			

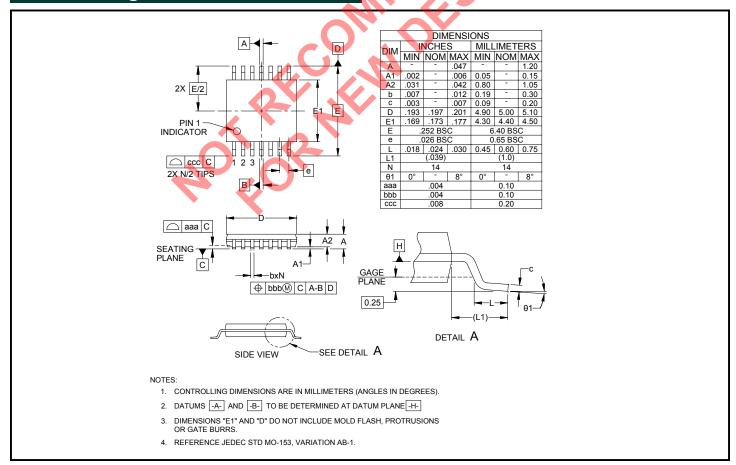
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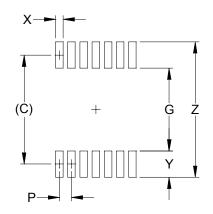
Marking Information - TSSOP-14



Outline Drawing - TSSOP-14



Land Pattern - TSSOP-14



	DIMENSIONS				
DIM	INCHES	MILLIMETERS			
С	(.222)	(5.65)			
G	.161	4.10			
Р	.026	0.65			
X	.016	0.40			
Υ	.061	1.55			
Ζ	.283	7.20			

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